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MUST WE ARM?

(By MORRIS HILLQUIT.)

EXTRACTS FROM DEBATE WITH CONGRESSMAN GARDNER.

Who Wants Big Armaments.
The gospel of our awakening military "patriotism" would be amusing, if it were not so serious and dangerous. "The appeal to national vanity and aggressive combativeness the appeal to the animal instincts in men is always dangerous, but it is particularly so in these times of universal war-madness. (Applause.) The propaganda for increased armaments at this time is pregnant with gravest menace to the well-being and security of the nation, particularly because it is likely to be promoted and intensified by sordid economic interests. I refer to the so-called "armor ring," which has reaped the prime and only benefit from the billions this nation has expended for armaments, and whose business interests are best served by war scares, war preparations and actual wars. Mr. Gardner has told you about the Carnegie Peace Fund of \$10,000,000, with an annual income of well-nigh half-a-million dollars, all used for anti-war propaganda. But he has failed to mention the millions expended by the international trust for pro-war propaganda. (Very hearty applause.) I do not charge that the present militaristic agitation has been instigated by the patriotic gentlemen engaged in the manufacture of armor plate, arms, and munitions, but I do say that these gentlemen have been known in the past to work up war sentiments in their own countries and in foreign countries, and to make millions from the sale at extortionate prices of armor plate, and rotten armor plate at that, for the defense of their beloved countries, as well as battleships and guns which are expected to be directed against their countries. War means business to these gentlemen; war propaganda to them is canvassing of trade, and they are powerful and alert and suspiciously and per-

niciously patriotic in matters military.
Strenuous preparation "against war" means not only invitation of the country. A military power is a despotic power and training for war has a most demoralizing effect on the youth of the country. You may say all you want about the ennobling of military discipline and the "martial spirit," but it is a matter of common and notorious knowledge that the barracks of professional soldiers reek with brutality, vice and degeneracy. (Hearty applause.)
Let Us Count the Cost.
But this is not all. There is another side to military preparedness about which Mr. Gardner has been strangely silent. He has told us the pathetic story of our lame aeroplanes, our floating submarines, our gunless forts and empty guns, our obsolete ships and lonely troops, but he has not shown you the reverse side of the medal—the tremendous cost of that crippled establishment. The fact is that we already expend on our military and naval forces larger sums than any other country in the world. In 1913 we paid for our army more than \$165,000,000, for our navy almost \$141,000,000, and for military pensions upward of \$172,000,000, a total of almost half a billion dollars for wars, past and prospective, not including the cost of the state militia. In the same year Great Britain and Russia each expended for similar purposes less than \$450,000,000 and militaristic Germany less than \$300,000,000. It costs Germany to keep a soldier in the field \$183 per year. It costs us \$1,545.
In the last twenty years we have expended upward of \$3,191,000,000 on our army and navy, exclusive of pensions. And still we are ludicrously and suspiciously and per-

PREPAREDNESS

Never Was There Less Need for Haste in Military Measures—The Question One of Morale Rather Than Enlargement—Present System Cannot Reform Itself—Warnings from Europe's Situation.

(By Oswald Garrison Villard.)

If the arguments and facts advanced in this series of articles are of any value, it must be plain that any haste in building up either army or navy will not result in real preparedness. To add to the navy before the lessons of the war are gleaned, may easily mean to squander millions in an inexcusably fatuous fashion. This is self-evident that, across the water, the British astonishment at Mr. Wilson's program has been thus voiced by the London "Telegraph":
"We have the spectacle of the greatest democracy in the world, although separated from Europe by more than 3,000 miles, in such a hurry for more men of war that it has decided not even to wait for the lessons on construction and armament which the war may teach. Moreover, this decision has been reached by a party which came into power in opposition to the Rooseveltian policy of the 'big stick' and pledged itself to economy in armaments."
Similarly to build upon the pre-

sent unsatisfactory and criminally wasteful military system will not result either in greater efficiency or better preparedness, with the exception of the matter of additional "materiel"—new fortifications and reserves of ammunition. All of which makes haste in arming absolutely inadvisable. Even if there were occasion for hurrying, an overhauling of our present army would seem the only wise policy.
Never Less Need For Haste.
As a matter of fact there never could be a time when there was less need of haste in arming. Every ounce that passes with the war in full blast increases the safety of the United States by further exhausting the combatants abroad. The President and Mr. Garrison themselves admit this, not only because they adduce no positive reasons which would warrant our preparing as if the foe were at the door, but because Mr. Wilson wishes to spread his naval program over a period of five years, and Mr. Garrison desires
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REFUSE TO ENLIST!

(By Tracy D. Mygatt.)

FORWARD — to MUTILATION AND DEATH! FOR YOUR BOY?
Fathers and Mothers of New Jersey, look at this picture; at this black-robed woman, her face of agony bent low over the child she clutches to her breast; at her sons, forgetful of her who bore them, plunging forward, bayonets fixed, down that steep cliff in which she rocks herself in terrible misery, plunging forward in the desperate ignorance of youth, heedless alike of her and of the skulls that grin-up at them from below.
Robert Minor drew that picture for the Call, and today, in concentrated effort to fight off the military drill that threatens New York school-boys, the Woman's Peace Party of New York is sowing it broadcast among the people, flanked by armaments proving its bad effects "because it is bad physical education, because it is bad education, because it is a waste of money, because it is more military than the military nations; because

modern warfare has made it useless; because the greatest American educators oppose it;" closing their folder with a solemn warning against the militarism in the Boy Scouts organization: Many people think that the Boy Scouts are not being trained for war, but General McAlpin, President of the U. S. Boy Scouts and Chief Scout, said: I accepted the position of Chief Scout with the purpose and intention of utilizing boyish enthusiasm for the military and naval service." "Boyish enthusiasm!" And this is what it means, fathers and mothers of New Jersey: Read this letter in the Yale Alumni Weekly: Then the machine-guns opened on them witheringly, they were falling in hundreds, but on they pressed in dense ranks. They came nearer and the British could hear them singing "The Watch on Rhine."—Thousands of voices, while hundreds carried the air on mouth organs. They were getting close. It was time for
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An Anti-Enlistment League--Why?

