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## Morgan Mourns

There is great mourning and gnashing of teeth in Wall Street, especially in the House of Morgan.

Plans are being perfected to have the Entente allies form a war council to handle all of the war business Morgan and his Wall Street aids have been taking care of in the past.

This will bring an end to the tremendous profits reaped by the financial pirates of Wall Street, headed by J. Pierpont Morgan.

It is charged that Morgan has loaned about one billion dollars to the Entente allies.

It is charged that it was to secure this and other loans that the United States, in addition to other reasons, was pushed into this war.

Meyer London, Socialist, charged the other day in congress that the profits of the financial pirates during this bloody business sometimes went as high as 1,600 per cent. In other words, out of every dollar spent in this country, the warring nations got six cents worth of real value. All the rest was profits for somebody.

That seven billion dollar bond issue was too big a melon to be cut up this way without some kind of a protest from the American workers, who will finally foot the bills of this war.

So it is promised to depose Emperor Morgan, financial ruler of America. Good news if true news.

Now let the nation confiscate all of Morgan's income over \$5,000 annually, give him a real job while he is alive and appropriate all of his wealth thru an inheritance tax when he dies. That is one way of getting rid of the Romanoffs of the United States.

Few tears will be shed, we are sure, as Morgan mourns the loss of his war profits. Let this be a start in the fight to take all profits out of war. Then there will soon be an end of war itself.

Circulars were secretly distributed among millions of workers in Germany prior to May Day, May 1, denouncing Field Marshal von Hindenburg's appeal to them not to strike as "the lying message of the idol of the imperialists". It is not hard to discover similar "idols" being used by the "imperialists" of this country.

## "Horrors!" Three Times

President Wilson is to be given power to commandeer all shipyards, together with all ships building and laid, either for domestic or foreign contract, in order to combat the U-Boat menace.

He is also to be given power to say that no steel is to be employed in the construction of buildings, bridges or other construction or structural work without his permission.

Horrors! This will certainly interfere with private profits, destroy the home, break up the family relation, smash religion, wreck all initiative, bring on a reign of free love, and do all the other things that the enemies of Socialism have charged against it.

And these are only a few of the powers being turned over to the President. Three times we say it, "Horrors, Horrors, Horrors!"

There is no doubt that the control of the national government over industry will be greatly extended during the next few months, possibly resulting in an extension of government ownership that we little dream of at the present time.

It remains for the Socialist movement to democratize and socialize that control and ownership.

After nearly all the food had been shipped out of the country, and the people were on the verge of rising in revolt, the Swedish government has finally forbidden the exportation of all foodstuffs hitherto permitted. Of course the United States will not profit by the lesson that this action teaches.

## A Job For The King!

King George of England, who is supposed to be ruler of a good deal of the remainder of world, has at last found a job. When last heard from he was spading up a potato patch in the truck gardens of Windsor Castle.

Whether this report is really true or not, it is the first intimation we have had that George has ever attempted any real useful labor.

We suggest that he be given a permanent job raising potatoes. George's activities, even in this war, have shown that the people of Great Britain do not need a king. There is nothing for him to do.

A republic for the people of Great Britain! A job for the king!

## Who Wins?

There can be no truce between capital and labor, not even during a war, not even during the kind of a war the United States has declared on Germany.

This in spite of the promises and pledges made by certain labor leaders who are trying to toady to the national administration.

Witness the struggle of the bakery workers in Chicago against the local tentacles of the bread trust. The workers had grievances, just complaints, that they wanted settled. In order to settle them they went on strike.

Immediately the cry of antipatriotism went up from the yelping jingo press. The United States district attorney was brought in and forced a settlement.

"The settlement was most unfair to us," said the bakery workers.

"The agreement is fair to both sides, but a victory for us," said the bakery owners.

Yet the bakery workers would have been worse off if they had not fought at all. They have not given up their right to strike. They will strike again when the opportunity affords.

Surrender of the right to strike, even in time of war, is suicidal to the labor movement. That right has not been surrendered by the workers in any country at war in Europe. Why should the exploiters win this advantage over the workers here in the United States?

## Elihu Root, Who Befriended Czar, Can't Represent United States In Free Russia

VICTOR L. BERGER, first Socialist congressman, has rejected proposals made to him that he accept a membership on the commission to be sent to Russia by the United States government.

He declines to serve if Elihu Root, corporation lawyer and big business politician, is retained as head of the commission.

Abraham I. Shiplacoff, Socialist member of the New York state legislature, has launched a fight against Root, apostle of reaction, in the halls of the assembly in that state.

So that, if President Wilson will not listen, and recall Root from the head of the Russian commission, the people of this country will gradually learn of America's first crime against Russia's free people.

### STILL TIME TO FIRE ROOT.

We hesitate to charge that President Wilson knowingly appointed Root to this position. If he was not acquainted with the reactionary record of this corporation lackey he has yet time to retrace his steps.

Three indictments were made against Root in the New York state legislature by Shiplacoff as follows:

That Elihu Root, as United States senator from New York state had introduced a measure purporting to abolish the time-honored and progressive American policy of keeping the doors of this country open for the political refugees of other countries, thus demonstrating his hostility towards the very people who brought about the revolution in Russia and who are now at the head of its government.

That the Constitutional Convention of New York state in 1915, largely thru the influence of Mr. Root, framed a constitution which was defeated by an overwhelming majority of the votes of the people, which incident is further proof of Mr. Root's inability to understand and sympathize with the hopes and desires of a democratic people. That the whole political career of Elihu Root constitutes a succession of acts and utterances for which he was frequently and justly referred to as the Tory of American politics.

When the Socialist attack on Root's appointment as head of this commission began it was announced that the names of the other members of the commission would be given out in a day or two. Many days have now passed and still the other appointments are held up.

It is to be hoped that the next announcement to be made regarding this commission will be that the name of Elihu Root has been withdrawn.

### PROSECUTOR OF RUDOWITZ AND POURÉN.

It was Elihu Root who did his best to send Christian Rudowitz and Jan Pourén, escaped from the grip of the bloody Czar, back to the land of quick death or cruel exile.

The crime Rudowitz and Pourén had committed was trying to establish the free government that now prevails in Russia. Root was for the body Czar and against Rudowitz, Pourén and free government for Russia.

It was the Socialist press, the Socialist Party and the workingclass movement generally, thruout the land, that saved Rudowitz and Pourén, defeated Root and his foul purposes, that foiled the minions of the Czar, that maintained the right of political asylum in America.

In declining to serve on this commission, Berger took the position that working class acquiescence in the appointment of Root cannot be bought with the appointment of a Socialist to this commission.

Root must go or the commission stands discredited in the eyes of freedom-loving America and the free government of Russia.

It is to be hoped that President Wilson will see his mistake. Not that the United States has anything to teach Russia at the present time. But the right kind of a commission might learn much from Russia that would help democratize the industrial autocracy of the United States.

If the president does not recall Root from the Russian commission, the people of the United States as well as of Russia may do some real thinking.

### PEOPLE MAY ASK QUESTIONS.

The people might ask, "Has Root been sent to Russia, not to speak for the American people, but as the agent of the money trusts and big corporations of the United States?"

