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May Day, 1917

This year's International May Day dawns upon a world in agony. This is the third May Day since the opening of the world war. It sees more nations and greater armies engaged in this great, international fratricidal strife than its two predecessors. Yet the outlook on this May Day, 1917, is brighter than on labor's international holiday in 1916 and 1915. Our hopes seem nearer realization.

We had hoped that the lessons of the war would drive the great masses of humanity nearer to Socialism. We had hoped that the horrors and sufferings of war would force the peoples of all nations to realize that their only hope for peace rests in Socialism. We had hoped that the workers of all nations, organized industrially and politically, would see more clearly than ever, that their interests demand the building of a stronger and more united International Socialist movement.

While the war still rages over many lands, even while the most important neutral nation. the United States, has been forced into the bloody maelstrom by its master class, our hopes take shape and seem on the point of being realized.

One year ago few would have predicted the quick, successful and almost bloodless revolution in Russia that dethroned the House of Romanoff and makes certain the establishment of a republic in place of the tyrannical

government of the czars. As May Day approaches in this country an increasing number of exiles, who had taken refuge in the United States, are returning to Russia, at the request and with the aid of the new government, to help build for the future.

On this International May Day, 1917, the workers of America, can proclaim with great joy, "All hail the workers of Russia and the new Russian Republic, forerunner of the United States of Europe".

The Russian workers have learned the lessons of the war and the end of war will find Russia nearer Socialism than ever before.

DURING the past few days the eyes of the world, more than ever before, have been turned toward Germany and Austro-Hungary. It is the continued and unending straggle of the workers of the Central Empires that has forced this attention. Their immediate struggle is for bread, but their biggest demand is for more ifperty, more freedom. Their demands may yet take shape in a revolution that will overthrow the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs, even as the Romanoffs were overthrown, and establish a government of the people in place of Kaiserism and Junkerism.

On this International May Day, 1917, the workers of the world can well proclaim, with increasing enthusiasm, their fraternal greetings to the toiling masses of the Central Empires struggling toward the light of human

The lessons of the war are being brought home, with untold sorrow and suffering to the workers of Germany and Austro-Hungary, and the end of war will find the peoples of these nations nearer Socialism than ever before.

IN THE other warring countries, in England, in France, in Italy, in Portugal, the demands of labor are being heard, louder than ever. In Great Britain we see H. G. Wells, the author, holding out the hope of a republic. He suggests "that the time is now ripe and it would be a thing agreeable to our friends and allies, the republican democracies of France, Russia, the United States and Portugal, to give some clear expression to the great volume of republican feeling that always has existed in the British community".

Every indication in these black hours gives hope that these nations are all treading the straight road that leads to Socialism and the realization of our high ideals.

THE LATEST reports from Europe declare that cries for a republic and a revolution are disturbing the sittings of the Riksdag in Stockholm, Sweden. This in spite of the fact that the governments of the Scandinavian countries have been doing everything possible to placate the Socialists of those lands. The ruling class of Denmark, Sweden and Norway no doubt has its eye on the Socialist majority in Finland, just across the Baltic Sea.

HERE in the United States, the national government has declared war on the national government of Germany.

The people of the United States didn't want this war, they are not in favor of it now. In the language of the street—they hate it. Whether that hate will rouse the indifferent, care-free, individualistic American people to an intelligent protest against the conditions that forced this war, remains to be seen. The trend of events in Europe assures us that it will.

INTERNATIONAL May Day, 1917, should therefore have as great a meaning for the workers of the United States, as it has for the workers of Europe. Let the more enlightened of American toilers dedicate this day this year, more than ever before, to spreading a knowledge of the great benefits of international working class solidarity, the great truths of Socialism, the great hope of the workers of all nations united by the bonds of international brotherhood; living and toiling and striving for a newer and better civilization in a world at peace.

America At War

By JOSEPH E. COHEN

WHAT manner will America conduct her war for democracy? In what way will America set an ex-

ample to the rest of the world? Up to the present time Germany is in the lead. Not as a militarist pow-er; that is really its weakness. It is being beaten back; it can be conquered, or, what is the same thing for the ruling class there, held to a peace without victory.

In every other respect Germany has won. It has Prussianized the world. It has substituted conscription for voluntary service in England; it has reduced the splendid French spirit of resistance against tyranny to the most abject submission to authority. Russia alone has thrown off the later Prussian yoke. And she has done so because her people threw off the yoke of their governing class.

Will America, too, be Prussianized? Will America likewise submit to the Prussian oligarchy?

There is, first of all right now, the problem of conscription. Are Americans to be militaristic slaves or free men? War has come, despite the fact that the President has said in his next to last message to congress that "the people of this country do not want war." War was declared against

the will of the people.

Shall a handful of men in Washington, unmindful of what the nation wants, now force them to do service in a war they are opposed to with every fibre in their makeup? It might be just as well if the gentlemen in Washington went a bit to slow in provoking recruiting riots. It will do anything but help to make the war

popular. Next to that is the matter of press censorship and espionage. It must be admitted that it taxes a very firm and faith in free institutions to take the stand in favor of an untrammeled press, considering what the press has been doing. Only the other day, so we were told, a submarine was sighted off Long Island and "heavy firing" was heard off Cape God. We take this means of announcing in advance, and thereby scooping the daily press, that their reporters (sitting at the office typewriters) are about to discover that Boston has been besieged, New York reduced to ashes, Philadelphia laid waste, while Baltimore is only a memory and our National capital no more than a myth.

The number of German plots thus unearthed makes it quite plam that the Germans among us are a most assiduous and energetic element, since each resident has no less than half a dozen plots to his share—if the papers may be believed. Such an industrious class in the population must be won to our side at all costs, and no better use could be made of the \$7,000,000,000 war loan than to buy up the ability of the Germans in our

t war news should be censored by Washington is problematical. Censorship is a dangerous weapon, especially in a republic. But there certainly could be no harm in requiring each paper to carry, at the top of its domestic war news, the simple legend: "Made in our own office. All rights reserved."

Nor can we see that very much will be accomplished by setting the whole nation to spy-catching. It may be taken for granted that there are some German spies among us. What they are doing, only our own secret service men can tell. How the spies get word to the kaiser we are at a loss to say; how they get instructions from the fatherland is a mystery. Undoubtedly they have a means of communication. It must be some rarer form of frightfulness in vogue among Nietzschiean

'free spirits.' Those who are interested in the lark of spy-baiting are cordially referred to that exquisite sketch by Anatole France entitled "Cranquebille." (Anatole is a French author, not German.)

What remains, then? The very thing that happens in every war. That is, the absolute surrender of authority into the hands of the public plunder-

ers.
This, of course, is an old story. General Laurens complained bitterly of those who masqueraded as patriots in our Revolution in order to prey upon the colonists seeking liberty. Presi-dent Lincoln drew a scathing comparison between the masses who serve the nation unselfishly and those with ulterior motives-some of whom he had to remove from high office when their knavery smelled too strongly. In the Spanish-American war the embeef and other capitalistic atrocities caused more deaths among our troops than actual engagements with the enemy. The gentlemen who are the political descendants of the wartime scavengers of the past are eager, in city, in state and in nation to do their worst for their country. And they will do it.

They are putting to the front every reactionary, measure; they have thrown our free institutions to the mercy of our dearest enemies.

They are doing for America what the kaiser has done for Germany. They belong to the same royal family as the kaiser. They are the kaiser's best friends. They are the Prussian

Whatever complete success attends American arms abroad, if our own Prussian horde ride in the saddle America will lose. To beat the kaiser on the other side of the water, the Prussian horde on this side of the water must be beaten.

If "the world is to be made a safe place for democracy," democracy must be safe first of all in America. No greater duty falls upon Americans now than to safeguard democracy at

Our Course Of Action

HE SOCIALIST Party emphatically rejects the proposal that in time of war the workers should suspend their struggle for better conditions. On the contrary, the acute situation created by war calls for an even more vigorous prosecution of the class struggle, and we recommend to the workers and pledge ourselves to the following course of action:

1. Continuous, active, and public opposition to the war, thru demonstrations, mass petitions, and all other means within our

2. Unyielding opposition to all proposed legislation for military or industrial conscription. Should such conscription be forced upon the people, we pledge ourselves to continuous movements in opposition to conscription. We pledge ourselves to fight with all our strength against any attempt to raise money for the payment of war expenses by taxing the necessaries of life or issuing bonds, which will put the burden upon future generations. We demand that the capitalist class which is responsible for the war pay its cost. Let those who kindle the fire furnish

3. Vigorous resistance to all reactionary measures, such as censorship of press and mails, restriction of the rights of free speech, assemblage, and organization, or compulsory arbitration and limitation of the right of strike.

4. Consistent propaganda against military training and militaristic teaching in the public schools.

5. Extension of the campaign of education among the workers to organize them into strong, class-conscious, and closely unified political and industrial organizations, to enable them by concerted and harmonious mass action to shorten this war and to establish lasting peace.

6. Wide-spread educational propaganda to enlighten the masses as to the true relation between capitalism and war, and to rouse and organize them for action, not only against present war evils, but for the prevention of future wars and for the destruction of the causes of war.

7. To protect the masses of the American people from the pressing danger of starvation which the war in Europe has brought upon them, and which the entry of the United States has already accentuated, we demand-

(a) The restriction of food exports so long as the present shortage continues, the fixing of maximum prices, and whatever measures may be necessary to prevent the food speculators from holding back the supplies now in their hands;

(b) The socialization and democratic management of the great industries concerned with the production, transportation. storage, and the marketing of food and other necessities of life; land and other natural resources which is now held out of use for monopolistic or specula, ve profit.

These measures are presented as means of protecting the workers against the evil results of the present war. The danger of recurrence of war will exist as long as the capitalistic system of industry remains in existence. The end of wars will come with the establishment of socialized industry and industrial democracy the world with The Socialist Party calls upon all the workers to join it in its struggle to reach this goal and thus bring into the world a new society in which peace, fraternity, and human brotherhood will be the dominant ideals.

Recommendations

1. We recommend that our elected representatives in Congress, in the State Legislatures, and in local bodies, vote against all proposed appropriations or loans for military, naval,

2. We recommend that the National Executive Committee extend and improve the propaganda among women, because they as house wives and as mothers are now particulary ready to accept our message.

3. We recommend that the National Executive Committee initiate an organized movement of Socialists, organized workers. and other anti-war forces for concerted action along the lines of this program.

Expose Frame-up To Hang Tom Mooney; Labor Awake!

