

War? If the masters want blood, let them cut their own throats

What the War Will Do

The European war will mean the greatest impulse for Socialism that history records. It will mean an end to all kings with real powers and an end to all bulging bureaucracies.—*Chauncey M. Depew, multi-millionaire and former republican United States Senator.*

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Read it and help circulate it. Hand a copy to your neighbor. Mail marked copies to your friends. Scatter it in the shops and factories, put it in the farmers' wagons and the city man's automobile. Let all read the truth about war and what it means.

HOW SOCIALISTS WAR ON WAR

The Aims of Socialism, Showing How Socialist Program Might Even Now Bring Peace to Europe.

Many will this week read the APPEAL for the first time. They will wish to know what Socialism is, what it proposes to do, and wherein it can relieve the present situation NOW and make this a better world to live in.

In every city, town and hamlet in this country today men and women are talking about the war; every other question has for the moment been brushed aside. What does it mean? In what way will it effect America? What is this Socialism we hear so much about? Will Socialism prevent war as the Socialists claim? These are some of the questions people are asking one another as they meet and discuss the war. Socialism can and will relieve the present situation; it can and will remove want and the fear of want in this country, in spite of the European war, if the American people will but study Socialism and put it into effect. It can and will make war impossible in America if those in America who do not want war will but study the Socialist program. To make this clear let us first tell what Socialists propose as well as we may within the limit allowed. The Socialist proposal, stated briefly, is the collective ownership and democratic management and control of the means of production and distribution, all to be acquired through the capture and control of government, municipal, state and national.

Socialists demand that those things collectively used shall be collectively owned, and that those things privately used shall be privately owned. Today the great mass of the workers live in and use homes they do not own. Every home should be the private property of the family that lives in it. How far should public ownership extend? This is a legitimate question and one often asked. Generally speaking, public ownership should and will stop at every man's front gate.

When the railroads, the mines, the manufacturing plants, and other industries, where men work together, or socially, are privately owned, such private ownership enables the private owners to exploit the workers out of the major part of the product of their labor.

We say the jobs are privately owned. The workers do not own their jobs because they do not own the machines and tools with which they work.

The capitalists own the machines and the tools and this means they own the jobs which the workers must have or beg, steal or starve.

The propertyless worker—and the great majority are in this class—has nothing to sell but his labor power. He has but one market to go to and that is owned and controlled by the capitalists through their private ownership of the machinery of production and distribution. Thus these private owners of the means of life set the price at which the worker must sell his only commodity—his labor power. You deny this. He has his trade unions, you say. Quite true. With his trade union and collective bargaining he may force the capitalists to put out more in wages than he would otherwise do of his own free will. But the capitalists have other means of exploiting the workers. They also own and control the markets where the workers must go to purchase those things necessary to keep them in condition to go on working and producing.

Here and there a few workers, some particular favored class, may through organization or other means, better their economic condition, but it is a fact, no longer denied by any honest student, that the whole working class never receives much above or much below their actual necessities. That is, enough to keep them in working condition. And there is no possible way for them to get more under the present system of private ownership. Through new inventions and perfected machinery the productive power of the workers is increasing all the time, but no benefits accrue to those who operate the new inventions and perfected machines—in fact, in many cases it has thrown many out of employment and forced others a little nearer the starvation line. Strange though it is in such cases, it is because too much has been produced. For the most part the consumers of the product of labor are the laborers themselves. They work for wages that represents but a fraction of what they produce. It is clear, then, that they cannot buy back of their total product only up to the amount of their combined wages. We have then what the unthinking world calls overproduction. Too much food is produced and the producers thereof go hungry. Too many shoes are made and the makers go barefooted. This is because we now produce for profit. Under Socialism we will produce for use. Every intelligent man today must admit that all wars, that the war of today, in which eight nations are already involved, is but a fight for markets, more profits, for some added economic advantage of one nation or nations over some other nation or nations. Under Socialism war would be unthinkable. There would be nothing to fight about.

When machinery was so simple and cheap—that each individual could own the tools with which he worked, and when land was free or cheap, the worker employed himself and received his full product. It follows that if the people owned the present complex ma-

Must He Ever Continue to Scourge the Earth?



ONCE more over Europe stride General Death and Private Suffering. About the feet of the great commander bloom, like flowers around the skirt of spring, white human skulls; the foliage before him grows red with brother gore; song birds turn to vultures; and fleecy white clouds are transformed into smoke curling from charred ruins. Everybody salutes you, General Death.

Though muffled in a military cloak, your face wears an unlippered smile. Though the sword in your bony fingers drips with blood, there is a something familiar in the terrifying personage. I know you now. You are the old Taskmaster, commanding to grimmer toil. But your fangs show, and the blood-tipped sword is a pen transformed. The burdensome flesh has dropped away, and I see the death's-head of CAPITALISM.

But the spirit—I see it now. At one time I believed your spirit—grim Capitalism with the lying smile, General Death the Hyde of the two-in-one—was wholly fiendish and deformed; but now I know it to be merely the concentrated spirit of the workers themselves. It is their own subservience, their own ignorant imaginings, that give power to the whip-hand of the respectable and force to the sword-hand of the upbraided Being that you materialize to the world. Should the workers

change their own servile manner, change of conditions would immediately follow.

A change of spirit, and capitalism would disappear. He who has been materialized as General Death would cease to be a uniformed racer and dress-suit class-war. Instead of the warrior and the slave, there would stand the Happy Worker, with glad life and child by his side. Instead of skulls at his feet there would be flowers and fruit. For the vultures, birds of peace would throat carols of joy. Smoke of destruction would give place to placid skies. The bloody sword would be transformed into the tool that with a touch would pile before him beauty and abundance.

