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MURDEROUS WAR IN EUROPE IS THE INEVITABLE OF MURDEROUS EUROPEAN CAPITALISM CULMINATION

By MORRIS HILLQUIT, Author of "The History of Socialism," "Socialism in Theory and Practice," "Socialism Summed Up," Etc.

THROUGH centuries of struggle and hardship man raised himself by slow and painful stages from the depths of brute animals to the heights of refined civilization. Each generation of men added

brute animals to the heights of refined civilization. Each generation of men added its mits to the store of knowledge of man. Each generation marked an advance in the process of unraveling the deep mysteries of nature, harnessing its wild powers and extracting its hidden treasures.

With its strongly organized nations, its perfected industries, treasures of art, and achievements of science; with its systems of laws, codes of morals and humane religions mankind greeted the dawn of the twentieth century with justifiable pride as the triumph of creation, the victory of reason. And then something incredible happened. Something horrible and ghastly, something crushing and overwhelming—like the materialization of a mad nightmare born in the distorted brain of a delirious maniac. The elaborate edifice of European civilization suddenly crumbled and collapsed like a house of cards before the fury of a tornado. All work was suspended, all industries destroyed, all reason crushed, all laws, violated, all morals discarded. The cultured nations of Europe turned into one howling, savage mob, drunk with the lust of blood—shrieking for murder, murder.

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It is as if some malicious and powerful demon had deliberately struck with mad-ness the greater part of the earth's popu-lation, and set them to annihilate each other in blind fury for his hellish amuse-

CAUSES OF WAR.

HAT makes this war a particularly gruesome and almost uncanny horror motes, is the seemingly incomprehensible cause of its outbreak and the fatalism of the course and spread. No the statism of its course and spread. No one will ascribe the war to the assassination of the Austrian heir-apparent by the young Servian patriotic fanatic. No one can indicate any other specific cause.

None of the involved nations with the sole possible exception of Austria, seemed eager to precipitate the conflict. Each realized the far-reaching disaster of a general European conflagration; each endeavored to deter the other, and each was

Inspiration for Socialist **Week and Labor Day Lesson**

Editor's Note.-This is the interpretation of the European war situation the American working class has been look-ing for. This article by Hillquit por-trays in vivid colors the causes of the war, what the war means and what may be expected of the future. Hillquit called the article, "Capitalism at War." We have chosen as the heading a part of the piercing sentence, "The entire industrial and political development of Europe within the last generation has predestined it with the inexorable determination of fate—the murderous war in Europe is but the inexitable culminary. in Europe is but the inevitable culmina-tion of murderous European capitalism." If every American workingman could be made to read this article on Labor Day there would be an end of war so far as the United States is concerned. This article should be a lesson for Labor Day and an inspiration for Socialist Week:

finally forced into war by a panicky dis-

There is no aggressor in this war. All belligerent nations are on the defensive. Russian entered the battlefield for fear of Austrian aggressions; Germany called its sons to arms to protect the fatherland against an invasion of the barbarian Russian hordes. Belgium and France fight to defend their territories from the attacks of the hostile German legions, and England

of the hostile German legions, and England helps them in the defense.

The greatest of all wars in the history of the world is fought over no definite issues, has involved no inspiring rallying cries, and produced no popular war heroes. It is a sullen, dull business of slaughter without spirit or enthusiasm, and participants and onlookers alike remain daxed and stupified before the inexplicable calamity, and ask themselves. "Why?" ity, and ask themselves, "Why?"

INVOLVES CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

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CAPITALISM. CAPITALISM.

The countries most prominently involved in the war are among those in which capitalism has reached the highest levels of development. Their industries have long been conducted for the private benefit of individual capitalists, thus leading to the enrichment of a small group and the impoverishment of the large masses.

The vast majority of the population were left without means to secure the necessaries and comforts of life which they produced for the capitalists. The capitalists

produced for the capitalists. The capitalists on the other hand were left without a sufficient home market for the sale of the commodities which their workers created. And so production of necessity became helting and restricted, while the productive forces increased steadily through the introduction of ever more perfect laborsaving devices. Thus there soon were more workers than jobs, and the problem of unemployment became a standing and burning question in all modern European coun-

Unemployment served to reduce wages Unemployment served to reduce wages and thus to curtail still further the purchasing powers of the workers, and the increased prices of all necessaries of life by which the capitalists sought to recoup themselves, merely aggravated the evil.

The economic life of the European nations was hopelessly demoralized. Production became stagnant and business chronically degressed. Rumbles of revolt be-

tion became stagnant and ousness chron-ically depressed. Rumbles of revolt be-came audible among the workers and grew ever louder and more threatening. In this critical situation the short-sighted capital-ists of Europe saw but one solution—find-ing of new outlets for their goods by the expansion of the national territory and the

conquest of colonies.

And so the fateful policy of imperialism sprang up. As each individual capitalist competed with his compatriot capitalist for

peted with the capitalist of the other coun-tries for the world market. And as each individual capitalist maintained a force of agents and canvassers for the acquisition and protection of his home market, so each capitalist country was bound to support a host of soldiers and sailors for the conquest and maintenance of its foreign

markets.
The foremost capitalist countries of Europe were forced into a most ruinous policy of military and naval rivalry as a necessary counterpart of their commercial rivalry.

Each country tried to outdo the other in the sise of its standing army and in the number and deadliness of its dreadnaughts until the nations groaned under the crushing military burdens.

Unable to halt or to move in the convenient of the convenient of the limit of

suming process of armament, at the limit of their industrial growth, and menaced by their exploited working populations, the capitalist nations of Europe, armed to the teeth, stood threatening each other for

years.

Each of them saw at least a temporary salvation in downing the other and robbing it of its colonies and markets. Each waited for an opening. Europe was an armed camp long before the present hostilities began. Its nations were at war long before the formal declarations. None of them was taken by surprise—they were all prepared when the first pretext came.

WAR WILL NOT HELP.

may even result in a temporary wave of life and death.

HYNDMAN SEES BEGINNINGS OF CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH

By H. M. HYNDMAN Prominent British Focialist.

The British government, in order to save the people from wholesale starva-tion, finds that only Socialist proposals are of any avail.

This truth is really important. The nation will learn in time of war a little.

of what it must threateningly demand in time of peace. It is even possible that, as the war of 1870-71 gave France a republic, the war of 1914 may secure for England the beginnings of a co-operative commonwealth.

We sincerely hope so. That, at any rate, is worth fighting for. By far our worst' enemies are the landlords and capitalists of Britain.

In these extraordinary times events move fast and they shape themselves in the most unforeseen and astounding ways. The general European war may yet develop into a general European social revolution.

SOCIALISM MUST COME

If the present war will not end in a com-The war will not relieve the desperate social and economic conditions of capitalist-ridden Europe. It will kill off a large portion of the unemployed and disaffected workers; it will cause for a time a feverish alaughter is the inseparable companion of activity in reorganizing the ruined industries, at least in the victorious countries; it

"prosperity."

