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THE WAR CENSOR ARRIVES IN AMERICA

United States Postal Officials Deny Mails to Jack London's Article -- "The Good Soldier"

By J. L. ENGDALH
THE WAR CENSOR has arrived in America. That great power of darkness, that stops up the human brain, while the human body goes ignorant to the slaughter, has started its work in the United States.
If it had not been for the War Censor the duped millions of Europe would at least know why and for whom they are fighting and dying. If they had been permitted to receive this information from the Socialist press of Europe the great world-war might never have taken place.
Even in peace times the War Censor is busy in Europe. He is always at work in Russia, Austria-Hungary, Germany and other countries. Socialist papers are suppressed and Socialist speakers are imprisoned because they dare fight militarism and war.
Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg go to prison for declaring war on the war god. Russian Socialists are sent to Siberia. The dungeons everywhere are hungry for Socialist anti-militarists. The War Censor must keep the world in darkness and the people in ignorance.
When the world-war broke out the War Censor took command wherever the printed word appeared or the spoken word was uttered. Only thoughts pleasing to the god of war were permitted to see the light of day

or be heard by living men. This war censorship still grips the nations at war.
WE REPEAT—the War Censor has arrived in America. The story of his arrival is told in a special dispatch from Washington to The Chicago Tribune. It reads, headlines and all, as follows:

GOVERNMENT CHIEFS LAUD BARRING OF LONDON BOOK

Action of Postmaster General Seen as Move to Protect Uniform and Its Wearer.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Government officials say that the action of the postmaster general in barring from the mails an article by Jack London entitled "A Good Soldier" should be accepted as an earnest of a purpose on the part of those in authority to protect the uniform and those who wear it from insult or affront.
Mr. London's article, according to the military authorities, was offensive to the military authorities as well as to the men in the ranks. Mr. London stated that a man "could go no lower than to be a 'good soldier.'"

This observation and the general context of Mr. London's article was interpreted as a violation of the law governing the admission of printed matter to the mails. It is the understanding of the authorities that the article in question was distributed by organizations furthering the propaganda in opposition to increased appropriations for preparedness.
THIS IS THE BEGINNING of the War Censor's work. How far will he dare go? The American Socialist will always fight for the cent of the Republican Representatives. This

would seem to be an overwhelming majority. But Congress has not yet started its sessions in Washington. Does the Democratic administration intend to maintain this the greatest freedom of speech and press possible, so that all may be able to voice their views on war and militarism. The American Socialist may not always agree with everything that is said. Sometimes it may radically disagree. But we will always declare that the War Censor has no place in the United States. If Europe wants him, let Europe have him. The War Censor is out of place in a republic. He has no place or function in a democracy.
We are not now at war. There is no danger of an immediate war. That makes the crime of the postal officials in barring Jack London's utterances from the mails so much the more reprehensible. This is a matter that should be taken up by Congress immediately it meets next month.
If the United States government, thru its postal department, can censor the utterances of Jack London, in times of peace, what can it not do, or what may it not do, in time of war or threatening war?

PRESIDENT WILSON, backed by the Democratic administration, may feel sure of his present position in attempting to foist the beginnings of an ever-increasing militarism upon the American people. The same issue of The Chicago Tribune that told of the suppression of the article by Jack London, in another Washington dispatch de-

HERE IS JACK LONDON'S CENSORED ARTICLE ON "THE GOOD SOLDIER"

(Suppressed by U. S. Postal Officials.)

YOUNG MEN: The lowest aim in your life is to become a soldier. The good soldier never tries to distinguish right from wrong. He never thinks; never reasons; he only obeys. If he is ordered to fire on his fellow citizens, on his neighbors, on his friends, on his relatives, he obeys without hesitation. If he is ordered to fire down a crowded street when the poor are clamoring for bread, he obeys, and sees the gray hairs of age stained with red and the life tide gushing from the breasts of women, feeling neither remorse nor sympathy. If he is ordered off on a firing squad to execute a hero or benefactor, he fires without hesitation, tho-

he knows the bullet will pierce the noblest heart that ever beat in human breast.

A good soldier is a blind, heartless, soulless, murderous machine. He is not a man. He is not a brute, for brutes only kill in self-defense. All that is human in him, all that is divine in him, all that constitutes the man has been sworn away when he took the enlistment oath. His mind, his conscience, eye, his very soul, are in the keeping of his officer.

No man can fall lower than a soldier—it is a depth beneath which he cannot go. Keep the boys out of the army. It is hell. Down with the army and the navy. We don't need killing institutions. We need life-giving institutions.

clared that 84 per cent of the Democratic Senators and 75 per cent of the Republican Senators were back of the Wilson military program. This same poll claimed that the same war program would receive 76 per cent of the votes of the Democratic members of the House of Representatives, and 85 1/2 per cent by gagging the utterances of the American people. We hope not. Perhaps those directing the Democratic administration will soon realize the unwisdom of even barring Jack London's article, "A Good Sol-

dier," from the mails. But the American Socialist does not intend to go to sleep on the job. It will fight to the end any attempt to suppress free speech and a free press. The War Censor at work will make it easier for the militarists to ride rough shod over the wishes of the American people and turn the United States into a military nation and thus take the quickest road leading to war and a duplication of the slaughter now raging in Europe. **DRIVE THE WAR CENSOR FROM AMERICA!**

Bold Plea For Peace

THE outspoken article that caused the suspension of the German Socialist daily, "Vorwaerts," contains the boldest plea for peace ever permitted to be printed in Germany since the war began. It calls upon the German government to state definitely the object of the war, saying:
"We are told it is the others who must beg for peace, for we are victors. But unfortunately the others do not feel vanquished. No result is possible this way. The war goes on unendingly because both parties are anxious not to tell or even utter demands as they are afraid lest openness and frankness may be regarded as a sign of weakness."

War to Bitter End.

"The sole outlook in sight, therefore, is that the war will go on until the complete exhaustion of all. If this be prevented the governments of the belligerents must leave the regions of generalization and seek a positive program.
"Neither England nor France shows a desire of yielding. All talk of peace, as far as at least as France and England are concerned, is absolutely without foundation. The leading statesmen of France and England are as firmly determined as is the imperial chancellor of Germany to continue the war until victory has crowned their arms."
Seek Victory Meaning.
"What we Germans want to know is what this victory we are expecting will be like, what objects will be obtained."
Victory is a relative term. Different statesmen mean different things when they use the word. In the autumn of 1914 Premier Asquith declared that England would not sheath her sword until Belgium had been compensated for all the sacrifices it had made, until France was assured against every threat of attack, until the smaller nationalities of Europe had been assured of safe existence, and until the military domination of Prussia had been completely and finally destroyed.
This program is not quite clear. It contains too many phrases. One would have thought that after 15 months of the most terrible war which the world has seen the statesmen ought to be able to render a more precise answer to this question.
"One would have thought they might have been able to tell the nations why they are shedding their blood, and what the prize is for which they are striving."
Get No Satisfaction.
"But instead of all this, we have nothing but phrases, like 'Defense of the fatherland,' 'Freedom and justice,' and 'Kultur,' phrases which mean nothing today. They are simply words, nothing more."
"Doesn't it really appear as if these statesmen of all parties feared to betray their plans?"
"We like to have regard for Germany's intentions. For 12 months we have been listening to what is not true. Surely we cannot be taken again if we express a desire to hear once what is true and what the German government really considers as its object in this war."
This cannot go on forever, that battle after battle is fought and our troops carried to new theaters of war. People thru all this complexity of the war never get to know what is happening or what we are striving to at-

tain in order that the bells of peace may be heard."

