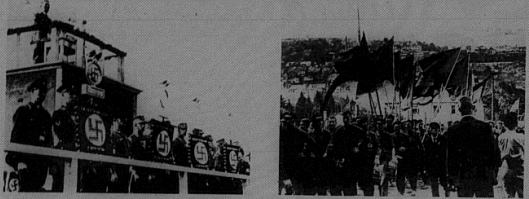


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## WAR OVER THE SAAR



War in the Saar! Top (LEFT) Hitler opening his campaign to have the Saar district join Nazi Germany. (RIGHT) French coal and iron workers of the Saar in a demonstration against joining Nazi Germany. (CENTER) Map of the Saar. (LOWER) Catholic Trade Union, Sarrelouis and Communist trade union in a meeting of 80,000 Saar workers where they decided to join the coming plebiscite they will vote against joining Hitler Germany.



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## The DESTINY of the SAAR

By LOUIS PERIGAUD  
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Monsieur Perigaud, who recently returned to France after six weeks stay in the U. S. A. and Canada, was formerly a member of the Central Committee of the French Socialist Party (1925-1929) and a member of the Administrative Council and contributing Editor of "Populaire."

THE MOST crucial situation in the international field today are in the Far East, Austria and in the Saar. In these places these developments may soon give capitalism a pretext to unleash a new world conflict.

Among the evils stemming from the Treaty of Versailles, the condition existing in the Saar today is probably the most critical. The sixteenth who drew up the Treaty, most of whom have died, must bear the sole responsibility.

On the rich and valuable soil of this territory, which is entirely industrialized, live 800,000 people whose racial origin, language and customs are German. Having been forcibly torn away from the German nation, they must choose in January whether they rejoin Germany or remain as they are.

### Coal and Iron

Beyond the fact that the inhabitants of the Saar furnish an important market to French and German capitalists, there is still the more significant fact that these capitalists are engaged in a life and death struggle for control of these raw materials which are a desirable asset in time of peace and an absolute necessity in time of war. The Saar possesses rich coal and iron mines. The large foundries can produce all the steel necessary for War.

The political implications of such a situation are complex. From a revolutionary point of view the problem demands an independent,

working-class republic of the Saar. But at present the only concrete result obtained would be to cement the alliance between French and German capitalism against any expression of the desire for autonomy. Naturally, for us in the ranks of the working-class, there can be no sentiment in favor of the Saar being returned to France. Should we advocate that, we would be guilty of helping to unleash a new minority, thus providing a fresh triumph for French imperialism. The Treaty of Versailles has already enslaved so many minorities that the world can will spare the enslavement of another.

The Saar really belongs in the heart of the German community, and if Germany were a free country we would not have to hesitate a moment over the problem. Unfortunately Germany is not free. Sixty million people there are suffering under a regime of torture and indescribable misery. Under the circumstances, who would be willing to cast about a million more human beings under the heel of that regime?

The status quo, i. e., supervision and administration by a commission of the League of Nations, is not in itself a solution. The day will come when a Workers' and Peasants' Republic of Germany will quite naturally include the Saar. At present, however, the only immediate solution is the extension of the existing administration under the League. While it is admittedly no more than a temporary answer to the problem, it is the only one that we can justify at present.

### Hitler vs. United Front

Hitler, of course, is making desperate efforts to guarantee in the Saar territory a victory which will cover up his internal failures. The people of Germany have not been informed of his numerous defeats in foreign diplomacy. He is spending millions of dollars for propaganda

in the Saar and is trying to win the population over by threats and demagoguery, an art in which he is a past-master. But in these efforts he is only beating his head against the united front that has risen in the Saar.

Those who form the united front (all working-class organizations and their sympathizers) do not control the use of millions of dollars, but they have thousands of devoted followers, and these are more precious than wealth. The purpose of the united front propaganda is to show the exact nature of the Nazi regime and what would become of the Saar under Nazi rule.

A year ago the situation was extremely confused. The blind egotism and greed of the French capitalists had pushed the people of the Saar into the arms of Hitler, and it required our utmost efforts and the most vigorous kind of united action to clarify the situation. For this reason it was with great joy that we brought together on the same platform "Socialist, Communist and Catholic speakers, who revealed to 80,000 listeners the plans of the Nazis and the exact state of affairs in Germany. And so we await with confidence the results of the plebiscite on January 13th.

