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Socialist In Congress Points Way To Lasting Peace

All Allied Countries Urged To State War Aims; Asks Parliaments To Send Delegates To Washington Conference.

(Special Correspondence)

ASHINGTON, D. C., August 6.— Meyer London, Socialist representative from New York, has introduced a joint resolution in the House of Representatives calling upon the legislative bodies of the countries now at war with Germany to elect from their membership an "interparliamentary conference" to reach a common understanding of the basic principles upon which a lasting peace may be established.

The resolution requests the president to convey the invitation to the governments of the nations to provide for the election of the delegates to the conference, which is to be held in Washington.

London's resolution is the first concrete proposition yet presented to Congress plac-

First Details of Great Peace Meet To Be Held At Stockholm

By BASSETT DIGBY.

(Special Cable to The Chicago Daily News) STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, July 30.—I am able to send The Daily News the first details of the great international socialist peace conference in August and to indicate the scope of the aims of all the delegates, who are expected to number 250, who will all sit in the same hall.

Efforts were made to obtain the use of the chambers of the riksdag (parliament), but the Swedish government refused, averring that the grant would be construed in certain quarters abread as an unneutral act. It is now expected that the conference will sit in the old building of the Nordiska company (a department store), in the center of Stockholm.

PROCEEDINGS NOT SECRET.
THE conference will be behind closed doors, like the conversations hitherto held by visiting delegates with the Dutch and Scandinavian committee. There will be no secrecy, but because of the pressure for accomodations representatives of the socialist newspapers and the foreign correspondents already in Stockholm will have the preference.

The date for the opening of the conference now stands as August 15, but it is highly probable that it will be postponed until August 27, because of the London conference August 8 and 9 of Socialists

from the entente countries. (EDITORS NOTE.—According to later informa-tion the international entente allied conference will be held in London, August 28-29, while the international conference called by the Russian Socialists

will be held at Stockholm, Sept. 9-16.)
It is thought likely that the entente conference aims to weld together the attitudes of the various national delegations before they come here.

DELEGATIONS FROM END OF EARTH. THE call for the Stockholm conference has gone out to the most remote ends of the earth-to South Africa, South America, Australia and New Zealand. It is expected that a high percentage of delegations

from even the outlying nations will attend.

Delegations from all the warring powers already are assured. The joint Russo-Scandinavian-Dutch committee, which is acting as host, has assurances that even representatives of the German minority

CONFERENCE HAS TWO AIMS.

WHAT does this extraordinary gathering at the height of the world war of representatives of international socialism intend to accomplish? Mainly two things, both big.

The first test will consist of an attempt to demonstrate to the world by a powerful appeal to the socialist spirit of the delegates gathered from five continents and seven seas their international solidarity and potentiality for action on behalf of democracy and for keeping the world stable and sane—in brief, the rehabilitation and demonstration of the socialist "Internationale" (international organization) as a

Secondly, and more sensationally, the conference will aim to fix the blame for this war. The conference means to get to the bottom of this all important mystery. It is realized, as high persons connected with it told me, that it is no use talking peace terms until they find who is guilty of beginning the war. "Who applied the match?"

Every delegation of belligerents will have to an swer in the presence of the world's delegation an interrogation on its attitude during the war and render an account of its party stewardship. No belligerent delegation will be held to account for the deeds of its government, but all will be asked when, if at all, began its distrust of the government's catch phrases that plunged the country into war and kept it there, and how the socialist leaders can reconcile with their socialist consciences their toleration and even approval of the socialism of their countrymen who continue to fight.

URGE WORLD SOCIALIST PROGRAM. IF A unity of agreement can be brought out and maintained among all delegations it is expected that a practical socialist peace program approved by the world's socialists will be drawn up.

An elaborate system of interpreters will be necessary in this Babel. The official languages of the conference will be French, German and English. An interpreter will sit with every group. After each foreign delegate has spoken various group inter-preters will explain the main points of the speech to those around them. In some cases speeches will have to be interpreted into German and French before the Slovak, Croat and Bulgar interpreters will be able to grasp the versions and translate them into their own tongues.

ing upon the parliaments of the warring countries the responsibility of determining terms of peace.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION. THE resolution follows:

"Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that in order to promote democracy in international relations, and to reach a common understanding of the basic principles upon which a lasting peace may be established, a conference of represent-

now at war with Germany be held at the earliest possible date, and be it further Resolved, that the president of the United States be requested to convey

atives elected from the membership of

the legislative bodies of the countries

to the respective governments of the said nations the invitation of the Congress of the United States of America to elect delegates to an interparliamentary conference to be held at the city of Washington, District of Columbia, for the purposes above stated; and be it further

"Resolved, that an appropriation of \$250,000 out of moneys in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated is hereby authorized to be made for the purpose of this resolution.

"It is evident that thruout the world there is a growing demand that the principal issues of the war be made clear," said London, in explanation of his resolution.

A WAR OF NATIONS. "THIS is a war, not of armies, but of nations. The coercive principle which exists in armies cannot be applied to entire nations. A nation at war must be convinced of the justice of its cause, and when more than one nation is involved in a common war all of them must, at least, agree on one thing, that their objects shall not conflict.

"A declaration by a conference of representatives of all of the Parliaments of the nations arrayed against Germany would constitute an appeal to the reason and to the conscience of the world. It would have an immediate effect upon the liberty and peaceloving elements in the central powers.

"The value of the Reichstag declaration has been underestimated. It is, first of all, an assertion of the right to determine international relations by a Parliament which has heretofore been submissive to the government. Second.

it is a direct bid for peace. Third, it emphasizes the fact that the representatives of the German people have realized the danger of an economic alliance

"IT is evident that they do not expect to defeat the allies, that no matter how optimistic they may be about their military success, they have no hope that Germany will be able to force its terms upon the allies.

of the war.

"The United States is in the best position to initiate such a conference. The quarrel is comparatively young. We have not yet become embittered. We are still capable of dispassionate reasoning.

"The calling of an interparliamentary con-

Clarence Darrow Takes Up Censorship Of Press With President Wilson

As we go to press word comes from Washington that Clarence Darrow, representing The American Socialist, has had an interview with President Wilson on the question of the press censorship. Full details in our next issue. Darrow has been in the east for the past two weeks exerting every effort possible to have the administration raise the censorship against the Socialist and labor press. We are hoping his efforts have been crowned with success.

Senate Hears Plea For Strong Voice To Raise Itself For Peace

(From The Congressional Record)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. I have an editorial from the Detroit News of July 28. This paper holds a leading place in American journalism and represents a circulation daily of 234,800. The editorial bears upon the present international aituation and deals with the question in a large and patriotic spirit. I should like to have it printed in the RECORD for the information of the Senate.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

IS THERE NO VOICE FOR PEACE?

Is there nowhere in this world a strong voice that dares raise itself for peace?

Has it become a crime to deplore the death of

human beings?

Is it cowardice to have a living hope that 600,000 young men of this land may be saved from death in the trenches? We, the people of the United States, thru our representatives in Washington, have declared that we must fight back at Germany. We are taking 600,-

000 of our best young men, picking them from the arts of peace, and pushing them to the front to fight our fight, if needs be to die for us. Theirs not to say aye or nay; theirs but to go forth to kill and be killed.

There is civilization left in the world. Is it unpatriotic to say that all this slaughter is

Have Governments so failed that they can do

naught but set men at each others' throats to take Does real service to humanity—to one's country

-lie in taking life or in saving life? Has every last effort to secure an honorable peace been exhausted? Are any efforts at all being put forth now to secure an honorable peace?

Are we so taken up with our preparations to kill that we give no thought to efforts to spare?

Are we sure that we are right in the belief that there is nothing left to this Nation but sacrifice the sacrifice of 600,000 of our best young men, and 600,000 more to follow them, and they to be followed by still another 600,000, and each of these 600,000

to take a life for a life? Are we sure that we are doing our full duty to our God, to our country, and to ourselves when we accept it as settled that there can be a lasting peace only thru the shedding of more rivers of blood? Has it become a disgrace to love to live, to want to save those near to us? Is there nothing left that

is ennobling except to pierce a man's heart, to gouge out an eye, or to blow off a leg or an arm? We, the people of the United States, are a selfgoverning Nation. We have the right and the power to have our Government conducted as we wish. Let us make our representatives at Washington understand that we have no hatred in our hearts, no false pride to be gratified, no desire but that of service

to humanity. Hatred others may have, but it is not for them to say to us: "The killing must go on; this is no time to talk peace."

Let our President and our Congress understand that they can have back of them an army of 600,000 men, or 1,200,000 men, or 1,800,000 men, or 2,400,000 men, but it must be an army that demands peace and is ready to back the demand with arms. Let the preparations for war go forward on even a greater scale, that the nation which understands the language of war better than any other language may know that our efforts toward peace are not efforts of weakness nor cowardice, but of a deep love for

Let those who represent us understand that while we will give of manhood and money for war it is done only to secure a lasting and honorable peace, with the least possible sacrifice of manhood, let the cost in money be what it may.

Is Germany ready for a peace that should be acceptable to other nations, a peace that means a drawing back of the German militaristic army? Germany started out with its junkerism with its pan-German policy, a policy that would have Germany control to the sea every river that rises in Germany, with its hand of trade and commerce

grasping everywhere for more. In the Reichstag Germany now declares that it wants peace without indemnity and without con-

Let us reason it out. In Germany the family tie is as strong as in any

other nation. The love for father and son and brother is as great as in any other people.

While Germany has been reducing the man power of France, the French fighters have been hitting blow for blow and have reduced the man power of Germany. England, too, has killed hundreds of thousands of Germans; so has Russia.

Behind Germany are the rivers of blood that we see rising before us. With Germany are the dead, the maimed, and the bland. With three great armies and some lesser ones

in the conflict Germany sees rising before it another nation that can send 10,000,000 men against its army, if need be, and furnish countless supplies. Sturdy young men in Germany have been killed or crippled to a number that runs into the millions. She must send her youth and her older men also against our Army, if they are not already in the

Germany must be weary of the slaughter, of the privation and suffering, of the debt mounting higher We know in our hearts that we are not a blood-

lusty people.