Among reasonable pacifists, and you find them oh, so reasonable, both within and without the Socialist movement, there is a marked tendency to apologize for those whom the militarists think to slay with the scornful words "peace at any price."
"No one wants peace without honor," say they. "Every man would defend his flag (in our case it happens to wave over Ludlow and Youngstown), for that flag symbolizes national ideals—and traditions—and," so continues our reasonable friend in his attempt to whitewash us foolish internationalists in the eyes of his reasonable capitalist friend. "They aren't so bad. True they SAY they are against war, but that is because European horrors have for the time driven them a little mad. In reality,

they are like my own perfectly sane self, opposed only to war undertaken in the name of imperial aggression. In any other situation you will be agreeably surprised to find them loyal citizens, ready as you or I to rise "in might" and dye this soil red with the blood of the 'enemy' who dares invade it."
The fact is the above is specious comfort, and if the reasonable ones hope to advance their cause (is it peace IN reason?) and dispose of ours by the simple device of tapping the forehead, they indeed misread the times.
Peace at whatever price it may demand is not the mere embarrassment of scientific Socialism, nor yet the figment of the diseased Rooseveltian brain. It is a fact of increasing significance in this weary
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American Gold Paid Villa, Says Joseph E. Cannon

"Preparedness is getting a tryout now on a small scale in the Southwest, and it is getting it because the capitalists want it.
"The so-called captains of industry want to get at least the States of Coahuila, Chihuahua and Sonora added to the United States, whether it is right or wrong to do so. I know what some of their plans are. When Villa made a raid into New Mexico he was paid by American gold to do it for American capitalists. Not Villa nor any other man who has taken part in the revolutions in Mexico during the last five years, either for the revolutionists or for the Cientificos, has anything to gain by an invasion of Mexican territory by the soldiers of the United States.
"In criminology the first thing to do is to find what the motive was for the commission of the crime. The motive of the American capitalists

who instigated the Villa raid is to force intervention, to annex as much of Mexico as possible, in order that they may be able to oppress and exploit the peons even more thoroughly and cruelly than they ever have been oppressed and exploited before.
"Before I accept the promise that the hunting down of Villa is the only reason for the invasion of Mexico, I want to be assured that we have a stronger man at the helm than one who changes his mind every time the money interests call upon him to do so. They say it is only a punitive expedition. I have no doubt that Wilson means it—now. But Wilson will change his mind, as he has changed his mind before. A year ago he said that it was foolish to say we were unprepared. And now it has come to that length where they say we must have conscription."

Methods Used in Preparedness Program

Jingoes Use Fake War Films to Scare the People Into Favoring Preparedness Program.

By Allan L. Benson. (Socialist Candidate for President.)

One great moving picture play has swept over the United States as a storm-cloud filled with lightning might drive over the land. Another "movie" of the same sort has left New York and will soon put the fear of invasion into the hearts of millions. These moving picture plays are frauds. They are impressive only because the art of the stage manager and the photographer almost bewumb spectators into the belief that they are portraying events that have actually happened. They are dangerous because they are seen by millions of persons representing every part of the country.
The story they tell is as simple as it is horrible. During the great war in Europe, America was warned to "prepare." America did not heed the warning. A little later, New York is under bombardment, the sky-scrapers come tumbling down, Washington is captured and the United States is compelled to buy peace at the price of an enormous indemnity.
I have observed how these plays affect spectators. People seem dazed, and leave the theatre in a sober mood. I have heard people say: "That shows what may happen to us if we do not prepare."
No such play was written at the close of the Civil War. Why? Because of its manifest absurdity? No. Far more probability would have attached to such a play than is attached to any of the dreams of disaster that the preparedness gentlemen are dreaming now. We were then weak from war and Europe was strong from peace—now the conditions are reversed. England had shown her unfriendliness by

permitting Confederate privateers to be fitted out in English shipyards—an act for which she paid, by the Geneva award, damages in the sum of \$15,000,000 The vain, stupid Emperor of the French, Napoleon III, was already planning to put a scion of the house of Hapsburg on the throne of Mexico, in defiance of the Monroe Doctrine. The situation contained many facts from which a good dreamer of disaster could have conjured up a horrible dream.
But nobody tried to scare America. As soon as France retired from Mexico, our great army was reduced to 25,000 men. This came about while Grant was President. While Grant was President our navy, which at the close of the civil war, was the most powerful in the world, rotted away until it practically ceased to exist.
Why was there no demand for "preparedness" at the close of the Civil War? Why did great military men like Grant see no dangers for weak America from strong Europe? Why was there no "movie" play to "awaken" the people?
There was no "movie" play because "movies" had not been invented. Also, some other things that we now have did not exist. We had no gentlemen engaged in the building of dreadnoughts at \$18,000,000 each. The ships of that day were small and cheap. We had no gentlemen engaged in selling armor plate to the government at prices ranging from \$430 to \$600 a ton, though the same gentlemen nowadays sell it to our government at these figures and to other governments sometimes for as little as \$220 a ton. Nor had we any gen-

