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### Do You Want War?

President Wilson and his cabinet have decided that it is best for this Government to recognize that it is in a state of war with Germany and he has called the congress to meet April 2nd for the purpose of voting a debt of hundreds of millions in bonds to carry on endless military activities.

The metropolitan papers say that the President has come to this momentous decision because of "the tremendous appeal from the country for revenge for Germany's killing of American citizens and destruction of American property in contravention of all international

Are you one of those who have urged the President to this action? If not who of your neighbors are? Let us inquire and find out for certain if there has in reality been such a "tremendous appeal" from the country for this warlike action, or is it the misrepresentation in the name of the country of a few only who have free access to the press and pretend to speak for you and your neighbor when you and he have never authorized them so to speak. When you really do not desire war. When you believe that the murderous methods of war for the purpose of revenge are in contravention of all the laws of God and just men, no matter what so-called international law may say.

Ask yourself the question fellow-citizen, "If I have not urged the President to this act of war, nor my neighbors, who has?"

Is it possible that a small number of ambitious, self-seeking men, to gratify their vain ambition and lust for power are intriguing and scheming in conjunction with men drunk with the lust for gold from war contracts, are the real promoters of this war?

If this Government goes to war with Germany let us all know the truth of the causes. Let us not be deceived by false representations of patriotism. If the man with the gun and the flag is a patriot, ask yourself if the man in overalls who feeds and supplies him is not also a patriot. In fact, in the true sense of the word, more of a patriot than the one dressed in gilded uniform

Let us not deceive ourselves, the citizens who have been killed, and whose property has been destroyed were accessories with the belligerents of Europe. They were helping one side against the other, and they were doing it for the most mercenary of reasons,-money.

Love of mankind, love of future ideals, love of liberty, in the sense of raising the living conditions of mankind, has nothing to do with their business-it was purely a question of dollars and cents.

Standing on their rights to make profits and pile up fortunes out of the blood of those who are killed in battle as well as those who are exploited and robbed out of the greater part of the wealth produced by the workers in the factories and upon the fields, the small number who pretend to represent you because you have been silent are going to plunge the aundred million people of this nation into all the horrors of war.

All for profits.—All for money.—And in order to dupe you so that you will become a willing pawn to fight their battles, a pliant tool to do their bidding, an echoing voice to repeat their falsehoods they cloak their actions with the hypocritical plea of God, Humanity and

Fellow citizen, awaken' You have already delayed too long. Write every newspaper editor whose paper you subscribe for or if possible see him in person. Write your senator and congressman. Organize mass meetings or help advertise and attend them.

The only way of escape is to recognize that peaceful, productive labor is the only true patriotism. That all rights upon the seas or elsewhere must be based upon efforts to produce and exchange free from every element of profit in the form of exploitation. That the only right we as a nation can unite to guarantee is the right to do constructive, creative, useful work for ourself and fellow-man and that we cannot fight to protect anyone in the carrying on of a trade or commerce that has destruction and death as its basis.

The only organization that now stands upon this foundation of true peace is the Socialist Party of your state and nation. It is trying by every means within its power to stay this insane sweep into the horrors of military murder. They are not as strong in numbers as they should be to meet successfully this crisis. They need your help and that of your neighbor. Why have you not gotten into communication with them? Or called upon them? Or subscribed for their papers? Or attended their meetings?

Now is the time. Hasten!

## Prepare For Convention.

Every local of the Socialist Party in the nation should contribute its share to the success of the national emergency convention which opens in St. Louis, Saturday, April 7.

This can be done by seriously and intelligently discussing the big questions that are to come before this gathering and by filing your decisions with the delegates from your state.

You can help by rushing in your contribution to defray the expenses of the convention so that there will be no deficit when the time comes for carrying into action the decisions

All eyes and all minds on the convention!

### American People Do Not Want War, Declares Debs

Terre Haute, Ind .- "Wendell Philips said at the time the United States government was in control of chattel slavery that he wanted two words inscribed upon his tomb as his epitaph. These two words were 'traitor' and 'infidel'—traitor to a government which protected human slavery, and infidel to a church which sanctioned the crime," said Eugene V. Debs, just home from an eastern lecture tour. He was referring to recent charges of "traitor" that had been made against him over the United States situation

with regard to Germany.

"My position is just the same as that of Wendell Phillips," Debs said.

"The only difference is that a different power is now in control of the United States."

Mr. Debs spoke at length on the policy of the United States toward Germany, giving his personal version rather than that of the Socialist party. He preferred to do this inasmuch as the Socialists are planning to hold a convention in St. Louis shortly, at which time their stand in the present crisis will be decided upon.

"The American people do not want war," he declared vehemently, "and I dare Wall street to submit the matter of war to a vote of the people. If the people have no voice in this matter of such vital importance to them-selves, then our country is a despot-

"We are hearing much about the insults to the American flag these days and about American persons being killed in the danger zone. Six hundred thousand men and women are being murdered and mutilated in the industries of the United States yearly in ways that are preventable. They are meeting such deaths under the American flag. Do we hear any protest against these deaths? Out at Ludlow, pregnant women were shot and little children roasted under the American flag. In Cabin Creek, West Virginia, an armored train with a United States flag floating over it, went up into the mining towns and shot up the camps at midnight. Why are such murderous acts as these not an insult to

"Our plutocracy has loaned three billion dollars to the allies and made hundreds of millions of dollars feeding the war in Europe while starving its own people. When Senator La-Follette introduced an amendment to the naval bill providing that the navy should not be sent to collect Morgan's debt in Europe, the bill was overwhelmingly defeated.

"The present grave international situation was developed absolutely by the capitalist government of the United States in utter and criminal disregard for the peace and welfare of the people. And if the people of the United States and the people of Ger-many are wise, or even have ordinary sense, they will allow the class in control of the governments of the two countries to fight the battles and furnish the corpses as well as to declare the war."

Mr. Debs asked what good it do the flag or the honor of the country to have a million American working men slaughtered, a million families bereaved and a million homes

made desolate.

"Anybody that talks war and slaughter now is a patriot," he said. "Any man who talks peace and good will is a traitor. This is due to a frenzy of bogus patriotism in which

the American people have been lashed by a prostituted press. "Two-thirds of the people of the United States do not own one inch of this country. They have nothing of this country. They have nothing to invade and they have no interest in a government that they have no voice in controlling. Let the Rockefellers and the Morgans who own the country do the fighting. Will they do it? No!
"The people of the United States

have nothing against the people of Germany, and the German people have nothing against the American people.

If I were president of the United States, I would issue a communication to the German people—not the government—and would say to them that the people of the United States had no desire to slaughter them and that the Americans believed that the Germans have no desire to kill them. It would bring results. If the question were put up to the peoples of these two countries, there would be no war, no more preparedness talk."

## **Just A Boost**

Dear Comrade Editor:-

Please allow me to congratulate you on the class of paper you are publishing. It is sure fine and dandy. would not miss a copy for a bushel of red beans. I am going to move further north, so I wish you would see to it that I get my next week's paper. Long live The American Socialist!— W. H. Hermann, Corpus Christi, Tex.

#### AMERICAN SOCIALISTS SEND RUSS GREETINGS

NEW YORK .- Voicing the good wishes of the American Socialists at the success of the Russian revolution which overthrew the reigning dynasty and established a de-mocracy, Morris Hillquit, international Socialist secretary, sent the following cablegram to Socialist deputy Tchcheidze in the duma:

"M. Tchcheidze, "Imperial Duma, 'Petrograd.

"American Socialists send hearty congratulations to Russian comrades upon the splendid victory of the forces of liberty and progress. Long live international democracy

> "MORRIS HILLQUIT, "International Secretary."

## What Are They Made Of?

By JOHN M. WORK.

HEN one stands still and watches the human panorama, he cannot help marveling at the apparent heartlessness of the majority of the people.

All about them is poverty and suffering. People are dying of slow starvation. Men, women and children are undergoing every cruel hardship that one can imagine. Children's bodies are hauled to the cemetery by the hundreds, because they were born to poverty-stricken parents. Girls are driven into the brothels because they can find no other way to earn a living wage. In many thousands of instances the heart-breaking struggle causes the brain to reel into insanity. In thousands of other instances escape is sought thru the door of suicide. In thousands of still other instances, crime is resorted to in order to secure the necessaries of life.

THE MOST casual glimpse reveals these horrors. A closer examination

would reveal many others.

Yet, the majority of the people go their way heedless of it all. Not that I expect them to turn aside in each instance and endeavor to bring about better conditions for the individual. It would be impossible. responded in any more than a miserly manner to the numerous calls for help, they and their own dependents would go hungry.

But they could at least vote for a system that would abolish all these

At each election day they have the opportunity to do so. But, more than nine-tenths of them vote for all of these horrors to

What can such people be made of? Are they utterly and hopelessly hard-hearted?

NO. IT is because they do not know. That is, they do not know that there is any way to abolish these hor-

rors. They think these tragedies are an inevitable part of human life, and they go along with such show of boldness as they can summon, in an effort to make their own get-a-way from the region of these abysses.

The absolutely essential thing therefore, is to educate them to the truth. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Get into the Socialist movement and help to let them know the truth, in order that these horrors may be abolished and a free and happy social

## People Raise Food Cry As War Clouds Grow Blacker

By LUCIEN SAINT.

WASHINGTON. - FOOD PRE-PAREDNESS FIRST!

On the verge of a war that is none of their own making, the American people are suffering from the same evil which has caused war-bound Russia to break into revolution-high prices of foodstuffs and a faulty distribution and marketing system.

War or no war, this is the time for the people to insist that their national government grapple with the question of FOOD PREPAREDNESS. The people are hungry and their health and happiness is being wasted because, in the midst of plenty, surrounded with heaps of grains and meats, they cannot buy wherewith to fill their their stomachs.

Woodrow Wilson has given the na tion some military and naval preparedness-millions of dollars worth of it, more of it than the nation ever dreamed was possible or necessary. Within a few months we shall have a navy comparable with the biggest in the world, and an army comparable with the dreams of our jingo statesmen—adequate at least, for purely defensive purposes.

Meanwhile, what has Woodrow Wilson done to see to it that the nation is prepared to feed itself?