We know in our hearts that we would not kill if killing could be avoided.

Do we know in our hearts that we have done all we can do to avoid killing?
Provocations? Yes.
Patience tried? Yes.

Time for calling to arms? Yes.

Time to fight? Yes; if necessary. But while shouldering the arms should we not

still let it be known that we would prefer to stop the flow of blood rather than to cause more to flow; that we would prefer to heal the wounds rather than to cause fresh wounds; that, rather than take life, we would prefer saving the lives of our enemy, as well as the lives of our own young men? We know that we would rejoice with all the

world if peace were declared.

While encouraging our officials in equipping armies and navies and ambulance corps, let us encourage them also in steps of peace, steps that will avoid the heavy toll of lives that war exacts.

Canada Forging Ahead

The Canadian government is getting ready to take over all the railroads in the dominion. It is thus putting into practice some of the ad

vanced ideas of its people, a progressiveness that manifests itself in a stubborn opposition to con-The government now announces its intention of

taking over the entire Canadian Northern Railway system of more than 9,000 miles. When the negotiations are completed the people of Canada will own a railroad system from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"Who is going to run the railroad after the government takes it over?" asks some pessimist doubter, who always argues that all men with ability cannot possibly work for the government as well as for the privately owned railroad corpora-

Finance Minister White, of Canada, answers this question immediately by declaring that the government will retain all of the present capable operating heads of the railroad.

The transaction also involves taking over the subsidiaries of this great railroad system, including steamship lines, telegraph companies, express department, hotels and grain elevator systems, and terminal docks at Vancouver.

Canada is already far in advance of the United States in municipal and state ownership. Now she is going to outstrip us in national ownership. This is the result of having a wide-awake, forward looking, thinking labor movement that has asked Socialism in at the front door and is applying its principles to the problems of every day life. Let the organized workers of the United States follow the example of their Canadian brothers.

Speaking in behalf of a constituency of 1,800,000 which will be more than 2,000,000 when the People's Council is formed in Minneapolis September 1, the Organizing Committee of that movement began a new peace drive, when in an open letter to Congress it urged a concrete restatement of "terms upon which a just and permanent peace can be arranged", and urged in addition that in pursuance of this purpose a conference of representatives of the elected assemblies of all the allied powers be called in Washington to restate the war aims of the allies.

Kerensky Wins In His Fight To Establish New Russian Cabinet

More important than any developments on the field of battle in Europe are the cabinet upheavals in the governments of the various nations.

Alexander F. Kerensky, Socialist premier of Russia, maintains his position in the great struggle to hold intact the fruits of the Russian revolution. As we go to press with comes that he has completed his new cabinet which is stronger than ever from new cabinet, which is stronger than ever from

a Socialist and revolutionary point of view. Tchernoff again becomes Socialist minister of agriculture; the reactionary, counter-revolutionary forces having been compelled to withdraw their baseless charges that he had relations with the German gov-

One of the biggest cabinet changes of the war seems to be taking place in Germany. It is officially announced that Foreign Secretary Zimmerman and four secretaries of state have handed in their resig-

The oncoming International Socialist Peace Conference at Stockholm has been the cause of stormy scenes in the parliaments of both France and Great Albert Thomas, Socialist member of the French

cabinet, who has been unyielding in his support of the war, threatens to withdraw from the ministry if the French government refuses to grant passports to the French Socialist delegates to Stockholm. It is also declared that all Franch Socialists will cease to have anything to do with the government. An uproar has been created in the British cabinet

and parliament as a result of the fact that a mem-ber of the cabinet, Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio in the war council, Socialist and spokesman for organized labor, went on a mission to Paris with the anti-militarist James Ramsay MacDonald member of Parliament; George James Wardle, chairman of the labor party in the House of Commons, and Russian delegates.

The purpose of the journey was to confer with French Socialists in regard to the proposed confer-ence of entente socialists at London and the subsequent international conference at Stockholm. The crux of the matter lies in the fact that Hen-

dersen since he returned from Petrograd reversed his attitude on the question of the British labor party and socialists meeting the German representatives at Stockholm and now advises them to rescind the former resolution against joining the conference with enemy delegates.

Mr. Henderson has not publicly explained his change of views, but it is known to be the result of his visit to Russia. It is stated that the heads of the labor party officially accepted his advice.

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Ain't It Great? When you are rich and powerful you can do al-

most anything-even belittle the national govern-

The Associated Press is the richest and most powerful news gathering agency on the face of the It has been chafing for months past under the

censorship restrictions imposed upon it by the national administration. Finally it snapped its fingers in the face of the

government and on July 28th sent out a dispatch telling of the landing of additional United States troops in France. This was absolutely opposed to "spirit" of the censorship. George Creel's bureau of information, the censorship bureau at Washington, immediately got out a

new set of rules for the Associated Press to obey. But the "A. P." refused to obey and so the censorship bureau, rather than acknowledge defeat, gently threw all the censorship rules overboard. The Associated Press continues to do just as it pleases. Ain't it great to be rich and powerful?

Appeal To Supreme Court CLEVELAND, OHIO.—C. E. Ruthenberg,

ward Baker and A. Wagenknecht, prominent Ohio Socialists, Ruthenberg being organizer for Cleve-land, and Wagenknecht state secretary, have been sentenced to one year in prison at Canton, Ohio, following their conviction for interference with the draft. The cases are being appealed to the United States supreme court.

after the war.

EXPECT NO VICTORY.

"The best they can hope for is a stalemate from a military standpoint and an economic alliance against them after the conclusion

ference will not weaken or separate, but

Russia Seeks To Unite The Friends Of The Revolution

By JAMES O'DONNELL BENNETT (Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune)

STOCKHOLM, August 5.—At a plenary sitting of the central executive committee of the all-Russian congress of Workmen's, Soldiers' and Peasants' council the following resolution offered by the Social Revolutionists and Menschewikists was passed by an overwhelming majority:

"The country and the revolution are in supreme danger from the threatening military collapse, attempts at a coup d'etat by anarchists and counter revolution intrigues. These dangers are worse because of the steadily increasing economic disturbances and the food and financial crises, which have

reached a desperate point.

"Under such conditions the country's only salvation seems to be the creation of a strong revolutions." tionary force, equipped with full authority to accomplish these democratic and social reforms proclaimed in the provisional government's declaration, because they will prevent conomic disaster and cut the ground from ander the feet of anarchy and counter revolutions. A passive resistance in some circles is manifest against all the provisional gov-

ernment's revolutionary measures. MUST REORGANIZE GOVERNMENT.
"THE boycotting of the government's efforts acts to delay the accomplishing of urgent political,

agrarian and financial reforms and postpone the summoning of a constitutional assembly. This is nothing but an effort on the passivists part to use the country's difficult situation to their own advantage and to seize power for themselves. Such resistance only offers direct aid to the counter revolution's darkest elements and steers towards the country's utter collapse.

"A coalition government can only be formed by an organized bourgeoisic's recognition of the revolution's achievements and the bourgeoisie's agreement to carry out all labor and agrarian reforms and to sustain the provisional government's entire program of peace without annexation or indemnities with recognition of the rights of nationalities

to self-government.
"Therefore it is necessary to reorganize the administration machinery and place it in charge of persons true to the revolution."

FACE UNDREAMED OF MISERY.

THIS pronunciamento was followed by a speech by M. Tcheidse, president of the executive committee of the soldier's and workmen's council. He said: "Revolutionary Russia's government must become the victim either of internal enemies, which means

counter revolution, or of external enemies.

"This extraordinary situation demands extraordinary measures to prevent a new anarchistic coup d'etat and the army's decay. Culmination of these disastrous conditions would threaten the country

with undreamed of misery.

"All members of the council, provincial officials, and army delegates agree absolutely that it is necessary to smash the counter revolution, because it is trying to twist to its own interests those measures necessary to take against anarchy."

SEE HAND OF IMPERIALISTS.

THESE utterances give special significance to the declaration by the committee on foreign affairs of the workingmen's and soldiers' council in Petrograd concerning the Socialist peace conference in Stock-holm. This declaration says:

"The impression is growing that, guided by world imperialists, hands of sabotage are work-ing secretly to destroy the work of drawing together the toiling masses of all countries in behalf of peace. We declare with utmost emphasis that the revolutionary democracy of Russia, which writes upon its banner 'The Battle for Universal Peace,' cannot countenance such

"Under no pretext, however plausible, can the Stockholm conference be delayed if this struggle for the peace for which all nations are longing, is to be brought to victorious fruition. If this conference should be prevented the whole world shall know the names of the men responsible

for its failure.

END REIGN OF BLOOD. "THEY shall bear publicly before the toiling masses of the whole world the responsibility for the inevitable disastrous consequences.

"At the beginning of the fourth year of the world war the watchword for peace must ring more clear than ever before. It is high time to bring the glad news of peace to the masses. It is high time, we think, to end this reign of bloody insanity, which is banishing from the world centuries of human culture and is devastating all civilized countries.

"WITH THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDER-STAND THE NEED OF ENDING THIS SLAUGHTER AND SUFFERING OF INNOCENT VICTIMS, THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION CANNOT WALK IN THE SAME

Burden Of War's Cost Shifted From Shoulders of Profiteers To Backs of Poor

WASHINGTON dispatch to The Chicago Examiner says: "The \$2,002,000,000 revenue bill agreed on by the senate finance committee lifts the big burden of supporting the war from the rich individuals and places it on the shoulders of the poor, according to Majority Leader Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house. He declared that if the bill passes the farmers will be obliged to pay bigger taxes on their profits than will such great corporations as United States Steel, Dupont Powder and American Tobacco.

Fickert Insists He'll Hang Mrs. Rena Mooney fornia.

Rena Mooney has been acquitted, ber of Commerce.