PATRIOTISM

(By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.)
Do you believe in patriotism? What an odd question to ask revolutionists! Might it not be better put, "American Socialists, have you the courage of your principles? Shall it be 'America First' or 'Workers of the World, Unite!'"
Count me for Labor First. This country is not "our" country. Then why should the toilers love it or fight for it? Why sanction the title deeds of our masters in the blood of our fellow-slaves? Let those who own the country, who are howling for and profiting by preparedness, fight to defend their property.
I despise the rule of Rockefeller and Morgan as much as that of King or Kaiser, and am as outraged by Ludlow and Calumet as by Belgium. Joe Hill was as cruelly martyred as Edith Cavell, and I cannot work my-

self into a frenzy of patriotism wherever a contraband ship is sunk and we lose a few prominent citizens.
I save my concern for Quinlan, Lawson, Ford and Suh, and the innumerable victims of the class war. The majority of our workers are foreigners, one or two generations removed, and with their European home-ties and American environment, internationalism becomes the logical patriotism of a heterogeneous population.
America—not as a melting-pot, that produces a jingoistic, mercenary, one-mold type, but as a giant loom weaving into a mighty whole the song, the poetry, the traditions, and the customs of all races, until a beautiful human fabric, with each thread intact, comes forth — would stretch forth a myriad hands of brotherhood to the four quarters of the globe.
The train on which I write rushes by factories where murder instruments are made for gold. I would be ashamed to be patriotic of such a country. In the black smoke belched from their chimneys, I see the ghostly faces of dead workers—our poor, deluded slain brothers. I re-affirm my faith, "It is better to be a traitor to your country than a traitor to your class!"—The Masses.

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Congress to take two years for the increase of the regular army. Would they delay thus if they felt that there were a grave crisis at hand? As a matter of fact, Mr. Wilson, barring political reasons, could perfectly well have repeated at the Manhattan Club the appeal of his message of a year ago—that the country keep calm and beware of changing the United States into an armed camp.

That men as sensible as President Wilson and Mr. Garrison have yielded to the latest argument of the militarists that at the close of the war we shall become the objective of robber-raids by Germany and Great Britain, because we shall be the only really prosperous nation, with large supplies of cash, is not to be believed. Munchausen never invented a more absurd fairy-tale.

But when all the details are discussed and when all the matters of military policy have been settled one way or the other, the great question still remains: Should the United States, in the fevered disquiet of a world-crisis, alter the policy of its national life, and go in for large armaments? It cannot be successfully averred that what Mr. Wilson proposes is merely an enlargement of the old policy. As Mr. Bryan has correctly pointed out, it is a complete break certainly so far as the army is concerned, in that thus far the army has been regarded as a national police and not as a body to prepare for invasion or war abroad. For more than a century the country has been unarmed and has never had a foreign war save of its own seeking. Even in the days when it was weakest, no one assailed it. Only since the days when we began to have a large navy have the rumors of war and the talk and gossip of war been abroad in the land to unsettle the public and to form the basis of militaristic appeals to Americans slavishly to imitate the military follies of the old world, to join the international alliances of the militarists who everywhere coin money out of the fears of the professional soldiers and keep the masses of the people in subjection by means of their armed fellows who are primarily instructed that they must kill their own relatives if the sovereign orders it.

What has been the pride of America—that we were free from a large professional soldiery, that the military and naval votes of our Congress could not, until recently at least, be used as the basis for increasing the burdens of militarism abroad and clamping still heavier loads upon the hard working peasantry, who, in the end, carry the soldiers on their backs—all this is now to be put aside without deliberation, without even the assurance that if the sacrifice is made the end sought will be achieved, and without, of course, waiting to put the issue squarely before the whole people a year hence. Is it any wonder that the President's words had but a half-hearted ring, or that foreign observers consider us the most volatile of people?

Light-Hearted Draught of Poison
It is, of course, partly due to the supreme self-confidence we have in ourselves, for which we are often criticised. Those who with clean hands urge that we take far-reaching steps towards navalism and militarism believe, light-heartedly, that there is such a thing as a reasonable preparedness which would satisfy our generals and admirals. They, witnessing Germany's spiritual, moral, and now economic undoing through the poison of militarism, believe that we, too, can use the hypodermic syringe and escape the habit, indulge mildly in the drug, and profit only by its virtues, avoiding all its evil effects. That no one else has escaped the poison—not even democratic France—seems to count not at all in this hour, though every generation of Americans has thought differently until this day.

We are sure that with great armament works springing up about us like mushrooms over night, we shall escape the armament scandals of Europe, those due to international concerns like the Harvey United Steel Company, composed of British German, American, French, and Italian companies, all of them engaged in booming the market for armor plates in their respective countries on the plea that each country needed to defend itself against the other, or the scandal of the Krupps, whose cannon and ammunition are now being used against Germany and the Germans that made them. But we, being satisfied with our experiences with the patriotic unselfishness of our trusts and our protected manufacturers, take no fear from the enormous transformation of peace-

ful American industries into those that make the supplies of war—we are beyond price and beyond temptation! We listen gravely to the assurances that we must increase our "national insurance" bill—now seventy-four cents on every dollar—as the only means to national safety and forget that never have such large sums been spent in the way of national "insurance" as since 1900, and that never in any similar fifteen years in the world's history have there been so many or so terrible wars. We do not stop to ask whether a different kind of insurance is not needed; whether anybody else could be so utterly and hopelessly discredited as the militarists who raise this false cry have been by the events abroad.

Surely the way to true national preparedness for the genuine tasks of humanity, for the elevation of mankind, for the carrying on of the ideals of the great and unarmed American democracy of which we are so proud, lies elsewhere, along totally different lines!—Reprinted from N. Y. Evening Post.

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As long as I can hang a Jew and burn a nigger,
Or ride the labor agitator on a rail;
As long as I can put any man I don't like
In jail, and keep him there
On the flimsiest pretext or none,
And shut the mouth of the fool
Who cries for free speech and assembly—
When for chastity's sake, I jail the prostitute
After I'm through with her; when, revering motherhood,
I snatch the bread from the lips of the working mother;
When unwritten laws proclaim my belief
In the sacredness of lust, jealousy, possession and revenge,
And the written law's limit is given those who stir up discontent;
When I can throttle science and art and the right to belief and opinion
My prejudices squatting like toads in the path of freedom;
When God is officially my pal and does my dirty work,
And I can kill a political rival with the terms "Atheist"
And "Free-lover"—even though my own life smells to heaven;
When I can put a ban on truth and make obscenity pay dividends;
When American life is kept cheap and American profits sacred,
Why shouldn't I stand prepared to defend American freedom?
Why shouldn't I shed my blood as well as the blood of my neighbor
To guard these inherited rights against any alien invader?
—MARTEA GRUENING, in The Masses.