## People Eat Little.

Tons of exports of grains and foods are daily being taken from our ports to starving and fighting Europe. Our storage warehouses contain more tons of foods which shall be sold later to the highest bidder, no matter whether the people here starve as they watch the long trains of bursting freight cars rumble by to the seaboard. Our rich are eating well and plentifully—eggs, meats, breads, fruits, vegetables. Our poor—which is to say, we the people—are eating little because we can not purchase that which we would like to eat. We do not eat eggs, and we eat beans such as are fed to cattle instead of meat. Our agricultural experts tell us to go eat beans-like the King of France who told his subjects to go eat grass and thus fill their bellies.

A national agricultural department spending annually twenty-five millions of dollars is investigating everything from the potato wart to the beef trust, and yet is ready with no policy of food preparedness. It sounds a note of optimism and remarks that our system of distribution is bad—a fact which the Socialists knew fifty years before the Department of Agriculture came into existence. But it does not say what should be done. It cautiously advises that production be somewhat

Meanwhile the great food exploiters are "prepared". The meat trust is getting rich and fat as the prices of meats go up and as the by-products business brings in the profits. With its great centralized plants and its army of agents lobbying in the state capitols and in Washington, it prevents any legislative action looking to limit it or regulate it or develop local beef raising near the big cities thru the community-owned abattoir.

## Cheat Producer And Consumer.

The Millers Trust cheats with one hand the farmer and with the other ist Party, which opens at the cheats the consumer, selling him con- Planters Hotel, in St. Louis, Mo., centrated white flour which is bad for his stomach and fighting the whole wheat bread movement.

On the backs of the farmers hang the fertilizer manufacturers who, closely cooperating with the Meat Trust, sell back to the farmer the byproducts of his own land, and at a tremendous profit.

Then there is the Money Trust,

gladly lending money that the farmer to the net of credit and mortgages. So with it all, and with the fat cail-

should be prepared to fight if we are not prepared to eat and live.

Have No Real Suggestions.

Food committees are working with the problem in the cities, and making reports and suggesting remedies again and again are heard the warning that "we" eat too much, that "we waste too much, that "we" ought to eat beans if we cannot get beef, and so on and so forth. But none come forth with the suggestion that if this country is to be preserved to stand the storms of a war of perhaps years duration, the country must draw itself together and think and act nationally, for the whole people.

When the money system brought too many panics, the business men got to-gether and devised a system known as the Federal Reserve system which provides machinery for the distribu-tion from bank to bank of money and credits. What the Government has done once, it can do again. It can de-vise a Federal Food Control, and this organization should and could-

Take the railroads for government wnership,

Take the terminal elevators for the people.

Take the cold storage houses for the people, and

Enforce upon the manufacturers of foods a limited profit, so that foods will not be weighted down with burdens of toll paid at a thousand gates.

## Food Need Started Revolution.

Russia went into revolution because an old government failed to get the people food. England has verged on revolution for the same reason. Germany may revolt before this article is printed—because she can not feed her people. The lesson of current history is clear and plain. The people are watching the President and the Con-gress which is soon to come together o vote more extraordinary funds for the prosecution of this eleventh-hour war.

Write FOOD PREPAREDNESS FIRST on your bulletin boards and in our papers. Food preparedness is the nly kind of preparedness that will be of any permanent value to the working people of this or any other nation.

## That Anti-War Picture!

We still have a few copies left of hat special issue of The American Socialist containing the greatest antiwar picture ever published. It covers a whole page and is ready for posting. This issue is selling for 75 cents per 100; \$7.50 per 1,000 while they last.

Have you secured some of those anti-war posters? Greatest ever! Selling fast! Order now! Suitable for framing. They are 25 cents each, \$2 per dozen, \$12 per 100. Order from the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

## Send In Your **Bundle Orders!**

History will be made at the coming convention of the Social-Saturday, April 7. Every action taken by this convention will be reported in detail in the earliest possible issue of The American Socialist.

You will want everyone to learn of the important action to be taken by this convention on may produce more and get deeper in- the pending war crisis.

Send in your order for a So with it all, and with the fat rail-road rates and terminal elevator charges, and excessive handling, and of The American Socialist. The money slipping into the pockets of a price is 75 cents per 100, \$7.50 long line of economic parasites as the food comes from the producer to the American Socialist 803 W Ma ultimate eater, the people starve and eat grass, and ask why it is that we dison St., Chicago, Ill.

## **Getting Railroad Justice**

By DANTE BARTON.

Believing, as they declare, that this is a time of great national peril, the patriotic railroads come forward with demand that they be permitted to increase their freight rates. Some of them are so excessively patriotic that they are proposing to take a 20 per cent raise (estimated to mean an extra 500 million dollars) out of the people's pockets. As they profess to be the only simon pure patriots in the country, they probably figure that if they take away from the people about all the wealth that the people have got, the people will not mind being forced the trenches to save the financiers' loved country.

There is "a fly in the ointment" however, for this peculiar patriotism of the railroads. The people happen to be GENUINELY patriotic. They are not looking for profits for themselves, and they are not patiently go-ing to permit spurious "patriots" to add new profits to old profits in a time of national stress. They love their country with such a genuine love that they are going to have it all THEIRS —and not have it taken over in special privilege by a home talent group who could give any European army cards and spades and still beat it at the pleasant game of occupying the country and taking its wealth.

The people are asking questions. Because the railroads have just been forced to give their workers the right working day of eight hours, and because it will cost them something extra if they do not run their trains by that standard, why should the people be forced to add to the enormous profits the railroads have been making? Why cannot the public service of transportation provide decent hours and wages for its workers without thus affording a pre-text for taking more money away from the people?

A committee on the valuation of railroads in New York City is insisting that the basis of rate-making shall be the actual value of the railroad investment. It insists that the basis shall not be the fictitious and watered capitalization of the railroads—nor shall it include the unearned values that the people themselves have ad-ded to the original values of lands given to the railroads or purchased by them.

In addition to these fictitious values and unearned values (conservatively estimated at 9 billion dollars) claimed by the railroads, there are enormous "leakages" in the cost of railroad operation and management. Some years ago Mr. Justice Brandeis (now of the United States Supreme Court) estimated the loss thru inefficiency in railroad operation at 300 million dollars a year. On the top of all this are the enormous profits which the railroad owners take.

Must the railroads be forced to admit that it will require public ownership of the means of transportation in order to get, at the same time, justice to the railroad workers and justice to the people in general?

## **Education Wins!**

W. Francis Ahern, one of the best known Australian labor writers, in a letter from Sydney, offers some suggestions to American Socialists how to succeed. He says labor has become a power thru political action on account of being backed by industrial organizations. "Do you know that in Australia we have only to reck on up our trades union strength and say that every man of that huge number, now 50 per cent of the working population of Australia, will vote labor?" says Ahern.

"We organize our men from boyhood in a sense—our girls are led into the maze of politics at an equally early age. We instill into them the fact, a too patent, that they can not vote the ticket of their employer and hope to get good results. That tells, always.

"We take care of the coming voters in perhaps the best method that the world has ever seen. We take them thru secondary schools, where pol-itics, where economic problems are instilled into their young minds, after the primary schools have finished with them. We give them the right to the universities, free of all charge. We give them the right of entrance to the political organizations as workers at nominal sums. We allow them equal privileges with the oldest supporters of Labor, when they come to the voting age. The young man, three years a unionist, has the same chance and right to run for Parliament as the Labor supporter of 50 years' standing, and we always preach the introduction of new blood into the first line fighting machine. That explains why we have comparatively young men in the Australian Labor governments."

The "immediate demands" that have been won by Labor include: "Pensions of all kinds, free education, State ownership plans, government regulation of the price of foodstuffs, baby bonuses, defense plans (for defense only, mark you), citizen soldiery, so-cializing of our industries, labor banks, curtailment of profits, land taxes, income taxes that do hit the man with money, and many others.

Ahern concludes: "Never fear, tho we may not go by the direct road to socialism, I make bold to say that we will arrive at the mansion of socialism long before any other nation in the world. The secret is that we educate as we go along.

"Socialism is stronger than the strongest presentation that can be made of it."—Professor Richard T. Ely, in "Socialism and Social Reform."

If the schools have become training camps, then civilization has been set back five centuries. The whole world will soon be illiterate again.

## The Adamson Decision.

OUIS D. Brandeis, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States. had his great opportunity when the Adamson case came up for decision. It was a case which could not fail to hold the attention of all the people of the United States. I had some hopes that he would avail himself of it.

It was a brilliant opportunity to write a separate opinion, perhaps concurred in by one or two of the other justices, but alone if necessary, taking a definite and aggressive stand to the effect that the supreme court does not have any legal power to pass upon the constitutionality of laws.

I suppose it will be said that we ought to be glad that the law was upheld. I am glad of it. But that is a slight matter compared with the stupendous blunder of permitting the suprem? court to pass upon the validity of laws at all.

The constitution of the United States does not give the supreme court any power to pass upon the constitutionality of laws. That power was usurped by the court, over a century ago, under the leadership of John Marshall, in the famous-but hereafter to become infamouscase of Marbury versus Madison, decided in 1803. If you have access to a law library, and want to read the decision, ask for 1 Cranch. You will find the report of the case beginning at page 137. It is a very clever and specious argument. But it is wholly fallacious. Its evil effects have been far reaching.

Long acquiescence in a wrong does not make it right. How absurd it is for one hundred million people to wait for nine men to tell them whether or not they can pass a law!

It is not only ridiculous, but it is utterly opposed to popular government. So long as we permit such a travesty to exist, we simply do not have popular government.

There are several ways to abolish this abuse. One way is for the supreme court to reverse itself. If one justice would take a courageous stand for that purpose, it would not be long until public opinion would drive the other justices over to his side.

Another way is to have an administration with backbone enough to inform the supreme court that it does not have any legal power to nullify laws of congress, and that, if it pretends to do so, its void decisions will be disregarded and such laws will be enforced just as if its futile opinions had not been given.

It is hardly necessary to say that when we put a Socialist administration in power, this usurpation will cease at once.

## Suggested War Program.

By IRWIN TUCKER.