What will Hitler do if the Saar returns to rejoin Germany? This will be the pressing question of the near future. What move will be made by the French capitalists, who covet the Saar territory and who have invested enormous sums in its industries?

For the present both Hitler and French capitalists are watchfully waiting for an excuse to seize the country before the plebiscite. French capitalism claims that the Nazis are preparing a drive; the military chiefs have outlined the campaign. Hitler, remembering D'Annunzio's trip to Fiume a few years ago, is not being any time in his plans to seize the Saar.

The Versailles treaty must create another "buffer state." Tomorrow or the next day may turn the Saar into a battlefield out of which only two small groups, German and French capitalists, can derive profit.

### We Will Protest and Fight

Our position is clear. Neither France nor Germany has a right to penetrate the Saar, and we will protest and fight this move as we did when Belgium occupied the Ruhr. France and Germany will find us on the side of the working class of the Saar in its struggle for the right to live and for the right of self-determination. Our fight against Fascism is to save the Saar from a Fascist regime.

Our struggle against War is a struggle against slavery, or any class, initiating a new slaughter. We are not living in 1914. We have learned many things since October 1917, and we will utilize these practical lessons in good time.

## PROFITING BY DEATH

By SLATER BROWN

This is the second in a series of articles on famous munitions makers. A third will appear in the next number of FIGHT.

### 2. DU PONT

LAST SEPTEMBER, when the Senate Munitions Investigating Committee was making certain munitions manufacturers howl with rage at being forced to disclose the enormous profits they had amassed during the World War, people down in Washington began saying: "Just wait until they put the Du Ponts on the stand. What they made during the War and how they made it will put all other testimony in the shade." But when the great moment arrived, when the three Du Pont brothers—Irving, Lamont, Pierre along with Cousin Felix arrived to tell their tale—something happened. Before those powerful and sinister figures, whose political prestige not only dominates their native state of Delaware but controls large sections of the federal government itself, the investigation collapsed. The four Du Ponts sat blantly before the Committee making signs and smiling happily as if they had all just watched the conary.

And the powerless committee, upon whom pressure had been brought to bear even by the Secretary of State himself, sank into dejection with hardly a murmur. It had run into something even more explosive than the TNT the Du Ponts had manufactured during the World War.

### From Little Acorns

The Du Pont family is a comparatively old one in this country. It has been engaged in the manufacture of explosives ever since E. I. Du Pont de Nemours decided way back in 1802 that one of the most profitable businesses under an acquisitive society was manufacturing explosives for imperial wars. Inspired by visions of fattening off the slaughter of human beings he erected a powder factory in Wilmington, Del. It was a small factory then, but the War of 1812 came opportunely and the original Du Pont, supplying all the explosives for the American troops, quickly amassed a fortune which started the Du Ponts along their ever-strewn way toward wealth and power.

Ever since that time the Du Ponts have been the chief source of military explosives for the United States. They supplied the government during the Civil War, the Spanish War and, of course, during the World War. From a modest beginning of only a hundred thousand pounds of powder a year they have during the last century and a quarter increased their production to such a degree that at the time of the Armistice their plants were capable of producing annually \$10,000,000 pounds of high explosives. Its carload lots, to express the figure graphically, this amount would extend along a track for two hundred miles.

Enough to use another figure, to annihilate the entire human race.

### Corpses Into Gold

When the World War began the Du Ponts wasted no time in enlarging their factories and taking every advantage of the slaughter proceeding in Europe. They dispatched their high-powered submarines to sink their high-powered explosives, jacked up their prices 25 percent higher than those applying to foreign business before the War, and began to make in the foreign gold. It is impossible to learn how much the Du Ponts netted during the period before the U. S. entered the War, but we know that in 1916 the company was producing a munition tax of \$11,725,000 to the government. At that time the company was offering 100 percent dividends on its common stock alone.

But the Du Ponts' real profits began when the U. S. produced into War by those capitalists who were casting an envious eye at the

supplied the Allied armies with 68 percent of the explosives, could boast that the total amount of explosives manufactured by them had reached the stupendous sum of 1,648,741,219 pounds.