THREE-FOURTHS OF YOUR WAGE GOES TO PROPERTY OWNERS, HILLQUIT SAYS

—And There Is Nothing Left

Morris Hillquit, in a debate at Manual Training High School, gave the following figures to illustrate why the workingman is always poor:

Tribute he pays the rich in interest and profit every year	\$7,500,000,000
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crously unprepared, and are urged to increase our military and naval forces. Our advocates of "preparedness" recommend a trained army of 800,000 men, 205,000 in the standing army and 595,000 in the reserves. They recommend a navy at least equal to that of Germany. An army of that size would involve an expenditure of no less than \$750,000,000 per year, and the navy would consume about \$500,000,000 annually in construction and maintenance. That is a total of \$1,250,000,000 per year, and nearly \$1,500,000,000 including pensions, \$15 per capita of the population, \$75 per family, about one-sixth of the average annual earnings of the American worker. And these monstrous annual offerings at the altar of the military moloch must be taken from the vitally necessary works of social progress and civilization.

The Daily War at Home.

Mr. Gardner and his militarist friends are so obsessed with the imaginary danger of war with a foreign nation that they do not seem to realize the vastly graver dangers of the actual daily war waged within the nation, the frightful and inhuman industrial war; which calls for all available resources and effects of the country. In our last war with Spain less than three hundred American soldiers were killed on the battlefield, but more than fifty thousand American workmen are annually killed in our mines, works and factories and on our railroads, while about half a million are injured, maimed and crippled in our industries. With a fraction of the millions expended for military purposes we could provide for a sufficient and efficient corps of mine, railroad and factory inspectors and for the maintenance of proper safeguards, which would reduce these frightful industrial casualties to a minimum.

Ten of thousands of our people annually succumb to the ravages of tuberculosis, the typical disease of poverty. We could practically stamp out the dread white plague by applying a portion of the senseless military expenditures to the building of numerous sanitariums, offering plenty of fresh air and nourishing food to the unfortunate victims of the disease. (Applause.)

There are hundreds of thousands of aged workers in all parts of the country succumbing in helpless and pathetic destitution. They have spent their manhood, their strength and lives in useful service to their fellow men. They have helped to make this nation great and wealthy and powerful, and now that they have become old and feeble and incapable of making substantial profits for our captains of industry, an ungrateful community consigns them to the cheerless almshouse, the cold street and the dread bread line. We owe a duty to these aged public servants, the soldiers and heroes of our industries. Less than half of the military budget would provide old-age pensions for them and enable them to close their lives in moderate comfort and decent self-respect. (Applause.)

Just at this time the United States is undergoing one of the severest economic trials in its history. The wheels of its industrial process have become hopelessly clogged. Millions of American workers are without jobs and without bread. With an expenditure of a hundred million dollars, taken from the war budget, the government could organize numerous industrial enterprises, set the destitute jobless toilers to the work of making things they need for the sustenance of their lives, revive business and break the vicious circle of business depression, unemployment and poverty.

With the millions and billions of dollars called for by unproductive military expenses we could improve our system of education, raise the condition of our workers, and introduce measures of civic and social justice, which would make this country vastly stronger, more irresistible and unconquerable than all the dreadnaughts and aeroplanes in creation. (Hearty applause.)

The people of the United States have arrived at the parting of the ways. They will have to choose between embarking on an adventurous and exhausting policy of militarism or staking their future on a rigid determination to maintain peace and social progress. The present militarist agitation is only a mild and meek beginning. Where will it end? Today Mr. Gardner is contented with an army of 800,000 men and a navy second in rank. Will he be satisfied when he gets 14? No. For if we are to be prepared for war—I beg pardon—"against war"—in general, not for war with a particular nation, but war with all

comers, we may conceive of a conflict not only with a first-class foreign power, but with a combination of powers. All the powers now united against Germany may turn against us. Mr. Gardner says they will be ready for a new job as soon as they are through with their present one, and Germany herself may join them in the attack. War makes even queerer bed-fellows than politics, as recent events have amply demonstrated. Japan is fighting on the same side with Russia in this war, and every power on either side is fighting with some former enemy against some former ally. To be fully prepared, to be in a position to look the entire world "squarely in the face as one strong man against the other" with a proper "martial spirit" born of a "strong arm" we must have land forces surpassing those of Germany and a navy superior to that of Great Britain. And as the powers of Europe increase and improve their military and naval forces, we must keep pace with them.

Choose Before It Is Too Late.

Every dreadnaught built becomes obsolete in a few years, and new inventions every once in a while throw all military equipments and ammunition into the scrapheap. There is no stop or pause in the ever-increasing burdens of military preparation. A nation that once allows itself to be drawn into the mad vortex of military rivalry, cannot resist, cannot recede. When Russia began to choke under the intolerable load of militarism; Czar Nicholas cried out in vain for a general limitation of armaments. When the naval rivalry between Great Britain and Germany reached the breaking point, the former implored without success for a "naval holiday." Military "powers" are the slaves of the military system. Mr. Gardner has referred somewhat ironically to the war-attitude of the Socialists of Germany, France and Belgium, who have all voted war credits to their governments and are now engaged in the slaughter of their comrades. The situation is certainly tragic, but Mr. Gardner has failed to draw the only true lesson from it. When the war exploded among the overarmed and overprepared nations of Europe, no power on earth could withstand its force. It was too late to avert the catastrophe then. The time to act was in the early days of military agitation in Europe, when the beginning rivalry of armament laid the foundation for the war. That was the time to protest and to resist. (Great applause.)