The jury has declared that she is innocent. They heard not only the relevant evidence of the case, but relevant evidence of the case, but also the "conspiracy evidence" relating to strikes and other things not even remotely connected with the hang Mrs. Mooney.

Twelve men, whose every prejudice, Ferrari (who had the audacity to admit in his closing address to the jury that his star witness, Samuels, had perjured himself), rose above the poisoned atmosphere and did simple justice.

The newspaper extras sold like hot cakes. The workers stared at the caption, "RENA MOONEY ACQUITtion, "RENA MOONEY ACQUIT-TED," till their eyes bulged. Rena Mooney acquitted! Rena Mooney back in her music studio with her devoted little pupils. Rena Mooney walking the streets of San Francisco despite the perjury gang, the Oxmans, the Kosters and all their gunmen. Oh what a glorious victory! But-?

I'll Hang Her Yet,"-Fickert.

The acquittal of Rena Mooney ers' Union. wasn't an acquittal after all. She was of the FRAME-UP? "They should be seawell in open court that he wasn't strung up without ceremony," the giving Rena Mooney a fair trial. The the report that with the Oxman expensed Cupha shouted a few weeks remark cost McKenzie \$50. enraged Cunha shouted a few weeks remark cost McKenzie \$50. 'I wouldn't lift a finger to save After the victory, McKenzie said:
iey, even if I knew that every one "The simple truth triumphed over Mo ley, even if I knew that every one

people decided that the mere arrest- have been far greater than the loss ing of the unionists did not indicate of a war. their guilt.

mass of the people, but in the office legitimate efforts for betterment

the National Council of Defense.

What recourse has Labor now?

cialist Party is the only recourse for Labor.

of Charles Marion Fickert, the abject tool of the corporation beasts of Cali-

but she is still in prison awaiting the pleasure of the San Francisco Cham-

made a vaudeville show out of the

Such a jury would indeed hang Rena Mooney. Not alone would they return a hanging verdict, but they would be perfectly willing to carry out the sentence with dagger, gun or

he told the newspapers that he'd hang arouse the enmity of employers. The Rena Mooney the next time with a jury of women.

The notable feature of the was the cross-examining of the dif-ferent members of the perjury ring by Attorney Ed. McKenzie, a member by Attorney Ed. McKenzie, a member of Local No. 6 of the Electrical Work- get him a new trial," Cunha expressed

of my witnesses committed perjury." perjury, corruption, bias and intoler-The Chamber of Perjury held a ance. The acquittal of Mrs. Mooney mass meeting a few days after the morally is a conviction of Witness boys and R a Mooney were arrested Oxman and Prosecutor Fickert. The and sought fan the indignation of trial of Mrs. Mooney has been the the people 1. o a lynching. The most disgraceful trial ever had in an bought press roated their approval and spurred on the mob spirit, but evidence, nothing but corruption and the quiet determination of the fear- prejudice. Had she been convicted less unionists of San Francisco de- under such circumstances the consefeated the scheme and gradually the quences to the American people would

But again and again the mob spirit be used by corporations to hang workhas raised its head, not among the ing men and working women whose

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Mr. Kitchin declared that the income tax amendments would relieve the United States Steel Corporation of the obligation to pay \$10,800,000 annually on the basis of last year's income tax, would relieve other income s of \$66,000,000 annually and would extend large favors to railroads and other concerns at the expense of the farmers and laboring classes.

In his review of the Senate bill Mr. Kitchin devoted a great deal of attention to the excess profits tax. He said:

Under this scheme arrived at by the Senate committee, a corporation of \$10,000,000 capital which made \$1,500,000 in the pre-war years does not pay a penny of excess profits tax, while a corporation with a capital stock of only \$20,000 making \$1,200 in the pre-war years, and now making \$6,000, will pay more than \$1,800 in taxes.

There are hundreds of corporations whose annual profits reach into the hundreds of thousands and millions that will not pay a cent of excess profits tax because, being highly prosperous before the war, they are making the same profits now and therefore have no

The United States Steel Corporation, with \$1,500,000,000 capital making over \$200 000,000 annual profits, will not pay a cent of income tax or excess profits tax, while the small farmer, worth less than \$20,000, making a profit of \$6,000, will pay \$2,071 under the Senate scheme.

Mr. Kitchin said the bill as agreed upon by the Senate committee taxes farmers, merchants, butchers, blacksmiths and others in such occupations, but exempts all the lawyers, doctors, government officers, employes, officers and agents of corporations like Judge Gary of United States Steel, Charles M. Schwab of Bethlehem Steel, J. P. Morgan, the Du Pont Powder Company and many others.

slimy rail of the perjurer was plainly visible thruout the entire case. When Assistant Prosecutor Cunha said to Reporter Fitch of the Survey Magazine, "If I knew that every single better than we can the attitude of those officials of San Francisco who

Still In Jail!

Our enemies have been circulating flat. Consequently our friends have

slackened up.
The fight will have to be kept up.
We'll have to fight every inch of the ground. The exposure of Oxman and the acquittal of Rena Mooney are only incidents.

Our friends must NOT lay down their arms with the expectation that the fight is won. We have captured a few trenches only. The prisoners at the rear must be rescued.

Agitate, hold meetings and raise all the funds you can! We have incurred huge expenses in this trial. The result speaks for itself.

and most of these have already been uttered. It remains for the contem-porary writer to clothe these truths

well done, by Anna Maley, in a small namphlet, entitled "Our National Kitchen", says "Public Ownership", Baltimore. The title is somewhat Baltimore. The title is somewhat misleading as the pamphlet is not a discussion of the high cost of living.

The "Kitchen" is used as a homely the content of the interned died of epidemics alone. In the Talerhof cemetery there are now 2,000 new graves. Old men, women and girls democracy—that the rights of free the content of the world. Now the organized labor people are issuing statements that the adoption of conscription and millitaristic government has crushed graves. Old men, women and girls were sent to this place frequently. illustration of the origin and misuse of surplus values. The text is a of surplus values. The text is a lucid exposition of the basic principles of Socialism, written with a keen understanding and subtle humor.

In the second part many hypothetical questions are briefly and truly answered. It is a book with which all Socialists should be familiar, and

Here is an example of Miss Maley's treatment:

social question? Can any member of society afford to consent to a condishelter and the leisure and the education that go to the making of an acceptable social member?"

fifty cents a day he should be paid

fifty cents a day, his place is certainly not in the workshop of the world, but in either the hospitals or the

to be altogether unemployed and unpaid. They live in disease-breeding coal or fat would be available. hovels; some of them in desperation fall into ways of crime, or in despair, they go insane, or commit suicide. you now must pay for hospitals in which to care for these unfortunates field which grow out of the wage wars

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New Trial For Mooney

Attorney General U. S. Webb California, has consented to give Thomas J. Mooney a new trial, and has notified the state supreme court to this effect. The court will pass upon Mooney's appeal at the fall term.

The attorney general has been tion in this case because of per-Attorney Fickert.

based on this irregularity of Fickert at the trial, which resulted in Mooney's conviction. Frank Oxman, the state's principal witness is now awaiting trial on perjury charges. Mrs. Mooney was acquitted on murder charges based on the same evidence that convicted her husband.

NOTE.—The accompanying article was sent out for publication by the Slav Press Bureau, with offices in the Tribune Bldg., New York.

strength of the revolutionary moveand novel form, to fortify them with up-to-date statistics and modern instances of capitalist greed and missuances of the governing classes.

and show how far the decomposition of this empire has progressed. It seems to be held together by chains only. From a speech delivered by the national Czech Socialist Deputy

The governing classes. This has once again been done, and light to I have the Austrian parport of 43 interned was massacred on there is a desire to do so. the way to Talerhof by companies of the Austrian Lanbehr.)

of June 21st refers to an interpella- and double time on Sundays. tion in the Austrian lower house concerning events at Prostejov on A DECISION has just been ren-April 26th. The original cable re-ports had it that riots did occur in mark that will be of interest to union Prostejov, but nothing definite was men the world over, as it sets a new said as to casualities. It now appears, and rather novel but very just precaccording to the interpellation made by the Czech Socialist Deputy Bechyne, that a detachment of infantry regiment 13 fired on people demonstrating in Prostejov and killed fits scabbed it. The union sued to reand wounded many men and women and children. It also appears that "We already pay some workers this occurred during a demonstration fty cents a day, or we suffer them mainly by women, who were aroused

COAL CO. SUES TO PREVENT ITS

A law suit to prevent a purchaser of coal from weighing the coal he and the victims of the infection which they spread; you must pay for the jails and gallows, for insane asylums

Berkman received a bill for fifty-four and for potter's fields; yes, and you tons of coal. On measuring the cubic must pay for the wars of the battle- feet of its volume he found that there

The cost of paverty is paid price of coal. A long conference be-

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes.

HICAGO labor organizers have started on a campaign to union-ize 35,000 employes in the meat packing houses. One of the Hog Trust | accomplished, and its usefulness magnates, who has fairly wallowed in millions of additional profits that were filched out of the pockets of the people during the past year, declared that the conditions of the stockyard alizes the industrial life of the nawages slaves are now so heavenly (they having received a few driblets of two bits a day or so increase) that they won't want to organize.

making good progress despite the hard times created by European war conditions. The Federation of Labor's membership increased from 99,511 on Jan. 1, 1916, to 121,625 on Oct. 1, 1916. The Catholic unions show a gain from 40,338 to 52,761 during the same period, and the Chris-Of Czechs By Austrians tian (Protestant) unions from 16,632 to 26,065.

ALL strike cases growing out of the great struggle in Colorado in 1913 ior and more efficient method of inhave been dismissed under instructions from the State Attorney-Genment in Austria and especially of the Czech opposition to the Austrian cases pending. The miners thruout of industrial operation than the cases pending. The miners thruout the Southern field and Huerfano county are joining the U. M. W., the ment, particularly by the Czech deputies, are beginning to trickle thru ties, are beginning to trickle thru to the southern field and Huerfano county are joining the U. M. W., the southern field and Huerfano county are joining the U. M. W., the ment, particularly by the Czech deputies, are beginning to trickle thru ties, are beginning to trickle thru to the southern field and Huerfano county are joining the U. M. W., the ment are a powerful factor in the industrial operation than the antiquated hand-tool.

