

We Serve Notice On The Master Class! It Has Had Its Day! Ours Is Coming!

This issue of The American Socialist went into the mails on Monday night, the eve of Registration Day, Tuesday, June 5th. It will not reach its readers until after this blackest day in our history has passed.

The American Socialist has not been suppressed as the jingo press would have you believe. The Socialist Party national office has not been raided or interfered with in any way.

We wish to serve notice now—that with the passing of June 5th, the master class has had its day. War, conscription, militarism, hunger,—all brought upon this nation by our dollar-worshipping plutocracy in the name of democracy,—will shortly sign the death warrant of the present ruling class in America.

This is no idle prophecy. It is already being fulfilled. Listen! Everywhere over the land we hear the tramp of thousands rushing to join the ranks of the Socialist movement, their only hope.

From myriads of men and women, newly awakened by the heavy hand of the oppressor, comes the cry for Socialist literature, for the enlightening message in this hour of trial. The increasing volume of new subscribers to the reading army of The American Socialist, unsupported by any other fact, proves to us that OUR DAY IS ON THE WAY!

Our campaign of preparedness for OUR DAY, NOV. 5, 1918, IS ON! This is the day of the next congressional election, our opportunity to still the voice of plutocracy and Prussianism in the halls of Congress.

The democratic and republican parties were both responsible for conscripting a free people into the mad world-war. They brought Black Tuesday, June 5, 1917, upon us.

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1918, will be OUR DAY—and every day until then will be Registration Day for those eager to volunteer in the struggle to abolish Morgan-Rockefeller rule thru the demo-republican party, to end the tyrannical reign of the Kaisers and Czars of industry in America, to banish war and militarism, hunger and poverty; to usher in the reign of peace and plenty, real industrial and political democracy—to realize the rule of the people.

The Day of Our Emancipation is on the way!

This paper has been paid for, if not by you, then by some one who wants you to read it.

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Vast Chicago Throng Cheers As Socialist Bares The Causes Of War

Seymour Stedman, chief speaker at wonderful mass meeting held against violent opposition of press, opens campaign for exposing reasons for world strife.

In a mass meeting that drew the attention of the whole city of Chicago, held in the Auditorium Theater on Sunday afternoon, May 27, Seymour Stedman, prominent Chicago Socialist, delivered a masterly speech laying bare the causes of the present world-wide war.

The mass meeting was called by the Chicago Permanent Conference on Terms of Peace, of which Irwin Tucker was chairman. It was presided over by Dean Robert M. Lovett, of the Department of English Literature of the University of Chicago. The speakers were, besides Dean Lovett and Mr. Stedman, Miss Mary McDowell of the Chicago University Settlement and Rev. Fred A. Moore, of the People's Forum.

Ten minutes after the doors were opened, the theater was jammed to the last possible seat. All the galleries were filled, every box taken, the main floor and the stage packed. Outside a throng that stretched from Washburn Avenue to Michigan Avenue, and for two blocks down the latter thoroughfare, clamored for admission.

The audience was made up of all sorts and classes of people. Men and women prominent in every department of public work filled the main floor seats and the boxes, while the proletariat surged upward against the roof.

All the capitalist newspapers reluctantly agree that the demonstration was one of the most remarkable Chicago ever saw, and that it bodes a tremendous new interest in Socialism. Mr. Stedman's speech, given below, forms one of the most important contributions to Socialist war literature that has yet been made. It should be distributed by the thousands in every city and town in the country.

ADDRESS OF MR. SEYMOUR STEDMAN.

THIS meeting is a pledge of faith in the fairness, honesty, honor and tolerance of American citizenship, and the right of people with divergent views peaceably to assemble for a common purpose and discuss their country's problems, which is the only way that the truth we are after may be found and preserved.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

In proof of the fact that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," we here assemble a century and a quarter after the adoption of the first article of the Bill of Rights to protest against its repeal or suspension by cabinet officers or a servile Congress. The constitution vests in the States the only power of repealing or suspending its various provisions, with the sole exception of the writ of habeas corpus, which may be suspended during war. Congress is incompetent to overthrow the constitutional provisions, except upon the theory that power justifies all things.

Freedom of speech and of the press is desirable during periods of tranquility; in a great national crisis it is absolutely indispensable. When social order is threatened, freedom of speech and of the press is far more sacred than the assumed preservation of institutions thru silence and oppression.

Going Up!

THERE has been a steady increase in the new subscriptions received each week by The American Socialist ever since war was declared and conscription put into force. Here is the record for the past few weeks:

| Week of | New Subs | Week of | New Subs |
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| April 28..... | 1,467 | May 19..... | 1,789 |
| May 5..... | 1,648 | May 26..... | 1,926 |
| May 12..... | 1,767 | June 2..... | 1,946 |

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Rush in your orders for that special LIBERTY EDITION, for distribution during the week of July 4th. It is dated Saturday, June 30th. It will contain everything we can get past the censor. Prices for bundles: 75 cents per 100; \$7.50 per 1,000. Send your orders to The American Socialist, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Strangle the liberty of expression, and the dungeon door opens for its victim. Suppress the expression of opinion, and there follow ignorance, passion, prejudice, secret intrigue and conspiracy; then a volcanic eruption, darkening the heavens and covering the earth with ashes.

That the first article of our Bill of Rights should be attacked in the lofty chambers where our servants meet to preserve our liberty, calls for a full and free inquiry into the causes which have led to this ominous circumstance. We are told that the demand for silence is justified by "the recognition that a state of war exists." In contemplation of its waste and destruction we find the supreme justification for insisting on the freedom of press and speech, and the questions, "Why war?" and "What for?" What is the reason for its existence, and what the reward expected? that we may know why the multitude is to be sacrificed and upon what terms the end secured.

On July 4th, 1916, President Wilson said that he "did not know the cause of this war, and we must wait for the slow verdict of history." This, in substance, was repeated by him as late as October. If we cannot know the cause of this war, then the preservation of humanity is hopeless. However, history affords very few conflicts so easily understood, and to know why we are in is essential to know how to get out.

THE European conflict is not confused by dynastic entanglements. The royal families were well balanced by intermarriage. Victoria, a German woman on the English throne, was the grandmother of the Kaiser and of King George. George, Nicky and Willie, as they called each other, were exceedingly cordial. Almost all the rulers of Europe were honorary members of military organizations in the now enemy countries, and they were loaded with decorations received from one another.

There was no clouthing of purpose by religious antagonism or fanaticism—quite the contrary. The war seems to have bridged over from Christianity to Paganism and Mahomedanism. Where religion has failed to effect unity, economic interest and military contacts succeeded.

There was no racial hatred to befall. The extent to which racial bitterness existed was hardly a minor factor, and even now, fanned by two and a half years of insanity, it is the more prominent the farther you are from the trenches.

The fraternizing of the troops in front trenches, their clasping of hands, their warning to each other of premeditated charges, has been prohibited and is now severely punished. The love of the troopers for their enemies, their understanding of one another developed by fraternizing, is dangerous—fearfully dangerous to their rulers, and to the system that supports them.

This war was not caused by royal hate, religious intolerance, or racial enmity, and this the whole intelligent world knows. The mailed fist, the rattle of the saber, did not shake Europe any more than a dominating sea power, or the constant threat of the great Russian army.

The forces leading to this war are fundamental to the existing industrial and social order. Peace societies saw the clouds gathering. Socialists saw the storm coming. Without control of government they were helpless. Arming is not a sport—it has a purpose. Armaments and armies and navies constitute the physical force thru which capitalism breaks its way into fresh pastures, into new markets. Militarism and navalism are the powers used by rival commercial enterprises to destroy their competitors.

New fields for investment must be found, and ever-increasing markets for products which cannot be consumed at home; and if occupied by another, he must be driven out.

The purchasing power of a nation to consume the wealth it produces is measured by the amount the workers receive for producing it. The profits in addition to the wages, cost of production, establishes a price which makes it impossible for the producer with his wages to consume that which he has created. The profit fosters the growth of enormous private fortunes and forces the necessity for a constantly expanding market. The ever-increasing surplus must find an outlet. This was not necessary in this country for many years, because of diversified climate, industrial and social conditions. Foreign markets, therefore, were generally unnecessary except for King Cotton.

In Europe a congested population and intensified industrialism made expansion and imperialism necessary at an early period. Rapid commercial expansion during the last half century has accelerated an aggressive search for new fields of exploitation. New and improved machinery, highly organized industrial plants, and trustification, widen the gap between the purchasing power of the community and the price which the industrial lords place upon their products, thus forcing governments to use every power at their command to find a profitable market for the unsold products.

WITHIN half a century a great commercial rival to England, France and the United States sprang up in Central Europe. The unity of the German people was the dream of the Great Elector fulfilled. Germany's foreign investments rose to eight billion, nearly one-half that of

England, the great creditor nation of the world. Germany, in ten years, reduced her unskilled workers to 10 per cent.

From 1880 to 1910, Germany's exports increased 100 per cent, England's 26 per cent, and the United States' 5 per cent. In 1900, France manufactured more locomotives than Germany. In 1912, one German firm manufactured more locomotives than all France. Pig iron production increased from 1887 to 1911, in Germany 367 per cent, in the United States 378 per cent, in Great Britain, 30 per cent. Steel products from 1886 to 1910, increased in Germany 1355 per cent, in the United States 910 per cent, in Great Britain 154 per cent. In 25 years England in coal and iron production fell from first to third place, and German manufacturing industries increased 300 per cent.

In 1912, Whelpley, in his work on the Trade of the World, said: "Only one country, Great Britain, was a greater factor in international trade than Germany, and by perceptible percentages Germany is gaining on her rival, having already reached a point where statisticians can estimate with reasonable accuracy, barring disaster, the year soon to come when Germany will outstrip her neighbor not only in catering to the wants of peoples foreign to her own, but also in her absorption of the products of other lands."

Germany initiated and was rapidly developing a railroad system that would place Central Europe in direct touch with Oriental markets. When the war opened we heard little of Bagdad. Now, it is in every issue of the paper.

To meet the German industrial challenge, England made an alliance with her old enemy Russia, with whom she was willing to destroy Persian independence and divide Asia, thus with one stroke securing to England 500,000 square miles of oil lands in Persia, and blocking the railroad systems reaching eastward from Central Europe, north thru Persia and south to Bagdad. A raid by rail upon India was a threat to British Oriental commercial supremacy which was not measurably lessened by the Serbian noose around the road from Vienna to Constantinople, or by stopping Austria's proposed railroad to Salonika. Austria pleaded long for the opportunity of building a railroad to Salonika, but English interests opposed the competition which would follow Central Europe's easy access to the Aegean.

