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## Many Candidates In Party Referendum; Voting Starts

THERE are three candidates for the presidential nomination, two for the vice presidential nomination, 31 for the five positions as national executive committeemen and four for the national secretaryship on the ballots that are now being sent out to the 6,000 locals of the Socialist Party.

Balloting on these candidates will begin immediately and close March 1. It is expected that the results of this referendum will be known at the party national headquarters by March 10.

At the last moment, when the ballots were about to be printed, Seymour Stedman, Chicago, withdrew as a candidate for the presidential nomination.

The names of those who have accepted the candidacies for the various positions and their residences are as follows:

**FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE:**—Allan L. Benson, Tonkers, N. Y.; Arthur LeSueur, Fort Scott, Kans.; James H. Maurer, Reading, Pa.

**FOR VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE:**—George R. Kirkpatrick, Newark, N. J., and Kate Richards O'Hare, St. Louis, Mo.

**FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN:**—Adam Barth, Tacoma, Wash.; S. E. Beardsley, Shelton, Conn.; W. J. Bell, Tyler, Tex.; H. Beebe, Newark, N. J.; J. J. Harris, Ella Reeve Bloor, Columbus, O.; Louis B. Boudin, New York City; H. G. Creel, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Lewis J. Duncan, Butte, Mont.; William L. Garver, Independence, Mo.; Winfield R. Gaylord, Milwaukee, Wis.; George H. Goebel, Newark, N. J.; J. J. Harris, Miami, Los Angeles, Cal.; Morris Hillquit, New York City; Dan. Hogan, Huntington, Ark.; Fred W. Holt, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Fred E. Irish, Woodford, Me.; John C. Kennedy, Chicago, Ill.; C. W. Kleiwege, Lawrence, Kans.; T. E. Latimer, Minneapolis, Minn.; Arthur LeSueur, Fort Scott, Kans.; I. S. McNeill, Des Moines, Ia.; Anna A. Maley, New York City; Santeri Nuorteva, Fitchburg, Mass.; William A. Prosser, Pittsburg, Pa.; C. E. Rudenberg, Cleveland, O.; Kate Sadler, Milwaukee, Wis.; Herman Schacter, Chicago, Ill.; J. W. Simons, Milwaukee, Wis.; J. W. Slayton, Pittsburg, Pa.; John Spargo, Old Bennington, Vt.; and John M. Work, Chicago.

**FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**—Rudolf Germer, Mt. Olive, Ill.; L. E. Katterfeld, Everett, Wash.; Walter Lanfersiek, Chicago, and Carl D. Thompson, Chicago.

In response to the request of the national executive committee, nearly all the candidates sent in statements giving their position on the question of militarism and preparedness. The statements received are as follows:

**For President**  
By ALLAN L. BENSON.  
I AM opposed to any addition whatever to our army and navy. I believe we are in less danger of invasion than we have been at any other time in 100 years. I believe this danger, never great, will become less as the European belligerents proceed toward exhaustion. I believe that for this nation greatly to strengthen its army and navy would be likely to bring war, first by alarming other peoples and causing them to arm against us, second by giving the American capitalist class a greater temptation to try to conquer markets by force of arms.

I am not opposed in principle to the defense of this country from invasion. I believe invasion should be resisted. But there is ample naval authority for the statement that the invasion of continental United States could be resisted without a navy. Mines have for 17 months defended both the German coast and the German navy. Mines do not take boys from their homes into the army, nor can they be used to break strikes nor to attack any nation that is not far from home seeking trouble.

**For Vice President**  
NOTE.—An article in opposition to "preparedness" by George R. Kirkpatrick appears in another column. Up to the hour of going to press this statement had been received from the other vice presidential candidate, Kate Richards O'Hare.

**For Executive Committeemen**  
By S. E. BEARDSLEY.  
I AM OPPOSED to the campaign that is being carried on for a large Army and Navy. It is my opinion that such a policy will not keep us from war. Every nation in Europe carried this policy to its logical conclusion, WAR. Think that the workers of this country should prepare against the enemy from within who are more to be feared than the enemy from without. Let us prepare for the extension of the eight hour day, to hold it where it has been secured, to prepare against another Colorado, West Virginia, Michigan, etc. We have big questions to settle at home. These will take all of our time to prepare for. The cry for a large Army and Navy is to side track the real issue. Shall we continue to fight for real preparedness. WORKING CLASS ORGANIZATION, INDUSTRIAL AND POLITICAL.

**By W. J. BELL.**  
EVERY Socialist, whether a candidate or not, should be against all militarism and against all preparedness that does not prepare the working class to defend itself against the capitalist class.