We can follow out the policy of the Socialist movement thruout the word by adopting in the present war crisis a platform declaring for the following steps:

1. Immediate confiscation of all incomes in

excess of \$10,000 a year. 2. Immediate levying of a 75 per cent in-

heritance tax. 3. Immediate seizure by the government of all railroads; their operation thru the present administrative heads, under the direction of a Secretary of Railroads in the President's cabinet. Payment of all stockholders their pro rata of the physical valuation of said railroads: sand payments not to be made until the physical valuation has been completed, and no interest

to be paid meanwhile. 4. Immediate seizure of all mines—coal, copper, iron, zinc, lead, gold, silver, and all other kinds; their operation by the govern-

ment thru a Department of Mines. 5. Immediate control of all food supply, by governmental ownership and operation of the storage warehouses. Passage of a law making the speculation in foodstuffs an act of high treason under the Articles of War—namely,

punishable with death. 6. Establishment of industrial democracy in all industries under governmental control, thru recognition of the unions as the medium between the government and the workers..

To every one of these emergency measures the Government and the labor bodies have already given careful consideration, and some measure of approbation. They are feasible. They may be too late to stop the war. But at any rate they will take all the flavor out of this war, for those who have precipitated it. They will make use of the sudden threat of war to force thru what we have hammered on for a generation, and what now the crystallization of popular opinion will make it possible for us to accomplish.

Is it not time that we took a lesson from the developments of the world war, instead of shouting aloud either traditional formulas of prehistoric descent or blind catchwords of iingoism? Socialism stands for peace at the only price which will buy it-namely, Socialism. Preparedness or unpreparedness, enlistment or non-enlistment, is not the supreme issue before us. That supreme issue is what it has always been; namely, Socialism versus exploitation; Industrial Democracy versus Industrial imperialism.

The very fact that the jingoes are still working for war in this country is the best possible proof that they think the only way to really kill Socialism here is to shoot it to death.

## Split On War Question

By JULIAN PIERCE.

The conflict between the pre-war majority and the anti-war minority of the Social Democratic party of Ger-

many has ended in a split after two and one-half years of struggle.

The anti-war Social Democratic group in the Reichstag, in an independent organization called the "Social Democratic Union of Labor", has issued a manifesto indicting the offi-cial Socialist majority in and out of the Reichstag for its support of the German Government's war policy.

The manifesto closes with an ap-

peal to the anti-war Socialists of Germany to participate in a national conference to take the necessary steps to organize nationally the anti-war forces in order to "work for the establishment of the Social Democratic movement and to realize the Socialist

program."

The appeal is signed by Haase, Ledebour and Voghter, in the name of the Reichstag anti-war Socialist

Urges Nationwide Organization. The manifesto declares that a nationwide organization of the anti-war Socialists is imperative in order to prevent the pro-war executive com-mittee from securing complete control

of the Social Democratic party. "If the opposition does not act energetically," it is asserted, "the executive committee will crush one after another those against whom the com-mittee would be powerless were the opposition definitely united to resist the executive committee's encroach-

#### Socialist Nationalism Indicted.

The executive committee is charged with having "adopted an anti-Socialist policy which has turned the official Social Democratic party into a Government Socialist Nationalist party, and with having fraternized with the capitalist parties, in the name of a party truce, to give its support to the objects of an imperialistic war." The manifesto also declares that the

executive committee has ruthlessly deprived the Socialists making up the anti-war minority of their rights as members of the Social Democratic party, and maintains that the committee has launched dual organizations thruout Germany wherever the minority was in legitimate control of the regular party organization. Executive Committee Caused Split.

live up to its anti-war traditions and teachings. On the contrary, the responsibility for the repudiation of the by the Union of Labor. anti-war policy, as well as for the party split itself, is placed directly upon the executive committee.

"A dozen party functionaries charged with the administration of the national office," it is pointed out, "have arrogated to themselves, contrary to the party laws and regulations, the power to decree in accordance with their own good pleasure the exclusion from the deliberations of the party not only of individual comrades, but of entire organizations.

Text Of Manifesto.

of the Social Democratic Union of La-

(The term "majority" includes the Socialist adherents of the German gov-

The time for decision has come. Socialist policy. The development of that policy along its initial lines has turned the official Social Democratic party into a Government Socialist Nationalist party. The new policy was begun by voting for the war credits. It ended by voting for the budget.

Supports Imperialistic War. By its fraternization with the capitalist parties in the name of a party truce, the majority of the Reichstag Socialist group was led to give its support to the objects of an imperial istic war.

Constantly refusing the demand of constantly relusing the demand of the Socialist minority to compel the government to proclaim an offer of peace without annexation of territory, the effect of the action of the majority has been to prolong the war, and not, as the majority now pretends, to shorten it.

The majority, moreover, tried to crush the growing strength of the opposition, when it demanded the right freely to express its views, by depriv ing it, in defiance of law and contrary to the decisions of the party congresses, of its prerogatives within the or ganization

The majority thus forced the minor ity to organize itself into an independent group

Editors Discharged-Papers Seized. The profound antagonism between the two Socialist parliamentary the two Socialist parliamentary groups manifested itself later in the

\$10 per 100.

(Author of The Tongues Of Toil)

In mud of blood he made his bed. To ease his tortured bones: His dead friend's coat lay neath his head To soften the hard stones; His ears heard for a slumber song

The stench of death choked and defiled The damp and clinging air, And men watched for a night attack

Yes, still he laughed in happy sleep, By dreams borne to a land Where comrades gave the hand,

Springtide was running in his veins; Soft hours fell rich and slow; The paths lay stained with violet stains Where groups walked to and fro;

His dreams were thrilled with Maytime love Midst vales, and summits tall: The sky arched tender blue above, And he heard the waters call. Sitting with hope and happiness Till moonrise and dewfall.

Medals in honor of brave deeds Upon his breast shone bright: But an awful look stared from his eyes When they woke him for the fight. And he killed himself with his own hand In the cold grey morning light.

At the same time the executive committee initiated a fight against the opposition by dismissing editors and seizing papers. This policy culminated in taking forcible possession of the "Vorwaerts," thanks to a state of

Dual Organizations.

opposition, the executive committee violated more and more the principles

of justice. In different places the committee

Socialist adherents of the German government's policy. "Minority" and "opposition" include those who oppose the government's policy. "Vorwaerts" is the official daily paper of the Social boundaries, party.—Translator's note.)

There is no office more intimately at the support given to the committee by a large number of the committee, which is the committee of the committee by a large number of the committee by a large number of the committee of the committe The time for decision has come.

At the beginning of the war the coupled the expulsion threat with the distribution of the sear, distribution of colonies, control of strategic ports. majority executive committee of the Reichstag Socialists adopted an antiganizations thruout Germany to carry on the fight against the opposi-

gitimate organization in that juris-

that sent him to prison.

began to organize counter organizations against the regular ones by an exchange of letters, evidently pre-mediated, with the president of the 'Vorwaerts" Discussion Club, and Ebert, the president of the party. In his reply Ebert gave detailed instructions for forcing the split in the party

other jurisdictions.

The example of the executive com-

Opposition Conference Called. In accord with a large number of many, we therefore invite all organizations and members of the Social Democratic party who are disposed to work with the Social Democratic Ungroups manifested itself later in the mittee was also imitated by the heads ion of Labor to participate in a conclusive one for conquest, tariff Reichstag in a permanent fashion on of the Federation of Saxony and by steps to organize the opposition. To this end we urge the local organizations which have hitherto stood with the opposition, or who may take such a position in the future, to commun-

national Socialist congresses.

icate with the undersigned. In those districts where the opposition comrades have been deprived of their rights of freedom of speech by decisions of the local district organizations, thru instigations emanating from the executive committee, we expect them to immediately establish ism for generations. Now the their own organization, and in this reality is within our grasp. We

Detailed information regarding the time and place of the conference will be furnished shortly. Nevertheless, we urge you to complete the prelimi-And now to the work with vigor. Not a day should be lost.

Greetings to all Social Democrats. HAASE.

VOGHTER. For the Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Union of Labor of

Send communications to E. Voghter,

## A Socialist War Program

By A. M. SIMONS.

DVANCING the date for the special session of Congress makes it almost certain that when the special national convention of the Socialist Party meets the United States will be formally at war with Germany. With the entrance of this nation into the Armageddon of capitalism the greater part of the world will be in the melting pot from which a new civilization will be cast.

Socialists, who, for half a cenus a plan of common action.

The first and fundamental demand of such a program must be that all the expenses of war be met by a direct tax upon incomes and the confiscation of capital. This is the economic the ablest authorities on national financiering will join with us to secure this object. If carried industry.

dustry. In every industry oper- of concern to him. ated by the government or for government use labor must be represented upon the directing body. In so far as these demands are carried into effect we shall appeals by the public treasury, the have proceeded toward the democratization of industry.

We must oppose all unnecesspeech, press, communication and assemblage, when not used sary censorship. Freedom of to betray military secrets, are to vindicate his principles or to help the foundations of victory for a democratic people.

set forth the objects which we liquid libations. demand the war shall keep in Thus the split, accomplished because view. The United States will be an ally of the democratic nations office arrogated to themselves, conthese nations have been induced trary to party laws and regulations, the power to decree the exclusion, in to give their lives by millions by accordance with their own good pleasure, of not only individual comrades, the pledge that the war is waged to crush autocracy and militarism, to end war and extend demtrue, null and void according to the

The Russian revolution has pressed home this promise. As precisely as they would walk a day Scheidemann has pointed out the with peas in their shoes to do penpressed home this promise. As world is united against Prussian | nance.

onies, control of strategic ports. schools are dependent upon the stand-rairloads, straits and canals, nor ard maintained in the public schools Protests Ineffective-Organization Ne- in the other avowed objects of to maintain higher standards in the belligerent rulers and diplomats. private schools. Lower the educational Protests are ineffective when we are but we have an immeasurable standards of the public schools and to confronted with the systematically interest in the banishment of that extent the incentive to higher confronted with the systematically interest in the banishment of standards in the private schools would autocracy from modern nations, be lessened. The church schools are lessened. The church schools are the executive committee created a counter organization in the Potsdam-must everywhere organize. For what of the executive committee has done to extension of counter organization in the Potsdam-must everywhere organize. For what the executive committee has done to extension of counter organization in the potsdam-must everywhere organize. in disarmament, in an inter- what the public schools make them. ment.