THE TIME approached when great new markets were indispensable. The capitalist system was failing to adjust itself to new conditions. Armies of unemployed were marching along the highways of Russia, Japan, the United States, England and Germany in 1912, 1913, and 1914, and in the United States on into the spring of 1915. The tramp of the unemployed was heard with the cry against high prices. In Russia the Socialists and workmen were beaten with the knout. In Japan they hung 12 and jailed an innumerable number. Our own unemployed walked the streets of San Francisco and were doused with water from the fire hose. In Chicago they met the police. In New York they were driven out. In England they were jailed and troops used against them. In Germany they crept up to the black bread line, securing that existence which a morsel would give them.

This was the condition that confronted the world before August, at the time this conflagration was started.

In Germany they had developed a feudal military system, the weapon of Central European capitalism, and liberal capitalism was helpless to do more than delay the hour of conflict for a few months or a few days. The great social forces had met. They had a limited market, and they grappled with each other for that market, and every commercial report, every statement that has been made explaining or that can analyze the situation shows that the great power of commercial and industrial activity which makes for the wealth or woe of nations plunged us into that inevitable conflict. But all war, whether in this country or another, so far as the working class is concerned, is their war and is their problem.

BY MIDSUMMER of 1916, assistance from the United States was no longer deemed necessary. Russia was still a despotism, and the political conditions were pretty much the same as they were in the beginning of this year. Roumania, however, was ready for her famous dash, and the allies on the west for their final dash.

The allies' war orders were on the verge of a slump. The Du Pont Powder Mills laid off one shift of its men. The Westinghouse Air Brake Company dismantled some buildings used for munition making, and Wall Street assured us that it was content with the gradual decline which would avoid a convulsion; "that we had seen the best days of trade in arms and ammunitions, and should go after other business aggressively in other parts of the world." The other parts of the world were being locked up by the allies' trade agreements, and this you will find elaborately stated and emphasized in the "English Review", which in the same issue INFORMS the United States as to the part she will be permitted to play.

All seemed fair then for the capitalists and traders of the allies. But in three months the rosy horizon changed its hue. Before snow fell, Roumania was vanquished, and the Western drive had miserably failed. Then English papers and magazines blurted out, "If we repudiate our national debt it will not be because of dishonor, but because of our inability to pay, thus revealing the financial collapse which must follow the defeat of the allies."

The possibility of being shut out of the allies' markets, with the reputation of war loans, was ample reason for the mad frenzy, the insane clamor for preparedness and war. The Russian condition, known to our industrial rulers and political servants, indicated a swift and disastrous end for invest-

Even secret service men are won—"Very logical address," say Detectives—15,000 unable to get in hold overflow meeting on Lake Front—Newspapers Fake Riot.

ments, and the bets of our lords of finance upon the allies' success.

A financial crisis of fearful magnitude impended, with the closing of factories, industrial disarrangement and stagnation; for millions of unemployed, poverty, want, high prices of the daily necessities. Immediate action became necessary. One course involved a social purpose which our politicians do not understand; a program opposed to the interests of America's plutocracy, in whose interests our political office-holders must legislate.

Socialists could have solved the problem peaceably by immediately nationalizing the coal fields and metalliferous mines of the country, all systems of interstate railroads, telegraph and telephones, stock yards, flour mills, storage plants, and the banking system, by which and thru which the Government might make and issue its own money. In this way the Government would be taking over the most important and highly developed and socialized industries in private possession, and appropriating money enough for the employment of men on highways and in the immediately productive enterprises.

The practicability of this program the great war has settled for all time. The objection is that it involves the overthrow of the billionaires, the imperial exploiters of American labor. But the war has laid the working class that society has the power and the genius to socialize methods of creating wealth for the war, and we will never forget that it can be done for peace.

THE INABILITY of private profit seekers to adopt this course leaves war as the only alternative. It is a case of save the people or save Wall Street. The Government runs to the rescue, and Wall Street becomes a synonym of liberty and democracy.

We fight for liberty, for democracy, for big allies, for Schwab, for J. P. Morgan, and the other small countries.

Are we asking for democracy for the Belgian King, and the mangled rubber pickers of the Congo? Democracy for the British King and his underpaid, underfed, undersized, half-starved population, most of whom could not be enlisted because their souls and their hearts have been destroyed by a brutal industrial system? Let us hope that that may be one of the terms of peace.

Democracy for India, which has been plundered to the tune of about a billion per year, and where gaunt famine crouches before vast exports?

Democracy for Ireland, robbed for 700 years, and butchered for her patriotism when she protests?

Whose democracy and liberty is the object of our divine mission, with Elihu Root as the herald of the dawn?

Ah, but Prussian militarism! Kaiserism must be overthrown. The intellectual and the intelligent worker in every country hopes that Kaiserism and the Prussian militarism may be wiped from the face of the earth, with the ruling class of Germany which exploits its workers in the field, in the factory, on the land, on the sea, and they hope that Germany, and hope, with that, that it may spread to take the place of the Kaiser and Prussian militarism there may be the development of a new freedom, a social democracy ruled, mastered and furthering the aims of humanity and the people of all other countries where labor builds and creates, and where a government by those who create the wealth of the world will permit peace and the achievements of science, art and life to live at peace with all the world forever.

BUT HOW about our democracy here? The chief executive possesses the power to lead us into a situation whereby we must go into war or, if you please, take a position that would amount to repudiation of the chief executive of the country. And we now propose to add to his royal prerogatives to such an extent that the arch-Hamiltonian, the ultra-conservative, Henry Cabot Lodge, on the 16th day of this May, in the Senate—now, mark, please, I am not quoting from an erratic, impracticable, visionary Socialist, but I am quoting from a perfectly sane, sound-minded, patriotic member of the Senate—said: "Under the pressure of war, we are having demands made upon us for powers to be invested nominally in the President, but really in cabinet officers, the heads of bureaus, and in commissions, creatures of the moment, which equal the powers exercised by the great autocracy of Germany." I hope, if this is quoted in the press, they will give Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge full credit for the statement, because we Socialists have enough sins to answer for.

While the Espionage Bill is staggering under the blows of popular revolt, Senator Husting proposes to grant the postmaster general and his satellites the power to exclude from the mails that which is, in their judgment, treasonable, seditious matter, without recourse to the courts.

Congress tells us, "We have no grievances, and are only in this war for the principles of democracy," and in the same breath discusses for several days the injury which the rich will suffer by a 50 per cent tax upon private annual incomes exceeding five million dollars. Of course, that worries the Socialists, because most of them get a dollar and a half or two less than five millions a year. In view of debates like that, we feel that altho democracy has had her triumphs and her tragedies, and has been worshipped and scorned, she, today, seems

among some of the congressmen to be the subject of burlesque.

Hardly touching the pockets of the very rich, our masters, without referendum or vote, which prevails in Australia and Canada, at least against enforced conscription, grab our young men, those who have only their lives to give; and, professing full faith and credit in the people of this country, I cannot understand why they should not express their voice which shall determine the question.

This war adds, for the wealthy, thousands to their thousands, and millions to their millions. To the poor it offers want, distress and mutilation.

After the war will have ceased, Croesus will have more. The poor will have less; less arms, less legs, less eyes. Thousands will creep or hobble; many never again will stretch out their arms; to many the sunlight, shade and shadow will have gone forever. How many will be dumb; how many will suffer all kinds of privation; to how many the last sound the vibration of a bursting shell!

BUT, NOT content with this, the children are to be relieved of the burden of education, and the dastardly proposal is made to repeal or suspend the national child labor law. Governments may have the right to take the life of adults who vote and make laws and determine policies. They, at least, have had some right. But to crucify the child for a mad world of men is a hideous infamy. The old have had some life as compensation—the child only a glimpse.

Multitudes of working men time and again have walked the streets of our cities during industrial stagnation, and their cry for work and relief answered with cold water from the fire hose, the threat of the police, and the relief of alley and doorway lodgings. But when capitalism calls for relief, the doors roll open and a treasury pours forth billions to save them. And this, in the name of democracy—not here, but democracy in Germany. Never was such a brazen imposition upon a peace-loving and industrious people.

Our allies, however, have been generous to us. They first suggested that our Government appropriate only one billion dollars in bonds to help out their weakened credit. To this the public press took kindly. It was so easy that it was doubled to two billion, and the press looked upon this and smiled. Then our plutocracy, realizing that we were soft, raised it again to five, and then with a gentle push, it went up to seven billion, a liberty loan running thirty years at 3 1/2 per cent, so that we finally have to pay, including interest, the trivial sum of fourteen billion dollars. Democracy comes high.

Then our allies suggest a few soldiers in the Western trenches to wave our flag to encourage them. Then a few thousand, then half a million, then two million, and now they are suggesting five million, with the prospect of a three year's war. The Russians are going out and we are going in. The Russians demand that England give up her imperialistic program of conquest, and we are silent for the cause of our dear democracy.

We carry messages with balloons to the men who are in arms. I wonder if any allied government would allow the working class of that country to carry messages to their comrades across the trenches for one day. Do you realize that all this talk of a desirable peace can be brought about if the rulers will permit the men who are giving their lives for a dominant class to join each other for a single 24 hours?

PEACE IS coming, and democracy is coming—a social democracy, born of great faith, a faith of the workers in their mission. Thru the false white light come the red rays, the red glow from our Russian comrades. With them let us demand that this war shall grant no material rewards, territories or indemnities to victors. It shall, it must be a profligate war, without gain to capitalists or junkers, with a complete opposition to imperialism under all colors, with no profit to victors. Then this will be the most stupendous triumph for mankind and civilization.

MR. PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS, THIS MEETING IS NOT ONLY TO ASK QUESTIONS, BUT TO STATE WHAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY BELIEVE THEY SHOULD HAVE!

Circulate The Petition To Repeal The Conscription Law

That petition to congress to repeal the conscription law is having its effect. It is hitting and hurting the jingoes.

F. B. Eddy, of Pawnee, Okla., writes that immediately he got busy with the petition in his town he was stopped by the sheriff and the petition taken from him. He says that 90 per cent of the people in his county would sign the petition. Better get another one, Comrade.

You can get any number of these petitions by writing the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Let Us Take A Survey Of The Situation And Keep Straight Our International Record

By PATRICK S. NAGLE.

THE AUTOCRACY of Russia is overthrown. The red flag floats from the palace of the Russian Caesar and the Russian sky is crimson with our standards.

One hundred and fifty thousand Siberian prisoners were ordered released and they are streaming home. Russian exiles and refugees are returning from all parts of the world to their native soil.

The natives are "conscripting" the land, and the workmen are "conscripting" the industries.

The government of Russia is administered by a committee of twelve. Seven of this committee were named by the Council of Workmen and Soldiers, a revolutionary Socialist body—the Russian Jacobin Club.

Upon the accession of the Socialists to power, they wired freedom to Finland and renounced any ambition to annex Constantinople. They then proclaimed to the world that they stood for universal peace on this basis: "No annexation, no contribution, independence of all small nations, or the right of small nations to determine by referendum vote to which of the three great racial subdivisions of Europe they wished to belong—Romanic, Germanic or Slavic group."