And so it is in the United States. When we once adopt the policy of ever-increasing armament, when our cities and towns are full of barracks, when we are swelled with the "martial spirit" which Mr. Gardner advocates, nothing will save us from a cataclysm similar to that which is now engulfing poor Europe. The insidious and dangerous militarist propaganda must be stopped before it has acquired much force.

And the danger of militarism to our country is not imaginary, but terribly real. In 1897 we spent on our army and navy less than \$72,000,000. Today we have raised that sum to more than \$306,000,000, an increase of about 325 per cent., and now we are again asked to double or treble our military burdens. And for what? For a phantom fear, for the brood of hysterical imaginations.

Our Grand Opportunity.

The modern militarist propaganda in the United States has received its main impetus from the war in Europe. But that war is rather a guaranty of peace than a menace to us. Its conclusion will leave the military powers of Europe exhausted and in anything but a bellicose spirit. It is true countries have recovered after wars and have fought again. But a war of this magnitude and ferocity does not occur even once in a century, and when it does occur it is always followed by a long era of peace.

Some day the orgy of murder and blood which is now devouring Europe will cease. The unfortunate nations at war will pause, bleeding, exhausted, ashamed. Their war-intoxication will pass, and they will begin to realize the unspeakable horrors of it all. Their weary eyes will encounter nothing but ruin and desolation in Europe, they will turn to us, the great republic of the West, which alone of all powerful nations has managed to maintain peace. They will look to us for comfort, for hope. What shall be our answer? Shall it be the same vicious rattling of sabres, or shall it be a message of peace, a promise of a saner, better, humaner world for the future? Let it be peace. The United States can never become a first-class military power. Let us center our ambition, our hope and aspiration on making our country the first great peace power of the world.

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The militarists are attempting to introduce military drill into the public High Schools. They are recruiting for the United States Boy Scouts, an organization which drills young boys with guns, and for the Junior American Guard.

Oppose Military Drill Because It Is Bad Physical Training.

Dr. Sargent of Harvard University says that military drill is bad for perfectly healthy boys and that it brings out the defects in boys who are not quite strong.

Military drill develops the external muscles at the expense of the internal muscles which support the vital organs.

Military drill does not make boys graceful and quick. It makes them stiff and angular.

The Massachusetts Commission which studied the effect of military drill said that it made the boys round-shouldered and narrow-chested. Until a boy is 18 he is not strong enough to carry a gun.

If you really want physical training give the boys gymnastics and sports.

Because It Is Bad Education.

Military drill kills initiative and self-reliance. It develops only patience and slavish obedience. Do you want your boy to become a machine? Independence of thought and action are the foundations of democracy. Your boy will lose these if he is given military drill.

When a boy carries a gun he naturally begins to think about shooting somebody. Fear and Hate are the two things which make war inevitable. These are developed by military drill.

It is bad enough to teach adults the practices and principles of warfare—such as spying, eaves-dropping, hitting from behind, lying, forging letters, following up a beaten enemy and hammering at him until he is annihilated. But what a

vicious moral effect thoughts like these must have upon the mind of a young boy!

The Ballad of Bethlehem Steel Or The Need of Preparedness

A TALE OF THE TICKER

A fort is taken, the papers say,
Five thousand dead in the murderous
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A victory? No, just another grim
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But up to five hundred
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where

A sigh, a prayer from a torn heart
refit

A murmur of Peace on the death-
laden air

But . . . Bethlehem Steel drops
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"We'll fight to the death" the
diplomats cry.

"We'll fight to the death" sigh the
weary men.

As the battle roars to the shudder-
ing sky

And Bethlehem Steel has
a rise of ten.

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men?

What matters the waste of blossom-
ing lands?

The children's cry or the women's
pain?

If Bethlehem Steel at six hun-
dred stands.

And so WE must join in the slaugh-
er-mill.

WE must arm ourselves for a sense-
less hate.

WE must waste our youths in the
murder drill

That Bethlehem Steel may hold
its state.

—GRACE ISABEL COLBRON.

Patronize Our Advertisers.

REFUSE TO ENLIST!

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musketry. The English observed that only half of the approaching mass wore uniforms. "Shoot low," commanded the English officer, they are only boys; aim at their legs." "Only boys! Aim at their legs!"

You in New Jersey will reap next autumn the results of your State's terrible indifference to her true interests; that is, you will begin to reap; the full blast of the whirlwind, you will reap later; for New Jersey has passed the bill providing for military drill in the public school; and you can be saved from this infamy, from their perversion of childhood to the mimicry of murder, only by the most drastic and fearless concerted action; you must not permit your boy to be taught military drill; you must not let less alert fathers and mothers run the risk of losing their boys to the army and navy; you must begin to agitate now, by word and pen and act; this law must be repealed, and you, in the name of your Socialism, your brotherhood with the workers of all the world, must be the organizers, where others, led by you, will gladly follow.

In the Voice of Labor, which has been waging a ceaseless battle against the "Preparedness" of which the militarization of school-boys is an important part, it is scarcely necessary to argue for peace; all intelligent men and women desire it; all intelligent men and women who have been informed of the muddy origin of the whole "Preparedness" agitation, of the staggering fortunes made by the war-traders, of the intense anti-labor bias of such war-trafficking firms as Bethlehem Steel, are more than apt to be wholeheartedly opposed to Preparedness, and to recognize it as war's inevitable precursor. But the reason we do not count for more in the struggle for democracy, is that we are not strongly enough organized, and not active enough, either as an organization, or as individuals. It is only when we dread "Preparedness" as strongly as the misinformed patriots of the past dreaded "the enemy," that we shall overcome it.

America is facing the most serious crisis of her history; a false step now will mean not only ruin to herself for many decades to come, but ruin to the entire world, East and West. On the other hand, her people may tip the scales of Justice as never before was granted to a people. It is no time to minimize the danger; for the danger is great, and as we minimize it, and soothe ourselves into lazy cheerfulness, we risk the very opportunity its conquest brings. Let us take a solemn pledge upon our lips and in our hearts, with the effort for disarmament that pledge implies; it is the pledge of the Anti-Enlistment League, the most uncompromising anti-war organization in the United States, the organization with the aim "To win Americans as individuals and as a nation to record an unqualified rejection of war as a means of settling international disputes."

