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## TO CHRISTIANS WHO PRAY FOR PEACE

BY ALLAN L. BENSON

Written for the APPEAL TO REASON.

Who loves peace? Christians love peace. Who are Christians? The czar of Russia is a Christian. The French president is a Christian. The king of England is a Christian. The emperor of Austria-Hungary is a Christian. The king of Belgium is a Christian. The king of Serbia is a Christian. And the United States is a Christian nation.

What are Christians doing to bring peace back to the world and hold it? The czar of Russia is pouring millions of troops into Germany and Austria-Hungary. The German emperor is shaking the heavens over France with his mighty siege guns. The French president is hurling at Germany such armies as Napoleon never saw. The British king has stationed in the North Sea the greatest fleet that ever went forth to battle and that fleet is watching the mouth of the Kiel canal as a cat might watch a mousehole. The British king already has 180,000 men in France and he is gathering a million men to send to France—to fight Germany. The emperor of Austria-Hungary is bringing to bear upon Russia, France and Great Britain every gun and every man he can muster. The king of Belgium, "with bloody hands, is welcoming Germans to hospitable graves." The king of Serbia is killing every Austro-Hungarian whom he can reach. And the people of the United States, on Sunday, October 4, at the request of President Wilson, are going to pray.

GOOD CHRISTIAN PEOPLE of the United States, you never seemed so admirable as you do now. Your eyes are wet with tears, but your hands are not wet with blood. Your own troubles are many, but they have not made you forget the greater troubles of others. They pray to the God of Battle. You pray to the God of Peace. May you be heard.

But what if you should be heard? What if your God should ask you questions? What if your God should say: "You ask me to bring peace to Europe. What have you done to keep peace in the United States? The United States may be at war next. I note that it has a large navy, and I have observed that its government occasionally has a meddlesome disposition. If the United States should be at war next, whose fault would it be? Would it be your fault or the fault of your rulers? Would you declare war, or would a few men declare war for you? If a few men should declare war for you, do you believe I should hold you blameless? Did I say 'Thou shalt not kill,' or did I say 'Thou shalt not kill unless others shall tell thee to do so—and then thou shalt kill by hundreds'? Did I say you were all my children and all brothers to each other, or did I say that some were my children and others were not? Did I tell you to love yourselves or to love your neighbors as yourselves?"

Good Christian people of the United States, let us answer these questions by talking about prayer. And, since the great nations of Europe are at war, let us search our hearts by considering what some of the great men of the nations at war have said about prayer.

In Russia is a proverb so old that no man may say how old it is. That proverb runs as follows: "What men usually ask for, when they pray to God, is that two and two may not make four."

GENTLE CHRISTIANS—followers of the Prince of Peace—are you not asking that two and two shall not make four in Europe? Are you not asking that two and two shall not make four in the United States? The people of Europe had little or nothing to do with the bringing about of the present slaughter. The people of Europe had little or nothing to do with the bringing about of the

present slaughter because they had foolishly permitted a few men to hold the war-making power. The kaiser sent Germany to war. The czar sent Russia to war. Francis Joseph sent Austria-Hungary to war. A handful of men in the French parliament sent France to war. A handful of men in the British parliament sent Great Britain to war. Nowhere were the people consulted, either at the moment of war-making or before the war. Kings made treaties as they pleased, though the treaties were sputtering fuses leading to powder chambers in the hearts of their respective subjects.

Wherein is the situation in the United States much different? Our constitution declares that a majority of a quorum of congress shall have the power to declare war. Congress is composed of 531 members. A quorum is 266 members. A majority of a quorum can declare war and 134 members are a majority of a quorum. Add the president and we have 135 men as the number necessary to hurl 100,000,000 people into war.

Suppose 135 men should hurl us into war and you should go to God and pray for peace. If you had not fought to obtain for everybody the right to vote upon the war declaration, do you believe your God would say: "You are a good man. You deserve peace. I'll end the war." Or, is it possible that your God would say: "When you have

peace why don't you protect it? Why do you permit a few men to speak for you and all the other millions? Why do you not speak for yourselves? Have I ever said that I did not hold each of you responsible for the observance of my commandment not to kill? Have I ever said that if 135 should vote to kill I would pardon the other 100,000,000 for killing?"