The trusts are a powerful factor in the industrial life of the nation, and they modify the social conditions of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country are pointed in the social conditions of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country both for the better of the meaning of the country better of the meaning of the country are provided the meaning of the country better of the meaning of the country are provided the meaning of the country better of the meaning of the country are provided the meaning of the meaning of the country are provided the meaning of the country better of the meaning of the country are provided the meaning of the meaning of the country are provided the meaning of the country are provided the meaning of the country are pro various sources only now. The is also being organized, and it is charges made against the Austrian probable that both States will be solons of capital operating in unison government, are indeed sensational idly union in a short while. Many and show how far the decomposition of this empire has progressed. It sums of money spent in the years of to eliminate much of the chaos and

5,000 Czechs who were political sus- as the most progressive country in of periodical industrial depression pects were interned in Talerhof, in the world. Now the organized labor and financial crises. were sent to this place, frequently bound together in groups, in filthy wagons. In many cases the interned, when they rived at Talerhof, were takes to criticize the ruling powers. beaten till the blood flowed, and they Hours, wages and other working conwere otherwise tortured. One trans- ditions of labor are ignored wherever

Magyar Honveds (who correspond to the Austrian Lanbehr.)

IT IS reported that the Agricultural Workers' Union (the farm Stormy scenes occurred during the laborers' branch of the I. W. W., and peech of Deputy Stribrny. The the Farmers' Nonpartisan League, speech of Deputy Stribrny. The the Farmers' Nonpartisan League, Czech, Polish, Jugoslav and Ruthen-which has secured control of a large ian deputies vigorously assailed the government. A pan-German, Mr. Heine, replied that too few of those opposing Germany and Austria were have entered into a working agreement. The laborers are to be guaran-The Austrian terror in Bohemia teed a 10-hour working day, the down women. Thus the Vienna Zeit hour, time and one-half for overtime

> received a total of \$170 in strike benecover the money paid to the scab and the court now rules that he must pay the amount into the organization's treasury.

> MARTIAL law has been declared the industrial centers of Spain. Revolutionary strikes have been raging for some time and clashes with the police have been almost daily occurrences. Portions of the army are rebellious and a national revolt may occur any day.

MISDIRECTED ENERGY.

The wife of President Wilson is accused of deliberately setting herself busy at the task of giving instruction This company is one of those who tend to that.—British Columbia Fed-

Warrants for the arrest of 21 soldiers and sailors who broke up the Socialist parade in Boston, July 1 were obtained by the Workingmen's to Washington to secure the aid of riots are charged variously with riot-This booklet costs but 10 Cents; Franklin K. Lane to protect them in ing, larceny, breach of the peace and malicious mischief. Under State lav Keep it up, Gentlemen, and speed Boston is responsible for all property

The Competitive System By MORRIS HILLQUIT.

HE individualistic and coma system of general social warfare, an ugly, brutal fight of all against all. It is a mad, embittered race for wealth or bread without plan or system, without pity or mercy. It has produced the abnormal type of the multi-millionaire with a hoard of material wealth enough to last thousands of families for countless generations to come, and the children of the slums succumbing for lack of the barest necessities of life. It operates thru periods of feverish activity during which men, women and even children of tender age are worked to exhaustion, and periods of inactivity and depression during which millions of willing workers are forced into

idleness and starvation.

The system of competition has not been without merit. It has organized industry, stimulated invention and increased human productivity a hundredfold. It has created vast wealth and evolved higher standards of life. It has broken down the barriers between countries and united all modern nations into one world-wide family of almost identical culture and civilization. It has played a most important and useful part in the history of human growth.

But sharing the fate of all other industrial systems competition finally reaches a stage when its mission is outlived. Competition, which in its youth and vigor is "the life of trade," becomes in old age a plague and a nuisance. In the long run it demortion and exhausts and ruins the competitors themselves. At that point competition begins to yield, gradual ly but surely, to a new industral form-combination. Then arises the THE trade unions of Holland are modern business corporations, fellowed by trade agreements and pools

THE TRUSTS are not the inven tion of ingenious financial manipulators, nor are they accidental and preventable evils. They are the inevitable culmination of the process of capitalist development, the mature fruit of the system of industrial individualism. They represent a superdustrial management than competition, just as the modern machine is

over the area of an entire industry or anarchy of the competitive system. They have the power to regulate the

BUT THE beneficial features of the trust are more than balanced by the new evils which they breed. trusts, like all other modern industrial institutions, are primarily conducted for the profits of their indivi-dual owners and promoters. They are therefore afflicted with all the vices of private capitalist ownership and management, and their tremend ous powers intensify the evils. The trusts have developed the art of overcapitalization to a most audacious and alarming extent. Billions of dol-lars of their watered "securites" are afloat in this country, and the workers pay an annual tribute of hundreds of millions to the holders of this paper in the shape of interest and dividends. It is practically a blanket mortgage which the trusts thus hold on the people of the United States and upon the products of the toil of

generations of Americans yet unborn. The trusts are the most important nd sometimes the sole employers of labor in their industries. Hence they have practically absolute power to dictate the terms of employment to their workers. Most trustified industries are characterized by long hours miserable wages and general ill-treat ment of the employes. The trusts, as complete or practi-

cal monopolies, also have the power to arbitrarily fix the prices of commodities. In most trustified dustries the prices of goods or charges for services have increased enormously notwithstanding great economics in production. The trusts are largely the cause of the vexatious new problem familiarly and intimately known as "the high cost of living."

BUT more baneful even than the economic evils of the trusts are their corrupting effects on the public and political life of the country—their notorious influence on the dominant parties, the government, legislatures and judiciary, and their control the public press. The trusts are most serious menace to democracy

Allan Benson's magazine, known as Benson's Monthly, printed in New York, has suspended publication. High cost of paper, etc., is the an-

Meyer Graubard, aged 22, secretary of the Socialist Party, Local Kings (Brooklyn), New York, has been sentenced to one year for failure to repetitive system of industry is gister. The case will be appealed to the supreme court. The unconstitutionality of the conscription act was Graubard's sole defense.

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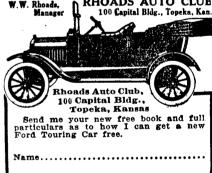
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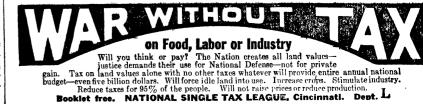
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thinks.

trial last week. The prosecutors' mother and wife

even remotely connected with a sat immediately bening items and only, crime which was allowed by Judge laughing at the plight of Rena Mooney's sister and the aged mother sat immediately behind Rena Mooney, Tom Mooney. Their giggling racial, social, and religious, was ap-

rope.
It must have been women such as

'The Simple Truth Triumphed,"

Said Ed. McKenzie.

His aggressiveness and determinahurried back to her cell and as soon as tion to get at the truth angered the owe their positions to corrupt public Fickert recovered his breath, he called prosecution so much that Judge Sea- service corporations. No more dreadthe reporters together and told them well repeatedly fined him. When Sadie ful indictment can be drawn against that the acquittal meant nothing to Edeau was breaking down on the wit- these officials than to quote Mr. Cunhim. "I'll hang her yet," he told them. ness stand under McKenzie's fiery ha's statement. There are seven more indictments cross-examination Seawell saved the Oxman Still At Large; Rena Mooney and I can try her again and again." situation by declaring a recess of Is there anything more illustrative court. A few days later McKenzie told of the FRAME-UP? "They should be Seawell in open court that he wasn't

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"'I am not my brother's keeper," we hear. 'If a man is worth only

only fifty cents.'
"If a worker is really only worth

would not pay a living wage, but

cide that the social wealth must be spent for famine and ignorance, have appealed to the Secretary of the erationist. Surely there is no accounting for Interior to prevent the lowering of the in social health, in social happiness, in social morality, in social intelligence. Not only in these priceless coal owners defying the state to do things must the cost of poverty be anything whatever to lower the price Council of Greater Boston. The solpaid, but it must be paid in good hard of coal. A committee was dispatched diers and sailors who took part in the

the day of your own overthrow!

deluged with petitions to take acjury methods employed by District

The attorney general's action

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Recent cablegrams report the

goes even to the extent of shooting minimum wage to be 40 cents

COAL BEING WEIGHED.

was approximately only thirty-four busy at the task of giving instruction tons. He sent for the city sealer to to housewives on how to economize. weigh the coal, but hearing of this the The good lady, however, will find it "We Socialists are willing to pay company sued out a writ of replevin and got the coal removed before the Syou Republicans and Democrats decity sealer could reach the spot.

APITALISM deprives the masses of the people of most of their earnings.

Please read that again.

Capitalism deprives the masses of the people of most of their cialists to the core, practically dominate the New York trade union

This exploitation of the people out of most of their earnings is not a by-product of capitalism. It is not an incident. It is not an accident. It takes place because of the very nature and essence

NDER the capitalist system of industry, called capitalism, the great industries are owned by a comparatively few capitalists and combinations of capitalists known as corporations.

The fact that the capitalists own the industries gives them the power to exploit the wage workers out of most of their earn-

The wage workers are dependent upon the capitalists for jobs, because the capitalists own the industries. The wage workers are therefore compelled to accept jobs at wages which amount only to a fraction of the value of their labor. The capitalists are not in business for the fun of the thing. They are in business to make money. They are in business to make profits. The only way in which they can make profits is by gouging others. They do not earn any money themselves, because they do not do anything useful. That is, in their capacity as capitalists they do not do anything useful. If any of them do anything useful, to that extent they are not capitalists, but workers. As capitalists, they do not perform any useful social function. They are parasites. The only way they can get money is by getting the earnings of others.

ET they are rich.