Meanwhile, making the profits made for the Du Ponts, 347 workers had been killed in the Du Pont plants.

### In Time of Peace

At the present time the Du Ponts are busily occupied with their own family scandals, divorces, the Fascist Liberty League, and the manufacture of rayon, paint, rubber goods, cellophane, etc., etc. They manage through their press agents that at present only a small percentage of their profits is derived from the manufacture of explosives, but it is an open secret that practically every one of their sixty different plants in twenty-two different states could be transformed into munitions works almost overnight.

The Du Ponts practically own the state of

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A WASP WITH A STING!

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TO BE DISMOUNTED

BOEING AIRPLANE COMPANY, INC.  
UNITED STATES EXPORTS, INC.  
HAMILTON BOULEVARD

The U. S. A. in China!  
A private American airplane concerns advertising in a Shanghai paper the sale of War planes. A new story in the same paper broadcasts the fact that special private pilot has been given a "short leave from the United States Army to demonstrate in China" these airplanes

Du Ponts and other War profiteers, began passing out fat contracts for explosives and other War materials. Business for the Du Ponts increased by leaps and bounds. The Du Ponts again expanded their plants, delivered famous patriotic speeches to their workers and began raking in American dollars hand over fist. Their profits reached astronomical figures—more than 60 million dollars annually. When the War ended the Du Ponts, who had

however, they are largely responsible for the notorious corporation laws. Through a holding company they control the only two daily newspapers in the state and their political influence has filled the state legislature with their friends and well-wishers, while their vast estates, built on the corpses of slaughtered soldiers, are larger, more expensive than, perhaps, the combined acres of all the soldier graveyards in Europe.







so happens, Mr. Secretary, that some fifteen million people in this country are in the same boat. Now whether we in Washington like it or not those fifteen million are pretty damned sure about conditions in general. And if you've got any idea that they're not behind those soldiers 100 percent, you're mighty mistaken.

**Harley**—That don't make them any less dangerous. If they're not Bolshevik now they're got the makings of them.

**Harriet**—They'll go Bolshevik a damned sight quicker if you drive them out of the city with force. Somebody's got to tell the President he can't do that here. You tried to, but he won't listen to me. This is the national capital, gentlemen. You can shoot hungry people down in some parts of the country, but Mr. Secretary, it looks like in Washington, D. C.

**Harley**—What do you mean about hungry people down? Why, that's the—

**Millie**—Now wait a minute, wait a minute. Take it easy, will you? (A pause. Harley asserts and swears up and down. Millie sets up, puffing at his cigar a minute, and then turns abruptly on Harriet.) Look here, Harriet. These men are embarrassing the President. This is an election year and the administration don't want them here. What's more, this business of descending on Washington and expelling the government to feed a horde of children men is setting a dangerous precedent. Let a thing like that once get started and there's no telling where it will end. The treasury's got troubles enough already. It's your job to get them out of here.

**Harriet**—That's just what I'm trying to do, Mr. Secretary.

**Harley**—It'll be damned if I see it.

**Millie**—How?

**Harriet**—A young fellow named Rivers came to see me the other day from Oregon. He's ambitious, this Rivers. He wants to be commander of the bonus army. So I made a deal with him. He's to have the title, and all the honors; but though he may not know it, Rivers isn't going to command this army, gentlemen.

**Millie**—Why is it?

**Harriet**—I'm an

**Harley**—How do you figure that out?

**Harriet**—Rivers is my fool. He'll do what I tell him or get out.

**Millie**—Suppose the man object to that?

**Harriet**—They won't. They won't have anything to say about it. We're organizing 500 M. P.'s with clubs down there under police control. Besides, I've got my rifles all over the place. Nobody can make a move that I won't know about beforehand. The first man who sneaks off-out he goes. That will take care of the fool. I've got that all arranged. What the police can't do legally, the M. P.'s can.

**Harley**—But the rest of them—how will you get them out?

**Harriet**—I've got control of their funds. To the rest of them will be friendly, keeping the food in on them and hold our ears. These Congress men want on the hill—and you know how they'll vote—it will be easy enough to convince them how futile this whole thing is, and send them home. Meanwhile I've got them sewed up tight down in the mudflat.