The lipless mouth of General Death, made to live through the spirit of the workers themselves, opens in prophecy. It bites this wisdom into dull ears:

"Evil is of your own making. The rivers of blood that shame the earth come from your own veins, from the blind strokes you yourselves dealt. Some day you will see and know. When you discern the truth, war will be forever at an end; the master will disappear; poverty and ignorance will vanish away; and then the hands that have slain shall make beautiful and good and joyful all the hills and valleys of earth, while fingers clasp across the borders that now are battlefields."

LINCOLN PHIFER.

and thus in control of their lives and be enabled to develop such regulations as they may deem best, at the time they may wish to adopt them.

As to what Socialism might do in the present crisis and what it would accomplish in the matter of war in general:

If the government would follow the Socialist suggestion and forbid the shipment of goods abroad, it would at once hold enough here to feed the people well, and would starve out the European crime. By taking charge of marketing, in accordance with the Socialist idea, it would keep prices down, even below what they have been. It would open the postal savings banks for all deposits, and then

use these deposits, up to a safe banking margin, in doing public work that is needed, and thus employing the idle, it could make times boom here, instead of being stagnated, with soup houses to be maintained by the charity of those who have made millions through the suffering of others.

Of course, this is not all there is about Socialism. If you wish to know more—and it is the one subject about which everyone should be posted—see that this paper comes to you regularly so that you may study it. To find out more of the Socialist party organization and how you may aid in the great work, write Walter Lanfer-seik, national secretary, 803 West Madison street, Chicago.

CRUSADE AGAINST CUTTHROATS

George R. Kirkpatrick, author of "War—What For," Oportunities for the Defeat of the Trust

Kings and emperors at war in order to extend their dominion, increase their income and power. The capitalist, the big banker and those who sell provisions want war in order that they may find market for money in new bond issues and profits from war equipment or war profits. Thousands of others secretly desire war because they believe it will bring them profit or advancement.

The only way to fully safeguard against the scourge of war is to forever end the capitalist system with its profits and interest and graft. Yet even now much may be done to arrest the terror.

First—If you wish to make serious and effective war against war and militarism, first of all you should, of course, be armed with information concerning war and militarism. In your private library and in your public library it would be well to have the following books:

- Dews—"History of Economics, or Economics as a Factor in the Making of History."
- Simons—"Social Forces in American History."
- Kautsky—"The Class Struggle."
- Hobson—"The Psychology of Jingoism."
- Liebknecht—"Militarismus und Anti-Militarismus."
- Herve—"My Country—Right or Wrong."
- Kirkpatrick—"War—What For?"
- Black—"The Future of War."
- Weich—"Moral Damage of War."
- Kropotkin—"Mutual Aid."
- Jordan—"The Human Harvest: The Blood of the Nation."
- Zola—"The Downfall."
- Barry—"The Siege of Port Arthur—A Monster Heroism."
- Von Suttner—"Lay Down Your Arms."
- Andreief—"The Red Laugh."

Second—The children in the public schools should be urged to study the subject of war, and to prepare debates, essays, orations and declamations on war.

Third—The present edition of the APPEAL TO REASON is intended for a wide distribution and can be had at the rate of 50 cents per hundred.

Fourth—Various labor organizations should bring up the subject of war, militarism, militia, etc., for study and discussion, urging the expenditure of at least a few dollars for leaflet literature against war and militarism.

Fifth—In shop, mill, mine, railroad yard, on the farm—everywhere the toilers are to be found—create interest in war, militarism and the militia.

Sixth—Write articles, letters, etc., for your local papers on the subject. These communications should be brief, clear, courteous and vigorously instructive.

Seventh—On every possible occasion ask the local ministers the following question, courteously of course: "Why is it that the nineteenth century and the first decade of the twentieth century of the Christian era have been as warlike and bloody as any other hundred and ten years since Christ, the Man of Peace, was nailed to the cross by Roman soldiers?" Ask why it is (courteously of course) that if the church has vast influence and stands for peace—why is it that there are greater preparations for war and actual slaughter today than ever before in the world's history? These questions should, of course, be asked not with contempt nor ridicule, but in serious, fraternal spirit. Perhaps the preachers can thus be convinced that it is about time for them to deliver the goods, namely, Peace. Ask these same questions also of your neighbors.

Eighth—Remember, that war is the greatest single outrage thrust into the lives of the working class. Grind sharp the sword of your information and go to work both on the present generation of men and women and on the children. Remember, that before war can be driven from the world, we must fill the world with arguments and ridicule against it, with contempt and detestation for it. Remember, too, that the printing press is the Gatling gun for the working class in the war against war. Five men and women, with determined hearts, could educate a community of 5,000 people against war and militarism.

Ninth—Remember, that kings, queens, czars, emperors, presidents and industrial rulers will not set the working class free from outrages of the battlefields of industry or the battlefields of war, even though international peace conferences meet regularly and drink champagne and eat the world's best food for the next hundred years. The working class must itself defend and free the working class.

Tenth—Never surrender.

International War May Involve the United States

Eight nations are now involved in the European war. Fifteen million soldiers are in the field, with prospect that twenty millions will be marching ere long. The loss in life exceeds already a hundred thousand. The situation, with big navies and aircraft taking part for the first time in the struggle of powerful nations, is appalling. Already starvation faces nations. The greatest calamity of all time threatens the world.

There is strong possibility that even America may be drawn into the war. The new Panama canal is a point of danger. If some navy should be permitted to use that short cut, then other navies would protest. A hundred possibilities suggest complications that might bring war.

The situation is extremely grave. Capitalism is on the verge of collapse all over the world, and in its effort to continue its existence is ready to drag to ruin all peoples and all advancement. This is the immediate threat.