In the world-war Russia holds the key to the situation, and revolutionary Socialists, with guns in their hands, are in control of Russia today.

And remember this: that the revolutionary Socialists of Russia, with guns in their hands, appeal to the Socialists of all countries to convene in an international Socialist Congress and fix the basis for a world-wide peace.

IN THE world-war, this is the lineup: America, Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Belgium, Japan, Portugal, Serbia, Montenegro, Roumania, San Marino, Monaco, Cuba, and Panama arrayed against Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

China, Brazil, Bolivia and Guatemala have severed diplomatic relations with the central powers. The neutral countries are Spain, Mexico and Central America (exclusive of Panama), South America (exclusive of Brazil), Denmark, Holland, Greece, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and a few other small countries.

The wealth, area and population of the groups:

Table with 2 columns: Group Name and Statistics (Wealth, Square Miles, Population). Includes ALLIES, CENTRAL POWERS, and NEUTRAL NATIONS.

Eighty per cent of the world's population, controlling 75 per cent of its wealth and occupying 76 per cent of its territory is now arrayed against the Central Empires.

Is five dollars worthier than one dollar? Can eight men whip one man? If you answer yes, then Hindenburg's line will be broken and his armies hurled back to the German frontier.

And when the first retreating German soldier crosses the Rhine, what will happen? Germany will follow Russia. The German Imperial government will be overthrown and the scepter will pass to the revolutionary Socialists.

And then what will happen? Germany will again follow Russia. The revolutionary German Socialist will ask for peace along the lines laid down by the Socialists of Russia, and Russia will accede. What will Eng-

Again, Hunger is not one of the primitive sensations. It is the primitive sensation when the first cave baby yelled for a piece of underdone Tiger steak, and it was the primitive sensation when the first tiger kitten howled for a double portion of cave baby rare.

There is never any confusion of thought about this sensation, your Excellency, and it is always recognized, Mr. Lansing, as an old friend about three times a day.

We have the shortest wheat crop since 1888. The government estimate of winter wheat is 358,000,000 bushels. The spring wheat will bring the aggregate up to 500,000,000 bushels approximately.

We must hand over to England, France and Italy 250,000,000 bushels or they can maintain their armies. We must reseed the land. What is the condition in the Corn Belt? Universal cold winds, in-

THE Democratic Party is Wall Street. The Republican Party is Wall Street. The Socialist Party is the Street Saint Antoine.

Now if I may be permitted to raise my provincial voice, and still live, I will make a few suggestions. Let us stick to our own street and keep our International record straight. If we do this now, in the international Congresses of the future, we will occupy a front pew with sister Russia.

If we fail now, we will take a back seat in a dark corner with Costa Rica. If we can develop some power of initiative and have vision and courage, we can make Socialism the immediate issue in the United States. The rank and file of the party should not be asked or expected at this time, to hand out anti-war literature and get "beat up" by the local "black hundred."

Let the National Executive Com-

Trying To Make The U. S. Government Ridiculous

IF THE newspapers of Chicago had deliberately hatched up a conspiracy to make the United States Secret Service look supremely ridiculous, they could not have organized anything so completely successful as their Chicago "Grant Park Peace Riot" on Sunday, May 27.

For two weeks the newspapers had been frothing at the mouth at the presumption of the "Peace Terms Meeting" to be held in the Auditorium on that afternoon. They had done everything in their power to incite a riot, except openly to urge that violence be used.

Greatest Thing In Chicago.

So successful were their advertising methods that the gathering, which otherwise might have passed with

people engaged in an affray so terrible that it was over before the police reserves, held in readiness, could dash two blocks to get to the scene.

And the Secret Service goes faithfully to work to ferret out the "plot" which excited cub reporters assure them lies behind the horrible spectacle of two thousand American citizens asking their government to keep faith with them.

Get The Tribune.

When we were boys, we used to read Sherlock Holmes with great delight, and look upon the Secret Service with something of awe. But a painful duty devolves upon us.

It is to tell the local division of the United States Department of Investigation that the Chicago newspapers are doing their level best to make them the laughing stock of the country—and in this instance, at least, they have succeeded.

Gentlemen, if you really want to

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DESTROYED BY FIRE

(An Interpolation) By WILLIS ANDREWS.

And it came to pass after one thousand nine hundred and seventeen years that the Father spoke unto the Son, saying, Go thou and visit again the children of the earth, and learn how well they have kept my command. Thou shalt not kill.

And the Son listened and obeyed and again descended unto the earth. And behold, when the people are perverse and wicked; yea, little heed is given to thy command, thou shalt not kill; and there is no peace on earth.

And thus saith the Son, Vainly I searched both far and near for ploughshares and pruning hooks. And I lifted mine eyes and looked, and lo, I saw grim instruments of death more terrible than man ever wot of before the deluge.

Now the Father waxed exceeding wroth and saith unto the Son, Turn from their evil ways!

And the Son answered and said, Strange are the ways of man; those who obey thy command, Thou shalt not kill, are evil-doers and go into prison; and, strangest of all, those who profess thy name and pray loudest from the house-tops, are most cruel in persecuting thy children.

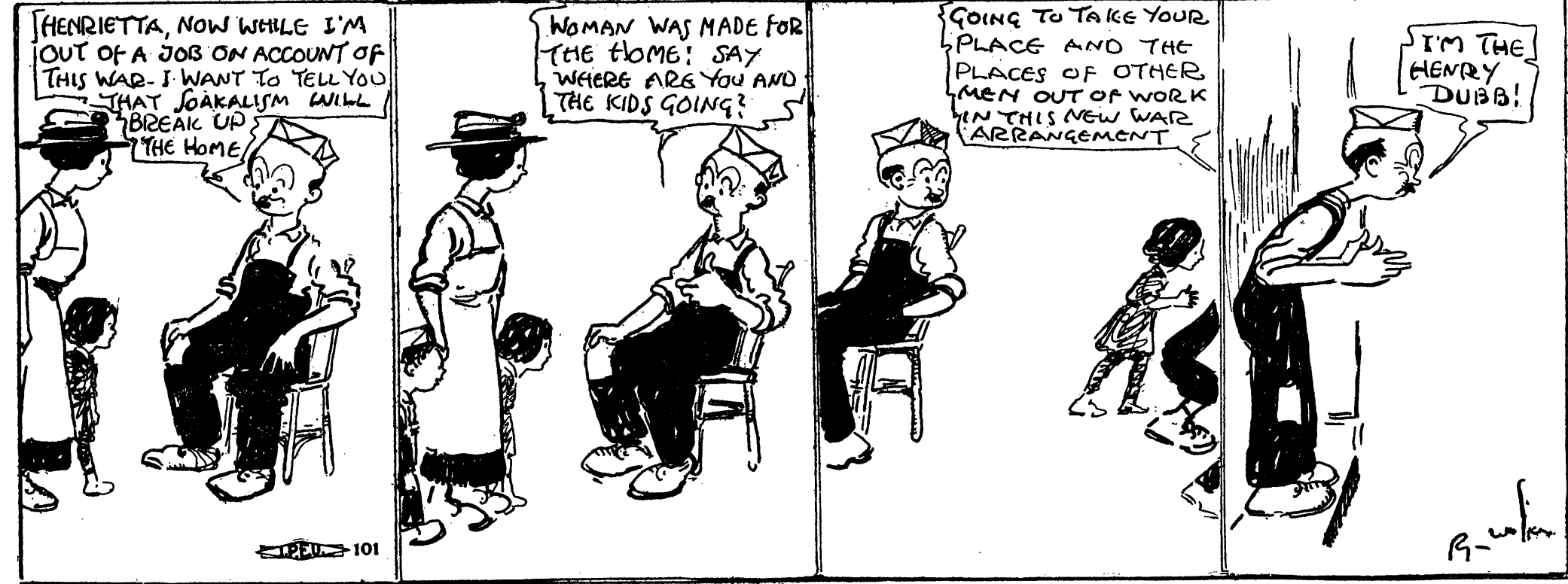
Wherefore, fearing violence at their hands, I hastily returned to the Father.

And it came to pass when the Son had finished these sayings, the Father turned to Satan and saith, Hearken ye unto me, and go and build high the fires of sheol, and there shalt every sinner be punished for his disobedience.

And the Son saith, Hold, Satan, let the fires of sheol slumber, for the children of the earth are destroying themselves—by fire.

Henry Dubb Finds That Something Else Besides Socialism Breaks Up The Home

By Ryan Walker.



world, we can not pay—it will enslave the German proletariat for a thousand years. If we are enslaved you are enslaved. The English dollar aristocracy has nothing but the utmost contempt for a working class democracy, and the order will be, "On to Berlin!"

Then what will happen? A new coalition. A new alignment: Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Poland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and possibly Denmark against England and such of her allies as will make common cause with her against the Social Democracy. It will be Social Democracy against Dollar Democracy, Socialism against Capitalism, Internationalism against Nationalism.

Our Rabbit Socialists with blanched faces and ears laid back ready for fight, say we are facing a crisis. I don't think so. It is the other fellow that is facing a crisis. A perilous hour is at hand for the American ruling class.

Why is Root sent to Russia with a check book? Is it to strengthen Dollar Democracy and cripple Social Democracy in Russia? If Root succeeds in his mission, would Dollar Democracy in Russia make common cause with Social Democracy in Germany? If Root and Dave Francis fail in transforming the existing government of Russia into a Dollar Democracy, will Wall Street continue to put up the coin? If they succeed are there not 200,000 Siberian Exiles in Petrograd armed and thirsting for blood? When the German revolutionists call on the Russian revolutionists will not Root's Dollar Government fall in a night and the Neva run red with the blood of the Dollar Kings? Will they not exclaim with Danton "the Kings of the earth are uniting against us, we accept the gauntlet of battle and hurl at their feet the heads of their Kings?"

In such a contingency, can Mr. Wilson if he joins with England rely on the loyalty of 60,000,000 of the American people who are worth less than \$15 each and who are daily contending with the demon hunger? Can he rely on the loyalty of a conscript army fighting their own class? Can drafted armies cope with armies animated with the spirit of the French revolution? Yes, brother rabbit, it is the other fellow that is facing the crisis.

The Press, Poster, Preacher and Politician, can create a "psychology," but hunger can also create a "psychology," and a most dangerous "psychology." The American Ruling Class with their "War Profits" of the last two years have lived a life of the wildest saturnalia, unequaled since the rottenness days of Rome. Now they are caught in the grip of elemental forces. They see the lightnings, and they hear the thunders of the coming storm. The wise chip muck stores up for winter. They rifled the country and then declared war. Now they are panic stricken and in a perfect frenzy and in the name of patriotism they are asking the common people to economize, economize. And the deadly answer comes back—"we have practiced the most rigid economy all our lives,—we can do no more."

