

OFFICE OF  
THEODORE DEBS  
TERRE HAUTE, IND.

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November 11th., 1919.

My dear Tom:-

After several days absence from the office, in bed at home trying to get the Flu or some other damned thing, I am back again and find yours of the 4th. inst.

Yes, it's hell - and even worse, that in this country, which boasts of its democracy, there is less freedom of speech and press than ever prevailed in Germany under the rule of the Kaiser. But be this as it may, the damned fools, drunk with power, are doing more to organize and solidify the workers by the suppression of every constitutional right than all the propaganda we could carry on in a quarter of century with untrammelled freedom of speech and press. Every time they deport or lock up a few more of us the propaganda is given an impetus; and whenever the court issues an injunction, as in the case of the miners, a million eyes are opened and even the blind are made to see as if by a miracle.

When you wrote us about reviving the Rebel I wondered how you were going to get by the Thought Controller of the administration; when it failed to come I well knew that not the unexpected but the expected had taken place and that you had been denied the mailing privilege as many others whose views were not in harmony with the profiteers had been denied. The Rebel was a thorn in the pillow of Texas politicians and I well knew that all their influence would be used to shut you out.

Now as to the other matter of which you write. No, it would do no good to come to Terre Haute. I appreciate your

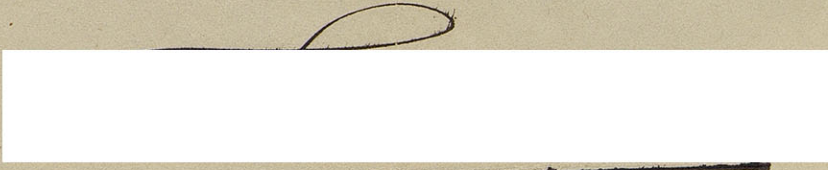
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kindness, the financial possibilities, but as I wrote you the other day I am already over-burdened ; and, besides, for the present, I am giving what strength and energy I have wholly to the liberation of our comrades who are now perishing in prison. I have no interest in anything else and cannot identify myself with any organization of whatever nature with any other object in view. Then again, regardless of my own views of such matters and will<sup>ing</sup> as I myself might be to venture into the speculative field, in view of my own experience as an "innocent bystander", I would be more than reluctant to advise anyone to put their savings into any speculation however promising the returns might be. Moreover, I have been using my name for the collection of Defense Funds and it would now come in sad part to use it to raise funds for speculative investment, - and with our comrades still in prison.

I cannot write at length as there has been a vast accumulation of mail in my absence from the office. But I wish you to know that you have my best wishes and that with all my heart I shall hope that your best expectations will be far more than realized.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Hickey and my greetings of love to the uncrowned one.

Yours faithfully,



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Yours faithfully,



THEODORE DEBS  
TERRE HAUTE, IND.



Feb. 9th., 1911.

Mr. Tom Hickey,  
Waco, Texas.

Dear Comrade Hickey:-

I am having to write for Gene as he is laid up with a severe cold and unable to give attention to the mass of letters here awaiting him. He has read your letter with the deepest interest and the the greatest appreciation, and wants me to return to you his warmest thanks and the assurance of his most affectionate regards. He has just been telling me about you and I am rejoicing in the splendid work you are doing and in your flattering prospects for the future.

The papers you have been kind enough to send have been received and we are greatly obliged to you for them.

Gene wishes me to assure you that as soon as he can find a bit of time and is able to take hold of things here he will give attention to every suggestion your letters contains, especially that in reference to Comrade Sanial and the historic task which you assign him. Gene thinks you ought to accept Dan Hogan's offer and write that part of the history from your commencement with the revolutionary movement down to date. He says he is sure no one could do this better than you, if as well. Pardon this hasty note, the mail is very heavy. Believe me, your fine letter is fully appreciated and the generous sentiments it contains will be gratefully remembered.

With hearty good wishes to you in all your undertakings  
I remain                      Yours for the revolution



OFFICE OF  
**THEODORE DEBS**  
TERRE HAUTE, IND.

December 29th., 1919

My dear Tom:-

Your fine letter of the 22nd. inst. containing a check for \$100. as a contribution to defray expense of Gene's release, from the National Workers Drilling and Production Company, with one hundred shares of stock in same as a gift from you and Mrs. Hickey, is received. What shall I say? What can I say? There are times when the things we feel are so deeply imbedded in the soul that words, however forcible in meaning or tender in sympathy, are cold, barren, meaningless to express, even in the very smallest degree, the gratitude that wells up within us and brings the moisture to the eyes. This is such an occasion. I know not what to say. I only know that my heart is touched to its very depths; and I also know that when your all too generous offering reaches Gene all his finer sensibilities will sway with emotion as a leaf is shaken by a passing breeze. There is nothing in all the world so precious to him as the love of his comrades and the fine and beautiful spirit in which these offerings come will fill and thrill him with an inexpressible gladness and light his skies, however dark the day or night may be.

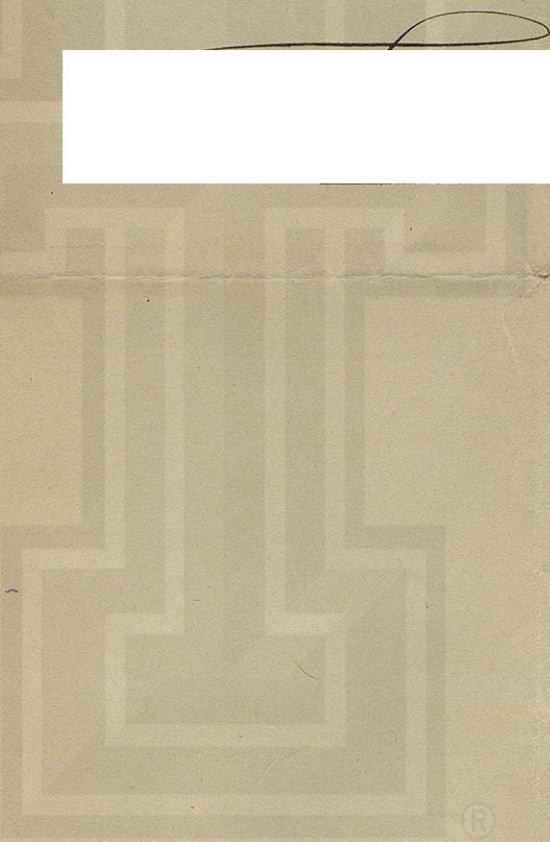
With my heart over-flowing with the deepest sense of gratitude I thank you and Mrs. Hickey and Comrade Elliott and Comrade Flowers and your associates for Gene and for Mrs. Debs and for us all for this generous tribute of your love and devotion; and I assure you that we will hold you, each of you, in loving

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remembrance until memory's urn is chilled into forgetfulness  
by the last sunset.

We send to you our greetings of love with the ardent hope  
that the year now breaking upon the horizon will bring to you  
and all your loved ones its greatest joys and the largest  
measure of its blessings.

Yours in the cause,



BRANDENBURG, Stonewall Co., TEXAS  
September, 1st. 1917

Dear Comrade

I returned recently from a trip that took me all the way to New York City stopping at Kansas City to consult with Frank Walsh; St. Louis to discuss the situation with the editors of St. Louis Labor and the Social Revolution; Chicago to confer with the National Secretary and the other National officers; to Washington, D. C. to appear before the Attorney General and the Postmaster General and to New York to write up the suppression of the Rebel and the Texas situation generally in our big papers that have not been suppressed, such as the N. Y. Daily Call, Daily Forward, Daily Volkszeitung, Pearsons Magazine and capitalist daily newspapers.

So far as the writing was concerned I was very successful particularly with the Milwaukee Leader on my return trip. I have been appointed staff correspondent for the big socialist dailies. My first work will be to write the Abilene trials daily commencing Sept. 1. I have also written a land pamphlet dealing with Texas conditions the first edition will consist of 10,000 copies.

In Washington I was accompanied to the Attorney General's office by five of the ablest lawyers in America, namely: Frank Walsh, Clarence Darrow, Amos Pinchot, Seymour Stedman and Morris Hillquit. We had three hours in the Attorney General's office and three hours before Postmaster General Burleson. We could receive no satisfaction at their hands. They refused to say what was mailable and what was unmailable; they refused to construe the espionage act. They would not say why the Rebel was stopped on June 9, under a law that was not passed until June 15, 1917; they would not say how it was possible for a man to run a weekly newspaper when he had to send each issue to Washington and then wait 20 days to learn whether it was mailable or not and then, as in my case, take the second class mailing privilege away from him for missing two issues that he was ordered to miss. These high officials simply stood pat saying in effect what are you going to do about it.

Since that hearing the American Socialist has been permanently suppressed; St. Louis Labor has been stopped for the second time last week but the comrades are full of fight and will start a daily paper which they will circulate from house to house and from hand to hand.

The cowardly part of the Whole situation is that the big socialist daily papers are saying ten times harder things about the war than the small weeklies and monthly magazines. They are afraid to go after the big ones, is my deliberate opinion and now they will not dare to tackle the large papers since the Socialist swept the city of Dayton, Ohio, they fear the storm that is coming. It is worthy of note that the Rebel with its

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25,000 circulation was the first and largest paper suppressed. This is because of the power of the Texas landlords and bankers in the national administration. Their names are Attorney General Gregory, Austin, Texas; Postmaster General Burleson, Austin, Texas; Secretary of Agriculture Houston, raised in Austin, Texas; Judge Herron, special Attorney General to enforce the espionage act, Austin, Texas. NOW DO YOU WONDER WHY THE REBEL WAS SUPPRESSED UNDER AN ACT NOT YET PASSED AND CONTAINING A FOUR COLUMN BITTER ATTACK ON THE KAISER AND HIS MILITARY CASTE.

They but use the war fever as a pretext to destroy a paper that menaced their interests and they could not control it. As you doubtless know, I am held under \$1,000 bond for conspiracy and must appear for trial at the regular session of the Federal Grandjury on Oct. 1. If the case against me is dismissed, I will probably be rearrested because of something I may have written in the past year. I say this because in the presence of Frank Walsh and my other attorneys I was personally threatened by Judge Herron of Austin, Texas, who represented the Attorney General. One week later and in my absence my office was entered by Federal Secret Service Agents who forcibly took away the file of the Rebel for the past year. I am glad things are coming to a show-down in my case. I am absolutely innocent of crime of any description and I am anxious to know whether I shall be a free man once more or be sent to the Leavenworth penitentiary.