Demand Food Regulations.

The Vorwaerts also publishes a two-column pronouncement from the executive committee of the Social Democratic Party declaring that the government measures thus far for the regulation of the food supply and prices are only half measures.
"It demands the fixing of maximum prices for all important commodities," "prices adjusted to the cost of production for the producer, in wholesale as well as retail trades, is made impossible and even the poorest are placed in a position to obtain the necessities of life required for their nourishment."
Prices Become Unbearable.
The pronouncement begins as follows:
"The rise in the prices of foodstuffs has become unbearable. The prices of all important provisions and other articles of daily necessity, such as fuel, clothing, and footwear, have reached an exorbitant height. With anxious fears the people of the laboring class and up to the circles of the middle classes look forward to approaching winter. Already bitter need rules in many families."
Cites Greed of Capital.
"Must there be so much selfish lust for gain, and capitalistic greed of profits free play of prices? Must millions be in want so that those shameless producers and dealers, who coolly take advantage of war conditions, can enrich themselves at the nation's cost?"
The pronouncement answers the foregoing questions in the negative. It says that the foodstuffs on hand are adequate, but that they must be rightly distributed.

PROFITS AND DEATH.

It is reported that the profits of the German Krupps last year amounted to \$21,500,000, as against a mere \$2,250,000 while the nation was at peace the preceding year. The war has now made it possible for the Krupps to distribute a 12 per cent dividend. Now can you see why the American Krupps—the Schwabs, Carnegies, Rockefellers and Morgans—want to establish militarism in this country, with war as the logical sequel? There is money in it for them.
What does the working class get out of it all? The same dispatches that told of the Krupps' profits in Germany brought the news that the German losses from Oct. 10 to Nov. 2 in dead, wounded and missing, were 78,376. The total Prussian losses to date have been 2,099,454. That is what the workers, who do the fighting and feed the hungry cannons with their lives, get. That is what the workers of America will get if they allow militarism to gain a foothold in this country.
AFTER THE WAR.
"Following the great European struggle there will be a war between capital and labor of world-wide extent," declared Mme. Aino Malmborg, Russian exile and Finnish patriot, speaking to an audience in Chicago.
The war will end when America pleases to have it end, and it will leave all Europe absolutely dependent upon America. This country will dictate the terms, no matter who is winner.
"World-wide suffrage for the oppressed womankind will come for the close of the war."
"A revolution will sweep Russia that will isolate the world by its terribleness and the might of the upheaval."

PUSH PHILOSOPHY

By Lincoln Phifer

Making guns is not preparing for peace, but for war.
"Preparedness" is getting ready to do the other fellow's murdering.
The issue is, Socialism and Peace, or Capitalism and War.
Capitalism would make it John Lender and Samuel the Spender.
Some people are so busy trying to get the rest that they never take a rest.
Unless you take more interest in politics the capitalists will take more interest from you.
The people are rapidly being reduced to two classes—owners and owners.
The Navy League wants war at any price. The higher the price the more money it will be to the members.
The American worker would be just as well off under German or British rule as under the absolutism of American capitalists.

ONE BIG UNION.

We are told in a seven-line cablegram that a combination of 1,500,000 workmen has been effected in Great Britain by the adoption of a draft constitution linking together the National Union of Railway Men, the Transport Workers' Federation and the Miners' Federation.
This amalgamation plan got under way before the war started, and the fact that action has now been taken shows that the British workers have not been entirely merged by the European conflagration.
Germany has demonstrated to the world the value of organization and the socialization of industry, both in peace and in war. It required the war to drive home this lesson to other nations, especially England. It does not look as if this lesson had as yet been learned by the peoples of the United States. The seasons of the next Congress will tell the story.
But we submit that the industrial solidarity being shown by the workers of Great Britain, in uniting into one solid phalanx the railway men, the miners and the transport workers, should be immediately copied by the organized workers of the United States.
The United Mine Workers of America and the Western Federation of Miners have been endeavoring to amalgamate for years. Of course, they are now united in the Mining Department of the American Federation of Labor, but this is a loose organization. There are half a dozen brotherhoods claiming jurisdiction over the workers in the operating departments of the nation's railroads. Nearly a dozen more organizations claim jurisdiction over the men in the railroad shop trades, these being loosely organized into the Railway Department of the A. F. of L., with the Lake Seamen's Union; sees no reason for amalgamating with the Longshoremen's Union. This goes to show how far the American worker is behind his British brother in unity of effort. Perhaps we shall need another Harman strike, another Chicago, another struggle on the Great Lakes, the Atlantic or the Pacific, before the value of solidarity has been taught the workers. In the meantime, watch the big labor combination in Great Britain.

NINE GIRLS EXECUTED.

Four days after the men of New York State cast their votes against woman suffrage, nine girls met death in a factory fire in New York City. They were executed, burned at the stake, by the same ignorance that defeated suffrage.
While men were putting their faith in the outdoor arguments, "Woman's place is in the home," the day of doom was rapidly approaching for the girls in that factory firetrap, just as surely as death presents itself to the victim condemned to die upon the gallows, or at the stake.
These nine girls went unnoticed to their death in America, while all eyes were turned on the execution of a British nurse by the Germans in Belgium. Yet their martyrdom must serve some purpose.
This martyrdom should inspire the workers for girl and unrestricted suffrage to greater efforts. Yet it must be remembered that firetraps will last as long as the system that knows no god but profits. Let the men and women of toil unite as one solid phalanx to wipe out the profit system and condition that make the burning of workers in firetraps a frequent occurrence in the industrial life of the nation's large cities.

SOLID SOUTH IS BROKEN.

At the recent election for Commissioner of Birmingham, Ala., Arlie Barber, Socialist, was elected to the office over the present incumbent, Justice A. O. Lane. Birmingham is ruled by a commission of three men and this election is for a three-year term. The form of government is legally nonpartisan, but Barber had the support and backing of Local Birmingham of the Socialist Party in his fight.
The Birmingham Ledger, a capitalist sheet, says of Barber's election:
"Mr. Barber enjoys the distinction of being the first avowed Socialist Commissioner or city executive to take office in the South. He is one of the few members of the Socialist Party in America whom the people have entrusted with this high office."
"Mr. Barber is actively affiliated with the Socialist Party and is proud of his connection. He believes in municipal ownership of public utilities and the fundamental precepts of the Socialist Party."

WIN IN MISSISSIPPI.