Never did an unfair prosecution of dangerous thing to try to "discredit labor leaders get a quicker exposure than in the collapse of the frameup against Tom Mooney and his fellow victims in San Francisco. Never did a terribly wrongful conviction get swifter condemnation. The proof of perjury to convict Mooney has been made public to add to all the other known misdeeds that were done in determination of the enemies of labor to lynch him-to lynch him in the

name of the law. And yet remember that Tom Mooney is still in the shadow of the gallows! Remember that the same interests that tried to send him to

death have not yet loosed their hold.

The conspiracy to "get him" and to put him out of the way for good has collapsed so far as proof of it and public knowledge of it is concerned. But the San Francisco combination to crush labor does not care for proof, in the newspapers any more than in the courts, if only it can get its victims. Those prosecuting officials and moneyed interests that are in that combination will frame up any new story that they need, or coerce and bully any witnesses who obstruct their purposes. Can they still do this and "get away with it"? Are they strong enough to do, in the light of publicity, what they were doing when they were able to suppress the facts?

Tells Of Frame-Up. The man, F. E. Riegel, has told of the perjury by which the false case against Mooney was framed. He has shown the letters tempting him also to commit perjury to bolster up the prosecution's case. Police officers and others have told the public how they were prevented from investigating and finding out the real facts in the bomb explosion of "Preparedness Day". Mooney's innocence and that of his fellow labor leaders have been unanswerably established in fact.

But what about the legal processes that have already been so perverted

The men who used the law to kill the nation) is aroused to prove that list, you have nothing but your lives now and henceforth it shall be a to lose, you have conscription to gain."

the labor movement" by trumped-up, false prosecutions of labor leaders.

Labor Sounds Right Note.

The labor mass meetings for Mooney in Chicago and New York and other cities have sounded the right note in demanding a United States government investigation into this whole bomb affair and into the conspiracy against the labor men. The ederal government can lawfully do this, since it was charged by the prosecutors of Mooney that the bomb explosion was only part of a general conspiracy to kill the chief officers of the nation and state.

Now let impartial investigation disclose the real conspirators and the real conspiracy! Let labor get this whole business "exposed to the sun and the air", so that, not only the in-nocent men now facing the gallows shall be set free, but THE HABIT which vindictive employers have of dragnetting labor leaders into false prosecutions and false convictions shall be stopped definitely and for all

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If the conscription law passes Congress every lover of liberty should hang crepe in his window in mourning for the passing of his love.

Among the fruits of a "war for democracy": muzzled press, prostituted pulpits, cowardly legislators, war prices of food, and conscription!

We use to say: "Workers of the world unite, you have nothing to lose Fom Mooney should be prosecuted, as but your chains, you have a world to doubtless they will be. Labor (not gain." To be patriotic, we should only on the Pacific Coast but thruout change it to: "Workers of America en-

Warning To Americans

A standing military force with an overgrown Executive will not long be safe companions to liberty. The means of defense against foreign danger have always been the instruments of tyranny at home. Among the Romans it was a standing maxim to excite war whenever a revolt was apprehended. Thruout all Europe, the armies kept up under the pretext of defending, have enslaved the peo-ple. It is perhaps questionable whether the best concerted system of absolute power in Europe could maintain itself in a situation where no alarms of external danger could tame the people to the domestic yoke

— JAMES MADISON, third president of the United States.

KIRKPATRICK AGAIN MAYOR OF GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS.

Marshall E. Kirkpatrick, former Socialist mayor of Granite City, Ill., was re-elected at the spring elections by a majority of 451 votes, defeating the candidate of the independent party. The mayoralty vote was: Kirkpatrick, 1,968; independent candidate, 1,911.

Kirkpatrick was mayor of Granite City from 1911 to 1915. He was defeated for re-election in 1915 by a combination of the old political parties. This time he won out by a clear

FIVE ALDERMEN ELECTED TO

ROCKFORD, ILL., COUNCIL. Five Socialists were elected to the Rockford, Ill., city council at the spring elections. Oscar Ogren failed of election as mayor by a vote of 4,664 to 6,691. The vote last fall for Benson was only 1,298.

"The increase from two to five in the city council was made in the face of a deliberate attempt by gerry-mandering and redistricting the ward lines as well as the method of representation to put us off the map", writes Frank H. Hall. "We made large gains for our aldermanic candidates in entirely new sections of the

ELECT ALL BUT ONE ALDERMAN AT BUCKNER, ILLINOIS.

Buckner, Ill., Socialists elected their entire city ticket at the spring elections with the exception of one alderman who lost by only a few votes. C. O. Harper was elected mayor. All of the officials elected are union men.

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We heard Scott Nearing in one of his inspirational addresses the other day. His loudest applause was occasioned by the statement that "a majority of the people of America would not vote for war to-morrow"

From an advertisement of stock in a packing company: "Friends of the packing houses predict much larger earnings in event of war, which would bring a pronounced demand from our government for canned goods".

Miss Alma Heintz, 23 years old, committed suicide in a fit of despondency brought on by the refusal of her fiance, Leon Adams, of Chicago, to go thru with his application for a marriage license thru fear of being called a "slacker" by the tin soldiers who infested the City Hall corridors.

Seven billion dollars! Think of it! We cannot. Seventy dollars for each man, woman and child in this country. That means over three hundred do lars for each family, APPROXIM-ATELY HALF OF THE AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE OF WAGE EARN-ERS' FAMILIES IN THIS COUN-

We sometimes wonder, if we are to have military training as a sequence to the war, whether the war was not caused, in part, because some people wanted military training. It sure is a good time to slip it in, anyhow, while the public is coaxed into believing that "America is arming against militarism".

Sometimes a military training advocate spills the beans. An army officer, speaking in favor of military training in the schools said: want military training so that a boy will be taught to look his superior in the face when he is given an order and then go and carry out the order WITHOUT QUESTIONING". Very well put, officer!

It is declared that the minority in the Swedish Socialist Party, which insists that they represent fully 40 per cent of the members of the party, have issued a manifesto for the formation of a new Socialist People's Party. It is signed by 15 of the representatives in the Riksdag and others. The manifesto calls for an independent congress to meet at Stockholm, May 12-14.

It's funny how circumstances alter cases. At the beginning of the European conflict Americans loudly applauded the few German martyrs who dared to speak out against the war and at the same time bewailed tearfully the breakdown of the Socialist movement across the water. Today those same Americans hang in effigy anyone who utters a protest against the war and brand all Socialists as

Act Quickly

COMRADES:-The Manifesto and War Program, adopted at the recent National Convention and published in the last issue of The American Socialist, has been printed as a four page leaflet. A copy should be placed in every home in the United States. Not a city, town, hamlet or cross-road should be overlooked. The job can be properly done only with your as-

We must act quickly in the emergency and cannot afford to wait for the regular orders to come in. The country must be flooded with this leaflet and we are asking you to help make it possible.

The Special Convention consumed all our available finances. We must now appeal to you to send in whatever you can afford. If you belong to a union, bring the matter up at the meeting and have a donation made. If the By-laws prohibit making a donation, have a collection taken up. Explain to the members that the money will be used to carry on the fight against Militarism. Remind the members of your union, that many of the strikes for better wages and conditions and shorter hours were defeated by the use of soldiers.

The munition crowd is spending millions to foist a military machine on this country to be used against the workers in their struggles for better conditions. We have rightfully looked upon militarism as a curse in other countries and we dare not relax in our opposition to it

We must have at least \$20,000 for this purpose in the next six weeks. Money is necessary to carry on War. Money is also necessary to carry on a War against War. The greater our financial resources, the more effectively can we carry on our battle against building a Prussian Militarism in the United States.

We are depending on you doing your part. We are prepared to do ours.

Collect from your fellow-workers, neighbors and whatever organizations you belong to, and make all remittances payable to National Office, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison St.. Chicago, Illinois.

The net operating income of the railways of the United States for January, 1917, was greater than January, 1916, by \$30 per mile, or 10.6 per cent. And still the railroad barons cry poverty.

Under The System

Statisticians point out that from ages 40 to 45 years, more than 74 per cent of all business men meet reverses which result in loss of their entire accumulation. At 50 only one in 5,000 men is able to recover his financial footing and independence.

Sixty-nine out of every eighty-five people who reach the age of sixty years are dependent.

Out of four million people in the United States aged sixty-five or over, more than three millions are dependent on relatives or on the community.

This is the situation as we find it here in the United States under the capitalistic system.

If there is any fighting for humanity to be done-let us start in right now to do it here at

Conscription of the incomes of the profiteers would put an end to the war in 48 hours.

Skinning Us

An era of continued and intensive skinning of the eople of the United States at the hands of the money parons must be expected. Do not be deceived. With the president and congress in its grip, big business admits it has nothing to fear. Listen to one of the organs of the plutocracy as it speaks for its

"There are those who fear that government orders will have to be filled at a sacrifice of all profit. Such fears are groundless. It may be that purveyors of sup-plies of various kinds may be asked to trim their profits to a prescribed limit, but there need be no fear that these profits will be trimmed to a point amounting to practical confiscation, and no limit will be set on the profits that may be made on domestic business aside from government orders. We are entering on an era of increased industrial prosperity and owners of sound securities may not only expect to continue receiving their dividends regularly, but to see a general upward

trend of market prices" Note those few words, "No limit will be set on the profits that may be made on domestic business aside from government orders".

That means that the prices on the things the people buy to keep alive can be pushed sky high. There is going to be a limit to the robbery of the government, in the spending of those \$7,000,000,000. There is going to be no limit to the holdup of the people. Will the people stand for it?

NEARING IS OUT. BUT

The forces of reaction are rejoicing over their recent victory over the labor and radical organizations in Toledo, O., when the Trustees of the University, by vote of 4 to 3 decided against reemploying Scott Near ing as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the coming term. Their jubilee will be short lived, however, if the students at the university have their way. Already monster petitions are being circulated against the President of the University, Dr. Stowe, and had he appeared on the campus the day following the action the board the students say that they would have run him off the grounds. He was denounced to his face as being unfit for his position, by Miss Leach, one of the instructors in the Teachers' College, and the students are backing her up. An effort will be made to force the board to reverse itself, and a leaflet which purports to show the slimy trail of the Commerce Club in directing affairs of the "free" university is in

The death of 6,000 children under 5 years old in Philadelphia every year can be traced, in most cases, to insanitary homes.

the course of preparation.

League To Regulate Warfare

By HENRY M. TICHENOR.