EUROPE IS CURSED with secret diplomacy. Secret diplomacy helped to bring about the present war. How much better is our diplomacy? It is not as bad as European diplomacy, but how far short is it from what it should be? How much do the people have to do with shaping it? Who knew what were John Lind's instructions when he went to Mexico as the personal representative of the president? Mr. Lind would not say a word. Mr. Wilson would not say a word. So far as outward appearances were concerned, Mr. Lind might have been going to Mexico on private business for Mr. Wilson. Yet, as the result of both what Mr. Lind did and did not do, twenty-one American citizens gave up their lives at Vera Cruz, and the United States, by the narrowest of margins escaped a war in which tens of thousands of Americans and Mexicans would have been killed.

If such a war had come and you had gone to God to pray for peace, what do you believe God would have said? Do you believe He would have said: "Don't worry about those miserable Mexicans. They are not my children—they are dogs. Kill all you want to of them. Your president is quite right in slaying them. You are quite right in permitting your president to begin slaying them without consulting you." Or do you suspect that God might have said something else? Is it possible that He might have said: "It is useless to beseech me to make two and two anything but four. If you do not like the result you would do well to cease creating the causes."

MARTIN LUTHER, speaking from the Ger-

many of long ago, said: "The fewer words, the better prayer." In how many words do you pray for peace in Europe? Do you use one of the prepared prayers furnished by New York pastors who employ from 500 to 800 words in which to frame their supplications? Why not be Luther-like and put it all into a single sentence: "Almighty God, give us the courage to resist our rulers and say that we will not go to war unless we ourselves have voted for it and are willing to go before you with bloody hands and try to justify our conduct."

Jeremy Taylor, speaking from the England of long ago, said: "Whatsoever we beg of God, let us also work for it." You pray for peace in Europe. You long for continued peace in the United States. How much have you done and are you doing to insure continued peace in the United States? Do you hold any part of the power to declare war? Do you believe you have no responsibility for making certain that war shall not come? If you have failed to fight for the right to vote against war do you believe God would acquit you of responsibility for a war that you had done nothing to prevent? Do you believe there are not crimes of omission as well as of commission?

Victor Hugo said: "Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be

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the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees."

Good Christian people of the United States—we Socialists are accused by grafters of almost every crime in the calendar. We should be surprised if we were not accused by grafters of almost every crime in the calendar. We are after the grafters. We are trying to put the grafters out of business. The grafters desire to remain in business. They, therefore, attack us. Among other things they say of us that we are a wicked, irreligious people.

I do not know what the grafters may mean by "irreligious." I do not much care. I have no great respect for a grafter's conception of religion. But this much I know to be true: If "certain thoughts are prayers," Socialists are praying all the while. If "there are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees," the souls of Socialists are always on their knees. Socialists are praying all the while in the sense that they are trying to add their little mite toward making this a kinder, better world. The souls of Socialists are always on their knees in the sense that they are constantly pleading with you, and all other well-disposed men and women, to help them make this a kinder, better world.

We believe this would be a world of greater happiness if war were forever ended. We fail to see that the common people of any nation derive any advantage from war. Yet war continues. Kings and congresses precipitate conflicts which the people are compelled to wage.

Why permit kings and congresses to precipitate conflicts? Why should not the people take over to themselves the right to speak in this great matter of life and death? Why should the American people permit 135 men to say whether 100,000,000 wish to engage in war? Certainly it is not because the 100,000,000 are incompetent to speak for themselves. Not everyone understands the currency question. Not everyone understands the tariff question. But everyone understands the death question. Everyone knows whether he wants to kill and be killed. The right of the peo-

## Bob Uhlich Freed on Bail—Appeal Scores Victory

Trinidad, Colo.—Bob Uhlich, leader of Colorado striking miners who has been in prison since last November on trumped-up charges, has been released on bail finally granted by Judge McHendrie. Until the Appeal to Reason took hold of his case Judge McHendrie refused to grant bail four times. The recall movement against Judge McHendrie which has been furthered by the Appeal is the cause of the judges' back-down.