They get rich by keeping for themselves most of the earnings of the wage workers, the farmers, and the rest of the quite unexpectedly, from the defense. When Congressman Tague ventilated

They accomplish this exploitation in several ways.

They gouge the wage workers out of part of their earnings demanded a hearing. He was given by paying them less than they earn. They gouge all the common one and on the stand he passionately masses of the people, including the wage workers and the farmers, denied that he had opened tagues mail or permitted any postoffice emout of part of their earnings by charging them too much for the ploye to open his mail. He carefully things they have to buy. They gouge most of the masses of the explained, however, that he had no people out of part of their earnings by charging them exorbitant control over the postoffice inspectors

T WOULD be interesting to know exactly what per cent of the from this point on makes piquant earnings of the masses of the people are taken away from them by this exploitation.

But the capitalist system of industry is so chaotic in its nature that it is impossible to secure accurate information on this

The problem is not a simple one. On the contrary, it is very intricate and complex. The solution cannot be reached by the mere subtraction of one sum from another.

To take the amount for which the manufactured products are sold, and deduct the demand of wages paid to the factory workers, and set down the balance as the amount of exploitation, is to reach an utterly illogical conclusion—a conclusion which cannot be sustained for a moment.

There are several factors which this method does not take into consideration.

The legitimate cost of raw material should be deducted.

The legitimate wages of superintendence should be deducted. Salaries are often padded. Also, salaries are frequently paid to persons who do not perform any useful function. But, in so far as salaries are really earned by actual necessary service in the industrial process, they should be deducted.

The cost of new factory buildings and the installation of new machinery, if necessary and bone fide, should be deducted.

Furthermore, the amount of exploitation is not to be merely spread over the factory workers. It is to be spread over all the useful workers. Take the railroad workers, for example, and the teamsters, the school teachers, and many others who could be mentioned. They do not work in the factories. They do not produce any tangible product which can be weighed or measured. Nevertheless, they are necessary to the social process. Their pay necessarily and legitimately comes out of the total product of society. So do the other legitimate expenses connected with their occupations. The question cannot be properly approached from the standpoint of one lone group of workers. They cannot be divorced from the rest. All legitimate industries of society are interrelated. The whole social process must be taken into con-

NLY a fraction of the total amount of exploitation takes place in the pay envelope.

If all exploitation took place in the pay envelope, it would be necessary for us to instantly quit objecting to high rent and the high cost of living. We would, in that case, have no legitimate objections to these at all.

"Turn your back". I said "I will not." He said "Why not?" I said "Because But the fact of the matter is that a vast amount of exploita-

tion does take place by means of rent and consumption.

The average worker who has a family pays somewhere in

the neighborhood of one-third of his income as rent for an alleged home. Sometimes he pays more than a third. If he got it at cost—as he should—it would probably cost him

about one-third or one-fourth of what he now pays. Maybe even This is one of the big forms of exploitation.

Then, when he buys food, fuel, clothing, etc., he is again mercilessly exploited. If he got these at cost—as he should—he would get them for

a fraction of what he now pays. This is another big form of exploitation.

AKING all these things into consideration, it is evident that the useful workers are exploited out of most of the value of their labor.

But it is also evident that it is an impossibility to arrive at the definite and accurate percentage of exploitation.

HE best way to prove that there is vast exploitation is just German sailors and perfunctorily

to point out the capitalists. They do nothing useful.

Nevertheless, they possess great wealth. They have princely mansions, summer homes, automobiles, yachts, fine clothes, jewels, etc. They indulge in elaborate social functions, and they go globe trotting whenever ter up to the Department the latter they feel like it, etc.

These things show at once that they possess great wealth.

Yet they perform no useful social function. Where, then, do they get this wealth.

Where could they get it, ultimately, except from the useful? This proves, without the possibility of successful denial, that the per-

centage of exploitation is large.

The precise figures are relatively unimportant. GAIN, we must never lose sight of the fact that the workers are not only exploited out of most of the value of their labor but they are also deprived of most of their opportunity to produce.

By its very nature capitalism is prodigiously wasteful and cannot House seems determined to have anutilize the elements of productivity which would immensely increase the swered. total product. It also prevents millions from engaging in productive in-

OCIALISM will make the exploiting industries collective property, owned by all the people and run for the benefit of all the people.

This will give the people their full earnings. It wil enable them to with Chairman Keating of the House produce more. It will give them shorter work days. It will give them a hance to make their lives worth living.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, under cover of the pro-German hysteria, has innaugurated a campaign to kill So-York City. He'll remember with sor-row the day he started this dastardy attack. It happens that the Jewish workers in the clothing trades, Somovement. Gompers evidently thinks he can discredit their Socialist officials by raising the false, moth eaten, cowardly cry of pro-Germanism. He

Congress Is Stirred By **Mail Tampering Charges**

Charges made by Congressman Tague of Boston that post office inspectors had been systematically pening his private mail in order to get something on" him to punish him for his stand in the pneumatic tube fight, has stirred Congress to its

The hearings of the House Committee on Post Office Expenditures are crowded with congressmen and their secretaries, most of whom seem convinced that the Boston congressman has got the goods on the ring of postoffice inspectors who dominate the department.

These revelations, coupled with the vigorous fight initiated by The American Socialist on behalf of the twenty socialist and radical papers Postmaster Burleson has held up, have kept the department under fire for the past two weeks.

The climax in the Tague case came, his charges, Postmaster John Murray of Boston hurried to Washington and who are responsible only to the administration at Washington. The oftranscript of the testimony reading:

Chairman Keating: I want to know o what extent an inspector has the right to examine the mail of a citizen without the consent of that citizen, and I thought as postmaster you might be able to state it, in case it was a part of the daily routine of your office.

Mr. Murray: May I say this: That the only time the matter of opening anybody's mail was ever brought up in the Boston postoffice, that I remember, was after the declaration of war, when it was brought up that the mail of the interned German sailors in Boston ought to be censored and it was put up to me to open that mail or to give it to somebody who would open it, and I would not do any such thing.

Mr. Huddleston: Who put it up to

Mr. Murray: And I made it the subject of correspondence with the Department, and the Postoffice Department at Washington took the same attitude that I took about the matter, that even the mail of interned German sailors and alien enemies of this Government ought not to be opened.

Mr. Huddleston: Who put it up to l vou?

Mr. Murray: Now, if you insist on an answer to that question I will answer it.

Mr. Huddleston: I think it ought to be answered.

Mr. Murray: A Secret Service

Mr. Heintz: Of the Treasury De-

partment? Mr. Murray: Yes.

Mr. Huddleston: Did he hold himself out as being instructed to take such action or was he doing it...

Mr. Murray: (Interposing) He did not get as far as that. He asked for if I turn my back, you will take those letters and open them, and you will not take any letters going thru the Boston post-office and open them while I am postmaster." And that was said presence of the assistant post-

And then to be charged with opening anybody's mail when I would not even allow such action in that instance, and do vou wonder that I am feeling pretty hot about this thing, to be charged with that when I would not allow even the German sailors' mail to be opened. That mail was in the postoffice for two or three weeks while I wrote to the Department here about it, and a copy of the correspondence is in the Department here.

The thing that staggered the congressmen, of course, was the frank admission that the secret service men, who belong to the Treasury Department and have no more right of access to the mails than a soldier or a sailor, entered the Boston postoffice, sought permission to open them. Murray is an Irish politician and evidently holds old-fashioned ideas as to the sacredness of the mails. The fact that when he insisted on putting the matrefused to go officially on record as approving it is considered of less significance than the calm effrontery

of the secret service men. The question is: What would have happened with a more pliant postmaster? What were they doing in the postoffice at all? How widespread is the practice of cpening private

mail: These are the questions which the

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part of a statement by passionate review of industrial conditions in Omaha, Neb., revealed thru a ten days investigation by Carl Sandburg, of the Editorial Staff of The Council.) (The following is part of a statement by the National Labor Defense Council as a dis-

By CARL SANDBURG.

"With" its right hand the Business

Men's Association of Omaha is wav-

ing the American flag; with its left

hand it is trying to strangle organized

there is disloyalty and treason those guilty are the employers of Omaha."

So speaks Thomas Reynolds, presi-

dent of the Nebraska Federation of

Labor, a member of the Nebraska State Council of Defense and of the

Nebraska State Board of Mediation.

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mediation board heard witnesses. Not

"I refuse to answer on advice of

counsel." was the invariable reply of

business men called. While the em-

recy and darkness about the facts of the ten-week lockout of building

trades and the strike of the teamsters,

one witness after another from four-

teen trades unions took the stand and

answered promptly all questions ask-

ers to make Omaha a non-union town.

Their published advertisements say

they wish to model Omaha after Los

Angeles rather than Pittsburgh, Chi-

war for launching their fight to

destroy our unions. One of their advertisements says 'labor strikes are

headline, 'Is it patriotism in a year

of war for labor unions to try to en-

demands-' It would seem to be a sit-

big sums to advertise conditions would

be glad to testify as to the facts at a

not one employer called on would tell

his story and the mediation board's

record consists mostly of what labor men said. This sort of secrecy is so

that the war is the big thing in every-

s not the time to provoke disputes

between different groups of its

citizens," began one advertisement.

Thousands of dollars were spent for

page and half-page advertisements. The need for publicity was so urgent

on the organized employers of Omaha

that they poured out money in a lavish local advertising campaign

Later when they had a chance for still more publicity thru appearing before

the Nebraska mediation board and

stating all their grievances, they re-

fused to testify even the Governor

Keith Neville, as chief executive of the state of Nebraska and chairman

of the state council of defense, had

specifically requested that all the facts of the industrial war in Omaha

Frederick Adler, the Socialist who

shot Premier Sturghk, of Austria, because the latter ignored the constitu-

tion and refused to call a session of

Parliament, for which he was condemned to death, may secure a new

trial. The Austrian Parliament voted

in favor of such a procedure.

be brought to light.

body's mind.

ployers did their best to throw sec-

one business man would testify.

From The Firing Line

"I think The American Socialist the best paper published," says C. C. Kelly, Texas, as he sends in a list of subs.