Of course, beyond that is glorious possibility as well. The world will sicken of war. Autocracy will condemn itself. Capitalism is committing suicide. Just beyond the terrific crisis lies the beginning of the Co-operative Commonwealth. Socialists have everything to hope for, and are the only people on the earth who can see light in the darkness. We may congratulate ourselves on the tremendous sentiment that is already developing against war and against autocracy in industry. It is coming by leaps. The nations will be forced to Socialism in order to save themselves and civilization.

AMERICA FACES DANGER OF BEING DRAWN INTO WAR

Only Great Power of White Race Not Involved; Can U. S. Remain Aloof?

TRADE IS CHIEF PROBLEM

BY AN INTERNATIONAL LAWYER. Washington, D. C., Aug. 6.—[Special.]—The United States today is the only first class power of the white race in the world which is not engaged in war.

There are many possibilities of international friction to which this country is exposed as a result of the European struggle.

Greatest of all is the danger which will be run in the carrying of contraband after a merchant marine is obtained.

Almost equally great is the danger in the orient, where the United States must police Asia against the aggressions of the Japanese.

The Panama canal may force the United States into international disputes if the warships of two or more of the warring nations meet near it and those of one attempt to escape from the other through the canal.

Possibly the greatest danger will follow after the war closes. If one power emerges triumphant over the others in such a degree that it will be looked upon as the world's foremost fighting nation, undoubtedly it will turn its attention to South America.

FEW days ago A. Marians, secretary of Local Las Animas County of the Socialist party of Colorado, and John Murray, a member of that local, came to Girard and told us of the sad plight of the miners in the Colorado coal fields.

Comrades Marians and Murray pleaded with us to take up the Colorado fight. We did. The Appeal, as has been announced in this column, is heart and soul in this campaign to get justice for Rockefeller's wage slaves and freedom for the imprisoned miners.

However, evidence of the United States being dragged into the whirlpool of destruction is now coming gradually to the surface. The Chicago Tribune of August 7 prints a two-column article on its first page, entitled "America Faces Danger of Being Drawn into War."

working people of America shall bear all the burdens of war. The European conflict came suddenly and the people there were not prepared for it.

If our masters want blood let them cut their own throats. If Wall Street wants to take advantage of the European war to further its financial supremacy over its foreign competitors let Wall Street prepare to back up its schemes with soldiers recruited from the Morgans, Rockefellers and Vanderbilts.

If American capitalists want to sell the product of the American workers at fancy prices to the European governments let them see to it that they alone will do the fighting if war results from their ambitious designs.

America must look after its own affairs. There are plenty of troubles in this country to solve without us getting mixed into foreign complications.

Eternal vigilance is the price of peace as well as of liberty. Arouse the American people to the horrors of war. Circulate this issue and help conserve our country's human resources. ENLIST IN THE WAR AGAINST WAR.

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Bankers Could Stop War. The following lines are from Paper No. 50 of the literature of the American branch of the Association for International Conciliation:

The march of events points definitely to the exercise of their power by bankers without governmental intervention. A well-known incident, of which we have record, is when Meyer Roth-

This enormous costliness of war has added to the power and influence of the bankers and in particular the international bankers, for the means to carry on such war must be obtained by the flotation of large loans.

The international banker must be, and is, informed of conditions the world over. To this knowledge he must add capacity in the world of international politics and diplomacy.

And when the purse strings are drawn against war, war must perforce come to an end.

More and more frequently is his (the banker's) dictum given weight in determining if war shall come or not; whether war shall continue when once inaugurated.

The Russo-Japanese conflict of 1904-5 was halted in a large measure because bankers refused to float further loans after probably \$1,500,000,000 had been wasted in the contest.

To all who understand something of the financial problems of war, the fact is as plain as a flag flapping in the sky, that bankers and other powerful capitalists can prevent a war or stop a war as they choose.

In the event of a declaration of war, if only a few hundred of the nations' leading statesmen, bankers and other capitalists were chained and locked by the ankles to the wheels of the Gatling guns and heavy artillery and forced thus to go to the front and stay there where the humble lads of the working class must face fire and steel, the declaration of war would be immediately cancelled.

After many times ten thousand boys had been butchered in the Russ-Jap war; after hundreds of thousands of young men had been wounded, and weakened by disease; after millions of homes in Russia and Japan were saddened and sickened with grief; after the steaming blood of thousands of the working class had actually run down the hillside in streams at Port Arthur; after this tragedy in Manchuria had reached this stage, a few dozen bankers and a few other big business men whispered together about the dangerous degree of financial risk on any further Russ-Jap war loans; then they drew tight their purse strings and thus staled the war. This is now known by all the best informed people in the world.

Why did not these distinguished leeches stall the war before the cannon began to feast upon the flesh and blood of the working class?

You fathers and sons of the working class, you mothers and daughters of the working class, please think this matter over carefully—and act accordingly. The working class must itself defend the working class.

You voters in the working class: On the battlefields of industry stand solidly together. On the battlefields of politics stand unwaveringly together.

In case a war is declared, why not wait—wait—calm and cool, till the big business men have been butchered and being butchered on the firing line for, let us say, thirty days at least? Let them go first to the front—if need be, chained to the cannon wheels.

Wanted—Every Appeal reader to send 25 cents for one copy each of all Appeal pamphlets, and leaflets. This merely pays the postage and cost of shipping; we give you the literature.

A Good Soldier. BY JACK LONDON. Young man, the lowest aim in your life is to be a good soldier.

The good soldier never tries to distinguish right from wrong. He never thinks; never reasons; he only obeys. If he is ordered to fire on his fellow citizen, on his friends, on his neighbors, on his relatives, he obeys without hesitation.

Is not large preparation for war the best means of securing peace? No. It is well known that when an individual is, by long training, equipped for a fight, and is armed with a revolver and a knife and a blackjack, he is much more likely to be overbearing, insolent and offensive; he is also readier to pick a quarrel. The same is true of nations.