Much as I dislike to do it I must call on you for help. My income has been cut off since the first of June and there are 101 expenses to be met in my trial, of which competent lawyers are by no means the least. Please present this plain statement of facts to your local or to comrades and all sympathizers who appreciate my position and respect the battle I have made for the destruction of usury and the freedom of the land.

What ever the powers that be have in store for me, be it freedom, of the penitentiary, I will accept my fate stoically because I know I am innocent of crime of any character.

Please forward at your earliest convenience what money you can afford and I will keep careful account of same and will return it after this fight is over and I am on my feet again. Address my wife as follows: Mrs. T. A. Hickey, Brandenburg, Stonewall Co., Texas.

TOM HICKEY

P. S. If I am turned loose I will launch a land magazine in Dallas on October 15, 1917. It will be as strong as the old Rebel.

T. H.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEW ERA

E. R. & A. C. Meitzen, Props.

Hallettsville, Texas, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Mrs Alma Boer Rule R#3  
Dear ~~comrade~~ Enclosed you will  
find a request to the Secy of State  
for dissolution of the Socialist  
Printing Co. you as the holder  
of the Hickey stock are asked  
to sign same as without your  
signature we can not get the re-  
quired  $\frac{4}{5}$  of the stock. We had  
the called meeting of the Stockhol-  
ders on Dec 30. and sent the  
statement of our unanimous de-  
cision to abolish the Corporation  
to the "secy of state". He informed  
us that all the stockholders  
should sign or that  ~~$\frac{4}{5}$  of the~~ <sup>those</sup>  
who hold  $\frac{4}{5}$  of the stock <sup>should do so</sup> and the  
officers should sign. We the m<sup>an</sup>  
agree to make settlement with the  
stockholders after all <sup>interlocking</sup> debts are  
over

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEW ERA  
PUBLISHED BY E. L. & A. C. MELTZER  
PAID OFF. If things go as they  
have since the Rebel had sus-  
pended we can make settle-  
ment satisfactory <sup>inside of 3</sup>  
years anyway. We had ~~had~~ <sup>same</sup>  
the New Era on a pay <sup>basis</sup> as you  
go basis, even before the Rebel  
was begun, but did not  
do much during the Rebel's  
existence, especially during  
the last year ~~of its existence~~ <sup>of its publication</sup>  
it. Present the enclosed report  
to Mrs. Hickey or Hickey himself  
if he is handy, and they will  
doubtless ~~get~~ have your sign  
and return it.

Very Fraternally

E. O. Meltzer

P.S. we are taxed extra as a corporation  
which we would save if we dis-  
solved it thus being quicker able to  
pay off our debts. Mr. and Mrs. Karl  
Wolf will sign it too if they get a  
chance. I am sure  
E. O. M.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEW ERA

E. R. & A. C. Meitzen, Props.

Hallettsville, Texas,

Jan 25-

1914.

Mrs Clara Hickey, Dear Comrade  
Just got the paper, properly  
signed up, from you. and filed  
it into the Sec State's office  
Think this will give us a  
better chance to get out of  
the hole. I am sending you  
The first Check of \$20.00. and  
the first note of the tax Credit  
note No 1. with it after we have  
paid 5 payments on it return  
same and will begin on No 2.  
etc. Sent you the Contract and  
the notes to "Old Glory" Co. as per  
Ernst instructions. when it should  
have been on R. & R. Rule... I notice an  
item in a workman paper that Governor  
Hobbs had loaned the drought relief  
money collected over the state to the sufferers  
at 5 per cent payable to himself. Did  
you or any of your neighbors get any that way  
or any other way? If you can give any information  
please do so. Fraternally E. C. Meitzen

NATIONAL NONPARTISAN LEAGUE  
TEXAS BRANCH

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M. S. GOODYEAR  
STATE SECRETARY AND MANAGER

P. O. BOX 1109, WACO, TEXAS  
202 CAMERON BLDG.

J. P. CRAIG  
GENERAL ORGANIZER

November 12th, 1917.

Mrs. Maria Bower,  
Brandenburg, Texas.

Dear Madam:

We have the application of Mr. T. A.  
Hickey, for a position of organizer, with the National  
Nonpartisan League.

Any information you can give us, concerning  
the character, capabilities, etc., of the applicant, shall be  
treated confidential, and in the interest of the applicant and  
the League, we shall be pleased to receive an early reply from  
you, and enclose herein a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours respectfully,

NATIONAL NONPARTISAN LEAGUE.

BY:

Sec'y. & Mgr.

MSG:LM  
Enc. st. env.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,  
c/o W.T. Alexander,  
Heidenheimer, Tex.

Dear comrade:--

Yours of the 1st to hand. You enclosed an unsigned letter to Debs and as it did not look like a copy I sent it to Debs direct with a note of explanation. If it was a copy and you merely wanted me to read it there is no harm done as I read it closely and was much pleased with the contents. Your idea of getting Sanial to write a history of the Socialist movement in this country is great. Was glad to note that Debs is ok on the Texas program.

Crusty old Bach. that I am, my heart has been softened by your very urgent request and I shall ppt you through to Stonewall county as fast as possible; will skip some dates going that you can fill on the return trip; though the following must be filled now and a few more that will serve to break the long jump.

The Pap Davis method is the "ticket" once the comrades generally can get accustomed to it. However we shall evolve to that basis by easy stages. Shall do what I can to bring that about here.

Say I am arranging to issue a propaganda leaflet once a month so as to lay the basis for the organization of a state-wide literatne army. Would like to have you write a 5 to 800 word article for the first issue. Will you do it? At once? Any subject will do, just so it is suited to Texas rural conditionsxxx to the renter and small farmer. If you make it good enough will use it for the leading article. In this way we can advertise your writing abilities and thereby pave the way for X.

Also had a few words with Debs at Houston and immediately sounded him on Texas Program. Did not have much time to talk but gathered what is indicated in your letter--that he is favorable. Did not get to see Brewer. Feel sure that the Texas Program will go through soon. Coffeyville (Kas.) has initiated ref. abolishing "useless" N.E.C. but retaining N.C.

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Lv Llano Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1 p.m. arr Burnet 3:08.  
Meet J.S. Peacock, 1 date. Ry fare \$1.

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Lv Burnet Wednesday, Feb. 15, 10:20 arr Lampasas 11:35 a.m.  
Meet W.F. Hearne 1 date. Ry fare \$1.

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Lv Lampasas Thursday, Feb. 16, Santa Fe, 6:45 a.m. arr  
Antelope Gap 7:52 Meet D.J. Smith, 2 dates. Ry fare \$1.

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Further instructions about the 16th.  
With love and best wishes from all to you and "yours",

Yours Fraternally,

State Secretary S. P.

1594 Benjamin  
Gould  
New York  
City  
The State  
Advocate  
enclaving  
address

State Hospital, Howard R.I.

March 3rd. 1915

Dear Thom:  
Send a copy of the letter to Mr. Gould

I have for the last 9 months been held within this institution, that I am writing from, and have from here addressed letters to prominent comrades who are supposed to be Leaders of the Socialist party of Rhode Island. One the present National Committee man, the other the man he displaced, (Comrades J. Reid. & Albert Theimerth.) both of them received my letter wherein I asked for a visit, or an answer to my communication, asked for no help, I had information of incalculable value to the party, and workingclass propaganda to put into their hands. Not a visit? Not an answer? I have not had a visit from any one of the

Back.  
Rebels to this institution.  
make mine a bundle of 4-5

party members, except from the Swedish  
Comrades of Branch #14. the branch  
that I Organised at the request of  
J. B. Reid some 6 months before  
being put in durance vile. A big part  
of the english speaking Comrades have  
been told <sup>of me being here</sup> by members of my branch  
and asked to visit me, Silence!

I have been a member of the Socialist  
party for 3 years on the radical side.  
That I was considered a good Comrade  
to be trusted, I leave to anyone's sense  
of Understanding, Sunday before  
my arrest which took place on Wednes-  
day the same week, Local Providence  
met in convention and nominated  
delegates that was to be voted on  
for city Officers in the <sup>then</sup> coming  
fall elections. I was nominated and  
voted on for the office of Overseer  
of the Poor, carried by Acclamation  
I declined. The Chairman said

Dear comrade, I am certain be of value to the labor movement. I have been threatened, but I got it to date to register some and call for this a private letter with reach me a few copies of "The Rebel". For to know I have knowledge this letter and forward it will I am certain be of value to the labor movement.

Now what do you think Thom. I sent one article to The Labor Advocate of prov R.T. Robert Hunt, an old Comrade from S.L.P. times, typesetter on the D. People now here Editor, Comrade James B Reid Helen Dougherty associates. I mentioned no names but lambasted the rank and file for their reactionary tactics. The article was headed "Classconsciousness".