But the rally will be in the nature of the proverbial "improvement" of which the past only with the termination of the past only with the advent of Socialism. And yet the powerful movement ci European Socialism has proved itself powerless to prevent the appalling catastrophe. As yet the dark forces of capitalism are stronger than Socialism.

of capitalist warfare than they could escape the class wars and horrors of the capitalist the class wars and horrors of the capitalist regime in times of international peace. Reluctantly but irresistibly they were drawn into the insane vortex of mutual slaughter. But neither the revolutionary spirit nor the struggles of the workers will be crushed by the war. Their ranks will be depleted by murder, their organizations will be weakened, but their grievances will be more acute, their mission more sublime than ever. They will rally and organize; they will preach and fight, and finally they will conquer.

For this terrible war will remain the most striking proof of the criminal bankruptcy of the capitalist misrule, and the world will be forced to turn to Socialism for salvation from savagery and complete social ruin.

WARNING TO AMERICANS.

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We, on this side of the Atlantic ocean, have so far escaped the direct horrors of the war. This has been due principally to the fortunate position of geographical isolation of our country and partly also to the fact that as yet we have not been drawn very deeply into the economic rivalries of Europe, and have not had the opportunity to develop a pronounced imperialistic policy or a atrong military regime. icy or a strong military regime.

But let the American people take warning from the horrible example of Europe. Already our capitalist classes are making a strong bid for the markets of the world. Already we are developing a "colonial policy," fortifying our army and building up a strong navy with steady and fatal consistence. sistency.

The ruling classes of the United States are even today steering the ship of state towards a devastating world-war as surely and irresistibly as the ruling classes of Europe have been during the last genera-

The next great war will be waged by the United States unless the workers of the country will in the meantime have grown strong and intelligent enough to put an end to the ruinous and murderous system of capitalism. In the United States as well as in Europe the salvation of the nation and the guarant of demetic and interna-INVOLVES CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

And still the causes of the war are quite plain, and the wonder is only that it has

Our Comrades Sent to Die Before Liege

That the German kaiser is sending the regiments of Socialist soldiers into mass attacks that result in needless slaughter, is the charge made by C. Langdon Everard in the Lon-

don Daily Herald.

He shows this to have been especially true in the attack on Liege which he calls "The Tragedy of the Liege Trenches." He says:

The newspaper reports agree that the brunt of the attack was borne, not by Prussian, but by South German troops. From private advices it appears that the Saxon regiments were given the "honor" of being wiped out by the forts. The significance of that statement, frem our standpoint, lies in the fact that Socialism is extremely atrong in the kingdem of Saxony, and that the Saxon infantry is composed to a very considerable extent of Social Democrats! If the reports I have received are true—and I have every reason to trust my informants—these "rush" tactics, which astenshed the military experts, are open to a very sinister explanation.

The Prussian militaries (and it is tonished the military experts are open to a very sinister explanation. The Frussian militarists (and it is well to remember that when we talk of "German" policy we mean the policy of the Prussian autocracy which, since 1870, has bossed the empire) regard the Social Democrats as their most dangerous foca, and rightly so. Every accession to the ranks of the Social Demokraten is a blow to the militarist policy of 'the Prussian ruling caste. Hence it is that members of that caste have declared, on more than one occasion, their intention of sending the Socialists into the firing line in the event of war.

The slaughter at Llege shows that they are prepared to carry out their threats. When General ven Emmioh sent these Sazen lads to destruction he dealt a blow at the Prussian autocracy from which it will never recover. In vain they flung these soldiers into the jaws of death. In vain they have prehibited all Socialist meetings. In vain they have suppressed Germany's ninety Socialist newspapers. In vain they arrest the leaders; I am informed that the Socialist deputies to the Reichetag have been placed under arrest, but can get no confirmation of this at the

moment.
So far as one can prophery, the days of the Pressian autorracy are numbered, and a German republic will arise out of the most likely results of this international slaughter.

"Will there be a resolution on the continent?" are: " Glasgow (Scotland) Forward, in telling of the slaughtering of the Germans, one in three-among whom, it points out, is a So-cialist. It says:

MOBILIZE FORCES FOR ACTION

By A. M. SIMONS

CAPITALISM has declared war upon its own civilization. The world is just awakening to that fact. Those who have not been caught in the crasy blood-lust are in fierce revolt against it.

Thousands and hundreds of thousands of persons who six weeks ago had never thought such thoughts are now crying out that the world must make an end of the forces that have plunged half the earth into a wild riot of killing. There is demand, as yet wild and incoherent, for an extension of governmental activities. There are countless proposals for common action being enacted into law that a month ago would have been being any acceptance are gracies of imprecipal theories.

heen looked upon as strange vagaries of impractical theorists.

When institutions that have stood for ages are being pitched into the melting heat of burning powder, by those who have always claimed to be defenders of such institutions, then long established rules and

The institutions of today are built upon international markets and world-wide commerce. But those markets are gone, that commerce has

It is not necessary to take a course in the economic interpretation of history to understand that those institutions are shaking when these foundations are blown up with exploding shells and shot to pieces with artillery and ground under the feet of marching armies.

What comes out of this chaos will depend, more than we can realize today, upon the ability of Socialists to realize the situation that confronts them. For such a situation no other body of people has anything to offer. All other political parties and philosophies are based upon the theory that present institutions will continue forever.

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When they feel the commerce and industry, the laws and international relations which are the very condition of their existence tumbling about their ears they are helpless.

But Socialists have always said that these institutions were doomed to pass away. To be sure, Socialists hoped and expected that the change would come gradually and in time of peace.

But the rulers of today, the "conservatives," decided to smash their creation, to drown in blood the civilization they have always posed as defending.

Socialists alone have seen beyond the society that is now passing away. They alone have builded for the society that is upon us.

This emergency demands that Socialists should mobilize their forces for action. On the strength of the Socialist movement, on the judgment that rules its actions, on the power it shows to meet this emergency depends the direction that events will take during the next few years.

Socialists themselves do not as yet realise this. But fortunately, before the crisis was upon us the order had gone forth to mobilize the Socialist forces during a "Socialist Week" beginning September 6.

During that week every energy that can be brought to bear must be used to build up a powerful, intelligently directed, democratic body, ready for the work that is upon us.

During that week millions of new workers must be reached and told of the work to be done and enlisted to do it.

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Fighting Food Pirates

NORWEGIAN SOCIALISTS FORCE WAR ON LOOTERS.

As the direct result of the tremendous campaign carried on by the Socialist party of Norway, the Norwe-

rake steps to protect the people against the food pirates.

Although Norway declared itself neutral the effects of the war was quickly felt all over the country. Greedy capitalists, born of the same breed as American capitalists, hastened to take advantage of the situation by charging enormous prices for their products.

While food prices were being the monotant this fall, the Wilson administration is aiding the slaughter in Europe by not placing a national cumbargo on foodstuffs.

