

PEN PUNCHES BY THE LOCALS

Swan River, Man., June 25, 1917.
Dear Editor,—I enclose a year's subscription to the Forward. You are very brave; please go on. Who knows what may be done by true-hearted effort?
Yours in haste,

G. Richardson.

Vanguard, June 11, 1917.
Dear Editor,—Received copy of Forward and am glad to know that things are beginning to "Hum," at least your paper will make things hum. Best wishes for success.

Geo. Landry.
Windthorst, Sask., June 19, 1917.

How I Captured a Sub.

Dear Editor,—He was holding forth on the wisdom of the Government, who instead of putting all the burden on us for permanent improvements charged to capital account and so allowed posterity to assume their share. He got a "think" when I told him that in every so many years we were digging up the original in interest and the principal was still there. He is a brainy lawyer but he hadn't seen that point in the course of his education. Kindly let a little more light in his system and send me four sub cards for which I enclose \$5.00. Truly your,

W. E. Carey.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE IN VANGUARD PULVERIZED BY THE REDS.

Vanguard, June 20, 1917.

A conservative meeting was held in Vanguard on June 18th. The old party candidates are always very attentive to the wants of the people just before election. Mr. House, candidate on the conservative ticket for M.P.P. in this constituency, made excuse that he was no speaker, and introduced a Mr. Anderson who has been M.P.P. for four years. His address was confined to showing up the rottenness of the liberal party here in Sask. A number of Socialists were present and as the speaker asked anyone who desired to question him at any point in his address to do so, a number of the Reds took the opportunity of doing so.

When asked if he stood for freedom of speech and of the press, the speaker answered: Freedom of speech, yes; freedom of the press, no. Later on in his address he denied that he said he was not in favor of a free press, but he made the statement alright. When cornered on the point he remarked that there was no free press anyway, as they were all "bought up" and that one could not believe what he read in the papers. (Socialists will agree with him on this point.)

At one point in his address he said that he believed that any person who did not obey the law should go to jail. Previous to this, remark he had spent about 45 minutes telling about the corrupt laws, dishonesty, and political depravity of our present Government here in Saskatchewan.

One of the audience called his attention to some of his previous statements regarding the rotten laws and Government, which were no doubt true as he guaranteed to back all his statements, and said, Now, Mr. Speaker, these things being true, do you think a person should obey these bad laws which this corrupt Government has passed? The speaker answered that you don't have to obey them—to which the questioner replied: No; we can go to jail. He then tried to make it appear that it was the people's fault if we had bad laws and a bad Government, but he had already said that the Liberal Government took the ballot

boxes into the northern part of the Province, set them on muskrat houses, and stuffed them with fictitious names, brought them back to Regina and declared themselves elected. In this case I cannot see how the people have anything to do with who the Government shall consist of or what laws the Government makes, and yet our worthy speaker thinks one should obey the laws that these paragons of purity (as he called the Liberal Government) passes, or go to jail.

Later in the evening, when asked by one of the audience how the Conservative Government stood on conscription, he stamped his feet and gave him to understand that the Conservative Government would see to it that the slackers were taken care of in case they were in power.

One man asked to read an article from the "Forward." It was the one with a "Re-printed from 'The Financial Mail,'" showing that Big Biz understands this war to be a commercial war.

This so enraged the speaker that he shook his finger at the man and said: "You should be interned."

Several threats were made by a man who had two sons in the war that the Socialists who had questioned the speaker would be taken care of on the following morning. They are at present allowed to enjoy their freedom. I think the accusation that we had insulted the flag was the result of a vivid imagination.

F. G. Wetzel.

SECRETARIAL NOTES

The D. E. C. have, at the request of many comrades, decided to send out a referendum call for a Dominion Convention to be held in the latter part of the year, or early in the spring. The votes will be cast on individual ballots in order to get a fuller expression of opinion by our party members upon this important matter. A circular letter will be sent to all locals explaining in detail the circumstances and conditions that demand attention in this particular regard, and feel sure that the nature of the referendum will receive your earnest consideration.

ANTI-CONSCRIPTION LEAGUE.

Any person or organization desiring to assist the Anti-Conscription League in the campaign against the proposed measure, are requested to write I. Bainbridge, Dominion Secretary, 363 Spadina Ave., Toronto.

CANADIAN FREEDOM LEAGUE.

We have received a number of platforms of the above stated organization, and will make insertion in next issue. A nominal charge for membership is scheduled at 25c.

ESPERANTO.

The need for an easy method of intercommunication between the peoples of the various countries will be increased rather than lessened after the war. A number of Toronto comrades, believing that Esperanto offers such a means, intend to take up the study of this language in the fall, and any interested are requested to communicate with H. Perkins at the office of this paper, who will inform them of any arrangements which may be made.

