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SAVE NATION FROM MILITARISM AND WAR

By J. L. ENGDahl

IN FACING the murderous, civilization-destroying monster of war and militarism, Socialists have made this solemn declaration in their indictment of the capitalist system:

"CAPITALISM, INEVITABLY LEADING TO COMMERCIAL RIVALRY AND IMPERIALISM AND FUNCTIONING THRU THE MODERN STATE WITH ITS VAST ARMAMENTS, SECRET DIPLOMACIES AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS, LOGICALLY LEADS TO WAR."

This is not the declaration of a small body of representative Socialists. It is the edict of the 100,000 dues-paying Socialist Party members of the United States, decided by referendum vote, after thoro discussion.

MAKE THE NATION LISTEN.

THIS indictment of the capitalist system is part of the Anti-War Manifesto and Peace Program of the Socialist Party. The nation must be made to listen to this declaration against war. The time to make it listen is NOW!

To all the peoples of the nation we declare:

"A new page of human history lies open before us. Upon it must be written the full message and meaning of Socialism—democracy, internationalism and peace. NO GREATER, NOBLER TASK HAS EVER APPEARED TO MAN.

"With firm, unflinching faith in the future of our Cause and the ultimate triumph of these principles, we call upon all who love justice and peace and human progress to join with us in this our effort to build a higher and nobler civilization."

In this crucial hour we summon all the forces of labor, "For an aggressive and uncompromising opposition to the whole capitalist system, and to every form of its most deadly fruits—militarism and war; to strengthen the bonds of working class solidarity; to deepen the currents of conscious internationalism, and to proclaim to the world a constructive program leading towards permanent peace."

STAND OF SOCIALIST PARTY.

NO OTHER political party has declared its position on war and militarism, although the nation is eager to know how and where they stand. Only the Socialist Party has taken all the people into its confidence and boldly declared its stand. The Anti-War Manifesto and Peace Program of the Socialist Party of the United States is our challenge to the powers that make war and breed militarism.

This declaration, bulwarked by the peace aspirations of American Socialism, as a measure to prevent war, demands disarmament—universal disarmament as speedily as possible.

Pending complete disarmament, it declares for the abolition of the manufacture of arms and munitions for private profit, and prohibition of exportation of arms, war equipment and supplies from one country to another. It stands against an increase in existing armaments under any circumstances; against all appropriations for military and naval purposes. We proclaim, "NOT ONE DOLLAR FOR MILITARISM AND MURDER!"

INSPIRED BY AWAKENED LABOR.

THAT is the stand of the Socialist Party as the jingoes and war mongers continue their siege of the nation's capital. That stand is not taken in any twilight zone of uncertainty. It did not get its inspiration from the money lenders of Wall Street; neither from the war-profiteers who guide the manufacture of death in the munition mills of the new Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania, and in the arms plants of Connecticut; nor does it spring from the hate born of narrow nationalism and prejudice fostered by ignorance. This peace message of Socialism springs from the ambitions for humanity cherished by enlightened labor.

We have proclaimed our Socialist peace message to all who would listen, during the 15 black months of war, thru millions of leaflets and from thousands of platforms. We have a great opportunity offered us, one month from today, on December Sixth, when the gavels will fall in the national senate and house of representatives at Washington, D. C., and the United States congress will be in session.

Among the hundreds of republicans and democrats, supporters of the capitalist system, the diabolical system of society that breeds war, there will be one Socialist—

SOME JINGO WAR MOVES

ONE THOUSAND Chicago ministers of all religions, called together in mass meeting by the National Security (Hysteria) League to discuss "war preparedness." Similar meetings being planned all over the nation.

Former President William Howard Taft will be chief speaker at banquet of National Security League, in Chicago, Nov. 10.

Two-day conference between Secretary of War Garrison and members of the national executive committee of the National Guard Association and the national militia board, held at Washington, results in support of national guardsmen of the country being pledged to the national administration's huge \$500,000,000 "defense" plan.

President Wilson opens his campaign for re-election in 1916 at meeting of Manhattan Club, a democratic organization in New York City, his subject being "national defense."

Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo declares nation must go into the armament business, calling this "patriotism."

Chicago business and professional men who are members of the Navy League of the United States, the national organization giving civilian support to greater navy plans, holds week's campaign for alleged sea preparedness. The League's speakers planned to visit factories and large commercial plants to sway minds of workers toward militarism and war. Similar "navy weeks" being planned for all large cities in nation.

New York National Security League names judges to award prizes in essay contest on question of piling up huge armaments.

The Chicago Tribune, chief mouthpiece of the raving species of the jingoes, starts series of articles on preparedness for war by Henry J. Reilly, United States army officer.

This campaign to arouse in the hearts and in the minds of the American people an irresistible desire for war and militarism is daily growing stronger. It must be met and swept back if the nation, democratic and peace-loving, is to live. You can help by distributing a bundle of our "MEYER LONDON EDITION," our blow at the militarists. This is your opportunity to help your congressman, Meyer London, fight the militarists when congress meets: Dec. 6.

Meyer London of New York City. He will be the lone Socialist member of congress, but he will not be alone in his relentless attack on the evils that must be obliterated forever before there can come world peace and universal brotherhood among men. Out over the nation there will be one hundred thousand organized Socialists and one million voting Socialists, all ready to rally under the standards that proclaim "WAR AGAINST WAR AND MILITARISM!"