HRU sources that we are not at liberty to divulge, we have come into possession of the plans and purposes of a secret congress, that, it is said, was held in Switzerland on April 1. The delegates of this congress we are informed, represent every belligerent, as well as all the neutral nations of Europe.

At this congress a world-wide league, to be known as the The covering has been torn away "International League to Regulate, Economize, Civilize and from Everett and the city has been Christianize Modern Warfare," was organized.

Under its provisions there will be no more long and expensive wars; slaughter will be reduced to the minimum; the armies of every country will be under international control, their size and equipment limited; wars will be declared, carried to their impeach the evidence of Mayor Merconclusions, and peace re-established, with the utmost celerity and | rill. Skaroff was in Everett on Bloody decency possible.

In the first place, an International War Board, consisting of the massacre at the dock, and begin two delegates from every civilized and Christian country, and also to speak. Of course, he was immediately from such civilized, but heathen, countries as China and Japan, ately arrested. Following is his ac will be instituted. When the ruling classes of two or more countries feel that their honor requires human bloodshed, it will be the duty of the War Board to meet at some neutral spot and use arrest I was lying on a table in the every possible influence to maintain peace. It will go so far as to offer its services as arbitrators. However, if the ruling classes for me. Somebody woke me and told me to in question refuse to arbitrate their quarrel, and declarations of war follow, then it will be the duty of the War Board to arrange for the conflict in a way that will be fair and honorable to each for the conflict in a way that will be fair and honorable to each contestant, according to the ideas of civilized and Christianized jail," continued Skaroff, "where there ethics.

STANDING ARMY OF 5,000 SOLDIERS.

First: The standing army of each country shall be 5,000 trained soldiers, no more and no less.

This not only minimizes the burden of expense for their maintenance, but also guarantees an equal chance in the fortunes of war to all countries, big or little. All highminded, civilized and me up. When he got tired, the Mayor Christian patriots cannot help but approve of this.

Second: The entire army, officers and privates, shall be recruited from the ranks of royal reigning houses, the nobility, the officials of republican governments that favor war, the ammu- cell and on the way knocked me down nition makers and all others that profit by war, and from the four times." politicians, preachers and editors that believe in war.

This is done as a matter of justice to the classes just named. It would be an outrage to ignore these leading patriots and enlist men from the humble walks of life who have so little to say about the way things are run in this world, and, besides, have nothing to gain in the heroic shedding of each others' blood.

Third: There shall be but five battles fought, one each day, rain or shine. The side winning the best three out of five are the

Why should the settling of a quarrel between the ruling classes of two civilized and Christian nations extend into months and years of bloodshed and devastation? Isn't it much better to have the thing over with as quickly as possible, especially as the International League To Regulate, Economize, Civilize and Christianize Modern Warfare proposes absolute and equal fairness to all? Who can object to this?

Fourth: A common international battlefield shall be selected and prepared for all the countries of the civilized world.

BATTLEFIELD IN SAHARA DESERT.

It must be a large and level piece of ground, consisting of hole of the Snohomish County Call a large several hundred square miles. The northern part of the Desert place which, under McRoss of Sahara has been suggested. The battle lines of the two con- istration, was turned into a significant to the same of the sam of Sahara has been suggested. The battle lines of the two contending armies will be drawn, with bulwarks behind each that no able cruelty and debauched but any contending armies will be drawn, with bulwarks behind each that no shot or shell can penetrate. Great amphitheatres, such as one. According to the ex-deputy, we have found in baseball grounds, capable of seating hundreds of thousands of spectators, will be constructed. The price of admission | fests in this model jail! will be all the traffic will bear, and it is expected that the gate receipts alone will cover the costs of the war. People pay from \$10 to \$100 for seats at a prize fight; they will doubtless be willing to pay from \$1,000 to \$100,000 to witness a bloody battle.

Fifth: On the morning of the first battle one thousand men will be drawn from each army of five thousand of the two contending enemies.

If, as frequently happens in modern warfare, there are two or more governments on each side, then a proportionate number of periods in military atmosphere. | In excess of \$100,000 a year. contestants to make the one thousand soldiers will be drawn from the several armies. When two governments are fighting against one, and the two furnish each only five hundred men. while the one enemy is compelled to furnish a thousand, there regiments of German conscripts. may appear an element of unfairness; but this cannot be avoided. Besides, the chances are that in time this will rectify itself. Alliances between the ruling classes of the civilized and Christian nations change in the course of time, and doubtless in the long run the wars will adjust themselves so that a fair ratio of casual- who need physical military training of Mines without profit. ties (as the killings are called) will occur.

Sixth: All being ready, the signal to blaze away will be given by a chosen corps of trumpeters and drummers occupying the and maimed will be in no need grand stand, bands will play the patriotic airs of the nations engaged, flags will be unfurled, the vast assemblage of spectators will reverently rise to their feet, and the fight will begin.

TWO HOURS LONG ENOUGH FOR BATTLE.

Each army having been furnished with an equal number of the latest implements of slaughter, the result will depend entirely upon marksmanship. Ammunition to last two hours, with no intermission, will have been provided. Two hours is considered long enough, not only to make a good sized killing, but also to allow the spectators to get their money's worth.

Seventh: The first fight being over, a committee, selected by the International League To Regulate, Economize, Civilize and Christianize Modern Warfare, will take charge of the field. Surgeons will be in attendance to patch up the bodies of the wounded, and ambulance wagons will haul them to first-class hospitals erected on the grounds. The dead will then be gathered to fight for a cause in which they do and numbered and piled in two heaps. The wounded do not count. | not believe? A hero must expire before being loaded in the ambulance wagon in order to score. Immense blackboards will announce the result as fast as turned in. Whichever side has the most corpses to its credit wins the first round.

One can imagine the deafening cheers, the blare of trumpets and roar of drums, when the result is known. "It's 313 corpses to 298 in favor of the Kaiser!" yell the patriotic fans. Or, "Teddy Roosevelt wins by 11 stiffs!"

And so on during the remaining four days of war. When all is over ten heaps of dead tell the tale, the wining side sings hosannas, and pockets two-thirds of the gate money.

BONES SOLD FOR SOUVENIRS.

In the meantime, and in order to help defray expenses, the unidentified shot-off heads, arms, legs, etc., have been gathered, the flesh removed and the bones scraped and polished, appropriate memorials of the great victory inscribed thereon, and sold to those wishing to carry away a souvenir.

Then the heroic dead are buried in an international cemetery adjoining the battlefield, monuments attesting their patriotism free to work for a larger measure of erected over their graves, and bouquets placed there once a year thereafter. This includes any who, in the meanwhile, may have died of their wounds.

The armless and legless and sightless, veterans of the war, are finally taken to their homes and decorated with badges. They also receive a pension for the remainder of their crippled careers.

The remnants of the returning armies are recruited from the same classes as before, and, the people again, for awhile at least, pursue the quiet paths of peace.

Prison Brutality Exposed A: Everett Labor Trials

By CHARLES ASHLEIGH. Seattle, Wash.—The Defense in the case of Thomas H. Tracy, one of the 73 men charged with murder of a deputy on Nov. 5th in Everett, has been bringing its big guns to bear upon the edifice of lies and falsity which the Prosecution had erected exposed in all its native reek.

Mayor's Brutality Revealed. Louis Skaroff, a young Russian Sunday, Nov. 5th. He had the courage to get up on the street corner, after count, under examination, of the treatment he received in jail:

"On Monday evening following m me to put on my clothes as the Mayor wanted to speak to me.

Modern Inquisition.

was an iron bed. It appeared to be an officer's rest-room. There were three men in there: the night officer, a man who posed as an Immigration Officer and Mayor Merrill. They sat me in a chair and started asking questions. Then they talked some more; me up. When he got tired, the Mayor started in on me. Then they put my fingers under the leg of the bed and the Mayor and another jumped on the bed. Then they took me back to the

Deputy Testifies To Brutality. George Kannow, ex-deputy sheriff under the notorious McRae, gave evi dence that fully corroborated the testimony of those who had suffered outrage at the hands of the citizen deputies. Here is his account of the way Sheriff McRae treated an old

"He was beaten worse than the others. His head was also cut open and blood running down his face. He was struck and beaten and thrown his head struck a steel projection and he hollered, "My God, you are killing of incomes and would be recent me!" McRae said he didn't give a dam if he died or not and kicked him National Office and encorsed. again; then he took him by the Socialist Comprehent is St. Least

Conscription.

By JOHN REED.

of the British

Army says that English regiments of the Government of all railroads, tele volunteers of mixed ages resist not graphs, telephones, and their operation only panic but disease better than by the Government for public service General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., estimates that more than 50 per cent of our young men applicants will be

rejected on account of physical unfitmost won't get it. The flower of our young men will

physical training.

the Union Army, during our Civil War, were volunteers. There were more volunteers for the

could have raised a million more. der the Articles of War." Conscription was a political trick,-

not a military necessity. Canada has repeatedly Conscription, altho in the third year

of the war. Australia has rejected Conscription, the Australian soldiers in the trenches voting overwhelmingly against it. Many thousands of people in the United States were opposed to war.

Why should these people be compelled Is it compatible with American ideals of individual liberty of con-science to make men violate their firm

For the last fifty years, this country has offered a haven of refuge to the finest blood of Europe, which emigrated to America to escape military ser-

Conscription not only drills men's bodies, but their minds. It makes them obedient to authority, whether right or wrong; takes away their power to think originally; makes them expert with guns, and therefore, eager to use them, and gives them a hatred of independent thought and contempt for human life.

Conscription for the term of the war, which is the form of the present proposal, means inevitably universal military training, which is only universal military service in disguise. And that means, that instead of being democratic progress in this country, American democrats must devote all their energies and their resources to fighting the extension of militarism Women will also be eligible to act big business; otherwise the war will fighting the extension of militarism in their country.

"Our War" Is To Preserve Free Press And Assembly

ASHINGTON.—To fight to the last ditch for the preservation of the right of free speech and free assemblage is the purpose of the representative of the Socialist

Meyer London cannot win or carry out this fight alone He must be backed by Socialist protests and, equally important by Socialist acts. He must be backed by the workers in as well as out of the Socialist party.

London is fighting a real battle for liberty and democracy Enlist with him. Volunteer in his army. Join your little company with his battalion.

THIS is OUR war.

The Stars And Stripes

By JOHN M. WORK.

TRUST that no Socialist will permit himself to be driven to become hostile to the flag just because the capitalists are debasing the flag and making it stand for wicked purposes.