But what shall we do if our country is in actual danger from a foreign foe? First: Move heaven and earth to keep the working class in both countries involved understand the situation. Second: Don't get excited. Third: Have good manners. Be courteous; that is, don't rush up to the front in vulgar haste to take all the good opportunities to get on the firing line. Why not stand back courteously and let the bankers and their sons, the

big manufacturers and their sons, the senators and congressmen and their sons enlist? Remember, our country belongs to them chiefly, and they ought to be given an excellent opportunity to defend it.

What is good, general policy for the working class respecting militarism? First: Require all school teachers to teach all school children to despise and hate war. Require that all the school children shall be taught the origin and history of war; the cost and the cause of war; the special purpose of modern wars; the moral effects of war, etc.

WAR---WHAT FOR? BY GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK

Albion college (Michigan) replied in part as follows: War... promises jobbery, invites fraud and creates a condition invariably seized upon by the shrewd and unscrupulous to gather to themselves fortunes which they have not earned, and to bind upon the necks of the masses burdens which they are often compelled to transfer to their children after them.

War breeds fraud, and crime, and vice, and vagrancy; yields pain, and death, and sorrow, and it is the working man who, in large numbers, must furnish the victims of all this horrible savagery. Of all classes, those who are in the rank of the honest toilers have the greatest reason to protest against war.

I call that a man's message. It rings true. There is none of the time-server's side-stepping in it. The man who wrote it is not a coward.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Leland-Stamford university (California) worded his message thus: True patriotism has nothing to do with the war spirit. It is a matter of life and work to make the lives of others better. To respond to the drum is not patriotism. The patriot is in the soldier's fortune.

War was once universal. We have made it so costly that its continuance means national ruin. The whole world is still paying the bills incurred by Napoleon and the promoters of the Crimean War.

That also is a good, solid message. President Jordan is distinguished not only as the president of a great university, but as a scientist, his speciality being biology. Dr. Jordan's small but powerful book on war ("The Blood of the Nation") is heartily commended to the readers of the APPEAL.

Ridiculous and Imbecile. William T. Stead of London was a man of the first magnitude in character, intelligence and good works. He had very few equals in all of the British empire.

During the Boer war Mr. Stead published, in one number of his paper, War Against War in South Africa, the following program: 1. What do you want to do? 2. Stop this war! 3. Why? 4. Because we are in the wrong. 5. How? 6. By confessing our sins and doing right.

Another Cause of War. Wages will not buy plenty of excellent food. Wages will not buy plenty of good clothing. Wages will not buy plenty of high-grade furniture. Though the wage earner is able and willing to produce and does produce all these things abundantly, yet his wages will not permit him to consume these things abundantly. Wages will not buy as much value as wage-paid labor produces.

Slavery was a surplus game. Serfdom was a surplus game. Capitalism is also a surplus game. By pinching, repressing, restricting the wage earner's life the capitalist employer skims off a surplus. By belittling the wage earner's life the employer increases his own life—with the surplus legally filched from the life of the wage earner.

The wage worker, under capitalism, is forced by the lash of threatening starvation, forced by the fear of the bayonet, forced by the threat of the injunction court—to force the wage slaves (if they refuse) to consent to this wage slavery surplus game. That's war—the class war. Do you see that?

With modern machinery, modern methods, modern knowledge and modern skill the workers can produce vast surpluses so rapidly that the capitalists can't dispose of it all promptly either in home markets or foreign markets; and thus cannot—dare not—employ all the workers all the time all the workers are willing to work.

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Fourteen were silent. In preparing this anti-militarist edition of the APPEAL TO REASON, courteous letters were sent to twenty of this country's distinguished educators, presidents of colleges and universities, offering—and urging them to use—each a brief space in this newspaper with a message to the working class on the meaning of war for the working class. It was urged that the special edition would afford opportunity to speak to several million people on the important topic proposed. Fourteen of them kept a fish-like silence, though all of them are provided with expert stenographers to whom they could easily dictate at least a few strong, encouraging, helpful lines: Three of them side-stepped with entertaining awkwardness. And three of them made many replies.

Dr. Jacob G. Schurman of Cornell university (New York) sent a copy of an address on War and Peace, delivered in Cincinnati, O., November 7, 1911—from which I select the following excerpts: The toiling masses of the modern world are feeling both the cost of war and the cost of peace as most oppressive. The field of battle is a ghastly exhibition of carnage and death and horrible suffering, and its blight overshadows the nation in ruined homes and broken hearts.

The governments of the world are out of harmony with the best sentiments of the people. But by playing upon international jealousies they have hitherto secured the support of the majority. And in this game they have potent support from the "special interests" in the respective countries which stand to gain by war. For war gives power and office to the politician, favors promotion to the captain and general, undue profits to the dealers in military supplies, and fortunes to the makers of ships and guns and all the munitions of war.

Fortunately, the masses of the laboring men are everywhere coming to recognize that war means loss and death to them. Labor unions and Socialists have become preachers of peace. Self-interest has quickened their humanitarianism; and they are today one of the foremost agents of humanity and international brotherhood. I sometimes think our churches have been too subservient to the powers of the world.

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Therefore, a multitude of the willing-to-work are unemployed and millions more are on part time. And thus the capitalist needs more armed, drilled slayers to stand guard over the unemployed while they shiver and starve. That also is war—the class war. Do you see? If not, study 't till you do see. Soldiers and marines, cannon and battleships are also needed to open up and defend a foreign market for the good things which the wage workers' wages will not permit them to consume and which the capitalists do not care to consume. See? But perhaps you are too "patriotic" to see straight.

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International wars threaten us—wars for foreign markets. You—yes, quite possibly you—will be urged to help fight for a foreign market for porterhouse steak while you and millions more are forced to eat chuck steak, bean soup and bologna. Do you see?