"I, being over eighteen years of age, hereby pledge myself against enlistment as a volunteer for any military or naval service in international war, offensive or defensive, and against giving my approval to such enlistment on the part of others.

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Committee:

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If you are really done with war,

and with all the brutish things like profits and hate that make war possible, sign this pledge; cut it out of the paper, and mail it in today to the League's headquarters. The signature of the pledge is the basis of associate membership; the signature of the pledge, together with the securing of ten new members or the payment of one dollar, the basis of active membership. It is unnecessary to add that the activity of the active member is by no means confined to the foregoing; we want all the activity we can get, we have one hundred million people to save from the militarism which means war, and we have hit upon this method of gathering together all its most definitely convinced opponents.

You will note the word "defensive" in the pledge, perhaps it shocks you, almost certainly it puzzles you, but it is very much meant, and unless you unqualifiedly oppose war, your place is not with us. For we believe that war between nations is murder, and as such is not justifiable under any motive whatever; furthermore, we believe that war is two-edged, that it injures the victor almost as much as the vanquished, and that it is almost futile to attain the ends for which it is waged. Our rejection of it, therefore, is complete, and insofar as we have power, it shall never again be waged in this land we love, and which we would save to peace, and to the Democracy which is its life.

You and I, as individuals, cannot stop the giant appropriations pending in Congress (though we can and must write urgent letters to our representatives to vote against them), you and I, as individuals, cannot jail the war-traders who are deliberately pushing this country into a war for Mexican and South American Capitalist markets; but you and I, as individuals, can refuse to enlist. If we are women, we can refuse our consent to the enlistment of others, and by pinning the white feather to the man who goes to the front when he knows it is wrong, rather than stay at home and be called a coward, we can show up the false courage as against the true.

Fight "Preparedness" in its sine qua non, the man behind the gun, without whom the gun itself is of no avail. Fathers and mothers of New Jersey, brothers and sisters of the little boys the militarists threaten to corrupt and destroy, show them the true courage! Teach them the beastliness of war by refusing yourselves to enlist.

AN ANTI-ENLISTMENT LEAGUE--WHY?

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old world. It is literally true that after some six or seven thousand years of trial, some few persons, the majority fighting material, in this and other countries, have decided to give up war forever. They have not done so lightly. They have weighed all the arguments for and against. They have considered all the brands, even including "defensive" war (of which the most modern form requires that the self-defending nation shall strike the first blow on another's territory) and "punitive raids," and they find that however different these appear through a diplomat's monocle one is not to be told from another by those among conquered and conqueror alike who pour out their blood on the battlefield and see their children's children sold into the bondage of war-debt.

These persons have, in short, such as are Christians, taken their Christianity with ingenuous simplicity. They have understood "Thou Shalt Not Kill" as no figure of speech but an explicit correlary of the rule of love, and deciding to continue with their Christian ideals, they have renounced the "duty," patriotic or otherwise, of shouldering the gun.

We who have signed the Anti-Enlistment pledge in the name of our Socialism have shown a similar simplicity of heart. Wiser ones than we must smile if they do not weep over the child-like faith we have put in the old slogans, the literalness with which we have assumed it true that the workers of the world are brothers, identical in interests, bound to fight not against but with another in the one great war, the war of brains and human need against senseless cruelty and greed, Labor's War, "the liberation war of Humanity."

But from whatever motives we have come at our unflinching renunciation of war, we are agreed that the time is ripe for such differentiation, as that amiably slurred by the middle-ground pacifist, between ourselves and him. We are glad that

WILL MOTHERS LET THEIR BOYS BE TRAINED AS BOY SCOUTS FOR MILITARY SERVICE?

(Mrs. W. W. Peters.)

he has at last come out in an almost bold denunciation of "Preparedness," that with us he will protest against compulsory military training of young school boys, as well as for any other anti-militarist activity he will assume. But he does not satisfy us. We feel that it was just such vague and disorganized opposition to war as his among the radicals of the nations now bleeding that permitted this inhuman slaughter.

The Christians of Europe served a tribal God whose nostrils found burnt offerings still acceptable. Socialists of Europe permitted themselves and one another to hold mutually destructive ideas. They struggled for internationalism while still hugging to their hearts the thought of a fatherland which might at any moment require of them its defense in the blood of their brothers.

Is not this the moment, assailed as we are only by the ghosts of our capitalists' guilty consciences, for us in this country to put the house of our minds in order? Shall we not cease squaring their circle? Shall we not abandon the futile attempt to be nationalist-internationalists? and shall we not give over the privilege of calling ourselves anti-militarists until we are ready to say "No war whatsoever?"

For, of course, we shall not be tested on a straight-cut issue. The purposes of our war-traders and the machinations of our statesmen will be as veiled from us when the war-hour strikes as they were from our comrades in Europe. Like them we will fight a war of "defense," on home and children, even, for us Socialists, of hard-won victories against a socially inferior country (has it not a familiar sound?). Murder will wear the guise of humanity. Hideous things will be glamoured with romance.

Let us choose NOW not to be duped THEN.

Morris Hillquit urges those who talk of the war of honor to do so only if they have resolved war into its component parts. "Pronounce," said he, "Murder with 'honor,' arson with 'honor,' theft with 'honor,' rape with 'honor.'"

And then let us take a look at this "price of peace" of which the militarists have so much to say. What is it? For the present the hatred and scorn of those who recommend for us "the burying of dead horses," and perhaps a trifle harder, the indulgence of brooding friends. And then? Well, let us grant the invasion of the foe who will come to us across thousands of miles of water, and land his million troops with the non-chalance of a summer youth drawing up his canoe on a sandy beach. Reprisals on non-resistants? Perhaps, a few, but the wholesale slaughter of an unarmed people? The thing is not conceivable. Those who so imagine forget that even invaders are men with stomachs.