"Here are three new ones, who a year ago would not accept a Socialist paper if handed to them," writes l.. J. Lundell, Colorado. "It seems like The American Socialist is getting quick popular since the Postmaster General tried his tricks on it." "I am a Socialist to the core, and doing all I can for the cause, as it is the only thing that will bring a Perfect Democracy," writes J. W. Phipps, Arkansas.

"This is my answer to the Postoffice exars," writes Ralph E. Day, Maine, as he sends in a list of new readers.

sends in a list of new readers.

"Picked up three subs in protest against the suppression of our papers. Am well pleased with The American Socialist and in fact the future of our movement in general," writes Ernest Pearson, Minnesota.

"Once an old line Republican, but now a Socialist," writes J. W. Hoffman, Michigan, as he sends for two papers weekly, one to be read and kept, the other to be passed around.

"Please start my subscription with the issue of July 28. I like that issue. I see several of my old Single Tax friends are being quoted, and being personally acquainted with them it makes me feel like I should subscribe to The American Socialist," writes W. J. Flacy, Kansas.

"Most of these voted for Wilson because he kept us out of war", writes Mrs. Eliza A. Taylor, Oregon, as she sends in a list of new readers.

"Birthday Greetinsg and a mite for the million mark," writes S. I. Carter of Oregon with a list of new readers. Twenty-five new subscriptions were picked Twenty-five new subscriptions were picked up in a small railroad town in Illinois by W. B. Baughman in a short time of vigorous endeavor. We have sent him an American Labor Year Book as recognition of his efforts. The railroad men are ripe for the good work. Congratulations and thanks, compade!

Henry Hoffmann, Minnesota, sends in a list of 15, and writes, "another list will be on the road next week."

"The last copies have been great", writes P. W. Noble, Washington, as he sends in a

"I am with you heart and soul to make America safe for democracy," writes H. A. Peters, of Michigan. "Yours for freedom without a string tied to it."

Dr. Wesley Good, Missouri, sends in another man's sub and writes, "He says he is not a Socialist, but that anything the Government tries to suppress he wants to read, as he is satisfied that something is being published that is worth reading.

James W. Booker, Tennessee, sends in seven new subs, and writes, "This is my answer to the plutocratic suppression of free speech and press. Cheer up, the people are with us. On to victory we are marching in double quick file." A new local was organized in Louisville, Ky., and every one of the new charter members came in as a reader of The American Socialist. This is the true and proper

R. B. Duckett sends in 15 new subscriptions and says, "I wish everybody could do as well as this, we would reach the Million Mark in a short time.

Sixteen subscriptions are sent in by C. H. Cordray, of Kansas with a cheery letter. Ethel H. Shaw, Iowa, sends eight new readers in a bunch.

R. P. Trescott pauses from his labor in the harvest fields of Washington long enough to send in a subscription for an-other harvest hand. Bring in the sheaves, comrades!

"I received the copies sent me, and know now that I must have the paper. Keep up the fight; Socialism is bound to wis," writes G. L. King, of Manitoba.

Those "Birthday Week Subs" are still rolling into the office in big bunches. Some suggest we make every week a "Birthday Week."

Comrade F. E. Henderson, Nebraska, sends in a list of 18 to help blaze the trail toward Socialism. "There are a great many around here that have always voted the old party tickets. They now say they have voted that way for the last time."

"We pledge our all in the cause of Socialism, justice and the truth", says Comrade Jesse W. Gammon, Illinois, and makes good by sending in a list of 32 subs. good by sending in a list of 32 subs, "which the comrades and myself rounded up. We will try to do better next time. If the "democratic" post office bars our paper from the mails, send them to me by express, and I'll guarantee the safe delivery of every one of them".

Comrade Frank S. LaMonte, Indiana, sends in a list of 13 subs. He is speaking several times each week to farmers, having fine meetings and good results. "This is the time we should have meetings for the farmers", he says, "as they are ready and anxious to hear our message".

Comrade Walter B. Dillon, state secretary for New Mexico, sends in a list of nine to help spread the Socialist message along the border.

"The old party papers heralded the sup-pression of The American Socialist to the ends of the earth", writes George Aplin, West Bay City, Mich., "but there is not a hoot from them stating that it is now going thru the mails—not yet dead, nor even dealthly sick. Many people are changing their opinions in this neck of the country and Bay County, Mich., will put a lot more Socialist votes in the ballot boxes than it ever did before. This question of war has set the people studying Socialism and the United States constitution and many will graduate this year and get out of the old graduate this year and get out of the old parties and stay out".

KAISER IS CHALLENGED TO PROSECUTE SOCIALIST The Deutsche Tages Zeitung challenges the German government to prosecute Dr. Cohn, Socialist member of the reichstag, for his alleged it offers to give the fullest evidence as follows:

in case the government desires to court martial Deputy Cohn. The Lon- of agriculture on the irrigated lands Hungary took part when a plan was proposed to let lose the war. The Wolff bureau of Berlin on August 1 said it had been officially authorized pure invention. The news agency said the Times had supported its allegation on statements made by Deputy Cohn in the main committee of the reichstag. These statements, it was added, were refuted in committee by the German government as incorrect.

Puts It Up To Burleson

Woodrow's Monthly, published at Hobart, Okla., puts the censorship of The American Socialist up to Post-master General Burleson in a letter as follows:

'Postmaster General Burleson,

Washington, D. C.
"My dear Brother: Working for fundamental democracy, not by trying to elect any special ticket of a political party but by working in harmony with those elected into official places from all political parties, I desire to know why you have urged the House Committee on Post Office and Post Roads to report adversely Representative London's resolution demanding of you the reasons for the suppression of Socialist papers, as reported to me from Socialist Party Headquarters. And furthermore, I desire to know why you allowed a quorumless com-mittee of ONLY five members including the chairman, out of a total membership of 21 constituting the house committee on post office and post roads, to act on it according to your instructions, much to the disgust of true democrats, of which there are many in the democratic party? I am not interested in the Socialist Press so far as they seek to in all socialist papers in promoting the principles of social democracy. "Cordially,

"Thomas W. Woodrow.

BAYONETS THINKING SOCIAL-

the master said Green, historian of the English people, "begat the king"; and war begets another king in Europe, the kingship of Socialism, says the Spokane, Wash. fidence of the European masses for its main principle that the state should equalize opportunity for individual.

ndividuals. believe that after the war Europe can not afford luuxry. Simultaneously, schools and others will be inaugurated. also, the idea of increasing society's A comprehensive labor law has been "Where is the treason and who are the traitors?" asks Reynolds, "Sworn and the individual's efficiency thru decreed and is in operation in the testimony indicates a \$1,000,000 fund has been raised by organized employ-European governments is expected to Guaymas. continue and even grow when peace cago and San Francisco. They have chosen a time when the nation is at

returns. The bayonets also are thinking in radical and socialist ways. They have been taught so much about waste, their households about economy, that they discuss the cost of monarchy. unpatriotic' and another asks in a big | Republicanism appears likely to come forward in England as a political issue sooner than the socialist program. force new conditions and aggressive and an amazing amount of argument in favor of an English republic goes uation where the employers paying forward among the lower and middle classes. The leaven of the Russian and Greek revolutions and the Spanpublic hearing. Yet the truth is that ish republican ferment work upon the plain people of Great Britain and Ireland.

my reports as a member of the State council of Defense and as a member Jaures meant more for the cause of Jaures meant more for the cause of of the State Mediation Board, I shall making the world safe for democracy say that the employers of Omaha, who than an army of soldiers. He was the thru subterfuges are prolonging the first and the greatest sacrifice of the industrial war in Omaha, are at the war. The story of this man, his active same time lending aid and comfort to relation to the Dreyfus trial, to the the enemy nation with which the severance of Church and State in United States is at war." Emphasis is here given to the 'patriotism' angle of the Omaha situation because it was a striking instance of employers taking the offensive and publicly preclaiming the offensive and to the fight for social liberty and justice are told in a volume entitled "Jean Jaures: Socialist have decided to put a full ticket in the field this fall. All other locals, follow suit. publicly proclaiming their own hands Ramsey MacDonald, the leader of the to be clean and those of labor to be Socialists in the House of Commons. soiled with treason and with disloyal The book has just been published by motives. The shrewd copy writers of B. W. Huebsch, 225 Fifth ave., New the Business Men's Association knew York City.

Socialist Progress in the State of Sonora

Provisional Gov. Adolfo De La revelations regarding the crown council held at Potsdam July 5, 1914. The has been succeeded by the election of newspaper says it knows the revela-tions published in the London Times position, has made a report of the came from Stockholm direct and from work done under his charge during the German independent Socialist and his incumbency, which is summarized

don Times asserted that a conference in the vicinity of the town of Seris. was held in the presence of Emperor Three establishments for the manu-William at Potsdam, July 5, 1914, in facture of clothing have been inwhich the political and military per-stalled in the City of Hermosillo on sonages in Germany and Austria- account of the Government, where the

to declare that the statement was a established. There have been opened

There has been established a steam laundry in co-operative form which will become the property of the working women. There have also been established 10 co-operative agricultural stations by the Government, in which the workers are co-partners instead of being slaves.

The companies employing laborers Thomas W. Woodrow, editor of have been obliged to make indemnity at to those who are incapacitated from working thru accidents sustained in their employment. There has been established a Laborers' Congress in the State which settles all questions of that character. It has been decreed that the minimum salary shall be \$1.50 for 8 hours of work per day. The work has been continued on the embankment for the hygienization of the Port of Guaymas. the Ayuntamiento of Nogales, there has been installed a workingmen's colony composed of 35 houses, which are being acquired by the workingmen in small monthly payments. Work is also going on in the installation of an electric light plant in the town of Huatabampo by the Ayuntamiento of that place and there is also being carried into effect the necessary work for the introduction of potable water. In Santa Ana there is being established a gas plant for the lighting of the town.

There has been organized a national guard composed of 600 branches. Four newspapers aided by the Government have been established in order to instruct the people.