In the statement given to your representative, Bob Uhlich thanks the Appeal and its loyal army for his freedom. "It is my firm conviction that the fight of the Appeal to Reason in my behalf is the reason for my present liberty," declares Uhlich. Bob Uhlich urges the Appeal and its readers to continue this fight until the other striking miners and sympathizers now confined in the Trinidad bastille are not only freed on bail but cleared of all the false charges brought against them by the coal operators and their henchmen. "We all look to the Appeal for rescue," concludes Uhlich.

JOHN MURRAY.

THE talk of peace is due more to a fear of revolt of the workers than to a real desire for peace.

GREAT armament will not prevent war—that has been demonstrated. Let us try disarmament.

PEACE treaties will not put an end to war—they did not in Europe. Let us try world solidarity of the workers.

STOP secret diplomacy. Let the people know when the next war is threatened and understand every move to prevent it.

PEACE congresses will not prevent war—that has already been proved. Let us try giving the people the sole power to declare war.

THERE is no reason why Socialists and Christians might not work together against war. Let both declare that in the future they will absolutely refuse to fight and the deed is done.

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Coal Barons Fill Jails With Rebel Mine Slaves

BY JOHN MURRAY. Staff Correspondent Appeal to Reason. Trinidad, Col.—To jail all the strike leaders in southern Colorado, try them for murder, and thus break up the union with the terror of the noose, is the plan of the coal operators just disclosed by the wholesale arrests now taking place in Las Animas and Huerfano counties.

Over one hundred arrests from grand jury indictments have already taken place in Las Animas county alone and it is estimated that two hundred more striking miners are marked for imprisonment in the foul cells of the county jail.

Jesse G. Northcutt, acting in the dual capacity of attorney for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company and "special prosecutor" under Judge McHendrie, has practically taken the place of the district attorney in directing the issuance of grand jury indictments.

Double and treble twists of the noose have been made for the most able among the union leaders. Pete Katsoulas, "Little Pete," the Greek leader, who protected women and children at Ludlow, is charged in his indictment with no less than 13 murders and five arsons.

Bernardo Verna is accused of committing 14 murders, four arsons and one assault, to kill John R. Lawson, board member of District 15, U. M. W. A., has written against him by this grand jury of company agents and gunmen, 12 murders, four arsons and one assault to kill.

Over 60 miners have been charged with attempting to kill Walter Belk of the Baldwin-Felts Detective agency. Seven strikers from Forbes, are charged with the death of a negro who was run over by the train as he was staggering back from a drunken carouse.

An assault to murder was multiplied by five because there happened to be five gunmen in an automobile that the accused miner was supposed to have fired at.

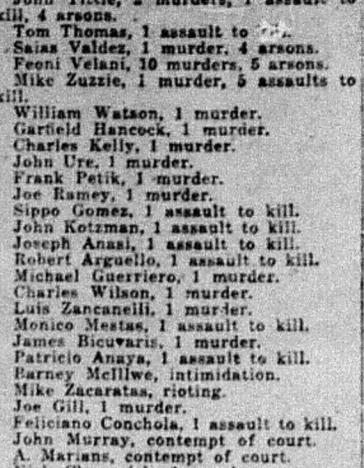
Excessive Bail Demanded. On every charge the bail bonds are piled high so that a grand total of over \$700,000 is now demanded for the release of the labor leaders of southern Colorado who stand between Rockefeller and his desired industrial despotism.

First it was the gunmen who herded the miners into the coal mines and shot down all objectors. Next came the militia and made massacre. Following the United States troops, and under their sheltering arms the scabs streamed into Colorado as never before.

Now the judges are to fill the prisons. The terror of the noose dangles before each striking miner's eyes. What can the unarmed, helpless workers do? The following is but a partial list of miners and their friends held in the shadow of the gallows in this district:

- Peter Katsoulas, 12 murders, 5 arsons. Bernardo Verna, 14 murders, 1 assault to kill, 4 arsons. John R. Lawson, 12 murders, 1 assault to kill, 4 arsons.

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The Colorado miners have accepted your proposition to settle the strike. The coal barons have not. You have been fair to Mr. Rockefeller; he refuses to be fair to you.