It has not been printed not even acknowledged up to date. Can you see any similarity from the old fight? you was damned lucky to get away from the ~~rot~~ rotten east and its machine tactics before the Old man and the C. I got you put away in a place like this. Do you wonder that I am sore at such a bunch of misleaders? Neither one of them has a mind of their own, they can turn of a lot of hot air in old phrases, but to teach the workers to shake of their fetters and keep the Masters from forging new ones. And then they are deaf blind and ossified, they should be kicked out of the way they are retarding progress. However anyone who has common sense can see that something is wrong when in the last general elections they came near losing their place on the Official Ballot. The S.L.P. in the 90's cast over 3000 votes, you can talk your head off and they will still remain stargazing. Now Tom I ask you both as a friend and as a soldier in the cause of the defenseless to print my letter and try to get the Labor and Socialist press to reprint it give it all the publicity possible. I know that Practically all Income Asylums in the U.S. are about the same as this maybe not as bad, but they are all criminally conducted, and are a danger to all Rebels

But on that I am pretty confident though  
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W. W. Statton  
and up there  
criticism

swelling out of his face and neck, they expected him to die. no one was discharge for this. Since this time they have tried to make my friends believe that it was unsafe to take me out. That my central nervous system was out of order. That my mind was undergoing a transformation. They admit that I am sane now, and has never been Insane, but I may become insane in the future, maybe in 3 years -- ha-ha-ha-ha-ha. Why not in 45. a longer period for guessing. Now they claim they are not responsible neither for my commitment or my detention. They blame the Courts, the Superior Court. The Courts are not selfappointed persecutors. I have written to the Superior Court of Prov. County to find out, although I did so only for to be able to show the Sup. that he was a liar when he put the blame on the Court. I have not been favored with a reply as yet. Why? I have also written a letter to Governor R. Livingstone Beekman to find out if a person who is declared to be sane, never having been Insane who has been unlawfully committed to and confined in the State Hospital at Howard R. I. has any right to regain his liberty without process of Law? And also asking him if The Superintendent of any state or private Insane Asylum holds the same power as a Superintendent of a General Hospital to discharge any sane person? I have not up to date received a reply from the Governor who under his oath is sworn to see that all the laws of the State are executed.

Your friend and Old Comrade  
in battle for Justice and right

Oliver O. Goodman. "Jack"  
State Hospital for Insane  
Howard Rhoads Island.

I have never taken a lesson in the English language, but started to practice writing some 3 months ago, and I am progressing - as you can see. I have written a lot of stuff, that I will let you publish if you care to

that I could not refuse to to stand<sup>2</sup>.  
All the other nominees being Conserva-  
tives, the must at least have one  
radical on the ticket, or there would  
be a holler going up from the  
wing, that Comrade Goodman was  
a champion of, or words to that effect.  
I still declined, another Comrade was  
chosen. On wednesday I was arrested  
kept locked up till next morning  
brought before the 6th District Court,  
Charged with Assault, pleaded guilty,  
was given a sentence of \$50. d. Cost  
taken to the County Jail, asked  
for an appeal within 5 day which  
the law allows, sent a letter to  
Comrade J. B. Reid who had known  
me some 16 years personally and  
who I belived was my friend, i know  
that I had at all times been his!

I asked him to go my bail, or pay  
my fine, but if he did not do either  
at any rate come up and see me,  
or answer my letter, he did not do  
anything? I was in good physical  
and Mental. Condition and worked  
in the Jail Kitchen from Friday

morning the 26th of June until the morning of the 9th. of July. exactly 9 weeks after ~~when~~ I was called into the Jail Office to discard the state clothes and dress up in my own, having been led to believe i was being taken out under boards. when I stepped outside the door. the Warden's Touring Car was ready to recive your humble servant as if he had been some great personage, Warden himself acting as Chafour, the Chaplain from this Inferno, the Madhouse: at Howard R I where the State of Rhode Island keeps a private jail for interested parties to use on Citizens who for some cause, may be in their way. and whom they otherwise could not keep incommunicado. I had also 4 lackeys in the form of ~~so~~ Guards or gunmen on each side of me. With all this trimming i arrived

at the Office of this Institution, (3)  
was taken direct to the ward for  
the violent Insane without examina-  
tion. kept there for a few days, transferred  
to what they are pleased to call, the  
Observation Ward, which I thought was  
more violent and more dangerous to  
a sane person, than 12x the one I was  
removed from, as there was some  
80-90 men confined in a long Corridor  
some 200 feet in length, probably 15 feet  
wide, of the inmates who ~~in~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~injured~~ <sup>injured</sup> from  
end to the other all day, there were  
probably about a dozen who sometimes  
slipped there trolley, and was for a  
time dangerous to both the insane and  
sane more so to the latter, as they  
could not very well defend themselves  
from one who was irresponsible, and  
if they did so, ~~then~~ chances to one  
the attendant would with the  
assistance of some degraded sane  
inmates jump onto such sane  
person choke him beat him up,  
and probably injure him for life.  
In this ward I remained about 2  
weeks, was all this time in good health  
mentally and physically. One morning  
I was taken into the so called Hospital  
where they keep those who have been  
made sick through abuse and bad  
treatment to such a stage that they  
are unable to do anything for themselves  
and ought to be treated as babies,  
but are handled by brutish attendants  
worse than wild animals the few  
remaining hours days or weeks they  
have left, before they are nailed up  
~~within~~ the rough board box the State  
provides for its wards, for the to them  
long peaceful sleep, away from the  
Industrial struggle for a living and  
abuse from those whom the Citizens  
employ through their executive bodies  
to care for and protect the unfortu-  
nate innocent suffers both sane and  
insane.

into this place i was taken put into a bed, and a few hours afterward, brought into a room, where a Doktor gave me a puncture in the small part of my back, this is supposed to be a test, they claim they can examine the fluid that comes before the blood appears and thereby prove if a person is mentally unbalanced, it may be so I am not disputing that, but however that test proved in my favor, that I know! But it gave me a headache for a few days, and I know that no one had a right to give me one against my will. A few days after I was put to work in the sinkroom handling hot dishes and worked harder than I have been accustomed to for many years. We were kept on our feet from 6.00h. in the morning untill 8. at night, so when we came into our quarters the lights would be turned out so it was difficult to find <sup>our</sup> beds, for this sweating work, we were paid a plug of cheap chewing tobacco a week, we are also allowed to eat ~~what~~ the Attendants leave, if there be anything left, if there is nothing left and you complain. You are told, Why there was not enough left for the Attendants. I have told them who in hell care for the Attendants? It is the patients who you Attendants are paid to care for! They stare at you, cant understand I suppose they think I am incurably insane for seeing it that way. I worked in the sinkroom up to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October when I was brought into the Office to see the Superintendent. I had only seen him 2 times, had never spoken to him, I dont believe he knew I was in the place. He asked me when I came from the reception hospital, I told him i had not been there, He seemed suprised and asked me how I came in, I told him I had been taken direct from the County Jail against my will and taken direct into 12X the Violent Ward, Next day I was taken to the reception hospital and was given a mental examination lasting the better part of 3 days. and a ~~thorough~~ physical examination, and was found physically

and mentally sound, on the 4th day I passed before<sup>4</sup> the whole medical staff, and I know that they did not see anything wrong with me. My brother who came on from N.J. to visit me the next day was told by the Deputy Sup. George Simpson to go down to my home arrange with my wife and they would let me go anytime. I was sane had never been insane, when asked why I had been put in he answered a little too much ligon I guess. My brother did go down to Providence to see my wife she was out of town, he returned home, could not stay to await her return a month later. I had also told him not to do anything, but let my wife act as she was blamed by the Doctors as being responsible for my commitment and that she would have to sign my parole. (Stick a pin in the foregoing and you will see that she was held responsible)

I had been denied visitors for the first 3 months, they being told that they must have a permit from my wife! Is this a jail specially kept for the convenience of once relatives, or other parties?

I asked the Deputy Sup. Simpson why I was denied visits from my friends! He told me that my wife had to pass upon those who were save to do so. I asked him Suppose my wife died and I had no other relatives or friends that interested themselves in my behalf what then? he said, Well in that case he would make some provision for you. I said Yes I guess you would make some provision!!!? There is in here a large number of sane men, who have never been insane, who do not even know who are responsible for their commitment some who have been here over 30 years always being sane. How have they provided for them? I could not try to describe the thing to you it

it is too horrible for contemplation. I am absolutely certain that the average citizen outside does not realize what can be put over on the freeborn Americans by the secret powers who pull the strings on the puppets who are elected by them to carry on the work for Municipality, State and Nation. And if they could see the true state of Affairs as we the same inmates within these hellholes of the rotten system that is the cause of their existence see them, the decent citizens of America would rise in their might and wipe them off the face of the Earth, and establish in its place decency and comfort or full justice to the unfortunate beings who needed care by Municipality, State or Nation.

If you care? I will clearly and thoroughly show how it has been possible to carry these horrible conditions on for centuries up to the present day, without full exposure of their law-breaking methods — Moral, human and divine law. But that will have to come later, this letter is rather lengthy now. After the examination I waited a couple of weeks before I wrote to my wife to come up and sign my parole and set me at liberty. I know that she had made a demand for my release before my examination and had been told that I had the Syphilis and may become insane sometime in the future. She had so informed me day after her visit of the 30th of September, 1914. Through a letter, in which she stated that she would not hold that against me, even if it was true. After coming from the Clinic where I was examined I went into the Diningroom and was put to work setting tables for the few remaining days I had to wait for my wife to come up to get me out. As the Diningroom boss said to me when I in company with the Supervisor of the Reception hospital

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Martin, <sup>by name,</sup> was turned over to him for  
work having been away 4 days while  
the examination took place. The Supervisor  
told Stone <sup>the</sup> Diningroom boss that he under-  
stood that I would be let go as soon  
as called for. one day within the next  
2 weeks. I was an eyewitness along with  
some 30 other inmates most of them  
sane, to horrible abuse of a patient who  
seemed to have a fear of vaccination. He  
was dragged by the neck across the Dining-  
room, his feet being kicked from under  
him, his heels dragging on the floor, was  
slammed to the floor, the back of his neck  
striking so hard that women patients  
screamed and turned away their heads.  
he was also kicked in the ribs, he had  
been choked and kicked before he took  
him into the Diningroom. I have been  
a wrestler, but I have never seen a person  
handled in such a rough manner not  
even in a rough & tumble scrap. I came  
so near jumping into it that I can not  
even now see what prevented me. although  
my friends here had warned me never  
to interfere or complain, that the manage-  
ment would ~~at~~ put all kind of obstacles  
in the way of my release, being part of  
their game for keeping their dirty work  
away from the public, holding those  
who they believed would talk out of  
"School" "School" It seems as if my troubles  
started. I wrote a personal letter to  
the Superintendent <sup>on</sup> asked to see him  
for to lodge a Complaint, told him  
I had no faith or trust in his deputy  
wanted to see him personally. I waited  
several days. One day while we were at  
dinner, over one thousand people in  
the Diningroom at tables eating, of these  
about 500 sane Dr. Simpson came  
to me where I was sitting and inquired  
of me about this abuse I had complai-  
ned about, I told him that I had  
notified Doctor Harrington and wanted  
to see him! He said he had been  
sent by the Superintendent to get  
my report. I demonstrated right there