Conclusive evidence that the Wilson administration could stop the war in Europe by placing an embargo on wheat, flour and other products was presented at the investigation beginning conducted by District Attorney

doubled most of the factories and increased cost of living since the ists carried on their constructive propaganda the enraged populace destroyed stores and fought with the questioned witnesses as to what the police and soldiers.

preed it to do:
Passed laws that all payments due Passed laws that all payments due between August 5 and September 6 the New York Produce Exchange, and shall be extended another month.

Prohibited the exportation of all for Minneapolis manufacturers of

and other necessities.

Prohibited the use of grain and potatoes for the production of beer and liquors. Prohibited all sale of liquor.

Appointed a committee of seven to and Turkey at any reasonable prices.

utiques. Prohibited all sale of liquor. Appointed a committee of seven to take charge of the country's food supply. Regulated the sale of food stuffs in various parts of the country and fixed the price at which food shall be sold.

CHILDREN OF OKLAHOMA

SCHOOLS FIGHT THE WAR.
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Wilson Won't Starve War; Wants Votes

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The government was finally forced act. Here is what the Socialists

foodstuffs, coal, wood, mineral oils flour, each said the end of warfard and other necessities.

We Want 10,000 More Subs **During Socialist Week**

Socialist week, starting Sunday, has been set aside for a general assault upon capitalism.

We have set out hearts on capturing at least 10,000 men and women

we have set out nearts on capturing at least 10,000 men and women from the enemy's ranks.

We want to open their eyes and ears to the message of truth.

Capitalism is having its fearful culmination in Europe.

The hate, the jealousy, the greed it has fostered has at last burst forth in a world conflagration that threatens to destroy the accursed

To the war-cursed horror-sickened world. Socialism comes with the message of international brotherhood, of peace and of plenty.

People who never would listen before will listen now.

People who merely listened before are becoming converts.

You are our army in the field-our peaceful army.

You do not shed blood, you shed light. You do not bring death, you bring knowledge.

We bid you to sally forth and bring 10,000 prisoners to our camp. We will supply them for 40 weeks with the best that the Socialist writers of the United States have to offer.

We will drive the old, antiquated ideas out of their heads and supply them with new and better ones. Forty weeks hence they too will be soldiers in the great army of You will find a SOCIALIST WEEK SUBSCRIPTION BLANK

on the last page of this issue.

If you send us a list of twelve subscribers we will send you either a 1914 Campaign Book or the great anti-war book, "The Human Slaughter House," by Wilhelm Lamasus.

You can indicate on the subscription blank which you prefer.

COMRADES, DO NOT FAIL US!

Charging that Carranza has been acting in an arrogant and high-handed nation are important. Will you see manner since becoming president of Mexico, Brig. Gen. Funation, in command of the American forces at the slaughter repeated without commond of the American forces at the secretary. Vera Cruz, has asked for reinforcements, and it is expected that the Mexican trouble is about to blaze up again. This is due to the fact that the United States continues to october 19 Mational Executive Committee for cupy Vera Cruz for no apparent action. reason whatever. Now that Huerta has been dethroned the United States should get out of Mexico and let the Mexicans run their own government.

To join the party today is your highest duty to yourself, wife, children and fellowmen.

Both the state militia and the federal troops may be sent to Butte, Mont., as a result of the reopening of the minere' jurisdictional quarrel that involved the city in riots and bloodshed last June.

Get "STARVE WAR—FEED AMERICA" Leaflets: Price, 50 cents per 1,000; Houstine In Poster Form, 18x24: 100 or more, one cont aplete

Ruling Classes of All Nations Rushing Madly to Their Doom, Says Debs

BY EUGENE V. DEBS

Labor Day this year falls on Sept. 7, and the hosts of labor will celebrate the day as they have these many years. There are obvious reasons why Labor Day this year should be made an event of national importance. The class war at home and the national war abroad are of profound concern to every worker and the rapid and startling development of both are replete with themes for Labor Day.

Socialist Weak beginning Sept. 6, will be celebrated this year for the first time in the United States. It is copied by ms, as meast afternoon for the online states. It is copied by ms, as meast afternoon for the deletes with the comment of the comment of the copied to be a permanent place in our annual festal events.

Socialist Week! There is something in these words that appeals to us. During the seven continuous days of this week we are to emphasize our efforts in behalf of Socialism in every way

We are told that in the last celebration of Socialist Week in Germany the following extraordinary results were achieved

by the party members: Enrolled 148,109 new members.

Secured 32,298 new subscribers to the party press.

Held 41,969 agitation meetings.

Made house-to-house canvass in 5,288 cities and towns.

Distributed 6,759,300 pieces of literature.

Sold and disposed of 1,582,010 books and pamphlets.

Here is a work of popular agitation and education of such

magnitude and far-reaching possibilities that we can scarcely grasp it, and yet this great work was all done in a single week through the energetic and harmonious co-operation of the highly disciplined Socialist party of Germany.

Of course it is not expected that any such showing is possible in this country this year, but there is no reason why "Red Week" should not produce large and encouraging results in the

The harvest is ripe. The people were never so receptive and the conditions never so lavorable for our propaganda. Labor Day and Socialis. Week should reasund the saw on the land with the glad tidings of the coming industrial entranci-

Labor Day, coming as it does in Socialist Week, has double significance this year and every Socialist should join in the cele-bration and put forth his efforts to make the day one of awakening, of new hope and fresh courage for the working class.

The voice of labor, clear, courageous and insistent, is needed today as it has never been needed in all the history of the world.

An awakened, enlightened, self-disciplined and self-controlling working class is the hope of the age and the salvation

of the race.

The ruling classes of all nations, heirs of the dark ages of the past, are rushing madly to their doom. In Europe they are at each other's throats with all the ferocity of wild beasts. Each of these nations is face to face with its own doom-so far as its spoils-seeking, profit-mongering aristocracy is con-cerned—both within and without its own boundaries.

The titanic struggle for commercial and military supremacy has reached its culmination and in the great upheaval these nations now go into the melting pot to free themselves from the accursed oppressor and the titled snob and to pursue unfettered their development toward the universal fatherland and the

Heroically did the Socialists plant themselves in the path of the tornado, attempting with their lives to avert the impending catastrophe to humanity. Vainly for years had they cried out in warning against the threatened crime of making of the lairest nations of Europe a continental sjaughter house.

They were swept aside by the clamorous and insane hordes, blind, misguided and goaded into fury to serve the self-ish and sordid purposes of the ruling class; overwhelmed, alas, by the benighted and deceived victims of the very class they were sacrificing their lives to save.

laures' transcendantly eloquent voice, though he lies stark and still in his winding sheet, is still protesting against war and pleading for peace in the name of Socialism and universal

The working class alone make war possible and only the working class can put an end to war.

The master class do not go to war; do not rip one another open with the sword, nor even shed a drop of their own precious blood for their much vaunted flag and country.