Are you, the head of the greatest nation on earth, going to let this man bluff you? And in snubbing you, Mr. President, remember he is snubbing the hundred million people you represent.

Are you big enough, Mr. President, to do the thing you know down in the bottom of your heart should be done? The Appeal hopes that you are.

That there may be no misunderstanding, let us put into simple words what this thing is that you should do, which you know you should do, and which every fair-minded man in this country knows you should do.

You should take over these Colorado coal mines, pay the miners decent and living wages, see that they are treated like men, and supply the people with coal at cost of production.

This is the thing you should do, Mr. President. Will you do it, or are you going to bow down to 26 Broadway?

A STRIKE WITHOUT SCABS

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labor unions and they want shorter hours and higher wages and all of those horrid, selfish things. "Well, my boy, what are you going to do about it?" "I don't know, mama. I have tried everything I can think of. I have refused to talk with them. I have hired detectives to find out their secrets and I have set my chief of police on them and I have jailed them and fined them, but it does no good. They will not listen to reason and they have absolutely no respect for law and order. What shall I do, mother?" "I hardly know, my child. I was afraid when you first told me that your scheme was too good to be true."

"But, mama, don't you think it awful that there should be such people who have no respect for the rights of property or the interest of our forefathers or any of the beautiful things of life?" "Yes, my son, but it is the way of the world," replied his mother. Moral—It's a long ignorance that has no turning.

Colorado for Socialism.—Colorado Socialists are making a hard fight to capture that state for Socialism and are using the little old Appeal as their chief weapon. They want to send the Appeal 40 weeks to every voter and workman in the state and they are asking the Appeal Army to help them do this. He have the names and addresses, thousands of them, and they will be put on the list as fast as the money comes in to pay for them. \$5 will pay for 20 of them; \$2 for eight, and \$1 for four. We can sink the capitalist boat in Colorado with the Appeal's little torpedo submarine if everybody gets on the job. Let's do it.

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## STARVING FARMERS REBEL

THE cotton situation in the south is the biggest industrial problem of the day. The APPEAL is receiving hundreds of letters concerning it. It has been created by the closing down of the European markets. Because of this, there is, as one writer expresses it, "no market." Another says: "Many farmers have not supplies to last two weeks." It is estimated that five million southern farmers and their dependants, because of the shutting down of the cotton market, are on the verge of starvation; for it must be remembered that most of the cotton of the south is raised by tenants, who borrow money to tide them over the season. If at the end of the season they cannot sell, as is the case this year, it means that everything they have in the world will be taken from them by the landlord and banker class. Cotton should ordinarily sell at from \$60 to \$85 a bale. A cotton farmer writes: "Some of the bankers are lending \$10 per bale on short time, and charging the farmer about 20 per cent interest." Add to this situation the fact that most of the landlords and bankers are prominent in church work, and you have an understanding why it will be needful for Christians to do planning as well as praying if they wish to hold the allegiance of the workers of America. Reflect that right here in America five million hard workers, most of them women and little children on the cotton farms of the south, will not have enough to eat this winter, and you will understand that the problem is something more than sending relief to orphans of Europe or to famine victims of China. We must get down to practical things.

THE mutterings of these ruined farmers is growing to a growl. They are meeting in conventions and making demands. At the state democratic convention in Oklahoma they made such a roar that an entire day was devoted to discussing the situation, simply because the farmers made them do it. And then the convention recommended only the "warehouse plan," and "buy-a-bale" proposition. The warehouse idea is this, in brief: The cotton raiser must take his crop to the gin, pay for having it ginned and get a warehouse receipt. He takes this receipt to the bank and receives on the cotton about \$25 a bale. If one will reflect that most of these farmers have not even one penny ahead, he will see how utterly impossible it is for them to pay for the ginning, and how impossible it is for them to live through the winter on less than half of what they had expected to receive. The "buy-a-bale" proposition is being boosted all over the south, the idea being to induce all who can to purchase cotton and thus distribute the burden—though, of course, it also means to buy cheap, make a profit,

and thus "get" the farmer after all. All this doesn't suit the desperate farmers a little bit. They are holding meetings and making demands of their own. More will be said of the nature of these demands later on. But the "arrogance" of the farmers in daring to demand things of the bankers and politicians is causing them to retaliate, and they are foreclosing mortgages everywhere. "Ninety per cent of the crops are under mortgage," says one correspondent of the APPEAL. The farmers will be compelled to pay their debts at the prices the bankers offer, which means absolute ruin to them. A million children will go hungry in the south this winter, every day of the winter, because of these exactions.