on the spot with a patient for a subject  
how the abuse had been administered.  
He asked if I had any witnesses, I told  
him the names of 8. Also showed him  
the two attendants who acted the brutes  
they were. He would not believe it was  
the ones. I pointed out although men  
who was sitting by my side verified  
my assertions. He said he would see me  
after dinner and inquire further into it.  
He did not. 2 weeks after this I came  
face to face with the Superintendent  
Dr Arthur H. Harrington I looked at him  
I suppose in a sort of scornful way, he  
hesitated came over and spoke to me  
told me he had received my report  
thanked me profusely for notifying him  
but after Simpson had delivered the  
results of his investigation, he was satisfied  
it was nothing serious. I told him yes  
I suppose so after getting the report from  
your Deputy. That was to be expected.  
But if you care to listen to a report from  
the one who made the complaint  
and can point out to you some 30  
witnesses, give you the names of some  
of them it may alter your ~~view~~ as to  
abuse, he said he would be glad to get  
all the information I could give him so  
went through the demonstration again, this  
time without a subject. He said it was  
different from the former report, and assured  
me it would not happen again. Also said  
or admitted to me that rough handling  
such as choking striking kicking butting  
mauling a patient did not make the  
patient any gentler or more friendly  
disposed either to attendants or fellow pa-  
tients neither did it improve him  
mentally or physically. He said he would  
not let it occur again. And it has not in  
the diningroom at least. Although ~~there~~  
several times in the back wards men  
have been nearly beaten to death. One  
a Russian Pole who they forced or fooled  
into skipping a few days ago, was man-  
handled and beaten into a pulp, he was  
for 72 hours in Ice packs, to get the

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Mr. Tom Hickey,

Desdemona, Texas.

My Dear Old Comrade,

I thought I had lost you for good. But my good friend the State Food Inspector of Fla., Mr. A. C. Hall, Tampa, Fla. handed me a copy of "Our Sunday Visitor," dated Oct. 26/19 in which I see clipped from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Sept. 21/19 quite an article under the caption, "How They Were Converted From Their Socialist Faith." I'm <sup>reading</sup> most of this article with a big pinch of salt, but I am real glad the "Hog Town" & Ellison Springs Socialists have become "Millionaires" by oil and petroleum findings in good old Eastland & Stephens Counties in the Lone Star State if this paper ad. tells the truth(?) about you "bunch of non-Socialistic Orators now" since becoming "Millionaires!"

Well Tom, I certainly would like to see & talk with you some. Come & spend the rest of the Winter with me & make some speeches for us at Our Tourist Club. I have fine rooms for you & wife. Come. Write me soon.

Your friend,

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Your letter of recent date to  
hand. And to the parties  
elected on the Socialist ticket  
was J. J. Albino of Mattie  
Justice of the peace? also, Jack  
McCaless: of Booker, and  
J. L. Bradford of Pinecock.  
Aspermont Local has nominated  
Miss Clara Boer for County  
Sec, please let me know  
as soon as possible if  
you will accept the office  
Yours for a better world.

Ed Sec. S.P.

TERMS OF COURT.

DALLAS—Second Monday in January  
and first Monday in May.  
FORT WORTH—Second Monday in March  
and first Monday in November.  
ABILENE—Second Monday in April and  
first Monday in October.  
SAN ANGELO—Fourth Monday in April  
and third Monday in October.  
AMARILLO—Third Monday in April and  
fourth Monday in September.  
WICHITA FALLS—Fourth Monday in  
March and third Monday in November.

Department of Justice.

Office of United States Attorney,

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS.

Fort Worth, Texas.

March 25, 1913.

Mr. Wm. D. Simpson,  
Cisco, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the  
25th, I beg to say that the case of  
Thomas A. Hickey will be submitted to  
the grand jury at Abilene at the next  
session of court at that place, for such  
action as it may deem proper.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

## NEWS BULLETIN

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### TO EDITORS:

In order that the Press Committee may see what appears in your paper regarding our fight for liberty, we earnestly request that you place our name on your exchange list until this struggle is over. Address as follows:

Press Committee, 716 "D" Street,  
San Diego, California.

The story of the struggle in San Diego will be told from day to day, in the reports sent out by the Socialist Press Committee. We trust you will give this story the PUBLICITY which the gravity of the situation here demands.

(Radical papers please copy.)

### APPEAL:

Comrades and Fellow Workers:—In our struggle for the right of free expression and the right to organize that is now going on in San Diego, we are compelled to secure legal defence for the men who have been arrested. This, together with the publicity campaign we are carrying on, and the purchasing of necessities for the boys in jail, takes money. Send all funds to

KASPAR BAUER, Treasurer,  
716 D Street, San Diego, California.



San Diego, May 17.—Wm. S. Rawlins, stenographer for Attorney Moore, who was kidnapped by the Chief of Police from the Court House yesterday, and taken in an automobile to Del Mar and warned not to return to this city, came back today in company with Attorney Fred H. Moore. A criminal complaint will be filed against Chief Keno Wilson tomorrow.

San Diego, Cal., May 17.—This afternoon the Vigilantes emboldened by their success in terrorizing bondsmen into withdrawing from the bail of the Free Speech advocates, went to the places of business of L. M. Sylvester and Sol. Stone and forced these bondsmen to sign papers authorizing the Vigilantes to go north and bring back Jack Whyte, now out on bail.

At the point of guns they compelled Sylvester and Stone to each furnish \$10.00 to pay their expenses.

Later this evening an unsuccessful attempt was made by Vigilantes, headed by Walter P. Moore and J. M. Porter to kidnap G. E. Ritzgerald, Business Agent of Carpenters' Union No. 310, Stanley M. Cue, Secretary of the Free Speech League, K. F. Thompson, Secretary of the Syndicalist League of San Diego, and Miss Juanita McKamey, one of the most active members of the Socialist Party. They were prevented from accomplishing their purpose by the arrival of a body guard from the Labor Temple. The Free Speech advocates were in a local restaurant when Moore and others arrived in an auto. Their purpose was very evident, but they did not have the courage to carry it out after the arrival of the Union men.

San Diego, Cal., May 18.—This morning Sol Stone received the following telegram from Walter P. Moore at Los Angeles, Cal.: "JACK WHYTE NOT AT SANTA ANA TRAVELING NORTH WIRE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS."

Mr. Stone has no intention of further submitting to vigilante extortion.

This morning at 8 o'clock Attorney Fred H. Moore, Chief Counsel for the Free Speech League, was arrested, together with his stenographer, Mr. W. S. Rawlins, and taken to the police station. While there he was subjected to the violence and abuse of the police in an attempt to force him to leave town. As he left the police station fifteen vigilantes, headed as usual by J. M. Porter and Francis Bierman immediately in front of the station, surrounded Moore and the stenographer and served notice on him that he must abandon all Labor cases and at once leave San Diego. At the time they were arrested Moore and Rawlins had affidavits in their possession upon which to make an application for the arrest of Chief of Police Wilson for the kidnapping of W. S. Rawlins on the 15th. These papers were taken from Attorney Moore by the police. Immediately after his release Attorney Moore proceeded to

the court, where he appeared before Judge Guy and demanded that the vigilantes who had molested him at the station and who had been terrorizing bondsmen be cited for contempt of court.

Moore and Marcus W. Robbins, his associate, have been compelled, without notice, to vacate their offices in the American National Bank Building this evening.

The case of Miss Juanita McKamey, the beautiful young revolutionist, who was subjected to such indignities at the hands of the police at the beginning of the trouble here, came up again today. Miss McKamey is charged with "Criminal Conspiracy" for attempting to speak on the streets of San Diego. Over the protest of her attorneys, the case was continued until June 22nd. Miss McKamey has been compelled to furnish \$300 cash bail and the continuance is but another petty persecution on the part of the authorities.

The police in particular have sought to humiliate and discourage our revolutionary Comrade. They have "mugged" her and forced her to submit to the Bertillon measurements. These measurements, most humiliating, were taken by a man, G. A. Gabrielson, who is in charge of the Identification Bureau of the police department.

While out on bail Miss McKamey was kidnapped by the police while standing in front of the Socialist Headquarters, and taken to a house several miles from the city where she was detained two weeks.

### THE BATTLE IN THE COURTS.

Attorneys Fred H. Moore and Marcus W. Robbins have been putting up a splendid fight for justice against great odds. The administration of justice in San Diego has almost broken down. The grand jury, the district attorney and the police are in active co-operation with the vigilantes. In fact five members of the grand jury and nearly all of the police have served as vigilantes. This makes it impossible to get a warrant for the arrest of any vigilantes, or for the policemen responsible for the murder of Joseph Mikolasek and Michael Hoey.

The police have in every way sought to terrorize witnesses in the effort to hamper the defense.

Our attorneys have been hampered by lack of funds, and crowded with work. They have had to face a hostile public opinion inflamed by a lying and prostituted press and have still achieved victories which are of material advantage to the cause. At present there are over one hundred and fifty men in jail. In the majority of these cases the defendants are charged with "Violating the anti-free speech ordinance" and also with trumped-up charges of "vagrancy". These charges of vagrancy are made by the police in order to avoid the necessity of testing the constitutionality of the Free Speech ordinance. These cases are being handled by Attorney Marcus W. Robbins. Jury trials are being demanded and a staggering expense is being piled up for the taxpayers to foot. This is illustrated by the case of Louis Shoup, charged with violating the street speaking ordinance just concluded in the police court. It required two days' time and the attendance of one hundred talesmen to secure a jury. The verdict, of course, was "guilty", as it is impossible to secure an unprejudiced jury in this town. Shoup, who has already spent more than 100 days in jail awaiting trial was sentenced to 30 days. The cases in the Superior Court, which have been in the hands of Attorney Fred H. Moore, Chief Counsel for the Free Speech League involve much more serious charges and have been far more costly to the county. The victory in these cases has been decisive.