> If the opposition does not act enersuccession those against whom it The Socialists of all the nations judiciary out of politics"—that is, out committee estimated the property loss It is now a duty of solidarity, therefore, for all the comrades loyal to our still,—with these ebjects we can object to lower wages or demand a principles to organize themselves in reach across the battle lines and shorter work day. order to work unitedly to re-establish join with the workers of all nathe vitality of the Socialist movement tions in insisting upon these and to realize the Social Democratic

> program as well as the decisions of terms of peace. The party congresses and of the inter-States joins, for war, all the important democratic nations of shouting will have to be done. Some- tral our property losses may reach the world. That alliance will be and beat a drum and draw a crowd. comrades of the several parties in Germany, we therefore invite all organizations and members of the Social Devices overwhelming majority of the philosophical way. It will have to be peoples of those nations do not carried on like a neutral argument wish that alliance to be an exwars or imperial tyranny and sume proportions large enough to commercial expansion. The Socialists of this country should in- feel that all is well and God rules in nation into war and arouse sentiment vite the support of all who will join in demanding that this alliance be transformed into a true whose policies reflect a progressive world state, including all the peoples of the earth, whether friends or enemies in this war.

We have talked internationalcome along that bloody path of war that we have tried so hard

to bar. Such a world alliance has need nary work before the middle of March. of neither armies nor navies. It prepares the way to universal disarmament, and is powerful enough to force that disarmament upon any backward, barbarous nation. We have now an opportunity to make an effective demand that this shall truly be a war upon war, the last great war to abolish all the trumpery

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shall find ourselves supported by millions in other nations, both friend and foe.

tury, have foreseen and foretold the possibility of such an end to the regime of exploitation, truly Socialist program. It places | jingoism and patriotism are synonymshall not now fail to play their the Socialist Party where it bepart in the coming transforma- longs, at the apex of the forces this country were seriously menaced is arrayed against us. The answer tion. This convention must give marching toward the coming or openly attacked, and going to war is given quickly. The whole world

## A Necessary Preliminary.

From The Milwaukee Leader.

foundation of the whole pro-gram. Millions of radicals and civil and circuit courts.

There is no election in which the interests of the ordinary citizen are more vitally affected than the school election. Yet the election of school to effect it will either stop the directors, as is the election of judges, war or expropriate private in- too often is deemed by the average voter to be of no consequence. He seems to think that unless there shall NEXT to this must come the ling him this way or that way and be a large number of candidates pul- world. NEXT to this must come the ling him this way or that way and demand that labor have a direct shouting in his ears and urging him to as a means of settlement of issue

spouting of campaign orators and the excitement created by the newspapers. Under such conditions, the grows hot and the voter who is quite human is attracted precisely as he is his favorite candidates—candidates who have ingratiated themselves in his favor, either with handshaking and We have a right and a duty to smirks and smiles or 5 cent cigars or

School and judicial elections are not calculated to draw out a large vote. Candidates for school directors seldom make personal appeal to the voters. of the world. The peoples of The office of school director is largely The office of school director is largely honorary. No one wants the office for the salary. No practical politician would seek the office "for what there is in it." When candidates of that type appear, as has been the case when "slates" have been made up by the Holy Alliance to "beat the Socialists," they have sought office to help hamstring the schools as a religious duty—precisely as they would walk a day

> The citizen who is led to attack the public schools in response to religious prejudice, if he but knew, is his children's worst enemy.

The "best citizens" naturally enough THE convention should demare well pleased when the mass of and that these ends be made the avowed objects of the war, and elections. It enables them to place elections. their "friendly judges" on the bench with whom we will be allied in war have already made similar demands. Far more important still with these chiefs we can lever still with these chiefs we can lever the still with these chiefs we can be still with these chiefs we can lever the still with the second with the same that it is not to be allied in subsequently may be enjoined to keep off the streets or exercise other constitutional rights in event they should be fully repaired, and that which can still with the same that the workers who is the atreet of war to have been \$6,000,000,000 by the first of January, 1917. This loss can never be fully repaired, and that which can still with the same that it is the hands of the workers who is the atreet of war to have been \$6,000,000,000 by the first of January, 1917. This loss can never be fully repaired, and that which can still with the same that it is the workers who is the atreet of war to have subsequently may be enjoined to keep off the streets or exercise other constitutional rights in event they should demands. Far more important stitutional rights in event they should

It will be necessary, if the school and judicial elections shall not go by default to the Manufacturers and Munitions Makers' association, to The entrance of the United create more or less disturbance be-tates joins, for war, all the imover the war.

Then if the noise shall become loud enough, if the disturbance shall as- monstrated as it is at this moment disturb the slumbers of citizens who His high heaven, a fairly heavy vote

FOR "TRUE AMERICANISM" AT TWO HARBORS, MINNESOTA.

The Two Harbors, Minn., Socialist party, which has controlled this city of 6,000 population for the last six way inform us of their adhesion to must not reject it because it has years, has nominated candidates for our movement. platform pledging loyalty to Americanism" and providing for the mmediate construction of a modern filtration plant for the city water works and the continuation and extension of municipal ownership.

The platform declared for the continued operation of the city coal yard and the selling of ice supplied by the to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam. city ice plant. The platform also pledges the Socialist administration to use every "reasonable effort to lighten the tax burden."

Capitalism cannot furnish permanent employment to all the people of war. In this demand also we without committing suicide.

## Nobody Wants War — It Settles Nothing.

From The New Orleans Item.

Nothing is clearer than that the American people do not want the United States to enter the war. Even in the eastern cities where the over-whelming majority of the press is for war so strongly that all who think otherwise are denounced as traitors and poltroons, anti-war mass meet ings, attented by immense crowds, are nightly events.

The war itself is exerting a tremendous influence for peace. After 30 Such a program would arouse, months of reading and hearing of it not only every Socialist to first hand from those who have been enthusiastic revolt, but would on the battle fronts, the American

sible solution, there is not the least in us it sees only Prussians. doubt that the nation as a whole would deliberately and determinedly go to war:

But going to war merely to ex-In April the voters of Milwaukee hibit resentment against wrongs will be called upon to elect members which could not and would not thereby be righted, but might be aggravated, does not appeal to the American people. They have changed in the nincteen years since the Maine was destroyed in Havana harbor. They have lost their hysteria. The slow, brutal, exhausting conflict being staged in Europe has taken all the romance and glamor out of war. We are living in a sobered and darkened

voice in the management of in- vote for them the election can not be even among those who are engaging n it. Hall Caine, the famous Eng-

> ledge of the merits of the quarrel, to the twenty voiceless millions who are actually engaged in it, the battlefields would be silent and deserted within a

The war press, war financiers and war factories in this country grow furious over the damage this nation's commerce is sustaining, the damage certain of the nation's industries are sustaining, the losses some of this nation's shipping interests are sust-aining, the losses some of our financial institutions are suffering by reason of highhanded and internationally illegal measures belligerents are taking regarding commerce on the world's highways — supposed to be open and free to the traffic of neu-

be stopped unless this nation goes to war? Are we going to submit to one man at his side if he acts dewhat is tantamount to a blockade of cisively. our ports and an embargo on our exports without going to war to assert our sovereign rights as a nation? Are we going to take orders from some European power as to how we may use the ocean? So run the questions in the war press.

yond toleration, or would it only multiply such orders and inspire others even more intolerable?

And as to your going to war in order to check the losses our commerce industries, shipping and finances may now suffer indirectly by our neighbor's fighting- that is the most absurd of all arguments advanced in favor of this nation's entering the world slaughter.

At a meeting of the Foreign Trade Council of the United States held the last week in January, a committee which had investigated conditions in Europe made its report. Exclusive of the destruction of shipping and cargoes destroyed at sea— which will run into hundreds of million of dollars— this be made good will require genera-tions of unremitting toil and grinding taxes to replace.

In the face of such a report it is nothing less than insanity to talk about this country's entering the war into millions. As a belligerent they would run into billions.

There never has been a time in all the world when the futility of war as a solution of any thing-either honor or personal, national or prop-erty rights—was ever so clearly de-That is why those influences in this country which are trying to shove the against the president's deliberation are getting nowhere.

The American masses do not want war—not because they are cowardly. but because they are brave; brave enough to overlook a great many things in war-crazed nations fighting for their very existence; brave enough to sacrifice a little pride instead of thousands of men and millions of property; brave enough to exercise self-restraint; brave enough to practice that Christianity which they have, as a people been professing.

SEES EUROPE DEMOCRATIZED. The Berlin Vorwaerts says that the

Russian revolution indicates that one of the consequences of the war will be the far reaching democratization of Europe, according to a Berlin dispatch The paper scores the pan-Germans

for holding that after the war will be time enough to settle the question of direct suffrage in Prussia and adds: "It will be a great and dangerous mistake if equal suffrage is not intro-

lactually going on.'

MARSEILLAISE AND RED FLAGS GREET REVOLUTION

London, England. - Russian troops at field headquarters wel-comed the revolution with a remarkable demonstration, according to Reuter's, quoting a tele-gram received at the capital from field headquarters. The telegram says that the troops marched in detachments to the public square, waving red flags and singing the Russian "Marseillaise" to the Russian "Marseillaise music of their bands.

### Scheidemann Lifts Voice For Democra ic Germany

Philipp Scheidemann, socialist leader in the reicnstag, says in the socialist newspaper "Vorwaerts": "It does not require many words to explain why almost the whole world with the power or coalition which sees among our enemies more or less was responsible were the only pos-

> We have always answered by referring to the absolutism of Russia, but now czarism has gone and the emperor's successor is to accept the throne only if the representatives of the people agree. These representa-tives are to be elected on the basis of universal, equal, direct and secret suffrage.

"In Asia the empire of the mandarins opposed every reform. They desired an emperor with absolute power, as long as he did their will, and thereby undermined the monarchy and laid the foundation of a republic. In the European central empire similar spirits seek to build similar chinese walls and hinder every reform. The clock shows five minutes to 12. They imagine they hold up the time when they move back the hands to 11.