At this deciding hour, when congress meets to direct the footsteps of the nation either toward or away from war and militarism, THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST will send forth its greatest issue, "THE MEYER LONDON EDITION," dated December Fourth, the Saturday before congress meets on Monday. We are going to cover the nation with this edition.

WE FACE UNITED FOE.

ALREADY all the forces of government have declared unequivocally against all that we demand in this great national and world crisis. To be sure, the national administration, thru the democratic party, has issued no manifesto outlining its program. The capitalist press, however, from time to time has been allowed to inflame the public mind, aided and abetted by those in power in Washington. THEREFORE WE KNOW THEIR INTENTIONS. The Socialist Party alone, of all the political parties, has stood uncompromisingly for peace and against all war and militarism. ALONE WE FACE A UNITED FOE. BENT ON PLUNGING THE NATION INTO WAR!

The powers of plunder, the profiteers that prey upon the people, the Czars of Exploitation, seated upon the money thrones of the nation, do not want disarmament. So they order their satellites in the seats of government to speak for them. The secretary of the navy and the secretary of war, the President, nearly all the members of congress and other officials in

high places, these have all heard the demand of the masters for increased armaments, instead of disarmament, and they have declared for military expenditures next year and the years that are to immediately follow, that will rob the nation of billions of wealth, unless the mad race for armaments is immediately halted.

In support of this gigantic program of preparation to engage in wholesale slaughter, a national propaganda of unlimited proportions is now being carried on thru every conceivable channel of publicity. Leagues for the propagation of the desire to kill, from the Navy League that sits close to the machinery of government in Washington to the National Security League—more truly dubbed the "Hysteria League"—that spreads its tentacles out over the land, are being fed to fatness with the gold that comes from the coffers of those interests that profit by international slaughter. The capitalist jingo press is unanimous in its efforts to arouse the nation to a blood fury that will lead it straight down the crimson road to certain destruction.

BLOOD VS. BROTHERHOOD.

AAGAINST this almost deafening cry for blood we raise our plea for brotherhood. We must halt the imperialistic desires of those who would force the nation into disastrous conflict with the peoples of other lands. There is no sane reason why this nation should go to war with the conqueror of Europe. There is no just cause for conflict with the people of Japan, despite the yellow-peril howls of the militarists. The United States is trying to bring peace to Mexico, and we can find no excuse for making war on any other country of this western world. The desire to conquer must not usurp the place of the nation's exalted desire for peace.

A disarmed United States will remain a peaceful United States. An armed nation, with wealth untold being continually expended for increased armaments, will mean a nation always on the brink of war, finally to be precipitated into the slaughter abyss, perhaps during the present generation, perhaps not until the children of today have grown to manhood and womanhood, only to inherit the harvest of suffering, sorrow and death that the war mongers of today would prepare for them.

The issue between disarmament and armaments claims the attention of the nation as congress prepares to meet. SOCIALISTS OF THE NATION! RALLY IN THE WAR AGAINST ARMAMENTS!

ABOLISH WAR PROFITS.

WITH the grip of the munition makers daily growing stronger as their profits mount higher and higher, our demand for the abolition of the manufacture of arms and munitions of war for private profit calls for the best efforts of all believers in peace and humanity.

No one seeks to deny that the munition makers and the money lenders, the builders of dreadnaughts and the financiers of murder, the Schwabs, the Carnegies, the Rockefellers and the Morgans, have not reaped huge profits as they defrauded the government, while both democrats and republicans, in both houses of congress, stood idly by and winked at the robbery.

There has already been an untold amount of graft in the "preparation for war" expenditures of the nation. In spite of the fact that the United States has been spending more for "preparedness" than the militarist nations of Europe, we are now told that the navy is fit only to be scrapped as old iron, while the army would prove poor fodder for one ravenous cannon.

Be not deceived! The navy is there and the army is there. They got us into the senseless war with Spain. They almost started the nation on a conquering expedition into Mexico. If we keep them or let them grow, they will not only get us into war, but they will continually serve as a great source of profit for the war profiteers.

WORRY ONLY ABOUT PROFITS.

THE Schwabs, the Carnegies and the Morgans are not worrying about the United States, which consists right now of one hundred million men, women and children, nearly every one of them of the working class, who have nothing to gain by war. These gentlemen are worrying about their profits. If they can frighten the people into believing they have no navy and no army, then they hope to force the people into permitting congress to vote huge sums to create an army and navy.

The war profiteers want a big navy and a big army because that means big profits. We Socialists demand that PRIVATE PROFIT be taken out of the manufacture of war munitions. We demand that the

congress that meets next month do this immediately. We demand that if the United States must have the tools of slaughter, in spite of our opposition, that it manufacture them itself; that there shall be no profit for Schwab or Carnegie or Rockefeller or Morgan. We demand this because we know that when PRIVATE PROFIT has been eliminated from the manufacture of the instruments of death, then the greatest incentive for their production will have been abolished.

There is no clouding the issue between the war profiteers, who want war because it brings them profits and those who demand that the nation manufacture its own war munitions, eliminating all profits.

SOCIALISTS OF THE NATION! RALLY IN THE WAR AGAINST PRIVATE PROFIT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF WAR MUNITIONS!

FORCE EMBARGO ON ARMS.

THE national democratic administration has risked plunging this nation into the European gulf of blood by enforcing its demand that the war profiteers be permitted to export arms, war equipment and supplies to the warring nations. It has aided and abetted the making of a huge loan to the Allies by the House of Morgan.