Russia is being sorely tried these days. Its people are passing thru the great ordeal that brings social-democracy out of absolute autocracy.

The Russian people have been plundered for years by the Czar's government. They are poverty stricken. The government is sorely in need of funds. The nation is heavily indebted to the loan sharks of Wall Street.

"Is Root going to Russia as the agent of 'Loan Shark' Morgan, to help collect Morgan's debts and the debts of Wall Street?" the people may ask.

It is rumored that it was Mr. Bacon, formerly of the state department, and more formerly of Morgan & Co., who suggested Mr. Root to Mr. Wilson. It is pointed out that it was Mr. Bacon who was escorting Mr. Root when both of these gentlemen were recently stopped at the White House by a secret service man.

It was the robbing, grafting, spendthrift rule of the Romanoffs, befriended by Mr. Root in the Rudowitz and Pourén cases, that plunged the Russian government into debt

to the money lords and the munitions barons of America.

Root's appointment may confirm the suspicion why some of the money raised by the sale of those seven hundred dollars' worth of war bonds is not going to Russia, which needs this aid much more than Great Britain which received the first big slice.

Perhaps Root's mission is to use his tricks of diplomacy to get the Russian government, which needs money to finance its present needs, to consent to the use of its share of those seven billion dollars to pay Russia's old debts to Morgan and his Wall Street friends.

### ROOT AGENT OF MONEY LORDS.

If Root is sent to Russia, his mission will be to represent the American money lords. No Socialist, no representative of the working class of America, can join in such a mission.

Root's record is already known in Russia. Every exile, returning to this land of newborn freedom, carried the story of Root's loyalty to the Czar that was with him.

Let us not forget the significance of the protest meeting recently held in the streets of Petrograd against the hanging of Thomas J. Mooney, San Francisco, Cal., U. S. A.

If Root goes to Russia, his arrival may be hailed with mass meetings of protest against capitalist misuse in the United States and pleas for the overthrow of our American industrial autocracy.

For the benefit of President Wilson, so that he may know, we herewith re-publish part of a speech made by Victor L. Berger in congress in April 1912, in his fight against the infamous Root attack on the right of political asylum in this country. Berger said:

"If the Root amendment is to be construed literally then any man or woman who has come to this country on account of political persecution, and in quest of freedom is liable to be expelled if he or she contributes one dollar to the cause that is dear to them in their old home. I do not know what the purpose of the bill is, but there can be no doubt that the Root amendment can be so construed. And there is no doubt in my mind that if passed it will be so construed.

"And this would mean an entirely new policy for the United States. A policy just opposite of what we practiced since this country was formed. And even before that, when a colony.

"It is a policy entirely at variance from that of enlightened European countries. Particularly England, the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland and even Germany. Even in a semi-constitutional monarchy like Germany, the passage of such a law would be impossible nowadays.

"For our own country the Root amendment is a break with all traditions. In the past America has always been the asylum of the persecuted. While the desire for gain and trade had a great deal to do with the founding of most of the colonies, they were, virtually built up by religious and political refugees.

"The Pilgrim fathers of Massachusetts were refugees, who escaped political and religious persecution at home. A little later Baltimore was founded by Catholic refugees from England, who had left the mother country for the same reason as the Massachusetts refugees. The Huguenots, French refugees in South Carolina and the Moravians in North Carolina, did a good deal to build up these commonwealths. History praises William Penn and the Quakers and their 'Holy Experiment' in government in Pennsylvania, yet in the main these people were religious and political refugees. The immigration of German Quakers, under Daniel Bistrionis, who founded Germantown, now a part of Philadelphia, and the German Dunkards of Western Pennsylvania, all of them 'refugees', is less known, but they played an important part in building up that part of the country.

"Refugees were also covenanters and regicides who left England when the Stuart were restored under Charles II. These defeated rebels settled along the Atlantic coast and particularly in Virginia. The Fairfax, Washington and Goff families were among them.

"The large German immigration of 1883 was settled in the middle west and in Texas as the outcome of the agitation for more political liberty and the reaction of liberal tendencies in Germany. To all odds and purposes, these immigrants were refugees, also most of them were highly educated men—the eminent jurist, Lieber, was one of them—and even now in Painesville, near Milwaukee, old settlers speak of the 'Latin Farmers' of those days because they knew more about Julius Caesar and Horace than about farming.

"The Irish immigration of 1847 was as much the result of Daniel O'Connell's agitation as the failure of the potato crop.

"A very large German immigration after 1849 was undoubtedly an immigration of political refugees. Among them came Schurz, Sigel and Haacker, and the many hundred thousands that helped to settle the Civil War. Political causes were at the bottom of the German immigration at the end of the seventies and eighties. It was caused by the anti-Socialist exception laws. The Irish immigration of the eighties of the last century was the result of persecution of the land leaguers by the English government.

"The Russian immigration which began in 1883 is after all of the same type. The persecuted Jews and other Russians come to this country looking for an asylum and a new home.

"The Root amendment breathes the spirit of plutocracy. No matter how deep may be our political differences—how much we may disagree in economic and social matters—I hope we are a unit against this infamous amendment. Republicans, Democrats and Socialists still believe in the right of asylum in America.

"If this amendment becomes law no refugee would be safe. The Russian Government, according to a story written by the former head of the Russian Secret Service that I have recently read, maintains an extensive spy system in this country. New York and Chicago are full of agents of the Czar. What these men will do for money is only too well known to those of us who have seen their infamous work.

"It will be an easy matter for them to produce 'evidence' against all enemies of the Bloody Czar. And the Root amendment would make it possible for the Czar to get his enemies back into his clutches and to make short work of them. I sincerely hope that the Congress will not take this disgraceful step and pass this amendment."

A criminal war, conscription without the consent of those to be conscripted, a strangled press, abridgment of the right of free speech—these are some of the deeds that will live long to embarrass the present national administration. Is the latest of these to be the sending of Root to Russia?

## Farmers Ask Fair Deal; They Don't Need Advice

By A. C. TOWNLEY.

The farmers of America can double their crops this year; they can grow ten times as much food next year as they ever grew in any year before, and they don't need any advice to do this—they need a fair deal!

It is up to the United States government whether this year's crops shall be large or small.

This is what the government must do to get all this foodstuff:

Take over the distribution system.

Take over the packing plants, canneries, flour mills, warehouses, elevators and storage plants.

Take over the idle land held by speculating land holders, and distribute it among the hundreds of thousands of farmers who will make this land productive.

Loan the farmers money with which to buy seed, equipment and labor.

The social revolution will set every parasite to work and every wage-slave free.

Capitalism has had its day; tomorrow belongs to Socialism.

The slave who is content is ready for the undertaker.

Capitalism and private ownership are breaking down all along the line. Socialism and collective ownership are inevitable.

Billions for human slaughter but not a dollar for the desperate working women who are rioting in the streets for bread for their starving children.

Now is the time to join the Socialist Party and to count one in the only war in which the workers will ever be victorious, the war against war and against the system that breeds war.

Catherine Breshkovskaya, the grand old heroine of the Russian revolution, is now at liberty after more than 43 years of relentless persecution and exile. All hail to this grand old warrior of the revolution! Her name will forever be an inspiration to the toiling masses struggling for emancipation.