**By VICTOR L. BERGER.**  
I AM opposed to standing armies of any kind. A standing army is always the tool of the ruling class. America at the present time not only has a standing army, but the worst kind of a standing army, one of hired mercenaries. Our national defense force is mainly recruited from the "submerged tenth" and is officered by trained aristocrats.

Our standing army is a standing menace to our democracy at home and is of questionable effectiveness against any attack from without.

Any nation, class or individual that is defenseless, however, will soon be enslaved or cease to exist. All history bears witness to this fact. There is no known exception.

A nation or a class that wants to become free, or that wants to stay free, must have great power of resistance. It must be prepared to fight for its freedom at any time.

Docility and non-resistance will soon reduce any people or any class to the level of the Chinese and Hindus. Moreover, any man who is unwilling, or not ready, to fight for his wife or his daughters, does not deserve to be with words

**By ARTHUR LE SUEUR.**  
"PREPAREDNESS" is the master fraud of the masters. It results in the thing it is said to prevent. The only war in which workers should enlist is the "class war", the cause of all other wars.

We should oppose with action any effort of our government to force us to fight the workers of any land. Action means revolution at an opportune time. An opportune time is when the masters send us at each others throats, and we should then seize the opportunity to fight our real enemy—the masters. This should not be with words

## A Treacherous Senate

By LINCOLN PHIFER.

"This has gone far enough," said Senator Stone. That ended it.

Mutiny had broken out in the senate. Under the prodding of the workers the dirty body actually criticized the capitalists.

A demand was made for an embargo on the shipment of war munitions to Europe. That was the Socialist proposition.

It was proposed that Americans be prohibited from going to Europe during the progress of the war. That was a Socialist proposition.

It was suggested that the government, by not warning its citizens to stay off ships carrying war munitions, was "a party to the murder of its citizens."

It was declared that in permitting American citizens to supply the belligerents with munitions of war, the American government was "hypocritically neutral."

It was shown that Norway and Sweden had placed an embargo on shipment of war munitions. The United States stood alone in permitting the supplying of the means of carrying on the struggle.

The senators squirmed. Their masters were under fire, and it hit some of them—in the pocketbook. No wonder the senators sought to stop the free discussion that accused their own masters.

Not that there was any danger of the senate really doing anything for the people. It never did and it never will. But it was sacrilege to say the masters were murderers.

Not that it meant anything except an effort to make the workers believe their positions had prevailed, and to furnish campaign ammunition in the fall elections.

Not that there was the least danger of the sacred exploiters being scolded. They would have been protected by the suppression of criticism as they were from the industrial commission report.

Not that they who have been swindling America for fifty years in furnishing bogus protection would have been deterred from selling more rotten meat and faulty armor plates to Uncle Sam.

"The debate displayed unexpected strength for the embargo propaganda," says the press dispatch telling it; but the debate was perfectly safe.

"It is certain that even should the senate and house pass such a provision, it would be promptly vetoed by President Wilson." Sure thing. It was for just such emergencies that the veto was provided.

Yet why should not the rich be prohibited from going to Europe, and so, thru an occasional death of an American, making themselves a possible cause for war and the death of thousands?

Why should there not be an embargo on the shipment of munitions of war to belligerents? They who permit it admit that it is likely to become the cause of attack from Germany in the future.

We are, thru our government, deliberately provoking war, and then demanding a big army and navy for "protection." Protection of course of the scoundrels who are seeking to provoke the war.

There is money for these traitors in selling munitions of war to Europe, and they do not care that it means the slaughter of millions of Americans and the destruction of untold wealth.

The selling of munitions to America that they may be protected in their infamy means money in their pockets, and they are indifferent to the fact that it means the death of many Americans.

The longer the European war lasts the more money it will be in their pockets. The longer it lasts, the weaker Europe will be, and the easier will it fall a prey to them when they order us to attack.

This is why they are giving of their millions of blood money in order to maintain an agitation to forward their murderous ends in the press of America, it is why they maintain a lobby in Washington.

This is why their bought-and-paid-for papers ridiculed the Ford peace party. They do not want peace. They do not want America to go without an army and navy and escape a war to conquer them loot.

Under the law they ought to have been hung a year ago for the traitors which they are. But they will not be even crucified. "This has gone far enough," said Senator Stone. That ended it.

President Wilson is putty in their hands. Two-thirds of the senate was bought by them and belongs to them, all the house represents them and not the people. Our own officials are traitors along with the capitalists.

Congress and president, and all their, and often preachers, are conspiring for loot and murder. The workers owe no allegiance to conspirators against their living and their lives. There is no patriotism except a war on war and a fight on the system that lives solely by loot.

## A GUILTY PROSPERITY, MR. WILSON.

YOU IMAGINE it a great thing for your administration, Mr. Wilson, that the panic is broken and a few criminals are making fortunes.