We have demanded the prohibition of the exportation of arms, war equipment and supplies from one country to another as an anti-war measure.

We do not know which side is going to win. We do know, however, that victory for either side cannot bring back to life the millions of dead; cannot restore the thousands of shattered firesides, cannot heal the wounds of an outraged civilization and return to humanity the wasted wealth lost for all time in this universal slaughter.

We know that Germany victorious may demand a burdensome indemnity from the United States for the mass of war munitions the profiteers are sending across the sea, for the money its bankers have been allowed to contribute to bolster up one side in this uncalled-for strife.

Before the war was a month old, the Socialists of America issued and distributed one and one-half million copies of a leaflet, "STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA!" It declared that:

"We must stop the shipping of all supplies into the war zone.

"Not a penny for loans, not an ounce of food should leave these shores to prolong this terrible shedding of blood.

"This is the only honest and complete neutrality. In no other way can we be sure of keeping this nation out of that fearful whirlpool."

We reiterate that declaration today. It is reiterated in the Anti-War Manifesto of American Socialists. Congress will next month be called upon to endorse the continued exportation of arms, war equipment and supplies from this country to the warring countries. We must stop congress from lending its sanction to this means of profiting by the slaughter in Europe.

SOCIALISTS OF THE NATION! RALLY FOR THE FIGHT TO PREVENT THE EXPORTATION OF THE NECESSITIES OF WAR FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER!

OPPOSE AGITATION FOR WAR.

AT THIS HOUR, therefore, when congress is about to meet, when all the powers that make for war are actively at work, it is well to repeat part of the appeal issued by the Socialist Party to the people of the United States shortly after the sinking of the Lusitania last May. It is as follows:

"The insidious propaganda of American militarism has received a powerful impetus thru the destruction of American lives as a result of the war operations in Europe. The jingo press of the country is busily engaged in reckless efforts to turn the cries of natural indignation of the people into a savage howl for revenge. Short-sighted patriots and professional militarists are inflaming the minds and blinding the reason of their fellow-citizens by appealing to national vanity. The sinister influences of the armament ring work thru thousands of hidden channels to stimulate a war sentiment, which to it means business and profits.

"In this grave hour of national crisis, the Socialist Party of the United States raises its voice in solemn and emphatic protest against this dangerous and criminal agitation, and proclaims its undying opposition to militarism and war. No disaster, however appalling; no crime, however revolting, justifies the slaughter of nations and the devastation of countries.

"Strong armaments and military preparations inevitably and irresistibly lead to war, as the tragic example of the nations of Europe has conclusively demonstrated.

"We call upon the people of the United States to profit by the lesson of our unfortunate brothers on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, and to throttle all efforts to draw this country into the dangerous paths of international quarrels, imperialism, militarism and war."

"We call particularly upon the workers of America to oppose war and all agitation for war by the exercise of all the power in their command, for it is their class who pays the awful cost of warfare, without receiving any of its rewards. It is the workers who primarily furnish the soldiers on the battlefield and give their limbs and lives in the senseless quarrels of their masters.

"Let us proclaim in tones of unmistakable determination: 'Not a worker's arm shall be lifted for the slaving of a fellow-worker of another country, nor turned for the production of man-killing implements or war supplies! Down with war! Forward to international peace and the world-wide solidarity of all workers!'"

MEYER LONDON PREPARES.

OUR CONGRESSMAN, Meyer London, has stated, "I have been devoting the greater part of my time to the study of the questions which are likely to come before congress and to the working out of a program of action."

Meyer London must not make his preparations alone. Let us all help him to the utmost of our ability to prepare the way for universal peace.

Congressman London has well said, "We live in a most intense period of the world's history. It looks as if all the elements and powers of evil and darkness have united to crush all that has been gained by mankind in the painful process of centuries of evolution."

We Socialists alone have dedicated ourselves to the task of advancing civilization. With our lives, if need be, we oppose the twin powers of darkness—WAR AND MILITARISM.

THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST has prepared a small task in this great struggle. This task is the distribution of a record-breaking edition, "THE MEYER LONDON EDITION" OF THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST, dated December Fourth, to aid OUR CONGRESSMAN raise his voice for peace in the national congress. This edition will carry the full peace message of American Socialism. If distributed in sufficient numbers it will be a body-blow against WAR AND MILITARISM. We want to make this edition the biggest blow ever struck at war in the United States. If your local does not order a bundle of this issue, order a bundle for yourself. For every order sent in, we will send as a premium 1,000 copies of one of the three leaflets, "How Socialism Would Meet the War Crisis," "The Socialists and the Sword," by George R. Kirkpatrick, or "The Anti-War Manifesto and Peace Program of the Socialist Party of the United States."

USE THIS ORDER BLANK NOW!

"MEYER LONDON" EDITION BLANK

(No. 161, dated Dec. 4, 1915.)

American Socialist, Chicago, Ill. I want to help OUR CONGRESSMAN, MEYER LONDON, in his fight to force congress to vote against war and militarism. I am sending enclosed \$..... to pay for the following:

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Name

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NOTE.—Fill in the above carefully and mail it at once.

On to Organization

By ANNA MALEY RINGSDORF

NOT LONG AGO the Socialists made a splendid fight for control of one of our large cities. They lost. Many causes were assigned for their defeat. The editor of the Progressive Woman wisely remarked that the Socialists had failed because there were too few Socialists.