Also, our (not your, not my)—but "our" investments in foreign countries—for example, in Mexican mines and railroads, may need protection. Then you may rush to the front to protect "our" capitalist interests. You will get the glory and the cold steel and "we" will get the dividends. Thus "our country" will use you in another war as a watchdog for American capitalists.

Gems by Kirkpatrick. The working class must themselves become organized political authority, must seize the powers of government—and thus secure legal control of sovereign political power which carries with it the legal right to control, or revise, or abolish, or re-organize industrial institutions; must thus secure the legal right to construct and inaugurate that industrial form of society which will destroy capitalism with its organized, legalized opportunity for class robbery, and which will, at the same time, substitute organized, legalized opportunity for every member of society to make a living without being robbed, opportunity to live without wasting and vulgarizing his life in a struggle against his fellow men.

There is but one working class political party on all the earth. That party sincerely proclaims: "Freedom for the working class! No more war!" And loudly and patiently that party sounds an immortal call of brotherhood to all the workers on all the blood-stained earth: "Workingmen of all countries, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain."

The much plundered working people are beginning to think. Thought is revolutionary. A thought is a file, a keen saw, with which a soul may escape from the gloomy dungeon of prejudice. Thought is intellectual nitro-glycerine for blasting the flinty mountains of prejudice. Thought utterly destroys mental rubbish. Thought kills what ought to die. Thinking slaves promptly become defiant and dare to do for freedom. Thought kills—kills slavery.

The change comes and come it must. The cruel spell wrought over the mind of the multitude by the bribed orator, by the purchased writer, by the blood-lusting "man on horseback," and by the far-looking masters of industry—that spell will be, must be, broken. The iron shackles on the wrists and ankles of the toilers have already been broken. The wage slaves' shackles also must be rended, not only the industrial, but the mental slavery of the modern workers must be destroyed.

Too long, too madly and sadly, too gullibly the film-flamed working class have broken their own hearts and wet the earth with their own blood and tears; too meekly and weakly the toilers sweat themselves into stupidity and then—like cheated children—gullibly hand over the choicest culture, clothing, bread, wine and shelter to the robbers and rulers who despise them and betray them.

Much of the matter appearing in this issue of the Appeal was prepared some time ago for a war emergency by George R. Kirkpatrick, author of "War—What For?" and one of the most vigorous writers on the subject in any land or language. His peculiarly vivid style marks all he has written, and his contribution to the Appeal merits the closest reading.

If you want to know the real cause of the war, read "War—What For?" by George R. Kirkpatrick, \$1 per copy.

Socialists Oppose War England. From Manifesto by Keir Hardie and Arthur Henderson in behalf of English Socialist section.

There is no time to lose. Already, by secret agreements and understandings, of which the democracies of the civilized world know only by rumor, steps are being taken which may fling us all into the fray.

Workers, stand together therefore for peace! Combine and conquer the militarist enemy and the self-seeking imperialists today, once and for all.

Proclaim that for you the days of plunder and butchery have gone by; send messages of peace and

fraternity to your fellows who have less liberty than you. Down with class rule. Down with the rule of brute force. Down with war. Up with the peaceful rule of the people.

Germany. From Manifesto by Executive Committee of the German Social Democratic party. Party members, we call upon you to give expression to this firm demand for peace on the part of the class conscious proletariat in mass meetings. A most solemn hour has come; more solemn than any in the last decade. There is danger in delay. A world war is threatening. The ruling classes who in times of peace despise you, humiliate you, now wish to misuse you as food for the cannon. Everywhere raise the cry in the ears of these war lords: "We don't want war! Down with war! Long live the international Brotherhood of Nations!"

Austria-Hungary. From Manifesto adopted at mass meeting of Socialists of Austria-Hungary. In the name of the working class, we, the representatives of the German workers in Austria, declare that we do not assume the responsibility for this war and for whatever disasters will follow it, those who have created this situation, who have supported and furthered the program which brings on this war.

We are of the opinion that in our time a state can thrive only in freedom, that it can exist only through justice. As the representatives of the disinherited members of present day society we aim at a state of government which will come to the aid of the working class now struggling for freedom with social and cultural reforms.

Italy. From L'Avanti, central organ of the Socialist party of Italy. A unanimous cry must be raised by the political groups, the labor organizations and from the common councils in which our party is represented. A unanimous cry must surge from the profound masses of the proletariat and this cry, repeated in all places, in all the streets of Italy, must be "Down with war!"

The time has arrived for the workers of Italy to have faith in the old saying: "Not one life; not one cent; let cost what it will!"

France. From address of National Committee of the French Socialist party. The Socialists, the workers of France, appeal to the entire country to contribute with all their might to the maintenance of peace. What we ask of them is to work so that a measure of conciliation and mediation shall prevail. We will struggle with all our energies against the abominable crime with which the world is menaced. The mere possibility of this crime is the condemnation and shame of the entire capitalism regime. Down with war. Long live the social revolution. Long live international Socialism.

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A War Against War

Today all Europe is ablaze with war. Tomorrow it may spread to America.

The only intelligent, organized force in all Europe opposed to war is the Socialist movement and that is seemingly helpless in the face of the powerful financial interests who want war. No intelligent man denies this.

What is happening in Europe will happen in America.

Socialism is the only thing that can prevent it. Today we are at peace with all the world. Today, now, is the time to push our propaganda. Never was it more important to circulate the old APPEAL. Never was its message needed more.

WHEN THE WAR IS OVER.

The present European war cannot go on forever. Whether it will be of long or short duration no man can foretell. That it will be the bloodiest war of all history all know. That it is the beginning of the end of capitalism appears certain.

The war must end. Capitalism must end. That or the human race will go back into barbarism to begin all over again its weary journey.

In the meantime, that war will be followed by an almost worldwide revolution of the working class on the one hand and the forces of capitalism on the other seems inevitable.