But it is a guilty prosperity, Mr. Wilson. It rests entirely on supplying Europe with the means of murdering toilers.

Its hope for continuance lies wholly in being able to induce America to arm and finally begin the struggle for world conquest.

There has been no effort whatever on the part of those in control of industry to revive business by making things of real value.

This is why you stand for preparedness. This is why the Kansas City Star and other papers of that ilk stand for preparedness. The masters will end prosperity unless you do and unless they do. The criminals in charge of things utterly refuse to revive business except on the basis of destruction and conquest.

You have surrendered to them, Mr. Wilson. It disgraces you that you have done so. In doing it you acknowledge that business is stronger than the government.

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"Defend our civilization?" The very moment the working class proudly shows its class power and its class defiance to the ruling class every destructive element of civilization can be saved, easily saved. The four biggest, finest, best things in civilization are the science, the literature, the music and the fellowship of the world; and the first three of these are always fortunately, safe, are absolutely indestructible under all circumstances—they are beyond the reach of the most fiendish destroyers. And as for the fourth element, here mentioned, fellowship, all wars and the class war are utterly destructive of fellowship, the big, deep, international, human-racial fellowship.

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country, are surely just as civilized as our own country, and if we are no more civilized than they are, then with such splendid temptations as Canada, Mexico,—and Panama—we are just as likely to become invaders as those other "great Christian countries" are. And if all this be true, then it must also be true that even the most advanced portions of the civilized world are really managed by commercial buccaners, political pirates, bond-lusting thieves, a lot of national and international egg-sucking ruffians, all of them keen for opportunity as marauders cunningly masked as "Christian statesmen and great business men." And if this is the situation why indeed should the working class have anything to do with "preparing" these groups of scoundrels-in-control for further riling, robbing and raping the world?

"DANGER THAT we shall become Chinafied?" That is an argument insulting even to the mind of a new-born babe.

Give the multitude justice and everything worth saving will be safe. And without justice—why should we arm our unjust masters to shackle us for another century of injustice?

A decision for "preparedness" now will throw the working class under the boot and fist of the god of war and of the capitalist class—to cringe and groan, helpless as sheep before wolves.

I refuse to be confused. Look at Europe and learn what "preparedness" prepares for. Look at Colorado and Calumet and West Virginia and learn what "preparedness" prepares for. Look also, with very special care, at the unholly brutality and cunning of the assassins of the sacred rights of freedom of discussion, and you must surely realize that the "preparedness" of militarism leads straight on to the lynching of liberty.

Assemblyman I. A. Shipplcoff, the first Socialist Representative in the New York State Assembly from Greater New York, was enthusiastically welcomed to Albany, the state capital, by more than 500 members of Socialist and labor bodies of the Capital district in the Clinton Square theater. Shipplcoff devoted the greater part of his address to an explanation of the principles of Socialism and said he would endeavor to introduce bills to strengthen the initiative, referendum and recall, a bill providing for proportional representation in the Assembly, believing that the 88,000 Socialist voters in New York State are entitled to more than one representative; bills favoring the extension of the workman's compensation act to mercantile and municipal organizations; favoring State and Federal eight-hour labor laws, maternity pensions for working women, and providing for unemployment insurance.

JOIN THE PARTY.  
If every person who claims to be a Socialist, would join the party, the work could be divided and nobody would get tired.

START THE NEW YEAR BY CIRCULATING THIS PETITION TO CONGRESS!  
CUT OUT THE PETITION BELOW AND PASTE IT ON RULED SHEETS OF PAPER. WHEN YOU HAVE FILLED IT OUT SEND IT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

## We Want Congress To Adopt Rep. Meyer London's Plan To End The War In Europe

LONDON'S RESOLUTION BEFORE BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

Whereas, the people of the United States, while neutral, cannot be indifferent to the fratricidal conflict which is devastating Europe; and

Whereas, the longer the war is continued the more does the coic of physical force replace every other code of human conduct; and

Whereas, the war has brought about a state of fear in the minds of millions of American people, which menaces the normal development of this nation, and beclouds the real issues which confront our generation by the artificial issue of "Preparedness" against an unvisible and unnamable enemy;

Whereas, a declaration by the national legislature of the greatest neutral nation in the world in favor of an immediate conference of neutral nations will strengthen the hands of the President of the United States in his efforts for international peace; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the President of the United States be and he is hereby called upon to convene a congress

of neutral nations, which shall offer mediation to the belligerents, and which shall sit in continuous session until the termination of the war; and

Be it further resolved, that it is the judgment of the Senate and House of Representatives that a durable peace can be established if the following principles shall be made the basis of discussion in said congress of neutral nations:

First—Evacuation of invaded territory.