The New Orleans, La., States publishes a special from Hattiesburg, Miss., stating that the "first Socialist candidate elected to office during the history of South Mississippi politics defeated the Democratic nominee for the supervisors' board. He was J. A. Ryan, and the returns show he received a majority of 17."
ANOTHER GAIN IN OHIO.
Local Socialists Pleasant With Gain," declares the headline of the Massillon, Ohio, Independent. The story reads: "The Socialists are the second party in the next ballot," said a party worker today. "Our vote last mayoralty election was 380 for the head of the ticket; this year, 758. Just about doubled. Our best gains were made in unexpected places; for instance, in the Fourth Ward, where the previous vote was 42 in the entire ward. See what we got, this year—494, 176 and 225 for our highest, while in the working class wards, where we have previously been strong, we held our own and gained."
ELECTED IN OHIO.
In addition to the reports already published, the returns show that Socialist officials have been elected in Ohio as follows: Two Councilmen in Toledo, one member of the School Board and one Township Trustee at Galion, two members of the School Board at Marietta; one Township Trustee at Buffalo, one member of the School Board and one Assessor at East Liverpool; City Treasurer, one Councilman and two members of the School Board at Besseville, one Justice of the Peace and one member of the School Board at Wellston, one Councilman and one Assessor at Creston, and one member of the School Board at Lima. The total vote increased from 30 to 35 per cent over last year, reports the Cleveland Citizen.

ONE PROGRESSIVE SPOT.

The one progressive spot in the East appears to be Schenectady. Woman suffrage carried Schenectady county; Dr. George R. Lunn of the Socialist Party was elected Mayor; Dr. Charles E. Barber, Socialist and electrical engineer, was chosen president of the Common Council. The Socialists have elected two Aldermen and five Supervisors. This vote is very significant. Dr. Lunn was elected Mayor in 1911. He was defeated for re-election in 1913. Now the people, after trying an old party administration for two years, have returned to him.—The New Republic.
William Howard Taft, ex-President of the United States, in interviews declared the capitalist press declares Elihu Root is his choice for the Republican nomination for the presidency. If the defeat of the constitution in New York State did not kill the White House aspirations of Wall Street's candidate, Taft's announcement ought to completely finish them. Won't someone now bury Root's boom for 1916?
Grand Rapids, Mich., Socialists are enthusiastically supporting Socialist Member of the School Board Taylor and other members of the Board of Education who voted and talked against installing military training in the high schools.
War is delightful to those who have had no experience of it.—Erasmus.
The peace advocate whose work is of value is the one who talks peace when others are talking war.—Allan Benson.
"War is the faro-table of governments, and nations the dupes of the game."
To have real world peace we must have real world social and industrial justice.
Jingo patriotism means the blind approval of the acts and policies of whoever happens to have possession of their reins of government.
The only thing Socialism proposes to take away from any man is the power to make a profit from the labor of any other man.
"The trade of governing has always been monopolized by the most ignorant and the most rascally individuals of mankind."
Profits and luxury for the few, war and poverty for the many, or Socialism and peace for all—it's up to you, Mr. Worker; it's all in your hands. As you vote so shall it be done unto you.
The Labor and Socialist forces in all the belligerent countries have decided to press their respective governments to declare, "not in vague, meaningless generalities, but in clear and specific terms, what they are fighting for."
"The social revolution . . . cannot draw its poetry from the past; it can draw that only from the future. It cannot start upon its work before it has stricken off all superstition concerning the past.—Karl Marx, in 'The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte.'"
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ANOTHER FENCE POST

By JOHN M. WORK

CONSERVATISM is like the dragon of old. Whenever you cut off its head it grows another.
Some time ago I called attention to the fact that it is useful as a fence post by which we who are moving forward can measure our progress.
A precious bunch of reactionaries in Washington, D. C., have now given us another fence post.
It is called the National Association for Constitutional Government. It includes such men as Alton B. Parker, Mr. Taft, and a long list of others of the same species. It features a letter signed by Elihu Root, earnestly approving its purposes.
In its announcement it states that its aims are as follows:
"1. To revive and extend a knowledge of the distinctive features of constitutional government as conceived by the founders of this republic, and to maintain respect for the constitution."
"2. To insist upon deliberate discussion of proposed changes in our federal constitution before their adoption, the existing method of amending it being deemed wise and adequate; and"
"3. To preserve the idea of a fundamental law and prevent the substitution for it of a mere statutory code subject to frequent change."

I am to blame for the fact that the National platform of the Socialist Party contains a plank declaring in favor of the abolition of the present restrictions upon the amendment of the constitution, so that it may be made amendable by a majority of the voters in the country.
To carry out that plank would practically reduce the constitution to a mere statutory code subject to frequent change.
That is precisely what we want. Instead of being governed by the dead, we want to govern ourselves.
When we change our minds we want to be able to register our change of mind by changing the laws accordingly.
We want to go forward instead of standing still.
The time has gone by when a dry-rot organization with a high-sounding name could lead the people backward. They have not as yet gone very far forward, but they are headed forward and they are not going back.
The only useful purpose to be served by the new organization will be that of an additional fence post by which to measure our progress.
The support of the liberal policies in Norway at the recent elections is expected to result very soon in a government monopoly of the grain industry. Advocates of this measure are certain it is the only way to avert another emergency similar to the grain shortage at the beginning of the war. In fact, the government may succeed in assuming control not only of the grain industry, but also of the coal and sugar business. The Conservative plans for the strengthening of the national defense were lost with the defeat of the party at the recent election.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Here is all the week's news worth while boiled down for workers to busy fighting for Socialism they do not have time to read the daily capitalist papers.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Earl Lorburn tells British House of Lords war has already cost 15,000,000 dead and disabled men. Dem. Party that controls Congress indefinitely it will mean "revolution and anarchy" in Europe.

Great anxiety in Germany because of the unusually early winter, which began Oct. 28, with frost and heavy snowfall in Berlin.

French line steamer Hochamburg, two days from New York, is in real bank era. Takes cargo of war supplies to Halifax.

German Socialist daily, Vorwaerts, again suppressed, this time for protesting against private profit in food.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

President Wilson and advisers plan special tax on munitions exports for export, to raise funds for billion-dollar armament program.

Austrian submarine sinks Italian liner Ancona. Declared loss of life may reach 800. United States threatens to act if Americans met death.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Charge German submarine attacked lifeboats after sinking Ancona, killing men, women and children. Claim Americans among those lost.

Food riots reported in Berlin; poor fight rich and wreck stores.

British labor "riot" of Britain's war chiefs, fraternal delegate tells A. F. of L. convention at San Francisco.

Fornado sweeps part of Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota, wrecking buildings and killing 12 persons, injuring 100.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Declared Czar's forces have ascended the Danube and landed on Roumanian territory. Reported that British have closed Suez Canal.

British government intimates that conscription may begin Dec. 1. House of Commons agrees to vote credit of \$2,000,000,000.

Greece dissolves Chamber of Deputies and new election is fixed for Dec. 15. Both sides win on Serbian front.

"Bully" hat now declares country needs more religion; get he scores "Bully" Sunday.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Announced that Winston Churchill has quit France.

Cashier of Northwestern University vanishes. Believed to be about \$21,000 after gambling in war stocks.