There has been established in Ures promote a political party and elect a small factory for clothing and anmen into offices instead of candidates other for cigarettes; also a wagonlabor. We make the charge that if of other parties, but I am interested making shop, a carpentar shop and a blacksmith shop in the penitentiary of the State, where the prisoners work under restrictions at a minimum daily salary of \$1.50. There has also been established a school at the same penitentiary. The civil hospital has been reconstructed and equipped in a modern way, with a most excellent staff of surgeons and appliances, including the X-Ray apparatus. There has been established at the mouth of

> The poor children of Guaymas and That socialist ideal makes head Navajoa have been given clothes even among the governing classes of made in the Government established France and England. Because they factories. There have been established in the State more than 300 new trial and finacial functions of the of a nautical school in the Port of

Socializing The World

(From The Cincinnati Post) The war has socialized England. Germany and France had a large measure of state socialism before the war. The war is socializing this coun-

The propositions to take over the coal mines and pool their product, to take over the railroads and pool transportation, to commandeer the steel mills and copper mines. are state socialism.

It means the doctrine has been established that the selfish interests of the few must give way to the needs of the many.

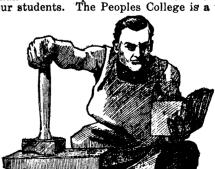
Jean Jaures, the greatest democrat near to disloyalty and treason that in and internationalist then living, was After such an advance in radical thinking and doing, there can never be a retreat to where we were before the war. What works in war times will also work in peace times. The march toward the goal of state

control and state ownership has be-

Comrade G. W. Allen, Oklahoma, sends in a few subs and laments that he has not been able to do much for Socialism this summer. He is over 70 and not very well. But he knows that Socialism is the only redemption for mankind and is going to keep on working for it to the end.

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Socialist Party Growth Shows That The Future Belongs To Us!

HE FUTURE BELONGS TO US!" is the battle cry of the growing Socialist Party. July reports show that we have increased our membership by more than 20,000 since the St. Louis convention in April. Here are the membership figures: APRIL, 67,788; MAY, 71,085; JUNE, 81,172, and for JULY, 90,390. During this period of growth the English speaking organizations have given more than their share to the membership increase as these figures show: APRIL, 49,490, and for JULY, 60,578. Thus the English speaking membership in July was nearly as great as the entire membership in April. In spite of the hot weather let us proceed to greater achievements. Keep up the good work you are doing. The Socialist movement is in the ascendancy. THE FUTURE BELONGS TO US.

Socialist Locals Urged To Aid

Every Socialist local in the United States is being urged to co-operate with the People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace, in a communication just sent them by the party national execution is a sent than the property of the party national execution is a sent than the property of the party national execution is a sent than the property of the party national execution is a sent than the property of the party national execution is a sent than the property of the party national execution is a sent than the property of the party national execution is a sent than the p cation just sent them by the party national executive committee. They are especially urged to send delegates to the general convention to be held at Minneapolis, Sept. 1—6. The proclamation is as followed by the party national executive committees. They are especially urged to send of the post office department. Solicitor U. H. Lamar of the post office department. Solicitor Lamar is a bureaucrat who sits at Washington, D. C., without the post-office at Chicago, Ill., under the Act of

GREETING!

To All Locals Of The Socialist Party: COMRADES:-The organization committee of the People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace has issued a call for a general convention to be held in Minneapolis from the 1st to the 6th of

for the convention are:

TERMS OF PEACE.

- 1. To demand that our government shall announce immediately in concrete terms its war aims, and shall seize every opportunity to achieve those aims thru negotiation unhampered by the ambitions of
- other governments.

 2. To strive for an early, democratic and general peace in harmony with the principles outlined by
- the Russian people:

 A. No forcible annexations.
 B. No punitive indemnities.
- C. Free development for all nationalities. 3. To urge international organization for
- maintenance of world peace. AMERICAN LIBERTIES.
- 1. To defend our constitutional rights of free
- 2. To secure democratic control of foreign policy, and a popular referendum on all questions of war 3. To work for the repeal of conscription laws.
- ECONOMIC POLICIES.

3. To reduce the high cost of living. The new movement is receiving enthusiastic suppursuance of that mandate we now call upon all be proved innocent. members of the Party to lend their full support and members of the Party to lend their full support and active co-operation in the organization of the People's Council of America for Democracy and Russian secret police before the recent revolution,

Locals of the Party should at once take the initiative of organizing a branch of the Council in conjunction with the labor unions and other progressive organizations of their locality, and inaugurate an active campaign for the principles of the Council and the program of the Party. So-cialists who are members of labor organizations should induce their organizations to take part in the movement. The people of the United States must be organized to oppose war and to resist all encroachments upon the liberties of the citizens and the rights of the workers.

All locals of the Party and all branches of the People's Council are entitled to send delegates to the first general meeting of the Council in Minneapolis. Each organization is entitled to one delegate for every thousand members or fraction there of but no organization shall be entitled to more

than three delegates. Act upon this communication at once, Comrades.

With fraternal greetings, R L. BERGER MORRIS HILLQUIT
A. MALEY JOHN M. WORK
National Executive Committee. VICTOR L. BERGER ANNA A. MALEY ADOLPH GERMER, Executive Secretary.

The Searchlight, Please

Let us turn the searchlight on the rotten sixteenth century conditions that still prevail in some of

Miss Annie Hinrichson, inspector for the Illinois charities commission and member of the committee on probation and crime of the Conference of Charities and Corrections, in reporting on city prisons and county jails declares that Illinois' treatment of women prisoners is a violation of the laws of decen-

A case is reported of a man prisoner in a woman's cell because "the man's lawyer is a fat man who doesn't like to climb the stairs to the men's quar-"trusties" held keys to the women's cellrooms and made use of them.

Only a deprayed social system would tolerate these conditions by changing the system under which we



Copyright by The New York Evening Post. "Your talk sounds all right, Sam, but what's under your feet?"-Cesare in the New York Evening Post. NOTE.—The above cartoon from the New York Evening Post was republished by The Literary Digest, July 28, along with a page article entitled, "Post-Office Censors Under Fire", which gave

Bureaucratic Insolence

People's Council Of America (From The Nonpartisan Leader, official publication of the National Nonpartisan League.

The war has afflicted the United States with sev any responsibility himself and responsible to nobody and denies newspapers and magazines the right of the United States mails. Job had an unpleasant time with his boils, but it is doubtful if he ever had one that tried his patience like Lamar is trying the

Lamar has suppressed some 15 publications dur-The People's Council of America is being called ing the last few weeks for alleged seditious or into life by Socialists, organized workers and other progressive forces. Its purpose, as stated in the call ing these publications.

The Leader is not defending these publications.

Doubtless many of them should have been suppressed. But the Leader sees in the methods used by Lamar a very serious menac to a free press, free speech and free institutions. No publication, no matter how law abiding, is safe from oppression, if Lamar is allowed to proceed as he has been.

Lamar reads and judges the "mailability" of publications submitted by postmasters to him for his opinion. He "advises" the postmasters whether or not a publication is "mailable." Postmasters invariably follow his advice. When a publisher is notified by the local postmaster that he can not mail his paper, which has already been printed and left at the postoffice for mailing, the publisher naturally asks what is the matter with it and offers to eradicate the objectionable matter. The local postmaster informs the publisher that he is not allowed to tell the publisher what is objectionable speech, free press, peaceful assemblage and the right to petition the government. says he has refused it the mails on the advice of Solicitor Lamar.

The publisher then wires Lamar asking what is wrong and offering to eliminate all that is objectionable. In a week, or maybe two weeks he gets a letter in which Lamar states that he can not "un-1. To safeguard labor standards.
2. To meet the cost of war by the taxation of state the reasons he has for advising the local postmaster to suppress the issue. He adds that the issue has been suppressed solely on the authority of the local postmaster. The publisher is helpless. assured, the port from all parts of the country and from all sections of the people. It bids fair to become a or perhaps goes to Washington. But the Bureau-for advertising a leaflet, which, unknown to the powerful agent for peace, progress and democracy.

The recent Emergency Convention of the Socialist Party directed the National Executive Committee to initiate a general may ment based upon the tee to initiate a general movement based upon the publication is suppressed at incalculable loss and principles outlined in our anti-war resolution. In damage, if not utter ruin to the publisher, who may Court, Judge John C. Rose directed their acquittal

were and are not worse. We have constitutions and laws and courts, and there are constitutional and legal methods of stopping the publication of seditious matter without resort to vile scored rolls. tious matter without resort to vile, secret methods. ship began. He said:

Miss Hallie Queen, member of the faculty of Howard University, a Negro institution, in urging a congressional investigation of the East St. Louis riots, said she saw a young colored girl whose five fingers had been cut off from one hand and whose other arm had been cut off at the elbow. No, not in Belgium under the Germans-In East St. Louis, Ill., U. S. A.

Congress Opposed Censorship

(From The New Republic, July 21st) Congress refused to authorize a censorship of the press. Nevertheless there is an obscure section in the Espionage bill under which the Post Office Department has assumed wide discretion in excluding from the mails matter which may discourage recruiting. As a result, fourteen Socialist and radical publications, American in origin and printed in English, have been denied the mailing privilege. In some cases the editors remained in ignorance of the exclusion until they discovered it by accident. In many cases the editors were unable to discover what the offending matter was, the postmasters replying that the "spirit" or "tone" of the publication was objectionable. The effect is to terrorize all criticism and make it next to impossible for the editor to insure that future issues may be mailable. In some cases the local officials used their power as a threat not only to keep out matter of which they disapproved, but to keep out matter showing how the publication had been censored. In no case is there any provision for the publisher to state his defense except by costly legal proceedings. Here we have an irresponsible censorship, executed by local offi-In another instance, jail officials and the cials who may be thoroly unfit for the task, under a clause interpreted so broadly that it would enable an unfit or prejudiced postmaster to hold up Only a depraved social system would tolerate these conditions for a single hour. Let us change these cal opposition to the government. Whatever we may think of the papers in question, we must con-demn the stupidity of such procedure. If we are to have a censorship, let it be centralized in competent hands, let it be exercised openly under strict limitations, and let the way be cleared for appeal. If we are not to have a censorship, let us not intensify distrust of the government and its purposes by such petty and ineffectual tyranny.