Second—Liberation of oppressed nationalities.

Third—Plebiscite by the populations of Alsace-Lorraine, Finland and Poland as to their allegiance or independence.

Fourth—Removal of the political and civic disabilities of the Jewish people, wherever such disabilities exist.

Fifth—Freedom of the seas.

Sixth—Gradual concerted disarmament.

Seventh—Establishment of an international court of arbitration, with the commercial boycott as a means of punishment for disobedience.

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# Candidates In Party Referendum Voice Views On Militarism and Preparedness

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serve to have a wife or daughters. Any man who is unwilling to fight for his class or nation, does not deserve to belong to a class or a nation.

I AM, therefore, in favor of a "preparedness" that shall protect and unite the bulk of our nation, that is, the working people.

For that purpose we must train the bodies and minds of all our young folks—not only those of the few select who have a chance to attend academies and universities. We want all of our people to be able to defend themselves and the common weal.

Our defense must be democratic and industrial. We want a preparedness that will develop the faculties of the workers, and give them the power of resistance and aid them in their struggle for existence.

We want to abolish hunger, want and misery—as a part of this preparedness. We want comfortable homes and protection in old age and sickness—as a part of this preparedness. We want healthy and harmoniously educated men and women—able fathers and mothers—as a part of this preparedness.

This preparedness must become a part of our early education by practicing calisthenics in our schools, and encouraging indoor sports and games in our schools, in order to produce healthy men and women. But this cannot be all.

WE PROPOSE that the public school system be made a part of "preparedness" in the following manner:

Every citizen should devote one year—between 19 and 20 to the service of his nation. Every citizen—male or female—may stay at home during the time, but receive for the service such pay as will be fixed by congressional legislation. Because this education must be in charge of the nation and the nation must pay for it.

We propose to make the public school system the center of our country's defense. For that purpose a workshop should be added to every school district. And every young man and young woman should be educated in handling modern tools on wood and iron. They should learn how to operate machinery and understand the make-up of an automobile, a motor, a pump or a machine gun. One year of service would be sufficient to teach them all of that and a good deal more.

This education should consider the needs and advantages of the respective districts. But everybody should learn how to plant a tree, construct a road or build a bridge. And everybody should also practice at the target during part of the time. Girls should also learn how to give aid and comfort to the sick and wounded.

NO ABLE bodied man or woman should be exempt from this national duty on account of money, rank or class privilege. The details of that education could be easily worked out by the experts.

One year of national service will be a welcome interruption of the task of the factory worker, or the clerk in the office and stores—it will teach many new things and make a more intelligent citizen of him. It will be a great advantage "top-up" to the education of our people.

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

Here is all the week's news worth while boiled down for workers so busy fighting for Socialism they do not have time to read the daily capitalist papers.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4.

Washington reports say Pres. Wilson will demand unarméd liners be not attacked. Chicago school board demands that Urbaine Goggin, one of founders of Teachers' Federation, killed by auto truck. Miss Goggin was active in fight against strike of big business interests to destroy federation.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5.

British government's compulsory draft bill introduced in House of Commons. Bill provides parliamentary battle. Makes all males, 18 to 41, bachelors or widowers without children dependent on them, liable for military service. Ireland excluded. Steamer sinks in Ohio River near Parkersburg, West Va.; 100 lives lost. U. S. Senate gets bill putting embargo on arms supplies to Europe and prohibiting Americans traveling on ships of belligerent nationality.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6.

Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, deceased president of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, shown to have fabricated record of bankrupt American Gandy Company. British House of Commons passes first reading of government bill for compulsory military service by vote of 168 to 105. Organized labor in huge crowd surrounds protest against measure by vote of 1,398,000 to 78,000. Three labor ministers in cabinet. Arthur Henderson, William Bruce and George H. Roberts, resign. General election predicted. President Wilson's message of alliance of all countries in western world in speech before second Pan-American Scientific Congress.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7.

Italian steamer strikes mine on Albanian coast and sinks; 200 lives lost. Two killed and two hurt in strike at Youngstown Street and Tuberculosis at East Youngstown, Ohio. Los Angeles Record declares right to purchase law or ordinance in price of United States' recognition of Carranza.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8.

Ada Rohan, famous actress, dies. British fighting Suez Canal to stop raid. To be begin to issue paper money. Germans muzzle Editor Maximilian Harden, of Die Zukunft, until he ends peace mission to teach the House. Ex-President Taft may write this year's platform of Republican Party.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9.