Cost of war to France already more than billion. War ask character of Deputies "no more credits."

Serbia, in full retreat, avoids trap.

Italy blames Kaiser's men for sinking of liner Ancona. Bulgarian attempts to flank Serbia failed by being.

Another Du Pont powder mill blows up near Wilmington, Del.

Tensions easing ground slowly on east front. Slavs advancing.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Providence, R. I. Journal charges Kaiser put \$40,000,000 into German propaganda in this country.

Claimed French are preparing for drive to clear France of German troops.

Booker T. Washington, negro educator, dies at Tuskegee, Ala.

THE PAY CHECK.

Many of our readers have been sending marked copies of The American Socialist to professors and teachers in universities, colleges and public schools.

One of these marked copies brought forth the following: "I was very glad to get the marked copy of The American Socialist the other day. I rarely see one of the 'radicals,' despite the fact that I am teaching the social sciences. I really think I ought to subscribe to one of them to keep my finger on the pulse of the masses."

"The article you marked sort of irritated me, however. I fully sympathize with the University of Michigan trustees in releasing Bohn, and with the Pennsylvania authorities in releasing Neering. There is a limit to all GOOD things, you know."

"This is my second year here. As you may have inferred, I teach practically all of the courses in economics, political science and sociology. Am deeply interested in my work, and wouldn't quit it under any consideration. I hope some day to take a Ph.D. degree in some phase of the labor problem. I find that my greatest interests are there. I may be in Chicago this summer while working on it."

The enthusiastic Socialist who sent out the marked copy originally, in sending the above letter to The American Socialist, comments as follows: "While in college he was much interested in Socialism, but you see the pay check has had its influence."

This teacher of economics, social science and sociology, who rarely sees one of the "radicals," is no doubt the kind that "Standard Oil" Joe Bailey would like to have employed at the University of Texas, so that if he sent his son there he would not be strangled by new ideas.

Since he confesses to be interested in the "labor problem," he might get a job with MacKenzie King, employed by Rockefeller to solve this great question to the satisfaction of the almighty dollar.

Our sympathy, however, goes out to the fathers and mothers who are paying good money to have the minds of their sons and daughters stunted under such tutorage. The most degrading act under the regime of Rockefeller's "union" in Colorado is less a slave than the economics professor who is irritated by an article in The American Socialist. The professor at least had an opportunity to develop his brain. Most slaves in Rockefeller's coal mines never had that chance. And they will never get a real opportunity while education is in the control of big business. This opportunity will only come when the masses, thru their representatives, hand out the one. Abuse.

WILSON SURRENDERS TO MUNITION MAKERS

PRESIDENT WILSON has surrendered to the munitions manufacturers.

This is not now questioned. It means that his great influence will be brought to bear upon Congress to turn the nation into an armed camp. Nothing more is needed to quickly provoke a foreign war.

When Wilson joined the ranks of the Mammon-worshipping party of the Democratic party he forfeited any right he might have claimed to support from the working class of the United States.

Every toiler in New York City knows he has nothing to expect from Tammany Hall. Wilson allied himself with the forces of Tammany Hall and Wall Street when he met with and spoke to the standpat Democrats at the Manhattan Club.

HERE WE HAVE additional testimony that Wilson has surrendered.

Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the New York Evening Post and close friend of President Wilson, like William Jennings Bryan, charges the President with a sudden surrender to the militarists after stating a year ago that there "was no cause for alarm and no occasion for turning the country into an armed camp."

The newspaper reports further state that Mr. Villard charges the administration with being influenced by the powerful army and navy lobby, consisting of active and retired officers who are working in the interests of the munitions manufacturers. Mr. Villard also declares that military experts, including Theodore Roosevelt, whom he mentioned specifically, are in the business for what they can get out of it. "This is all that Socialists have ever charged."

IN ATTACKING the Wilson "preparedness" program, The Leader, the Milwaukee Socialist daily, declares that "it consists essentially in the creating of a powerful professional army under the control of the class that has always used such armies for class purposes. It includes a great enlargement of the militia, whose record as an instrument of class rule is ruthless and almost unbroken."

"The program also includes a great extension of the navy," it continues "This will provide the 'pork' demanded by the armor trust as a lubricator for its energy in helping to push the program thru."

"All the new features in the plan strengthen the power of the employing class against the 'inner enemy' and make more certain the resort of that class to violence whenever its dominant position is challenged. It is a provision to make peaceable progress impossible."

"It is primarily a program to defend the present conquerors and exploiters of this country against any attempt on the part of the subjects to revolt and recover the wealth that has been taken from them."

"It contains no provision of any sort looking to popular control of the military machine. It openly seeks the influence of employers to coerce their employees into service and to select the most servile for the purpose."

"It is not hard to see that one of the motives that is forcing preparedness is the guilty conscience of those who have already captured nearly everything of value in America."

THIS DECLARATION of a Socialist daily newspaper is echoed by none other than John T. Little, a former attorney-general of Kansas, who issued a strong protest against preparedness in an open letter to President Wilson, saying:

"This great army and navy which is now sought to be organized will be held over the heads of the great laboring element of this nation as a warning against contention in which they may engage, to hold them in absolute subjection."

"There has already grown up in this country, and is increasing, a mighty corporate power of wealth which will demand the use of this standing army to suppress the lawful demands of the people and, Mr. President, this is the element that is demanding this standing army."

In view of this open declaration, even by those who have no connection and perhaps no sympathy with the Socialist movement, considerable interest is attached to the position that the American Federation of Labor convention, now in session at San

THE COMING KINGDOM

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Francisco, will take on the President's declared stand for "preparedness." The officialdom of the A. F. of L. have thrown in their political hopes with Wilson and the Democratic party. Will the A. F. of L. join with the Wilson administration in its efforts to build up an army and navy that can at any time be used to combat or destroy organized labor? The Socialist delegates at the A. F. of L. convention are planning to introduce resolutions opposing a large standing army and other "unnecessary" increases in the country's military establishment.

"We believe that a large standing army in a republic like ours can easily become a menace to the workers," declares Adolph Germer, delegate of the United Mine Workers of America to the A. F. of L. convention, and also a member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party. "We will submit a resolution opposing militarism."

WE FIND The Call, the New York Socialist daily, also pointing out that Wilson's brand of "preparedness" is "for more profits, imperialistic expansion and suppression at home." It declares:

"The men with whom President Wilson seems to have thrown in his lot have three obvious motives for desiring an increase of the arms and navy. Desire to defend the country from foreign attack is not one of them."

"Within the last 15 months American capital to the amount of several hundred million dollars has been invested in the munition industry. Bethlehem Steel, Du Pont powder, Remington Arms, Union Metallic Cartridge and like concerns have doubled and tripled their plants. General Electric, Baldwin Locomotive, American Air Brake, Westinghouse, Allis-Chalmers and many other large companies ordinarily engaged in the production of machinery and metal goods for peaceful purposes, at enormous cost largely remodeled their factories and equipped them with special machines, tools and appliances for the making of arms and ammunition. When the war in Europe stops, unless means while a new demand for armor plate, cannon, rifles, shells, cartridges and powder has been created, all this vast quantity of fixed capital will become almost worthless junk. To keep that capital alive, to continue the profits of the Armament Ring, in which the Morgan and the Rockefeller groups are deeply interested, is the first and most pressing reason for the proposal to double the nation's military and naval expenditures this year and increase them still more in the years to come."