The working class must awaken to the hour of fate and re-

spond to the demand of destiny.

The international Socialist movement is the answer of the

world's useful and productive workers to the world's useless and parasitic masters.

Down with war and away with the ruling class! Despotism has long enough set the workers of one nation at the throats of the workers of another nation to their common

enslavement and degradation. Despotism in autocratic Russia, monarchic Germany and republican America is substantially the same in its effect upon the working class. At the behest of the ruling aristocracy, nebility and platecracy they murder one another in time of wall that they may all be robbed in time of peace.

Despotism in all its forms has brutalised the class it has Despots in all its forms has britained the class it has ridden; clothed the workers in rags and fed them upon crusts. It has acourged the earth with war and decimated its population with pestilence; it has shed torrents of blood and kept the face of humanity wet with tears.

The time has come to grapple with this despotic power and overthrow it, and in the war now raging the last surviving thrones and crowns should go down forever, and out of the terrible travail there should and must issue a new impulse to create a new world in which the horrors of war shall be unknown-a world of peace and dedicated to all mankind

The vital message of Socialism, its burning appeal to the masses must penetrate the remotest recesses of the nation and Labor Day and Socialist Week made the crowning event of the year in the United States.

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MORE THAN PROTEST.

When Jean Jaures lought militar ism in France he met the enemies of Socialism not only with protest but also with a plan of national defense that routed the arguments of the

August Bebel did the same in Ger many. That is what the Socialist party and Socialists are now doing

in all countries. In this the American Socialist movement has shown itself to be in the front rank in the present crisis. Socialists not only protest against war but they show how it can be stopped, how it can be prevented.

We hold demonstrations to arouse the public mind. We arrange mass meetings and distribute tons of lit erature to educate the ignorant and enlighten those who think they are intelligent.

In the present crisis no one can combat our arguments. We have the only solution for the dilemma that now confronts the nation and the world Even the food barons admit that it is possible to "Starve the War and Feed America" by establishing a na-tional embargo on the necessities of life. But the big question is, "Do the ood barons or the food customers rule in Washington?" Shall we feed the war so that the food pirates may harvest a bountiful crop of profits or shall we starve the war and the exploiters so that the people may be fed and the slaughter ended?

The next few weeks will decide The Socialists of America are exerting every ounce of effort to turn the masses in the right direction.

Socialists demand death for the war and food for the living.

And Socialist success in this great effort means a victory for civilization and a big leap forward in human

THIS ISSUE.

We feel that we have secured a large number of good things for this issue. First of all the interpretation of the war situation by Morris Hill-quit ought to prove interesting to

every intelligent reader and discriminating thinker in America.

This is the Socialist Week and Labor Day issue. The articles by Eugene V. Debs and Robert Hunter carry their special messages for this time of the year. They should in-terest every man and woman who

terest every man and woman who toils and hopes for ultimate emancipation from the galling chains of wage slavery that bind them.

John M. Work, former national secretary of the Socialist party, and loseph E. Cohen, well known in both the labor union and Socialist movements also have something worth ments, also have something worth

while to say.

A. M. Simons calls to the Socialists everywhere to "Mobilize the Forces for Action" and tells why and how. We show how the nations are plung-ing toward Socialism and continue our fight in the campaign to "Starve the War and Feed America!" The Information Department has another contribution to this campaign showing that there is no shortage in the food supply as the money czars of the nation would have the workers

We feel that this is an issue that ought to make Socialists. It ought to be the rapid fire gun in the special campaign to be conducted during "Red Week" to wm the nation for Socialism. There is still time to get a bundle for use during "Red Week"

if you harry.

Don't wait for your local to act.
It is too late for that now. Much you, has been done for socialism by the individual efforts or tone soldiers. 100000 new sales others during "Red Week." should get into the right now to secure!

He Means Business

"Enclosed please find money order for \$15.00 for which please send me by return mail, sub cards to The American Socialist.

"I always have been given to understand that Socialists are out to do big things. If that is so why not change the slogan from 50.000 subscribers by January 1, to 100,000 subscribers. We can do it if we want 10."—Maurice L. Paul, Sec'y Local Oueens, N. Y. Local Queens, N. Y.

Twin Cities Against War.—Socialists of St. Paul and Minneapolis have joined forces and will hold an antiwar day, September 6, at Midway Amusement Park. Another stirring celebration will be held Labor Day.

Labor Day and Capital Day By JOHN M. WORK

Labor Day comes on the first Monday in September. Capital Day occurs on the Tuesday following the first Monday in

November. On Labor Day, we workingmen pat ourselves on the back and tell ourselves that we are the people.

On Capital Day, millions of

honest workingmen vote for capi-tal's interest and against their own, while the capitalist laughs gleefully and says, "What an entertaining and accommodating damn fool labor is, anyway."

It is to the interest of the capi-

talists to keep on exploiting the workers out of the most of the value of their labor. It is to the interest of the

workers to put an end to exploitation.
Exploitation of the worker by the capitalist is the core and essence of capitalism. It must con-

tinue so long as capitalism con-The capitalists are numerically weak. Their own votes are not sufficient in number to continue

exploitation one hour.

Exploitation is continued by the votes of the workers themselves. The workers walk up to the ballot box on election day and vote the capitalist tickets. Therefore, the capitalists have control of all the public powers.

When they use these public powers to oppress lahor, why should labor complain? Labor voted for oppression.
When a capitalist judge issues an injunction against labor, why do you growl? You voted to have him do it.

When a capitalist governor or president orders out the troops to shoot down workingmen and assist the capitalists to win a assist the capitalists to win a strike, why do you swear at him? You voted to have him do it.

When the periodical hard times come and your wife and babies cry for bread, why do you object? You voted to have the hard

times come.

The United States is a popular government. All statements to the contrary notwithstanding, the people rule. Their will, as expressed at the ballot box, is approximately carried into effect.

So long as the workers continue to vote for exploitation, bullets, injunctions, blacklists and

hard times, they will surely get When they quit voting for their enemies' interests and begin to vote for their own, all these out-rages will dissolve like the mist before the morning sun, and So-

cialism will begin.

There is no other way.

The Republican, Democratic and Bull Moose parties get their campaign funds from the capitalists. They are run in the interest of the capitalists.

The Socialist party gets its campaign fund from the working class. It is run in the interest of

the working class.

The Republican, Democratic and Bull Moose parties stand for any parties of synthesis of the standard for the continuation of exploitation military oppression, injunctions, blacklists, poverty, and all the miserable retinue of capitalism. The Socialist party stands for the abolition of exploitation, military oppression, injunctions, blacklists, poverty, and all the rest of the wretched retinue of

capitalism. The howl which we hear in The howl which we hear in favor of the annihilation of the trusts is the doleful wail of the middle class. The small capitalists in the middle class want to smash the trusts so that they can exploit labor themselves, instead of letting the big capitalists get the lion's share of the swag as an execut.

at present.