## International Socialist Conference At Stockholm

Preliminary sessions of the International Socialist Conference at Stockholm, Sweden, are now being held. The discussion of peace terms seems to be occupying the attention of the delegates in attendance.

According to cable reports, when Camille Huysmans, secretary of the International Socialist Bureau, answering questions on the program which so far as it has been formulated calls for peace without indemnities, said: "It is understood that Belgium must be re-established and that its material losses must be made good. We do not look on that as indemnity."

This view, it is said, is shared by all members who have participated in the conference, according to Hjalmar Branting, of Sweden, who has been chosen to preside over the preliminary sessions.

Before the opening of the conference, Pieter Troelstra, Dutch Socialist,

denied the meeting was inspired by Germans.

"We are not working for a separate peace and do not desire it," he said. "What we want is universal peace, and we believe the time has come when there is a chance of achieving it. We are most optimistic as to the outlook."

The Dutch delegation to the conference has addressed an appeal to socialist parties thruout the world, asking for support.

"The thought of peace is growing everywhere," says the appeal. "Every day that the war continues increases the suffering of the peoples, the hecatombs of the victims and the billions of debt. The situation is becoming intolerable and you should ask for peace terms. Meanwhile an immediate agreement between the socialist parties of all countries is necessary in order that internationalism may again develop its strength."

By a vote of 3,557 to 4,210 the Argentine Socialist Party in convention rejected the executive committee's report scoring Germany's U-Boat war and recommending arming of ships. A declaration for absolute neutrality was adopted.

## Exposure Helps

Stirred by the terrific exposure of conditions in army camps made in last week's American Socialist and in certain medical journals, the War Department has taken sudden and stringent action to clean up the camps. Official announcement was made by the war council May 7th, that a proscribed zone is to be fixed around every camp, and liquor and prostitutes are to be kept away from the men. Recreations, games, athletics and similar clean sports are to be organized and provided for leisure hours.

"This decision," says the announcement, "was reached after an exhaustive study of the European armies."

Nothing was said in press dispatches about the study of conditions in the American army camps, as revealed by the last week's article.

Publicity in this case brought an instantaneous and thro-going promise of reform. Yet this is the sort of publicity which the espionage and censorship bill aim to suppress.

Back The American Socialist! It will never cease to make the fight of the people against militarism and all its attendant horrors. Strengthen its hands! Extend its circle of readers! Get subscribers!

"Conscription is the basis of militarism. It is the beginning of the military policy of every despot. It is the last resort of a republic, and has been so from the beginning of time."—Senator Borah.

## We Don't Know!

"What shall we do now?" ask the young men of the nation, who have been voted to be food for cannon.

"What shall our answer be to this attempt to conscript us?" they ask.

It is the biggest question before the fathers and mothers, the sons and daughters of the nation today.

With the day of doom yet a while off, the answer from those questioned usually comes, "We don't know!"

But the young men, facing the specter of conscription day and night, night and day, every hour, every minute, every second, must have an answer.

So they work out the answer themselves. Said two young men, with the smile of triumphant youth upon their faces:

"We'll not do a thing. We have not been conscripted about this war. We do not know there is a war. We cannot understand the language of those who talk war. We cannot hear when we are called. The war's appeal will find in us no response. We'll not go forth to murder!"

Having thus decided, after weighing all the consequences, these two youths wait on with indifference, calm in the knowledge that their decision is right, prepared for passive resistance.

What will the government do with them?

The Rev. Thomas E. Sherman, son of the Civil War general who charged that, "War Is Hell!" goes his father one better by claiming that, "War Is Worse Than Hell!"

## Patriotic Plutes

"J. Ogden Armour Heads Nine Financiers Who Will SEND Volunteers To France."

We rubbed our eyes twice and then read that headline again. But we were not mistaken. The financial pirates of Chicago were really planning to send an army to France. No, thank you, they are not going themselves.

This must be an admission that, in addition to the failure of the volunteer campaign for this war, the effort to conscript will also fall by the wayside. So the food profiteers and the money kings are planning to raise a paid army of professional soldiers.

They ought to succeed to some extent. They already have the names of thousands of members of a Hessian army that they call out in every strike. Since Armour and his kind do not want to go to France and fight for the right to make profits out of the war, they will no doubt be able to find sufficient substitutes in their own standing army of strikebreakers.

We can only say "Amen" if Armour will send every strikebreaker, every gunman, every hired thug and paid assassin used in every struggle of labor to the front in France. We are sure no others will volunteer.

If in addition we could only send the Armours, Morgans, Rockefeller's, etc., etc., along with them, then the people might have a chance to really rule this country in their own behalf.

## Funds To Fight War!

Money is necessary to carry on War. Money is also necessary to carry on a War against War. We must have \$20,000 immediately to give wide circulation to the manifesto and war program adopted by the recent National Convention. The greater our financial resources, the more effectively can we carry on our battle against building a Prussian Militarism in the United States.

We are depending on you doing your part. We are prepared to do ours.

Collect from your fellow-workers, neighbors and whatever organizations you belong to, and make all remittances payable to National Office, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison St., Chicago, Illinois.



Workers Prepared With Spirit of Determination

BULLETIN.

As we go to press word comes that Thomas H. Tracy has been found "not guilty." This probably means that all of the others indicted as a result of the Everett conspiracy will also be free.

By CHARLES ASHLEIGH.

The end is now in sight of the case of Thomas H. Tracy, the workman charged with murder by the lumber trust of the Pacific Northwest, in the trials growing out of Everett's Bloody Sunday.

The result of his case will soon be known to the workers of America and from the result we may judge the probable fate of the other 72 workmen awaiting trial on a similar charge.

Facer For Prosecutor Black!

It has been the effort of the prosecution to prove that there was a conspiracy on the part of the men who went to Everett and that they had planned an armed expedition. So far, the State has failed lamentably in this.

During the cross-examination of Abraham Wimbome, a boy of 23, the Prosecuting Attorney, Lloyd Black, endeavoring to trip up the boy by giving an erroneous implication to the word "prepared," asked him, "So you came prepared, did you?"

Armed Only With Determination!

This was Wimbome's answer: "When I say 'prepared' I mean they were armed with the spirit of determination! Don't misunderstand my words, Mr. Black! I meant they were determined to uphold their rights with all their feeble strength; that is, I never really believed that such outrages and brutalities as those of Everett were possible under the Stars and Stripes, and so did not believe that anything but determination was necessary. So don't infer anything else, Mr. Black, because I never meant to imply anything else!"

Organization Road To Power.

Whereupon the discomfited Black asked: "Were you prepared for action?" "Yes!" said the boy, "Prepared to go to jail if necessary to get publicity. There were people in Everett who would refuse the rights of workers to tell their class brothers that there was a way whereby little children could get enough food and good education. How? By organizing into industrial unions, was what we meant, sir. We don't believe in bloodshed; thuggery is not our method. We leave that to Commercial Clubs."

After that Mr. Black appeared to have become a very chastened person. It is the glory of the revolutionary Socialist that in his lexicon there is no such word as defeat.

