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as reflected in ultimate cost to the British consumer. This inquiry is supplementary to the one made last winter by the Royal Commission on Food Prices. Upon this final report, it is now definitely understood, hangs the adoption of a policy that will surely challenge the attention of the world and may have a decided bearing upon the influence of the proponents of Socialism in this country. The British plan, in brief, is that the Government shall purchase essential foodstuffs and sell them at cost to the laboring classes. The slogan in Great Britain is, "If there must be fundamental changes in British industry, (and the unemployment problem seems to demand something soon), let them be made by the friends of industry." It is our humble opinion that if this proposed change is made it will not be temporary and WILL BE reflected in new political movements in America—and that, notwithstanding anyone's hypnotic influence over the perambulations or noctambulations of that phantom illusion or fallacy of vision commonly referred to as American isolation.

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### WHO SAID "BY" THE PEOPLE?

The percentage of voters voting in this "land of the free, and home of the brave," whose blue-bosomed banner has never known the stigma of defeat but proudly floats over "the greatest, freest and best country on earth"—especially on holidays—the percentage of voters actually voting, we repeat, is a wonderful demonstration of twentieth century lip-service patriotism, as well as a fitting subject for an inspirational address entitled, "The Growth of Illiteracy in the United States." In 1896, 80% of our voting population successfully demonstrated that they, individually, knew how to use pencil and paper in a voting booth. By 1900 the figure had dropped to 72%, then to 65% in 1912, and 50% in 1920. The intensive special effort of hundreds of service clubs, lodges, employers' associations, and the various Bar Associations, raised the percentage to 52 in 1924. Verily, we must feel proud of ourselves when we note the reports that recent elections in Britain and Germany brought out a common, every-day, voting patriotism of 90%; twice verily, the present generation appears to be hopeless; and thrice verily, we repeat here what we have had the privilege of saying on a number of occasions, viz:

America's main hope lies in the coming generation. That hope will be wrecked or realized. And if we are to be fair with ourselves, we must admit that the efforts which have but recently originated (such as the Bar Association Constitution contests) have not, as yet, been sufficiently co-ordinated or distributed; they do not, as yet, justify the high hope that this incoming generation will find its citizenship morale on such a plane that it will enable it, courageously and effectively, to check the growth of destructive doctrines.

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### REGULATING PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Salt Lake City recently passed an ordinance making it illegal for any member of the public service to affiliate with any organization which might interfere with the discipline or conduct of public employees.