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some sections drought. What does corn need? Moisture and warmth, and this is the first of June. The first cutting of Alfalfa is short and fruit damaged by late frost.

The truth is, that in the name of their God, "Profit," "War Profit," they have not only exhausted the country of food stuff, by exportation, but the young stock, the breeding stock, and the horse power is fearfully depleted.

In their desperation they are now calling on the farmer to be patriotic—plant, plant, plant. But Reub is "sore"—he has laid down on his job. Flim flammed by market manipulation, and shell gamed with fake Rural Credit bills he is disheartened. When the wheat crop of 1916 was in his hands he was compelled to sell at 92 cents to pay the bank, credit stores and machine companies. When it was in the hands of the war profiteers it soared to \$3.15.

The new crop will be harvested in a few weeks. Steel is jumping, but wheat is going down, down, down, as it always does when in the producers hands. The farmers are making inquiry about a gentleman named Hoover. They fear the wheat crop will be "commandered" and that in return they will receive a Belgian ration.

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mittee act! Let everything they do be open and above board without any semblance of secrecy. It is our move. We elected delegates to the Stockholm Congress. Passports were refused by the Secretary of State, and we were warned not to attend under penalty of fine and imprisonment—that departure of our delegates would be forcibly prevented. That was their move. It is now our move. The National Executive Committee should cable Kerensky and the Workmen's and Soldiers' Council that Root, when Secretary of State, was the American slave catcher of the Czar and that he is the professional walking delegate of Wall Street. Lansing will order the cablegram turned down—that will be their move.—It will again be our move. Delegates should be elected to go to Russia and be present when the constituent assembly meets. They will make a return move and prevent the delegates from going. For every return move by them, let the National Executive Committee make a new move.

The majority report of the St. Louis Convention should be adopted. It correctly states the attitude of International Socialism. The minority report correctly states the position of National Socialists. This is not intended as a reflection on those who signed the minority report. If I had been a delegate to the St. Louis Convention and those who wished to submit the minority report to the membership lacked a few signatures of the number required by the Party Constitution I would have signed it. I believe in Minority Reports and believe in submitting them to the membership. But they'll put us in jail if we accept the majority report. No, no, brother Rabbit, they will not put us in jail. They have us in jail now—incommunicado. But they'll put in jail the National Executive Committee if it does any or all of the things indicated. I don't think so. Unless they suspend the constitution and declare martial law. However, I am willing for the National Executive Committee to go to jail in a good cause.

I don't believe in trying to break into jail, but we must act with courage and intelligence.

THE Capitalist Class made a fatal mistake in selecting its Executive Committee. General Grant said: "You can always depend that the Democratic Party will put its foot in it."

Lansing put his foot in it when he refused the passports and we must give him opportunities to continue putting his foot in it. Had the Republican Party been in power it would have handed the Kaiser a declaration of war as a Christmas present in 1914. International Capitalism would now be enthroned, the war ended and Socialism would not be holding the center of the world stage. The Democratic Party was successful in conducting a government for the Slaveocracy. It is fairly successful in "running" State governments for the Peon Masters of the South. The Democratic Party can not manage a government for the Capitalists—they don't know how. They wriggle in and wriggle out, leaving a stranger still in doubt. Whether the snake that made the track was going North or coming back. It is different with the Republicans—they do know how. It is fortunate for us that the Democratic Party is in power and that Mr. Lansing is Secretary of State.

Fearing that he would be drafted for war, and that he would have to leave his 17-year-old wife, whom he married last Christmas, Harry York, aged 24, of Middleton, N. Y., shot her and then fired two bullets into his head.

little notice, became the greatest thing in Chicago.

Five thousand persons gained admittance into the Auditorium; fifteen thousand clamored at the gates. When they found that they could not get in, they marched in an orderly body to the lake front, and held a meeting of their own.

A young Russian druggist made a speech, in which he referred to the government of Chicago as "our own political crooks", stating that they made promises to win elections, and forgot these promises the moment the election was won.

He stated that Woodrow Wilson was elected on a platform of "He kept us out of war", and immediately after the election plunged us into war; and stated further that "Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, like our own political crooks, forget pre-election promises after election is over."

On hearing this, certain excitable reporters raised a cry of protest. The meeting was ordered dispersed by the Park Board police, in a courteous and gentlemanly fashion; the crowd started to disperse.

It did not scatter soon enough to suit the city police, who had five patrol wagons drawn up and a host of reserves at the nearby police stations. They felt that a golden opportunity to use their clubs was being lost.

So they charged in, scattered the crowd roughly, clubbed a few people,—about half a dozen or so citizens nursed bruises for a few days thereafter. Half a dozen girls belonging to the Shirtwaist Makers' Union were arrested, apparently because their faces were familiar to the police from picket duty; seven young men were also arrested—not a bad record for a crowd of 15,000 persons.

Next day the papers screamed across eight columns in three inch type about the "Riot" on the Lake Shore. They hinted that German spies had hatched the meeting; that agents of the Kaiser composed the larger part of it; and they spoke of a "net" that was being drawn about a nationwide conspiracy against the government, centering in Chicago, with terrible secrets and a fearful oath, and fearful disclosures soon to be made.

Day by day the papers carried blood curdling columns about the "net," the "conspiracy," the "Kaiser's spies," the "German secret service" et al. Meanwhile the United States Secret Service worked in desperation to get hold of somebody who could be held on some sort of reasonable charge; and this is what they did:

Children Arrested. They arrested six sixteen-year-old Jewish girls, who work in sweatshops manufacturing ladies' undergarments; three young men who sell gents furnishing goods at downtown department stores, or who clerk in retail grocery stores;

One young drug store clerk; and a sick youth, hardly out of his teens, whom they frightened nearly to madness by telling him they were going to hang him.

They arrested a couple of young girls who were studying chemistry at the University of Valparaiso, and confiscated their note books on the year's lectures; giving out that these were "presumably formulas for high explosives."

Gaze on the Kaiser's secret service! Kindly observe those whom the United States Department of Justice thinks are the heads of a nationwide conspiracy in the pay of the Imperial Government of Germany!

Great business the German government is in, when it places sixteen year old sweatshop girls in possession of its secrets and at the head of its plots!

Wouldn't it make a horse laugh! Over In Toledo. Over in Toledo another mysterious "riot" occurred, when two thousand

get hold of the chief agent of Prussianism in this country; the agent which is openly trying to force upon us the theories of Treitschke and Bernhardi, of Nietzsche and Bismarck; the theory of irresponsible autocracy and absolute subservience of citizens to the State—

Go Get The Chicago Tribune!

CAPITALIST PRESS WRONG ON CLEVELAND DEMONSTRATION

A. Wagenknecht, state secretary of Ohio, wires as follows: "Despatches printed in capitalist dailies that riot or near-riot occurred at Cleveland Socialist peace demonstration Sunday, May 27, unqualified falsehood. Hearst despatches especially yellow. Purpose of arrest of A. Wagenknecht was to discourage growth of our demonstrations, and purpose of charging riot is to scare people from attending peace meetings. A charge of disorderly conduct was placed against Wagenknecht. Much enlarged meeting after arrest addressed by Ruthenberg, who spoke just as severely upon question of conscription; 5,000 people at the meeting; will hold meetings all week and another mass demonstration next Sunday. Suggest you notify all our papers of falsehood of riot charge."

HICKEY, EDITOR OF REBEL, KIDNAPED BY U. S. SLEUTHS

T. A. Hickey, of Hallettsville, Tex., editor of The Rebel, and delegate to many national Socialist conventions, was kidnaped from his wife's farm near Brandenburg by federal authorities and charged with "conspiracy." He was later released on \$1,000 bail. It is claimed that an effort is being made to connect Hickey with an organization known as the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective League, a secret body, according to federal spies, that pledged its members to oppose conscription even by resorting to force. Hickey denies any connection with the organization and promises to tell about his adventure with the federal sleuths in the next issue of his paper.

HALL REFUSED, HOLD VACANT LOT MEETING IN SEATTLE

Kate Sadler, national committeeman in Washington, wires from Seattle as follows: "Hulet Wells, twice candidate for mayor of Seattle, former president, central labor council; Kate Sadler, national committeeman; Aaron Fislerman, county secretary, Sam Sadler and R. Rice, charged with sedition, flooding Seattle with no conscription leaflets. Largest hall refused Sunday after rental had been paid. Huge parade to vacant lot and meeting held there."

ARREST FLORENCE WATTLES AT BATESVILLE, ARKANSAS

Florence Wattles, delegate to the St. Louis convention from Indiana, has just suffered the wrath of authority for her "unpatriotic utterances" at Batesville, Ark., where she went to fill a lecture duty. She was also charged with "fighting to repeal the conscription law." When the local authorities heard that the national organization of the Socialist Party would defend her, she was immediately released.

A TOAST FROM THE TRENCHES

By THOMAS P. D. GRAY. Here's to the end of kings and queens, And general staffs and submarines! Here's to the day when men, grown wiser, Refuse to bow to Czar or Kaiser!

Here's to the end of whirring shells! Here's to the end of war and hell, The wrecks of men, the hate, the fears The wounds, the mighty flood of tears!

Here's to the end of exploitation, Poverty's grinding degradation, The waste of Competition death, And one Grand Commonwealth instead!

Here's to the end of all autocracy! Here's to the coming World Democracy! Here's to the day that is to be, With Men and Child and Woman free!

Advertisement for Ford cars. Includes text: 'THIS FORD FREE', 'Send Us No Money', 'You have no money? No matter how poor you are, we will give you a Ford car free of charge...'

Advertisement for 'SHALL J. P. MORGAN OWN THE EARTH?'. Includes text: 'A booklet which PROVES, by photographed extracts from an official U. S. Government Report, that the Morgan wealth and power are twenty times greater than realized...'

Advertisement for 'I ACCUSE'. Includes text: 'You'll find out. Get on the mailing list. Pamphlet is free. Something must be done. "It" is coming upon us like a thief in the night...'

Advertisement for 'A NEW BOOK'. Includes text: 'That is sold under a guarantee of satisfaction or money refunded. It explains the truth about the book of Revelation, analyzing every verse, which contains a record of the burning of Rome, and how, and why, and by whom it was done...'

Advertisement for 'AGENTS—MAKE \$100 to \$300'. Includes text: 'For more sales call on our new Triple-A Sales Plan. Cooking utensils for different foods on one burner. 400 Specialties—Wholesale prices. Write quick for exclusive territory and large catalogue. AMERICAN ALUMINUM MFG. CO., Div. S. T., Lomont, Ill.

Advertisement for 'FREE—6 MONTHS—INVESTING FOR—PROFIT'. Includes text: 'A monthly Guide to Money-Making. Tells how \$100 grows to \$2,200—how to get richer quickly and honestly. H. L. BARBER, Pub. 474, 32 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago.