MILLS ON THE MOONEY CASE.

Do you wish to hear all about the Mooney Case by an authorized spokesman straight from California?

Walter Thomas Mills is in the East and is giving his whole time to the case of the defense. He has spoken to many unions and to several great mass meetings. In St. Louis, Mo., he addressed 10,000 people at the Coliseum, and to 4,000 packed into the Arcadia, with a 2,000 overflow at Detroit, Mich.

The International Workers' Defense League of San Francisco, Cal., has the prosecution broken down and must be supported in its fight to a finish to send to prison those who tried by bribery and fraud to hang the enemies of exploitation.

If you wish a visit and an address from Mills and are ready to help in this defense, write or wire him at 451 West 43rd St., Chicago, Ill.

VOICES SINCERE APPROVAL.

Let me here voice my sincere approval of the courage and loyalty to principle shown in the columns of The American Socialist. It comes to me as a bright ray of light thru the darkness of a starless night, bringing hope and a new faith in the early coming of that dawn which now seems so sure.—Francis Harris, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The anti-war Socialists of Germany are pointing with pride to the results in the recent election to fill the vacancy in the Prussian Legislature caused by the government imprisoning Karl Liebknecht as sufficient proof that the so-called leaders who backed the Kaiser's war policy have forfeited the respect and support of the rank and file of the workers. In the third class ballot electors are chosen who in turn formally name the party candidate who is to sit in the Legislature; just as we used to select our United States Senators. Out of 268 electors Mehring, the anti-war Socialist, received 218, a Progressive candidate secured 60, Brunner, the "government" Socialist, won 6 electors and two were independent. That is what the Socialists in at least one district in Berlin think of the war "patriots."

An investigation conducted by a court in Winnipeg, Man., has revealed the fact that a Socialist candidate for City Council was deliberately robbed of the election recently held. The judge who probed into the scandal has made a report in which the party bosses are unmercifully scored as ballot-box stuffers, demands that the crooks be punished and also denounced the boss-ruled City Council for encouraging the theft and defying the will of the people. The court decision has created a furore, and, whether the Socialist candidate finally secures his seat or not, the working class movement will be greatly benefited, and before long Winnipeg will dump the whole corrupt bunch and place honest people in charge of government.

Death March Interrupted In San Francisco--Mooney Will Not Hang

By WALTER THOMAS MILLS.

HERE in San Francisco is a cause, a conspiracy, a crime, a conviction, a collapse and now a struggle for a resurrection.

For more than a dozen years the Pacific Coast has been engaged in a labor war.

Here is the cause: Organized labor had become so strong that it was having an effective voice in fixing the terms of employment.

There, as everywhere, there is no possible middle ground on which there can be established a permanent peace with real power both in the hands of the workers and their exploiters. Whichever side wins a partial mastery will seek to extend its power until all is won,—that is, until labor is made utterly helpless or until the exploiters have lost all power to exploit.

Any struggle between the workers and the exploiters is necessarily a labor war but when either side captures and uses the civil authorities as a factor in the struggle, then resistance becomes impossible or civil war is threatened and a truce must follow or disorder becomes inevitable.

Fury Follows Truce.

In San Francisco when the Panama Exposition was to be held, a truce was arranged while the exposition was in course of construction and as long as the exposition lasted. When it was over the fight was again resumed with more than its former fury.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce had assumed to be the controlling spokesman and the directing authority in practically every matter of public importance in that city. In the matter of this labor war, it appointed a Law and Order Committee from its own members and raised a fighting fund with the expressed purpose, so stated in their own publications, of breaking the power of organized labor to have any further share in fixing the terms or conditions of employment. The open shop was to be established in every line of employment.

For the purposes of this battle, the Chamber of Commerce raised a corruption fund of a million dollars. In its own publications it boasts of this million dollar fund and of the purpose for which it has been provided. How is it known that this fund is provided for corrupt purposes? For the purpose of reaching and informing the general public on any matter in that city, there can be no possible use for this vast sum. In their public meetings and in their published matter, they have threatened the revival of the old time vigilance committees and old time hanging bees.

This vast sum could not have been used in any open and honest campaign of any sort. The very existence of the fund in the face of these declarations is proof of its improper character.

Make War On Labor.

With this great slush fund, this San Francisco Chamber of Commerce proceeded by bluff, by boycott, by bribery, by bludgeon and by riot and murder to make war on labor and to establish by these means, the open shop in the whole West Coast country.

In the midst of this war, there was an explosion on a side street near a passing parade. Ten people, none of them in the parade, were killed and a large number wounded. Five persons were arrested, everyone of whom was at that time actively engaged in behalf of labor, in the various struggles then going on, all of which had been incited and supported by the Chamber of Commerce in behalf of the exploiters.

It has now been established that these arrests were supported, not by testimony at hand at the time of the arrests, but by testimony secured by fraud and bribery long after the arrests. The fact that no effort was made to follow up clues that might have led to the arrest of the guilty parties who are still at liberty and unsought for by the prosecution and the further facts that the explosion took place on a side street and against a building belonging to the Southern Pacific Railway whose officers are most active in the Chamber of Commerce, while such an explosion could only harm labor and strengthen the hands of the Chamber of Com-

merce,—because of these facts it has been thought by many that not only has the prosecution been shown to be a "frame-up" but possibly the appalling crime itself, is a part of the campaign of "dynamite planting" proven and admitted repeatedly to have been a part of the exploiters side in this West Coast industrial war.

There have been two trials and convictions. The first was secured by a jury so corruptly provided that great public indignation meetings made it impossible to arrange a second jury after the same manner. On the second jury, no member of organized labor or sympathizer with labor was permitted; but being members of the Chamber of Commerce or helpless business dependents on members of the Chamber of Commerce, did not disqualify.

At the trial the testimony was shown to be untrustworthy and inadequate. The conviction was not secured because of the character of the testimony but in spite of it.

Bribery Gets Perjury.

Since the conviction of these two men, Billings and Mooney, it has been established that in all the essential points of the trial, perjury obtained by bribery was depended upon to swear away the liberties and the lives of these men.

Oxman, the cattleman, who was a star witness against Mooney has been shown by his own admitted correspondence, by the reports of repeated interviews and by every circumstance connected with them, to be both a bribe giver and a bribe taker. He is under arrest for his crimes in seeking for pay to swear away the life of an innocent man.

The chief of the "bombsquad" on the San Francisco police, has repudiated Oxman and has furnished the proof connecting him with very serious instances of attempted bribery in this case. He has further shown that statements made to the police, and now part of the police records, were strangely changed in most vital particulars when they emerged from the office of the District Attorney and were offered in evidence at the Mooney trial. For instance, in the statement to the police, certain persons were unable to identify the arrested men, and they claim to have been at a certain point on Market Street. But on the stand at the trial they swore not to be an old man with a mustache, as before stated, but to a young man with a smooth face, not to be at Stewart and Market, as before stated, but in order to serve a different purpose at another point a mile away.

When the Oxman correspondence had been made public, the District Attorney's office first obtained a statement from Oxman clearing that office from guilty knowledge of his work, and then repudiated Oxman until his threat to involve those "higher up" seems to have called a halt in the procession of events.