Many die in explosion of Du Pont Powder Works at Cambridge, N. J. Six defendants in trial of New Haven railroad directors found. Jury discharges as to other five including William Rockefeller, brother of John D. Rockefeller. British battleship King Edward VII, stricken and sinks as crew escapes. Dredging evacuated by allies under fire.

tion of a young farmer. It will have an immensely democratizing influence upon the college boy, besides giving him advantages that he could not get from books.

Moreover, such preparedness will absolutely guard the national independence until such time as we shall have complete disarmament and world's peace by international agreement, but it will be useless for aggression. It will protect the working class against further subjugation and enslavement at home until all class distinctions are abolished.

THIS kind of preparedness will not only effectively protect the American people against attacks from without, but also against the foes of democracy from within. It will forever abolish the misuse of public military forces, as well as armed private thugs.

And last but not least this will be a "preparedness" by the entire nation, militant and prepared, not by a capitalist class or by insidious clerical forces arming quietly all kinds of "knights."

In short, I refuse to be carried away by any hysteria caused by this world war. We Socialists are more opposed to militarism than ever. But the Socialist party is not for "peace at any price." War may be hell, but there are some things in this world worse than "hell." Real Socialists are willing to fight them.

By LOUIS B. BOUDIN.

AS A revolutionary Socialist, I am, of course, opposed to Militarism under which name it may happen to parade. Militarism under the name of "Preparedness" smells just as foul as under its proper name.

But I do not think we are doing our entire duty by just opposing Militarism and Preparedness. The European experiences of the last year and a half have shown that people may be honestly opposed to Militarism in times of peace, and yet do the bidding of this self-same Militarism in times of war, not only readily but even enthusiastically.

If we are to escape the fate which has overtaken the Socialist parties of most of the warring countries, we must go to the root of the matter, and start a vigorous campaign of education, designed to teach the working class of this country the principles of the class-struggle and to wean it away from the bourgeois principle of Nationalism, whose main office now is to keep the workers of the world divided into separate groups competing with each other in times of peace and slaughtering each other in case of war.

THE WORKING class of the United States, in common with their brothers everywhere, have nothing to hope for, but everything to fear, in a national program of militaristic character under the specious guise of "Preparedness" against invasion by foreign enemies.

The program submitted to congress by the President is clearly and frankly formulated, in the interests of the employing class. Every Socialist should be opposed to it. The Socialist party should take its position on this subject. I am in accord with the action of our party.

It is not enough, however, to oppose militarism and war. Our platform and propaganda should be positive and constructive, along lines which extend to the principles and institutions of Democracy till they embrace and inform the entire industrial organization of society, and lead to Industrial Democracy.

This will constitute the most stable preparation against militarism and war, the surest guarantee of the peace of the people.

By WINFIELD R. GAYLORD.

THE world-war has proven: (1) that we live in an historical "war-zone"; (2) that an effective national mobilization must include every national resource and equipment, mental, moral and physical, under highest co-ordination.

The Socialist Party in the United States, in its corresponding Program of Preparedness for Peace and against War, essentially along the following lines:

1. Universal Suffrage;
2. Adequate Preventive Hygiene and Medicine;
3. Remodeling of Educational System for Social Welfare Training;
4. Recognition, in advance, of Organized Labor's responsibility and just deserts, to secure a dependable industrial army;
5. Abolish Secret Diplomacy, with its lies and spies;
6. Repudiate protection of foreign concessions, the principal demand for a big navy.

R. MOBILIZATION OF NATIONAL PRODUCTION.

1. Completion of Postal Savings Bank System;
2. Nationalize Transport and Communications Equipment;
3. Nationalize Mines, Forests and Water-Powers;
4. Nationalize Food Storage and Manufacture;
5. Nationalize Manufacture of Chemicals.

C. MOBILIZATION OF MILITARY FORCES AND MATERIALS.

1. Nationalized Merchant Marine, to furnish loyal and efficient naval recruits, with officers, and ships ready for war equipment;
2. Permanent Defense Army of 500,000, with definite service term; employed on public-works; at civilian navy; with military organization, drill and equipment; having full political rights (to promote mobilization experience of staff officers, reduce un-employed army, and increase production capacity, offsetting military expense);
3. Enlarged Corps of Trained Military Officers, employed with permanent defense army; in productive occupations after training;
4. Government Plants for Munitions Manufacture, and accumulations of

raw materials rather than finished products of military stores;

5. Universal Military Education, by distribution of General Staff Theories of defense, as applied to finance, industry, agriculture, diplomacy and military practice.

6. Coast Defense of Mine Fields and Submarines.

By GEORGE H. GOEBEL.

I AM absolutely opposed to Militarism. And just as emphatically against the so-called Preparedness—which is but a smooth word to accustom us to the idea of wholesale blood-spilling.