Large advertisement for 'Half A Million Copies Sold! Tribute of the U. S. Secret Service to THE PRICE WE PAY'. Includes text: 'ON MAY 28, Irwin St. John Tucker had a long interview with the United States Secret Service officials at the Federal Building, Chicago. One of them said, "This article of yours is subtly written. It is all the more effective because it is subtle." Four editions of one hundred thousand copies each were sold almost as fast as the press could turn them out...'

Why You Should Fight

By IRWIN ST. JOHN TUCKER.

THIS IS written at the request of the United States Secret Service, to tell you why you should fight.

Over before yesterday I went into the Federal Building in Chicago and asked the United States Department of Investigation what they thought of my pamphlets; and they said they were very subtle.

One of the secret service men—a splendid young American, a college bred man, with frank courtesy and ready wit, said “I wish you’d write another pamphlet and tell young Americans why they ought to fight, to protect their property and their families.”

“The Secret Service hasn’t anything against the Socialists; what we object to are those who call themselves Socialists in order to bring discredit upon you by counselling violence.

“Social revolution, as you teach it, we do not oppose; we are fighting violence, bomb-throwing, shooting, poisoning, and methods of that sort.”

And I replied, “So are we. A bomb-thrower under any name is a bomb-thrower. Every time a bomb is thrown by an anarchist who calls himself a Socialist, the cause is injured; but every time a bomb-thrower is advocated by an anarchist who masquerades as a patriot, a Socialist is made.”

it from you; lest you should rise in your might and seize it again.

For a foreign war is the best preventive of a revolution at home. That is why the war was launched: for the thrones of the kings were tottering, and they beat the drum and rallied the people to protect the thrones; but behold, the thrones are falling; and great is the fall thereof.

But the cost of the war will remain upon your shoulders for generations yet to come.

THIS does not move me, do you say? Then fight for your wives and children!

Fight for the babies just set free from the cruel long-drawn massacre of the mills; that they may be thrown again into its bondage forever.

Fight for the starved little ones, deprived of food and air and sunlight, forbidden to play in God's green meadows; fight that the cost of the war may be saddled on them to shut out the sunlight forever.

Fight for the little children herded in intolerable holes in cellar and slum; that they may be penned therein forever.

Fight for the children deprived of the right of education; that they may continue fools forever.

Fight for the children thrust into the maelstrom of industry by the family's desperate struggle for a bare living; that they may continue to work their fingers to the bone forever.

begged with you, to fight with weapons that leave no dead behind.

With reason, persuasion, with facts of history and facts of science, with the arguments of thinking men to thinking men—with these we sought to arm you; but you laughed at us, and refused.

Now you are being armed with dynamite and machine gun. Bombs and high explosives are the elements of your daily thought. They have been thrust into your hands that you may destroy autocracy abroad, and force a political democracy upon the nations of Central Europe.

Learn your lesson well, is all we ask. Your lesson is the destruction of tyranny; learn it.

Your lesson is that the world must be made safe for democracy; that lesson has been set for you by the ablest of schoolmasters. Learn it.

But learn of things further; that is to tell tyranny from a democracy when you have seen them.

Learn to distinguish the label from the goods; and when you go out after democracy,

COME HOME WITH IT!

Press Gag Is Removed; Help Spread The Light!

B Y A VOTE of 188 to 144 the House of Representatives has stricken from the espionage bill the press censorship clause demanded by President Wilson. The Senate had already done so. By this action, Congress has refused to gag the press of the United States.

From now on, as heretofore, readers of The American Socialist will receive in their weekly newspaper the latest, fullest and most complete summary of the news of the great conflict for democracy, waged by the workers against capitalism in every land, up to the hour of going to press.

The American Socialist is not going to be confiscated or suppressed. Our news and editorial columns are not going to appear with blank spaces in them, cut by the censor. Our editorials and news articles are going to appear as they are written, and will rip the veil of evil things.

How desperate was the need for defeating this attempt to muzzle the voice of the American people is shown by the testimony of Admiral Braisted before the Senate naval committee, when he told of frightful conditions existing in the naval training camps where thousands of young men are being gathered for training as sea fighters. Cerebro-spinal meningitis, he said, infects the ships at sea. The hospital ships are in an insanitary condition. There is little water, no adequate disinfection of blankets and bedding; cleanliness is unknown, according to statements made in a round robin signed by patients and made public.

Back us up in our fight for freedom of speech and freedom of the people! With the gag removed, the American Socialist will remain as it has been the fiercest and outspoken champion of the cause of the workers. Send in your subscriptions; secure the subscriptions of your neighbors. Help to beat capitalism, which is the cause of war, by stirring up the intelligence of the people.

Rush your orders now!

Sure! Bankers Boost Liberty Loan! It Means More Profits

By LUCIEN SAINT.

(Special Correspondence)

WASHINGTON.—It has an appeal not only to patriotism but to reason and business sense,” declared a confidential bank official, speaking of the Liberty Loan. Here is the reason, and thus the inside dope of why the Liberty Loan is being advertised so loudly and clamorously to the exclusion of everything else:

“Twenty years ago when “we” went to war with Spain, the Government floated a bond issue for two hundred million dollars. Thanks to persistent advertising, this issue was sold and oversold within three months. At the end of a year by various devices known to financiers, the bonds went to a value of \$110 each. The gentlemen who bought heavily—like Mr. Armour—at the beginning of the sale, made something like ten bucks apiece from each bond.

“What has happened once may happen again—and this is what the powers that be are hoping.

Caters To Middle Class.

Because the present administration represents the small business men and has more or less consistently fought the big banking interests of the country wherever they clash with the smaller fry, the Liberty Loan issue is being peddled out in small denominations, and by various enticements the spare cash of the poor man—the majority of Americans are poor men—is being pulled out of the old stockings. If this process goes on to any great extent, it will have far-reaching social consequences.

The first consequence—and this again explains why the banks are liberally offering to handle these bonds without commissions—is that unused money will be drawn into circulation where the bankers can make money on it by lending it out again at high rates of interest to commercial and industrial enterprises. The Liberty Loan, in other words, is giving the private banking interests material for more profits than they ever dreamed of. The Liberty Loan, by so doing, is a standing argument for government ownership of the banking and lending power.

Poor Have Nothing.

The second consequence is that we shall soon have striking proof of the well known fact that very few Americans have any money to invest at any per cent whatever and in anything that makes or less consistently patriotic. The loan of 1898 amounted to 320,000 subscribers in a nation of about 90,000,000 people. We may find half a million subscribers today, but that is doubtful.

The third consequence of the Liberty Loan is purely political. The campaign is being conducted by William Gibbs McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, and son-in-law of President Wilson. Under the guise of selling the issue, McAdoo is travelling about strengthening his political fences and taking a good look around for 1920, a year not so very far off. The Democratic party needs a new candidate.

From The Firing Line

“Socialism is coming!” writes Comrade Gilbert Ellingson, of Fairdale, N. Dak. “The plunderer is digging its own grave.” He helps along with a few subs.

Comrade John S. Benson, of Lake City, Ark., sends “The best paper I ever saw (The American Socialist)” to some of his friends.

Comrade Samuel Carter, of Myrtle Point, Ore., sends a list of Henry Dubbs who are to receive The American Socialist and writes, “This is the best way to show the appreciation of your stand for humanity's rights.”

Some one sent The American Socialist to Joseph Federle, of Godfrey, Ill. Now he has subscribed for himself because, as he says, “I shall hammer away at the best paper I have ever read. I'll surely vote Socialist at the next election if I live!”

“I am very well pleased with our wonderful paper,” writes Comrade Charles F. Britton, of Richmond, Va., as he sends in a renewal. “It is the best I have ever seen.”

A new recruit in Indianapolis, Ind., writes because he wants to join “The ever growing ranks of Socialists.”

“I am in the fight to the finish,” says Comrade A. Boggs, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, as he subscribes. “I may not see the finish, but I shall hammer away at the Henry Dubbs until I am finished.”

Comrade I. E. Bauschke, of Benton Harbor, Mich., conscripts four subs among some people who are getting wild with the appreciation of your paper since war has been declared.”

“I wish your paper every success in the fight to stop the war, and I have hopes that the draft law may yet be repealed,” writes one of our hustlers in Peru, Ind., who drafts 15 subscribers into the American Socialist army.

Comrade W. F. Euler, Meadville, Pa., enlists a bunch of recruits in the army of American Socialists.

Comrade L. D. Willes, of Nashville, Tenn., brings in the scalp of half a dozen members of the Dubb family. “More soon,” he says.

Comrade Theodore Widener, of Calverton, N. Y., writes to us to register on his subscription list without any difficulty at all.

“I picked these up at the meeting of our comrades at the meeting of D. Lee of Goehle, Okla., as he sends in a list of nine. “I believe in working for and with my class. The war has been declared and is only when capitalism is defeated.”

“I am going to dedicate to Socialism if I have to go alone and do it myself,” writes one of our hustlers in Alabama, as he sends in a club of four. No danger of going alone, Comrade, the ranks are increasing every hour.

“Please send the best paper on earth to 20 names enclosed,” is the cheering message that comes from Comrade T. J. Brown, of Detroit, Mich., who sends a bunch of subs.

Comrade W. M. Hallbauer, of Wellston, Mo., helps make our movement grow by sending in a list of 10.

Comrade A. W. Lapart, of Loomis, Minn., sends out to interne Comrade Henry Dubbs in his town by sending in a list of 16.

“My grocery man was just here and he was telling me that the subscription for a year,” writes Comrade Lina Yohst, of Salsville, Ohio. Every woman should conscript a new sub every time some one sends at her door.

“I need the paper in my business,” says J. W. Buck, as he renews. “We are cheering for free Russia!”

“Please conscript the staff of The American Socialist on the last four issues that have been carrying the battle into the enemy's camp. Every Socialist in the nation should give the paper his support and give the widest possible circulation to the one publication that can never compromise with the plutocrats.”—Roy Zachary, Cashier, N. C.

—THANKS!

K. Kildare writes all the way from Manchester, England, to subscribe saying, “This is the result of a blithe song of praise I saw in a local paper. The letter had been opened by the censor but it seems the song of praise let it thru.”

“The Socialist Party is sure fulfilling the expectations of the membership and are pushing me into the war who wants no war, right into the fold. Stick to the war on war!”—Lee Wilson, Sullivan, Ind., as he sends in a bunch of subs, too.

“There are certainly some great truths in The American Socialist nowadays. The boys are waking up and after the dose of being kept out of war,” says Comrade W. Krenser, of Fremont, Neb., as he orders a dozen sub cards.

“Nothing like it to make the well-spring of hope rise in the hearts of the comrades!” writes Comrade Edward M. Kintzer, Salem, West Va., in speaking of the Russian revolution. He orders a bunch of sub cards after sending in a list of 16 subs.