Does it make any difference to you whether the bandit who robs you carries a rifle or a pistol? Well, then, it doesn't make any whether the

Well, then, it doesn't make any difference to you whether the Republican or Democratic or Bull Moose party wins. No matter which of them wins, you have to hold up your hands and be stripped of the bulk of the value of wour labor. of your labor.

The tariff question, the trust

smashing question and the trust regulating question and the trust regulating question are merely squabbles between the capitalist robbers as to how they shall divide the beauty they are the regular to th vide the booty they steal from the working class. None of these issues touch the

None of these issues touch the interests of the workers. The thing which the workers must have in order to secure permanent relief from poverty is the collective ownership and control of the exploiting industries.

To accomplish this, the working class must capture the powers of government.

ers of government.

Then the benefit will go to those who do the necessary and useful mental and manual labor.

Among Books

American soldiers in Mexico. There is no excuse for hampering the new constitutionalist government by holding from it its most important seaport and the most important railforced.

The whole situation is up to the president. The president sent the troops into Mexico. Let him now call them home.

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FOOD FOR REFLECTION.

The activities and success of the Socialists furnish much subject-matic for reflection. Were it not that conditions are becoming more and more unbearable in the world, the Socialist would not get such a ready audience and so many readers for his literature. The success of his work is an unmistakable symptom of the social disease that is sapping the vitality of every nation on earth.—The Signs of the Times, Mountain View, Calif.

To join the party today is year highest day to yourself, wife, chilling and fellowmen.

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FREE COLORADO BUTCHERS

OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

The 2G Colorado militiamen tried for murder on charges growing out of the burning of the Ludlow tent colony, what do we find? Europe now entire working class, organized and uncorrective working class, organized and unc

Thought for Labor Day-Strengthen Both Labor Unions and Socialist Party

BY ROBERT HUNTER

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The European worker has learned by experience that an independent labor party exercises an immense power even when it is comparatively weak, just as a trade union exercises a great power even when it is comparatively weak.

The mere presence of a trade union in any industry forces the employer to be fair to the men. It stands there as a menace, and the employer realises that any tyranny extortion, or oppression on his part is certain to aid the progress of that union.

He, therefore, treats the trade unionists with resper? Let fear of their power, and he lays himself out to please the non-unionists, for igag that they building and in many other trades the wages of the non-unionists are the same as those of the trade unionists. That is not because the employers are generous; it is simply that no employer IN A WELL ORGANIZED TRADE dares to beat down the wages of the unorganized.

We see this fully recognized by such reactionary papers as the New York Times, when it appeals to the employers to share profits with their men, to take them in as stockholders, and to make the conditions of their work more pleasant, because these are the only ways of keeping them out of the unions, where they will wield a power of their own. An almost frantic appeal was made by the New York Times recently to the mine owners of Colorado to form a "benevolent union" among their employes and, through that union, to grant them certain concessions, in order to destroy the influence of the United Mine Workers.

The power of the trade union, then, it is shown not merely

Mine Workers.

The power of the trade union, then, it is shown not merely in the benefits gained by its own members; it also exercises a tremendous influence over the entire industrial life of the nation and protects and aids millions of non-unionists. It stands as a menace to every greedy capitalist and forces him to be fairer than he would otherwise dream of being. For this reason,

every trade-union leader declares, very properly, that the trade union is a bulwark against oppression and that every strike, whether lost or won, is a victory.

If we turn to politics, we find that political unionism exercises the same effect upon the political bosses. The Socialist party, even in America, where it is the weakest comparatively of any country in the world, is already exercising a striking influence upon our public life.

Like the trade union in the shop, it stands in politics as a secure of the old prolitical mankings. Already they are invest to exercise considerable ingenuity in order to keep the workers from flocking to the Socialist party.

President Roosevelt, President Taft, and President Wilson have all emphasized the necessity for passing certain laws in the interest of the workers, in order, as one of them said, "to keep Socialism down."

The Civic Federation has organized a great campaign for labor legislation and workmen's compensation, in order to keep

Governor Glynn of New York recently declared that it was only by such remedial measures as workmen's compensation that the drift of Socialism could be stayed. These gentlemen hope that by making great concessions to labor they can keep labor tied to the capitalist parties, and thus prevent it from wielding an independent power of its own.

There is not a politician in American today who does not realize that the capitalist parties must hereafter pass more labor legislation, keep more conscientiously their pledges, and root out certain forms of political corruption if they expect to keep

the Socialists from making headway.

Even some anti-Socialists are now advocating the national ownership of the railroads and of the coal mines, the municipal ownership of public utilities, and much of the great social legis-

lation that has been recently passed in Europe, in order "to keep

How identical, then, are the effects of trade and political unionism? Trade unions gain much through the fear of the employer that the workers may all flock to the union. He knows that if his employes once join the union, he will have to FIGHT WITH A FORCE THAT HE CANNOT CONTROL, AND DEAL WITH POWERFUL ELEMENTS THAT CAN DEMAND AND GAIN CONCESSIONS THROUGH THEIR IN THE WELL FOR THE IN THE WORLD CONCESSIONS THROUGH THEIR IN THE WELL FOR THE STATE OF THE STAT How identical, then, are the effects of trade and political

The same is true of politics. As soon as the workers build up a reasonably strong independent party, the political boss is in a quandary. If he ignores the wishes of labor, he knows that he will develop the independent political power of the worker. He will force more and more men into the political union. He will lose control of them. and ultimately they will

As soon as one million votes were cast for the Socialist condidates, the political parties changed their attitude toward the working class. Every day now they becoming more friendly. the working class. Every day now they becoming more friendly. They are listening to its demands as never before. They are even stealing portions of the Socialist program. They realize that if they do not make concessions now, THEY WILL HAVE TO FIGHT WITH A FORCE THAT THEY CANNOT CONTROL, AND DEAL WITH A PARTY THAT CAN DEMAND AND OBTAIN TREMENDOUS CONCESSIONS THROUGH ITS OWN INDEPENDENT POWER.

As every strike is, from a certain point of view, a victory, so every Socialist vote is from a certain point of view a victory. As every new trade-union member tends to increase the independence, the self-reliance, and the power of the working class, so every member of the Socialist party tends in the direction.

When the New York Times says to the employers, "If you do not make concessions you will be forced to face more powerful trade unions"; and when Mr. Roosevelt says to the capitalists, "If you do not pass labor legislation and carry out certain social reforms you will face a great political revolt of the workers and ultimately an avalanche of Socialism," they are both in face saying the same thing

both in fact saying the same thing.

THAT THE ONLY UNFAILING METHOD OF FORCING EMPLOYERS TO TREAT THEIR MEN FAIRLY IS
TO BUILD UP A POWERFUL TRADE-UNION MOVEMENT, AND THE ONLY UNFAILING METHOD OF
FORCING THE CAPITALIST PARTIES TO PASS HUMANE LEGISLATION IS TO BUILD UP A POWERFUL
POLITICAL UNION MOVEMENT.