When a false alarm of fire is raised in a theatre, it is a calamity indeed if there be not even one masterful personality to calm the tumult and stay the tragedy of lives crushed out in the unreasoning stampede of a crazed mob.

And just so it is the mission and duty of every Socialist, and the Socialist Party, to set their faces like flint against the whole damnable business of war, and its hand-maiden, Preparedness.

By MORRIS HILLQUIT.

I AM opposed to "Preparedness" because Preparedness means Militarism. I am opposed to Militarism because Militarism leads to war between nations. I am opposed to war between nations because they obscure the struggle of the classes, enfeeble the workers physically and morally, and retard the progress of the Socialist movement.

I hold that war, like many other evil outgrowths of capitalism can be checked by enlightened and determined mass opposition, and that it is the duty of the Socialists to lead in such opposition.

I have learned from the sad lesson of Europe that when the war furries break loose they are apt to carry everything before them, including the Socialist and labor movements, but that is an added reason why the Socialists should oppose all preparations for war while there is yet time.

By FRID E. IRISH.

REPLYING to the request of the National Executive Committee that all candidates for President, Vice-President, Executive Committee and Executive Secretary express their views on Militarism and Preparedness, I wish to say that I doubt if mine would be considered fit for publication were I to express them in the English or in my command.

Briefly, I wish to say that I am entirely and unqualifiedly opposed to the whole military organization and program, as developed by President Wilson in his message to Congress. As a member of the working class, I have absolutely no interest in the wars of capitalism, no quarrel with a single worker in all the whole wide world and positively refuse to bear arms or use them except in defense of my own class interests.

If this leads to a brick wall and a firing squad, why well and good. At

## General Wood's Frankness.

By CHARLES W. ERVIN.

GENERAL Leonard Wood knows his business. He showed that at Plattsburg last summer, where he conducted a training camp for embryonic officers in the new army, which Congress is going to create shortly. He had plutes, near-plutes, hope-to-be plutes and upper servants of plutes under his guiding hand. He had them there for something else besides military training. They were expected to go out from the Plattsburg camp and arouse "patriotism" among the "common people" that the very impressive young, caught with the glitter and tinsel of a military career, would become the "privates" for these officers in-the-making to command.

On December 6th, General Wood made a speech in New York. He made it before the New York group of his Plattsburg plutocratic pupils and their professional upper servants. He made it where you might expect he would—place where the younger sons of plutocracy are wont to gather—the assembly hall of the Harvard Club. The things that he said of real interest to the "common people" were of course not reported in the press. They are, however, reported in the "Bulletin of the First Training Regiment" which is issued in the interest of "The Business and Professional Men's Military Training Camps" and is circulated among that class thruout the United States.

GENERAL WOOD made it very clear that the Plattsburg and other camps of this character are designed to train men for officers, not vulgar privates. Said the General, "Men trained at the military colleges or military colleges, with such training as that outlined in the Harvard course, or the men who had made the better records at Plattsburg, could be offered provisional commissions for one year in the Regular Army. They would take no examinations except the physical ones. THEY WOULD HAVE THE END OF A YEAR TO SHOW THEIR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO OFFICERS. IT IS THE BIG OPPORTUNITY IN TIMES OF PEACE."

Note that the officer is to be well paid. So well, that he will be able to "SAVE A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY." And now read this statement of General Wood's about the mere private and non-commissioned powder by as many as you can reach who might be tempted to become food for

"There are two possible solutions of the problem of getting enlisted men and non-commissioned officers; one is either to pay well and have a great first army, or to come to some system of general military training. The first way would be EXPENSIVE beyond one's wildest dreams. A regular army plus a trained citizens army would be sufficient for America's needs. We might have a scheme of military education for boys of 14 to 16, and by each year, some scheme of military education for boys of 17 to 19, and by the states could bring to the Nation A BOY OF EIGHTEEN with training of the advanced BOY SCOUT TYPE, with map-reading ability, and some ideas of wood craft and RIFLE SHOOTING. We can do with BOYS of that type what Australia has done with her's."

THERE IS no doubt in the General's mind that the boys of the common people are bred for food for powder. There is no doubt either in his mind as to what the Boy Scout movement is intended for. We admire his frankness even if we do denounce his doctrines of militarism as damnable and destined, unless the people wake up, to push back THE DAY OF INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM for a century.

The General then proceeded to show how by placing a period of military obligation between the ages of nineteen and twenty-six an army of 4,500,000 could be raised. In closing he drew attention to the subject of military service as summed up in the statement, "Universal manhood suffrage implies manhood obligation." The General is right, only real red-blooded men would disagree with him as to what this "obligation" is.