It is not the fault of the flag. It is the fault of the capitalists. No one knows any better than I do that a flag is only a symbol. But the people are still in the symbolic stage of existence. Perhaps the time will come when they will not care for symbols. But that time has not yet at war, the next step is to raise an arrived. They decidedly care for symbols of various kinds at the present time. Among other symbols, they have a great deal of devotion to the flag. This devotion is entirely natural. I suppose that I have traveled about as far away from symbols as anyone living. As a rule, I care nothing at all for them. Yet I do have a warm devotion for the flag. When I was a child, out on the open frontier, I was taught that the stars and stripes stood for liberty. For many years, that idea was drilled into me. Therefore, to me, the stars and stripes do stand for liberty. When anyone makes them stard able to suppose since to weath war were said to stand for liberty. the stars and stripes do stand for liberty. When anyone makes them stand able to suppose, since to want war is for anything else, he is simply descrating the flag.

for anything else, he is simply desecrating the flag.

Furthermore, it is genuinely true that, in the hearts of the people, the flag has always stood for liberty. Liberty is what the people want it to be the biggest patriots. And since stand for.

The capitalists are desecrating the flag. They are making it stand for everything that is low and evil.

We Socialists propose, by all legitimate educational and political methods, to rescue the flag and make it stand for everything that is just and noble.

Bill For Conscripting Wealth Gains Headway

By IRWIN TUCKER.

At the request of two Socialist members of the Emergency Peace Conference at Washington, Congressdown and fell heavily against the man Cary of Wisconsin introduced a steel sides of the tank. As he fell, resolution in the house of representatives providing for the conscription 'Io

again; then he took him by the shoulders and straightened him up and shoved him into the tank and another deputy kicked him as he went in."

This was what happened in the state war where it belongs to the speches and only the has a speches and the has a speches a speches and the has a speches a speches and the has a speches and the has a speches a speches and the has a speches and the has a speches a speches and the has a sp e tide of war. tichia cession a this he has grown. a a which was proceestion n is a sector v. cevent the parameter

hab fit hing rand out of ar. See of Arrives in Secures 1s-semi that the collecting or races be taken to prevent the possible, of

No one who has known anything of barrack life among the French and German conscripts before the war, will have much to say in favor of herding young men together for long

"Second. Immediate conscription by without private profit.

"Third. Immediate conscription by the Government of all natural resources, including mines and oil wells,

"Fourth. The Government shall deal with the workers in any conbe taken, and those who are not killed scripted industry thru the organizadue safeguards for the right of un-Ninety-eight per cent of the men in organized workers. This will protect both the Government and the workers

"Fifth. Immediate conscription and operation by the Government of all Spanish-American War than we could food storage warehouses for the ser vice of the American people, and the England raised an army of more passing of a law making speculation than three millions volunteers, and in food supplies an act of treason un-

> send letters and petitions to their or otherwise. representatives in congress demanding the passage of this bill. Certain teps have apparently been taken by the administration to curtail private profit out of the war; the most notable nstance of this being the case of the E. W. Bliss Brass Company, whom Secretary Daniels compelled to reduce their price for making a certain munition by \$1,500 per shell. Altogether by invoking the possibility of confiscation Daniels has reduced the prices of navy supplies by twenty million

If the Cary resolution is pressed under cover of the war which has been started by munition makers and capitalists, we can wrest from them the control of social necessities. The imes are favorable for just such a move. The concentrated strength of the Socialist movement should be able to swing it over.

CIVIL RIGHTS EXTENDED.

The civil rights of French women have been put on almost the same footing as those of the French men Vomen will now be able to act as guardians, except that in the case of a married woman she must first ob tain the authority of her husband to exercise his functions. The husband is to be the co-guardian with his wife and to share responsibility with her. before her marriage must be authorized to continue this power, if she the golden egg". as trustees.

"I have been getting your paper for some time," writes a friend. 'I don't know who sent it to me. But I am surely thankful for it. So I am sending my own name with three others. I wish I could do more, but I can't just now."

Three thousand transport ships are to be built by the United States to eggs for their capitalist owners were serve as a "food bridge to Europe". killed and we began to raise geese which could be eaten by the people who feed them?

The Million Dime Column

THE MILLION DIME BANK COLUMN.
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Country And Flag

Machine Gun No. 23.

Volley No. 1. FAMILIES.—The boys are willing to to make murderers of its citizens

Volley No. 2.

YEARS OF AGE who will agree with me to offer our service to the President Time to the Preside me to offer our service to the President as volunteers and request that we be sent immediately down to the first trenches—

PROVIDED-Uncle Sam will conscript 10,000 of the wealthiest men of the community to go with us.

Volley No. 3. PAY ALL WAR DEBTS BY IS-

Then we will not require one cent of Socialists everywhere are urged to any rich man's money thru taxation

> Then the rich cannot say: "They will pay for the war and we will fight it", on the other hand the rich man will then be under the same obligation to his country that the poor man is. Volley No. 4.

WHEN THE RICH ARE NOT TAXED TO PAY THE WAR DEBTS THEY WILL NOT HAVE FURTHER EXCUSE TO RAISE THE COST OF LIVING.

Volley No. 5.

Loan the farmer boys and girls \$5,000 without interest, to enable them to buy land, then the million and a half of boys and girls who come to the city each year will remain on the farm AND THE COST OF LIVING WILL DROP 50 PER CENT.

Volley No. 6. "WHEN UNCLE SAM CONSCRIPTS THE RICH'

"THE POOR WILL VOLUNTEER" And WHEN UNCLE SAM CONSCRIPTS

THE RICH' THE POOR (WONT HAVE TO) VOLUNTEER.

The Chicago Tribune is very frank about the war. It says: "If this country, by excessive taxation, inter-A woman who has acted as a guardian rupts the natural course of business it will be killing the goose which lays Yes, above all do be pronounced a failure by its sponsors. But by the way, isn't it about

Why This War?

By WILLIAM F. KRUSE.

Then why was not a little demobecause, they thought, he alone could keep us out of war. The nation spoke for peace, but the master class of this country wanted war. And the masters won.

The people of this country have had they aspire. nothing to say about making war. Immediately that a special Congress convened it was informed that a state of war already existed. The President told them so, and all they had to do was to agree with him. Which they did, altho in every center where attempts to canvass the opinion of the people themselves on the subject were with a little coterie of cabinet advisors, decided that a hundred million people were at war for democracy, and that was held to settle the question. To question his decision might

have something of an army but that war is a patriotic business, those who are the most patriotic ought to make the best fighters.

In this whole clamor for war, no

ed in munitions contracts and war in every way that we possibly can. His servants of the press, pulpit, school, army and legislature have been faithful parrots to him. Why not then, since desire for war is the test of patriotism, why not recruit a few regiments from among this horde of bankers, congressmen, preachers and editors and send them over to take part in the new Spring drive? Especially the editors—if they investigation of labor costs, if it is would write a few reams of their daily twaddle and drop it via aeroplane into the German trenches it would surely movement more good than anything have so sickening an effect that they that the government can do. When would gladly sue for peace. the workers in a given industry can It might seem reasonable to suphand out authoritative, final figures would gladly sue for peace.

pose, also, that those who are most in to their masters and to the public, favor of the war would make the heat to their masters and to the public, Look, our wages have gone fighters in the war, and that they have the costs tainly should be given the costs. is upon us. The War Department living age and a share in the profits ought to send a special ropeal for volunteers to every editoric room in fold arregthened.

This country and add to it this foot-inote: "Intended first for personal attention, later perhaps for publication will be a thousand on members of the hoard will be a thousand tention, later perhaps for publication will be a thousand on members of the hoard will be a thousand tention, later perhaps for publication will be a thousand on members of the hoard will be a thousand tention, later perhaps for publication will be a thousand tention, later perhaps for publication will be a thousand tention. tention, later perhaps for publication, will after your staff is in khak?" There Hold are a lot of people in this country who work want war, but there are a low who not. Those who wanted war or hit now to show the courage of their convictions and shoulder gans themselves.

Conscription Asked For But according to press reports they are not to be given a chance to be well their heroism. We are not to be robbed of the inspiring sight of bankers, decongressmen, and other jingoes going work to enforce the payment of interest on since their own war bonds. Consemption done is now the program. Do you know its to what that means? It means that the \$5 PER DAY TO SOLDIERS state has arrogated to itself the lower being go without one cent of pay to fight with or without their consent, it for their country and flag. with or without their consent, it makes no difference! The makers of call. Are we going to be so cheap as to this war pose in the limelight as the law a revolutionary organization say that their dependents should not "saviors of democracy"—but in the known as the Bund, asking that the

they conspire to chain the destinies of I WANT 10,000 MEN OVER 40 every American citizen to the whims appear a story by one of the con-gressmen telling just how the draft law was sneaked in last Fall. That piece of infamous political trickery is now being used as the foundation from which other, more drastic legislation is demanded. Regardless of the fact that every war in which this country has ever been engaged has been fought successfully with volunteers, regardless of the fact that every attempt at conscription ever made in this country has failed, the War Department issued orders to discontinue recruiting in the National Guard, and hundreds of men were Wilson turned away. Wilson demands conscription. And the capitalist controlled press demands conscription.
And all the bankers and professional

soldiers demand conscription. It leads folks naturally to wonder why. Conscription will mean that any-body in this "land of the free and home of the brave" can be forced to do the bidding of an epaulletted nindo the bidding of an epaulletted nincompoop who happens to be sitting in
the War Department. It means that
boys, hating war and murder with
every fibre of their beings, will be
torn from aged mothers arms and on
the battlefields made into either
stinking carrion or brutal, bloodcrazed beasts. It will mean that any do the bidding of an epaulletted nincrazed beasts. It will mean that any man who seeks to better the conditions of the people of this land can be sent to the first line trenches, or else left to rot in jail. It will mean that the cause of peace will be put back another hundred years by the rise of a new imperial military power bringing with it the desire for new conquests and the need of new combinations and armament races to the day.