"Why does the chancellor shrink back now from unconditional necessity? Always the hesitator, the procrastinator, Bethmann-Hollweg wants to begin to cure Prussia after the war. Russia also promised all reforms after the war, but the war lasted too long for the Russians.

"Why postpone till tomorrow what is absolutely necessary today, what even the king himself declared years ago was one of the most urgent matters of the business of the state? Now is the time for decisive action

Calls Upon Chancellor to Act

"The difficulties which might arise if the government adopts the reichstag system of election for Prussian elections are as a featherweight as compared with the difficulties which will come if it does not do this. The chancellor should not delay one day. They ask how these losses are going The Prussian people, as well as the other German states, will stand as

> Rigg and Dixon, the Socialist and Single Tax members of the Manitoba Legislature, were snubbed good and hard a few days ago, probably because of their uncompromising attacks on

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## **Trench Dreams**

By WM. FRANCIS BARNARD

Slow dying sobs and groans.

Yet soon he slept, and sleeping smiled,
While all around him there With the courage of despair.

Where kindness bade the heart upleap, And tasks seemed pleasanter than rest To many a singing band.

And the air pulsed sweet with lilac bloom And the pear flower white as snow.

The manifesto does not incriminate the rank and file of the Social Demo-cratic party for the party's failure to pulsory civil service was under con-

but of entire organizations.

laws of the party.

All of these usurpations are, it

Nevertheless, the powers in the

ony, and other localities, will be re-

peated thruout Germany.

Officials Blamed-Power Usurped. a dozen party functionaries charged with the management of the national

In the same way in its fight against the organizations affiliated with the

the complete text of the manifesto has stimulated the creation of dual organizations. On January 18 the executive com-mittee obtained a decision from the na-cause of its control over the central

Liebknecht's District Invaded This threat was carried out.

the comrades of Potsdam, Berlin, Sax-This dual organization took a second mmediate step toward the dislocation of the party by designating its president as a candidate for the Reichstag obtain control of the Social Democratic avowed objects of the war, and against the regularly nominated can-party. The committee will crush in the fundamental terms of peace. and keep them there. It "takes the

Split In Berlin, Saxony, Dresden. In Berlin the executive committee

The Berlin policy was carried out in

## Fight The Jingoes

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Assemblyman Shiplacoff made a vigorous speech in the New York legislature recently opposing the resolution brought in by the committee on military affairs memorializing by an act of Congress. This argument should be recongress to establish a system of unitary affairs memorializing by an act of Congress. This argument should be recongress. Assemblyman Shiplacoff made a congress to establish a system of unishould have no weight with you, versal compulsory military training gentlemen, for the following reasons: and compulsory service. He said:

result of recent experiences that some ple. of us began to lean towards the idea

nals of human history. Villages, towns and whole cities have been wiped out of existence, and some of the most treasured works of art and the most cherished institutions have been reorphans will not be hushed for many years to come. If this war continues much longer, the cream of European manhood will be completely destroyed, and only those physically deficient, will be left to propagate the race and to the work of re-habilitating all that has been wiped out of existence.

The resolution also speaks of having about the American young man who has had the benefits of a public school has had the benefits of a public school of the Russian monarchy and look forward to the beginning of polication. The same boy, who, attracted by the tones of martial music and the rythmic tramp of marching feet, will too readily enlist for a war stress of these peculiar days, it may has been wiped out of existence. has been wiped out of existence.
Surely this is not a condition to wish

on our country and people; and everyon our country and people, and every thing that can be done to keep us out of it, is an attempt worthy of the effort of the most patriotic citizens of Must not such a system have certain with the

#### Blame The Germans.

The most vociferous of American icans? jingoists lay the blame of the present system of conscription, the last refuge for the ordinary and important pursuit of life, will you make an efficient Socialists espectively. ernment. "That country," they say, praiseworthy institution when it will soldier of him. "has been arming to its teeth for the be transplanted on American soil? Permit me to last fifty years, and has turned its

be wiser then to hitch our chariot to a star of MORAL force?

Arguments Without Weight.

The introducer of the resolution in

1.-There are many acts of con-

2.-It was one of those acts which 

and man-made catastrophe in the an-siderably in the direction of human progress and have been compelled to come testy and grouchy.

discard great ideas that were proper

But that will not do at all.

#### in their own time. Resolution Contradictory.

duced to ashes and dust. The number Another paragraph of this resolu-of dead, maimed and wounded reaches tion tells us that, "the existence of a into the many millions. The strongest Republican form of government is and most courageous of Europe's sons dependent upon the ability and WIL-have been torn away in a beastly and LINGNESS of each citizen to render most cruel manner from their homes, efficient personal service to his counand their flesh is now rotting in their try." Has WILLINGNESS EVER been secured by force? Isn't there he has no sympathy, a force that robs widows will not be dried, the broken hearts of the mothers will not be the premise and the conclusion of this mended, and the bitter cries of the resolution?

widows will not be dried, the broken hearts of a disagreement between the premise and the conclusion of this what is true of the Russian peasant would be a thousand times more true

pulsory military training and service ing, be the cause ever so great.

Gentlemen, these are questions entire male population into an army of soldiers;" "this," they say, "has made that country drunk with power and brought about the present war."

If that is true, would you help bring slow the strue, would you help bring about a state of affairs in this country.

When the questions of this question, whold in high esteem.

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## A Burst Of Sunshine

By JOHN M. WORK.

PTIMISM is one of the most desirable qualities in a Socialist. Of course all Socialists are optimists in a sense. That is, no person could be a Socialist if he did not have an optimistic belief that the social wrongs can be righted.

Nevertheless, there are some Socialists who are grouchy. They seem to be able to successfully hide their optimism. They are perpetually surfollowing people. rounded by an air of gloom. Every person who comes in contact with them feels this and shudders and gets out of their presence as soon as possible. Every one of you will admit that until recently, no member of the legislature would think of introducing such a resolution, much less would be its chances for adoption. It is then as a chances for adoption. It is then as a chances for experiences that some in their judgment as other people.

1.—There are many acts of conference of the earn and gets out of their presence as soon as possible.

When they do personal work for the cause, they do the cause more harm than good. When they join a local or branch, they keep the other members discouraged, if such a thing is possible.

CHER UP!

A long face never made a convert.

of compulsory military service. It was one of those acts which would therefore seem wise to examine these experiences, also the possible consequences of the establishment of the experiences of the establishment of the experiences.

2.—It was one of those acts which were never carried out, as there never was a time when every male citizen about those who show stupid ignorance on social questions.

Nevertheless, we should refrain. These people are not to blame for the experiences. It is the duty of a Socialist to be a burst of sunshine to those about him.

For more than two- and-a-half vears a war has been raging in Europe, so stupendous and far reaching in its work of destruction and an-law.

not less than 24 cartridges. Any private citizen of this state who would try to live up to this act of congress acquiring a reputation for disagreeableness. That sort of an attitude drives people away. It is to blame for the slow growth of the movement in many localities. It furnished the justification for George Bernard Shaw's exaglication for There is a tendency to permit prevalent injustice to lead one to be-

Testiness and grouchiness are negative qualities. Negative qualities blast. They blight.

They kill. They repel

Repulsion injures the cause. Attraction advances it.

What is true of the Russian peasant would be a thousand times more true AREFUL CONSIDERATION? even without a cause, will rebel stress of these peculiar days, it may The resolution finally endorses com- against his being FORCED into fight- mean more than a political revolution

#### Machine Soldier Useless.

Must not such a system have certain qualifications to conform with the principles of freedom loving Americans? Will the "hateful continental system of conscription the lost refer to the principles of conscription the lost refer to the principle of the precious price of their ideals. Coming now, the confined with their lives the precious price of their ideals. Coming now, the revolution may carry with it some promise of economic betterment for the price of their ideals. Coming now, the says the price of their ideals. Coming now, the revolution may carry with it some to a machine and made him useless the price of their ideals. Coming now, the revolution may carry with it some promise of economic betterment for the price of their ideals. Coming now, the revolution may carry with it some to a machine and made him useless the price of their ideals. Coming now, the revolution may carry with it some to a machine and made him useless the price of their ideals. Coming now, the revolution may carry with it some to a machine and made him useless the price of their ideals. Coming now, the revolution may carry with it some to a machine and made him useless the price of their ideals. The Irish, who are far from being paid with their lives the precious

Permit me to quote several authori-

brought about the present war."

If that is true, would you help bring about a state of affairs in this country where we too would become a nation of soldiers, so that we too may some day lose our balance and precipitate a great inter-continental war? There is nothing that creates a disregard for justice as much as a sense of power based on physical force. Would it not case of military training, unless the be glad if a similar revolution puts students take up the work seriously, it the people in control of Germany. Just is a deadly grind from start to finish, as they will be glad if the revolution It has not the attractiveness either of a career or a sport. If they go into it as a career for life, they must inevitably look forward to "the day" when they can demonstrate their ability to do something that no one wants done."

POSSIBLY such a revolution is not coming. And yet it may be on the wing all over Europe. And it may reach America—let us hope in a dif-

of their lives making soldiers of themselves."

General Nelson A. Miles, former commander-in-chief of the U.S. army, speaking before the Senate and House ommittee on Military Affairs, on March, 1916, said that he was utterly opposed to compulsory service for the nation. According to his testimony a great many soldiers had to be taken away from Gettysburg in the most critical hour, checked the riots caused by conscription. Let me add right here after filling the prisons with men who refused to join the army the number raised by the draft amounted to 2-3 per cent of the whole army of the North.

Major William C. Harley, of the U. S. Marine Corps, and Vice-president of the American Rifle Association, says "Unhappy and dissatisfied men are of no earthly use to a military body. I am absolutely opposed vice or any kind of service, except that which is rendered by willing men. to universal service, compulsory serthat which is rendered by wining men.

I am opposed to it because dumb, driven cattle cannot be taught or the suffering of the people becomes.