Business Still Bold.

The trial judge who tried and sentenced Mooney has made a statement to the Attorney General asking for a new trial because of error and Nolan has been released on a \$250 bond while the trials of Mrs. Mooney and of Weinberg have been postponed.

But now the Chamber of Commerce comes boldly to the front insisting that the same persons who have been in charge of this infamous prosecution shall be themselves in charge of any investigations into any irregularities connected with their own misdeeds.

The Grand Jury is attempting to proceed independently of the Police Court and the Attorney General has appointed the same attorney who drew up the briefs against Kaplan and Schmidt in the Los Angeles cases to conduct the investigations of the San Francisco grand jury in a proceeding which has all the earmarks of an effort to protect the "higher-ups" in these proceedings involving conspiracy, bribery, and an attempt to murder, in an effort to strangle "labor agitators" as the only means of strangling the labor movement.

Scenes of great disorder leading practically to riot and in two instances to personal assault have already arisen in court in the last few days.

Labor Pursues Enemies.

There had been some divisions

of opinion among the workers in San Francisco regarding this whole matter, but these differences are now matters of the past. The San Francisco Central Labor Council has just appropriated thirty thousand dollars to assist in defending these cases and with which to carry the battle by direct prosecutions into the enemy's camp and to go after the really guilty persons in this corrupt Chamber of Commerce conspiracy backed by a million dollars to destroy the labor movement.

The situation now is one of complete cleavage between the organized exploiters and the organized workers. It involves all the agencies of industrial warfare including the strike, the lock-out, the boycott, mutual destruction of industrial enterprises as a means of compelling solidarity among the employers, the corruption of the courts, the packing of juries and the battle to control the civil authorities.

What is needed at this time is money and more money to finance this defense and to make good the workers' side in this conflict with the combined power of the exploiters and the corrupting influence of its million dollar slush fund.

Few Own Food Shown In Philadelphia H G L Probe

NOTE.—Joseph E. Cohen, prominent member of the Socialist Party in Philadelphia, representing the Housewives Protective League and All-Labor Conference on the Mayor's Food Commission, recently made an interesting report on the food conditions in the Pennsylvania metropolis. Among other things he wrote:

One gentleman, speaking for the few who have made large sums of money from the recent exorbitant price charged for potatoes, informed us that half a dozen men handle the potatoes in the Philadelphia market, that about a dozen by the larger part of the Maine crop (practically all the potatoes which can be stored), that they have the principal storage facilities, that the cost of raising the crop has nothing to do with prices, and that the farmer is told what price his crop will bring by the produce merchants. While this may not, before present day judges friendly to capital, constitute a conspiracy in restraint of trade, it does prove beyond a doubt that potatoes, and this is equally true of all food stuffs, are absolutely controlled by a handful of speculators, and that this control is a grave menace to the people.

Similarly with coal. The Reading Coal and Iron Company (on intimate relations with the Reading Railroad Company as distributors) ships one-third of the hard coal in Pennsylvania. It sets its price. And that is the price of all anthracite coal. The only remedy, as we were told by some who had shared in the coal investigation, is for the State to fix prices or take over the coal mines.

We also had with us Mr. Robert Simmers, a State Dairy and Food Commissioner. Mr. Simmers informed us that the perishable food stuffs in the city at any one time, was hardly enough for two days' consumption and that the canned goods would last one week only. He also pointed out that the bill introduced in the Legislature to lengthen the time goods could be kept in cold storage was in the interest of the food speculators. The real question before us, he contended, was to get food at all, since agents of the foreign governments were going about the land, buying up the coming crops, meat animals and canned goods, so that our nation would face hunger and starvation very shortly. He proposed that the federal government place an embargo on food stuffs.

Be A Booster

If you think your local the best, Tell 'em so! If you'd have it lead the rest, Help it grow! When there's anything to do, Let the others count on you, You'll feel good when it's thru, Don't you know? If you're used to giving knocks, Change your style, Throw bouquets instead of rocks For a while, Let the other fellow roast, Shun him as you would a ghost Meet his banter with a boast And a smile, When a member from afar Comes along, Tell him who and what you are— Make it strong, Never flatter, never bluff, Tell the truth, for that's enough, Be a booster, that's the stuff, Just belong.

Emile Vandervelde, now a Minister of State in Belgium, declared in a recent speech that he is still president of the International and that the International still lives and will continue to live long after Caesarism is dead. "Internationalists who are fighting beneath the banners of France, England, Russia and Belgium," Vandervelde said, "are in accord with internationalists who in Germany and in Russia with Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg expiating their opposition to the spirit of conquest and the Caesarism of aggressors. By the liberty of reconquered nations; by the admitted right of nations, principles proclaimed by the International, the latter will arise again, stronger and greater in the victory of right."

Pledge Bosses To Fight

NOTE.—Workers out in Pasadena, Cal., have pledged their bosses to go on the firing line. They got the idea from the action of the employers in pledging their wage slaves to serve in the army and navy. The letter pledging the support of the employers, which has been sent to Secretary of War Baker, is as follows:

Pasadena, Cal., April 9, 1917. Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—We, the Socialists of Pasadena, Cal., representing a large share of the employees of Pasadena, hereby pledge our loyal and patriotic employers to the service of their country. We feel that now that war has been declared, because of their efforts, their services will readily be given, and we ask you to use them in any way you can, feeling sure that because of their patriotic utterances they will gladly lead any charge against the enemy, even if it is at great danger to themselves.

Our employers have always maintained that they were much more useful than we, and because of this they have insisted upon receiving the lions share of the wealth produced by us. We have never before agreed with them in this, but now will take them at their word and feel sure that with this great array of brains and superior ability our country will be in no danger whatsoever.

Their presence at home will not be missed and our work of producing all this world's goods will go on as usual. However, we might add, that as we will not have the benefit of their wonderful intelligence in producing these goods that they, the owners, need not expect any return, but that all wealth produced during their absence will be divided among us according to the value of the labor done. Hoping that you will accept this great offer from us, we beg to remain,

Very truly yours, Socialist Party of Pasadena, John C. Packard, Organizer.

We want to congratulate you on the make-up of The American Socialist. It certainly contains some good stuff these days. On with the good work! Local Battle Creek is with you. Yours for the Comrade-World, W. I. Rogers, Battle Creek, Mich. The Battle Creek comrades order 2,000 copies of the war program leaflets and contribute \$12 to the campaign fund to carry on the war against war.

Sumner Gerard, Amos Pinchot and Robert Scripps, three of our radical millionaires, recently appeared before a congressional committee and advocated taking over by the government of all incomes over \$100,000. Let all the workers, except three, who have volunteered for the army and navy return home. That will put wealth and human life, so far as this war is concerned on an equal basis.

State Senator Bob Chase of Oklahoma is real patriotic, consistently patriotic. He made a speech at Seminole urging the sons of others to enlist. But when his own son ran off and enlisted he had him arrested and returned home. Oklahoma Socialists are using this fact to show that the plutes and their political henchmen are willing to have others go out and die for them.