As soon as the workers realize that only the independent

As soon as the workers realize that only the independent trade union and the independent political party can force the opponents of labor to come to terms, will they not do all in their power to develop these two organizations of the working

If every new trade-union member and every new Socialist helps to bring better legislation in the interest of labor, higher wages and shorter hours, why is not this the best, quickest

wages and shorter hours, why is not this the best, quickest and most effective way to accomplish all that labor desires?

The argument of the Times and of Mr. Roosevelt works both ways. They say that the only way of fighting the trade unions and the Socialist party is to grant extensive social reforms. And, if that be true, THEN NOTHING IS MORE CERTAIN THAN THIS, THAT THE BEST WAY FOR THE WORKERS TO GET EXTENSIVE SOCIAL REFORMS IS TO STRENGTHEN WITH ALL THEIR ENERGY, INTELLECT AND POWER, BOTH THE TRADE UNIONS AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

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Official Business

PROPOSED MATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION.

By Perguson of Oregon.

(1) Moved that the Socialist party of the United States prepare to call a general strike as a protest, should the United States start to mobilize her

United States start to mobilize her troops for her.

(2) That the National Office immediately circularise all unions and other organizations opposed to war, asking them to co-operate with the Socialist party in its efforts to prevent bloodshed.

OCCESSENT.

It is of the utmost importance that the Socialist party ac once organize all anti-war sentiment for immediate use in preventing war. A general strike is our most effective weapon, and must be called should other anti-war agitation fail.

ELECTIVE COMMITTEE CORRE-

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SEPONDETCE.

Chicago, August 26, 1914.

Dear Comrades: The following telegram has just been received:

"Trinidad, Colo., August 25, 1914.

"To the National Exceptive Committee of the Socialist Party. care Walter Lanfersiek, 803 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Ill.

"Comrades of America! Troops A of Trinidad and E of Walsenburg. Colo, National Guard organizations, which massacred women and children at Ludlow, have reorganized to their full strength and are holding nightly meetings in their armories. Colonel Lockett commanding federal troops, states to citizens that he will permit militiamen to parade through Trinidad streets. Federals will then leave. Citizens openly declare these preparations mean further bloodshed, as company gummen and Baldwin-Felts detectives have been re-enrolling in the militia here for the past week. These things being so, we Socialists of Las Animas County appeal to Rocialists of Las Animas County appeal to Rocialists of America to take immediate organized action to protect workers here from repetition of Ludlow massacre, as authorities of state and nation are impotent. Will you see the slaughter repeated without coming to our aid? This message sent to every state secretary and national secretary.

Executive Secretary.

Chicago, August 27, 1914.

Chicago, August 27, 1914.

Dear Comrades: I am inclosing you herewith a communication from the General Correspondent of the Women's National Committee, which is a report of action taken by the Woman's Committee on the question of a meeting to be held concurrently with the next session of your committee.

Kindly vote on the following:

WETHOD OF CONDUCTING CONFERENCE.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Hill-quit resolution, the chairman of the subcommittee meet concurrently with the next session of the National Executive Committee?

Committee?

SOCIALIST WEEK AND A SOCIALIST YEAR

Because Europe is aflame with war, and because capitalist civil-ization is being reduced to the barbaric elements it consists of, it falls to the lot of the Socialists of America to take up the work of enlightenment with special vigor and doubled enthusiasm.

Such an opportunity never be-fore presented itself; such a duty never before waited to be dis-

All that capitalism could boast of is turning to ashes. In the fire that makes or mars empires and world powers are not only the wealth of cities and the harvest of country, but more than that, an avalanche of human flesh and an annihilation of human

It may not be the death rattle of capitalist exploitation and op-pression. But it certainly is a mortal wound.

And as it happens with capithat as it nappens with capitalism in peace, still more so does it happen in wars, that the masses of the people, the workers pay the price with their blood and their lives. And not only does the dance of death blister the hopes of those who snatch at the institutions of capitalism as the institutions of capitalism as wea-pons with which to fight Social-ism; it likewise scorches the pur-poses of the valiant army of the coming commonwealth of labor.

America is yet free of the fire, and to the Socialist party of this country comes the responsibility of holding aloft the red flag that is the remaining hope of human kind

All the toil, the travail and the sacrifice of the Socialists on this side of the water heretofore will be but child's play indeed if it has not made us the men and women to accept the present responsibil-ity and acquit ourselves well.

And happy are we met with the week in September we have set aside for special propaganda. We could not have hit upon a better time had we, and not capi-talist fates, plunged the world in-to darkness that our light might shine all the brighter.

We have worked patiently in

and file away from the parties which betrayed them. Year by year more union cards have found company with the red cards of

the Socialist party. One by one outworn officers, smeared with the stick of the fossilized policies, have been passed up and their places taken by vigorous minded men, facing the front of progress. We must enlarge our efforts until the whole trades union movement swings in line to the rising revolution.

revolution.

We have brought method and the purpose to the student and the teacher in the university of learning. More than enough of this good work remains to be done before the old superstitions are cov-

ore the old superstitions are covered by the new knowledge.

We have put in many a stroke for woman's votes and woman's advance. More whole-heartedly still must we shoulder the effort to carry that movement to the limits of full freedom.

On street corner and cross roads, in shop and school, we must spread the spoken word. The points of agitation must multipy until the web of Socialism tints the whole land. Where we have bundled off our

where we have bundled on our literature by the thousand, we must make it millions. In every home and hovel the printed word of Socialism must reach until the nation has thrown off the slavery of today for the freedom of omorrow. Socialists must appear in the

next Congress to sound the demands of labor, to cry down the mands or incor, to cry down the preparation for war that is war and destruction, and to call for the measures that will ease the lot of the masses who do the nation's work and bring them the victories of peace and plenty.

Against the war funds of the anticlier nations we are to pledge

Against the war funds of the capitalist nations, we are to pledge a Socialist peace fund.

We are to build up the circulation of our press, particularly our own organ, The American Socialist, until it is the most powerful paper in the land.

All this we can do and will do if we are true to the cause to which we have dedicated ourselves.

May at Chicago, has performed the work assigned to it, and desires now to report and seconded by the other that the rulings of your committee should be the unanimous action of the conference.

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O. G. Van Schoyck, state secretary of Ohio, notifies the National Office of the expulsion of W. F. Ries by Local Toledo, and asks that a notice of same be published in The American Socialist.

Woman's Department WINNIS M. BRANSTSTYRE....Director

This department has charge of pro-paganda and organization among wom-en. Its purpose is to make Socializa, unionists and intelligent voters of wom-en and to secure their active member-ship in the Socialize Party. Address all communications to

Socialist Party, Woman's Dept., 808 W. Madison St., Chicago.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS. MOTION W.