In Oklahoma the farmers are calling for an emergency proclamation which will suspend the foreclosure of mortgages for a year. It will be remembered that congress suspended liquidation for the bankers when the war came. Now the farmers who face ruin are asking the same thing for their relief. Will they get it? We shall see.

WITH THE "BUY-A-BALE" AGITATION there is a general demand that less cotton be grown next year. But why should there be? America needs every bit of cotton that can be raised in America. In every community there are many who would like to have more cotton goods, but cannot afford to buy them. It is true ever among the cotton farmers themselves. A Mississippian writes: "There are cotton raisers who have to go to bed while their wives patch their cotton overalls; and still they say there is an overproduction of cotton."

The problem is entirely due to capitalism. Capitalism undertook the regulation of markets—but failed to provide markets. It undertook the manufacture of commodities—and has failed to manufacture what Americans need in America. It undertook to furnish employment to the people—and has failed to supply the people with enough to buy the cotton goods they need and know they need. It undertook the banking of the nation—and uses it only to foreclose mortgages and make the working farmers homeless.

AND THE REMEDIES suggested by the capitalists themselves are confessions of their own failure. They ask all who can to "buy a bale" so as to distribute the loss. If the people, rather than profit mongering bankers, were in charge of things, the burden would be automatically distributed and there would be no need to call on any one to suffer loss. The bankers suggest a semi-public arrangement in the way of warehouse receipts—only they wish to control the receipts, for profit. If the people were in charge of the markets, all the cotton would be absorbed. If the people were in charge of employment, all would have means to buy cotton goods, and could use them all, right here in America. If the people were in charge of manufacture they would arrange to make all the people needed of everything, instead of all the exploited could buy, as the manufacturers now do. If the whole people were in charge of banking they would use their own credits and would not be under bonds or mortgages to anybody; they would have the money the private capitalists now have with which to do things.

And the farmers of the south are beginning to understand these things. That is shown by the demands they are making. One resolution of the protesting farmers calls for suspension of collection of mortgages and debts for a year. Another asks that cotton delivered to the bankers shall not be sold for less than 12 1/2 cents. A third resolution demands that the federal government lend the farmers of the south national notes directly at three per cent interest, secured

by cotton, at not less than \$60 per bale. The farmers point out that this is no more than the democratic party has just done for the bankers. When the money demand was made in the Oklahoma democratic state convention, one banker delegate suggested that the government would never lend money to the farmer direct, but only through the bank. Another small town banker said his bank could not get the emergency currency for less than seven per cent, although New York bankers got it for three, and hence the western banks were compelled to charge the legal rate of ten per cent—or more—to farmers.

THE COTTON SITUATION, coupled with the new currency steal and the exactions of the banker, is rapidly developing a fight of the farmers on the bankers similar to the populist rebellion of the early nineties. It is likely to be swifter and stronger than the populist movement was, and, as already indicated by the kind of resolutions adopted by the farmers, will be fully socialistic in demand. The new currency bill and the collapse of capitalist institutions is creating a crisis among the farmers, particularly in the south, that is more acute and more revolutionary than that of the wage workers of the cities.

WERE SOCIALISTS IN POWER they could almost immediately relieve the situation. By making money and banking absolute government monopolies; by lending money at two per cent direct to farmers, secured by crops rather than by watered stocks; by lending money at two per cent to municipalities for public works, it could immediately relieve the need of both the farmer and wage worker; and in furnishing employment at once, make possible the absorption of all the cotton and all other commodities right here in America.

An enlargement of this policy would gradually bring manufacturing and transportation under collective control. When this was accomplished the entire toll of profits would be eliminated. With employment, and the circulatory system—money—and the markets fully under control of the people, we would be at the point of realizing the dream of the ages, when want and war would be no more, when "nothing should harm," when "every man should sit under his own vine and fig tree," and when "none should lack."