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The alluring scenes posted by the government to encourage enlistment in the army and navy portray the young recruits in gaudy uniform but do not show them coming back from the battlefield with their eyes shot out, their bodies ripped open, and their arms and legs torn off.

By a unanimous vote of the Assembly of Nova Scotia the vote has been extended to women on equal terms with men. It seems strange indeed that Canadian provinces have become greater exponents of real democracy than portions of the United States.

After The War

Comrades, you know how capitalism started a great war, and how the warring nations, one by one, discovered that industries organized on a capitalist basis could not meet the demands of modern methods of warfare, and how these nations have been obliged to take the great vital industries out of private hands.

The war has proved to be so big, so expensive, so remorseless in its demands, that it has forced the people of each nation engaged in war to lay aside their traditions and their prejudices and render service for the benefit of the whole nation, and not for the benefit of an exploiting class; and the result has been such an improvement over the old system that industry has been more than doubled in effectiveness, notwithstanding the fact that the best and strongest workers have been taken away for service on the battlefields.

But after the war capitalism will make one last effort to regain its lost prestige. Then will come a struggle between Industrial Democracy and the old out-grown system of capitalist exploitation that will be more momentous than even the present mighty conflict of arms. We will have a great struggle in America, as well as in Europe, and we must be prepared for it.

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Arrested because he told laborers seeking work at Sherwin-Williams company paint plant that they would die of lead poisoning if they worked there, Michael Strym was fined \$1 and costs by Judge Newcomer.

Strym ought to have received something better than a Carnegie medal for having dared face the powers of privilege in his efforts to conserve human life. Yet, without the medal, he stands forth as a hero in the eyes of all who toil for their daily bread.

Another new Labor-Socialist party is to be launched in England, the same being an outgrowth of the British Workers' National League, of which John Hodge, Minister of Labor in the War Cabinet, is president. The new party considers the two Socialist organizations "too radical" and will step in the limelight with a very conservative reform program, advise that the class divisions be ignored during the war and will favor backing the government to a "victorious termination."

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# X-RAYS

By JOHN M. WORK.

**"HE KEPT us out of war!"**  
Is it necessary to rub it in?

**A**NNA Strunsky Walling is to be congratulated on the earnest and vigorous letter in which she publicly repudiated a certain statement favoring war, to which it seems that her name had been signed without her consent.

If the others whose names appear as signers of the document could make a similar repudiation they would rise a long distance in our estimation.

**I**T IS to be regretted that the International Socialist Bureau set the date for the international Socialist conference at Stockholm so early that it is impossible for a representative of the Socialist Party of this country to reach there in time for the meeting.

We should have a representative there by all means. The war has progressed to such a stage that the peoples of all the belligerent nations are thoroughly sick of it. They want peace, and they want it very much. There is therefore a probability that the conference, if representative, might actually accomplish something. As the United States is now one of the belligerents, a representative from this country might be able to be of signal service to the cause of international Socialism and universal peace. Indeed, it would be well if we could not only send a representative to the conference, but also keep him in Europe for the purpose of helping to carry out the plans made by the conference, and let him stay right on the job until peace materializes.

**I** HAVE heard of only one lone war fan who has had a foolish dream to the effect that the Socialists, by opposing the war, are helping the enemy.

If you have anything like that in your system, better get it out right away.

There is no one in the United States who is as much opposed to the German autocracy as we Socialists are. Our ruling class, which has plunged us into war, is not opposed to the German autocracy. Its opposition is mere pretense. A mere talking point. But the Socialists of the United States are very sincerely opposed to the German autocracy, and also to the autocracies and ruling classes in all other nations, including our own.

We realize that the news we get from Europe may not be authentic. But, if it is true that the German Socialists are making energetic efforts to overthrow the German autocracy, then our sympathies are most decidedly with the German Socialists in that effort. More strength to them.

Meanwhile, our struggle is against the ruling class here at home.

The capitalist class of the United States is one of the most subtly cruel and domineering ruling classes of the world. It liberally brought on the war for its own selfish benefit. If it could use the war for the purpose of getting us to surrender our principles, certainly its triumph would be great and its gorged and greedy career would be prolonged.

We are not foolish enough to do this. Of all things, the mere possibility that some one may purposely misunderstand our motives shall not swerve us from the right road. If you think should, you had better sit down and give the matter further very thoughtful consideration.

**S**PITE of the fact that we are against the war, the visit of Messrs. Balfour, Joffre and Viviani to the United States has a certain attractiveness about it. It has a certain international character which is not unpalatable.

Let us hope that the time will soon come when our nation will enter into other and wider international conferences for far better purposes.

American provincialism is folding its tent and silently stealing away. Henceforth we are of the world. It would not be strange if the pet progeny which has thus far perpetuated the name of President James Monroe—the Monroe Doctrine—should also dissolve like a dream and disappear.

Yes, we are of the world. But what a fright of a world at the present time! It will remain a world of war or threatened war so long as capitalism is in the saddle. But Socialism looms in the distance, and when it takes control we shall have a genuine world democracy and world peace.

**O**UR distinguished visitors are being shown only what the ruling class wants them to see in the United States.

If we Socialists had a chance to show them around, we could show them a few other things. It is indeed true that under capitalism peace, as well as war, has its horrors. They might be interested in knowing that while our bloated capitalists have been fabulously enriching themselves at the expense of the European tragedy, the masses of the people of the United States have been living in the midst of a horrible peace—exploited out of nearly everything worth living for. The depth of misery to which millions of the people have been reduced by capitalist exploitation is a standing witness to the fact that the real enemies of the United States are at home.

**A** SEVEN billion dollar appropriation! What evil alchemy, what black magic, is there about war, which could induce the members of Congress to vote for such a gigantic appropriation for war purposes? There are many millions of us who wish we had had a chance to vote, "No."

When will the congressmen be willing to vote a similar appropriation for peace purposes?

Seven billion dollars for genuine constructive work in the United States would accomplish miracles. Just think of the number of industries that could be made collective with such a sum. We Socialists have a war on our hands too.

Our war is a war against poverty, crime, insanity, suicide, prostitution, and all the other social evils.

We believe that a seven billion dollar appropriation for the purpose of making the exploiting industries collective property, in order to abolish these evils, and to bring permanent happiness to the people, would be far better than a similar appropriation for war purposes.

HERE'S to Gene Debs. May he be speedily restored to

## Socialism in Japan

Reports just arriving in this country giving the results of the recent elections in Japan omit all mention of Socialist activity. We have just received a letter, however, from a "Socialist in Tokio," showing that the comrades are active in the orient. It is as follows:

"Comrades.—The Imperial Diet was dissolved on January 25, and on the same day we Socialists in Tokyo proclaimed Comrade Sakai Parliamentary candidate for Tokyo constituency. This caused a great sensation among the people throughout the land, but especially to the Government. A few days later we drafted a manifesto, but just before it reached the public the type was all broken up and all printed copies were seized by the police. This manifesto was headed 'The Socialist Manifesto,' but in the text we intentionally did everything in our power not to allude to our ultimate aim, but only to immediate policies. In a word, it was merely a social reform manifesto.