Good Play For Masters. ter class this declaration of war has been a splendid piece of business. It gives them a chance to sit in on the Pub. 474, 32 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago.

starving nations of Europe.

game of dividing the spoils when the war is over. And more important still it gives an opportunity of putting over appropriations and other WAR for democracy! Is it? legislation that the people in sane times of peace would never stand for.
All this is for the benefit of the mas-This country re-elected a Chief Executive because of his boast that "he kept us out of war". The people decided that their choice lay between the boast will have put over a vast control of the masters. Before long they will have put over a vast control of the masters and the stand here. The masters are the stand here stand here. All this is for the benefit of the masters. Before long they will have put over all the stand here. the pro-war Hughes and the anti-war script army, and will have assassin-Wilson. Many Socialists, so called, ated every liberal right of free press, even went over into the enemy's camp speech and assemblage that the workers might use in bettering their living conditions. It will keep their working class quiet at home and will give them a chance to play the game of imperialism in the magnitude to which

It cannot be denied that this country is rich enough in material re-sources to build up the greatest army and navy that the world has ever seen. With the legislation of the past few weeks we are well under way toward that end. Once having this force it ougt to be easy to convince England that she would do well to made, it turned out overwhelmingly leave us take over Canada and the against our participation. One man, West Indies as a pledge to insure her paying interest on our loans. It ought not to be very hard to convince China and Japan that their interests are best served by placing themselves in pawn to our bankers, provided we have soldiers and battleships enough to supply the persuasive power. And as for South America, the extension of the Monroe Doctrine would surely extend the dollar mark to its limits. A conscript army and a big navy are mighty consoling features to our mas-

But with the workers there is a different story. They will be called upon to give up their lives, their happiness, yes, and their liberty under this infamous proposal. Labor should awaken to the danger of this proposition. It means the absolute destruction of every safeguard that we now possess. It is our duty as workers, one has been more noisy than the as socialists, yes, and as Americans plutocrat who has his millions invest- to oppose this inroad upon our rights

PLAN PROBE OF LABOR COSTS. Washington.-That the new tariff board is planning to investigate labor costs is one of the most encouraging pieces of news which has come down the pike low, these many years. Let us hope that it is true. An

ney, but your labor costs down," then every strike

their hands. It is your

HAS COUNCILWOMEN. on council of Petrograd has ily agreed to appoint a ceron of women to several of ttees, says a Central News Darkest Russia is setting an o the United States in its universal liberty. Russian ly yet assist their American attain the status of freeew republic of Russia grants

PPROVES GOVERNMENT. n Cahan, editor of the Jew-Forward, has received

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New Party Platform Changes In Character And Style

There was a difference of opinion on the platform committee which resulted in both a majority and minority report on the declaration of, principles, an agreement being reached on the statement of immediate demands. The minority report was written and presented by Delegate J. Mahlon Barnes, of Pennsylvania. In presenting his report Barnes said:

"We assume to be the political party of the working class. We never have been. The workers have never heard us, and that is so because we the several systems which preceded have never talked to them in their it, such as chattel slavery and the

tended to expropriate the expropri- profits.

pose for today, and by united action can we make life's burdens lighter tomorrow? We must meet and own interest. Behind these class laws join them in the daily class struggle is every instrument of the Governand then they will understand and ment to make sacred and defend the

The Barnes minority preamble carried by a vote of 78 to 40. The platform as finally adopted was as fol-

■ HE majority of the workers in America, whether rendering service by hand or brain, are victims of poverty, or near pov-

This is the fact because they are underpaid. The wages or salaries solidly in a political party of its own they receive are only a small part of the wealth or value they produce and such wages or salaries are insufficient own interest. cient to maintain a decent standard of

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cause he can work only by the consent | -all against the master class. of the owners of jobs.

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capitalists respond with lockouts, blacklists, court injunctions, imprison-ments, hangings and even mass mur-This terrible class warfare is world wide and a grave menace to civilization. Its abolition is the most important and vital issue confronting the human race.

Live Under Capitalism.

The present system of production and distribution is known as the capitalist system to distinguish it from nave never talked to them in their it, such as chattel slavery and the language, and we have never met them where they lived.

"Furthermore, the workers have never cared when or where we have held our conventions, or that we intended to expressing the average of the saking of rents, interest and profits."

The working class, owning no inators; that we are committed to the international movement; the, as yet dustries, lives by getting wages. The abolition of all registration fees, poll

join forces in the final battle between the classes".

private ownership of land and industries and special privileges by which labor is robbed.

Vote As You Strike.

Thus the economic question is a political question. How you live is a political question of momentous in portance. The theory of a democratic Government is the greatest good to the greatest number. The working erty; are insecure in their employment and ever live in fear of want.

This is the fact because they are of the working class. By uniting it can capture the Government and all its powers and use them in its

The Socialist Party aims to abolish this class war with all its evils and to substitute for capitalism a new order of co-operation, wherein Poverty of the masses, in a land of workers shall own and control all the abundance like America, is the great-economic factors of life. It calls upon all workers to unite to strike The wage worker is not free, be- as they vote and to vote as they strike

Only thru this combination of our powers can we establish the co-operselves by taking something from the of the few, but for the comfort and there. The clash of these interests creates the class struggle. Because of this class struggle the masters and slaves, there will be the workers organize in labor unions, co- common ownership of the means of

life and all the opportunities and resources of the world will be equal and free to all.

This magnificent goal represents HE St. Louis Emergency Convention took a wide departure, both in style and character, in building a party platform to take the place of the 1916 document, which was declared to be contradictory and useless.

There was a difference of onition. the supreme ideal of the human race so long as the system of capitalism

> While our ultimate goal is the comlete collective ownership of the natural resources and industries for the common good of all, we pledge our elected representatives to support every measure of immediate advantage to the working class, and among such measures we enumerate the following:

> IMMEDIATE PROGRAM. The following are measures which ve believe of immediate practical importance and for which we wage an specially energetic campaign:

Political Demands.

Complete adult suffrage by the elimination of all sex, residential and to them, undefined class struggle or an historic mission, etc., etc.

"What they want to know, and know first of all, is what do we protry one year.

> Democratic control of the Government thru a constitutional amendment providing for the initiative, referendum and recall.

Effective voting and proportional epresentation on all representative

The abolition of the powers of the courts to make and unmake laws because of alleged unconstitutionality or other grounds.

Rigid maintenance of the right of ree press, speech and assemblage in peace and in war. Resistance to compulsory military

training and to the conscription of Repudiation of war debts.

Economic Demands. National ownership and democratic control of the railroads, telegraphs and telephones, steamship lines, and all other social means of transportation, communication, storage, and distribution.

Nationalization of banking and of socially beneficial kinds of insurance. Direct loans to municipalities and

Further Demands.

The following measures do not exhaust by any means the ways by which the workers can be helped to freedom. They are compiled as suggestive of further activity to that end. Abolition of the Senate and the veto power of the President.

Direct election of the President and ice-President.

Immediate curbing of the power of he courts to issue injunctions. Direct election of all judges of the Inited States courts for short terms Free administration of law and the reation of public defenders.

Full protection for migratory and unemployed workers from oppression. detective and strike breaking agencies, and the extension of the Federal Employment Bureau.

A shorter work day in keeping with increased industrial productivity. An uninterrupted rest period of one

and a half days in each week.
Freedom of industrial and political activities of the workers.

General Demands.

Taxation to be raised from graduated taxes on incomes and inheritances and from site values.

Adequate higher educational facilities for the entire youth of the nation, and such contribution to family resources as will enable the youth to re-main in contact with such facilities of his own strength and prowess, until they are fully equipped for their surviving triumphantly in a hostile economic and social careers. . . . Government support, by loans and

other methods, to farmers and workers' co-operative organizations. The retention and extension of the public domain and the conservation It advertised itself in all his moveand full development of natural re-

sources by the nation. and old age.

DELEGATES THANKFUL.

On behalf of the national executive committee, Delegate John Spargo, Vermont, offered two resolutions, one to the management of the Planters Hotel, and the other to Local St. Louis, Socialist Party, expressing to both deep appreciation of their attention and courtesy extended to the

comrades during the convention. The convention by a vote of 51 to 1 refused to reconsider its action on the non-partisan league.

America is learning. Many people who still shy at a socialist are convinced that the fundamental cause of this, as of all wars, is capitalism. Do a little personal interviewing and inrestigating and you will be gratified to see how well known this fact has become. This is proof that the size of our 1916 vote is not an adequate measure of the result of Socialist

According to the Socialiste Belge hand along his back, a snapping and lelegates of German and Belgian crackling followed the hand, each hair labor unions met recently at Brus- discharging its pent magnetism at sels, Belgium. In a statement the body, nerve tissue and fibre, was ence, declared, "They have recognized keyed to the most exquisite pitch; Belgian delegates, after the conferthey have common interests to de- and between all the parts there was fend. The German artisan has under-taken the defense of the Belgian To sights and sounds and events fend. The German artisan has underartisan".

catcalls, would have encouraged en-listment in the army and navy. required to compass the mere seeing or hearing. He perceived and deter-

Socialists At Work

NOTE.—What are the Socialists doing in your city county or state? The editor of this column wants to know. Send in the news about your activities. This plea is made especially to local secretaries, state secretaries and other officials of the party. Send all communications to the Editor, "Socialists At Work" Celumn, 808 W. Madison St., Chicago, III.

EAST MOLINE AND SILVIS, ILL., GIVE SOCIALIST VICTORIES.

By EDGAR OWENS.

I am sending the election returns for the elections held in East Moline,

and Silvis, Illinois.
East Moline: L. F. Haemer, Socialist candidate for Mayor, ran second with 511 votes. East Moline is a manufacturing city and the large Root & Vandervoort Munitions Plant is located here. Mr. Vandervoort is chairman of the National Industrial Defence Council whose business it is to see that plenty of munitions are

manufactured during the unpleasant-ness with Germany. But at Silvis, the Socialists came of the largest railroad shops on the Rock Island System. Nearly all the men living at Silvis are employed at the Railroad shops. The campaign was clean-cut and the Comrades are elated over the results. Fred. O. licket, who recieved 222 votes. The other Socialists elected are George

Sleeth, 293 votes; J. P. Johnson, 247 votes. Bob Harvey, Socialist, and Jim Shannon, Peoples Ticket, polled eat what he killed himself. So a lurk-245 apiece and in the draw Harvey ing humor ran thru his deeds, and it failed to connect.

There are three People's Ticket squirrels, and, when he all but had Trustees holding over so the Socialists lack one of having control. How-mortal fear to the tree-tops. ever, this little matter will be remedied next year.

MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE.

Immediate seizure of all railroads and mines, the confiscation of all incomes in excess of \$10,000 and the enactment of a law making specula-tion in food supplies an act of treason, to serve notice of debate.

WISCONSIN LEGISLATORS TURN DOWN SOCIALIST TAX LAWS.

OTHERS AT FRONTENAC, KANS. Socialists elected John Schild-Industrial Demands.

Complete abolition of child labor.

A legal minimum wage based on the scertained cost of a decent standard of life.