"Why that's the makings of a revolution army. If some radical agitator starts a strike in that trader job, Good Lord! There's no telling what would happen. We'd all have to pack up and get out of here."

of Anacostia three miles from the capital, surrounded by an embankment, a river, a drainage ditch, and two battalions. It's going to take time, gentlemen. But any other course, I warn you here, will be disastrous.

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company union, for it bids them to control large masses of workers who otherwise might fall under the influence of the trade union movement. The corporations that now operate company unions are the big ones, the most representative ones, the ones that produce for war, that already have their allegiances and "educational orders" on file for wartime production. *Baltimore Street, U. S. Steel, Youngstown Steel, Wright Aircraft, General Motors, Goodyear Rubber, International Harvester, Chrysler, Pennsylvania Railroad, du Pont, General Electric, the Big Four parking trust, Standard Oil*—these are examples of companies that over a period of years and many of them long before the N. R. E. developed, have developed the fine art of leading their workers with schemes of "employee representation."

In 1932 the National Industrial Conference Board found that 637 of the manufacturing plants which they surveyed, was an employee employing over 15,000 workers. And the recent survey of the National Metal Trades Association shows that the great majority of workers covered by company unions in the metal industry were in eight plants of 5,000 and over. In fact 174,000 out of 218,625 workers in company unions surveyed by the N. M. T. A. were in these eight plants.

Not only have the big companies in the basic

# The New Deal in Canada

By BARNEY CONAL

MOST AMERICANS still seem to picture Canada as a rather liberally treated colony of England, a vast and for the most part from territory sparsely settled and of little significance among the world's nations. Yet the truth is that Canada is a young, wealthy and increasingly important capitalist country.

Canadian capital controls 21 billion of its estimated national wealth of 36 billion dollars; and American investments are four billion dollars to Britain's two and a quarter billion. Add to that the fact that there are few if any capitalist countries where finance-capital has developed monopolily to the intense and vast degree that it has in Canada. Forty banks have been merged into ten and of these three control 75% of the banking business of the country. The same holds true for all the business and financial establishments of any importance—directors interlocking like a Chinese puzzle.

**Monopoly Capital in Action**

When the crisis began to waste Canada, the perpetration of N. R. E. codes must have seemed a ridiculous gesture to those in power. There were no anti-trust laws to revoke, there was no excuse for the pretense of curbing an industry already controlled by a few financiers. When the masses began to complain of the pinch, the conservative financiers' government of Prime Minister Bennett, (himself and few ministers of his cabinet millionaires) resorted to direct action. It poured its political program into the already fixed monopolistic mould of the country's economic structure. As long as there were enough convenient conservative measures being dominant within the democracy's laws to fit the critical moment. (There were sections 93 and 501 of the Criminal Code and sections 41-42 of the Immigration Act. The unemployed, of which there were soon one million, the foreign born trying to circumvent starvation, the growing militant union, were suddenly confronted by the LAW.)

**The Birth of the Terror**

On charges of disorderly conduct, vagrancy, watching and besetting, interference with traffic, acting suspiciously, houses were searched, picket lines smashed, women beaten and vicious prison sentences imposed in Montreal, Boam, Noranda in Quebec, in Toronto, New Toronto, Hamilton, Stratford and many other towns in Ontario, in Vancouver, in Alberta—from one

side Canadian workers vary. But at the same time, everywhere, so that it was not difficult to see the relationship, Fascist organizations appeared alongside the code. The National State Party, the Parti National Social Christian, Knights of Confederation, Blue Shirts, Students Clubs. In the streets of Winnipeg, Brown Shirts marched on a workers' demonstration. In the small industrial towns of Ontario organized hoodlums attacked workers' meetings and employees' organized and fired employees who listened at the remotest interest in unemployment.

**Issues Are Clear**

Thus in Canada, with its small population and its vast sweep, the crystallizing Fascism was unable to camouflage itself behind numbers or within the intricate labyrinth of a large middle class. The issues are clearly visible and Fascism's roots in the already closed economic relationship easily discernible. Everywhere there are signs that the workers are seeing through the demagogic of the codes and the purport of shifted and unformed and employer-run organizations. The Fascist attack in Winnipeg was smashed in the streets by the workers.