“May I say a word to encourage the editor and his staff?” says the superintendent of a school in western city as he sends in a bunch of subs. Say all you want to, but those subs are encouragement enough.

“NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT THE CIRCULATION OF OUR PAPER ABOVE THE MILLION MARK,” writes Comrade G. C. Hinton, Me., who is doing his bit to reach that goal.

Comrade L. W. Pearson, of Rosnoke, Va., has put The American Socialist into a number of barber shops in his town. But we hope they'll read our great little paper,” he says.

“The American Socialist beats them all,” says Comrade H. L. Franklin, of Huntington, W. Va. “Our stand has given hope to the world.”

Get Enough To Eat

Are you well fed?

Here is the latest dope from the Department of Agriculture on the amount of food which a family of five ought to have for one day. If you aren't earning enough money to buy it—what you know what you can do.

BREAD—4 and one-half pounds; or 2 and three-quarters pounds of cereal; or 5 or 6 potatoes.

FAT—three-quarters of a cup—butter, butter and oil, beef drippings, etc.

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES—4 pounds in all.

MILK—(depending on the number of children) 2 or 3 quarts.

MEAT—1 to 1 and a half pounds—or meat substitutes, such as beans and cheese.

SUGAR—a little over 1 cup—or some other sweet.

This is supposed to furnish about 10,000 calories of energy per day, or about 330 grams of protein, which is what an average family of five would need.

This is neither a minimum nor a maximum requirement. It is a good substantial scientific diet. It is suggested in Farmers' Bulletin 808 and ought to nourish.

If you can't get it, write to your Congressman and tell him why and what he ought to do about lowering the price of food and driving the food pirates and robbers out of business.

If we don't have enough food we are going to take it.

That's the dope.

FIGHT for the women of our broad land; that millions of them may be deprived of husbands, and millions more may receive back from the war battered, broken wrecks of men.

Fight for the housewife who cannot now meet the expenses of living; that the gap may be yet wider between income and need.

Fight for your homes; fight for the palaces of Newport which you may not enter, wherein degenerate idlers spend millions in wanton luxury; that they may be yet more splendid.

Fight for the putrid decaying holes wherein so many of you are compelled to live; that they may be yet more putrid and fall yet farther into decay.

Fight for the banks, that their walls and ceilings may be grided yet thicker and adorned with statuary yet more splendid; yet their directors may buy even more Pomeranian pups with long silken ears, for worthless wives and yet more worthless daughters.

BUT above all, and thru all, and after all; fight for the monarchs who oppress us with an intolerable despotism by the rule of Money and the iron grip of Might; for we have chosen them and they are ours.

Fight for the heroes of Homestead, who slaughtered his men; for the hero of McKees Rocks, who slaughtered his men;

For the heroes of Ludlow and Forbes; for the heroes of Calumet and the Mesaba Range, for the heroes of West Virginia coal mines; for they slaughtered not only their men, but also their women and children.

For their God and their Right; for Money is their God, and Corruption is their Right.

Fight, miners of Colorado, who have seen your own children burned,—fight for the sovereign who slaughtered them; in order that you may forget your own woes in fierce loyalty to the youth who ordered your children slain.

Fight, sons of the people, for the pigs of Serbia. For the pigs of Serbia, being shut out of the Austrian markets, desired to gain exit to the markets of the world thru the port of Durazzo. Hence the beginning of this war.

The original pigs of Serbia are all dead; but you must die to avenge their ghosts.

“WHY should we fight for them?” you ask me. “This is a poor way to counsel enlistment.”

Fools, this is the way to learn how to fight. Go forth and destroy the kings of divine right abroad. And when the war is over you will have learned the means and method of destruction of kings.

Then when you march back home in your millions, and find that Chinese coolies have been brought here by the million to take possession of your country for you; when you find that the peons of Mexico have taken away your jobs; your wives and your children, your grandmothers and grandfathers, are pressed into service; and you, who have served your owners well, are cast into the rubbish heap;

Then the whisper will run abroad thruout the land, rumbling in the ears of those who have done this thing to you:

“TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES, FOR THE DEVIL IS UNCHAINED!”

FOR weary years we Socialists talked and argued, persuaded and

Contest Period Extended

In order to give every contestant a chance to get in on the biggest and best year of activity ever planned by the Rand School, our Socialist College of America, the scholarship contest has been extended to reach over the summer months and will not finally close until noon, September first. In addition to this an Eastern comrade has offered a donation of \$50 to each winner. Expenses in New York will be at least \$8.00 per week, yet those who attend the school can figure on earning, in spare time, from \$2 to \$4 weekly. Each 25c subscription sent in counts for one point, each yearly sub for 2 points. By energetic work at encampments, meetings, and by canvassing it might be easy for a live-wire comrade to send in enough subs to win one of these prizes.

The latest enterprise of the Rand School is a “Summer School for Socialists.” It will last only two weeks, from July 15th to the 29th, but much will be crowded into that time. Five regular courses, each consisting of twelve lessons, will be given the forenoon hours as follows: Fundamentals of Socialism; by Algernon Lee; Labor Problems and Social Legislation; by Alexander Trachtenberg; Methods of Socialist and Labor Organization; by Samuel E. Beardsley; The Making and Remaking of the American Constitution; by Max Schenberg; and Problems of Nationalism and Internationalism, by Algernon Lee. There will also be evening lectures and concerts, varied with musical entertainment and social gatherings. Several afternoons will be devoted to visits to the museums and public institutions of the city and to neighboring points of interest.

There are a good many comrades in various parts of the country, and especially East of the Mississippi River, who would like to combine an interesting vacation in the metropolis with the opportunity for a brief but intensive study of a few of the many questions that interest our movement. Besides these, many of the working people in New York and the vicinity, whose trades are “slack” at midsummer, are expected to take part.

Next to attending for a full winter's course lasting from November to May, nothing could be of greater value to our members than a thorough course of training such as the Rand School offers in this special summer course.

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Fighting For Democracy

If this is a war to make democracy safe.

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They fight against great profits for the corporations, which make industrial slavery.

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The Trial Of Mrs. Mooney

The prosecution seems to have struck a snag in the trial of Mrs. Rena Mooney in San Francisco. They must have failed to “plant” this time to do the “agitator” on the jury as was the case in the Tom Mooney trial.

The discredited Prosecuting Attorney Fickett seems to feel that someone might be on the jury that would be favorable to Mrs. Mooney. That would be awful, in his opinion. He is accustomed to juries that are ready to hang before the trial begins, according to the comments of underlings in his office.

The most interesting feature of the trial, however, will be the Labor Jury. It will be unofficial, of course, but it will be a jury of Mrs. Mooney's peers at least. These men of labor will sit thruout the trial, weigh the evidence, and let the working class of America know the real facts in the case.

There is to be a woman's committee also to report the daily doings at the trial to the public and the press. The eyes of the nation's working class will be on the trial. The American Socialist will give its readers a faithful account of the events each week.

Rush in your orders for the June leaflet by Ralph Korngold. It appears on page four of this issue. The price is 10 cents per 100; 75 cents per 1,000. Send orders to National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

DOLLAR MARK ON THE FLAG.

Washington.—Why the American flag has gone up in price is to be investigated by the Federal Department of Justice. This is not a joke. It is the subject of a solemn paragraph in the new Official Bulletin, the spokesman of this censored and censoring administration.

In many cases the price of old glory has gone up over 100 per cent.

Talk about putting the dollar mark on the flag! Talk about dollar patriotism! Here is the thing itself, commercialized and made a thing of profit to selfish commercial interests.

The flag is being commercialized by all sorts of advertisers. They are making flag handkerchiefs to blow your nose on—if you have the kind of a silk handkerchief. They are putting the flag on buttons, feathers, breakfast foods, stockings, underwear, on all kinds of junk, and they are charging good, high prices for the stars and stripes thus prostituted to private profit.

Which leads to this pertinent question: Who else is making money out of the flag?

I can say this much:

Expose Enemies Of Republic.

“War brides” are creatures of the past. “War prostitutes” are the mothers of the new millionaire class which is rising up to dominate America. War pimps, war panders, war brothels—all spring up to help in the good cause. All the fat robbers who made money off the necessities of war-stricken Europe are here robbing the people of this country. And in their train are endless, nameless, secretly preying vultures of capitalism who are making money off the war necessities of the free and “democratic” United States of America.

Is the censorship going to let these facts come to light—names, dates, places, circumstances—all the sordid mass of facts which are ruining this country.

At this writing it looks as if the censorship bill was dead. But censorship has many forms, and it will rise to plague us again speedily.

Expose the enemies of this republic and of the Coming Nation before it gets too dark!

COLLEGE SOCIALISTS ARE DOING RESEARCH WORK

The Research work of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society has been going steadily forward. The I. S. S. has published during the year two excellent supplements in connection with The Intercollegiate Socialist, one giving a splendid survey of “Municipal Ownership in the United States” by Evans Clark of Princeton and one a comprehensive idea of the extent of “Cooperation in the United States” by Cheves West Perky, of the C-operative League of America. “Sta Socialism—Pro and Con”, a source book on public ownership in various countries, edited by Wm. English Walling, Harry W. Laidler and others is also to issue from the press.

The Intercollegiate Socialist Society is now completing its program for its Autumn Conference, which will this year be held in Bellport, N. Y., a beautiful spot on the southern coast of Long Island, from September 18th to 24th.

The general subject of the conference is “Problems of Democratic Readjustment during and after the War.” Peace proposals, universal service, freedom of speech and of the press, maintenance of labor standards and socialization of railroads, food supply, etc., will be discussed. The mornings and evenings will be given over to addresses and discussion and the afternoons to recreation—walking, swimming, boating, etc. An exceptionally interesting group of speakers promise to be present.

All desiring further information concerning the conference should address the I. S. S., 70 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.

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"Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends (the protection of life, liberty and happiness) it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it."—Declaration of Independence, 1776.

International Socialism Is Seizing Its Opportunity To Bring Peace Into The World

SOcialism believes it is seizing its opportunity, says one of the best informed newspaper correspondents now stationed at Stockholm, Sweden, watching the International Socialist Conference.

He came pretty close to the truth. He should have called to his paper here in the United States, "Socialism knows it is seizing its opportunity".

This same correspondent cables, "Socialism may not have its program ready, but it has its purpose clear and is building its program".

INTERNATIONAL Socialism is working out its program just as rapidly as possible at the conference now being held at Stockholm.

It is forging ahead just as fast as the war-loving dynasties of Europe will permit.

News of the refusal of the U. S. government to grant passports to the American delegates was received with great surprise at Stockholm. It seems that too much faith had been placed in Wilson's pretensions to democracy.

There was renewed joy, however, over the news that the French Socialist Party had voted to send delegates, followed by the tidings that the British Socialist and labor movement would be represented by G. D. Roberts and Ramsay MacDonald, members of Parliament.