THE class war is as bad as the racial or national war. Stop the owners from warring on the workers and stealing their product.

THERE can be no peace so long as there is exploitation. There can be no brotherhood until political and industrial lordship is at an end.

If Christianity prays for universal brotherhood, it should work for universal organization of industry so as to make brotherhood possible.

If there is ever another war it will be because Christians help to bring it and help to fight it. It is time they accepted the responsibility that rests upon them.

THE very fact that an individual cannot make war or end war alone ought to convince every Christian that the social work is an essential of the times.

THERE are two disgraces to civilization and Christianity—war and poverty. Both may be ended. If they are not ended, Christianity has failed to do what it might do.

If it be well for the nations to disarm, it is imperative that private armies of gunmen shall be forbidden. The strike-breaking army, sold for cash, is as disreputable as was the Hessian army, sold for cash, during the revolutionary war.

**The Dick Military Law.**  
 "The Appeal's Arsenal of Facts came in mighty handy today," writes a Texas comrade. "I made the statement in a crowd that the Dick military law provides that every male citizen over 18 and under 45 was a reservist; that they were members of the reserve militia and that any such member refusing to present himself for service upon call would be subject to court martial and punishment. One fellow declared there was no such law. I pulled my little red book of facts on him and you know the rest."

This is only one of the many bits of important and vital information contained in this great little book. Facts and figures on over 100 subjects are given in its 200 pages. The book is bound in red morocco leather, printed on thin, tough paper and just fits the vest pocket. It is a book that every Socialist needs. And remember that while you cannot buy the book for money you can get one free by sending the little old Appeal twelve 25-cent subscriptions, or purchasing twelve subscription cards, which you can sell later and get your money back.

Every man who is interested in making this a better world to live in needs an Arsenal. After you have used one for a week you'll wonder how you ever got along without it.

**PRAYING AND PLANNING.**  
 While Socialism is a political and industrial movement and has nothing whatever to do with religion, for or against, still there are aims of Socialism and Christianity that run parallel. As the Encyclopedia Britannica puts it, "The ethics of Socialism and Christianity are identical."

The desire of both movements is for world peace. While they differ in their methods of approaching this end, and while each should be perfectly free to work in its own way, there is no sufficient reason why they should not co-operate to secure arbitration and disarmament. There is really no argument against either of these propositions.

There is nothing in them for either the Socialist or religionist to oppose. If the power of the two movements were brought together to demand disarmament and arbitration they could force it on the world within two years.

AND THE APPEAL sees no reason why any Christians should not co-operate with the Socialist movement to take from kings, presidents and congresses the power to declare offensive war, lodging that power with the whole people, to be decided by referendum vote, those who vote for war to be the first to go to war when it came. The APPEAL sees no valid reason why Christians should not co-operate with Socialists to demand a stoppage of secret diplomacy, substituting the widest publicity of every diplomatic move that might in any way tend toward war.

THE APPEAL sees no reason why a Christian might not take the Socialist pledge: "I refuse to go to war. I refuse to shoot down my brother worker of any other nation whatsoever."

It is imperative that practical things be done to prevent a recurrence of the struggle that is shaming alike Christianity and civilization. There need be no compromise on the part of any one—and the APPEAL would be the last to suggest compromise of a principle—to secure a co-operation of all the forces that make for peace. We are agreed that there never ought to be another war. Let us work to see that there is not.

**HOW TO BRING PEACE.**  
 Socialists and Christians are opposed to war. There is no reason why they should war each other.

Socialism has never fought religion. The reason many suppose that it has done so is that it has made attack on the institution of capitalism, and that many Christians who support capitalism have taken this to be an attack on religion. They have, therefore, countered with a fight on Social-

ism. At the same time some Socialists, supposing that this represented a fight of religion on Socialism rather than of individual religionists on Socialism, have bitterly attacked religion. The fight in either case, however, was individual and not representative. At the same time it was in progress other individual Socialists were active in religious matters and other individual religionists were strongly for Socialism. It is well to distinguish between the individual fight and the institutional fight that does not exist.