Perhaps that is the chief trouble with the Socialist Party: there are too few Socialists. The making of Socialists—that is, our business, to which business that is not of our membership that really has, with some fidelity, devoted itself. May we not truthfully say that our fidelity has exceeded our energy? May we not truthfully say that in the task before us we have lost the co-operation that stoutly claim is to be the world's lament?

Fault-finding avails nothing. Fixing the blame is a pretty sure way of doing nothing. Self-criticism of the sort that may help. Before entering into such criticism, let us give ourselves a fair handicap and justify as far as we may, the failures that we have suffered.

Attack Stupid Labor. We have attacked the stupid laboring spirit of the spirit of unreasoning of all that has been material forces help us. The man says to the stage coach driver, "You are slow as a snail." "It is your own fault," he replies. "I always was and always will be." "The blame is on your day. Nothing as it was." But the unthinking crowd, deaf to all the messages of freedom dinned into its ears by every day's common experiences, is devoted to the insistence "It is always and always will be."

Not only do we, attack all that has been taught, but with our puny arms we must counteract the vicious control exercised by interest-economic power over practically every-day agencies for creating public opinion.

is there, indeed, conscious control of great wealth, of the school, of the press, of the church? Let Professor Nearing, the Hearst editor in Santa, and the Rev. Mr. McCormick would seem, then, that our examination narrows down to the use of the poor means at our command.

Control School Boards. A long chapter might profitably be written on the necessity for Socialist control of school boards, and selection and preparation of texts for the regeneration of our educational system. In this field, congratulation is due to our Milwaukee comrades.

Our inability to pay good speakers that they can command in other fields has left our platform in a great measure to those who are only indifferent teachers of Socialism. Our comrades to their best, but teaching a special art and our movement has comparatively few teachers. The excellence is abroad in the land. Very few then fondly believe that he is achieving something, when, as Comrade James Carey has it, he has only in shaving a rabbit or killing a snake.

Now the Socialist seeking a short cut to freedom advocates direct action by the mass uneducated in the elements of economics. Again, the ename-lad agitator breaks his every lance against the Catholic church, while many spend all their spare energy on frequent papers and want words upon the forty-four mistakes of Moses, but are dumb upon the causes of the thousand crimes of Rockefeller. Our organization cannot and would not throttle free speech.

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Matter for publication in the official columns of the Socialist Party will be on file in the National Office by the Monday preceding the date of issue.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS.
Comment on Pending N. C. Motion.
On Motion No. 26: That the ruling of the Executive Committee regarding motions made previous to Oct. 2 be seconded by 10 and 20 per cent of the membership, be reversed.
Katterfeld: "This is merely another attempt of those who are opposed to democracy within the Party to deprive the will of the membership. The fight for the opportunity of democratic expression on the part of the membership is as old as the Socialist Party itself. It seems that it is not yet won, when members of the Executive Committee are willing to resort to such quibbles to prevent a referendum they do not like. Let us not be afraid of our duty. Reverse the decision."

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 1, 1915.
Dear Comrades: I report to you as follows:
On Motion No. 26: That the ruling of the Executive Committee regarding motions made previous to Oct. 2 be seconded by 10 and 20 per cent of the membership, be reversed.
The question voted upon in the appeal is: Shall the Executive Committee, with respect to the membership, be reversed.
Voting Yes: Robertson, Kirkpatrick, Brewster, Stark, Canright, Wilkins, Streiff, Maurer, Amacher, Garzes, Berger, Grayson, Gies, Gillingham, Johnston, Clark, Steelman, Kettler, Jones, Neider, Nuvola, Soester, Wang, Rissman, Latimer, Raymond, Garver, Whelan, Goebel, Demarest, Metzger, Wang, Strelbel, LeSueur, Holt, Slaxton, Revelle, Leeland, Terlisier, Sutor, Seidel. Total not voting 12.
Voting No: Williams, Griffith, Des Bocher, Wick, Rockwell, Harrell, Broderick, Nichols, Hilliquit, Tiller, Ruthenberg, Hamilton, Sincilar, Allen, Bell, Reid, Katterfeld, Heiler, Kintner. Total voting 29.
Not Voting: Connolly, Finkle, Beardsley, Norton, Johnson, Clark, Steelman, Kettler, Jones, Neider, Nuvola, Soester, Wang, Rissman, Latimer, Raymond, Garver, Whelan, Goebel, Demarest, Metzger, Wang, Strelbel, LeSueur, Holt, Slaxton, Revelle, Leeland, Terlisier, Sutor, Seidel. Total not voting 12.
The ruling of the Executive Committee is therefore reversed.
Respectfully submitted,
WALTER LANFERSIEK,
Executive Secretary.

On Motion No. 27: "That the National Committee recommend to the membership the Beardsley alternative war resolutions as the basis of a Party referendum."
Goebel: "The National Committee have no more right to submit this amendment than they have to submit a referendum striking out from the platform all mention of the war. It is a clear usurpation of authority that will surely lead to evil consequences to the Party. The fringing of the platform by the National Headquarters is a damned outrage and betrayal of the comrades who have to foot the bills."
Hilliquit: "In view of the Mexican situation at this time, I believe that the emergency action contemplated by the Irish-Beardsley motion is not called for."
Bell: "Last year the Executive Committee held up and cancelled a perfect referendum, initiated by the membership. Now the National Committee, without the shadow of authority, proceeds to cancel a referendum. And committee-men have the hardihood to ask why there is a defection in the ranks of the membership. It is a referendum on the abolition of permanent national committees. Committee-men who do this motion can set action regularly if they see it. To deny this is to confess that the percentage for initiating a referendum is a refusal to be a party to this usurpation of power."