"That copies of the following petition be printed and distributed among the various locals of the Socialist party, and that the National Woman's Committee decide later on the date that these petitions should be forwarded to the National Office to be sent on from there to Washington."

file, they are anxious to get down to HOW THE SOCIALISTS work for Socialism.

Washington is a great and grounds

DO THINGS IN OKLAHOMA.

work for Socialism.

Washington is a great and growing state. Seattle is one of the industrial and commercial gateways of the world. Eastern Washington is indeed an inland empire. Over 180 locals of the party are now to be reorganized, to inspire and direct the working class movement of this great commonwealth.

We dare not boast of the future of our party in Washington as the result of this conference. But we come away full of high hopes that the days of factional strife are over and the splendid rank and file of the state may now have an organic instrument through which they may accomplish the giant task that the Socialist party of the nation has undertaken.

We return full of hope that the working class of Washington will now unite. They have nothing to lose but their chains, and a state to win.

Respectfully submitted,
J. STITT WILSON, Chairman.

N. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

Sub-Committee of the National Committee.

O. G. Van Schoyck, state secretary of Other valley (Oklahoma) Socialist Encampnent, the best attended encamponent by the camponent by the state. Among the speakers were Fred Holt. candidate for governor, State Secretary II. M. Sinclair, Lewis J. Duncan, mayor of Butte, Mont., and Eugene V. Debs.

"The encampment was also a financial success," writes N. D. Pritchett, chairman of the campaign committee, "We expect to use our money to put up a literature campaign having for its object the carrying of this legislative district in the November clections.

O. G. Van Schoyck, state secretary of Other valley on prossition. By a judicious.

sured of victory, as the two old parties fell asleep at the switch and we have no opposition. By a judicious use of literature we will elect a county commissioner and send our nomined

o the Legislature. "This is a farming community ex clusively, the principal crop being cotton. Quite a bit of wheat was raised here the past year. About 97 per cent of the farms are occupied by renters and owners mortgaged for more than they can ever pay. great many of them have not yet paid their last year's taxes, which are out of all proportion to the real value of

the property, as a result of old party inefficiency, graft and extravagance. "As part of our literature campaign we expect to make ten mailings, one each week beginning August 29, to 1,000 carefully selected old party voters."

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which we have dedicated ourselves.

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This is the task and test for Socialism, for the men and women of the Socialist party!

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we cannot help united to the every hurtler in circulation would be if every hurtler were on the job.

Commedee, this is Socialist week. This week we must greatly increase our membership and greatly increase the circulation of our paper. We must distribute literature by the caricad.

In this most awful time in human listery the Socialist party must not lac. Truly the Socialist movement appears today as the saviour of the world.

Commedee, cut out the subscription blank below and get bury.

A few comrades have written us ask-ing whether they can buy four sub eards at 25 cents each and send them in one at a time. Cortainly, you can. Also, if you buy 12 sub cards at 25 cents each this entitle you as much to a Compaign Book as if you sent in a list of 12 subscribers.

The list of locals that have decided to send The American Nocialist for 40 works to all new members has increased wonderfully well this week. To all of these we are sending American Socialist stamps for their new members.

Here is the list. See that your local comes in on the plan next week:
Twenty-sixth Assembly District. New York City.

Branch No. 1, betroit, Mich.
Local Newburgh, N. Y.
Local Shamokin, Pa.
First Ward, North Braddock, Pa.
Local Salem, Ore.

In the district opposition to an advanced militaristic program. President Wilson, who has suffered politically at the hands of the war interests because of his refusal to go into Mexico, is believed to be in sympathy with the policy of full preparedness.

Whatever the outcome of the European conflict, it is certain that Congress will order more battleships on the ground that our commerce, abnormally revived as a result of the

ROLL OF HONOR

o s. budgeon, Marion. Ind., appears this week with a list of 31.

11. S. Andreas, Rochester, N. Y., and William Iozee, of the same clift, follow after him with lists of the same number. Alice Eddy. Phoeniz, Ariz., appears on the scene this week with a list of 24.

A. J. Totten. Alliance, Ohlo, sends in a list of 17. She says: "These were secured as the result of a five-induct talk at the close of a regular propaganda address. The same effort a few days and in listbard, Ohlo, secured 13 trial subscriptions. These were turned over the local secretary, and have probably reached you by now. My method is to plass small blank cards through the audience and then collect them with the names written on, accompanied by the dimes. This looks to be a good way toget that 50,000 if you could pass it on to the agitators over the country." Perhaps the comrades may profit from this suggestion.

"If every Socialist will put five names on The American Socialist list we will spread the gospel of Socialism and it won't be long until capitalism will fall."

- Vincipal Sims, Clifton, Kans.

O. E. King, Indianapolis, Ind., writes the following: "While I am not secur-O. S. Dudgeon, Marion, Ind., appears

hidden guns. It is assumed that Cong. E. King, Indianapolia, Ind., writes the following. "While I am not securing subs to The American Socialist as I would like to, I expect to keep at it so as to be one of the comrades who will be able to help reach the 50,000 mark by Januiry Look for me again." We are watching for him and we are sure that he means business, for his name is on our "flusters" List."

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A. W. Anderson, Colorado Springs, a degree as to render it negligible. J. A. Phillips, St. Louis, Mo., sends in a list of 13.

Rev. L. R. Robinson, Chattanooga, Fenn, opens the eyes of the members of his church by sending The American Socialist to all of them. "Long live The American Socialist,"-Jos. R. Grugan, Lock Haven, Pa. The following comrades send in lists of 10

10:
John Fromholz, Cleveland, Ohlo.
J. W. Joslin, Enid, Okla.
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Taking a new lease of life from the inspiration of the European war, the militarist movement in the United States is preparing to ask Congress at the next session for six battleships instead of two, for bigger coast defense appropriations, and for millions in money and authorizations to enlarge the military forces of the nation. It is probable that the per capita cost of war, which today has reached the sum of \$4.10, will within two years and as a result of the contwo years and as a result of the con-flict across the Atlantic easily double

Peace Movements Retire.

Every peace movement in the United States except the labor, suffrage and Socialist movements retired to the rear when the sound of firing began, and the indications are that the "Peace Trust," dominated by Carnegie and the manufacturers of war

European conflict, it is certain that Congress will order more battleships on the ground that our commerce, abnormally revived as a result of the paralysis of European trade, must have protection. In the event of the establishment of a government-owned merchant marine, or a government-en-

tarists see to the success of their schemes for launching the United w. A. Farlton, concord, N. C., puts 19 hances on our multing list this week.

"I cannot praise your efforts in behalf of a party-owned press too highly. And the rea in Socialist journalism is at band."—Thos. Cornell, St. Louis, Mo.

Ed. Henry, Indianapolis, Ind., solicits 15 comrades for their subscriptions to our paper.

tarists see to the success of their schemes for launching the United States on a policy of renewed ware extravagance is the opposition of the labor movement. This opposition, however, they deem weak, and are proceeding on the theory that with skillful press work they can break it our paper.

a list of 13.