ELECT MAYOR IN KANSAS. Hillsboro, Kans., has elected Dr. H. Abolition of private employment, Brunig, Socialist, for mayor. He was steective and strike breaking agencies, sent to the city council last election, sent to the city council last election. and the council made him mayor later when the mayor resigned. Now he is elected to the office by the people.

THE CALL OF THE WILD

By JACK LONDON. Copyright By Jack London.

(Continued from last week.)

The blood-longing became stronger than ever before. He was a killer, a thing that preyed, living on the things environment where only the strong survived. Because of all this he became possessed of a great pride in himself, which communicated itself like a contagion to his physical being. ments, was apparent in the play of every muscle, spoke plainly as speech Pensions for mothers, for invalidity, in the way he carried himself, and made his glorious furry coat if any

> brown on his muzzle and above his eyes, and for the splash on white hair that ran midmost down his chest, he might well have been mistaken for a gigantic wolf, larger than the largest of the breed. From his St. Bernard father he had inherited size and weight, but it was his shepherd mother who had given shape to that size and weight. His muzzle was the long wolf muzzle, save that it was larger than the muzzle of any wolf; and his head, somewhat broader, was the wolf head on a massive scale.

thing more glorious. But for the stray

His running was wolf cunning, and wild cunning; his intelligence, shepherd intelligence and St. Bernard intelligence; and all this, plus an experience gained in the fiercest of schools, made him as formidable a creature as any that roamed the wild. A carnivorous animal, living on a straight meat diet, he was in full flower, at the high tide of his life, overspilling with vigor and virility. When Thornton passed a caressing

which required action, he responded with lightning-like rapidity. Quickly Forty belligerent women pacifists as a husky dog could leap to defend routed the Berkeley, Cal., board of from attack or to attack, he could education and prevented that body leap twice as quickly. He saw the from passing a resolution which, the movement, or heard sound, and rewomen declared between hisses and sponded in less time than another dog

mined and responded in the same instant. In point of fact the three actions of perceiving, determining, and responding were sequential; but so infinitesimal were the intervals of time between them that they appeared simultaneous. His muscles were surcharged with vitality, and snapped into play sharply, like steel springs Life streamed thru him in splendic flood, glad and rampant, until it seemed that it would burst him asunder in

sheer ecstasy and pour forth gener ously over the world. "Never was there such a dog," said John Thornton one day, as the partners watched Buck marching out of

"When he was made, the mould was broke," said Pete.
"Py jingo! I t'ink so mineself,"
Hans affirmed.

They saw him marching out of camp, but they did not see the instant and terrible transformation which took place as soon as he was within the secrecy of the forest. He no longer marched. At once he became a thing into their own, electing three out of the wild, stealing along softly, catthe four candidates. Silvis is the seat footed, a passing shadow that apfooted, a passing shadow that ap-peared and disappeared among the shadows. He knew how to take advantage of every cover, to crawl on his belly like a snake, and like a snake to leap and strike. He could take a ptarmigan from its nest, kill Hartline, Socialist, is elected President of the Village board with 288 votes against R. C. Watkins, Peoples Second too late for the trees. Fish, in open pools, were not too quick for him; nor were beaver, mending their dams, too wary. He killed to eat, not was his delight to steal upon the squirrels, and, when he all but had

As the fall of the year came on, the moose appeared in greater abund-WAR MEASURES URGED BEFORE winter in the lower and less rigorous valleys. Buck had already dragged down a stray part-grown calf; but he affairs, after several representatives desire. Back and forth the bull tossed back upon Buck and enable the sought recognition from the Speaker his great palmated antlers, branch- wounded bull to rejoin the herd. ing to fourteen points and embracing

posing a tax or the unearned increment and by exempting personal property and improvements", said Socialist State Senator Louis A. Are ed to cut the bull out from the herd, the wounded bull mad with helpless nold, Wisconsin, in arguing for his It was no slight task. He would bark rage. For half a day this continued. three bills embodying the Socialist and dance about in front of the bull, program on taxation. All three of the measures were indefinitely post- and of the terrible splay hoofs which a whirlwind of menace, cutting out his 9, while "playing soldier".

To The Socialists Of The **Belligerent Countries**

MANIFESTO ADOPTED BY NATIONAL EMERGENCY CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS, APRIL 14, 1917.

COMRADES:—Now that the people of the United States have been forced by their ruling class into this world cataclysm, as you have heretofore been by your own rulers, we, the Socialists of the United States, feel it our right and duty to address you on this most momentous subject.

We wish to say at the outset that the workers of this country have no enmity towards the workers of Germany, and that we, the Socialists of the United States, feel that the great affliction now shared in common by the workers of the United States and Germany should, and we hope that it will, strengthen that consciousness of a common brotherhood between them which will ultimately bring about peace between these two countries and a general world peace with it.

We also wish to convey to you our firm determination and we pledge ourselves to do our duty and make the sacrifice which may be necessary in order to force our masters to conclude a speedy peace. And we hope and expect that whatever may have been the policies which some of you may have followed in the past, you will henceforth adopt vigorous measures to force your masters to the same course of action.

We, therefore, call upon you to join hands with us, so that all of us may use all the means at our disposal in a common effort to bring about a general peace which will be just and lasting, without indemnities and without any forcible annexations of territory by any of the belligerents, whether avowed or sought to be hidden by some less offensive term that may be invented for the purpose; so that no nation may be deprived of any part of its liberty or made in any way dependent politically or economically upon any other nation; and that no change of territory shall take place without the consent of its inhabitants freely and unmistakably expressed.

Down with War: Down with misery and hunger and mass murder! must be the war cry of the proletariat. Long live peace! Long live the brotherhood of nations and the solidarity of the international proletariat!

of the creek. A band of twenty moose had crossed over from the land of rage. At such moments he charged streams and timber, and chief among them was a great bull. He was in a him on by a simulated inability to dropped to its bed in the northwest were urged as war measures in a memorial to Congress presented in the Minnesota Legislature by Representative A. O. Devold, Socialist, of Minenapolis. The resolution was referred to the committee on military allows a savage temper, and, standing over six savage temper, and, standing over six escape. But when he was thus sepated from his fellows, two or three feet from the ground, was as formidated from his fellows, two or three feet from the ground, was as formidated from his fellows, two or three feet from the ground, was as formidated from his fellows, two or three feet from the ground, was as formidated from his fellows, two or three feet from the ground, was as formidated from his fellows, two or three feet from the ground and the sun dropped to its bed in the northwest escape. But when he was thus sepated from his fellows, two or three fall nights were six hours long), the ground streams and timber, and chief among them was a great bull. He was in a many simulated inability to escape. But when he was thus sepated from his fellows, two or three fall nights were six hours long), the ground streams and timber, and chief among them was a great bull. He was in a savage temper, and, standing over six escape. But when he was thus sepated from his fellows, two or three fall nights were six hours long), the ground streams and timber, and chief among them was a great bull. He was in a many six and the sun dropped to its bed in the northwest escape. But when he was thus sepated from his fellows, two or three fall nights were six hours long) and the sun dropped to its bed in the northwest escape. But when he was thus sepated from his fellows, two or three fall nights were six hours long) and the sun dropped to its bed in the northwest escape.

There is a patience of the wildseven feet within the tips. His small dogged, tireless, persistent as life iteyes burned with a vicious and bitter self-that holds motionless for endlight, while he roared with fury at less hours the spider in its web, the that held them back. Besides, it was "The community having created the value of the land, is entitled to the proceeds of the rental value, and the proceeds of the rental value, and the flank, protruded a feathered peculiarly to life when it hunts its the flank was threatened. The life of only one member was these can only be obtained by imposing a tax on the unearned in accounted for his living food; and it belonged to Buck demanded, which was a remoter in-

wished strongly for larger and more formidable quarry, and he came upon a single blow. Unable to turn back on it one day on the divide at the head the fanged danger and go on, the bull creatures preyed upon, which is a les-

and more reluctantly to the aid of their beset leader. The down-coming winter was harrying them on to the lower levels, and it seemed they could never shake off this tireless creature terest than their lives, and in the end they were content to pay the toll.

(To Be Continued.)

James Platt, 10 years old, was shot thru the heart by Alvida Cimley, age

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eners in four days." Hobart Kerr, of Md., writes: "The kerr, of Md., writes: "The women can hardly wait till they get them." Herbert Cain, of Ky., sold nine after supper. At the end of his first day, J. W. Gordon, of Pa., writes: "I have sold two dozen, and I sold to everyone I saw." Wm. G. Hall, of N. J., says: "I think it is great. I sold six in about one-half hour. The machine is a mighty fine proposition. I am a mechanic and I know

sold six in about one-half hour. The machine is a mighty fine proposition. I am a mechanic, and I know what I am talking about." Peter Courtland, of Mich., writes: "I received your sharpener and opened it in a barber shop. I ground his shears, and I got an order for one right on the spot." H. A. Henkel, of Va., says: "I have examined it and find it a wonderful little machine. The workmanship is simply perfect." Frank King, Colo., says: "Sample received Saturday. Sold ten today. Sell to most every house." Forest Webb, of Pa., says: "Went out Monday afternoon for about three hours and received one dozen orders. Profit \$12.00." H. Tillery, of Tenn. wrote: "Took three orders first hour. When you sharpen an old dull knife, dull, as a hoe, in less than a minute, they sit up and look." Ray Carter, of Mass., writes: "I went out two days and have orders for thirty sharpeners." Profit \$30.00 for first two days. John Durr, of Wis., also says: "I have sold thirty in two days."

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Rumblings From Germany

"What has happened in Russia is bound to happen and bound to happen within a short time, in Germany and Austria as well".

Hardly had these words been spoken by Morris Hillquit to the Emergency National Convention of the Socialist Party at St. Louis, Mo., last week, than very evident rumblings began to be heard in Germany.

It was the hunger cry that stirred the revolt to action in Russia. It will be the demand for bread that will raise the standards of revolution in Germany and Austria.

While the American jingo press is no doubt overzealous in magnifying the internal troubles of the Central Empires, some of the reports can be relied upon.

There is no doubt that there has been a serious strike in the metal, wood and transport industries and that the principal demand was that the German government confiscate all foodstuffs, redistribute them equally and revoke the order reducing the bread supply.

What is looked upon as a concession to the strikers is an order from the head of the department of munitions that two of the members of all municipal food supply committees in German towns shall be representatives of trade

It is felt that there is considerable significance in the statement of the Vorwaerts, the Socialist daily at Berlin, that the strike was based not only on the food situation and the demand that internal reforms be no longer delayed but also on the deep longing of the people for peace.