On Motion No. 28: "Shall the ruling of the Executive Secretary be confirmed?"
Ruling, motion by Irish for national referendum, on a question of 1916 National Convention, and of order.
Goebel: "If Comrade Irish wants to have no convention in 1916 and has money to waste, he should devote his energies to organizing a local second the referendum to that effect, and not as National Committee-men set an example in breaking the rules of the party. There are almost enough seconds to that referendum now, and the balance could be obtained without the member from the Irish-Beardsley motion, or doing a Highland Fling. Let us exhaust lawful methods before we take drastic that do not belong to us, and should not."

On Motion No. 29: "To add to the rules of the National Committee that no member of the Executive Committee shall declare any motion out of order submitted by the National Committee."
Goebel: "There should be in the hands of the Secretary and the National Executive Committee, the power to declare motions out of order, always subject to appeal by any member of the National Committee. In all of this, there should be certain things which only the membership can speak and change. Otherwise, one more than a whole of shadow authority is given to committee-men to vote could set aside a platform adopted by the membership as a whole. That's the very game that's on foot."

On Motion No. 30: "I am sustaining National Committee Motion No. 29 because I believe that that body, being the head of the organization, should have the right to set aside a referendum which would be for the good of the organization, whether in session or not, so long as such motion is not contrary to the Constitution."
Bell: "As long as there are committee-men whose understanding of plain English is so deficient that they do not know when they are in order, it is quite necessary, in order to avoid confusion and gross injustice, to give the power to rule them out of order to the membership. The National Committee is so deficient in understanding as to be able to reverse the ruling of the National Committee. Why not adjourn until committee-men learn parliamentary law and democracy?"

Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

RULES FOR THIS DEPARTMENT.
The National Committee of the Socialist Party is providing for an Open Forum in the American Socialist. It is a recommendation No. 6.—An open forum for the exchange of views and criticism of the party's activities, and the discussion of its policy and tactics. No use of abusive or intemperate language shall be allowed. No communication in the Open Forum shall exceed 250 words.
Contributors to this department will facilitate matters considerably by carefully observing this rule.

BUILDING SOCIALIST PRESS.
Socialists in Spokane, Wash., are doing something unusual. They are writing copy and printing a Socialist paper every week on sheets of paper 6½x7½ inches. Folded once, this is 3¼x 6¾, the size of an ordinary letter. It contains no advertising.
One great advantage of this kind of revolutionary comment on the industrial and political conditions and occurrences of Spokane and vicinity, depending on the larger Socialist papers and magazines to furnish general Socialist news and propaganda material. This is the advantage of the Local who cannot attend meetings in touch with local Socialist activity.

We own a small hand press, on which the paper is printed; the labor of printing and addressing is donated. The only money paid (1 cent for 100 copies), except about \$1.30 each week for linotyping. Copy is set in eight-point type, about 700 words in each issue. We charge, in clubs, 10 cents per year for subscriptions, and at present have 500 subscribers.
The idea is to advance the cause of the Socialist Party in the smallness of the paper is that everybody that gets it reads every word of it, instead of reading the headlines only. During local campaigns it becomes a valuable means of education and propaganda. Of course there are some enemies who advocate non-partisanship and who boost for "good men" candidates outside the Socialist Party. They can't see any need for the paper, and insist that it is a joke. They, too, read it, tho—A. E. HOUSE, Spokane, Wash.

FROM THE RAND SCHOOL.
The tone of some comments on National Committee Motion No. 22 proposing that communication be opened with the Rand School, with a view to turning over to it the data and functions of the National Headquarters, compels us to ask for space for a statement in the American Socialist.
We knew nothing about this motion until it had come before the National Committee. Had its author consulted us in the manner in which it has been made in its present form. We did not, however, anticipate in time the misconstruction which might be placed upon it, else this letter would have been written some time ago.
The Rand School has no desire to usurp Party property nor to usurp Party functions. Its sole desire is to carry on the work of education in such a manner as will strengthen the Party organization. I believe its ten years' record warrants this statement.

Whatever data the Rand School possesses is always at the service of the National Information Department, so long as the latter exists. On the other hand, we have no doubt that in its desire to carry on the work of the Information Department continuously at work, it will always cooperate in a fraternal spirit with the school.
In the unfortunate event of the Information Department being wiped out, the Rand School wishes to contribute to the best means of filling the gap, it will find us ready to meet it, not on the basis of "so much for so much," as in the business world, but with a comradely desire to get the best work done. Externally yours, BERTH ALGERNON LEE, Educational Director.