The German Chancellor has gone so The German Chancellor has gone so The German Chancellor has gone so the suffering of the people becomes. but the quality of it which adds lustre to an army. Unwilling men burden armies, eat its substance, retard its action, and tax the people to death. Even if there were enough jails and Federal Constabularies to enforce accustomed to its light-hearted way universal service without riots among of treating social problems, was very a free people, it would not be a good slow in coming to realize the grave business to do it."

Gentlemen, I feel that at least as living. We slept in a fool's paradise, far as we are concerned, the great and dreamed a fantastic dream in the price which Europe is now paying slumber of so-called war prosperity. would be entirely in vain if we were Riots for bread quickly changed that to learn nothing else from this war rosy dream into a hideous nightmare. but to repeat the folly that those And now we are getting awake, and countries which have brought this our eyes are opening to the dark great misfortune upon the world.

I hope that you will vote against the resolution.

POOR HOUSING DISEASE AID. Poor housing aids tuberculosis, says Oscar E. Hewitt in the Chicago Herald news. Thus, in reporting the sessions ald.

That disease kills people. Between 3,000 and 4,000 die of it annually in Chicago. The city is levying an annual tax of \$1,040,000 to combat this plague.

So far as poor housing contributes to this enormous expense, greedy landlords are responsible for fastening this tax upon the community. \$1,000,000 a year.

And the public will continue to pay. How long, no one knows. An idea of gouge the public. the damage already done is conveyed by Dr. C. P. Caldwell, superintendent that representatives of foreign coun-of the municipal tuberculosis sanitries are buying up crop, meat and tarium. He estimated that it will re-

## the brink of hunger and starvation.

food kings are bringing, very legally, be headed off? Can labor compel a peaceful solution? **Revolutions Leading To** 

Revolution

By JOSEPH E. COHEN.

with the establishment of a republic

They rejoice, too, because they are in-

abuse to make it appear the Social-

ists who oppose America's going to war are pro-Germans. Well, the Rus-

sian revolution is anti-German. And

the Socialists are glad of the Russian

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means he will always strive. If any-

where bloodshed comes it will be be-

cause the ruling class brings it. Phy-

sical violence is the worst way of hav-

FURTHERMORE, the Russian

democratic revolution, nevertheless was brought about by the masses,

driven by their own desperate straits

because of lack of food and war suf-

fering. Exactly the same influences

are at work bringing on an uprising

in Germany, in England, France and

far as to say it will surely take place

THE QUESTION of food is the

question of life and death. America,

ing a revolution.

future before us.

items were suppressed:

And the Socialists of America will

revolution.

By WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST In The Chicago American.

bargo will relieve the situation.

SUPPRESSION of such vital infor-

mation may temporarily fool the

meet it by sane and sufficient city,

the situation, and play with death.

to another or whether it is in reality a step toward popular government. I imagine, however, that every disturbance of this kind makes more or less for popular government and

that the Russian revolution is significant in that way.

Our papers have been the only ones in the country that have had any intelligent idea of the revolutionary conditions in Europe involved in this war. You have written about it in numerous editorials and I have writ-That would be a sweet enough reward for the long list of martyrs who have ten about it myself in several articles.

The revolutions are not going to be confined to Russia. Hollweg sees and says that there is a new freedom coming for Germany as well as for

France has long had her freedom, but will undoubtedly progress further in the direction of Socialism.

Socialists especially rejoice because the revolution is more than political. The revolution in England will be as complete as elsewhere, but probties on this question, whose opinion all ternationalists, striving for world peace and fraternity. For the American peace and fraternity for the English people accomplish their revolutions, as they do everything else they undertake, in a stolid, undemonstrative kind of a way, but they accomplish them just the same.

If Russia was an autocracy England was an aristocracy. Everything land was an aristocracy. Everything dropped the hyphen. He was mild in England has been for the benefit compared with Professor Gayley, who of the ruling or aristocratic classes. was excited. Trembling with emotion, These aristocratic classes had a trust —a control in politics, in land owner—God (like King George and the Kaiser

opportunity which they could not se- our mother. If we had not had a Ger-

cording to the accepted methods of gasped. After a moment the English less was astonishingly peaceful. Com- him and his influence and power with pared with it the American revolution the aristocracy instead of with the stablished our republic was a people, from whom he came, and with Then Professor Gayley sat down which established our republic was a people, from whom he came, and with whom he naturally should have been amidst vociferous applause from cershown us that thoro education and in sympathy.

Thus the aristocracy trust perpetchange with a minimum of bloodshed. uated its privileges and fortified its It has always been the avowed aim position. It rode the masses almost as cruelly as did the French aristocracy before the French Revolution.
I think the system will be destroyed, and probably has been destroyed. The people of England will never be content to go back to the conditions that prevailed before the

How much further the revolution revolution, while not a complete social will go is a question. If the war continues long enough and the people of the various countries become sufficiently resentful at their rulers I believe we will have revolutions of riot and revolutions of repudiation—revolutions which will set up new gov-ernments and refuse to be bound by the obligations which the old govor not the uprising takes place during ernments incurred.

That is a thing which Americans have to contemplate with some anxiety, and our papers have warned Americans not to place too much trust or invest too much money in the present governments of the European I think the administration at Wash-

ington did right when it warned American banks against investments of raise a volunteer army but it takes this kind, and I think the administration did wrong when, merely thru pique because of Germany's unwillingness to comply with Washington's interpretation of international law, the banks were allowed to extend their investments in these perilous and precarious foreign countries. There ought to be a revolution in

Germany as well as in Russia and in England, and there probably will be. TO MAKE the future seem darker

York, recently released from the fighting machines".

prison at Trenton, N. J., in which inthan it is, there is every evidence of a deliberate attempt on the part of prison at Trenton, N. J., in which inthe capitalist daily press to hide the stitution he served a two-year term for having committed the terrible crime of raising his voice in behalf of Commissions the following important the workers of Roosevelt, when they went on strike against the exploita-tion of Mr. Rockefeller, will under-The evidence given by a "potato king" that half a dozen men in Philatake an extensive lecture and organdelphia handle half the potatoes, and ization tour thru different states. Following is the itinerary as now arthat a dozen men in Maine dictate ranged by the secertary of the federation but which may be changed according to the requirements of the reprices to farmer and consumer for the best part of the crop of storable potatoes in the United States: quests: New York, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wilmington, Del.; Washington, D. C.; Baltimore, Md.; Pittsburgh Pa., and surrounding towns; Bellaire, Ohio; hence he will touch a few places in West Virginia, and proceed to Scranton Parand, all currents to Parand, all currents to Parand, all currents and proceed to Scranton Parand, all currents and proceed to Scranton Parand, all currents are presented to the second s The evidence given by a State Dairy and Food Commissioner that legisment to the storage house law which makes it easier for speculators to The evidence of this Commissioner ton, Pa., and all surrounding towns.

## that nothing less than a national em-In California University

By LUELLA TWINING.

public. In the long run it will be shown to be the same kind of wisdom as that of the Czar and the Russian bureaucracy, in dealing with their bureaucracy, in dealing with their sity of California (second largest university in the United States) are students into a fury of military

state and federal action, and so avoid frenzy. In nearly all class rooms (presided riot and rebellion. Or we can ignore over by English, Russian, and French professors), if an opportunity does not offer itself to the professor to In his last message to congress the President of the United States used these words: "The people of the United States do not want war." express his hatred of the Germans and the necessity of shooting some civilization into those barbarians, as they call They do not. Is the president of the them, he makes that opportunity. United States going to stand by the

For instance Professor Lowenberg, Ph. D., pretending to lecture on philo-sophical subjects as applied to literpeople? Or is he going to do the bidding of the munition makers and god speculators and ask the American people to give up their lives in the service of their worst enemies—

ature, in the discussion of what is worth living for and what is worth dying for, said,

"The hedonist says, 'what difference does it make what flag I live under. I want to eat, drink and be merry. That is all that matters to ma'. The these who are pushing the nation to Can the violent uprising which the That is all that matters to me.' The activist says 'Life helps the achievement of eternal principles. If the only things that give meaning to life are in danger—give your life up.'—What deserves to live more than the individual? Why, the nation." Socialism, Says Hearst

I agreed with that I would give up my life to establish the Socialist republic in our nation, to destroy child labor in our nation. But this was not I do not know how complete the what our philosopher had in mind. Russian revolution is—whether it is While we were considering his arguwhat our philosopher had in mind merely a change from one autocrat ment, we were astounded to hear him begin a violent attack on the Germans. "To go to war to fight the Germans" to him, meant the expression was funny.

My Doelay made the elegate remark. of an eternal principle.

#### Even Professors Differ.

Fortunately there are professors in the university who are not only ad- which way the wind is going to blow. vocates of peace but are active in its vocates of peace but are active in its propaganda. Among these are Profesend of the line: Stratton, Hawerth, and Pope. Professor Pope has instituted a nalaboring men and for the railroads are tion-wide petition for peace. But their peace notes are lost in

the blatant shouts for war. The climax the Supreme Court was going to decame when a meeting was held in cide as it did? Remember, the rail-Harmon Gymnasium to enroll recruits roads gave in less than twelve hours for a California unit in the American before the noble body of jurists hand-Ambulance Corps to work in France. ed down their decree. Five thousand students packed the hall. Professor Barrows confined his talk to discussion of the Ambulance institution—nothing personal.) Corps but Professor Gayley and Mr. W. H. Crocker, probably the richest man in the state, turned it into an

anti-German demonstration. Mr. Crocker said, "Thank God that after these two and a half years we can at lallow the law to settle their differ-last express our opinions. Thank God we are not obliged to remain neutral." nations in a far greater degree than these two and a half years we can at He launched into an attack on the in the past, avoid war by resorting to Germans adding, however, that he is arbitration. glad that the German-Americans have ship, in tax exemption, in social recognition, in all kinds of benefits and privileges.

The mass of the people were recreases in this world, France, the

duced to the point of penury and United States and England. England were leaving the British Isles in distance the droves in order to find elsewhere the all our rights from England. She is cure at home.

The aristocratic trust operated achave left England. (The students

you are in sympathy with the cause of

tain sections.