The U.S. Industrial Alcohol Co. has just declared a dividend of 32 per cent. No, this com-pany does not belong to the government. It belongs mostly to Percy Rockefeller, nephew of the great "John D." The government, however, purchases most of the munitions which this profit-producing alcohol helps to make. Since the beginning of the war the value of a share of stock has increased from \$16 to \$170.50. Easy money for the Rockefellers!

Investigate The Race Riots

An investigation of the race riots at East St Louis by a congressional committee is in sight.

We hope the probe will go to the bottom of the reeking mess. We hope the committee will play no

When it is shown that the big exploiters of labor who beat down the wage scale by using the black race as a club against the white race, let the committee say so in words that cannot be misunderstood Echoes of the East St. Louis riots are being heard

Let the government back up organized labor in its demand that the colored worker be paid the editorial views from the daily press for and against same wages and granted the same conditions as his the suppression of Socialist, radical and pacifist pale skinned brother. Then there will be no incentive in a skirmish for a cool dip in the plutocratic waters and chancellories, they would not accept the invitato displace the one with the other.

in a score of cities. No one can tell at what hour

the storm will break.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1917.

Let Censorship Be Investigated

(From The Public, July 20.)
Indefinite and evasive is the Post Office Depart nent in answering requests for information concern ing its reasons for barring certain papers from the mails. In some cases it has declared the "tone" "spirit" of the papers to be contrary to law.

It is obvious that to admit the validity of such an explanation would be to concede to the Department power to suppress any paper on trivial grounds or

There is nothing in the section of the espionage ct, urged in justification of the censorship, which authorizes so indefinite a pretext.

The act forbids mailing of matter "urging treason surrection, or forcible resistance to the United States," or of matter intended to interfere with the operation or success of the military or naval forces. It would seem that even under the terms of that law, the burden of proof should be upon the Department to show wherein a paper has offended against

In the case of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST it is assured, the no official explantion has been given

on the ground that it "contained nothing whatever to warrant a criminal charge to be lodged against

Since the espionage act makes it criminal to

Every man has a right, if he chooses to criticize adversely any system of society or any law, so long as he obeys that law when it remains a law.

Here again there seems considerable difference opinion between Judge Rose and Solicitor Lamar of opinion between Judge Rose and Solicitor Lamar of the Post Office Department. An adverse criticism of a law may easily be construed as contrary to it in "tone" or "spirit." And that, according to Mr. Lamar, would make it unmailable under the es-

It is desirable that the resolution introduced by Congressman London for an investigation of the whole censorship proceeding be passed as quickly as possible. And if the post office department feels sure of its ground it should be most active in urging

anniversary of the war, declared: "We seem to have become a nation of profiteering hucksters Those who are not corrupted by the Mammon chase are haunted with a fear lest, after all, the country is slipping back into officialism. We call for the benefit of the counsels of a dozen working men, but the word is quietly passed from the government table: 'These fellows cannot be told all. Just treat them like children', Let us be a free people, but not merely free on paper".

Mass Action Wins

Mass action has won a victory on Chicago's lake front in the great struggle between the rich and the

It was the heat, not hunger this time, that lashed the downtrodden into the fury of revolt and crowned their efforts with success

The North Shore Drive, Chicago's "Gold Coast," home of many millionaires, fringes Lake Michigan, consecrating this part of the lake to the exclusive use of the sons and daughters of wealth.

"The Drive" is merely a thin veneer hiding the slum district immediately behind it. In no city of the land does the slum and the boulevard so closely edge each other.

The boulevard has held its own so far, succeeding in repulsing every effort of the slum dwellers to use the magnificent beaches along the lake for bath-

The torrid weather recently, however, drove the sweating proletariat, men, women and children, out of their noisome abodes and onto the forbidden lake front. The outraged plutocrats, the few who had remained in the city during the hot spell, saw the increasing horde of the submerged tenth and by instinct called the police to protect their sacred rights

The police came, they saw, they fought, they ar rested. But the mass of proletarians increased, the heat put new courage into their perspiring systems and they refused to be intimidated. They entrenched themselves in the cool waters of the lake and bade defiance to the world. They acted as a mass and The city government ignoring the pleas of the dollar plutocracy, has issued orders permitting the dwellers in Chicago's north side slums to use the North Shore Drive for cooling purposes.

This is a sample of the mass action that Chicago's Socialists hope the workers will repeat in the municipal elections next spring when they have an opportunity to carry their protest to the polls.

The money power in Chicago is exerting itself

more than ever in its struggle to keep the downtrodden in submission. The submerged are more anxious than ever to come to the surface and partake of some of the joys of existence.

They can only do this by struggling together as a mass. Their united strength makes them irresistMONTANA'S "SHORT CUT TO LAW AND ORDER."



ESOLUTIONS denouncing the lynching of Frank H. Little, executive board member of the Industrial Workers of the World,

at Butte, Mont., as "a dastardly crime against labor" were adopted unanimously by the Chi-cago Federation of Labor.

the I. W. W., still, we demand that the represen-

tatives of labor be guaranteed the right of free

speech, without being molested by gunmen in

States can heartily applaud the action by the

Every man and woman who toils in the United

Harrison Gray Otis, owner of the Los Angeles

Times, one of the greatest foes organized labor has

Socialists of Japan in resolutions adopted at Toki

hail the Russian revolution as the beginning of a series of revolutions which will end in the down-

"The Tailor", official organ of the Journeymen

Tailors' Union of America, devotes an entire page

of its current issue to a protest against the censor

The Chicago Examiner, in its story on the draft resisters in Oklahoma, said: "They talk of the Russian revolution and say the time for

German soldiers taken prisoners by the French

"There is objection which is not frivolous to hav-

The state governments of Indiana and Illinois

have joined forces in the fight to prevent the

coal mine owners reaping more millions in pro-

fits. Since there isn't even one Socialist in the

governments of either state, it isn't likely they

"We are just beginning to taste the first bitter

fruits of war", says the St. Louis Times. "Within

six months most of the people here will be just

and England, altho not as weak and not as war-

Socialists of Oklahoma are in the midst of a

struggle in the courts to secure equal representation

with other political parties on the election boards of the State. The Socialists have never had rep-

resentatives on State or county election boards in

Philipp Scheidemann, socialist member of the

German Reichstag, in giving his views of the So-

cialists on their participation in the government

said that if really a parliamentary government was

formed with a program which the Socialists could

approve, they must participate and share the res-

were only to become subordinates to undersecretaries

tion to participate.

ing individuals—postmasters or others—exercise the

state that the German government no longer per-

mits the Vorwaerts, the Berlin Socialist daily, to

the pay of capitalists".

fall of capitalism.

ever had, is dead. Let him pass.

revolution has come here".

be delivered to soldiers at the front.

In the resolutions it was stated that, "While

From The New York Evening Post.

central body of Chicago organized labor. Thousands marched in the funeral procession, Sunday, when Little was buried at Mountainview Cemetery at Butte.
Coal miners at Madrid, N. Mex., have decided

to quit work until the men deported from Gallup are returned here.

Copper miners deported from Bisbee, Ariz., July 12, and now at Columbus, N. Mex., have sent a telegram to President Wilson offering to dig copper for the United States government, provided the government will take over and operate all copper mines and smelters in the country.

Sold Out

Secretary Lansing now informs the American people that they must not be "drawn into the entanglements of European politics" thru discussing terms of peace. We will not, he says, assume to settle the problem of Alsace-Lorraine; we must not discuss Balkan borders, nor yet the adjustment of Asiatic claims. We are to let our allies do that; all we must do is to fight for what they tell us to fight for; to pay all their bills; and as result of the war take what they allow us to have. This is another chain of evidence which proves

the utter incompetence of Robert M. Lansing for any job affecting the destinies of the American people. It proves him entirely alien in thought and in spirit to the people whom, in their foreign relationships, he is supposed to represent.

On the confession of Asquith, Balfour, Lloyd George and Carson; on the confession of Joffre, Viviani and Thomas, England and France are helpless without our aid. Without our cash and without our men they are admittedly beaten. Yet we, comling to the rescue, tell them, "We will give you whatever you ask, fight until you tell us to stop, and will then accept whatever you choose to hand us combined powers of prosecuting attorney, jury and judge."—From the Milwaukee, Wis., Evening Wis-

This amounts to a declaration that the United States is now a subject province of the Anglo-French empire, taking their orders and obeying their commands without representation in the decisions that determine our destiny. We have no part in the allied councils; we are not a party to their agree-ments and their partition of the spoils. We are

taxed of blood and life without representation.

If America must fight, it must not be for territorial aggrandizement or imperialistic ambition of other nations. It must be for industrial democracy And the only conceivable way of beginning to fight as tired of the war as the people in Germany, France for that is to become an industrial democracy at home. That means Socialism!

Sherwood Gives Views

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C. As I voted against the armed ship bill and against the declaration of war, and made a speech against it; as I voted against conscription and made a speech against it; as I have been a peace man ever since the Civil War, wherein I served four years at the front, the ordinary war-mad lunatic would not accept my view of the present press censorship with much consideration. Of course I am in favor of free debate of all vital public questions. Without free speech and ponsibility. If, however, members of the reichstag a free press, there can be no free representative democracy.

Yours very truly. ISAAC R. SHERWOOD.

OGDEN ARMOUR, the food profiteer, who is making his tens of millions out of the war, says, "The government of the United States can have any one man or any group of men of Armour & Co." Armour may consider himself master of all his slaves, but the government is going right ahead under the draft law questioning each man liable to service individually. What the government ought to do to Armour is to confiscate his packing industry and expropriate his wealth. Armour's gold is no more sacred than the lives of those who accumulated it for him.