FAVORS CONVENTION.—By all means there should be a National Convention in accordance with the Constitution of our Party. We could make no bigger mistake in this somewhat lean year than to believe it good policy to wipe out the 1916 convention.
It may be necessary to adopt some radical means of meeting the expenses; but the necessity must not be met. There never was a year when the Socialist Party confronted so many crises as this. There never was a year when so much hypocrisy has emanated from our fountain heads of wisdom—and never a year when the Party has remained so steadily blind to the issues before it. Never have our fundamental theories been so twisted to suit various shades of fancy as now. And never has our Party before been content with trying to compromise the thoughts and actions of uncompromisable factors. Let me tell you, comrades, that the Socialist Party is decidedly unhealthy right now. When our fundamental theories are kicked in the neck, and our assumed "leaders" are content to apologize for the action, then I refuse to believe that a 1916 propaganda will solve our problems. We are, however, strong. We have always

been clean of mind and sound in theory. Now we are told to assume that there is no fracas in camp; that war and anti-war Socialists are possible. And hence we are getting sick mentally.
Believe me, a National Convention would make short work of our friends the compromisers. It would set our "war Socialists" down hard in the reading room. And it wouldn't care two hoots in hell whether every traitor-Socialist in Germany, France and England combined was included in the invitation to read a few penny pamphlets as an introduction to the study of Socialism. No—and it wouldn't care particularly whether Milwaukee subscribed to Socialism with the war left out or not. A Socialist Party Convention usually takes good care that Socialist principles are not busted into fine bits to suit any one—not even 3,000,000 traitor-Socialists in Germany.
But lacking in convention—our friends the compromisers hope to keep the issue from becoming an issue in the sense that it will not come before us.

AGAINST PERMANENT COMMITTEES.—I have not burdened the space of your "Letters" column by frequent requests for publication, and crave your space for this one:
I protest against further experiment with representative government. Permanent committees, conventions and the like must go. Have I not repeatedly said that we ALWAYS exceed their power? We only have to await developments to see this verified. Last year it was the Executive Committee—this year the National Committee.
When the little fellows ascend to positions of authority they become suddenly conscious that the great rank and file has no mind of its own and that destiny hinges alone on their wisdom and celerity.
Last year it was Goebel, with Wilson as "Shirazi," who caused the Executive Committee's arrest and destroyed a national referendum then in the hands of the voters.
Now it is Beardsley and Irish who cause the National Committee to exercise a power it does not possess—that of initiating a national referendum between sessions.

These are all fine fellows and that is why the system is the more damned. If they were rogues we might condemn them instead of the representative system.
Pure democracy must be installed. Permanent committees must be abolished.
Representative government must be stinks with usurpation.—W. J. BELL, National Committeeman, Texas.

LET GOVERNMENT DO THE WORK.—Whereas, Certain classes in our country, namely army and navy officers and officials, builders of battleships and manufacturers of guns and munitions of war, thru the press are continually trying to frighten the people into the belief that we need a larger army and navy, more and greater battleships and guns of every caliber, more and more powerful and immense stores of ammunition, if we would be prepared to resist an invasion from another country; and whereas, It has been proved by the Secretary of War that there is a large profit in the manufacture of war materials, and further, that if the profits were taken away from the business that this agitation would cease, therefore, in the interest of peace and economy, be it Resolved, That this body go on record as being in favor of the government doing all this work; and be it further

Resolved, That we ask the representatives in Congress from the State of Nebraska that they introduce and work for a bill containing the following ideas:
1. To do all of the government work of this character by day labor under the eight-hour law.
2. As soon as possible to build and equip shipyards and shops in which shall be constructed all parts of ships used by the government for war purposes.
3. To manufacture in government-owned shops and mills all guns of whatever kind and all powder and munitions of war used by the government.
Be it further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States and also to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of Nebraska.

SOCIALISTS IN SPAIN.—King Alfonso of Spain gives good evidence as to the high ideals of the Socialists in his realm, according to an article by Rev. John E. Graham in the Baltimore Catholic Review of Oct. 2, 1915 (page 4). The king has said: "After the war nations will arm more than ever." He was asked: "Does not your majesty think that the lower social orders will exercise a pressure on the governments to prevent them from increasing the burden of armed peace?" "I think, and you may repeat that," replied the Spanish ruler, "that Socialism will become daily more and more governmental, and that Socialists will obtain satisfaction for their more just aspirations by legal methods without resorting to violence; but

SEND IN ELECTION NEWS.

Elections will be held Tuesday, Nov. 2, in many cities, counties and States throughout the nation. If an election is held in your city, county or State, please send in the results as soon as possible to The American Socialist, 603 West Madison street, Chicago, Ill. We want to give all of the news in next week's issue of The American Socialist. This issue went to press too soon to give any of the results.

ABOLISHING THE CONVENTION.

The following resolutions were adopted by Branch Connellsville, Pa. at its regular meeting, held Sunday Sept. 12, 1915:
"Whereas, Branch Connellsville, Pa. of the Socialist Party of America, at its regular session held Sunday, Sept. 12, 1915, adopted the following resolutions; that the members of this branch are opposed to holding a national convention in 1916.
"That we believe the National Executive Committee competent to draw up a national platform and submit the same by referendum containing spaces for nominations for president and vice president to the entire membership of the Socialist Party.
"We believe by abolishing national convention in 1916 there will be a great saving in funds, which are sorely needed for organization work. Therefore be it

Resolved, That Branch Connellsville, Pa. is opposed to holding a national convention in 1916.
Resolved, That nominations for president and vice president and platform be submitted by referendum to party membership.
Resolved, That the National Secretary have results of national referendum published in The American Socialist and in state and county bulletins.
Resolved, That the Secretary forward a copy of these resolutions to the National Secretary of the Socialist Party, and spread a copy upon the records of Branch Connellsville."—C. M. WILHELM, Secretary.