The "obligation" is NOT to submit to either food for plunder in mine, mill, shop and railroad for the owning class, or food for powder to protect the robber class in their privilege of plundering the masses. On the contrary the "obligation" is to DRIVE THE ROBBER CLASS OUT OF THE ROBBERS' CLASH OF THIS COUNTRY THE CONTROL OF THE

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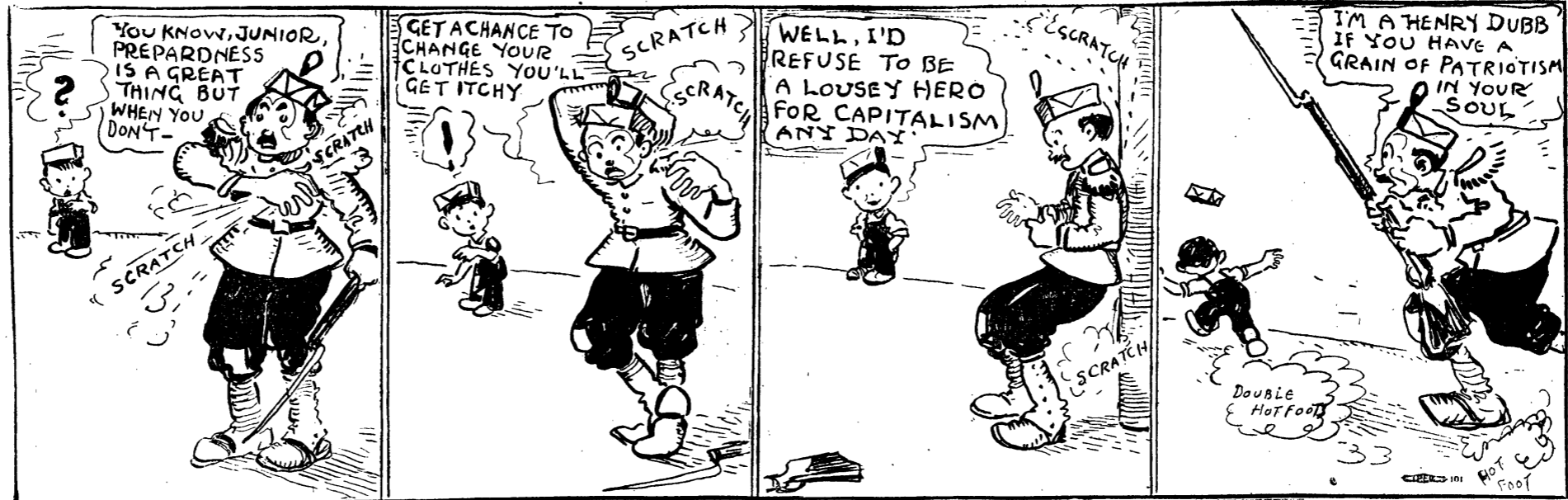


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THERE can be very little doubt of the need of some method of fixing and maintaining a minimum wage. There may be differences of opinion concerning the methods to be employed for this purpose...

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THE experience of these countries affords the best answers to the various objections which are offered against minimum wage laws. The objection is often heard that if a minimum standard of wages is fixed that standard soon becomes also the maximum...

OKLAHOMA FOR SOCIALISM IN 1916! CONVENTION SLOGAN.

By EMANUEL JULIUS. In the Appeal to Reason. "Oklahoma for Socialism in 1916!" This slogan, painted on a huge banner, faced the 350 delegates who attended the greatest State convention held in the history of the Oklahoma Socialist movement.

of sufficient significance so that it may point the way for any occasions arising in the future, as they will certainly do.

Among the allegations made in behalf of the contestant, Gaylord, and which it is claimed by his counsel are supported by the evidence, are: That Gaylord received 9,540 legal votes and Cary, 9,182; that the certification by election officials that Cary received 9,911 votes is unlawful.

ROLL OF HONOR

- Thomas S. McGee, Wellington, Kans., is not going to take any chances on his sub existing in a hurry. He sends in \$1 for a four year sub. This is a hint to others. Otto Sellers, Muncie, Ind., fires in two subs and orders two sub cards. He is starting the new year right. C. E. Kenady, literature agent at Shelbyville, Ind., sends in a club of three. The tidal wave of Socialism is gaining strength in Indiana. J. H. Dyer, the Socialist secretary at Fairhope, Ala., orders for six sub cards...

I HOLD, then, that society, for its own protection, to minimize the volume of poverty with its appalling consequences should establish a minimum wage standards and maximum hours of employment.

The need for such legislation has been felt in every industrial nation, but nowhere is the need so great as here in the United States. I take it that no one who has given the subject consideration will for a moment dispute the proposition that our need of these safeguards is greater than that of any other nation. That is so on account of the tremendous stream of immigration which normally flows into this country. We receive a vast number of immigrants from countries in a backward state of development.