"Wall Street is looking with greedy eyes at Latin America and the Far East. In those regions, where native capital is not yet highly developed, abnormally large rates of profit are to be made by the investment of a part of the profits of the American laborer continually pouring into the lap of American capital. But the people of those countries are beginning to resist foreign exploitation. The golden

"I want this country prepared to take the offensive. I want a navy powerful enough not only to defend our coasts, but strong enough to go out on the high seas for offensive action."

THERE IS NO real division between the Democrats and the Republicans on the question of militarism. Some may want more and some a little less, but they all want it. President Wilson is planning to form a bipartisan combination of Democrats and Republicans to assure the success of his military program. There seems to be but one hope. That is the American people. There is one way to reach them as Congress gets ready to open its sessions in Washington next month. That one way is the MEYER LONDON EDITION of The American Socialist, which is being issued to help you do your part to arouse the American working class to come to the support of our Congressman, Meyer London, in his fight against the mad militarists in Congress. If you have not yet ordered a bundle of this issue for distribution, here is the blank:

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

American Socialist, Chicago, Ill.

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THIS WEEK'S EDITORIAL FROM SOCIALIST PRESS

REVOLT THE ONLY END.

(From The Milwaukee Leader.) More and more does it become evident that the end predicted by Socialists in the beginning is the only possible end for the great war. That end is a revolt of the working class. Any apparent conclusion with the military capitalist caste still in control means new armaments, new alliances, a widening sweep of the war forces to include the western hemisphere and Asia, with a more tremendous Armageddon as the climax—and then revolt.

Any finish but a revolt that will transfer power from militarists to proletarians would be but a pause between rounds, a truce for greater preparation on all the troops will simultaneously rise from the trenches waving red flags and rush into one another's arms to the inspiring notes of "L'Internationale," and then hold a mass meeting to appoint the officers of this co-operative commonwealth. Great fundamental social changes do not come that way, also sometimes they are born amid mighty upheavals and with a dramatic climax to years of preparation.

But it is more likely that as the burdens press harder and harder the grumbings of revolt will increase in each nation. Rulers will yield a little here and violently crush outbreaks elsewhere, for, as Karl Kautsky well pointed out, a ruling class in time of panic always alternates favors and ferocity.

Each sign of revolt in one nation will weaken the desire for battle and arouse the spirit of revolt in its opponents. As it becomes more and more evident that whoever may receive the decision in the final bout all contestants will be thoroughly whipped before the fight ends, there will be an increase in the feeling of futility of combat, and also in the confidence and inevitability of revolt.

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REJECTED AND ACCEPTED.

The Executive Committee of the Social-Democratic Party of Germany refuses to endorse the manifesto issued by the International Socialist Conference held at Zimmerwald, Switzerland calling attention to the following four points:

"1. The German party is completely united in its desire for peace.

"2. The management of the German Social-Democracy has done all in its power, and will continue to do all in its power, to obtain an early peace."

"3. The management of the German Social-Democracy has unfortunately, up to the present time, found little favorable response from other countries to its efforts.

"4. It is self-evident that the task of conducting negotiations with Socialist parties of other countries before the coming of the official representatives of the German Social-Democracy."

The Italian Socialist Party has endorsed the Zimmerwald manifesto. The manifesto has been published by the Italian Socialist daily, Avanti, with the permission of the censor after such permission had been withheld for weeks.

SCHENECTADY CORRECTS A MISTAKE

Voters of Schenectady, N. Y., have corrected their mistake of two years ago, when they defeated Mayor George R. Lunn for re-election. They have just re-elected him. It is a triumph for genuine good government. It means more than a little efficiency and care in spending money for conventional things. It embodies a demand that reform be fundamental, and that its first object should be general economic betterment. Schenectady's re-election may well be taken as an indication of what Cleveland will do after two years' experience with a reactionary Mayor.

The majority of voters of New York City, who hold women unfit for suffrage, showed the extent of their superiority by electing a Tammany ticket. The voters of Schenectady who endorsed suffrage at the same time re-elected George R. Lunn. It does seem as though the Schenectady voters were the better qualified to pass on the fitness of others for the suffrage.—The Public.

Beginning Jan. 1, The Christian Socialist will be published both as a weekly and a monthly. The editorial staff will include J. Stitt Wilson, former Socialist Mayor of Berkeley Cal.; William A. Prosser, pastor of the United People's Church, Pittsburg Pa.; Edwin St. John Tucker, and Edward Ellis Carr. Wilson's paper, "Good News to the Poor," and Prosser's paper will be merged in The Christian Socialist. The price will be \$1 a year for the weekly, 25 cents a year for the monthly. It is hoped that during this campaign year the paper will be widely used for propaganda among churches and church people.

Recruiting Officer (to get the "Aren't you going to let your best boy go?" Club) (to get the "I've let five go, suppose you'll have to let the sixth.")—London Opinion.

BIG VICTORY IN SOCIALIST "DEFEAT" AT HAMILTON

By George N. Cohen.

Hamilton, Ohio.—The Socialist administration here has been defeated for re-election. Defeated by a combination of the two old political parties, in league with all the foes of decency and cleanliness. Those who thrive on the liquor business, the dive and the brothel linked hands with the business interests, that had not been served in recent strikes, and those forced to pay just taxes and outstanding bills for gas and electricity, and by swinging the necessary votes from the Republicans to the Democrats, accomplished the downfall of the Socialist ticket.

A comparison of the votes cast at the election of 1913, when the Socialists were elected, and 1915, when defeated, will plainly show how these votes were swung. In fact, there is rumor that the Republican candidate sold out for a stipulated amount.

The vote in round figures was:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Rep., Dem., Soc. 1913: 2,500, 2,200, 2,750. 1915: 800, 4,200, 3,000.

The Socialists are not at all downcast at their defeat, for they know that when the people realize what took place at the last election, and how they were used by the liquor interests, that not only will the Socialist Party be again victorious, but that victory will be everlasting.

Should Feel Jubilant. The Socialists are every reason to be jubilant, for while they lost out, yet they forced a combination of the two old parties and also increased their vote. And they may also be proud of their vote because it is practically a straight Socialist vote. The Mayor ran a little ahead of the ticket on account of his popularity.

The Socialists can point to their administration with pride, not only because it has been an economical and efficient one, but also because they made their city a better place to live in.

The Socialists took hold shortly after the disastrous flood, when the streets were in terrible shape and the city torn up generally.

Hamilton is now a delight to the eye, clean and bright, and the streets again fit for people to walk on. The traffic regulations are good and business now can no longer usurp any part of the common highway for their benefit. And the dives and brothels are eliminated.

Fixed Minimum Wage. Besides this, the city fixed \$2.50 as the minimum wage for an eight-hour day on public work, and as a result of the agitation therefrom led to raise the wages of the skilled trades as well as the unskilled.