War and Exploitation

By WILLIS ANDREWS

I can no longer be truly said that war is the sport of kings. Now every monarch in Europe would gladly welcome the speedy ending of strife between the warring nations. Crowned heads now tremble with fear for crumbling thrones and fallen scepters are sure to follow in the wake of war so disastrous to nations over which they are the nominal rulers.
It has come to pass that kings are mere puppets in the hands of the proverbial power behind the throne. And that power is the financial interest which control the industries and resources of nations. The kings of Europe who are still holding out against war will soon be made to feel the lash of this real power, just as the other monarchs have been whiplashed into line by this same master class.

Whatever may have been the alleged cause of the beginning of this war, there is now no possible misunderstanding of the motives which prompt one nation after another to enter the conflict. Each nation is casting its fortunes of war with the power that seemingly offer the surest reward in the form of increased territorial possessions.
In the development of modern industry each country finds it necessary to secure new markets for the sale of surplus goods produced by the working class. The workers' wage, amounting to only a fraction of their product, prevents them buying the equivalent of what they produce. So it becomes necessary to acquire new territory beyond the borders for other purpose than to exploit the labor and resources of other dominions.
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ROLL OF HONOR

This is from VINCENT SPITZER, Pittsburg, Mass.: "I had a dispute with a man about Socialism and woman suffrage. He declared he is against it. Therefore I am sending him *The American Socialist* one year." And (comrade Spitzer gets a campaign book to carry the message to others).

Federal Suffrage Amendment

By CONGRESSMAN MEYER LONDON

It is to be regretted that there is a division of opinion among women as to the form of the amendment of the Federal Constitution.

We need not enter into a discussion of the merits of woman's suffrage. I take it that all of us look upon the political emancipation of woman as the next step in the progress of democracy. Woman is either a member of the community or she is not. If she is, she has an inalienable right to participate in the shaping of the policies of the land and in making the law of the land. Law is a rule of conduct which has behind it the force of the entire community. A rule of such importance and sanctity should be made by the entire community and not by a part of it.

The very agitation for woman suffrage adds new value and significance to the vote. There are millions of men entitled to vote who do not exercise their privilege. There are millions of men who do not use their vote intelligently. The struggle for woman for the acquisition of the franchise must necessarily call forth an earnest analysis of the importance of the vote, and will give it new value and significance.

I favor the Susan B. Anthony amendment. It is direct; it is to the point, and it follows the procedure provided by the constitution. It is difficult enough to obtain an amendment of the constitution without adding new obstacles. Whatever might have been the intention of the framers of the constitution, whether it was their desire to facilitate amendments or to make it impossible to amend the fundamental law, it is a matter of experience that it is extremely difficult to effect a modification.

About eighteen hundred amendments to the constitution have been suggested, and, as you know, only seventeen have been adopted. Of these the first twelve were adopted immediately after the establishment of the government and three as a result of the Civil War. With this lesson of history before us, it seems hardly credible that well-meaning supporters of the cause of woman's emancipation should seek to add new and cumbersome remedies in order to obtain the extension of the franchise.

The agitation in the States should, of course, not be abandoned or even slackened. But an attempt to divert the entire strength of the movement to the States is an attempt to delay its progress and to deny its effect. Political emancipation of woman is not a State problem. The theory that the United States of America is an aggregation of States is no longer true. We are an industrial unit, a political unit, and a national unit. There is no such thing as a State problem. There is no question, no difficulty, no evil which can confront a State without affecting the interests of the entire country. After all, the geographical and artificial separation into States cannot be permitted to stand in the way of the nation's progress.

In conclusion, I will state that it is entirely immaterial to me who introduces the amendment. The movement is sufficiently popular to justify my belief that a number of men will compete for the honor of introducing the amendment. Whoever introduces it will receive my support.

As a man and as a Socialist, I will consider it a privilege to serve the cause of woman, since her cause is the cause of humanity.

THE STORY CORNER

NOTE.—In this column there is traced, from week to week, the development of typical Young People's Socialist League. The successes and failures are mirrored here and the chances are that you will find some of your own here set forth. Each installment is practically complete in itself, but it is advisable to follow the story regularly.

BRINGING BACK HARMONY.

The old saying has it that there are more ways than one of killing a cat. Probably so. And Jim soon found out that while there are more ways than one of destroying the harmony of a League, there are also a variety of ways that help to regain it. The piano squabble had left a dark-brown taste in the mouths of many of the members, the removal of which was a serious and pressing problem. It was removed, all right, and, like most great discoveries, the solution came almost by accident.

It was now more than a month ago since faraway Jackson, one of their jolliest Yipsels, had left for the West, and he wrote back about the splendid success the Leagues there were having. He also sent Jim a book of Socialist songs, not a very large collection; still, he had never paid much attention to them. One night, however, when a committee meeting was held at his home, he hit upon the idea of trying to cheer them up by reading the wanderer's letter. What could be more natural, then, than to propose singing a bit from the book that he had sent?

The spirit of that group was changed as if they had been touched with a fairy's wand. The songs were not hard to sing—popular tunes, mostly, with fine, jolly Socialist and Yipself words to them. Under their influence the comrades lost all of their doubts and fears, and in a little while they plunged into the work at hand like new men. At the close of the meeting they had more songs.

After they had gone, Jim thought it over, and the more he considered the proposition the more favorably he was inclined toward it. He wrote to his friend and asked him to ship along a larger supply of the books, as well as the price and other details.