IT IS argued that legislation is quite needless, that the results can be more readily and more efficiently obtained by economic action, by the unions themselves, without legislation.

My reply to that contention is that nowhere in the world at any time have the labor unions established minimum rates of wages or maximum working hours for laboring masses as a whole. What is more, there is nothing to indicate that they are likely to do so within any computable period of time. With all respect, and some regret, I say that we are no nearer to that goal today than when the American Federation of Labor was first organized, some 35 years ago.

TO SUM UP: What we need is a minimum wage, established by legislation, sufficiently generous to provide, not a mere "living wage," but a healthy standard of living, which includes the requirements for the satisfaction of the physical, mental and moral needs of a family.

The Socialists, in their platform, assured the citizens they "demand that all contracts for interest above the rates allowed by law shall be null and void, and unenforceable." The violation of the prohibition laws of the State.

EVOLUTION OF BANKING

THE POSITION of the Socialists on the Money Question is outlined in the following extracts: From the COMMUNIST MANIFESTO of 1848: Demand 5. Centralization of credit in the hands of the State by means of a national bank with State capital and an exclusive monopoly.

HAVING SAID so much concerning the need of a minimum wage standard, I turn now to the question concerning the hours of work.

Until the unions have shown much greater efficiency in the matter of establishing minimum wages without legislation, simply by the exertion of their economic power, their claim can hardly be seriously considered. It does not belong to practical discussion. As against the universal failure of the labor unions to accomplish the desired result—and the failure is universal, not at all limited to America—we have, fortunately, a very considerable body of experience to which we can appeal in support of the demand for legislative enactment.

VERY LITTLE more success has attended the efforts of the unions to protect the rates of wages and the hours of labor in those occupations in which it is difficult to organize the workers owing to fluctuations of employment, as in the seasonal trades, or to the well understood and inevitable difficulty of organizing female employees.

As against the universal failure of the labor unions to accomplish the desired result—and the failure is universal, not at all limited to America—we have, fortunately, a very considerable body of experience to which we can appeal in support of the demand for legislative enactment. In 1896 Victoria, Australia, enacted a law providing that for certain trades joint boards of employers and employees be formed with power to fix minimum wage rates, maximum working hours, and other matters. The decisions of this joint body had the force of law. Now, that experiment worked so well that in 1900 the system was applied to the whole colony. In that same year it was adopted by South Australia, and New Zealand, New South Wales and West Australia followed suit.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

Organization - Education - Solidarity. WILLIAM F. KRUSE - Director. To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through the Young People's Leagues. Address all communications to: Socialist Party Young People's Dept., 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

WHAT THEY SAY. EAST ST. LOUIS—Comrade Seidel spoke to 225 persons at the city hall. Enthusiasm was great and the comrades here are all satisfied with the results attained. MEMPHIS, TENN.—Total attendance, 495; new members, 79; literature sales, \$7.65. ST. LOUIS, MO.—Comrade Seidel had a very well attended meeting here. All of the literature was easily sold. Oklahoma Socialists have just uncovered a secret campaign being carried on by the bankers of that state against proposed changes in the jury laws. The Socialists have the bankers on the run and the robbery of the farmers thru charging huge rates of interest will no doubt soon come to an end.

Start Now! Begin the 1916 Campaign for HALF A MILLION SOCIALIST WOMEN VOTES IN 1916!



Make that your slogan, you Jimmy Higgins! THINK of having HALF A MILLION SOCIALIST WOMEN vote the ticket in 1916! THINK OF HALF A MILLION WOMEN registering their protests against "neoliberalism" and the whole capitalist system! YOU must have these effective poster stamps. Paste them on your envelopes, literature, walls—on any surface. START NOW! There's no time like NOW to begin! You can get these stamps at 25 cents per 100—\$2.50 per 1000. Mail your orders NOW and get into the campaign for HALF A MILLION SOCIALIST WOMEN VOTES IN 1916! Address: THE NATIONAL OFFICE, SOCIALIST PARTY, 803 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO.

UNUSUAL OFFER

THE FIRST week in the year should see a beginning of the campaign of 1916. A number of speakers are out working, but with about 5,000 Locals in the party, it is evident that the great majority cannot have speakers, for one reason or another. But all locals CAN SELL and distribute literature. We have made it possible for the Locals to secure some cheap literature recently. Thousands of copies of "The Bombshell", "The Lone Foe of War" and "The Gunmen of Industry" have been sent out and have been distributed. In fact so many have been sent out that our stock of these pamphlets is exhausted, and no more orders can be taken. We offer now

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