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IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes.

The Supreme Court of the United States has knocked out the law passed by the people of Arizona, thru the referendum, requiring all employers who hire more than five workers to employ at least 80 per cent of electors or citizens. The Arizona law was designed to prevent corporations from importing or luring alien laborers into the State to work at starvation rates and thus endanger the wage standard of native labor. The decision of the Supreme Court also establishes a bad precedent in that it gives eight men at Washington the power to overthrow the will of a majority of the people in any State, thus being a dangerous blow at democracy and the principle of home rule. Doubtless the privileged interests in other States will now appeal referendum decisions.

In the State of Queensland, Australia, the policemen are organizing into unions. The Employers' Association of the State, fearing that the cops will slip out from under plute influences and become too sympathetic toward the workers, is raising a howl of indignation, warning that something be done by the Labor government to prevent the policemen from "endangering the public service" in combining. The Laborites laugh at the outburst, saying that even policemen are human beings and have a right to unite for mutual benefit. Moreover, the Laborites declare, if the Employers' Association nabobs are going to everlastingly kick against other people organizing they had better begin to practice what they preach and disorganize their forces, for otherwise the people will rightly regard them as an inconsistent and hypocritical bunch of agitators and trouble breeders. Those Australian labor people have many original and commonsense views.

C. M. Loveira, chief of the Department of Labor in Yucatan, Mexico, is in this country endeavoring to bring about closer co-operation between unions in Mexico and the United States, particularly where they are in the same industries. Loveira tells the New York Call that the Carranza administration is going back to the enforcement of the Constitution of 1857, which guaranteed to every Mexican, no matter how rich or poor, is entitled to a strip of land upon which to sustain himself and family. This redistribution will have the effect of not only driving out of the country the big landgrabbers and grafters, who have been living in clover since Dictator Diaz set aside the Constitution, but it will automatically abolish cheap wage-slavery and raise the standard of living for those workers who do not care about living on the land. That is why the United States plutocrats and their newspapers have been abusing Carranza so shamefully.

The probable competition of Chinese cheap labor, exploited by American and European capital, is coming home to the European workers—that is, those who are not in the trenches fighting each other. The fact that they are not in the trenches is due to the large steamships built in Chinese yards has aroused no end of discussion in labor circles across the Atlantic. The labor organizations in the Scandinavian countries are denouncing the contracts and demand to know how far this sort of thing is likely to go.

Still another daily labor paper is to be established in Australia, at a place called Cairns. This will make about a dozen such papers in the field. The workers claim they cannot get a square deal from the capitalist dailies, that the latter are constantly endeavoring to deceive and mislead the laboring people in the interest of the profiteers. Consequently the unions are organizing their own press and disseminate information that is authentic.

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EXECUTIVE DEPT.

WALTER LANFERSIEK, Secretary. National Executive Committee: JAMES M. MATHER, 1555 N. 11th St., Reading, Pa.

Expired Referendum. By Local Marx, Seattle, Wash. Published for second time Aug. 7, 1915. Expired Nov. 8, 1915.

Second Referendum. Received Since Last Publication. By Cincinnati, Ohio. Published for the National Convention of 1916.

National Committee Business. To the National Committee. Dear Comrades: I report as follows: The National Committee has received the following resolutions...

Executive Committee Correspondence. To the Executive Committee. I report as follows: On Motion (V), by Germer: (1) That the Executive Committee be authorized to get as much information as possible...

Election of Party Officials. Connecticut: S. E. Beardsley has resigned as State Secretary and Martin F. Plunkett has been elected to fill the vacancy.

The Vote on Suffrage. The following table shows the vote of various States on the suffrage question. Figures for New Jersey are official, those for the other three States are unofficial.

Speakers: Oscar Ameringer and Cornelius Lehane will be available after January first for Territory West of Chicago. For terms, etc., address National Office Socialist Party, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago.

Report on Motion No. 23. Query: "Shall the Executive Secretary be sustained?" (In reply that a motion of Irish of Maine following question to the membership of the National Convention in 1916 to a referendum of the membership was out of order.)

Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

Rules for this Department. The National Committee of the Socialist Party in providing for an Open Forum in "The American Socialist" ruled that: "Recommendation No. 6.—An open forum to contain communications from party members or organizations on broad points of party policy, views and tactics. No personal attacks or abuse or intemperate language shall be allowed. No communication in the Open Forum shall exceed 500 words."

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Discussions of Candidates. In a recent letter in The American Socialist, Comrade John M. Work recommends that the discussion of the merits and demerits of the candidates for the various Party offices be carried on freely and openly. I agree with this sentiment, as this is the only way that an intelligent choice can be made by the membership.

To Hell with the Constitution. This seems to be the policy and ambition of many who claim and profess to be Socialists, and yet they hate all—I believe—decried the capitalist or practicing what they term signifies. We can recall various instances where the capitalist courts and corporations, and even individuals, have seen fit to ignore our beloved constitution or set it aside when and wherever it failed to exactly suit their desires or notions.

Resolution.—Whereas, the capitalist class of various countries is attempting to arouse antagonism among the working class of the different nations by creating patriotic sentiments and fostering hatred among the workers, thus separating them as to nationalities; and Whereas, they have succeeded in befogging the issue to the extent of influencing some members of the working class and Socialists in the United States who are now urging preparedness and a larger army and navy; a special instance of this jingoism having occurred in the address of Charles Edward Russell in Minneapolis recently; therefore be it Resolved, by the Hennepin County Committee of Minneapolis, Minn., That we reaffirm the established position of the International Socialist movement against all forms of militarism and announce that we repudiate all utterances in favor of increased armament and advocacy of a greater military organization made by those presuming to speak for the Socialist Party;—ANDREW HANSON, Chairman; B. J. LACHER, Secretary, Minneapolis, Minn.

Vote for Unity.—To the Members of the Socialist Party: Comrades, a motion is now before you to the effect that an attempt be made to unite the Socialist forces in the United States. We therefore kindly ask of you to consider this proposition in your next local meeting. We hold that while there is only one working class in the United States there ought not to be more than one political party to represent that class. A great many of the differences that formerly kept the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party apart have now disappeared, and the few minor points that are left can, if there is a common desire for it, easily be overcome. Comrades, let us face the proposition squarely and see if it is not possible for the workers in the United States to meet their oppressors in the coming presidential campaign.

Leaflets Wanted.—Whereas the capitalist class is in possession of the public press and practically all other means of communication, and is using the same to keep the workers in subjection, and to mold their opinions in favor of capitalist military tactics; and Whereas the circulation of Socialist leaflets does not reach the mass of the working class; We, the members of Local Kokomo, Ind., regularly assembled this 31st day of October, 1915, believing that one thru the free distribution of literature can the workers be awakened to the danger of the capitalist's present military program, urge our National Executive Committee to inaugurate and promote literature distribution campaigns by issuing each week a supply of leaflets containing the leading articles from The American Socialist; and that these leaflets be sold to the locals at a minimum cost. Be it further resolved that we call upon all locals to purchase these leaflets and distribute them weekly or bi-weekly. Be it further resolved that, should sufficient locals back this project to make it practical and render the cost or 10,000 per month.—LOUIS M. WOLFF, Secretary, Local Kokomo, Ind.