Result Of Years Of Agitation. Thus thru engendering hatred among those of different nations are

these men endeavoring to plunge us into war. A military spirit which has been

developing in the university for forty years made that meeting possible. The University of California took advantage of the Moral Act of 1870 which grants 30,000 acres of land to all state universities incorporating military training in their curriculum On drill days the campus suggests an armed camp. Hundreds of

students hurry to and fro, clad in soldiers' uniform, some with a sword clanking at their sides, others with a gun on one side and a knife on the other, astonish visitors on the campus. Military drill for two years is compulsory for all male students. Lec-

tures are given from time to time to the public to create an interest in military matters. Recently in a public lecture an offi-cer of the military department said

"If we train officers, we can have a good voluntary army in this country in a short time. It is not difficult to six months for them to become good fighting machines. \* \* \* We teach students to carry a rifle, instruct them in field exercises, close order drill, outpost duty and first aid to the injured.

\* \* \* Screened by trenches they fire blank cartridges at an imaginary enemy. They learn about a soldiers duty.

Some Socialists and nearly every-body else believe that military drill is for physical training. The military official assures us, however, that the Comrade Leonardo Frisina, of New military training is to make "good

paring for war. Now they are ready.

## BENSON LEAFLETS.

I see in your paper a compliment for BENSON'S LEAFLETS, and about the votes they won for Socialism. I shake hands with Mr. Klinger. That leaflet was what took my vote from Wilson for Benson so in case war was declared my hands would be CLEAN of blood.
I have studied and talked Socialism

ever since and intend when I can afford it to buy better Socialist literature.—A Reader; Newton, Kans.

## OUCH!!

A Cleveland (O.) man confined a by Dr. C. P. Caldwell, superintendent of the municipal tuberculosis sanitarium. He estimated that it will require \$20,000,000 annually and ten years of time to eliminate the disease from this one city.

The evidence of this Commissioner of foreign countries are buying up crop, meat and the will proceed to Binghampton, N.Y.; Rochester, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Rochester, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Rochester, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Rochester, N. Y.; Erie, hundred children in a canning factory and the opinion of this Commissioner where the tour will come to an end.

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## People Getting Wiser

People are growing wiser.

During the past few months eggs have moved with startling rapidity along the upward price curve. Here and there a fortunate commission assisted by the faculty of the University of California (second largest university in the United States) are doing everything possible to lash the students into a fury of military eggs. Housewives in other cities pro-tested to the authorities, demanding protection against the "egg trust". The egg dealers replied with the statement that the war was responsible; that there was a scarcity of the eggs and that freight congestion rendered it impossible to supply the market. These and many equally unconvincing arguments were advanced to justify the price increase.

No one denied that the hens were laying about as usual. No one could prove that there was a particular shortage of eggs in any part of the country.
You will find the rest of this article

in the April leaflet entitled, "The High Cost Of Living" by Scott Nearing. Issued by the national office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Meadison St., Chicago. Prices: 10 cents per 100; 75 cents per

## "Grant" The 8-Hour Day

By LUCIEN SAINT. (Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON.—Well, the rail-roads "granted" the eight hour day less than twelve hours before the Supreme Court decided that the eight

Mr. Dooley made the classic remark that the Supreme Court follows the election returns. This is true.

But the Supreme Court also sees

The judges who voted against the Also: Did the railroads know that

(This is written because the writer does not like the Supreme Court as an Let's have a Congressional investi-

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BOOK BARGAIN BULLETIN

## Organization Column.

NOTE.—We want the best brains in the Socialist movement to contribute ideas to this "Organization Column". We feel that the best organization ideas come from those who really do the work of organization, the rank and file of the membership who are always on the job. Let us hear from you. Send all communications to the Organization Column Editor. The American Socialist, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

APPEAR TO GOOD ADVANTAGE Two articles on organization could not have appeared to better advantage in the same column of the same issue than those of Comrades Deino and Harriman in The American Socialist

The psychology of the former is a vital point in propaganda work and has an easily traceable economic source. Farmers who hire their farms are not so prone to the qualms which Comrade Deino describes. The renters unions of the southwestern states which are in close touch with the Party prove this. It is notably the owning farmer who has misgivings about socialism. He has inherited or bought title to the land which he works. The land title has a capital value based on the net income from the property above the current wage of the farm labor employer or put in to the place by the farmer. This capi tal value is a credit asset which the working farmer especially is chary of risking in political changes which might affect the value of titles. The farmer whose "farm is mortgaged from one end to the other". is in a position similar to that of the stock gambler who is betting on a margir in the hope of gaining full possession He is more interested in winning than in perceiving how little he has to lose by a political change that would enable him to do much better as a wage carner or renter than he can as the owner of an equity. Not infrequently,

The farmers' market and supply problems are bringing them together into cooperative associations. These into cooperative associations. These associations are being studied and fostered by the Department of Agriculture thru its office of Markets and Rural Organization. This office maintains a corps of investigators who devote all their time to helping such organizations by perfecting their methods of doing business.

shrinkage might wipe out the equity.

Property discussions do not get the

These farmers' cooperatives are practical socialism. Comrade Harriman's suggestion that the party put itself in a position to support them politically by lining up their beneficiaries behind the party is most timely. It presents a promising way of securing the backing of the rural population and of bringing the rural popula-tion to its own. How far Comrade problematical. In its present form it back. However, it is a certainty that the party locals can benefit their memhers and extend their political influence by building up cooperative marketing organizations among their members. Beginning with a few staples they can soon become dealers in many. If you do not believe this read "Socialists at Work", by Robert Hunter and inquire of Local Fitchburg (Finnish). Better still, stop off in Fitchburg. Such cooperatives soon reach back to direct dealing with the farmer. He learns the gospel thru his pocket and learned in this way it is not forgotten.—J. A. Rikardoj.

## Contest News

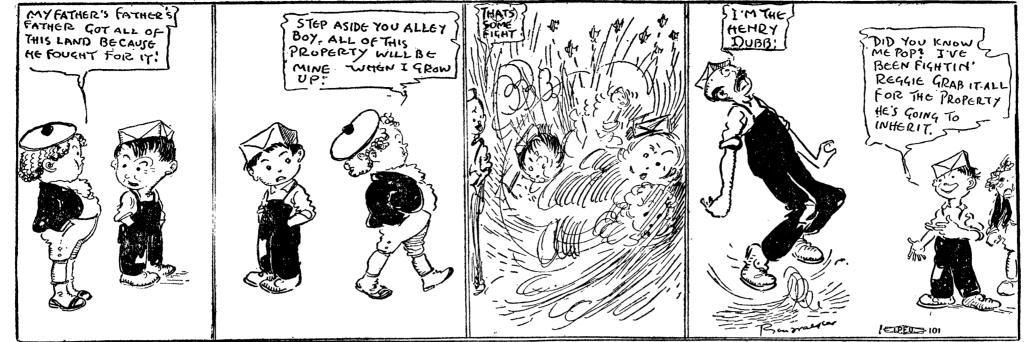
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## **Convention Information**

Here is some information for delegates and visitors to the coming national convention. Cut this out for future reference.

Chicago, Ill, March 20, 1917 Dear Comrades:—We have decided to hold the Emergency National Convention in the Banquet Hall of the Planters Hotel, St. Louis. After a week however, he has put his surplus or his of searching in Chicago, we were uncredit into fixed improvements instead able to find a centrally located hall of clearing his title and this puts him that was available during the period in a way to lose much thru a small of our convention. After communicatdefault in case the speculative value of titles begins to shrink and banks to tighten up on that class of property. With a mortgage on the property the with a mortgage on the property the control of the country of th vantages.

> The management of the Planters Hotel has placed the Banquet Hall and the necessary committee rooms at our disposal free of cost, expecting, of course, that we make the hotel headquarters. The rates are as fol-

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Rooms for two persons and bath \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 per day. The Planters Hotel is located in the heart of the business section of the city and can be easily reached from

the railroad station. Please give the following directions tion to its own. How far Comrade to your delegates. To reach the meet-Harriman's amendment will go toward accomplishing this desirable result is car, Manchester, Laclede and Market, running East on Market St. Get off seems to open the way for a feud of at Broadway and Market, walk one the theories like those of two decades block east to Fourth st, and one block north. The hotel is located opposite the Court house on Fourth st., between

Chestnut and Pine sts.

are on the unfair list.

Trusting that the growing seriousness of the present situation will im-press upon your state organization the necessity of having a full delegation, I am, with all good wishes,

Fraternally yours, ADOLPH GERMER Executive Secretary

## IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes.

P. E. Tomlinson, Winona, Minn... 24 day and increased wages marks an-Miss E. W., Holyoke, Mass..... 20 other long step forward for the whole J. N. Carter, Omaha, Nebr..... 7 labor movement on this continent.
This is true not so much because 400,-Mrs. C. Schase, Youngstown, Ohio 4 000 men secured the shorter workday Ida Bienstock, Hartford, Conn..... 2 and wage advances that many other Robert H. Wilson, Brattleboro, Vt. - trades already enjoy, but for the rea-Wm. Heino, Wilkeson, Wash..... son that virtually a new principle in government has been given added recognition and emphasis in the decision rendered by the United States Supreme Court on the heels of the agree-ment reached by the railways and the brotherhoods thru the mediation of the representatives of the Court of National Defense. In the published abstracts of the court decision and in I. V. Yinget, Kenosha, Wis. . . . right to legislate to reduce the hours of labor and increase wages. While Max Cenis, Irwin, Pa..... - this power is described as Let us see: Wasn't it the gentlemen for whom certain misguided Socialists voted, on the ground that he had "the public increst begets a public right of regulation to the full extent responsibility of breaking with Germany and thus almost causing the death of millions on his individual say so?"

