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## DISARMAMENT AND WORLD PEACE PROPOSED MANIFESTO AND PROGRAM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF AMERICA

**NOTE:** At the last meeting of the National Executive Committee, the following manifesto and program for disarmament and peace was given and extended consideration. It is decided to appoint a sub-committee to prepare a suitable manifesto and program to be submitted to the National Committee and finally to the International, with the hope of securing a similar action along a definite line of constructive measures for international peace.

**THE FUNDAMENTAL CAUSES.**  
RACK OF ALL of these, however, is the deeper, more fundamental cause which gives rise to them. The fundamental cause is economic.

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**RADICAL SOCIAL CHANGES IN ALL COUNTRIES TO ELIMINATE THE ECONOMIC CAUSES OF WAR, such as:**  
(a) Federation of the working classes of the world in a league of peace.  
(b) Socialization of the national resources, public utilities and fundamental equipment of industry of the nations.  
(c) Elimination of all unearned income.  
(d) Immediate and progressive amelioration of the conditions of labor.

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**IMMEDIATE CAUSES OF THE WAR.**  
ALL ARE FAMILIAR with the more superficial and immediate causes of the war. Previous wars and the terms of settlement which created lasting hatreds and thoughts of revenge; commercial rivalries and colonial antagonisms; the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente driving all Europe into two armed antagonistic camps; the remnants of a feudal system which retarded modern social and political progress; racial and religious intolerance; intrigues of diplomats and the lack of democratic control by the people; vast systems of military equipment; fear and suspicion bred and spread by a vicious propaganda press in all nations; powerful armament interests that reap rich harvest out of havoc and death—all these have played their sinister part.

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**SOCIALISM MEANS TRUCE.**  
COMRADES AND workers of the world. A new page of human history has opened. It is our duty to write the full message and meaning of Socialism—democracy, internationalism and peace. No greater, nobler task has ever appealed to man.

**The Comedy Of Capitalism**  
By CHARLES W. ERVIN  
Now both the busy Billy B. improve the dining hours  
In scattering placards on every side whilst cleverly dodging observers.

**HOW FEW FAT, SLEEK ONES OWN US**  
BY CARL D. THOMPSON  
AUTHOR OF "PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF RAILWAYS"

The Congressional library at Washington, the finest library building in the world, was built for but little over half the cost of a battleship, and is maintained for three-fourths the cost of keeping a battleship afloat.

**NOTHING TO ARBITRATE**  
By ERMENE V. DEBS  
THE Colorado strike is settled. It lasted almost five years and cost the miners a million dollars a year. Not less than two hundred lives were sacrificed.

**DENMARK FEARS BIG PEACE MEET AT COPENHAGEN**  
That the Danish government might prohibit the holding of the conference for fear that the discussion might impart Danish neutrality.

**Hunter's Articles Start Next Week**  
The American Socialist has just received the second installment of the series of articles written for it by Robert Hunter.

**LET THE NATION OWN THE TRUSTS!**  
In the headlines. But when you do a little digging it looks and is pretty small.

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**OUR EYES ARE OPEN** at last, thanks to them. We now know where we stand. They are our enemy and we are theirs. They rob us of what we produce and when we meekly petition for a few more crumbs from their fat table they drive us from their doors and have their gunmen murder our wives and babies.

**Program For Congress.**  
It goes without saying that the conference will neither occupy itself with the conditions which have caused the war, nor with the standpoint of the Socialist parties in the various countries towards it.

**THE UNDER-TAKER** who carried the middle to get up coming and going had met in the States in Pennsylvania the Commission gave them the right to increase fares on the grounds that the roads needed the cash because the Interstate Commission had refused to allow them to increase the freight rates. Before the bill was

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**ONE MILLION IDLE 100,000 STARVING**  
By CHARLES F. STEINMETZ  
There are 1,000,000 men out of work in the United States today and 100,000 men starving and this is a time when we ought to be carrying an unprecedented measure of productivity. There is no excuse for this state of affairs, for the cause is chiefly in our own laziness or unwillingness to do some clear thinking about our industrial and economic life.

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The cost of one 25,000 ton battleship (\$12,000,000 plus 30 years' upkeep at \$200,000 a year equals \$24,000,000. Then the junk heap.

THE VALLEY OF FEAR. There is a big fear in the land today. It is the fear of the workers that they lose their jobs.

Why was Stogel discharged? It is claimed that he was less than 30 years old when he was discharged.

From 18 to 31 years there are 43 long years of life. It is not in the nature of things that a man should live so long.

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The Natural Result

By JOHN M. WORK

THERE was a time when the tools in all industries were very simple and inexpensive. Workmen were able to accomplish their tasks without the assistance of others. It was natural that each worker should own the tools which he used.