In the midst of this popular upheaval Count von Reventlow, writing in the Berliner Tageszeitung, exclaims, "Without a German victory the German monarchy will soon cease to exist!"

Considerable mystery shrouds the peace negotiations reported to have been carried on between Russian and German Socialists. If any overtures have been made it seems that they have been rejected by the Russian provisional government.

Minister Stauning, of Denmark, also secretary of the Danish Socialist Party, who is supposed to have met the German peace missionaries, is quoted as saying:

"The German Socialists understand that a separate peace such as the financial world desires will be of no value. We do not wish to aid a separate peace between Russia and Germany because it would merely increase war's violence in other theaters".

In this crisis in Germany, it is announced that the Socialist minority group has formed a new party called the Independent Social Democratic Party of Germany, declaring it is fundamentally opposed to the existing governmental system, to the war policy of the government and the pro-Government policy of the existing Social Democratic Party.

This fact stands out paramount in all the news coming from Europe—that no government seems able to make any move without the aid or consent of the Socialists. We await the time when the full strength of the German Social-Democracy will be arrayed against the government. In that hour the historic events that recently transpired in Russia will be repeated in Germany.

The action of the Socialist Party in special convention in St. Louis, proclaiming its unqualified oppositon to war and militarism, will be hailed with acclaim by all true Socialists in this country.—THE ADVANCE, official organ of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of Amer-

Organization Column.

Increasing The Dues

constitution increasing the national dues to ten cents per month.

stated expenses, without leaving any-

Such expenses as rent, postage,

printing and wages have to be paid all

the time. Unless the income is in excess of the amount required for

these purposes, it merely results in

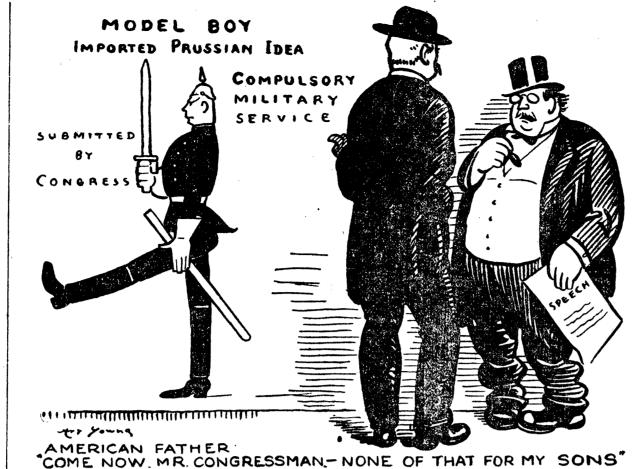
we are in now.

It is therefore very necessary that and disaster.

at movement are the following:

be adopted.

thing to work with.



Recruits For Peace

By ADOLPH GERMER.

O YOU want to see this country turned into an armed military camp? Do you want to see a military machine built up here that will make the Kaiser's look like a piker? Do you want to see billions of dollars spent to build up an institution to murder human beings by the wholesale? If not what are you doing to prevent such a condition from becoming a stern reality?

You are told thru the press and from the platform that the "highest duty you can perform is to serve your country". The ruling class of every other nation says the same thing. They always fail to tell you, however, that to serve your country might mean that you will be shot up and turned into cannon meat.

Food Prices Soaring.

What is the country that you are called upon to serve doing to serve you? In the midst of this halo of patriotism the prices of foodstuffs are soaring and soaring until they are almost entirely out of reach of the toiling millions. Every day when you go to the market, you are told of further increases in the prices of foodstuffs. When you are "greeted" with the rising price of the necessaries of life, you will find fault with the merchant who is only the errand boy of the big business interests that coin millions out of these criminal conditions. These big commercial pirates are at a safe distance fixing the prices that the struggling corner grocer charges you. These gamblers and speculators, these commercial highbinders want war; first, because they grow rich out of war profits and, second, they succeed in fastening a large standing army and huge navy on this country to be used against the workers in the event they should revolt against the commercial plunderers. And now the great mass of workers refuse to be lured into the military meshes, compulsory service is the next step on the legislative checkerboard. What is to become of the lofty traditional principles that have been the pride of this nation?

We are told that this war is forced upon us. The ruling class of evrey nation says the same thing. Not a ruler in all the belligerent countries will admit that he is the aggressor in the present world war. Each side says the other is the aggressor. Be that as it may, the fires kindled by the world conflagration have reduced the house of Romanoff to ruins. The house of Hohenzollern is trembling and destined to meet a like fate. The movement for a worldwide democracy will find its way into every land. The Capitalist system is ripping and cracking on all sides and out of the present world chaos a social order will be formed where work and worth go hand in hand; where production of wealth will be carried on to supply the needs of mankind and where commercial rivalry—the inevitable forerunner of war —will be no more.

Jails Are Yawning.

In the past we called upon you to act and thousands responded, while others accepted the situation with indifference. The powers that be are resorting to every method known to an ingenious mind to crush all opposition to conscription. We are told that the jails are yawning for those who are retaining their manhood and refuse to march to the music of the militarymade man. The same threats were held out to the courageous men and women who defied the despotism of the Czar. Now we hail those immortal souls with joy. They are the pioneers of progress and their victory inspired the proletariat of the world to work on until the emancipation from the bondage of a wage system

In these times that try men's souls we must remain true to our cause. Everyone should make a special effort to win new recruits in this liberating movement. The ruling class is enlisting recruits for war, we must enlist recruits for peace. The Socialist Party is the organization thru which that aim will be realized. Enroll as a member today, and bring nearer the time when Capitalism and its evil accompaniments will be banished from the earth.

Whose Country Is This?

By JOHN M. WORK.

One who says that he has no country is indulging in loose thinking, or at any rate in loose talking.

It is very true that most of this country is owned by the capitalists. It is true that they exploit the workers out of most of the value of their labor and keep the rest themselves. It is true that they use the country for their own financial benefit.

But who made the country what it is? Who built the buildings? Who has done the work in the industries? Who has made all the useful and beautiful things? Who has planted and harvested the crops?

There is but one answer. The workers, mental and manual, have done all this. They have made the country what it is.

Certainly they do not possess the country. It has been stolen from them by the capitalists. But it is none the less theirs on that account. If a thief steals my watch, it is still mine. If it were not still mine, I would have no

right at all to try to get it back. If this country did not rightly belong to the working class, we would not have the slightest right to try to reclaim it from the robber barons of capitalism. If it were not our country, it would be up to us to let the capitalists do whatever they jolly well please with it, without let or hindrance from us. If it were not our country, we would be mere butters in when we try to reform the country or to get our principles established in any manner.

It is just because it emphatically is our country that we insist and shall keep on insisting that our principles shall be established in it.

You see how utterly untenable is the statement that we have no country.

As a matter of fact, those who make this statement do not as a rule disagree with us very much. They simply fail to expres themselves accurately. What they really mean is that they are internationalists. So are we all. But that does not mean that we have no country. We stand for a federated world. We work for it continuously. And at the same time we work for the restoration of our own country which the capitalists have stolen from us.

Prepare! For Draft Riots!

"National Defense" is the heading on an advertisement now being run in the jingo press by The Marlin Arms Corporation, New Haven, Conn.

This advertisement might more appropriately be headed, "In times of peace, prepare for the draft and It is called "Bulletin No. 1", indicating that more are to follow, and is addressed "To Local Military Organizations and POLICE DEPARTMENTS". Read it:

"It is of the utmost importance that materials for instant use and defense, in case of sudden emergencies, should be at hand and entirely adequate to the requirements. Experience has shown that no one implement of defense or attack is more efficient than the Marlin-Colt Machine Gun, which has met every detail of the most exacting requirements, both in actual warfare or in case of riots or uprisings, and has been adopted by the United States and many foreign governments. Orders for these guns, together with all ammunition required, can be filled by us immediately upon receipt

The first riots expected by the master class. that has brought on the present war, will be the protests against conscription. There will also be uprisings against the high and increasing cost of food. For all of which the robber class must be prepared. Watch the police department in your city and see just how many of those Martin-Colt machine guns it buys. Then remember that it isn't your police department.

WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?
The New York Central Railroad reports that its profits for the past fiscal year amount to \$63,344,017 which is an increase of \$33,672,715 over what it was a year ago and constitutes a profit of 18.3 per cent on all capital stock outstanding, water and all included.

> Rush in your orders for the four page leaflet containing the Socialist Party Manifesto and War Program adopted at St. Louis, Mo. Price: \$1.50 per 1,000. Send all orders to National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

When peace comes in Europe it will be thru the Socialists who kept their heads, literally and figuratively, in time of trial. Likewise, American Socialists who do not desert their

Washington. D. C., announces a very successful pound party, that broke into the GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., HEADQUARTERS. cessful pound party, that broke into the local press.

North Side. Pittsburgh, Pa., has a new headquarters for which it pays \$30 a month. They are planning a ball for the benefit of the Westinghouse victims, one of whom is a member of their own league.

New Britain, Conn., will entertain their neighbors from Hartford at a banquet on the local Socialists. All local Socialists, and those visiting Grand Rapids, should make this their headquarters.

Elgin, Ill., organizes a new league with 18 States into war. Still we are told parter members. that in the face of a great crisis there would never be time to take a referendum of the people on a war declara-

"Please enroll my name as a subscriber for one year", writes W. T. Buesch, of Erie, Pa. "I am a native American and a farmer. Someone has sent me a copy of your paper of April 21, and I am glad to see that you Socialists are opposed to war. I am with you on that. I have firmly resolved to vote the Socialist ticket hereafter."

The latest is that J. Ogden Armour is to abstain from eating meat one day a week as a war-economy measure. With that financial precaution taken, and since the Rev. F. W. Gunsaulus has offered his services to the Governor, what have we to fear from war or starvation?

"I wish I were able to send you a thousand times fifty cents," writes Comrade W. H. Grove, Four Lakes, Wash., as he renews for a year. "But at present it is impossible," he says. "But I have started out on a plan of my own. The first of the year 1917 I made a solemn resolution to drop all capitalist papers. So instead of paying 10 or 15 cents per week for something that does not appeal to me, I drop the same amount in a tea cup and will hold it for campaign funds."

RUN OUT OF TOWN.

A. E. Welch writes from Waco, "I was mobbed last night and egged by the Home Guards, escorted to the train and virtually run out of leaflets against war issued by the national office.