The books came, all right, and with them an additional note and a tip on their use. "Don't try to swing in the fancy stuff right at the start," wrote his comrade. "Double quartets and lieder-tafels may be all right if you have the singers, and the teacher, and the funds, and the time, and the crowd to appreciate them."

"Whew!" thought Jim; "some line-up. Have we got these things? Nothing to do!" I guess that's us out, all right!" But he read on.

"The thing you want to do, and do it quick, is get your crowd to SINGING. Once you get them started so far that they'll lose themselves in the songs, your troubles are over. Once you get a crowd to sing together in any sort of unison and harmony, no matter how hard they may be, you will never be able to work in anything but the same spirit."

That was rather a novel philosophy, but Jim was game enough to try it out. And he did. Did it work? It sure did. It seemed as tho they had just been waking for those songs that hungry crowd of the night. At first it was a little hard to get them started, but finally a small group gathered themselves around the piano and started in. The song was a jolly, lilting, swinging tune, the sort that young folks' heads and feet and hearts will catch and remember and sing every time they pass it.

They had ever dreamed of; their voices rang out in the good comrade songs in a way that boded no good for the powers that be.

Since that time many occasions have arisen at which the songs played a big part in promoting the comradery of the League. Only a few need be recalled. At the next big outing they made the long, hard road seem easy and light, on the Hay-Ride to the home of a Socialist farmer in a nearby village they surely did fit; at every social affair they distinguished themselves better than anything else could; while at all times they helped hold the group together, for, in order to sing together, they had to stick together, and that invariably meant harmony and comradeship.

After a time they developed their impromptu mass singing into a well-drilled chorus that did much to help make entertainment programs more interesting. Two quartets, male and female, also were the result of the small start of those few song books. The really creditable concert performances of this group did a great deal to enhance the reputation of the League.

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An effort to foist a State non-partisan law upon the voters of California has been defeated by referendum vote. The California non-partisan movement, led by Governor Johnson, was a blow at minority parties. It was fought by the Socialists.

addressed an inquiry about better methods to Organizer Jim. He answered:

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NOTE.—The National Office has several collections of songs on hand. List will be sent on request. The next installment of the Story Corner will deal with the preparations for their first big affair.

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I am considering getting out a large Y. P. S. L. bar pin, one and one-half inches in length, with our emblem (in color) in the center. This for the girls. For the boys, a Y. P. S. L. claspy, substantially made in rolled gold. The price of each of these is 50 cents.

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I think that you want these new novelties. I feel almost sure you do. But in order that there may be no mistake, please write in at once and let me know whether you do or not. Will you order any yourself? Will you get others to do so? And when making up your lists of presents, don't forget the Y. P. S. L. jewelry. R. S. V. P.

Y. P. S. L. NOTES.

Paterson, N. J.—Every member in good standing receives a copy of the "Young Socialist Magazine." They do this out of the 15 cents per month dues, the object being to keep their members in touch with League happenings all over the country. The magazine, in bundles of 25 or more, sells at 3 cents each.

Their Fifte and Drum Corps renders splendid aid to the League work. A committee elected to collect \$4 with which to buy a banner immediately, raised \$18. They intend to make some splash when it "comes out."

Chicago, Ill.—The newly organized North Side League has made a big start toward success. At their recent business meeting they went thru their whole constitution, listened to fine address by Cornelius Lehane, and made preparations for a monster mass meeting, entertainment and dance to be held Dec. 18. Comrades Germer, Cahel, LeSueur, Maurer and Seidel of the N. E. C. are expected to speak. Among the features that will make this affair a noteworthy one are, first, the noted speakers, and then the big hall, extensive advertising and programs, large audience of Socialists and Laborers of Chicago and nearby cities; dramatic and other entertainment features, home-cooked refreshment bazar, and last, but by no means least, the best orchestra obtainable.

Pittsburgh, Pa. (English)—Literary program, featuring Jane Tait, secretary of the Party local, in a speech on "Woman Suffrage" and a recitation, "The Two Homecomings," by Miss Rubenstein, was enthusiastically received by an audience of more than 150.

Elizabeth, N. J., promises that their first anniversary, scheduled for Nov. 11, is going to be some affair. The local is to start a class in public speaking, and it is figured that about 50 per cent of this will be Y. P. S. L. members.

New York City interdistrict committee announces the second debate of the season, Queens vs. Brooklyn; subject, "Resolved, that the labor union, as at present organized, act to the best interests of the workers."

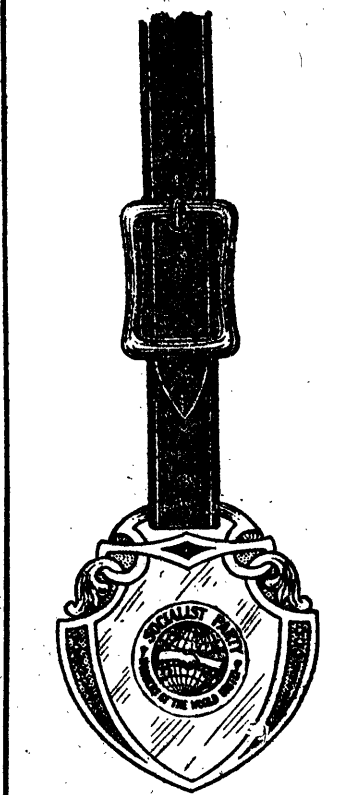
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