Already the workers are groaning under a burden that can hardly carry. What will it be when the war is over? In simple self defense the workers will be forced to take over government and industry. There is no other way. That or barbarism. That or perpetual slavery of the working class.

American workers are fortunate. They are fortunate in not being involved in the war. But, let this sink deep, Mr. American Worker, your good fortune will be short lived; it will avail you naught, if you fail to grasp the opportunity that is yours today.

The clock of the ages points silently to the time for action on the part of every red blooded American workman.

The fate of the proletariat of the world lies in your hands. Today, now, this very minute. Socialism is the hope of the working class of the world and in the hands of the Socialists of America is the hope of its realization. Fail today and you fail forever.

The APPEAL is your instrument. It was born for your use. Fail to use it now and it will have been born in vain. It is no time for jealousies. It is no time for petty differences. It is no time for anything but GETTING THE THING DONE.

ALDRICH IN THE SADDLE.

A few years ago everybody was denouncing Aldrich, the author of the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill. He was a reactionary, we said. We got rid of Aldrich, and elected a progressive democratic congress. But the Aldrich bill has just gone into effect, on the orders of an administration that is composed of eminently "good" men. The Aldrich measure is none the less vicious because it is Wilson who orders the issuance of half a billion dollars' worth of asset currency and a democratic congress that authorized the banks to issue a billion dollars in clearance house certificates. Turning out one man and putting another in to do what the first did is a fraud. We must get rid of the entire system of private control of industry, including private control of money and banking, if we would have safety and immunity from wars for aggrandizement.

THE war god likes to feast on human flesh, but this time he has bit off a little more than he can chew.

It is too early to predict the outcome of the war. "Teddy" has not yet announced on which side he will fight—with his jaw.

CIVILIZATION has made wonderful advancement. At one time they fought wars of conquest. Now—they still fight wars of conquest.

CONGRESS is now considering a bill authorizing the issuing of currency against warehouse receipts. Why not include pawn tickets?

VERY piously both kaiser and czar invoke the blessings of the Almighty on their slaughter. What impudence! What colossal blasphemy!

CIVILIZATION has made tremendous strides. The private quarrel of kings formerly embroiled only principalities; now it makes the world an armed camp.

CIVILIZATION has advanced marvelously. Once it was heathendom that engaged in warfare; now Christendom within a week becomes an armed camp.

THE masters think they have got rid of the problem of unemployment by setting the workers to killing each other. It will be found that they have merely taught those remaining at home to think.

CIVILIZATION is a great deceiver. A year ago it had moralists organizing boy scouts under the claim that they were not a war body. Now they are being used in war service.

CIVILIZATION has made marked advancement. They formerly killed with the stone axe; in the early days of America they used the bow and arrow; now they slaughter with machine guns and high explosives.

A glance over the contents of this paper should convince every advocate of peace of the importance of it being widely circulated. One dollar will pay for 200 copies. Do your part.

AND now Italy has authorized her banks to increase their note issue. If the bankers get what they want without war they will be inclined to shut down on hostilities as calculated to destroy prospective customers.

THE raise in the price of foods in the United States is no more needful than it would be in a family to deny some food because others wished to get more of it. It is the profit system and nothing else that is advancing the high cost of living.

If England can seize on the railroads as an emergency war measure, why can't our government seize on the railroads as an emergency peace measure, to insure the welfare of the people? Some day Socialists will answer this question, and then—

THE German emperor may be fighting for his life, but he is also daring to declare war on five nations because he is an epileptic and has arrived at the age when the disease has almost rendered him crazy. And such men rule great nations.

THEY are trying to make kaiser Wilhelm the "goat" for this shameful war. The kaiser was a tool, and has been discredited. The real cause is the wish of the masters to maintain their graft on the workers of the world. American capitalists are as much to blame as is Wilhelm.

WE were told that the expenditure of sixty-four per cent of our national income for war preparation was an "insurance of peace." The insurance company has defaulted, and mutual insurance, \$3 a year each, in the shape of membership in the Socialist party, is the only hope left.

ANOTHER APPEAL VICTORY.

While the newspapers are filled with movements of European armies, it is well to remember that the APPEAL Army is still on the job. Its latest victory is to secure the restoration to citizenship of Waldo H. Coffman, the Socialist soldier who sometime ago, due to agitation and work of the APPEAL Army, was released from the penitentiary, where he had been sent for distributing Socialist literature. While the war department freed Coffman and declared him innocent, it did not restore to him the citizenship that had been taken from him, as it confessed, without right.

In its issue of November, 1913, the APPEAL asked that its readers write the war department and demand that Coffman be restored to citizenship. The APPEAL, among other things, said:

The war department must correct Coffman's record. It must give him an honorable discharge. The young Socialist soldier must not carry a yellow paper noting that he was dishonorably discharged from the army. He must be restored to citizenship.

THE APPEAL got busy. It did write to the war department. So many letters were sent that the war department, already compelled to crawl on having imprisoned a soldier wrongfully, decided to surrender and grant him an honorable discharge. Holding that it had no right to take such action, it recommended to congress that a special bill granting him an honorable discharge, restoration of citizenship and pay till the end of his enlisted term. The bill was passed by congress, with only one dissenting voice, and that was silenced when the facts in the case were presented on the floor of the house. A more striking victory it would be difficult to imagine.

While mad armies in Europe are slaughtering each other, the APPEAL army of peace has by an appeal to reason freed a soldier from prison and made the war department of the United States, the senate and house do it its righteous will. There is power in a right appeal. There is power in the Socialist movement when standing together. We ought to be glad that the fact is demonstrated just at this time.

HELP YOUR COMRADES!