J. L. ENGDAHL Editor Entered as second-class matter, July 21, 1914, at the post-office at Chicago, Ill., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

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BUNDLE RATES.—Bundle Rates One Year to one address: 4 copies \$1.50; 8 copies, \$3.00; 10 copies, \$3.50; 25 copies, \$9.00; 50 copies, \$18.75; 100 copies, \$35.00. Bundle Rates of Any Issue: 1,000, \$7.50; 500, \$3.75; 200, \$1.50; 100, 75 cents.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1917.

The April Leaflet!

Our April leaflet is entitled "The High Cost Of Living". It was written by Scott Nearing.
This leaflet should be distribut-

ed by the hundreds of thousands. You can get these leaflets from the National Office, Socialist Par-ty, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill., at 10 cents per 100;

75 cents per 1,000.

The cost of living is going up!
Let the workers of the nation know the reason why!

"America First!" Demand In Production Of Food

By LUCIEN SAINT.

Washington.—"Produce more Food" cries the Federal Government, and the farmers and the bankers, their former enemies, are joining together to produce more food.

But where do the people come in? Are the people going to get more food? Are the great producers and distributors of finished foodstuffs cooperating with the Government to get food to the consumer at somewhere

near cost? It is easy to grow food. It is yet early in the season. It is possible to plant beans, corn, potatoes still to be harvested this year. This is easy and the Government is taking, quite nat-urally, the easiest route. But what about marketing the food? about prices?

Rulers Cast Aside.

government is asking the people to eat beans instead of meat and corn meal instead of potatoes. A certain king once asked his subjects to eat grass. The Russian czar could not get food to the people, tho there was plenty of food in the storehouse. In both cases the people rebelled and cast aside their rulers.

Shall it be so here? Who stands between the farmer and the government and the eater of food today? Let us know his name that we may collar him and make him, too, become a patriot in this hour when patriotism is all the fashion if

not the necessity.
Well, there are the Packers. What are their profits? If the cattlemen raise more beef animals, it means more money for the packers. They profit no matter what happens. They have already stifled beef production by the small farmer because they have cut down the profit to the farmer to such a figure that it does not pay him to raise a few head on the side, and he must either raise hundreds or else raise none. The packers perpetuate and profit by the uneconomic system whereby an animal grown in Pennsylvania is shipped to Chicago to e killed, and then shipped back Pennsylvania to be eaten. Then the packers sell the by-products back to the farmer in the shape of fertilizer, and make another profit.

Are the packers patriotically coming across now? Armour's Patriotism.

J. Ogden Armour made a stab at patriotism the other day when he said that there should be no more spec-ulation in wheat. But the day after he made this statement his buyers thruout the United States bought up wheat for future holdings-and made money by the very kind of specula-tion which their master was denounc-

ing in the press. You cannot beat it.
Yet the United States Government knows these facts. Will it act on them in the interest of the people?

Then there are the millers. The millers used to mix clay and dust in with their flour to give it weight and make money. Now the Government is asking them to grind the whole wheat berry into the flour, thus producing a flour more nutritious and healthful. Are the millers co-operating like patriots? Answer: they are not. They are squealing. They are misrepresenting. They are trying to hold on to their profits derived from the double product of wheat as now milled—flour and bran. They say that if they grind the whole wheat to: human consumption, the cattle will go hungry. Yet they are charging prices for their bran so high that the cattle will have to go hungry.

Who Is The Patriot?

Why is this? Who is the patriot? The socialist who is working for the good of all, or the miller and packer

who is working for his own good.

Why is rice going up? It is the one crop of the year in which there is no shortage. There is plenty of rice. Yet already it has advanced a cent a pound, and before this is printed it will probably go bigher. reach ten cents a pound. Rice is food for the poor. What is the Govern-ment going to do—sit idly by and see the poor starve while it feeds its soldiers and the people of Europe. Let us have a little America first!

BUSINESS UNITES AGAINST PUBLIC UTILITY MEASURE.

Public utility lobbyists joined the railroad commission and the Mer-

chants and Manufacturers' association, Milwaukee, to oppose the Kent bill, making it easier for Milwaukee to engage in public utility enter-prises. The spectacle furnished by this trinity appearing in opposition to every measure to relese the people from the grip of privately owned utilities is getting monotonous. This town. My assailants numbered be- combination has been eminently suctween 30 and 40. I had distributed the cessful in the present legislature. The Kent bill was introduced in the legis-lature by H. O. Kent, Socialist.

NOTE.—We want the best brains in the Socialist movement to contribute ideas to this "Organization Column". We feel that the best organization ideas come from those who really do the work of organization, the rank and file of the membership who are always on the job. Let us hear from you. Send all communications to the Organization Column Editor. The American Socialist, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. do something. I am required to pay just twice as high dues to my union as I pay to the party. And it is a low dues union at that. Most of the unions have still higher dues. The unions have learned that they can't do anything unless they have the wherewithal to do it. Organization - Education - Solidarity.

the office be given sufficient funds to

The party should learn the same thing

There is scarcely a party member who

does not throw away several times as

pays more money to the church than the average Socialist party member

thusiasm for our cause than she has

available. And the dual stamps are

wish to use them. There is there-fore no hardship. Give us the money

to boost the cause.-John M. Work,

The politician' is entirely at home

to tolerate him is to invite disruption

available for married couples if

To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialist Leagues.

II. Officers And Their Duties. ganization, with the Socialist background as the adhesive and magnetic feature. However, regardless of what may develop later, this nucleus must have a plan of organization, a complete set of officers and some method outlined for the conduct of its meetings and other activities.

their duties may not be absolutely complete and may not suit all occa sions and conditions; but such a set of officials has conducted Young People's Socialist Circles in the cast. from list of members, either by the leader or a reliable arrangements committee. Duties: To conduct the particular meeting in an efficient and

levelheaded manner. Critic, picked like the chairman. Duties: To closely observe and note down all important happenings, especially details of the literary program, and to present a constructive criticism

thereof. Organizer, elected for a term of three months. Should be a member of keen observation, sound judgment and some diplomacy. Duties: To be ever ready with plans for increasing the efficiency of the club and enlarging the membership. Also a member of

Arrangements committee, chosen for term of three months, composed of the organizer and two other capable members. Duties: To arrange for and plan all literary programs, entertainments and other events of the

Financial secretary, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer, elected for term of three

The time allotted for the meeting should not be over two hours. A business meeting of approximately threequarters of an hour to an hour is long enough. Long drawn out business meetings are exceedingly tiresome to young people, and the shorter they are the better they like them. The socalled literary program can also consume an hour with ease. The program is always more interesting to the young folks than the business part of the meeting. Many novel features can be introduced here in order to

avoid dull monotony.

In articles to follow, the director, the chairman and the critic will be discussed somewhat in detail, in order circle can be made the nucleus of a literary, debating, social and athletic oreffect of such officers upon the membership if they are efficient and made

good thing to talk over among yourselves any points with which you think you disagree

THE YIPSEL SURVEY.

The leagues all over the country are doing their bit. There are so many reports of ready fine activity received that it is impossible to print them all and do justice to them. The National Champs especially are drawing wide suport and enthusiasm and the good done to the movement is already apparent.

NFW YORK STATE.

Jamestown is already preparing for its annual camp or beautiful Lake Chautauqua. One of their members was a delegate to the Party Convention at St. Louis.

Buffalo No. 1 is revaining on home talent and doing it well. They are to conduct a class in elocution so that all may say their say no matter where they go.

Watertown, N. Y., held its second educational meeting in its new quarters and netted 11 new members. An Easter Ball was slso a great success.

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Syracuse can well be proud of turning out the best and most novel dance program that was ever seen in Yipsel circles. It was used on the occasion of their April Fool Masquerade Dance and consists of a double Y. P. S. L. emblem shield which is hand colored with water colors. A very neat little program without any advertisements but full of good Yipsel hits is bound on the inside of this cover and a bit of Socialist ribbon finishes the job. No two of the covers are exactly alike in coloring but they are good.

Queens No. 1 is carrying on some fine anti-war work and admitted three of its members into the Party during the past month.

MASSACHUSETTS.

mass meetings, by distribution of literature, and offering all service possible.

3. To call on all young people to unite with us in our fight against war and militarism.

4. To instruct the National Secretary to ommunicate with the International Bureau at Zurich as soon as possible.

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OHIO.

Cleveland No. 1 reports that they have reached their low-water mark but are coming back strong. In the past month they had one educational affair, one entertainment, and one large dance at the Olive Academy. Toledo reports a highly successful April Fool's Party, a debate, and revived interest in business meetings. An anti-conscription meeting recently held was attended by the V P S I.

GENERAL REPORTS.

Richmond, Ind., is increasing its membership at the rate of two a week and is organizing a baseball team.

Socialists who do not desert their principles can hasten peace by their anti-belligerent activities here.

New Britain, Conn., will entertain their neighbors from Hartford at a banquet on May first. Ansonia, Conn., is staging a repetition of the Mooney Trial to bring home to bringing about a conviction.

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The stage of the Mooney Trial to bring home to bringing about a conviction.

The stage of their own local socialists, and those visiting Graud Rapids, should make this their headquarters.

It was more than two months after Germany declared her submarine policy that congress voted the United

ANTI-WAR ACTION.

The Bronx, N. Y. Yipsels have taken an anti-war stand that is entirely in harmony with the principles of the league, and other circles will no doubt find the report of their findings, printed below, of considerable in-

Friday, March 9th, at a general meeting of the entire membership, the burning question: "What shall be the attitude of the league to militarism?" was discussed and the adoption of the following resolution resulted: "WHEREAS, war is imminent in the pres-

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keeping the wheels oiled, without leaving anything with which to run in a capitalist party; in the Socialist the machine. That is about the fix party he is an unmitigated evil and

On the referendum ballot about to be voted upon by the party membership there is an amendment to the half a dozen children to support who

This amendment should by all means pays to the party. Have we less en-

At the present time, the dues are for hers? When a member has no injust about enough to pay the regular come, the unemployed stamps are

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of the right stuff.

NOTE:—The author does not claim that this set of officers and their duties as outlined will fit every league and all conditions. That they fit the conditions he met with in Brooklyn, N. Y., is well shown by the good work he did with the league there. It would be a rood thing to talk over among yourselves an

MASSACHUSETTS. Boston is living up to its rep. A dramatic reading by a prominent actor and stage director, and a benefit ball for the N. E. Leader has been held.

Lawrence has been earrying out some fine anti-war propagands. One of our members