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(From The Labour Leader)

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Stories Of An Agitator

By RALPH LORRELL

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Xmas Letters From Behind Prison Bars

Ernest V. Debs has sent a Christmas message to the readers of The American Socialist. The message originated in a letter written behind the prison bars of the Michigan state prison at Jackson.

HERE IS REAL RELIGION. "When you will receive the message from behind prison bars today in a letter received by the 'Socialist' editor of a local newspaper from a convict. The letter follows:

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CHRISTMAS GIVING

By WALTER LAMPERT

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SOCIALIST PARTY

Stamp for Every Member

The National Committee last May decided that a call for funds for the headquarters should be issued.

Open N. Y. Cooperative. Philadelphia Socialists have gone into the cooperative business starting a grocery store under the auspices of the Central Jewish Branch.

Some have offered to give as much as \$25,000,000 of \$10,000,000 have been received, and no doubt there are thousands who will give a dollar or more.

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Business The Heart Of The Nation

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL

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We will realize the difference that our readers are confronted with. There are hardly any more...

In spite of the hard times, we have another increase to report. We hardly expect from the way things look now to reach the 100,000 mark before January 1st, 1915...

ROLL OF HONOR

- A. Brown, 1234 Broadway, Springfield, Mo. with a list of 15 names. The program of 1 and 2 is the...

George B. Brown, editor of The World of Chicago, Illinois, who has recently become a member of the Socialist Party...

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TWO SOCIALISTS WORK AS HARD AS 100 SOCIALISTS

By George W. Downing, California Socialist Legislator. The state of California already has a legislative Bureau. This Bureau...

Whether or not any, and if so what, bills on the subject have been introduced in the Legislature in recent years.

The Socialist members intend to propose an amendment to the act providing for the Bureau by extending its scope making it include the giving of aid to any citizen in the preparation of, or circulating of, initiative, referendum or recall petitions.

It is in no way taken the place of our national information Department. For though it has facilities for research it does not know the things from a Socialist point of view...

There are at the present time some 12,000 men, 6,000 women and 20,000 children involved in the big social strike of eastern Ohio, and the task of caring for them is something tremendous.

They were on strike April 1, along with the rest of the Ohio miners for the right to form coal unions. The strike was announced, the last session of the state legislature having passed such a law, after the coal operators had insisted the passage every inch of the way.

Some hope in Ohio—where one Socialist in the Ohio state legislature and the Salt Lake City Federation of Labor on the job there in hope of accomplishing something for the workers in this state this winter.

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Purpose—To collect, classify and make available for the membership of the Socialist Party and other interested persons all information that they may need in the struggle for their rights.

FILING FEE FOR CANDIDATES IN STATE OF WASHINGTON. The primary election law of the state of Washington...

BY HARK M. LITCHMAN. The Supreme Court of the State of Washington in the case of State ex rel Murphy vs. Tallman, lately decided, ruled that no filing fee is required of a candidate...

At the instance of Prosecuting Attorney Murphy of King County, a writ of Certiorari was sought from the Supreme Court to review the decision of the lower court...

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MORE ABOUT THE PLATE SERVICE

Response to the announcement of plans to start a plate service for Socialist and labor publications has been enthusiastic. Here are answers to some of the questions that have been asked:

First—This service will be started just as soon as 50 editors clearly their intention of using it. That is the number we must have. This may take several weeks.

American Socialist Lecture Bureau

RALPH KORNGOLD, Manager. List of lectures and speakers including: "The Struggle for the Eight Hour Day" by James P. Cannon...

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. How many miners are killed, and how many injured annually? The annual report of the director of the Bureau of Mines states that more than 100,000 men were injured in American mines last year...

WEALTH AND PUBLIC DEBT OF THE UNITED STATES. What has been the increase in the wealth, and the public debt of the United States during the last decade?

STRENGTH OF LOCALS. List of local Socialist Party branches and their membership figures across various states.

LECTURES IN NEW ENGLAND. The New England Lyceum Lecture Course starts Jan. 15, in Manchester, N.H. with Frank B. Rowland as the first speaker.

STREET RAILWAYS IN GERMANY. The Daily Consular and Trade Reports state that the 200 street railway systems operating in Germany...

ARIZONA ADOPTS LABOR LAW. Favorable legislation was given out of the recent bill which was introduced by the Arizona State Fed-

CELEBRATION IN THE HELPING POT BOLLERS LINE

Corvethus Lohans, one of the founders of the Socialist Party in Ireland, who is now leaving this country, says...

STRAW VOTE SHOWS EFFRAINE PROTEST AGAINST WAR. An emphatic protest against military intervention is found in a straw vote just taken by a group of American newspapermen...

SCOTLAND GETS JURY TRIAL. The latest developments in the case of James H. Maurer, a socialist state legislator and head of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, and Charles W. Brown, its secretary...

ARE THERE CLASSES IN AMERICA? Are we all equal in America? Do the Socialists spread class hatred? What is the meaning of class-consciousness?

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