With the British delegates preparing to leave for Stockholm, 1,100 delegates gathered at a convention in Leeds to hail the Russian revolution. This gathering voted to work for "a peace made by the peoples of the various countries and for the complete political and economic emancipation of international labor."

OUR wonderful Secretary of State Lansing, according to the administration's inspired press, now declares that no attempt will be made to prevent Victor L. Berger or others from leaving for the Socialist conference at Stockholm. The statement follows:

"The government will not issue passports to delegates or others going to attend the Stockholm conference. But it will not try to prevent those from leaving who insist upon going. If they are able to find steamships that will take them and are willing to run the risk of such inconvenience as may result from not possessing passports when they arrive in foreign countries they are liberty to go."

This is certainly an inspiring edict from a government fighting for the "freedom of the seas." We feel that this backdown on the part of Mr. Lansing is preliminary to a complete capitulation. We predict that the Socialist delegates will get passports in time to attend the Stockholm conference on July 15.

NOT HAVING any laws passed in the 18th century to back it up, the government in France seems to be trying to find some excuse for preventing the French Socialist delegates from going to Stockholm. The matter is expected to come before the French chamber of deputies. No move has as yet been made by the British government to deny passports to the British Socialist delegates.

With this uncertainty confronting it, the bureau at Stockholm, according to cable reports, has again postponed the conference from June 15th to July 15th. At the same time comes the news that the executive committee of the Russian council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates has chosen Stockholm as the place for the meeting of its conference, while the date proposed is between July 15th and 30th.

This means that the two conferences may be held at the same time with the prospect that they will unite their forces.

ONE OF the first statements made by the German delegates upon their arrival at the Stockholm conference was their announcement that they did not speak for the German government in any way.

Dr. Eduard David of the majority German Socialists declared that they carry no endorsement by the German government. The action of the delegation, he pointed out, is merely binding upon the majority Socialists in Germany, and they have no pledges or authorizations from the administration in Berlin.

"No annexations and no indemnities" are the principal provisions of the peace program of the German and Austrian Socialists. It also calls for the restoration of freedom of commerce on land and sea, modification of the protectionist system, the establishment of "international administration" for all maritime routes, internationally built and administered railways.

THE correspondent previously referred to sums up the situation in Europe as follows:

"Socialism knows, as every direct observer of continental affairs knows, that so far as the masses are concerned Europe's patience is about worn out. In that condition of the proletariat mind lies Socialism's opportunity. The proletariat is saying that the men now assembling at Stockholm cannot do worse, and may do better, than the men who in less than three years have brought some countries into ruin and others to the verge. Thus the vast masses of Europe's population are ready to listen attentively to the conference proposals.

"Therefore, the day may happen that immediate practical results of the conference may seem relatively slight to remote observers of European conditions, they still, in the opinion of many close to the scene, will exercise an enormous influence on the middle and lower orders by pointing them to what they are in a state of mind to accept as possibly the only egress from a condition no longer endurable.

"Another possible result of Socialist activity is that Socialism, if its propositions are ignored by the governments, will say to the populations, 'Having done our best to no purpose, it remains only for the people at home to do what the Russian people have done.' In other words, if peaceful propaganda fails, the launching of sharper measures.

"The word is revolution."

AS WE go to press word comes from Stockholm that all of the national organizations affiliated with the International Socialist Bureau have accepted the invitation to attend the conference.

This has resulted in the diplomats of all countries, except the United States, doing their best to remove all obstacles to the attendance of delegates. They say:

"To what purpose should the governments discountenance the conference? If it can make peace, that is what we all want. If not, no harm will be done. In any case, who wants a wave of revolution sweeping over Europe as a result of popular irritation over the unsympathetic attitude toward a laudable effort?"

How broad and deep is the sympathy of Austria toward the conference is indicated by the remark of an Austrian newspaper which said:

"From the emperor to the peasant, my country heartily sympathizes with and supports the Socialist peace aspirations."

PUTTING aside all other considerations, this conference, to the non-Socialist world, is of large importance as a clearing house for international opinion.

Coal Miners Awake

We intend to take the sugar coated veneer off the national administration's brand of "democracy" just as often as it is necessary. That is why we are especially interested in seeing that the coal miners get a square deal during this war.

The miners are awake to the perils of Wilsonian democracy. They have already entered their protest, published in last week's issue of The American Socialist.

They need publicity for this protest. Soon the jingo sheets thruout the land will be denouncing the miners as pro-Kaiser because they will not submit to be chained and enslaved by the Rockefeller interests and the steel trust.

It was an exquisite piece of irony that put a well selected lot of Kaisers of the mining industry on the Coal Production Committee of the President's Council of National Defense, with not one representative of the coal miners among them.

There is J. F. Welborn, the Rockefeller agent of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., (let us not forget the bloody Ludlow Massacre). He is slated by this coal production committee to rule supreme over the coal fields of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Then there is Erskine Ramsey, of the U. S. Steel Trust, that master crusher of toil, who is scheduled to be placed in dictatorship over the coal fields of Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina.

These are two instances which challenge the administration's claims to "a war for democracy."

"We must insist as a matter of sincerity that we be allowed to retain some measure of that democracy of which we so proudly boast, in the mining regions of our nation," say the miners.

The miners have already offered to cooperate with the government in the production of coal during the war. Their offers have been spurned.

The miners, however, do not intend to be thus lightly thrust aside. The beautiful mirage of world democracy may look attractive to Samuel Gompers, and a few other misleaders of labor, now enjoying the smiles of the national administration. What the miners, and all others who toil thruout this land of great abundance, want is a little democracy in the United States. They will get it.

"Our Most Dangerous Enemy"

MOTHER: "I've given my boy to the country, what will YOU give?"

FOOD-GAMBLER: "High prices and famine!"

The above is the caption for a cartoon that appeared in the first issue of "The Forward," organ of the League for Democratic Control.

We had just been reading in the newspapers how the sons of our millionaires were planning to claim exemptions under the registration law.

Allow us to introduce you to Edward Morris, 24 years old, head of the Morris Packing Co., one of the five tentacles of the beef trust in Chicago. How this 24-year-old boy happened to suddenly become one of the nation's big food pirates we don't know. His reason for claiming exemption is illuminating, however.

He claims exemption because he is head of a large firm supplying food to the allied armies.

In other words, he wants to stay right here at home collecting the profits that accrue from high prices and scheming to bring on a famine in order that prices may go still higher.

Great is the gall of those who are gorging themselves with the good things of the earth at the expense of the sorrowing, suffering and misery of the many.

When He Cometh

Jesus Christ came to Nampa, Idaho, the other day on a peace mission. Hooting jingoes spat and stamped upon him, finally driving him out of town.

He didn't come in person of course. But his picture, on a huge banner, was carried into the midst of a mass meeting of jingoes. Beneath the picture were inscribed the words, "Thou Shalt Not Kill!"

The standard bearer was a daring Baptist minister who received no protection from the Baptist minister who happened to be addressing the jingoes when his brother entered.

The banner bearer was driven into the street, the standard taken from him and knocked into the mud, while the more extreme among the jingoes took peculiar delight in stamping the likeness of the Saviour into the dirty ooze of the highway.

The local jingo organ reports gleefully that the peace loving clergyman was driven out of town and at the hour of going to press had not returned. This same sheet denounces the carrying of this standard as being "Socialistic" and "seditious" and denounces the clergyman for hiding behind "a supposed religious belief."

Now HE will know what to expect "When He Cometh".

Russian workers are demanding and getting the universal eight-hour day. How about the workers in the United States?

There is no time for organized labor to be caught napping in the United States. Dearly bought rights may be wiped out overnight if the workers do not keep wide awake.

There are two kinds of democracy—the kind the people want and the kind the people get. We are now taking what we get but we will soon get the democracy we want.

Now comes another expose telling of the rotten conditions on board hospital ships. This is the kind of publicity the Washington bureaucrats are seeking to suppress by having the Wilson censorship program adopted. Let there be light; sweep aside the darkness.

"Sammy" Gompers and his henchmen in the American Federation of Labor have always charged the Socialists with being dreamers. Gompers now seems to be dreaming, however, about Wilson's "world democracy" while the American jingoes are wide awake trying to wipe out every vestige of democracy in the United States.

The whole Romanoff family, that recently lost out in Russia, father, mother, son and daughters, are said to be working in the gardens of the Tsar's Sela palace, in Petrograd, planting and hoeing potatoes. They are thus on a level with King George V of England, who has voluntarily taken up the same work. He is probably preparing for the time when he, too, will lose his present job.

Japanese imperialists are getting nervous. The same crowd responsible for the hanging of 12 Socialists before the war started now assert in an effort to save themselves, that while Japan is imperialistic it is also democratic. They claim that the Japanese people look upon their masters with reverence and love. That is what the Romanoffs said about the Russian people shortly before the recent revolution.

Russia's Democracy Speaks To England's Imperialism

Russian Socialists, thru the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, are continuing in their work of educating England in the great problem of international democracy.

Referring to a statement in the English newspapers that Russia's war aims coincide with those of her western allies, the council's official organ boldly declares:

You are deceiving yourselves, gentlemen, or rather you are vainly striving to delude your fellow countrymen concerning the real policy of the Russian revolution. The revolution will not sacrifice a single soldier to help you repair "the historic injustices" committed against you.

What about the historic injustices committed by yourselves, and your violent oppression of Ireland, India, Egypt and innumerable peoples inhabiting all the continents of the world?

If you are so anxious for justice that you are prepared in its name to send millions of people to the grave then, gentlemen, begin with yourselves.

Tchernoff, the Socialist minister of agriculture, addressing a congress of delegates from the front, declares:

"Peace must be concluded in which there are no victors and no vanquished".

The Socialist organ of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates declares that the stand for peace "without annexation" means that not a drop of the people's blood is to be spilled for the seizure of territory.

Russian Socialists are pointing the way toward an everlasting world peace. Unite the Socialists of all the world will unite beneath their standards. A united world Socialism will mean a world immediately emancipated.

Capitalists And Imperialists Of World Worry About Russia

Elihu Root, Charles Edward Russell and the rest of the American Commission to Russia have arrived at some Russian port, supposedly Vladivostok, on their way to Petrograd.

If there is anything that Root had hoped to accomplish on behalf of the big business interests in retarding the progress of revolutionary events in Russia, those hopes may now be buried and a tombstone erected bearing the epithet, "TOO LATE!"

That Root may arrive in Petrograd to behold a complete Socialist administration in power is the possibility growing out of the resignation of Konovloff, minister of commerce and trade. It seems that Konovloff couldn't agree to the Socialist measures proposed by Skobelev, the Socialist minister of labor, economic and financial measures absolutely necessary in the present crisis. Konovloff's parting words were: "The present government should make way for a homogeneous Socialist government."

