



Piracy Masked As Patriotism

By Eugene V. Debs.

The aristocratic gentry who are howling for preparedness, or rather pelf in the name of preparedness, are the real enemies of the people and the real traitors to mankind. Their deluded victims welter in their own blood and die like dogs while they revel in the luxuries that flow from the common slaughter.

Before the present war craze, Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, placed these rascals in their true light before the country. But he is not pushing his case against them lately. Lest we forget, we quote as follows from the very interesting annual report of the navy department for the fiscal year 1913, pages 12 and 13:

"It is evident that without an armor plant of its own the government in time of war or impending war would be entirely at the mercy of these manufacturers and obliged to pay practically whatever price they asked. History does not warrant an assumption that the patriotism of these companies would prove superior to their desire for Profits, inasmuch as during the time that war with Spain was imminent, these companies refused to accept the price fixed by Congress after investigation as a just rate and declined to manufacture any armor until they got their own price of \$100.00 a ton more than that which Congress had determined on.

"In this connection it is well to note that the love of country possessed by these companies did not prevent them from furnishing armor to Russia, as reported to Congress, in 1894 at \$249.00 a ton, while they were charging the United States \$616.14 a ton.

"Nor did it hinder them from furnishing armor to Italy in 1911 at \$395.03 a ton, while they were charging their own government \$420.00 a ton. And even at the present day, according to information that seems reliable, they are furnishing the armor for the Haruna, now being built by the Kawasaki Company at Koke, Japan, at \$406.35 a ton, against the price, ranging from \$504.00 to \$440.00 a ton, which they are now charging us for the Armor of Battleship No. 39."

This most edifying picture, drawn by Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, comes at a most opportune time. It is a perfect answer to the howl of the hyenas for more profit and plunder.

They sell to the enemy, to anybody, and rob everybody.

They held up their own government to a finish when war was threatening with Spain.

They have sold armor plate to hostile foreign governments at a lower rate than to their own.

These bloated buccaneers are infinitely worse than highway robbers. They hold up the nation; they rob the government; they loot and plunder with a cold, calculating greed that knows no country and with no more pity for their victims than a hyena has for its prey.

And these scheming, conspiring, cold-blooded robbers are the arch-patriots who are financing the present national scream for "preparedness" to protect us poor simpletons against "foreign invasion."

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CORNELIUS SIMON

By Frank and Kate O'Hare

It has always seemed to us that the very heart and soul and fire of the revolutionary movement of this country was to be found among the young Jews. The keenness of mind; the shrewdness of judgment; the tireless energy and sublime patience that the thousands of years of oppression has developed in the Jewish race has peculiarly fitted them for the soul trying work of building up the Socialist movement.

For centuries the Jews have been oppressed, hated, despised, robbed and wronged. For race and religion they have endured ostracism, bitterness and heartaches beyond our power to comprehend and yet there is no race so capable of loving and so worthy of being loved. The true spirit of Socialism levels castes, obliterates creeds, wipes out race prejudice and makes all human beings just folks. In the Socialist movement for the first time in untold centuries the Jew and the Gentile find themselves equals and comrades.

Under the softening influence of real fellowship all that outer shell of hardness, coldness and race exclusiveness with which the Jewish people have been compelled to protect their sensitiveness crumbles. The long repressed capacity for love expands, the companionship hungry souls blossom and loyalty and service to the cause that has given them LIFE becomes a holy passion.

Among the finest, cleanest, ablest, most loyal and tireless of all the young Jewish Comrades whom we have met during our work in the Socialist movement was Cornelius Simon of Memphis, Tenn. No train was ever too late or too early for

Cornie to be waiting on the depot platform when the Socialist agitator arrived in his town. No work was ever too hard, no service too great for him to give and if need be his last dollar went into the collection hat. To his widowed mother Cornie was the mainstay of life, to the younger brothers and sister, father and brother in one and to the Socialist Party he was a faithful "Jimmy Higgins." The modest little home of the Simons' was the Socialist headquarters of Mem-



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phis and the revolutionists of any creed or race was always welcome and was there surrounded by such loving service as only Comrades can give.

When an automobile struck down and fatally injured Cornelius Simon on March fifteenth in Memphis, the Socialist movement of the South lost one of its ablest workers, the Jewish people lost one of their most promising young men and every Socialist speaker who ever visited Memphis lost a dear personal friend.