The first of these cases are the cases of the alleged "Conspirators". These defendants are the men and women who were arrested on the night of February 9th, the date the anti-free speech ordinance went into effect for attempting to speak at the corner of Fifth and E streets. A charge of "conspiring to violate the law" was placed against thirty-eight of those arrested on that date. This was done to avoid giving the defendants the opportunity to test the constitutionality of the law and with the hope that the greater penalty attached to a conviction would deter others from attempting to speak.

Numerous attempts have been made by the attorneys for the defense to bring these conspiracy cases to trial, but as yet the authorities have succeeded in getting continuance after continuance.

The next cases were those of the alleged "jail breakers". These charges arose as the result of a pro-

test on the part of ten men confined in the city jail against the treatment they received. The city jail of San Diego is little more than a "HOUSE OF TORTURE" for the police. Men have been kicked and beaten in the city jail; one man, Michael Hoey has already died as a result of treatment received there, and others have been taken out and sent to the hospital, physical wrecks. The prisoners are virtually starved in the city jail and have even been denied water for many hours at a time. These conditions obtaining in the jail, the defendants determined to make some sort of protest which would force the attention of the public. Accordingly some of them determined to, and did, succeed in creating a disturbance. As a result the police filed charges against these ten men charging them with "Destroying Jail Property" a penal offense. The first of these cases, that of G. Hawkins, resulted in a verdict of "Not Guilty", and such was the moral effect of Attorney Moore's victory that the district attorney's office concluded to dismiss the charges against all of the defendants, with the exception of Peter McAvoy. The trial of Peter McAvoy resulted in a verdict of "Guilty" with a recommendation for leniency.

This verdict is the result of obvious perjury on the part of police officers who had learned from the Hawkins case just what to testify. A motion for a new trial has just been denied. An appeal will be taken to the higher courts and Attorney Moore is confident of an ultimate acquittal.

The habeas corpus proceedings resulting from the kidnapping of Julius Tum, a member of the Tailor's Union, and C. R. Neeley, were in every sense victories for the Free Speech cause. In both cases Chief of Police Wilson, under a merciless grilling on the witness stand by Attorney Moore, was compelled to make admissions under oath that will eventually send him to the penitentiary.

Another case is that of Attorney E. E. Kirk, who has been indicted on a charge of perjury as a result of his activities in the campaign for free speech.

This case has occupied the attention of the court for two weeks and as usual Attorney Moore has come out victorious in every legal tilt with the district attorney's office. In fact his success is best illustrated by the following from the San Diego Sun of May 17th:

"Following the granting of the continuance in the case of E. E. Kirk, on trial charged with perjury in connection with registration, this morning District Attorney Utley declared that the prosecution is becoming so discouraged that he was entertaining the question of dismissing all of the cases against the I. W. W.'s. The continuance was granted by Judge Guy to give the defense time to prepare another motion for a change of venue, which will be presented to the court at 10 a. m. Monday. In speaking of the matter, Utley said:

"The granting of that continuance is one of the most discouraging things that has occurred since this trouble began. Kirk insisted that his case come to trial on May 6, and at no little inconvenience to ourselves, we set the trial for that date. Now, here it is, May 17, and he is still trying to prolong the trial. It is not fair to the people in this case. They have some rights which I think should be taken into consideration. We have brought people here from Canada at an original outlay of \$200, and they are costing us \$6 a day for every day the trial continues. We have others here from San Francisco and they are costing a lot of money, too. The jurors alone are costing about \$70 a day."

### "Asks for Delay

"When the case of E. E. Kirk was called late yesterday, Attorney Fred Moore, for Kirk, asked that the jury be excluded from the room as he wished to present a new motion to the court. When the jurors had retired, Moore read a motion for a 48-hour continuance to give the defense time to present a new motion for a change of venue. In Kirk's affidavit, which was attached to and made a part of the motion, he alleged that both he and his counsel had been threatened and that efforts had been made to intimidate them. He charged that Walter P. Moore had approached Marcus Robbins, Fred Moore's associate counsel, and had told Robbins that he and Fred Moore should leave town at once. He said he had been threatened by J. M. Porter unless he got out of town at once. Moore stated that his stenographer had been carried off by Chief Wilson and that the chief had said that Moore would not be in town another 24 hours, as a plan was on foot to

take him out. He charged that the officials were doing all in their power to hinder the work of the defense. Judge Guy held the matter over until this morning, when he granted the continuance until Monday morning.

"Attorney Moore did not appear in court this morning, and when Judge Guy asked for him, Kirk said:

"Moore could not be here this morning, for he has gone after his stenographer, who was carried off under circumstances with which you are familiar. Moore himself went to Del Mar to bring Mr. Rollins back, as his help is absolutely necessary in the defense."

Commenting upon the above interview, Attorney Moore said today: "Mr. Utley has good reason to be discouraged. The witnesses brought from Canada were brought at an original outlay of \$500 or \$600, and not \$200. The jurors are costing the county at least \$200 a day, not \$70, and the witnesses are being paid \$10 a day instead of six."

"The McAvoy case has cost the county not less than \$9,500.00 and it is certain that the taxpayers of the county will not stand for Utley's attempts to carry out the wishes of the Vigilance Committee, when they learn of the cost involved. The fact is, that when once it is possible to get an impartial administration of the law, Mr. Utley will find that his clientele, the vigilantes and police certainly have no standing in the courts."

Attorney Moore further said: "It is only a matter of time and sufficient publicity, when we can force the prosecution of the Vigilantes, Chief of Police J. Keno Wilson, and others, who have been active in the outrages against Labor in San Diego. Once we can do so our fight is won."

San Diego, Cal., May 18.—It became public today that thirty-three Free Speech Advocates were indicted by the Grand Jury, the charge being "ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON WITH INTENT TO KILL". Those under arrest are Woodford Hubbard, Socialist organizer, C. R. Neeley, Robert Kennedy, Oliver Weaver, Lee R. McCoy, James Johnson, Joseph Hebesta, H. Baar, Walker Brunke, Robert G. Noble, William Hughes, Kelley E. Heeley, Thomas E. Moore, Frank Monaco, A. R. White, H. C. Adams, C. W. Hedrick and sixteen others whose names are at present unknown.

This action on the part of the authorities is the result of the alleged riot of Tuesday, May 7th, which has been proven to be a police "frame-up". The police department in a desperate effort to wash its hands has arrested men who were not even in the city at the time. Nearly all of the men indicted were en route to San Diego from San Francisco and had never been in San Diego. They were held up at Old Town—several miles from San Diego the morning of May 7th, before the raid on the I. W. W. Hall had occurred and were in the custody of the police all that day. This is self-evident that they could have had no part in the affair.

It has become known that murder charges are to be placed against the police officers who killed our Comrade, Joseph Mikolasek, and these indictments are rendered as a last resort to counteract the effect of the dastardly deed. In order to prevent the railroading of these Comrades and Fellow Workers, the Comrades all over the country must publish to the world the "Shame of San Diego."

Sweetheart: I enclose you my badge  
that I wore at the National Convention & I  
would give it to no one in the world except  
my wife & I want to wear it on my breast -  
when I am dead & I also enclose you letter  
from Seth & Mother saying when you are coming  
James 6/27 - Tom xx

July 23 - 11 - Sunday eve!  
Recd. your 3 letters and paper  
no. 3 yesterday. — I am  
glad the Fun shines at  
Hillsville. Dear — But  
how will Chin and  
Luders be? — I am also  
glad that "Rebel" has made  
such a hit" but you ought  
to be here if possible —  
how will the comrades  
get along without you?  
So let them know in  
time that you can not  
come — Enclosed  
a few Dubs. and the

(2.)

"men" for same, that  
"Antislavery Union" is a great  
thing. also "Abolitionist"  
regards in the "Jewish Bath"  
matter — deals on woman  
and on Arcton can't be  
otherwise than just fine! —  
Say have you heard of  
Slavery (black slavery)?  
I heard, but it was to be  
kept private — that he is in  
a financial distress so that  
his heart is as heavy as  
a coffin lid. — The letter  
was signed "yours to lift  
the burden from a great  
heart" it passed no

(3)

more than anything  
imaginable could have  
done, — I heard it  
yesterday but the letter  
was written over a month  
ago, so I hope the  
worst is over — —

It is supposed to be at  
both of our Encampments.  
All bus are as ever, also  
the<sup>1</sup> weather continues to  
be as dry as <sup>hot</sup> ashes — —

July 26 — at office. I thought  
that there perhaps was a  
letter here from you, but  
there was not, as ever.  
— G.

June 26, 10.

Sunday night

After having thought of all  
imaginable possibilities and  
impossibilities the letter  
came at last, and it is  
all over, thank God! — —

I shall not write much for  
first I don't succeed in  
expressing what I want,  
it is so hard for me, and  
so much more so in a  
strange tongue — —

Now about your German?  
Reading your letter over I  
see that I must already  
have used wrong words, —

Oh dear! will the place be  
filled at all times, — and  
perhaps I am —, but

21  
I wasn't going to write —

How would that be if an  
"Hired Agitator" who happens  
to have two days off  
spend them at "Middleburg"  
again? — Don't you  
think that would be the  
best? I will drop you that  
card to Stamford anyway in  
case some change should come  
up — should you not approve  
of this — write so it reaches  
me on Sunday morning as I am  
going to meet the train at  
Brandenburg? <sup>Sunday morning</sup> anyhow for  
one or the other, —  
So long with Love to you  
(over) b.

June 28.10 Brandenburg City, Ind. you (21. v.c.  
is busy<sup>ing</sup> outing) and Miss from Pinkerton just  
now, why I can take you to Pink  
at 7 M. it is some 10 miles and back  
Clark back and forth several<sup>times</sup> at the time  
so the Road is saved. Let me

know Saturday morning from Stamford  
which is which 2 1/2 to 6.