INFORMATION WANTED

The address of Max Schaab, Rosen-

GREAT INTERNATIONAL

P I C - N I C

SATURDAY, JULY 14th, 1917

Grimsby Beach

All Ontario Locals are expected to be there in force. Special invitation to our Foreign Comrades.

Special arrangements have been made with shipping company.

Return Fare from Toronto, 75c.

burg, Man., would be of great assistance to the Dominion Secretary, as he wishes to convey important information.

Will A. E. Medley, of Harris, Sask., please communicate with the Dominion Secretary, as we have lost track of him, and communications sent to Harris, and Saskatoon have been returned.

BAINBRIDGE DEFENCE FUND.

J. Seigard, Bradenburg, Sask. \$ 1.00
J. Mariancz, Louke, Alta. 1.00
Previously acknowledged ... 279.35

\$281.35

NOTICE—This Defence Fund is now closed.

LOCALS RE-ORGANIZED.

South Porcupine, No. 32, is again in active working condition, with seven new members. W. J. Bates, Box 300, Timmins, Ont., Secretary.

Toronto No., 1 has also been re-organized with the assistance of Comrade Mance as organizer. This is greatly encouraging, as Local No. 1 was the first chartered local of the S.D.P. in Ontario. Many of the old members are joining up.

KITCHENER-GUELPH PICNIC.

The Guelph and Kitchener Socialists held their annual picnic on July 2, at Bridgeport, a village two miles from Kitchener. About 200 were present.

After the mid-day lunch the Kitchener Giants defeated the Guelph Reds in a baseball match, 16 to 4. No decision was reached in the tug-of-war because the Kitchener boys pulled so hard that the rope broke. After the races and contests a prize drawing was held. In addition to very valuable prizes, some of the Comrades held tickets for assorted articles. Cunningham received a tooth brush in preparation for his third set; Jim Smith, the famous barber, may have his hair restored with an article made in Kitchener; Quimbach can mind his ways with the aid of a Testament; M. Smith will be perpetually reminded of a blanketing incident in Guelph through the receipt of a miniature blanket; and Pope, who won a baby's bib, was made conscious of days that were and might again be.

The day's fun was brought to a close with games and a few short speeches.

Local No. 4, Kitchener, Ont., is experiencing phenomenal success in getting new members, having twenty-five to their credit during the last three months, thus heralding the dawn of consciousness in that locality.

Comrade F. G. Tipping has been delayed in commencing his organization tour of Manitoba and Saskatchewan on account of ill-health, but hopes are entertained that he will be in a fit condition in two weeks' time, or otherwise provide a substitute. Locals, write F. G. Tipping, 985 Cory-

don Ave., Winnipeg, for information and dates.

POLICE FORCE "OPPRESSION."

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that the law does not give His Worship the Mayor permission to authorize the holding of such a meeting as contemplated in the foregoing application. Your obedient servant,

W. A. Littlejohn,
City Clerk.

A Matter of Interpretation.

The legal difficulty in the way of holding meetings in the parks had apparently no application when the G.W.V.A. made a similar request which was granted by the said Board.

Chief Constable's Office,
Toronto.

Mr. I. Bainbridge,

Secretary Anti-Conscription League,
363 Spadina Ave., Toronto.
Re. proposed meeting in Queen's Park, June 30.

Sir,—Replying to your letter of the 25th inst., respecting the above, I would say that under present conditions, no permit to hold the meeting will be issued, and the Police will have instructions not to allow the meeting to be held in the parks or on the streets. Yours truly,

H. J. Grasett,
Chief Constable.

The reply of Chief Grasett is a forceful admission of authority, and in comparison to the vacillating policy of the Board of Control, is to be commended—if only for its brutal frankness. "No permit will be issued." "The police will not allow."—reminds us of "Bill Hun" and "Nick Romanoff." Whatever shortcomings the latter may be guilty of, we can assure them that so far as "Democracy" is concerned they have nothing on H. J. Grasett. "Might is right," the philosophy of Nietzsche, has many converts, but some of them apparently don't know it.

His policy apparently, is (shut up) or (be beat up).

TORONTO STREET RAILWAY MEN SEND ULTIMATUM TO BOSSES.

Toronto, July 11.

Toronto street car men struck work at midnight. This effects 1830 men. They are demanding ten cents per hour advance in wages. The bosses have offered two cents increase, probably with a view of demonstrating how thrifty the magnates are when it comes to horse-fodder. What will they think when we come to demand 100 per cent. as in Russia. And by the way, did anyone say "Pro German." (Scat!)

You can fool some people all the time. Some people some of the time. But you can't fool all the people all the time.—Abraham Lincoln.