The Cat Came Back

"Socialism has been killed," the funeral oration delivered and the grave carefully filled by our friend the enemy so many times that getting "killed" has become a sort of habit with us. But along with our tendency to be "killed" we have also developed a most astounding ability to "come back." The cat with nine lives is a piker in comparison with the Socialist Party.

"Socialism received its death blow in Milwaukee" two years ago. According to the hymn of thanksgiving which arose from every capitalist newspaper in the land, it was dead as John D., Jr.'s conscience and buried as deep as a politician's honor. Socialism was also "killed" and thankfully buried in Schenectady and Butte, Mont. Imagine the disgust of the "good and pious" people who had rejoiced with great joy at our demise when they discovered that we were neither dead nor sleeping and that the corpse they had buried so carefully was not the Socialist Party at all, but the sadly mutilated remains of the old political prejudice that had for so many years kept the workers divided. Just when the "good and pious" should have been peacefully gathering daisies from our grave, Dan Hoan is elected mayor of Milwaukee with a decisive majority and Mayor Lunn "comes back" with force and vigor at Schenectady. Chicago polls the record Socialist vote and smaller towns all over the country elect Socialist officials.

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Editorials

By Eugene V. Debs

Plutocratic and Proletarian Preparedness

There are two kinds of "preparedness" growing out of the necessities of the two economic classes to be served.

Plutocratic preparedness is military; proletarian preparedness industrial. The one calls for guns and makes for despotism, the other for education and makes for freedom. The one sheds blood and the other light.

The owning class that does not produce depends upon force to protect what it has stolen. The producing class that does not own depends upon education, unity, solidarity to recover what it has been robbed of, and to shape society for the promotion of the common happiness.

The owning class want war but do not fight. The producing class fight but do not want war.

The more owning class preparedness in the form of armies and navies, machine guns and shrapnel, the more hopeless the condition of the enslaved masses. The more working class preparedness in the form of education, enlightenment, class-consciousness, industrial and political organization, the nearer the day of deliverance.

Let the capitalists furnish their own preparedness and let us of the working class use every particle of our energy in preparing our forces for the overthrow of capitalism and for our own emancipation.

"The labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce" says the Clayton law, which has been heralded as "a new declaration of independence." Isn't it? Well then, why do you sell yourself every hour of the day? The next thing you know the same capitalist congress will enact a law that declares that workingmen are no longer poor but rich, and presto, they will all be millionaires.

BRANDEIS AND THE SUPREME BENCH

There is not a bit of mystery about Wall street's bitter fight to keep Louis D. Brandeis off the supreme bench. Brandeis is not their kind of a tool. He has a record that is squarely against him and lays him wide-open to the charge that he is not "regular," that is, that he may not safely interpret the law of the land to accord with the "interests" that own the land and therefore have the inalienable right to rule it.

When Judge Mahlon Pitney of New Jersey, the notorious corporation tool and enemy of organized labor was appointed to the supreme bench, the whole labor movement protested. And what did it amount to? Nothing at all. Wall street demanded him and he was confirmed and seated in short order.

But it is different with Brandeis. He knows the game of the gang from the inside and he is not subject to any sort of bribery. Therefore he is lacking in the "judicial mind."

The "judicial mind" is a peculiar animal. It does not sprout under a lawyer's hat unless he knows enough to know that "the ox knoweth his master and the ass his master's crib."

The sphinx-faced Hughes has the "judicial mind" and plenty

of it and Wall street smiled benignly when another of its pets was seated at its highest bench.

Louis Brandeis could and no doubt would render some most illuminating and embarrassing dissenting opinions. To his orthodox and highly conservative colleagues he would be the veritable bull in a china shop.

It would never do to have certain decisions "handed down" by these judicial bigwigs, all of whom were placed where they are by the power of corporate wealth, analyzed and laid bare for the benefit of the victimized people.

Hence, Elihu Root, the darling of Wall street, "God Knows" Taft, another pet of the plutes, and a score or more of the same ilk have all thrown up their hands in horror and protested piously against lowering the sacred supreme court, the servants of the people, to the low level of a parvenu who has actually served the people.