Aug. 30 — 12

My Dear Home! your letter  
recd. at last — If you know  
what a line means to me —  
— and you — you would write  
a volume — but how  
can you <sup>know</sup> — I am glad  
you are back at home —  
Alma also landed at Brandenb.  
and the same day I did, tho' I  
rebels was up ~~at~~ a town  
within 40 miles of where  
she was, so she thought it  
advisable for her to leave.  
Alfred is there yet — we have  
not heard from him since  
you was here. —

Dear <sup>you</sup> speak of "things enclosed"  
which I did not find in  
your letter? —

We had another flood here  
last week, like at Tuelno  
and have a crop in the  
field now that will make up  
for what is lost, if that were  
possible, — now the  
problem is, to gather it —  
the comrades we camped  
with at L. lost every leaf  
they had through hail — we  
also have a horse made  
useless for the present by  
a stroke of lightning.  
unfortunate Karl has been  
again skinned by the blessed wet, —

Dear one! I am here at the  
 Gin with the first cotton  
 Annas cotton, then we  
 will start on ours.  
 I wish I was several  
 months older, dear I don't  
 understand how you can  
 manage to do what you  
 are doing, No. 60 is  
 fine —————

The cotton buyer waits  
 so I can't make it  
14 pages, —

Write long  
 letter to you Loving  
 Clara.

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MRS. LOUISE PETERS, Proprietor

114½ West Second Street  
Grand Island, Neb.,

Oct-14 1918

My Sweetheart: Stopped again!  
You remember me cataloging for you  
(15) times I was stopped in 1917  
this year will be costed x This time I  
am stopped on account of the  
influenza epidemic x I have  
been closed out of four countries  
during the past week x The officials  
were very courteous but I had to  
crank up my tin Lizzie and keep  
on going x In three quarters this

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State has even the candidates for  
Governor on the road for my tickets are  
allanned to hold meetings x The  
University schools moves pool  
halls & everything is closed tight x  
I must drive 87 miles in an hour to  
another co where I may be allowed  
to speak tonight x

There is one good thing at present this  
late "Stop" and that is that my salary  
and expenses go on whether I speak

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or not - x So things are not so bad after all x

Another thing I am in perfect health, never

better except I am longing day and

night for a look at your pretty face and

you surely can not blame me for that x

Wilson made a horrible break in not

demanding unconditional surrender

however the Allies will suffer his lock

down and the "Chuzer" will soon go x I think

we are in the last months of the war, thank

God x

You can notice from this letter head

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I have boycotted the fair Sex altogether,  
you know I never did pay much attention  
to them in the good, now I am with the  
"Stags" altogether & wonder what a  
bottle of beer would taste like I have  
not seen any for months & when I was in  
Minnesota I was in the bone dry belt  
and now I am in a bone dry State and  
blame me they are enforcing the law &  
I am wondering what ~~the~~ election day  
will have in store for me; whether

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I shall be State Sponsor at \$1,000<sup>00</sup> a year  
and expenses or better I shall get ~~also~~  
an editorship at the same rate, I hope  
the latter but will soon know and then I  
can tell you definitely when to pack up  
and meet you North Western man x

Send me a letter full of news and address me  
care of Waterman partisan League Headquarters  
407 Little Building Lincoln, Nebraska  
I think the worst of our troubles will soon  
be over, the war will soon end, Fred will

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have to go; the struggle will have ended;  
my legal troubles will have ceased; the  
new era will cash in; my steady job  
will be assured and then we will have our  
home and the hobby will go climbing up  
to position and let's hope fame x  
I have made a great hit here and the men all swear  
by me and even the girls smile pleasantly at  
me x I tell me how the mother is and all the best  
folks in the world; kiss them all for me even  
claw to my "pal"  
With all the best love  
Your Hubbins - I am  
over  
x x x x x x x x

PS x I cut this out of the  
Mormon paper this morning x There  
is a Cal-gt with in it x

LS

Read this to the ~~the~~ mother x

### WHAT'S THE USE?

What's the use, dear heart, of sighing  
Just because the skies are grey,  
And the bright things that you dream of  
Never seem to come your way?  
Storms and shadows make the sunshine  
Afterward more clear and bright.  
Joy of dawn can only follow,  
After dreary glooms of night.

What's the use of weakly yielding  
To a foolish fit of "blues"?  
Whistling's better far than weeping—  
You can whistle if you choose.  
Wherefore magnify your troubles?  
Wherefore minimize your hope,  
Viewing virtues thru the wrong end  
Of Love's mighty telescope.

What's the use of dull despairing.  
When you've fought so hard and failed?  
After countless disappointments  
Heights of glory oft are scaled.  
Obstacles, mistakes, and failures  
Stepping stones may prove to you,  
Courage, then! Nor faint nor falter  
Till you win your Waterloo.

—Tit-Bits.

1.

Brandenburg Tex.  
Jan. 13-19.

My dear dear Hubby!

Ofcourse I had to worry  
again — but everything is  
alright now — that was  
some letter, my But  
is getting better right  
along, — I would have  
written sooner but just  
got through with a 7 day  
fast, and feel fine I  
took daily walks even  
to Brandenburg, the rain  
stopped at last, and the  
Sun. is shining —  
Secrest has written from  
France, is anxious to see ya

2.

The good and faithfull  
people keep sending in  
their Subs for  
"The Voice of The People"  
and are very anxious  
to get the paper —

I was in Stamford Saturday  
and Conn. Fitz. showed me  
your program it sure  
looked neat and fine  
did not take time to  
read it, I expected to  
have one at the office  
my self, Please send me  
one, if you have not  
already done so, —

3,

I hope and trust that you  
won't be interfered again  
with such good work and  
that I can soon come  
and help you in some  
way — Karl thinks the  
printing at 40<sup>00</sup> a week  
is rather high —

Jan. 11 — The Brandenburg  
farmers <sup>offered to</sup> lease their land  
again to the same Co.

for 6 weeks or untill  
Mar. 1. provided the Co. drills  
within that time and pays  
for the old lease and drills  
3000 feet, don't know if the

4.

Co. will accept —  
your <sup>oil</sup> men will be taken  
care of, if they come,  
and Louise knows all  
about "country usage", —

Write me again soon how  
you are progressing with  
your work, and give  
my Love to all the  
faithfull comrades —

Did you notice in the papers  
that the Irish Republic sent  
their Ambassador to Washington  
these are surely great times,  
only things don't happen  
fast enough —

Am here at the Post office  
walked over, and got  
your program looks  
fine also got a letter  
from Aug. Heyland —

"The Mutterchen" and all  
the folks are of course  
well and send their Love  
tomorrow is the 14 Jan.  
and I wish ~~that~~ you  
many more but better  
ones than the last here  
been since we knew you.  
↑ as always  
Loving yours  
Mike again. Clara.

The Labaca County Nachrichten

R. WALTERSDORF, PROP.

HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS, June 13 1917

Sweetheart: Here is my

daily letter x

I am still writing on

Washington x Have telegraphed

Meyer London this morning x

I sleep into the metzen

last night and will

make them home my stopping

place until next-morning x

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R. WALTERSDORF, PROP.

HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS,

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E. R. and I leave here  
unless something unusual  
happens, Monday night & I go  
to North Dakota <sup>myself</sup> ~~myself~~ home X  
I enclose you two clippings  
one from Harlan Post; the  
other from the Watchman  
of H. Vill X

Kisses and love to all

Tom

X X X X X

April 1—12.

My own dear Tom! I just  
let me say that No. 38  
of the Rebel is a proof that  
there is no such thing as  
perfection — because, at least  
I have so often thought  
well this issue is just it—  
untill I had to admit when  
the next one came, that it  
was better — — —

Dear something new has  
come up in our family,  
we had a reunion here  
yesterday and decided that  
one or two of us go to

Esperanza, Sonora, Mex.  
 which is on the western  
 coast of old Mexico, we  
 are to go in about 2 weeks.  
 We have an old friend  
 living there who used to  
 edit "The Texas Post" at  
 Austin — Dr. Ilse is a 40  
<sup>old</sup> year retired fighter living all  
 alone on a big ranch —  
 accidentally we came in  
 touch with him again —  
 he says that country there  
 is heaven on earth in  
every way — but it costs  
 about 50 ¢ to get there, —

Now you know that I am  
 living in an idle Hell  
 without any means —  
 shall I tie myself up  
 till New year by taking  
 over Anna and Alfreds  
 crop and team etc. ? then  
 they want to <sup>can</sup> go — or shall  
 I go ? learn about the country,  
 and stay till I have  
 earned my way, then  
 return say about New year ?  
 this latter means another  
 years separation, — while  
 the farmer will most  
 likely cut out my coming

to neither the national  
 or renters convention —  
 which however much  
 I would like to can't  
 attend now unless you  
 have the money — —  
 whatever there may be  
 to it — the one step means  
 the ever desirous change  
 of environment, and  
 the other will stop that  
 awful idleness — there  
 are prospects for a good  
 crop — but a burned  
 child dreads the fire — and  
 it might still not even be

a financial gain — you  
 see we all want, need,  
 or rather must get  
 the "man" — — —

Sweetheart, I don't want to  
 also be imposing upon  
 my ever busy boy, but  
 thought you should know,  
 and Dear I enclose a  
 stamped envelope and paper  
 so you can reply right there,  
 you hear Sam Boss? I want  
 to be assured as often as  
 possible anyway that my  
 "Big Boy" is well — I  
 write your loving  
 Grand.