Such then is the price of peace. Is it not small compared with war's insatiable demands? Is it so hard to wear "the white feather?"

FANNIE M. WITHERSPOON.

PATRIOTISM

(By John Sloan.)

If I had to love a country I could love no country but this, nor could I find a fitter one to hate.

I put Patriotism with the other isms—Militarism, Anarchism, Capitalism, Individualism, Socialism, Dogmatism, Catholicism, Protestantism and Rheumatism (I had almost written Catechism), but I am answering your question. I hope that social progress will eliminate all isms—though in the case of Futurism we have a hard one to catch.

Patriotism licks the boot of Capitalism and until the earth-worms get the latter's carcass, he will need patriots. As the wage system will never enable the people of any country to consume all their products with a profit to the owning class, foreign markets are a necessity to be fought for. Patriotism is a potent means of providing the fighters. Conscriptio is another powerful persuader and Our Country has both (see Dick military law passed by Congress in 1903 and 1908.)

Yes, I believe in Patriotism, but I have none of it; I don't like the present day variety, nor that of the past, but I have great faith in that of the future.—The Masses.

The organ of the Brantford (Can.) Trades and Labor Council, the Free Press, has suspended publication.

It is saddening to see that it still seems to linger in the minds of some, not all, that dying for one's country, is an honor. True patriotism means living for the country and let others live, not dying for it that a few may reap the benefit. Are our boys of so little value that we forget that over 2,000 Boy Scouts were placed at the front in Europe in this war? The smallest were placed on scout duty. O mothers, I am appealing to you for your boy that he may not fall so low as to become a soldier.

You who go down in the valley of shadow of death; to become a mother, are you true to your own feeling of that loved one, whom you have nursed with such tender care, whose loving arms have laid around your neck when midnight hours may have found you lingering over his crib, watching and praying until death crises have passed?

Oh mothers, death would have been far better in infancy; no sad memories would have saddened your life so much then as now, if you must poison their young manhood minds in allowing them to be boy-scouts blind training for military.

Is it possible that the minds of the people are getting so poisoned that they cannot see, will not listen to the cry for peace? That we may be sitting around our firesides in happiness instead of trenches around our homes, blood-soaked ground, homeless children crying in hunger; daughters that we have carefully raised and love with a mother's love must be exposed to the cravings of our so-called heroes—soldiers?

The orphans and widows of the world who mourn their dead, and your own little ones laying so trusting in your arms, implore you to assert your manhood and womanhood in this great world crisis. Have you mothers only raised your little ones to be torn from your arms to be slaughtered and angled on battlefields, to be food for the fowls of the air, laying groaning in agony, sightless to the shining heavens and cold starless night, thinking, if he is so well blest, of home and mother whom from cradle up allowed him to play with tin soldiers, and taught him to be noble and brave, while you fathers and mothers lay in beds dreaming sweet dreams of him? How little you love your boy! Be careful, too much may come home to you. How much nobler and braver is the man who would be willing to be shot down, for refusing to take the life of a mother who has done him no harm! Our American civilization appears now to be seriously confronted with militarism and capitalist discontent, and you prodders of patriots, beware, for you are playing with fire. Don't push it too far, for you may be unable to control the universal frenzy. You workers, instead of sitting around your firesides will be dying in trenches. I feel you will not be dying for your country, as they make you believe, but surrendering that a few may reap the rich reward.

There will be no loop-hole for you, no excuse whatever, to stand back to let the other good fellow go, but that you will be one of them. Do you want this? We are living in a new age, not the old. Get rid of that disease you have, and forget what our fathers did. If the rich class wants war, let them fight it out between themselves. If they want blood let them cut their own throats. Refuse your life blood, and show them you are living in ignorance no longer. The false patriotism has come to cross roads, where true patriotism proceeds. Peace on earth and good will to all men. Mothers, my earnest appeal to you is to look this boy scout affair square in the face, weigh it well before you allow your boys to join. Make them prove to you it is only recreation for the boys, and I say to you they cannot. And if it is only to teach him to hunt bears and drill him to hold his shoulders back, be careful, he may become round-shouldered digging trenches.

"The same work, the same pay." was the principle adopted by the "union of trade syndicate in France against the exploitation of women," which is carrying on an agitation to obtain the same wages for women as for men in the jewelry, shirt-making and similar trades.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

**PLANNING FOR BAN
 ON CIRCULAR EVIL**

Under the above caption we are informed through the mouthpiece of BIG BUSINESS that it is planning another squeeze for LITTLE BUSINESS. But it does not say so in these words. Oh no! That wouldn't be diplomatic; that would be letting the cat out of the bag.

The little advertising cards which grocers, dry goods stores and butchers, have been placing under doors once a week, furnishes the basis for the "squeeze," and allegations of "many complaints from housewives," furnishes the "charge."

BIG BUSINESS, which practically controls the earth, is so solicitous about the welfare of our housewives that it raised the cost of living 35 per cent. in a few years, now wishes to relieve the dear housewives of the "nuisance" of a card being placed under the door and instead, have the housewife called to the door to "receive" the card.

Of course, this would be quite some pleasure to our housewives, especially when one may be washing the baby, or making jelly or perhaps, reading a "Voice of Labor" report of John D.'s Colorado hired bandits killing Americans in "America."

Ting-a-ling-a-ling..... Pardon the interruption—a 11th warder just rang us up to ask whether in our opinion, the proposed BAN on the AD cards, was not intended as a "drive" in the interest of the AD columns of BIG BUSINESS daily papers?

Sh! such unkind thought is almost enough to exasperate BIG BUSINESS newspaper owners and make them forget their religion.

We suggested that the gentleman call up "Davey," who might have replied: "Judge ye not lest ye be judged." For, you know, BIG BUSINESS is devoutly religious — the evident sequel to its riches.