THE APPEAL has just received copies of letters written by the Socialist officials of Missoula, Mont., to Governor Johnson and Governor Glynn of New York in behalf of Ford and Suhr, the two hop pickers, victims of gunmen and an unjust court, and Bouck White, serving a jail sentence for his brave attempt to secure justice for Rockefeller's Colorado slaves. Missoula is a Socialist town. Every city official is a Socialist and these letters are signed by the mayor and all the city officials. If any who read this have not yet acted on the APPEAL's suggestion to write the governors of California and New York, let us hope this will be a reminder to them to do so today. These men need your help. You can help them by your protest.

CAPITALISM A FAILURE.

If the war proves anything it proves that civilization under capitalist rule is a failure. The British government tacitly acknowledges its recognition of such failure by its prompt seizure of all foodstuffs and taking over of various branches of industry.

If a government can feed the people in time of war, why not in time of peace? People get just as hungry in time of peace as they do in time of war.

If private ownership is so much more efficient than public ownership, as the supporters of capitalism would have us believe, why does it always fail in the face of a great crisis like the present?

Capitalism by its own insane acts is proving the soundness of Socialism.



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SOCIALISM AND MONEY.

Centralization of credit in the hands of the state, by means of a national bank, with state capital and an exclusive monopoly—Communist Manifesto by Marx and Engels.

Monopoly of banking and money was a demand of the early Socialists, before populism came into existence. The chief difference between the Socialist and populist propositions is, Socialism demands that money deposited in public banks shall be used by the public in doing things for the public; while populism demands that money deposited in public banks shall be loaned out to individuals for them to use.

Recently there has been established that which might develop into a public banking system—that is, the postal savings bank. It is a public bank, but as operated now it carries with it the populist principle, though applied to a class other than the populists would benefit; the money deposited in these banks is lent to bankers at a trifling interest for them to use. If the postal savings banks were made, as the Communist Manifesto demands, "an exclusive monopoly," it follows that all deposits would have to be made in those banks; therefore, the government would have the use of all its money, and could go to doing with it the things that bankers and private capitalists do today, by virtue of being given this special banking privilege.

Centralization of credit in the hands of the state," as proposed in the Communist Manifesto, would mean that the nation could use its credit without issuing bonds or borrowing money. It would mean that every community could use its local credit with the federal government to obtain means of doing things locally, without issuing bonds or borrowing from interest takers. Socialism proposes the only practical money system ever devised. Marx deserves credit for seeing it so many years ago.

REPORT NOT CONFIRMED.

THE APPEAL TO REASON has tried to get a confirmation or a denial of the report printed in the capitalist press that the German emperor executed one hundred Socialist deputies, including Karl Liebknecht. To date we have been unsuccessful. The New York Call and the Milwaukee Leader, the two Socialist English dailies, do not put much credence to this report. It is argued that the emperor would not attempt such a mad step knowing that these deputies have a following of more than four million German voters.

THIS is the first war that will be fought in three elements. It will be the last war that will be fought in any element.

A FAMILY AFFAIR.

So far the European war is largely a family fight.

Emperor William of Germany, George V of England and the czar of Russia are all grandchildren of Queen Victoria. The Russian czar and his wife are both full cousins of King George of England. Franz Josef of Austria is related to both the kaiser and czar and to the king of Belgium. These are only a part of the blood relationships existing between the rulers of the contending nations of Europe.

In addition, the rulers are officers in the armies which they are fighting. The kaiser is a colonel in the imperial Russian bodyguards, an admiral of the Russian fleet, a colonel of the first British royal dragoons, and admiral in the British navy. The Russian emperor is colonel in the Prussian "renedier of guard and admiral in the German navy. King George is admiral in the German navy and colonel of the Prussian cuirassiers. Franz Josef holds military and naval offices in the German, the Russian and the British armies and navies.

Think of it! At this period in civilization, that a family of royal degenerates can engulf the world in war for their own pleasure and aggrandizement! It is time to forever end the race of kings throughout the world. They are a threat and a danger; and kingcraft is even more outgrown than capitalism is.

WILL AID SOCIALISM.

It is announced that the government will devote some of its war navy to carrying purposes for the purpose of supplying the need created through tying up of European commerce. It is even suggested that the government navy buy some of the big liners in order to avoid complication of permitting them to sail under the American flag. Cotton and grain are to be shipped under direction of the government.

It will be seen that the very calamity of war is forcing the nations into adopting socialistic measures. Socialism has progressed to the point where even a conspiracy to place the world to slaughtering workers in an endeavor to set back the clock of the ages will prove futile. The war itself, it will soon be discovered, will prove a tremendous agitator for Socialism.

WE WILL LEARN FROM THEM.

England, France, Germany and the United States have seized on the wireless telegraphs as an emergency measure.

England has seized on all the railroads in the nation and is running them herself.

Germany has seized on all the automobiles in the empire and is using them in public service.

These are all precedents that Socialists may follow later on. If railroads, telegraphs and machinery may be seized when the interests of the whole people demand it in time of war, they may be seized in times of peace whenever it shall be deemed that the interests of the people will be conserved by doing it.

The masters have taught us confiscation for the sake of mastery. We may practice the lesson they have taught us in the interest of freedom.

THE "mental labor" of the great financiers on which they have been claiming fat rewards appears to be, as far as brain work is concerned, mere mush. The Interstate Commerce Commission, reporting on the New Haven deals, says: "Reasonable estimates of the loss to the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company, by reason of waste and mismanagement, will amount to between sixty and ninety million dollars." More and more the economics of big business are seen to be steals and not economies. The reward they deserve is not money but imprisonment.

THE prayers appear to be great on prayers.

THE masters are reaping rich dividends with the fall of the workers before the scythe of death.

THE sun of Socialism has not ceased to shine because it has been temporarily obscured by the war clouds.

THE significant thing about this war is not the war itself, but the great advance of Socialism that will follow it.