THE REBEL

T. A. Hickey, Editor

Hallettsville, Texas,

April 12 - 1914

Supperheart: you can see from  
enclosed how busy I am & I am worked  
to skin and bone and would be happy if you  
were my best & why don't you write?  
Write by return mail & I'll see you in  
three weeks. No matter what happens &  
if you don't come to me I'll go to you  
x x x x x I am your boy Tom

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April 6-1912

HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS,

My sweet wife: I have cancelled my  
dates and am now back at my desk in  
the old town & after I left you things  
grew worse in a financial sense & I  
went to the town in Kaufman County -  
Cherokee - paid eight dollars to get

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HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS,

there and received 25 cents which I seemed  
another time I paid \$9.00 to get to and  
received \$11.00 that was Corcoran & at  
Flint, Tex. I got 2 <sup>25</sup> and expenses  
twice as high & then I had to get 76  
my (1.4) columns of copy as well &

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HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS,

So here I was going deeper into debt  
all the time and working myself to the verge  
of nervous prostration and absenting  
myself from my beautiful wife and thus  
dear for all these reasons I decided to  
quit the road, come back to Hallettsville  
and make a home for you x I want you

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by

HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS,

to get things in shape and be prepared  
to reach here on the first of May x By the  
time you reach here I will have a house  
kired and furnished and I will take  
all my "Dinner" to have the next ready for  
you x I can not tell you how much I

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HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS,

Miss the Separation from Mrs Boss x  
In fact I feel it so much that I feel  
Ernest that I will quit the road entirely  
and settle down for good at my desk  
and our home in Hallettsville x After  
you have settled down here you can

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HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS,

Squeeze up things and if you want to you  
can work in the office or better still  
put in your spare hours in my library  
(I have a lot of books now) and develop  
your mind and help me in my literary work  
However we will talk about all these

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HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS,

Things when we are on May day in Hallettsville  
I know that you don't think mean of me for  
not writing as you understood the Service I  
was laboring under & why don't you write &  
just give me card & write me by return  
mail and remember dear that before long  
you will be sitting under the 50<sup>00</sup> lamp in our home  
(over) x x x x x Your husband that loves you Tom

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P.S. Kuss the ~~Thüringer~~ <sup>Thüringer</sup> and gives for  
me and give my love to Anne and  
Karl x Enclosed find this weeks  
issue of Retze x I think it is the  
best yet x Patnam smashed the Whip  
and Wasky smashed the Server box  
P.S. x Uncle Patten gives you five cups of new german  
cups and the new

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# TURBEVILLE HOTEL

S. B. TURBEVILLE PROP.

COOPER, TEXAS, March 20 1912

My sweetheart: I hope you are not  
mad at me for not writing often &  
you know the way I am jumping from  
place to place and writing my 14 cols &  
you notice I am getting the close  
into the Red & I am longing for  
a letter from ~~you~~ & since I can  
not see you I at least can  
long to hear how you are getting  
on & cheer up, Mrs Ross because

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S. B. TURBEVILLE PROP.

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COOPER, TEXAS, ..... 1912

your boy is well, working hard for you  
and our separation will soon be over x

After this trip I promise you that I will  
never take another unless you  
are alone x with me % meizen  
at once somewhere x

With cordyent love and kisses  
for my beautiful wife

your own boy

Tom x x x x - \ \ \ \ \ x



Mrs. T. H. Hickey  
Brendenburg  
Stonewall Co  
Tex

Dear when do you want to  
take the money from  
that you I think is  
needed. 222

I can not write more  
this time, but expect  
to hear from you  
more often. Truly  
yours.

BRAND  
MAY 21  
1912

Indonopolis - Ind

My darling! I have not had my clothes off for  
a week & I have been the storm center of the  
greatest battle the Socialist movement  
ever had & you will read about it in the papers  
I send under separate cover & if it really is  
come to Hatterville by June 1 -  
your boy - Tom

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mrs T. A. Hickey  
Brendenburg  
Tex



Hallettsville Tex

I am just coming back from  
Carrington sawed out wood x  
Sent you a long letter in 24  
hours x Write me a card at once  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Tom x

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OF MINNESOTA

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SAINT PAUL

GEO. H. GRIFFITH  
STATE SECRETARY AND MANAGER

Feb. 8, 1918.

T. A. Hickey,  
Callaway, Minn.

Dear Mr. Hickey: (Note the Mr.) Enclosed you will find your route sheet and also check. This route sheet was made out before I knew the speaker was not to go out from here and you will find all that out. You would have had to come back here late Sunday night or Sunday morning likely, and then leave again Monday in order to make the first date. Of course you'll miss the Orpheum Sunday night but a good sleep in a quiet country town may do you more good.

George D. has had some meetings stopped this week as have Williams, Gilbert and Barnes. I guess Ben has had good meetings from all accounts.

Here's hoping you have a good week. This routing extends on up the road for another week and we will likely send you the routing before the week is over.

With best wishes, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Grace D. Brewer.

ROUTE BEGINNING FEB. 12, TO FEB. 16th.

Mr. Speaker: The train schedules given below have been worked out very carefully but to guard against change of time tables, lateness of trains, etc., you are requested to verify them from day to day.

Kindly return this route sheet to the routing department of the Minnesota office with an estimate of the number of people at each meeting marked thereon, together with any other information relative to the meetings.

Place	Date	Hall Manager
Callaway	Feb. 12, 2 p. m.	J. Bergugrlson
Leave St. Paul 8:20 A.M. Monday Morning on N. P. Arrive Detroit 1:45 P.M. Leave Detroit 4:58 P.M. on M & St P Arrive Callaway 5:22 P.M. on Monday evening.		
Ogema	Feb. 13, 2 p. m.	Name of Hall Bisson Hall
Leave Callaway 5:22 P.M. on M. & St.P. Arrive Ogema 5:37 P.M.		
Waubun	Feb. 14, 2 p. m.	Young Hall
Leave Ogema 5:37 P.M. on M. & St.P. Arrive Waubun 5:47 P.M.		
Mahnomen	Feb. 15, 2 p. m.	Court House
Leave Waubun 5:47 P.M. on M. & St.P. Arrive Mahnomen 6:10 P.M.		
Bejou	Feb 16, 2 p. m.	Pool Hall
Leave Mahnomen 6:10 P.M. on M. & St.P. Arrive Bejou 6:26 P.M. But perhaps better stay all night in Mahnomen and leave on freight the next morning for Bejou, about 7 A.M.		

T. Hickey.

March 13th, 1917.

Mr. John Noble,

Mangum, Eastland County, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Mr. T. A. Hickey advises me that he drew draft on Postmaster at Cross Plains, Texas, for \$25.00; that you endorsed the draft and that the draft was turned down, etc. You will find enclosed copy of letter I am to-day writing to this party; the letter is self-explanatory.

Last summer while in the campaign for United States Senator, as you doubtless know, Mr. Hickey and myself held a number of joint discussions. Among the appointments we made was Ovala, Texas. We went there, but did not speak. Before leaving Dallas on this campaign some parties at Cross Plains, Texas, had written to me, seeking to get Mr. Hickey and myself to make one of our discussions at that point. While at Ovala, we had under consideration whether or not we should go to Cross Plains, Mr. Hickey saying he could not afford to make the trip, unless he was guaranteed \$25.00. I then called up the parties at Cross Plains, the Postmaster whose name I do not remember, and advised him of what Mr. Hickey had said. Then and there over the telephone this party advised me they would pay Mr. Hickey this amount and to come on, which we did. We had a large crowd and before leaving called on the parties for settlement. Finally they suggested that they would get the money up and send it to Mr. Hickey. We left and so far the money has not been paid. However, I am doing my best to have them stand up to their agreement.

Very truly yours,

*Cope*

[Redacted signature]

March 13th, 1917.

Postmaster,  
Cross Plains, Texas.

Dear Sir:

You will remember that Mr. T. A. Hickey and myself were candidates for the United States Senate last year, and that some of your good people wrote to me personally and requested we make one of our joint-discussions in your city. We had one date at Ovala, and while there I called some one, you as I remember, and suggested that Mr. Hickey could not come and would not come unless he was guaranteed the sum of \$25.00 to cover his expenses on the trip. It was agreed then and there over the telephone that this sum would be paid to Mr. Hickey. After we were through with our discussion at Cross Plains Mr. Hickey called on you for settlement, and he was advised that the money would be gotten up and forwarded to him at some specified point, on our route. However the money was not received up to the time our campaign concluded.

Now Mr. Hickey advises me this morning that he has not yet received this sum of \$25.00. On account of the fact that the contract was made through me over the telephone, it is very embarrassing to me that you have failed to pay this amount. Please do me the kindness to advise if you will pay this.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Copy

Hallettsville, Texas, Dec. 30/10.

Mr. T. A. Mickey,  
c/o Ed. F. Truitt,  
Lorena, Tex.

Dear Comrade:--

Have instructed all dates so far fixed to turn your salary in to this office and pay you their "proportion" of railway fare, as follows:

<del>xxx</del>	Salary	Ry. fare.
A.C.Henderson, -ottld	\$3.00	.50.
Onie Wooten, Rosebud 2d	\$6.00	1.00
Ed. Truitt, Lorena 6d	\$18.00	1.50 May use you Sunday.
G.L.Goss, Bruceville	\$3.00	.50
Oliver Williams, Eddy	3.00	.50c
W.T.Alexander, Heidenh.2d	6.00	.75
J.M.Shanks, McGregor 3d	\$9.00	1.00 May use you Sunday.
A.L.Crawford, Mart 3d	\$9.00	1.00 May use you longer.
C.G.Davidson, 7 days.	\$21.00	1.50 May use you longer.

Have written to Yoakum secretary to send \$3.50 due you for appointment on 24th to this office. Will give you credit, if they come across.

E.O.M. has sent you receipts this day, which explain themselves. Am keeping book of all these matters and it would be well for you to do the same.

Regarding collections have invariably written comrades that they go to them, in case they want collections taken up by you.

Texas Program article was hammered in shape by Hardy and self, 1275 words,,full of "meat"; little if any superfluous verbiage. Your style adopted in general. Think it will make a big hit.

Regarding X would suggest that you get all the names of ~~xxx~~ comrades who have definitely promised to subscribe, in black and white. In order to get second class mailing privileges we must start with a "bona fide" list of subscribers--300 of them - believe--and besides the better we are heeled in the beginning the better.

Hope you will not get "stranded".

fraternally

N.B. You failed to give me last of lecture subjects for new matter soon to be printed. Send them in at once. ERM

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A. C. TOWNLEY, President  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

June 6th, 1918.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,  
El Campo, Texas.

Genosse Higg:--

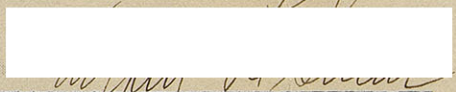
Answering yours of June 1st will say that I am glad  
you agree with the proposition. I am going to call you any damn thing  
I like both now and hereafter, at least while you are in Texas and I in  
Minnesota.

I have turned that part of your letter containing the bill  
over to the Accounting Department to take care of and if they do not take care  
of it O.K. there will be something doing.

With cordial best wishes to you, Carl Wolf and the good wife  
and all mutual friends, I am

Sincerely yours,

NATIONAL NONPARTISAN LEAGUE

  
Executive Secretary.

