

## THANKSGIVING



**T**HIS is The Messenger's Thanksgiving Number and we wish to give thanks. We do not thank God for anything nor do our thanks include gratitude for the things for which most persons usually give thanks at this period. With us, we are thankful for different things and to a different Deity. Our Deity is the toiling masses of the world and the things for which we thank are their achievements. What are some of them?

First, we are especially thankful for the Russian Revolution—the greatest achievement of the twentieth century.

Second, we are thankful for the German Revolution, the Austrian Revolution, the Hungarian Revolution and the Bulgarian Revolution.

Third, we are thankful for the world unrest, which has manifested itself in the titanic strikes which are sweeping and have been sweeping Great Britain, France, Italy, the United States, Japan, and in fact every country in the world.

Fourth, we are thankful for the solidarity of labor, for the growth of industrial unionism, for the relegation of trade unionism, for the triple alliances of the railway, transport, and mine workers in England and America.

Fifth, we are especially thankful that radicalism has permeated America, giving rise to many of the greatest strikes in history, such as our present steel strike, mine strike, and our impending railroad strike.

Sixth, we are thankful for the first successful general strike, in America, which lifted its awful head (awful to capital) in Seattle, Washington.

Seventh, we are thankful for the New Crowd Negro, who has made his influence felt in every field—economic, political, social, educational and physical force. The New Negro has been in the front ranks of strikes. He has taken his place in Socialist politics. He is an integral part of nearly every great social movement. In the field of education, The Messenger Magazine and The Crusader have become fixed parts in the life of Negro Americans, while The Messenger interprets the Negro's new point of view to nearly eighteen thousand white readers every month. On the field of physical force, the Negro has been right on the job for the protection of his home, his life and his loved ones. The Washington, Chicago, Longview, Knoxville, Elaine and Omaha riots are bright spots in the New Negroes' attitude toward American lawlessness and

anarchy. They represent the New Negro upholding the dignity of the law against both the white hoodlums and the government—the latter of whom should have seen that law was upheld.

Eighth, we are thankful for the waning influence of the Old Crowd Negro and white leaders, and especially pleased to see the accelerated rate by which their power and influence are declining every day, while the new type of leadership of the New Crowd Negro has become popular with the masses in every nook and corner of the world.

Lastly, we are thankful for the speedy oncoming of the new order of society in which Thanksgiving will be relieved of its cynicism and hypocrisy—when people may be thankful every day in the year instead of as now upon one day, which is more lip thanks than real thanks. The sleeping giant—Labor—has awakened, and for this there should be thanks and rejoicing indeed.

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