The fact that Socialists attack the capitalist system should not offend Christians. Every man may be wrong. If he is wrong he should wish to be set right. The challenge made against the capitalist system, therefore, demands careful investigation rather than angry retort. It must be remembered that the attack is growing stronger every day, both in vehemence and also in numbers. It is a world-wide protest now.

So long as the church ignores the case, it cannot have the co-operation of the workers who feel they are being wronged and crippled by the capitalist system, regardless of how religious they may be in impulse. It, therefore, becomes imperative, in the interest of correct understanding and advancement even for the church, that it shall at least consider the indictment brought by the Socialist. If capitalism is immoral and vicious by nature, a war on progress by virtue of its very nature, as is now charged by twenty million Socialists and workers, then the church must investigate impartially and carefully, or it cannot hope to hold the workers. If it merely seeks to reconcile the worker to a condition which his thinking has caused him to believe intolerable and more immoral than ordinary the swearing or drinking, it will fail.

But it need not fail. This is the time to get to an understanding of things—to work for, seek for a basis for peace in society. If peace is impossible so long as capitalism exists, simply because capitalism is a conspiracy and war against the workers (and Socialists declare it is), then it is time the religionist should understand why the worker thinks it is so, and work with him to end this great provoker of war.

## Will You Lend a Hand?

Richard Ford and Herman D. Suhr must spend the rest of their days in the California penitentiary for a crime they did not commit unless you prevent it. Because they were loyal leaders of the striking hop pickers they have been railroaded to prison by unscrupulous henchmen of the greedy hop growers. There was a ray of hope for them while their appeal was pending. Now comes the third district court of appeals with a decision confirming the conviction and the sentence of the lower court. The case is now up to Governor Johnson who has intimated that he would consider the Ford-Suhr cases after they had been determined by the court of appeals. Will you, comrade reader, write to Governor Johnson, Sacramento, Cal., and ask him to give these two innocent men a square deal? Do this at once.

THE APPEAL has secret information, direct from headquarters, that the government made a call on August 24 for bank statements, with a request that it be made in secret and kept from the public. With all the farming out of the credit of the nation, finances are apparently in a poor way. Let us have absolute federal monopoly of money and banking. That will make things safe.

If you want justice, do not vote for injustice.

THE war burden will not be lifted from the worker when the fighting ends.

LET us avoid the appearance of evil by ceasing to support the boy scout movement.

It is more to the point to prevent another war than to stop this one. Why not demand disarmament?

THE rulers of Europe seem to be fighting desperately—with their mouths. Their weapons are accusations and excuses.

THE bible says, faith without works is dead. It is, therefore, in order to plan against war as well as to pray against it.

THE European war was entirely a class war—the emperors and capitalists slaughtering the workers for the benefit of the privileged.

Now that it has been shown that Socialism has created a stronger anti-war spirit than was supposed existed, everybody is beginning to protest against war.

THE European war is undoubtedly a terrible thing. In fact, it appears to be nearly as bad as the Rockefeller war on the workers in Michigan and Colorado.

TO MAKE sure that your prayers for peace are answered it would be well to make war impossible except as decided on by referendum vote of the whole people, including women.

THE fight for a living is more fatal than the European war. It should be ended in an arrangement that will give the worker access to employment and the full social value of his product.

It may be all right to ask the Almighty to prevent war, but it is a little too much to have to beg kings and presidents to not force us to war. Better take these matters entirely into our own hands.

THE House has cut out state banks from participation in the asset currency steal. Wall Street apparently wants it all, and the rest of the country never did receive consideration from congress.

NINE-TENTHS of those who support the church are workers. They should demand control of the church and that it help them to break the tribute of profit, interest and rent that is keeping them poor, miserable and ignorant.

A PRESS DISPATCH says the English war office has refused to permit the prince of Wales to go to the front. Sure thing. If he had not known it would, and that his offer would bring publicity and a reputation for patriotism, he would never have suggested that he go.

THE masters are willing to provoke war in America if they can make money in doing it. The press reports that ammunition is being shipped to Canada as personal baggage, in violation of neutrality rules. Anything for profit, but nothing for the workers, seems to be the motto of masters.