FOOD ought to be cheap in America, but the masters of the bread are making it dear because they can. They couldn't if you did not permit it.

CIVILIZATION is highly moral. Six weeks ago it was pretending that big armament was in the interest of peace. Now it is using that armament for slaughter.

THE social system based on racial lines or on conquest is inadequate. We must have a United States of the World before there can be real brotherhood.

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SAID Senator Owen of Oklahoma: "This situation affords us opportunity to make New York the financial capital of the world." With New York given control of a billion dollars of clearance certificates it certainly is invited to be what Senator Owen says is contemplated. But how about the rest of the country and the world?

EXPERTS at Washington, according to the Post of that city, figure that the European war will cost the United States a billion dollars. Tariff receipts will be cut in half. To meet the demand for revenue, a war tax is already proposed, although there is no war. America is in it already. She will probably be in it deeper yet. And the statesmen will discover that the only way out will be through the adoption of Socialism.

WITH the rigid censorship being maintained by the warring forces of Europe over every and all means of world communication, no one knows what has really happened or is happening in that God-abandoned part of the globe. Your "guess" is as good as that of the war editor of your favorite daily, the only difference being he can print his "guess" and circulate it broadcast while all you can do is put yours in the jack-pot at the corner grocery along with that of the other local war strategists.

OFTEN have Socialists been accused of fostering a bloody revolution. What is this, may we ask, that capitalism is giving us in Europe? Is this your boasted civilization you are so fearful Socialism will destroy? If you love it so well, why are you destroying it of your own efforts? Oh, ye rulers of the earth! Go hide your heads in shame. Your beloved capitalism has brought you world-wide war with all its horrors. Socialism, in spite of you, will bring you peace and happiness.

THE way the Washington patriots are relieving the situation caused by the European war is truly pathetic. They lend millions to the privately owned banks for practically nothing. The banks lend it to the people at eight per cent. Relief at eight per cent! That's clear, isn't it? It would be unpatriotic and unbusiness like, you know, for the people to own the government and the banks and lend this money to themselves and borrow it from themselves. That would eliminate the eight per cent, you see. Blessed eight per cent! And then what would the poor rich loafers do?

Will Civilization Vanish?

BY HENRY H. KLEIN.

Author of "Standard Oil or the People"; "How to Prevent Economic Disaster in America" and "The Looting of a Great City."

THE war in Europe means the bankruptcy of modern society. It means the ultimate liquidation of all the nations of the world. The arts, sciences and inventions that have produced the comforts of the present civilization are being used to destroy them. Education and religion have failed to check the barbarism of the human race and civilization will vanish as a result of the tremendous conflict now under way.

The war in Europe is costing at the rate of \$250,000,000 a day including the value of property destroyed and the universal paralysis of business. Poverty is widespread, not only in Europe, but in all other nations not directly engaged in the war. Mexico is ravished, China in revolt, and the nations of South America and South Africa are suffering as a result of the conflict. Poverty in the United States is acute and the cost of living will become prohibitive.

The total wealth of all the nations directly involved in the war is estimated at \$300,000,000,000. Their total debts, according to latest statistics, exceed \$30,000,000,000 or ten per cent of the total assets of their people. At the rate that property in Europe is being destroyed, the total assets of the nations involved will be wiped out in a few years.

Before the war, Germany owed \$1,200,000,000. She now owes \$2,450,000,000 as a result of the first war appropriation. The states of the German empire have a combined public debt of \$3,736,000,000, so the total debt of the people of the empire is \$4,936,000,000. Wealth in Germany is estimated at \$60,500,000,000, the total debt exceeding 11 per cent of this sum. Germany's annual cost of government in time of peace is \$880,000,000.

Austria's debt before the war was \$1,434,000,000. Hungary owed \$1,268,000,000. The total debt of Austria-Hungary is \$2,702,000,000. The wealth of both nations is estimated at \$25,000,000,000, the aggregate debt before the war being about 11 per cent of this sum. Austria-Hungary's annual cost of government under normal conditions is \$1,045,000,000.

Great Britain owed \$3,485,000,000 before the war. This debt has been increased \$1,025,000,000 in the past few days, making a total debt of \$4,510,000,000. The wealth of the nation is \$80,000,000,000, its debt being about 6 per cent of this sum. Great Britain's normal cost of government is \$920,000,000 a year.

France owed \$6,300,000,000 before the war. She authorized additional notes for \$1,000,000,000 a few days ago and her total debt, therefore, is \$7,300,000,000. France's national wealth is \$65,000,000,000, her debt being 11 per cent of this sum. The annual cost of government in the French republic is \$915,000,000.

Russia owed \$4,555,000,000 before the war. She will add at least \$1,000,000,000 to this debt during the next few months. Her total debt will then be \$5,555,000,000. Russia's national wealth is placed at \$40,000,000,000, so her debt is 14 per cent of this sum. Russia's annual cost of government normally is \$1,675,000,000.

Italy owed \$2,706,609,000 before the war. This debt will be increased at least \$500,000,000 if Italy goes to war and a large part of that sum if she does not. Italy's national wealth is \$20,000,000,000, so her present debt is more than 13 per cent of her total assets. Italy's annual cost of government is \$506,000,000.

Belgium owed \$800,000,000 before the war. The wealth of her people is estimated at \$9,000,000,000. Her war debt will be at least \$200,000,000, so her total national obligation will be \$1,000,000,000. This is more than 11 per cent of her total resources. Belgium's annual cost of government is \$15,000,000.

Servia and Montenegro are both heavily in debt and their resources are no greater relatively than those of the other nations involved.

How will the nations of Europe pay their debt? Their wealth will be diminished, the energy of their people gone, commerce and industry shattered, agriculture ruined, manufacture checked and the nations blighted as a result of the general catastrophe.

Will civilization vanish?

Do Your Part.

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