Where do they stand?—There have been numerous suggestions that, since the membership cannot personally know the various candidates to be voted upon in the coming referendum, a discussion concerning their qualifications be opened in the Party press. Personalities would really be of little value in guiding action, but the membership certainly

Why They Quit

By WILLIAM F. KRUSE. Making a fight for something very much desired, it is a pretty wise man who knows when to go in, and it is a wiser one still who knows when to stop. In this last case the promoters of the Boy Scout movement most surely have a prominent place. In answer to the Socialists' and Unionists' indictment of the Boy Scouts' organization as fostering militarism, they have always replied with an arm-innocence, that nothing could be further from their intentions. They merely wanted to amuse the boys, to develop their bodies by means of well-directed methods of play and woodcraft.

Military training? Certainly not! Why, Lieut.-Gen. Baden-Powell, patron saint of the Boy Scout organizations, in his last report even pointed out that, although the movement was by no means oversupplied with funds, they had returned all money donated, with the condition that cadet-training be a mere part of the Scout curriculum. Surely there was no militarism in that! Unless you have specially good instructors, amateur military discipline is apt to spoil the boy for standing the real thing when he goes into service. The Scouts' training is a far better foundation for ultimate soldiering and sailing than any amount of mere drill. Unless you have specially good instructors, amateur military discipline is apt to spoil the boy for standing the real thing when he goes into service.

A Week of Protest.—Dec. 6 is to be "American Defense Day" at Washington. On that day the agents and tools of a murderous class will go to Congress and demand \$500,000,000 to pay for murdering machines and trained murderers. And they will get it, too, unless something is done to prevent it. What can the peaceful, liberty-loving people do to prevent this awful outrage? Oh, if we could only go to Washington in one great body and make a protest! But this we cannot do. That is, we can't go to Washington, but we can make a protest. Let every man and woman who does not want this nation plunged into the horrible condition of Europe write a letter of protest to the Congressman from their district. In this way you can be there in letter if not in person.

An Evening of Fun.—If any local wishes an evening brilliant of fun, secure a Henry Dobb cartoon book from the National Office and prepare some of the jolly, whimsical Henry Dobb conversations. They are startlingly effective when acted on the stage in appropriate costume, if well recited, and the happy hits will take down the house. We tried some of them at a social gathering recently with great success. This would be a good preparation for the sale of the cartoon books as Christmas presents at 10 cents (with a profit of 3 1/2 cents when purchased in 100 lots).

These few reasons given by this smooth, epauletted incubator of bloodlust into the hearts of our youngsters ought to convince the workers that the promoters of the Boy Scout schemes, in spite of their professed good intentions and the sincerity of many of their adherents, bode no good for the workers. Even when they refrain from immediately making man-killers out of boys of too tender age, they are but figuring the more sure way to attain their ends by building soldier boys of the future with the shams and tinsel of Scoutcraft. It will do us no good to rail against this movement. The people who are behind it mean business; there can be no doubt about that. These slick utterances ought to convince us, if nothing else will, that there is a concerted effort being made NOW to win the service of the enemy. Let us, workmen, now combat this evil while it is yet young. Let us oppose their organization with one of our own; let us match their obedience with our cooperation, their subservience with our comradeship. (We let any working man who is foolish enough to encourage that nefarious scheme of our

bosses to raise an army of man-killers to protect their property, be outlawed from the ranks of labor. We are strong enough to do it; our boys and girls should follow our footsteps in our organizations when they grow up—let us prepare them for their place. Let us enroll our boys and girls in a new "Comradeship of Young Workers" that shall reach each and around the world, and that shall banish hate and war, treachery and despotism, forever from the earth.

On the Trail of the Big Lecture Course

They are going every night—Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker—all three at it all the time. All the tickets sold, everything ready and waiting for the speakers. Still Another.—Comrades at Guernsey, Ia., came in with a Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker contract. Bring All the Books.—Several places have made the mistake of not bringing all the books to the Kirkpatrick lectures. Kirk sells 'em all and then they sigh for the books they left at home. Make no mistake. Bring all the books. Two great meetings at Scranton and Wilkes Barre, Pa., unless Comrade Ryan, Ever Henry Dobb, took a sick before the meetings started. Backed Out on Debate.—At Springfield the Mayor and another large and luminous light were supposed to debate against Kirkpatrick on the Boy Scout and other militaristic matters. But when Kirk appeared all the lights went out so far as the debate was concerned. Look out for Kirkpatrick when war is up. New Members.—Comrade Seidel made a second killing last week. He took in new members for the party at every meeting. Four at Warren, Pa.; four at Jamestown, seven at Buffalo, and a total of 19 for the week. Every little bit helps.

Wilkes Barre, Pa.—Comrade Hughes writes as follows: "I am glad to report that the Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker lecture was a success in every respect. The attendance was good in the first two especially, but even at the Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker lecture was one of the best I have listened to for some time. We were unfortunately unable to bring beforehand a benefit performance that was given at one of the theaters on the same night as Comrade Walker's lecture, and the going of the striking street car workers. Had we known it sooner we would have donated Comrade Walker's lecture, thus bringing them to an even greater success. I am very optimistic concerning the effects of these lectures on the community. We have already received a number of members. These lectures are a part of a membership campaign which we are carrying on in the city. Comrade Seidel is a painter and decorator. He painted some posters on canvas for each one of the Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker lectures. Another Comrade put these signs on his wagon and paraded thru the streets every night before the lectures, thus bringing them to the attention of thousands of people who probably would not have noticed the papers."

Goebel-Maley Course. Applications for the Goebel-Maley lectures are still coming in. The lectures will start about the latter part of January. Over a hundred contracts for the Goebel-Maley lectures. We are holding the list open for another week to let the late ones get in. Lima, Ohio, comes in for the Goebel-Maley course.—Comrade Belt of Bondtown, Va., says that if the lecture course is not closed he will want the lectures at three places in his county and one in Dickinson county, Virginia. Asheville, N. C.—Another contract signed for the Goebel-Maley course. Wettsville, Va.—The Comrades simply cannot resist the temptation any longer. They have signed up for the Goebel-Maley lectures.

Adolph Germer. Comrade Germer is attending the A. F. of L. Convention at San Francisco. He will start on his return lecture tour Nov. 25 and fill the dates previously mentioned on his way eastward. The jingo Chicago Tribune carries this short item, dated from Oakland, Cal.: "Urging that the slogan 'In time of peace prepare for war' be abandoned 'In time of peace prepare for peace' and urging farmers to oppose the 'preparedness' move, Oliver Wilson of Peoria, Ill., national master of the Patrons of Husbandry, today made a spirited protest against any plans for armament in his opening address at the national convention here." While this plea for peace and humanity received a few lines, United States Senator Penrose, the representative in Congress of the Pennsylvania munition makers, received half a column in boosting the militia, and ex-President Taft was given nearly three columns to voice the war views of Wall Street. The capitalist press is muzzled—it won't give expression to the peace aspirations of the American people.