It has been figured out that for every man who is killed in war four are wounded and four die of disease. This will mean that, should the European war end at once, the loss of life and power to work because of it will exceed a million men. Great statesmanship it is to permit kings and congress to rush nations into such a conflict.

ROCKEFELLER'S hirelings are circulating reports in the capitalist press that fabulous sums are being paid to Mother Jones and other organizers of the mine workers of Colorado. The truth is all mine organizers receive but \$4 a day while at work. During the whole period Mother Jones was in prison she did not receive a cent of pay because she wanted the money to go to the strikers' fund.

## Midnight—Oct. 17

The last minute three-month subscriptions can be mailed at the special 10-cent rate in midnight, October 17. Be sure that your list is mailed before that hour and date. This is a great opportunity for the comrades everywhere to increase the Socialist vote in their respective communities. Make up your lists and mail them at once and don't let your friends and fellow workers miss any of Benson's splendid articles. Every issue of the Appeal from now on will be a body blow at capitalism. Remember we can only accept lists of ten or more names at this special 10-cent rate for three months.

## FAKING SOCIALISM

Capitalism is great on what is known as opportunism—that is to say, it takes advantage of events and public opinion to vary its graft in such a way as to make it seem respectable.

The latest is, the taking advantage of the agitation for better housing conditions for the workers to make the supplying of this housing a means of profit. It has secured the passage of a law in Spain, permitting—to quote from a consular report—"municipalities, corporations or individuals may expropriate any unused land for building cheap houses; the materials and construction are exempt from taxation of every sort, and government banks and loan offices are authorized to make loans on the most favorable basis."

Instead of aiding the workers to get homes, it will be seen that this is empowering "corporations and individuals" to "expropriate any unused land," thus getting the land free, and build houses with money borrowed from government banks "on the most favorable basis." With land and money furnished them gratis, and with exemption from taxation, they then proceed to build houses and rent them to the workers.

It would seem that the Spanish capitalists have become rivals of American capitalists in the nerve of their exploiting operations.

## THOSE PATRIOTS

Ah, these patriots that are behind the gunmen in Colorado. The New York World prints a list of 112 vessels that are owned by American capitalists, but that have been flying flags of foreign nations up to the time that the war made their operation dangerous. Now they want the government to borrow \$25,000,000 from them, so that they may with the money buy their own vessels, and over them raise the American flag, providing Uncle Sam will insure them against seizure. Among the vessels so listed fourteen owned by the Standard Oil Company of New York, sixteen owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, ten owned by the United Fruit Company and seven owned by W. R. Grace & Co., New York and San Francisco. All these patriots ask is that Uncle Sam furnish them the money, the insurance and plenty of bonds; given these trifles, they will consent to have the American flag fly from their ships.

## Wire for This Issue

This week's issue was specially prepared for distribution at church doors on Sunday, October 4, the day set aside by the president for peace prayers. Only those residing within two days' travel from Girard can expect delivery of extra copies in time for Sunday. So if you reside in this zone wire your order and we will ship you a bundle the same day we receive your telegram.

## A DEMOCRATIC STEAL

A dispatch to the New York World says: "Authorization of rates that will yield probably \$55,000,000 annually can be had by the eastern railroads for the asking. Unofficial statements to the World's correspondent show this to be the attitude of the interstate commerce commissioners." The same commissioners refused these rates a few months ago, but since then President Wilson's attitude has caused them to recede from their position. The very "progressive" president is, therefore, directly responsible for this tribute of \$55,000,000 a year from the people who elected him. It means that the capitalists have won the war. This is why there is peace talk. This is why prayer is offered now for peace—that the glory of it, the prestige of "progressiveness" may be continued. The war wolf is about to put on the hide of the skinned sheep.

WHILE a majority of the people have not yet accepted Socialism, they are rapidly rejecting capitalism. The helplessness of capitalism in the face of present conditions is very clear to any man who reads and thinks.

## A Working-Class Lawyer

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## Henry Dubb Bubbles Over With Patriotism and Militarism but the Cop Can't Hear Good.

By Ryan Walker