Billy Sunday says he is religious, and just look how prosperous he is! And there's John D., of hired bandit fame, he has had his own clergyman.

However, in the event of the passage of the "BAN" on the AD cards, LITTLE BUSINESS would be getting what it has voted for. There are only Capitalist party representatives in the Council. And even a school boy should know, by this time, who the Capitalist Party representatives "represent."

The United States is being submerged in a great wave of "Preparedness," and this, too, after the horrible lesson taught us by the war in Europe—that the way to war lay in being prepared for it.

The madness of Europe has placed the best of the world in a state of hysteria of which munition trusts and grafters have taken advantage, and so misrepresented and lied to us concerning our foreign relations that the people of the United States are at a crisis, at the brink of a cataclysm dark and threatening.

Now is the time for cool-headed action. If America is to be saved from preparedness, you—you dear reader, must help save it. No danger of invasion threatens this country. This movement for preparedness has its origin in the ranks of war traders, who are making large profits from helpless Europe, and hope to project similar projects into the future by trading on the helplessness of the American people.

This purpose is represented in the Navy League a sinister-looking creation of the armament trust, posing as a patriotic organization, and spreading their wild propaganda all over the land.

The Navy League deserves full credit for the sentiment that has been developed in the United States in favor of the \$500,000,000 bond issue for battleships proposed by it, for the sentiment in favor of a larger army and navy. And why, why is the Navy League so concerned for America?

Congressman Tavenner, of Illinois, in his speech in Congress explained that:

"Throughout the existence of the Navy League there have been several distinct groups represented, made up of officers, directors, attorneys, and employees. The most important of these are the J. P. Morgan group,

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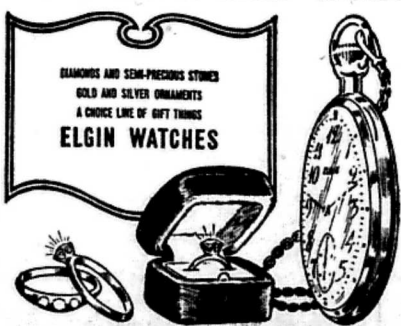
Because of a difference in prayer.
 But earth is growing wiser and kinder,
 For man is evolving a soul
 From wars of an age that is blinder
 We rise to a peace-girdled goal,
 Where now men are murdering in treason
 And slaughter each other in hordes
 They must meet together and reason
 With thought for their weapons, not swords.

The brute in humanity dwindles,
 And lessens as time speeds along,
 And the spark of divinity kindles
 And, blazes up brightly and strong;
 The seer can behold in the distance
 The race that shall people the world
 Strong men, of a God-like existence,
 Unarmed and with war banners
 furled.

No longer the blood-thirsty savage,
 Men's vast spirit strength shall en-
 fold
 And tales of red warfare and ravage
 Shall seem like ghost stories of old
 For the booming of guns and the
 rattle
 Of carnage and conflict shall cease,
 And the bugle call leading to battle
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 —MRS. W. W. PETERS.

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**METHODS USED IN
 PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM.**

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States. They had taken advantage of Lincoln's preoccupation with the war to put the transcontinental railroad land steals through Congress under his nose. Their only desire was to invest their money in the United States and reap such profits as they could.

Now, everything is changed. The United States is becoming, so far as the investment of capital is concerned, a good deal of a sucked orange. In other words, America has changed from an importer to an exporter of capital. We no longer bring capital from abroad to finance our industries. We send capital abroad to finance the industries of other people. A single instance of our activity in this direction is afforded by the fact that a group of men acting under the leadership of Mr. Rockefeller's National City Bank have formed a company, the avowed purpose of which is to go abroad and seek monopolies and privileges in any and every country on the globe.

The most powerful American capitalists are frankly in search of foreign investments and foreign trade. The nation that has the most of these things is always the most hated nation. The gentlemen who are going about it to get these things know that. They know they will need fleets and armies to hold what they hope to get. They could not go to the American people and say: "You will not share in this prosperity which we hope to get for ourselves, nevertheless, we want you to provide a great army and a great navy to enable us to get and hold all we can." So they conjure up the bogey of invasion. They believe they can get the army and the navy they want if the people can be well scared.

Mr. Wilson is playing the game. He has been dragged into it, inch by inch, but he seems to be pretty well in. His reasons for being in may not be and apparently are not precisely the reasons of the great capitalists for wanting him in. He feels sensitive just now because Elihu Root practically charged him with being a coward or a bluffer, and perhaps both. His political sense also tells him that if part of the country has gone crazy over "preparedness" that he must not let Mr. Roosevelt, or somebody else like him, get all the "preparedness" votes. But there is absolute proof that Mr. Wilson, down in his heart, knows this country is in no danger of invasion. Here is the proof:

Mr. Wilson, in Cleveland, on January 29, 1916, urged the creation of an armed force that could move on the "shortest possible notice" and added:

"You will ask me: 'Why do you say the shortest possible notice?' Because, gentlemen, let me tell you, very solemnly, you cannot afford to postpone this thing. I do not know what a single day may bring forth."

If this means anything, it means that we should waste not one moment in gathering ourselves together to resist a blow. Is Mr. Wilson gathering our forces together?

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**"Store Talk" Number Five.
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To the Readers of the Voice of Labor:

I wish to announce that my complete line of Spring Goods will be ready April 1st, consisting of Men's and Boys' Trousers (all with the Union Label.) Men's up-to-date Furnishing Goods, Caps, Endicott-Johnson Scout and Working Shoes for men and boys, Suit Cases and Bags, etc. All merchandise is of standard quality and of the latest style and pattern, and will be sold at a fair profit. I do not carry Odds and Ends, or Auction Goods. Nothing but what is made in a clean sanitary shop. Every article must be as represented of money will be returned. No merchandise carried over from one season to another.

Yours truly,

CALVIN SCHNEEBERG

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