"Since that time we arranged several meetings. Each time they were suppressed on the pretext of their being 'dangerous.' Even leaflets and handbills for the meetings did not escape the atrocious claws of the police. On February 18 (Sunday) Comrade Sakai's wife and daughter, together with a number of our women comrades, started on a campaign distributing handbills which contained short sentences like 'Tokio citizens, wouldn't you like to send a Socialist to your legislature?' Even this was deemed very 'dangerous' in the eyes of the police, and the ladies participating were all called to the police office and 'carefully admonished' never to take part again in such 'indiscreet action.'

"The general election is to take place on April 20. We, of course, cannot expect success in this campaign, considering that our franchise is extremely limited, the electors being only one-fiftieth of the whole population. We are, however, convinced that our campaign in this election will serve not a little for the advance of our cause."

If the national administration thinks the present war is one for democracy, President Wilson might start in by democratizing Japan, one of his allies. The above letter certainly indicates that Japan needs a little democracy.

## CHANCE FOR SERVICE.

**WASHINGTON.**—Socialists must plead for a place on the American commission to the new Russian government. That such a commission is being planned, few know, but such is the fact. The radical Russian Government will be made the prey of the capitalist governments who are at present its allies unless organized labor and American Socialism secure adequate representation.

Elihu Root, one of Wall Street's most able spokesmen, has been made the chairman of that important body. But neither Root nor most well known Americans understand or sympathize with the purposes of the Russian people.

Here is a real chance for effective, instant Socialist service.

One of the big problems is to free Russia from dependence on the British government for funds. Russia has no independent credit of her own, and now she must obtain the consent of the British Government to negotiate a loan. This is wrong and must cease. Internationalism requires that finances be internationally controlled and administered. It is true that the American Morgan interests are in on this game, and thru their influence many orders, to the utmost disadvantage of Russia, are given to the Morgans and their allied firms.

If Russia is to remain a democracy and if American democracy is to be made more democratic, there is need for the fullest cooperation between these two peoples.

Russia stands ready and willing to work with the people of the United States. Shall the Socialists not help?

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## PROFITS IS KING.

**WASHINGTON.**—The great milling interests are standing selfishly in the way of the public interest in the present crisis. Profits is their animating motive. Loss of profits is their constant dread.

The Department of Agriculture is recommending that the mills mill over 80 per cent of the wheat berry instead of 72 as at present. Thus they would make whole wheat flour, a flour which is better for the average man and woman and child than the highly concentrated white flour which is the only kind on the market today. It is a reasonable request to the millers.

But there are profits. Remember profits and to hell with patriotism! The millers want to make money out of the public necessity. In the face of a world wide shortage of wheat they want to throw a large percentage of wheat into bins to feed cattle, who can eat other food just as well if not better. They do not want to disturb their trade. They do not want to make less money. Of course, they favor conscription for the young men—but they oppose conscription of their business for all men—especially for themselves.

Ask your baker to give you whole wheat bread. Ask your grocery man to sell you whole wheat flour. Tell them that the United States Government has recommended it. Create a demand. Shame the millers.

This is a bit of service which every Socialist, who opposes the war can occasionally perform. It will mean

## German Socialists, Before, During And After The War

**NOTE.**—One of the most notably intelligent articles seeking to interpret the actions of the German Socialists has just been published in The Chicago Daily News. It is by Raymond E. Swing, who has just returned to this country from Germany. He carefully pictures the forces that drove the German Socialists into the war, analyzes the two factions of the party as they now exist and tries to prophesy what will happen to them in the future. The article is as follows:

BY RAYMOND E. SWING.

The behavior of the German socialists has been widely misinterpreted during the war. One of the government legends in the countries of the European allies is that the socialists, having betrayed their cause, have consistently supported the Hohenzollerns in a war of aggression and annexation. The daring conduct of Liebknecht has been regarded as the pitifully impotent exception to this rule.

When Austria sent its ultimatum to Serbia international socialism faced the great test which it had feared and for which it was grossly unprepared. The reality of a world war was stronger, more terrible and more complex than the theory. No socialist party had the penetrating vision nor the leadership which would have made it possible to paralyze Europe with the general strike which would secure peace. The one man wise and great enough to father such an ultimate movement was Jaures, who spent the last day of his life in a heroic search for French archives for proofs that mobilization was not irrevocable. Bebel, the only German leader of Jaures' cast, was dead, and none of the contemporary German leaders were free enough from defective sight or personal disqualifications to direct the expression of the workingmen of the world in the all-inclusive protest against war and destruction. International socialism collapsed, swept away by the tempests of human nature which had hidden unseen behind the horizon of unimaginative, daily, peaceful life.

But socialism in Germany has not remained the desolate wreckage which it became in August, 1914.

## Why Socialists Went to War.

Germany had the best organized socialist party in the world. The party was the decisive test. It failed because idealism often fails in coping with grim realities. The socialists of Germany are not a solid army of Marxians; they are a group of men banded together by the bonds of a common aspiration to make life better. They were not united on the doctrines of the party, on the pedantic creeds of class war. Socialism was a movement toward greater but only partially delineated improvement. The emotion which disrupted this union and disintegrated the party into a group of rifle bearing, song singing soldiers was fear. Fear of Russia, czarism, graft, poverty, slavery. All the truest fears the group can submit to made the German socialists go to war.

The world, watching the smoking march of the Germans in Belgium, lost sight of the clouds which appealed to heaven against the crimes performed under their cover by the Russians in East Prussia. The Germans saw no Belgian clouds, but heard the cries from their own compatriots. And even before these cries were raised the fear of their coming reechoed in German hearts. German workingmen at the outbreak of war poured on their deputies a torrent of demands. "Save us from the Russian!" "Save our labor!" It was a cry not only for home, but a more specialized cry of man, the cry for his work. It is the first time the world has heard that appeal raised in a defensive war. It is a milestone in human progress the civilization in one of its complexities should be so valuable to millions of men.

So the deputies threw away policies, precedents, consistency, and voted for war credits, voted against Russification.

Undoubtedly the government knew how to embroider the Russian peril with vivid designs. No doubt German socialists feared beyond justification. That is not the point. For they did with true, unbalanced sincerity. I was in Germany in those days and I can testify that to the Germans Russia loomed an ugly, implacable menace hiding the prospect of a sunny future. German women in their parlors frantically whispered about what they would do when the Cossacks reached Berlin. They talked as frightened war women everywhere talk, in language of nonsensical, debased atrocities, boiling oil, poisoned food, ghastly, sadistic revenge. And even the intellectuals were not immune from the terrors, for I recall walking five hours for a noted, lovable German professor, who talked the entire time of the cruel destiny which would make it Germany's mission to teach its Russian master the advanced science of administration and social justice. International fraternity could not survive in such poisonous gases.

## When the Socialists Woke Up.

So the German socialists went to war to defend themselves, as they so wholly believed, and it was not until they gradually awoke to the real meaning of war, and gradually regained their comprehending hatred of antiquated, oppressive German institutions that they again became a power. The scattered groups began to respond to the temptations of solidarity, to the need for collective action, to the cry for relief from injustice. The majority group found itself growing in strength, and in expression. The minority group found it had a definite mission.

