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THE NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE MENACE

The Non-Partisan League is non-partisan in name only. It is non-republican. It is non-democratic, but it is not non-partisan.

The Non-Partisan League is not a League. It is a political party designed and planned to gain political ends. It seeks the overthrow of the dominant political party merely to gain political power of its own.

Townley's power today makes of the ex-Kaiser, the ex-Czar, and the Mikado look like puppets and satellites.

The people of the United States, by their Constitution and laws, planned and built a representative system of government. Political parties were the natural outgrowth of this system. We should seek to strengthen and not weaken the representative

The Non-Partisan League by nominating men on the Republican and Democratic tickets break down this ideal. Non-Partisan candidates nominated on the ticket of a party their platform seeks to destroy gives us an unrepresentative system of government. Such a system is unfair, unjust and un-American.

The Non-Partisan League is strictly partisan. It has formed a partisan organization in North Dakota that makes the Republican party under Mark Hanna and the Democratic party under Tammany look like the Y. M. C. A. in comparison.

The Non-Partisan League is more than a political party. It is an autocracy. Its plan of organization, its adoption of the Secret Caucus in the Legislature, and its whole legislative program make of A. C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan League, a boss besides whom, Fenrose, Platt, Quay, Aldrich, Hanna, Tammany and the whole coterie of Republican and Democratic bosses look like a baby show in comparison.

Mr. Non-Partisan League member! Isn't it a fact that the principal reason why you joined that organization is because the agitator was accompanied by a farmer with whom you were acquainted; perhaps a neighbor? Isn't it a fact that under no consideration would you have joined such an organization had the agitator not used a "stalking horse" to lead you in? Do you know that these "stalking horses" receive from \$16.00 to \$25.00 per day and expenses, for playing the role of Judas? Ask the agitator to show you his "General Instructions for Organizers" and find out for yourself.

The members of the Non-Partisan League are always crying "Do away with the middleman." Why don't they practice what they preach and send \$9.00 direct to headquarters for "Leader" and membership card, and cut out the organizer who is running around the country making a "big biz" for himself.

And so, what is Non-Partisanism? It seems evident that this league was not organized for the sole purpose of bringing benefits to the farmers. There is more cunning design here. No league of, for and by the farmers

would triple their own real estate taxes. Non-Partisanism is the camouflaged system that is to be used to establish the Socialistic state. Non-Partisanism is to be the stepping stone for a soviet government such as exists in Russia today. Townley and his aids are the apt pupils of Lenin and Trotsky. Do you want any of it?

The Soviet government of Russia in its constitution, article one, chapter two, says:

"For the purpose of realizing the Socialization of land, all private property in land is abolished and the entire land is declared to be the national property and is to be apportioned among husbandmen without compensation to the former owners, in the measure of each one's ability to till it.

The Non-Partisan League endorses the government of Russia in their platform and declaration of principles, dated March 19, 1918.

The winds that have been blowing over the earth for the past two or three years must have been laden with some sort of gas capable of putting good, old-fashioned sound judgment asleep. There has always been plenty of agitation by professional agitators but there was a time when the American people would not swallow any and every cure-all theory that might be dished out to them. Socialism is nothing new and it is no different today than it was yesterday. It has always put a premium upon idleness and has always condemned the personal reward of honest individual effort. Because the Socialists of Washington and North Dakota today choose to shout their philosophy under the name of the Non-Partisan League does not change the principle of Socialism in the least.

Supposing Townley were able to establish state owned elevators, mills, packing houses, banks, etc., and they were a success beyond all expectations, what then? Are the farmers of Washington so foolish as to think he would stop there? If the other state owned institutions were a great success, don't you think that there would then be a demand for state owned farms? Would Townley then be a friend of the farmer? Socialism does not stop with a state owned mill. Socialism means the confiscation of all private property.

Too many people do not see the seriousness of the Non-Partisan League movement.

Morris Hillquit, the Socialist chieftain, says that political action by the Socialist in the United States may be "supplemented with a little shooting." After all the subtleties and the dishonesties of the Socialist party in the United States, after its vain explanation of its German and anti-American platform, the essence of the Socialist doctrine is to be found still in Victor Berger's speech to the Socialist national convention in 1908. "I have no doubt," said this Socialist leader, "that in the last analysis we must shoot, and, when it comes to shooting, Wisconsin will be there."

"I consider Victor a perfectly loyal citizen," said Mr. Hillquit in

his testimony before the judiciary committee at Albany.

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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$261,418.82
Overdrafts, secured	504.66
Unsecured	504.66
U. S. bonds to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged	31,410.93
War Savings certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	\$846.00
Total U. S. government securities	38,506.93
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stock) owned unpledged	36,209.48
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of subscription)	900.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,265.60
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve bank	24,567.10
Items with Federal Reserve bank in process of collection (not available as reserve)	2,849.54
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	2,789.22
Total items 13, 14, 15 16 and 17	5,638.76
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	56.79
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Interest earned but not collected—approximately on notes and bills receivable not past due	2,900.00
Total	\$369,380.64

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits	9,811.04
Less current expense, interest and taxes paid	4,950.00
Circulating notes outstanding	2,489.13
Net amounts due to National banks	130.00
Certified checks outstanding	2,164.40
Cashier's checks outstanding	4,782.53
Demand deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	243,474.44
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	25,922.71
Dividends unpaid	1,500.00
Total demand deposits	270,907.15
Time deposits:	
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	42,928.92
Total time deposits	42,928.92
Total	\$369,380.64

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