"The American Socialist is splendid, and I hope it will in the near future come to be a 32-page co-operatively-owned paper"—G. W. Tanner, Bradford, Ark.

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George Lakle, Williston, N. D. compliments us on our war issue and at the same time sends in a list of 12.

A. D. Nelson, Cibola, Ariz., gets a copy of the Campsign Book of 1916 as a premium for 12 subs.

Rev. L. R. Robinson, Chattangoga.

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that country.

Study this carteen. Then study this sentence: "The necessity for eliminating the prefiteer and the feed speculator is as great in peace as in war." The United States is suffering from war-time food prices. The American working class, like the working classes in other nations, must force the socialization of the nation's industries now in order to rid the nation of the feed exploiters and the profit takers for all time.



ALL ENGLAND IS SOCIALIST TO-DAY! THE SOCIALIST! " Yes, my dear

(Editor's Note.-Here is the story of what is taking place in Great Britain. Does the Ameri-can working class intend to lag behind?)

BY WILL DYSON.

(In the Daily Herald, London.)

Nor need this war be an irremediable disaster for Socialism.

Here in England it may well awaken a sense of the fact that all our industrial services are national services. It is agen Socialists to preach unenrangly that what we can do hurriedly in war time we can do infinitely better in the leisure of peace. Faced with the terror of war the impossible happened, and our railways with the terror of war the impossible happened, and our railways were nationalized in ten minutes. The whole of England is Socialist today—there would be little opposition to the socialization of all our services. Confronted with the theory and embraces the

practice of Socialism; it remains with us to show that to the bulk of us that emergency, in another form, is ever with us. The peril of the nation today is the worker's peril all days.

The necessity for eliminating the profiteer and the food speculator is as great in peace as in war. Profit at the expense of the community, or of sections of the community, is anti-national in either case. To deny it is to affirm that this particular form of robbery is one of the arts of peace. And since it does flourish in peace and, in some of its manifestations, is being discouraged in time of war, one may be forgiven the suspicion that the given the suspicion that the morality of war time is a little better than that of peace time.

It is our duty to encourage the Englishman to carry over into peace time the semblance of that war bogey has frightened him.

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ganization work after election.

Socialist Day at Fair.—One of the indications showing the strength of the Oklahoma Socialists is the fact that the Beckham County Fair Assoning why there should be such a serious and sudden forcing up of prices, at the county fair to be held at Elk City, as Socialist Day. This is in the Socialists are planning to carry in November.

The sudden upheaval of prices of the European of the European war has aroused everybody. Enthat the Beckham County Fair Assoning why there should be such a serious and sudden forcing up of prices. The too lords say that it is because of a shortage in the food supply.

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The TOOD SUPPLIES

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Socialist party, in replying the same agains, there same. They do not warrant the control of sugar in 1911. Three billion seven hundred million pounds of this, it is true, we had to import from outside of our own possessions. So, then, we shall presumably want about 3,700, 000,000 pounds this year. But Cab alone produces and exports 3,800,000, 000 pounds, and, on account of the disper due to the international compilement of it will mortaband ownership, seeks to breast a said and besides, there are several South American republics producing vast quantities of sugar. So there is no real shortage there.

And as for the alleged shortage in meats, it is smooth to say that in 1911 we had \$133,000,000 worth more than we could note. There is no likelihood that the surplus has decreased to any such extent as tait. So, then, the attempt of the food lost of useffy their holding your one knows yet at all what has happened to not it it if it is not the plea of a "shortage" falls to the ground.

In this connection, two things

ship them elsewhere than to us.
So the "shortage" talk doesn't go.
The sudden upheaval of prices is another clear case of a deliberate holdup of our people by the big guns of plutocracy.

PARM LIPS PROBLEMS

The Federal Commission on Industrial Relations will shortly send out an investigator to run down the class straggie in rural districts. They have asked us to secure for them case of landlerd oppression in rural districts, particularly instances of tenant uprisings or unjust evictions of tenants by landlerds. Here is an opportunity for us to help throw light on the problem of problems in farm life today. Do you know of such case? If so, the Information Department would appreciate definite accounts of them.

There is an opening for a Socialist lawyer in Brainerd, Minn. Inquirers please address Columbia Theater Build-ing, Brainerd, Mina.

Ouestions and Answers

Millions for Regulation That Doesn't Regulate.

Q. What does it coat our government to regulate the big monopolies? to regulate the big monopolies?

A. The Interstate Commerce Commission costs us now \$1,974,287 a year.
Every state has a state commission of its own, besides. The Wisconsin Railroad Commission costs that state \$260,000 a year. New York pays about \$1,100,000 a year. Practically all of the 48 states now have railroad commissions. The total cost of these state commissions cannot be less than \$6,000,000 annually. This makes a total of \$7,724,000 paid out by the state and national governments for commissions alone on one big trustite railroads. And this does not include all the interminable legal expenses, the courts, attorneys, witnesses and a thousand other expenses of which we have no account.
What it costs our government for all

what it costs our government for all the prosecutions of the oil trust, the meat trust and the others, we have no means of telling at present. But it must mount into the millions.

Voting Machines.

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Q. Kindly give me what information you may have on hand as to voting machines. Where are they manufactured and what do they cost? What has been their effect when put in general use?
A. In our judgment, the voting machine is a very effective device. It has been used in Milwaukee for years, with satisfaction, we understand. It is manufactured by the Empire Voting Machine Company, Jamestown, N. Y., and costs \$600 f. o. b. Jamestown.

Representation of Each Political Party in Congress.
Q. I should be pleased to know the political affiliations of the members of the present Congress.
A. The present Congress is made up as follows:

96 435 Charles A. Moyer a Party Membert

Q. Will you please tell me if Charles A. Moyer, president of the Western Fed-eration of Minera, is a member of the Socialist party? Socialist party?

A. Comrade Emma F. Langdon, state secr. tary of the Socialist party of Colorado, writes as follows: "I am proud to inform you that Comrade Moyer is a member of the same ward branch that I hold my membership in, and his card shows a continuous good standing membership since 1902. This is the Second Ward branch of Local Denver County."

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fact there is a surplus.

The United States exports 11,-258,030 barrels of flour and imports none. Therefore there is no shortage of flour.

We export 63,533,483 bushels of corn. No shortage there. We export 6,374,388 pounds of butter and 13,-701,176 pounds of cheese. No shortage there.

Our cotton exports exceed our cotton imports by 8,707,808 bales. No shortage there.

The crop of wool last year was 453,444,093 pounds. And we used only 450,000,000 pounds. So there is no shortage there.

But sugar! ah, there's the shortage! Sugar is king in this upheaval of prices. It has advanced 40 per cent. And the food lords say it is because of the terriffic demand and the lack of supply, in other words, the "shortage" again. But the facts are against them again. They do not warrant the city.

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