The Little Comrade" is a newcomer among papers and it surely is "different". It aims to interest the children and is written in the regulation to the full extent to interest the children and is written in the rems and talk that they can learn to love and understand. Tells all about the "Bazons" who tied all things, even thoughts, into big bags and labelled them with a maric word "Mine". Just a little 4 page monthly but it's well worth while. Sub price is 50c gress acted within its powers in providing a wage standard and other viding a wage standard and other Let us see: Wasn't it the gentlemen "the public increst begets a public

means necessary to protect the public interests. It also declared that the King Cotton And Its Adamson act is neither unworkable. confiscatory, experimental nor in excess of Congressional railroad regulatory authority, as was claimed by the attorneys for the railways. Attorney-General Gregory is quoted as saying that "the decision disposes of the large questions immediately involved, and will likely have a bearing on other issues which may develop." It is un-doubtedly a fact that other similar issues will develop, now that this impor-tant concession has been wrested from the captains of industry and those who control the reins of government. The interpretation that the Adamson act is "compulsory arbitration" does not necessarily detract from the real value of the victory gained or frighten the workers against invoking their politi-cal power to make still further progcompel recognition of their economic power, just as the capitalists have lone in years past, and by using their political advantages they are doubly sure of gaining still more improvements. Considered from every standpoint, this decision of the United States Supreme Court was epoch-

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George R. Kirkpatrick, the Party's candidate for Vice-President last year, and, with the possible exception of Gene Debs, our leading platform representative, is making several dates for the Yipsel's. He is speaking for them at Cleveland and Detroit while on his way to Chicago, where he addresses the gigantic campaign symposium given by the North Side and Maplewood leagues on April first. April first.

Queens Circle No. 1, Brooklyn, N. Y., has been giving fine help in running socialist anti-war meetings, and in other affairs. They are doing some splendid press agent work, and make good use of a big bulletin board on which they post their doings.

The Watertown, N. Y. Yipsels initiated their fine new headquarters with an anti-war meeting that won over two columns of space

New Britain, Conn. recently conducted an interesting soap-box evening in which all took part. Lectures and a "Russian Revolution Jubilee" also formed part of last month's

Bronx No. 1, N. Y., reports a public discussion meeting on "Are the interests of employers and workers identical", and a lecture by Clara Ruge, on "The Modern Drama". They are doing good press agent work.

"Enthusiasm is our slogan", says Rochester, N. Y. It looks that way. A reading by Prof. Fairchild of Rochester University, rehearsals for a big play, preparations for the inter-league debates, and the biggest dance of the year, are just a few of the things now in preparation.

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## White Slaves In Georgia

By IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

It was in Columbus, Georgia, where he thunderous roar of the mills shook the air from morning till night. The man talking to me was forty-two years old. He had entered the cotton mills at seven: he had spent thirtyfive years in them. He was then getting nine dollars a week, with a sick wife and a daughter of twelve to sup-port. He added three dollars a week to his wages by "spieling" Saturday afternoons,—which were half-holidays-for an auction sale.

His wages at seven were twenty cents a day. The little beginners were employed as sweepers and dolfersress. Every law is more or less compulsion; it depends wholly on who wields the law and who gains and who said when he was so little his mind must yield to its mandate. The work- was in a daze as to what he had to thru their organizations, can do. He had certain portions of the

from five to afteen cents a yard, the weavers receive on an average about \$1.50 a day.

suckle it. After the birth of a child dictum, "Increase and multiply." So doth economic interest shape religious

meeting that won over two columns of space in the capitalist press the following day.

The Y. P. S. L. of Hartford, Conn. recently defeated the American Branch Socialist Party of the same city in a debate on "Resolved, that the Socialist Party shall advocate immediate reforms", the league taking the affirmative. The next debate between the same organizations is on "Pesolved, that the United States shall adopt a system of universal military training". The Y. P. S. L. is also conducting a fair and dance to benefit the American Branch and help put it on its feet. clothes and shoes, or whose clothing is so ragged that the other children make fun of them, and whose teachers send them home with notes to the parents to provide better clothes for them, or to wash their faces. There is no one at home to wash their faces

for them, and frequently they do not Joseph Vendituoli, secretary of the Providence, R. I., league, thinks very highly of the help given by the National Champs, and would like some of his fellow Yipsels to give him some tips on how to bring various cizcles within a state or neighborhood into closer touch with one another. His address is 14 America St., and live-wire Yipsels are invited to write to him direct on this topic. have the slightest toilet conveniences. that comes into their ignorant and barren lives. They lose their jobs, leave their families to find work and never get enough ahead to send for them. Or, with the first child, they find family cares become burdensome The grocery bill is four dollars a week. the rent is six; they are getting only nine dollars a week, so they have left only fourteen dollars in the month for clothes, medicine, school, meat, milk,

wood and laundry. Under The Profit System.

The average is constantly growing ess. The draper looms, demanding more than double the work, decrease the actual pay. So the young house-holder gets discouraged and quits the scene, finding his sexual satisfactions where he can. The wife is left help-less, and frequently augments her feeble resources by what she can make on the street.

All this occurs under the beautiful and virtuous conditions of the profit system. But of course it is only Socialists that want to break up the home by giving to the worker the product of his toil so that he can afford to support his family decently.

## THE CALL OF THE WILD By JACK LONDON.

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formed another exploit, not so heroic, perhaps, but one that put his name

"And break it out, and walk off up to three to one against Buck.

there is a young baby it is brought at with brutal directness; "so don't let night to the mill that its mother may that hinder you."

Mastodon King and old-time comrade. caught his eyes. It was a cue to him, seeming to rouse him to do what he would never have dreamed of doing. Side. He took his head in his two hands and rested cheek on cheek. He

asked, almost in a whisper. "Sure," answered O'Brien, thump-

(Continued from last week.)

Performs Another Exploit.

That winter, at Dawson, Buck performed another exploit not so heroic.

Plan For The Test.

the outfit which it furnished, and were enabled to make a long-desired odds. Several hundred men, furred the answer, in terms, not of speech, the several hundred men, furred the answer, in terms, not of speech, the several hundred men, furred the answer, in terms of love. The several hundred men, furred the several hundred men h trip into the virgin East, where min- and mittened, banked around the sled but of love. Thornton stepped well ers had not yet appeared. It was brought about by a conversation in the Eldorado Saloon, in which men waxed boastful of their favorite dogs. Buck, because of his record, was the target for these men and Thornton and mittened, banked around the sled within easy distance. Matthewson's sled, loaded with a thousand pounds of flour, had been standing for a couple of hours, and in the intense cold (it was sixty below zero) the slacked them for a matter of several inches. It was the way he had learned. target for these men, and Thornton runners had frozen fast to the hardwas driven stoutly to defend him.
At the end of half an hour one man two to one that Buck could not budge the description of the latest a sleet to the hardpacked snow. Men offered odds of two to one that Buck could not budge the tense silence. do. He had certain portions of the great floor-space to sweep, and he was always trying to figure out just what was his work.

Work Ten-Hour Day.

In these Georgia mills the work-day is ten hours. One operator tends four check looms, or from eight to twenty-four looms.

On this work, producing an average

At the end of half an hour one man stated that his dog could start a sled with five hundred pounds and walk off with it; a second bragged six hundred for his dog; and a third, seven hundred.

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"At the end of half an hour one man two to one that Buck could not budge the sled. A quibble arose concerning the phrase "break out." O'Brien contended it was Thornton's privilege to knock the runners loose, leaving Buck to "break it out" from a dead stand-break it out" from a dead stand-break it out." Grow a dead stand-break it out." From a dea with it for a hundred yards?" de-majority of the men who had wit-manded Matthewson, a Bonanza nessed the making of the bet decided King, he of the seven hundred vaunt. in his favor, whereat the odds went

child is well-grown his parents lie hear, "I've got a thousand dollars that he looked at the sled itself, the about his age, and thus evade the that says he can't. And there it is," concrete fact, with the regular team law. They are so miserably paid, so So saying, he slammed a sack of gold of ten dogs curled up in the snow often disabled, contract so much sick-dust of the size of a bologna sausage before it, the more impossible the

hitched, and Buck, with his own Thornton did not reply. He did not harness, was put into the sled. the mother is back in the mills in a few days. We may imagine how Margaret Sanger's clinics would be received here; how the aristocracy of the mill towns would be piously horrified at the breach of the "divine" Thornton did not reply. He did not harness, was put into the sled. He had caught the contagion of the excitement, and he felt that in some way he must do a great thing for thought and is seeking somewhere to John Thornton. Murmurs of admirring that will start it going ation at his splendid condition, withat the breach of the "divine" again. The face of Jim O'Brien, a out an ounce of superfluous flesh, and of the strikers. again. The face of Jim O'Brien, a out an ounce of superfluous flesh, and of the strikers.

By RYAN WALKER the one hundred and fifty pounds that he weighed were so many pounds of grit and virility. His furry coat shone with the sheen of silk. Down the neck and across the shoulders, his mane, in repose as it was, half bristled and seemed to lift with every movement, as the excess of vigor made each particular hair alive and active. The great breast and heavy fore legs were no more than in proportion with the rest of the body, where the muscles showed in tight rolls underneath the skin. Men felt these msucles and proclaimed them hard as iron, and the odds went down to two to one.

"Gad, sir! Gad, sir!" stuttered a member of the latest dynasty, a king of the Skookum Benches. "I offer you eight hundred for him, sir, before the test, sir; eight hundred just as he stands.'

Thornton shook his head and stepped to Buck's side.
"You must stand off from him,"

Matthewson protested. "Free play and plenty of room." The crowd fell silent; only could

be heard the voices of the gamblers vainly offering two to one. Every-body acknowledged Buck a magnifi-cent animal, but twenty fifty-pound sacks of flour bulked too large in their eyes for them to loosen their pouch-strings.

Thornton knelt down by Buck's "Can you lend me a thousand?" he ked, almost in a whisper.
"Sure," answered O'Brien, thump-"As you love me, Buck. As you love me," was what he whispered. Buck whined with suppressed eagerness.

Love's Answer. The crowd was watching curiously. The affair was growing mysterious. many notches higher on the totempole of Alaskan fame. This exploit was particularly gratifying to the tables were deserted, and the dealers three men; for they stood in need of the outfit, which it furnished and the couffit wh

Buck duplicated the manocuvre, this time to the left. The crackling turned into a snapping, the sled pivoting and the runners slipping and 

"Now, MUSH!" Thornton's command cracked out like a pistol-shot. Buck threw himself often disabled, contract so much sickless from lack of ventilation, superheat, monotonous motions, lack of proper exercise and food, and suffer such enforced periods of idleness that the wages of all who can be rallied to work are necessary to support the Chestnut and Pine sts.

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