A big army is a mighty handy thing in case of a strike—for the capitalists. To be sure it is rough on the strikers, but they don't amount to anything—at least not enough to be noticed.

Patriots often ripen into paupers in their old age.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND THE MEXICAN MUDDLE

President Wilson was finally forced to repeat in the form of an official warning from the White House the charge that socialists had been making since the days of Diaz in regard to the Wall street brigands and "promoters" and their prostitute press being at the bottom of the factional turmoil in Mexico and the repeated attempts which have been made to force intervention and compel the conquest of the Mexican people.

On March 25th, the president issued a warning to the people from the White House against the lying capitalist press which has been seeking with all its power to stir the people of both nations to hatred and hostility and provoke war as a means of putting the American financial highbinders in control of the rich properties stolen by them across the border. President Wilson said:

"THE OBJECT OF THIS TRAFFIC IN FALSEHOOD IS TO CREATE INTOLERABLE FRICTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE DE-FACTO GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING ABOUT INTERVENTION IN THE INTEREST OF CERTAIN AMERICAN OWNERS OF MEXICAN PROPERTIES."

Right you are, Mr. President, and it is these plutocratic traitors who ought to be hunted down and hanged high as Haman instead of squandering hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives and millions of dollars in the wild-goose chase after a lone bandit.

When Scott Nearing was fired by the University of Pennsylvania he received his first real diploma that entitles him to teach in the great university of the people.

Industrialize your craft unions or they will lead to certain disaster.

ROOSEVELT AND HIS POLITICAL CROOKERY

Theodore Roosevelt has posed as a reformer ever since he entered public life. As a matter of fact he is the greatest demagogue and political hypocrite that ever figured in American politics.

Only a few weeks ago he was the guest of honor at a billionaire dinner attended by the kings of Wall street and leaders of the American plutocracy. This was to groom him for the presidency because he is the great champion of reform and the devoted friend of the common people.

After Roosevelt had served his second term as president he gave his word that he would never run for the office again. But his word, as proved by himself, has no value. In the national campaign four years later he chased the republican nomination with a frenzy that has no parallel in political annals. But he was taken at his word and figuratively speaking, he was booted out of the convention.

Then he turned upon the republican leaders and denounced them as a bunch of crooks and grafters and condemned the republican party for its corruption and apostacy. All through the campaign he spat out his venom against the republican leaders and the republican party—his own life-long pals and cronies and the party, corrupt though it was, that had made him president and loaded him with honors.

The chief object of his wrath was Elihu Root who had presided over the convention that had refused him the nomination, the same Elihu Root who had defended Tweed and who served Roosevelt as secretary of state. He charged Root with treachery, with crookedness, and with everything else except with being an honorable man.

Did he mean it? Was he honest, or was he himself as crooked or even crookeder than he charged his pal with being? Let us see.

The press dispatches a few days ago announced another important "dinner" with Theodore Roosevelt as the guest of honor. Now who can it be supposed were the hosts? Could you guess in a thousand years? Oh yes, easy enough if you know Roosevelt, the fellow Tom Hickey rightly named as "The Political Doctor Cook."

The hosts of Mr. Roosevelt at the dinner a few days ago were none other than Robert Bacon, John Pierpont Morgan's right hand man, and Elihu Root, whom Roosevelt had charged with being a crook and with having stolen his nomination.

Now, what do you think of Roosevelt? Can such a politician excite among honest men anything worthier of him than loathing and contempt?

He denounces every one who displeases him as a liar and crook—he himself is the greatest of all.

Robert Bacon, lest we forget, was one of the guests of honor at the notorious dinner given by the late Stanford White, afterward murdered by Harry Thaw, at which the stark-naked "Pie-Girl" emerged from the magic pie for the delectation of the rich rakes that were assembled, and when the parents of the girl learned of the disgraceful affair the girl committed suicide. This is the man Roosevelt made his secretary of state.

And Roosevelt is the man the powers of plunder are bent upon making the Republican nominee for the presidency of the United States. Roosevelt's "Progressive" party, organized for his private glory is defunct and now, like the dog that returns to its vomit, Roosevelt goes back to the Republican party he denounced as corrupt and criminal, back to the republican leaders he condemned as crooks and thieves—and there is where he belongs.