The difference between these two groups is not easy to define in a few sentences. In general, they are separated by the theory as to the responsibility for the war. The minority group believe all the allied white

Many of them are well aware of the nature of German blunders, and the sinister aspect of military Prussianism. But the greater number believe the kaiser really sincerely tried to avert the conflict in the last days, and was forced into it by the Russian mobilization. They believe Germany is fighting on the defensive, fighting for life against an encirclement of selfish foes. On this and all other questions the minority party is outspoken, uncompromising; not astute but fearlessly zealous. The majority party is the more opportunistic, dealing more with the realities of life. The majority men play politics, the minority goes in for the more illusory life of absolute values.

But both parties, obviously, are peace parties. Both parties, as obviously are unequivocally for inner reform. The difference is in method, and the judgment must be on results. The majority party, believing, as I repeat, that Germany was on the defensive, came to ask loudly for peace when it was apparent that peace, a defensive peace, should be obtainable. The minority party has always been for peace.

It is interesting to speculate as to the actual strength and the ultimate destiny of these two parties. No one knows to the man just how the German people stand on the division of their popular representatives. They vary as the day varies, as the fight and the hopes and the visions and the sufferings are affected by the unending shift of seething national life. The majority party is strongest in the Rhine district, in north Prussia, Baden, Wuertemberg and Bavaria. The minority party is dominant in Saxony, with isolated strongholds on the Rhine and in South Germany. At the party convention, in which the last ill starred effort was made to reunite the party, the majority wing had one-third more votes than its rival. But that need not be taken as permanent. The war itself will decide the issue.

## Leadership in the Balance.

Should the war end with Germany intact, with inner reforms won without bloodshed, the majority party will become the great popular party in Germany. Should the war be lost and Germany be crushed and humiliated, the minority party would inevitably be given the task of sweeping Germany clean of the incumbrances of autocracy. But whatever occurs, both parties will survive, the one to represent German labor, in the daily, opportunistic fight for better conditions, while the other will stand in its isolated eminence to speak out the naked truth, to purge the country from acquiescent self-complacency with seething, violent radicalism.

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## BATTLE IN REICHSTAG FOR HUNGRY WOMEN AND BABIES

It is left to the Socialists alone in the German reichstag to fight to better the food conditions and champion the cause of the starving women and children. One of the scenes in the recent meeting of the Reichstag is reported as follows:

Deputy Kuhnert, a minority socialist, affirmed in the reichstag that in Germany there existed a veritable famine. He moreover reproached the leading classes with exhausting the strength of the women of the lower classes by making them work for them. While the secretary of state declared that sanitary conditions were relatively good, Hoch, a socialist, contradicted these assurances, which he said were founded on doubtful statistics, and cried: "The lack of food from which we are suffering is having a shocking effect."

The minority socialist, Dittmann, spoke of the laborers who, in numerous workshops, often fainted from lack of food. "We must," he said, "conduct a policy which renders possible the conclusion of peace and not continue to throw dust in our eyes."

Kuhnert, annoyed by the words of the under secretary of state, who reproached him for placing Germany and Russia on the same footing, declared: "I would be pleased indeed if Germany had made the progress which Russia has just realized."

## LIKES THE LEAFLETS.

Those monthly leaflets are just the thing to reach non-Socialists. This is shown by one of the letters we have just received as follows:

"Auburn, Maine, April 26, 1917.

"Dear Sir: I have just finished reading one of your leaflets on the war in Europe. It is the best thing I have had called to my attention in a long time. Until now I have been a strong democrat and am a member of the town committee. I did all I could to elect Wilson. But I am sorry now. I think he has sold out to Wall Street. You are right. The American workers are the ones who will be sacrificed on the field of battle. The workers must put up a strong protest now, not only on behalf of the millions of workers of today, but on behalf of generations yet unborn.

"Yours truly,  
"Ernest F. Bryant."

## FREE SPEECH SUPPRESSED.

A. E. Woodard writes from Tulsa, Okla., that free speech has been suppressed in this city and thruout Oklahoma. He says that several Socialists have been run off the streets for speaking. Two-thirds of the people are against militarism, he says, but the sheriff's force, the police force and the big oil barons are for militarism and being in power they want allow a word to be said against it.

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## Scholarship Contest News

### How They Stand:

Name	Address	Points
M. K. Friedman	So. Bend, Ind.	998
B. J. S. Gary	Ind.	398
M. Maginsky	New York City	192
R. H. Lane	Aurora, N. C.	103
Conrad L. Freiberg	Chicago, Ill.	98
Mae Garber	Greensburg, Pa.	56
L. Van den Bergh	Minneapolis, Minn.	36
John C. Knowlton	Mason City, Ia.	34
P. E. Tomlinson	Winona, Minn.	24
J. N. Carter	Omaha, Nebr.	22
Miss E. W. Holyoke	Mess.	20
Tony Morrello	Youngstown, O.	4
Ida Binstock	Hartford, Conn.	2
Robert H. Wilson	Brattleboro, Vt.	—
Wm. Heino, Wilkeson	Wash.	—
Harold F. D. A. Jackson	Los Angeles, Cal.	—
M. L. Lehman	N. Glendale, Cal.	—
Maurice Levine	St. Paul, Minn.	—
Mrs. H. J. Grigsby	Great Falls, Mont.	—
Abraham H. Fein	Bronx, N. Y.	—
City, N. Y.	—	—
Tony Morrello	Youngstown, O.	—
Max Cenis	Irwiss, Pa.	—
I. V. Yinger	Kenosha, Wis.	—

### EXTRAORDINARY OFFER.

Due to the generosity of one of the Comrades to whom the cause of Socialist education is very dear, it is possible for The American Socialist to assure every winner of this contest, on behalf of the Band School management, financial assistance to the extent of Fifty Dollars in cash. Besides this it will be easy to get work for a few hours a day to materially help in paying living expenses at the school. No live-wire socialist need hesitate going to New York if he or she can win in this contest.

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J. C. Lewis, of Kansas, says: "I have sold one hundred Sharpener in four days." Hobart Kerr, of Md., writes: "The women can hardly wait till they get them." Herbert Cain, of Ky., sold nine after supper. At the end of his first day, J. W. Gordon, of Pa., writes: "I have sold two dozen, and I sold to everyone I saw." Wm. G. Hall, of N. J., says: "I think it is great. I sold six in about one-half hour. The machine is a mighty fine proposition. I am a mechanic, and I know what I am talking about." Peter Courtland, of Mich., writes: "I received your sharpener and opened it in a barber shop. I ground his shears, and I got an order for one right on the spot." H. A. Henkel, of Va., says: "I have examined it and find it a wonderful little machine. The workmanship is simply perfect." Frank King, Colo., says: "Sample received Saturday. Sold ten today. Sell to most every house." Leave one hundred on trial Monday afternoon for about three hours and received one dozen orders. Profit \$12.00. H. Tillery, of Tenn., writes: "Took three orders first hour. When you sharpen an old dull knife, dull, as a hoe, in less than a minute, they sit up and look." Ray Carter, of Mass., writes: "I went out two days and have orders for thirty sharpeners." Profit \$20.00 for first two days. John Durr, of Wis., also says: "I have sold thirty in two days."

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