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NEW HOTEL  
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# The Galloupe European

MRS. B. F. GALLOUPE, PROP.

2009-11 MAIN ST., OPPOSITE NEW CITY HALL

DALLAS, TEXAS

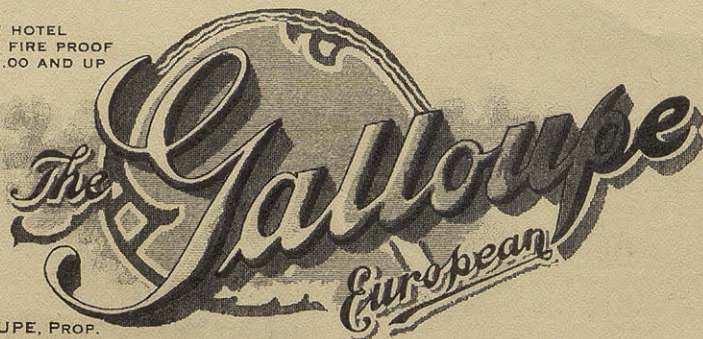
Mar. 2 - 19.

My Dear Lover!

Your letter surely was  
a relief, I am glad, very glad, —  
even if the good news came in  
the 11 hour. I have attended  
to all your correspondence here,  
am again glad that I missed  
it only 2 weeks in putting the  
faithful comrades of until Mar. 1.  
I am very anxious to get on a  
sound basis and help do some  
real valuable work. — —

Our Oil Man Mr. Rosenfield also  
came in the 11 hour and had  
the lumber for the derrick put  
on the ground also contracted  
for fuel and water, but the  
drilling machinery is still on the  
road, —

NEW HOTEL  
STRICTLY FIRE PROOF  
RATES \$1.00 AND UP



MRS. B. F. GALLOUPE, PROP.

2009-11 MAIN ST., OPPOSITE NEW CITY HALL

DALLAS, TEXAS

the well is to be within a mile  
of the land you leased, unless  
the geologist who is to come  
again this week changes it, —  
at present the lumber is  
placed about 1 mile southeast  
of your lease —

We got good legal advice that  
because no actual drilling has  
been done before Mar. 1. (the  
expiration of the lease), we are  
out of it legally, all the rest in  
a body gave 30 days more time.  
Stanford Oil is progressing slowly  
Sagerton has not started, —  
Isn't it strange? the drought is  
on again, the wheat is beginning  
to suffer for rain, —  
All the folks are keeping well,  
and send their love to you, —

with again soon to your family.  
Elenor.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEW ERA

E. R. & A. C. Meitzen, Props.

Hallettsville, Texas,

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Mrs Clara Hickey Rule R 3

Dear Comrade. We are  
herewith enclosing the 4<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>00</sup> Check  
in settlement of stock as per our agreement.  
We notice that so far none of the other checks  
have been cashed by you and would  
kindly ask you to present them regularly  
at your bank for payment as we  
would not like to have too much to  
pay at ~~one~~ time. With kindest regards  
to you and all your people I am  
Fraternally E. C. Meitzen

Hallettsville, Texas, *Jan 22* 19*19*.

Miss Alma Boer. ~~Rule R~~ Old Glory

Dear Comrade Enclose you  
will find Agreement for sale of  
stock which you will kindly  
sign with some one as witness.

I am also sending the 10 notes  
properly signed. When the  
sale agreement is returned we  
will send Mrs Hickey a check  
for the first \$20<sup>00</sup>.

E. R. Meitzen just wrote us that  
he had made this agreement with  
J. A. Hickey. If you have the  
other paper signed or not please  
return that also as we wish  
to get it to the Secy State by  
Feb 1st. Very Fraternally

E. R. & A. C. Meitzen

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Your notice for change of address has been duly received and change properly made. The onward march of the Appeal and Socialism is due to the persistent work and untiring efforts of those fearless champions of labor who never miss an opportunity of spreading the doctrine. I am sure that in your new home you will be able to advance the cause to some extent, and in consequence of this surety on my part I am having a few sample copies of the Appeal mailed to your new address which you will please hand to some of your neighbors, and don't let them escape without taking their subscriptions. Ninety-nine per cent of the American people are Socialists, if they only knew it. The Appeal's mission is to bring them into a consciousness of this fact and with your help this can be done.

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Yours for Socialism,

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Brandenburg, Texas.

Dear Miss Boeer,

I have your postal favor of the 15th instant, and  
take pleasure in ordering sent to your address a copy of  
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the Bureau advises me is no longer available for distribution.

Yours very truly,



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It takes 12 subs to get it. There's something BIG back of this. DON'T FAIL ME.

Yours fraternally,

J. A. Wayland

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T A Hickey  
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Hallettsville Tex

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We enclose check in your favor for refund value of certificates issued on Interchangeable Mileage Credential, as noted below:

In name of	self	
Credential No.	s b 6065 o	
Total number of Certificates.	85	
Total amount paid for tickets,	\$ 128 60	
Less bridge and transfer arbitraries,	\$	\$
Total amount due lines traveled over,		\$ 107 48
Refund, as per check enclosed,		\$ 21 12
Miles traveled,	4298	

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**READ**

Respectfully,

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Abilene, Tex. 7/28/11

Dear Old Hickey,

You are the biggest, wisest, best, noblest, and brainiest Irishman that ever wielded a pen. WHY? Oh because I see your whole scheme now regarding the Pro and Anti fight and you have shown completely that neither offer a solution for the misery and woe that at present infests this fair land of ours. No one else can do it exactly like YOU. It was a happy combination of wit, brains and talent the conception of the Rebel idea.

I am tickled to death over it and will nab a hatfull of subs if I can ever get off from this sweatshop here. Am getting around some better now and have been promoted to Mgr Miracle taking the school at FtWorth.

But here is what I want to say/ Rev. Jenny, who is the brainiest preacher that has ever roosted in Abilene and who is a graduate of Prof. Seligman and other economists of note and who recently sailed from N.H. is now appointed Pastor of the new Pres. Church here and we have secured him to deliver a series of lectures on Economics and he delivers the goods too. Subjects Sweat shops/ Trusts and their organization/ Immigration etc. He lectures every Tues at 11 o'clock and what I want is if you come thru here at or about that time for you to come as a working man (disguise your actual self) and hear one of the lectures ses. I want you to ask some questions. Hicks and all of us are tickle to death. If I tell them what he actually preaches to them they fire me but for the same offense they raise his salary. O by the way it is fine you bet. Getting some sense in to heads that cant get it any other way. O of course he tells them he is not a socialist and dont tell them why but he tells them exactly what it is and advises them to study it and be able to detect its fallacies or good points see.

Well excuse all the busts that you find for I am the proud possessor of a new Underwood and am just getting us to it.

Wit the usual rush/ I am,

Yours ever/

Gat.

March 17, 1917.

E. O. Meitzen,  
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear E. O.:—

Enclosed find contract from American Association Building Houston, Texas. It states on its face that it runs for four months at \$5.00 per week, but I am assured that it will run continuously just like the Autry Advt. I

I leave tonight after making a short address before the Irish American Club at the Bender Hotel, for San Antonio.

Surely this is the state of magnificent distances; this is about an exact statement of my railroad fair within the past eight days. Brandenburg to Stamford, \$.65; To Dallas, \$7.85; Dallas to Houston, \$8.80; and tonight Houston to San Antonio, \$6.10.

Accordingly I had to buy another 1000 mile book and therefore drew upon you for \$37.00 yesterday. The enclosure of this contract and two that comes from San Antonio, automatically because of the order I have received from the chief will indicate to you that the expense will be prepaid ten times in the monthly checks.

I met E. R. according to appointment in the State Hotel and I figure that he is on the biggest mission of his life. The result of his experience in North Dakota may revolutionize the politics of Texas. I have stated so to many competent men in

Houston and they seem to be profoundly impressed with the non-partisan idea. It may be salvation to us all, but it means hard work of a type that is 5% inspiration and 95% going to it.

Depend upon me to press agent this story to the point where all Texas will look to Hallettsville and its ~~abbb~~.

I met Judge Davis in Dallas and he has written a letter in connection with the note that I had with John Noble of Eastland County and all he said was, "Darn, such Blackguards, I know that Kickey is owed the money."

As to copy for enclosed contract just say this:

"The American Brewing Association solicits your trade. We have the best beer in the State of Texas and are ready to fill all orders."

This is to run in the same space that the Houston Ice & Brewing Co. has, two and a half inches double column.

Two contracts will be mailed to you by Monday from San Antonio and after that look out for a flood of copy.

Your friend,

T. A.

Loup City, Nebr. Feb. 23.

My Dear Tom:--

It's been ages since I heard a line from or about you. Grace D. and I are again hitting the ball for The League. Both located in Nebraska for the present but expect to migrate to Minnesota in a few weeks. Let me hear from you and how the National Workers Drilling and Production Co. is making it.

By the way Tom, the ~~thing~~ thing that has taken possession of my attention for the past two days is a poem I ran on to in the March number of Hearsts Magazine by Edwin Markham. It is a sequel to "The Man With The Hoe," and the title is "The Toiler Thinks." I think it has The Hoe Man backed off the map. Get it by all means. You and I don't always agree but on this poem I am quite sure we will. If you don't say that it is the MASTER of all I miss my guess.

But hold! in as much as I am making a copy to send to our mutual pal and comrade, Gene, I will make a duplicate and send to you as it may be that you may find it not convenient to secure a copy of the magazine. But when you get to a city secure a copy and preserve it with the picture. I am having one framed for Grace D. Better do that for your splendid wife and family. It would be a great ornament for any wall, and I know of no family ~~xxxxxx~~ that would more greatly appreciate it than yours.

With best regards, old friend, to you and yours, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Address:  
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November 26th, 1917.

Mrs. T. A. Hickey,  
Brandenburg, Texas.

Dear Madam:

I wish to assure you at this time that  
Tom is O. K. and doing quite well in the field. He has  
been at this office, and is returning to work again tomor-  
row morning, Tuesday November 27th.

Yours very respectfully,  
NATIONAL NONPARTISAN LEAGUE.

BY: [REDACTED]

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