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ONE EVENING'S WORK. EVERY worker for Socialism ought to be willing to give at least one evening's work toward boosting the circulation of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST.

ROLL OF HONOR

- VAN W. POWELL sends in six names from Hattiesburg, Miss. We broke thru the ranks of the Democrats in a few spots at this month's elections in Mississippi. The Republicans and Progressives didn't even get a ticket. It's the Socialists against the Democrats in the "Solid South."

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Australian papers mention the possibility of Prime Minister Fisher, leader of the Labor Party, being appointed as High Commissioner to London a place now held by Sir George Reid, the foremost Conservative in Australia. It is the foremost position to be conferred upon an individual by the Australia Commonwealth.

The State Legislature of Queensland, Australia, now in the hands of labor, is now amending the industrial arbitration law, workmen's compensation, strengthening labor exchanges and dealing with other matters from the working class viewpoint.

OH YOU FARMER!

WHEN one is born a barefoot country boy, he never quite gets over it. All the paved streets and cement sidewalks and street cars and elevated railroads and parks and flats and bath rooms and faucets and electric light and gas bills—all these are powerless to make one forget his boyhood on the farm.

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their works they have declined to see any hostility or grounds for hostility against the people of this country. Their arguments have been consistently high-minded. They have refused to acknowledge the damage done by the Japanese, and they have not even recognized the existence of ill-feeling and appear to regard it as a ludicrous impossibility. This attitude is fairly well understood and acknowledged.

There are no special grievances or problems in California which would tend to accentuate any differences which might arise between the governments of the United States and Japan. This conclusion is tame enough and perhaps disappointingly so to Easterners who have been misled by newspaper exaggerations. Indeed, a New York Socialist who has recently made a tour of the State and particularly of the rural districts confided to me his great surprise that there is no feeling on the Japanese question. The irritation, unreasonableness and cross provinciality of few years ago have fortunately disappeared; with the result that a Japanese problem in California might be sought carefully but in vain.—In The New Review.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

Organization - Education - Solidarity. WILLIAM F. KRUSE, Director. To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism, we have organized the Young People's Socialist League.

Proposed Amendment to the National Constitution

To amend Art. 7, Sec. 6, by adding the following section: "The National Office shall also issue to State Secretaries and to local leagues in States where there is no State organization, Executive Statelets free of charge, to be used only by league members temporarily unable to pay dues on account of unemployment caused by sickness, strikes, lockouts, or any other condition not within their control."

ORGANIZATION

The Rochester, N. Y., P. S. L. had the distinction of having four of its active members, one of them a girl, placed on the Socialist Party ticket. None were elected, but the honor is nevertheless a noteworthy one.

PROGRAMS

At least a dozen Leagues have announced the celebration of their first anniversary. Many others will soon do so. Ship in your program to the League for \$1.00 each to others the benefit of them. As yet there is little or no program material coming in, although the League has been working hard to furnish it.

PLAYS

In answer to the many, many inquiries for this sort of material, I can state YES, we have two plays now available for use "Our Incomes," by Katherine Rand Stevens, 10 cents per copy, eight for \$1; "The Second Story Man," by Upton Sinclair, 25 cents per copy, five for \$1. All organizations intending to put on these one-act plays will find it advisable to purchase the larger number, as it will give a copy to each member of the cast and to the director, thus saving the trouble of separating the parts orders should be sent to the National Office.

THE STORY CORNER

NOTE.—In this column there is traced, from week to week, the development of a typical League case. 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.

SOME PERSONALITIES

"Of course it would have been all right, if"—and therein hangs a story. Many things in our League work would be all right if all young people would be considerate of one another's opinions; if they would practice a little forbearance; if they would neither give nor take offense too quickly; if they would be frank and open in all their dealings, kicks as well as boasts; if—"O what's the use? We could keep on in this strain forever and still not reach the end. Perhaps it could be summed up, "if they were angels." The fact remains, however, that they are not, and this leads us into personal squabbles that do a great deal to jeopardize the success of any organization.

THE PLOT TO DESTROY THE REPUBLIC

If it was only the expenditure of money for fraudulent "preparedness," it would not be so bad. Posterity could repudiate the bill, just as it will some day. But preparedness is only a means to an end. Behind preparedness is the hidden but real purpose of overthrowing popular government in America. You don't see it yet, but you will in time. The masters are afraid of the talk of industrial democracy. They do not like the entry of women into politics. They recognize the danger of repudiation of war bonds in case the people are given a voice in the government. Therefore, the plot against their part demands the overthrow of popular institutions.

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So far this was purely a personal matter, and had it been left so there would have been no serious harm done. But it seems natural for people to take sides, and they certainly did in this case. The break was immediately noticeable, and although neither would make any public expression, little bits of news and half-news that was circulated did more to damage the comradeship of the League than anything else since the piano scrap. Furthermore, this agitation was the cause of the hard work of other old differences between various members and groups of members, and the seeds of discord were being scattered broadcast.

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Finally Jim came to the point where he saw it was a case of make or break—his "make" or the League's "break." He had started a meeting to set things straight, and vice versa. And of course neither of the original combatants ever even "saw" the other.

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Arriving at the other home, he found his friend the "enemy" already there. His brow clouded, but the next minute he felt like kicking himself as a chump, for Peggy introduced him as her brother, in town for a few months on business. Explanations were soon made, each tried to take all the blame, with the

result that there was nearly another war over who was entitled to it. Then came a consideration of the steps to be taken to repair the damage that had been done. It was agreed that they should go to a dance that was to be held the following Saturday. Almost all the active workers of the League would be there, and it would do them good to see that the principals in the "war" had buried the hatchet. Then Jim was to call a meeting of his committee for the following Wednesday, while Peggy was to do the same, after that a joint committee meeting and party would be in order.

Everything worked like a charm, the whole affair that threatened so seriously the well-being of the whole organization dissolved like a tempest in a teapot, and within a week's time all hands were pulling together like trojans to make up for lost time. And as for the principals, they, too, learned a lesson and their relationship, but that's an entirely different story and does not concern the League (at this time).

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NOTE.—The next installment will deal with the rehearsals of the Drama Sketch, and some of the details that must be taken care of in this kind of work.

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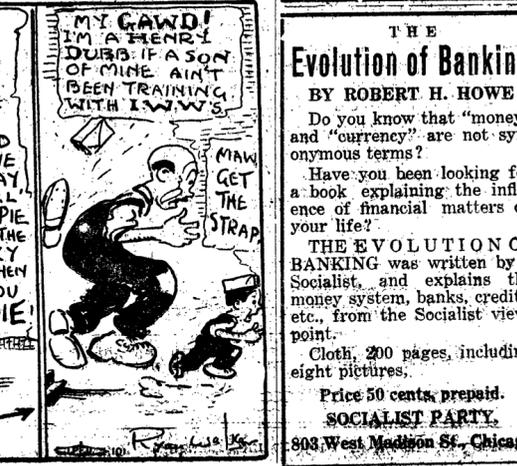
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