A United Front of 60 organizations repre-



*Toronto and Stogger Great Britain teaches member of its great, new type mobocracy at Glasgow. "Shoppers" to see, riding down the wage, after being christened by Lady Tweedie*

# NEWS from the FRONT

**MILWAUKEE, Wis.**—More than ten thousand workers joined the United Front anti-war, anti-Fascist demonstration here on Armistice Day in front of the new court house. Speakers of the demonstration included the Federated Trade Council, American Labor Against War and Fascism, Communist Party, representatives of the Socialist Party, of labor, veteran and liberal organizations.

An Associated Press dispatch from Berlin reports: "Pragmatic Minister Joseph Goebbels, who eighteen months ago sanctioned the burning of some of the world's classic literature because it offended Nazi sensibilities, today asked Germany to support soldiers when National Socialism approved. He Goebbels said: 'As a people we have become poor in material things, but we are rich in inextinguishable things of the German mind.' . . . The Nazis now choose the six best books of the month—without exception biographies of Nazis or histories of Nazis . . . Berlin's many book stores seem empty of customers. Attendance at libraries has dropped considerably."

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*Two Bankers' (LEFT) Frank Polyzos, Jr., San Francisco banker who headed the vigilante committee in the recent bankholders' strike, now chosen as Commander of the American League. (RIGHT) Robert Hecht, ally of Harry Lang, elected President of the American Bankers' Association.*

**Etowah, Alabama.**

**Dear Brothers:**

The delegates to the Second U. S. Congress from the Women's Auxiliary Local No. 2, of the International Miss, Mill and Shoemaker Workers Union has been terrorized on such times that returned that she has failed to make her report to the union. She told friends that certain people put guns in her face and threatened her if she dared to report. We want you to send the Congress reports registered to the secretary of . . . Also will you please send a bundle of FIGHT to . . . Please keep the addresses secret because it will mean terror against these people.

**Fraternally,**

X. Y. Z.

**Chicago, Ill.**

*Dear Friends:*

There were over 25 of the excellent women under to the League. Perhaps this Committee thinks that such pledges are only for women's approval or rather false otherwise, that the pledge would be worthless. We carry on in our own way!

**A SEQUESTER OF THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD**

**BRAZIL**—In spite of being driven underground, the Brazilian Communist movement against war and fascism held a Congress at the end of September. A national rally of the Fascist Green Shirt organization held on October 21st in Sao Paulo was broken up by a mass demonstration of workers.

**Paris, France.**

*Dear Comrades:*

We call your attention once more to the tasks of the anti-war campaign in favor of the brave Spanish revolutionaries and their families.

Thousands of militaries have been killed in the struggle or maimed after it. Thousands of innocents have been wounded and imprisoned and tens of thousands of families are starving and freezing to death because whole cities and villages have been destroyed by the bombardment. Twenty-two brave Spanish and Catalonian insurgents have already been executed to death by the court martial.

We must help the hapless' arm. We must help the Spanish anti-Fascists. Telegrams and letters should be immediately sent to the Spanish government to prevent the execution of the prisoners and to stop their release. Deputations must be organized in the committees and branches of Spain.

Yours fraternally,

HENRI BARBUSSE





# THIS WINTER

## The League

## FIGHT

A new Congress will soon meet in the warm halls of the Capitol. For the American people it will be the sixth winter of the crisis. Cold, cheerless and vain tramping for jobs. Scraps of charity food for the millions of unemployed, for impoverished farmers, for their children and wives. Congress will vote hundreds of millions of dollars, not for relief of the sufferers of capitalism, but for enforcing laws that lead to Fascism, for battleships, cannons, gas, planes for another War. Join the American League Against War and Fascism in its fight to turn War funds over to unemployed relief. Defend yourself and those dear to you against Fascism and War by becoming a member of the League TODAY!

Front page news—Fascism and War. Subjects for every day anxiety. The capitalist press is preparing the American mind for the acceptance of Fascism and War as "inevitable." FIGHT informs you of the schemes of the Fascists and War plotters. FIGHT informs you of the progress by the American League in arousing mass resistance to the forces menacing your safety, your life. Tens of thousands are already reading it. Like them you will find it interesting, authoritative and helpful in your desire to stop these scourges. FIGHT is our educator, agitator and organizer. Subscribe to it today! A year's subscription will make a welcome Christmas gift to your friends. Use the coupon below.

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