THIS latest development in Russia has caused great excitement in the ranks of international capitalism. Russia is again going to wreck and ruin, in the opinion of the world's industrial overlords, because workers are parading the streets of Petrograd carrying banners inscribed with, "Down With The Capitalists," and "Long Live The Social Revolution."

Russia's capitalists, especially, are wringing their hands in agony, as they behold the workmen thru their committees in virtual control of the nation's industries. It is claimed by them that the demands of Russia's workers for increased wages, a shorter work day and improved conditions would more than wipe out all of their sacred profits.

No attention is being paid apparently by the workers to the threats of the big business interests that the industries will be closed down if the workers persist in their demands; the workers evidently feeling that they are fully capable of conducting the industries themselves.

THIS situation in Russia brings into the limelight the fact that one of the members of Wilson's commission to Russia is none other than Cyrus H. McCormick, head of the International Harvester Co., oppressor of labor in the United States, who is due to learn much of the power of organized labor during the next few weeks.

That the Harvester Co. has been very successful in exploiting Russian labor in the past is shown by the annual report of this corporation which states that \$30,528,000 in profits is now being held in Russia pending shipment to the United States. Not so bad!

It would certainly break the heart of Mr. McCormick if the Russian workers should confiscate those profits and decide to run the plants of the Harvester Co. in Russia for the exclusive benefit of the Russian workers and farmers who produce and use its products.

THE inspiring story of the great change that is taking place in Russia was related to the recent French Socialist Congress by Deputies Cachin and Moutet, just returned from this birthplace of dawnning hope. Cachin said:

"My task is to describe the gigantic and marvelous spectacle of a country of 175,000,000 inhabitants governed solely by socialism. Indeed, it was a grand and unexpected spectacle to see every great Russian town governed by the so-called sobiet or committee of soldiers and workmen. All factions of the socialist party are grouped in this sobiet. Behind the front every one obeys the sobiet.

"Everywhere we were struck by the transformation which has been wrought in individuals. The soldier has become a citizen. Elected committees are active everywhere and have their representatives even at the general headquarters.

"The first problem was to feed the population. The general condition was lamentable. Disorganization was at its height and it is safe to say that if the old regime had not been beaten it undoubtedly would have made a separate peace with Germany.

"The workmen's co-operative societies undertook revictualment and it is they which to-day are keeping the people from dying of hunger. Czarism was a mere facade. The moment it disappeared not a single man wanted it back. The provisional government favored a constitutional monarchy, but the socialists insisted on a republic."

ONLY one comment is necessary on the Russian situation. The people of Russia are not worrying. The capitalists and imperialists of the world are doing the worrying.

It is safest not to believe one word you read in the subsidized press. Then you can't go wrong

The Carnegie Foundation of International Peace has taken off its mask and endorsed the war. Nuff said!

Let us have a registration day for all fortunes of conscriptive size. No exemptions should be recognized.

They are now taking seven instead of six cuts of every pie. But who cares! We quit eating pie long, long ago.

"America fed on lies!" says an insignificant newspaper headline, hitting the truth. Yes, but the big headlines will keep on telling the lies.

International Socialism has broken into the minds of the peoples of the world and incidentally into the front pages of the newspapers.

Chicago aristocrats have converted their pleasure yachts into submarine chasers. So far, however, no German U-boats have been seen in the vicinity of the Windy City.

If Socialism is a dream, capitalism is a nightmare, and the beauty of it all is that the dream is coming true, and we will soon try to forget all about the nightmare

"The Russian revolution was to have been monarchical and conservative, with a highly respectable 'bourgeois' ministry. The soldiers and workers took a hand, however, and it turned out republican and Socialist."—CURRENT OPINION.

"Its publication and distribution must stop", is the tribute paid by the Oil City, Pa., Derrick to the Socialist anti-war proclamation leaflet, which it says is being put out all over the county.

Our patriotic rich are sending their sons of conscriptive age to Mexico and Cuba to escape the draft. Let congress, if it is at all sincere, draft the fortunes of the rich that cannot be taken out of the country.

John Spargo, of Old Bennington, Vt., has sent in his resignation from the national executive committee and the party to take effect immediately. His statement will be published in the next issue of The Bulletin, the party monthly.

"This action is un-American and undemocratic", declares the St. Paul Daily News in speaking of the refusal of the state department bureaucrats in Washington, D. C., to grant passports to the Socialist delegates to the Stockholm peace conference.

"Patriotic citizens will read the folder and be somewhat influenced by what it contains", is the wail of the New Castle, Pa., Herald, in speaking of the Socialist anti-war proclamation that is being generously distributed in that town. Socialist logic seems to be cooling the war spirit in this center of the munitions industry.

"Current Opinion," one of our high-brow literary monthlies, complains that one of the defects of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates in Russia arises "from the fact that the 'better classes' did not help elect it." We want to remind the editor of this publication that under the Socialist regime now realizing itself in Russia there will be no "better classes." The struggle of the classes will be abolished forever

J. G. Phelps Stokes, of New York City, writes to the editor that "The cable sent by Russell, Walling, Slobodin, Zhtolovsky Ingerman, Ghent, Sinclair and myself and others to Kerenski very clearly stated that it was sent by the 'undersigned Russian and American Socialists'." He denied that this group had styled themselves the national executive committee of the Socialist Party, as reported in the daily press.

A Worm-Eaten Cabinet

As the war progresses, the utter unwitness of President Wilson's cabinet becomes more glaringly apparent.

Lansing and the Attorney General seem to be chiefly engaged in making blithering fools of themselves. Lansing's attempt to muzzle the newspapers from criticizing either the making of war, the terms of peace, differences between Russia and the Allies, or the treatment of American sailors and soldiers; Gregory's utter failure to cope with the food gamblers and his childlessness in throwing all the energies of the Department of Justice into prosecution of children who refuse to stand when the Star Spangled Banner is played; these have provoked the resentment and bitter criticism of even such staunch friends of the Administration as the New York World and the New Republic.

The War Department is caught in the meshes of red tape to an unbelievable extent. The warfare between Col. Goethals and Chairman Denman of the shipping board over the wooden-versus steel ships controversy has so far resulted in a net product of nothing at all. Baker, a well meaning but not very effective young man, has been thoroughly cowed by the cold braid and crimson ribbons of his subordinates. Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, delayed so long in making any preparations for the census of farm labor requested by the Department of Labor that the whole plan fell, a flat failure.

These men, during war times, are the actual rulers of the country. Yet the country has nothing whatever to say in regard to them. They are responsible only to the President, who can name whomsoever he pleases for these offices of supreme importance, and hold them there against no matter how much clamor. Great Britain, France and Russia, have established the principle of official responsibility of the Cabinet to Parliament, so that worthless Cabinet timber may be discarded, and good men put in the place of weaklings.

President Wilson's Cabinet takes the prize, among all the Cabinets of stormy times, as being composed of more nondescript weaklings than were ever got together by any other executive. The circumstances of the retirement of Bryan and Garrison reflected no credit on the President. His retention of Josephus Daniels does do him credit. The opposition to Daniels was based on the fact that he thoroughly "licked his bunch", and has the gold-spattered navy officials eating out of his hand. He whipped the armor plate ring and the nitrate manufacturers, and disposed of more foolish red tape in the navy than any of his predecessors.

But Congress has nothing to say about any of this. If we were a responsible democracy, the Cabinet officials would regularly appear before Congress to answer questions and make explanations of their policies. As it is, we are ridden by a more incompetent bureaucracy than was saddled on Russia before the revolution. This does not imply that they are worse grafters than the Russian bureaucracy. It does take some degree of brains to be a successful grafter. Our American Cabinet seems to be just plain stupid.

Protect Your Rights

By RALPH KORNGOLD.

NOTE.—This is the June Leaflet issued by the National Office of the Socialist Party. Thousands of these ought to be distributed in every community in the land. This is a time when new recruits are ready to join our organization. Order a bundle of these leaflets. They are 10 cents per 100; 75 cents per 1,000. Order now from the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

WAR has been declared. Conscription has passed. Under cover of the war excitement attempts are being made to pass some of the most reactionary and oppressive legislation. Rights that the working people have struggled for centuries to obtain may be wiped out within a few short months.

Only one organization stands uncompromisingly and fearlessly between the people and those who would deprive them of their liberties. This organization has opposed war and conscription. It is still fighting to compel those who are responsible for the war, and who will profit by it, to pay the cost of the war. It is struggling to preserve whatever rights remain to the American people. Do you want to help in this struggle? Then join the Socialist Party.

But, you say, why should I belong to the party? Is it not sufficient when I vote the Socialist ticket? It is not sufficient. We want you to belong to the party because we want the party to belong to you. When you are a Republican or Democrat you do not run your party. It is true, you select the candidates at the primaries, but who puts up the candidates at the primaries, and who pays their campaign expenses? If you want to know, ask yourself whom these candidates represent after they are elected. Do they represent you or the corporations?

We do not want you merely to vote for the party, we want you to BE the party. We want you to help put up the candidates, frame the platform, help pay the expenses of the party and help spread the propaganda of Socialism. In other words, our aim is not to do something for you, but to wake you up to the necessity of doing something for yourself.

Of course it is going to cost you some time and some money to belong to the Socialist Party. Not a great deal, but some. It is costing the big capitalists considerable time and a great deal of money to belong to the old parties, but they find the investment well worth while. Apparently it does not cost a working man anything at all to belong to the old parties, but as a matter of fact it costs him a great deal. Every law on the statute books that favors the corporations and hurts the people is part of the cost he pays. Every strike that is broken up by means of the injunction, the police or the militia is part of the cost he pays. The high cost of living is part of the cost he pays. The present war into which the American people were plunged against their will is part of the cost he pays. His very life, or the life of some dear one may be part of the cost he will have to pay. O, yes, it costs a working man a great deal in time, money and happiness to belong to the old parties!

There is another reason why we want you to join the Socialist Party. We want Socialism just as quickly as we can possibly get it, and so do you. This does not mean that we expect the full program of Socialism to be realized in a few short years, but we know that the more people we get to work for Socialism the quicker Socialism will come. I have heard men say: Yes, I would join the Socialist Party if the party made more headway. But how can you expect the party to make more headway unless you and others who vote the Socialist ticket come in and help? Would you be satisfied to have Socialism come as a result of the efforts and sacrifices of others? Would you be satisfied to enjoy, or to have your children enjoy, the benefits of Socialism while knowing that you have allowed others to do all the paying and sweating and fighting?

The party needs you now as it never needed you before. You need the party now as you never needed it before. Men are going to give up their lives for a cause which you are convinced is neither great nor noble, will you then begrudge your best efforts to the cause which you feel certain is both great and noble and in which lives the only hope and promise for the future? If men will do so much for an error, what should you not be willing to do for the truth?

Join the Socialist Party Now! If you do not know where the Socialist local in your community meets, or if there is no Socialist local in your community write to the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

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Not a man for the trenches until the dollars have been drafted.

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