How many capitalist editors and editorial writers who are whooping it up for preparedness and war will face the machine guns when the storm breaks and the leaden blizzard rages?

The man who advocates war and does not go to war himself is an infernal hypocrite and coward who ought to be forced to the firing line and given the dose he himself fixes up for others.

The real patriot is the socialist internationalist.

THE MENACE OF "FOREIGN INVASION"

Of all the frauds and humbugs perpetrated upon the common herd not one is more flagrant and infamous than the cry of the profit-monger for "preparedness" to protect us against "foreign invasion."

It is the cry of "stop thief" to put us off the track of the thieving invaders of the domestic breed right here at home that have their hands in our pockets up to the shoulder-blades.

As late as January last President Wilson himself said:

"Nobody seriously supposes that the United States needs fear an invasion of its own territory" and in his statement to the United States Senate Committee on Military Affairs General Miles said:

"The placing of an army on American soil is the last thing any European government would attempt; it could never be re-embarked. It would dissolve like snow beneath the midday sun. Whenever it has been attempted it has resulted in disaster."

But the people, most of them, are easily fooled and consequently easily scared. To scare them into willing, eager acquiescence while they are being robbed by the bandits who throw the scare into them for that very purpose, is the smooth scheme concocted by the profit-patriots to palm off on the people as a great patriotic movement to protect them against the wolves of invasion three thousand miles away.

LOOK OUT THERE! "The goblins 'll git ye if ye don't watch out."

GOVERNOR HUNT AND THE MINE OWNERS

The mine owners are demanding the impeachment and removal of Governor George W. P. Hunt of Arizona. That the mine owners have good grounds for proceedings against the governor there is not the least doubt, it being in evidence that he actually refused to make strike-breakers of the state militia and murder the striking miners for having the gall to demand decent working conditions.

Governor Hunt has issued a statement of the facts in the case "So the People may Know." We think the governor might have spared himself the pains and expense of such a statement. If the people of Arizona, Colorado, and the rest of the mining states in the West do not know the mine owners by this time they are deaf and dumb and blind to every source and avenue of evidence and information.

Of course the small fry "business" element and a certain class of professional shysters and hangers-on are with the mine owners but so far as the real people are concerned they know that Governor Hunt's sole offense lies in his having refused to allow himself to be used as a dirty tool by the mine owners, as other governors have been used, to act the nefarious and contemptible part of a strike-breaker.

Tom Taggart, the democratic boss of Indiana was indicted for corrupting the elections and sentenced to the United States senate. Taggart fitly represents the interests which dominate and debauch the hoosier state.

What has become of the democratic slogan "Trusts are intolerable and indefensible and must be wiped out of existence."

To be your master's slave in peace and to be riddled with balls for him in war is what you, Mr. Workingman, vote for when you drop a republican or democratic vote into the ballot box.

MARGARET SANGER AND BIRTH CONTROL

The attitude of the federal authorities toward Margaret Sanger and her scientific propaganda relating to birth control is nothing less than idiotic. Such narrow, vicious, intolerant treatment of a vital public question would disgrace any despotism on earth and there is not another that would be guilty of it; not one in which Comstockery would be permitted to strangle the voice of free discussion and carry on its dirty work. As Mrs. Sanger herself says:

"I am being prosecuted not because the federal authorities consider birth control anti-social and anti-American, but because they consider the advocacy of birth control lewd, lascivious, and pornographic."

Can such an utterly ignorant, brutal, unreasoning prosecution be properly characterized as less than idiotic?

Margaret Sanger is being persecuted for having rendered the service of a real benefactor and coming generations will rise up and call her blessed. She could only be prosecuted and persecuted in an age of ruling class bigotry, superstition and intolerance.

Margaret Sanger needs at this hour the sympathy and support of the working class for whom she has sacrificed her freedom. Her address is 26 Post ave., New York City. Let those who can, send her a word of comfort to sustain her and add their mite toward her defense.

The great body of wage-workers are no longer employed in particular trades but in general industries and they must organize accordingly. The trade union is the denial of industrial solidarity. The same evolution that merged the special trade into the general industry must also merge the trade union into the industrial union. All the workers employed in a given industry must belong to one and the same union if the union is to count in the struggle for emancipation.

"PLAIN ENGLISH"

A volume of 325 pages with the above title has just been issued by the People's College of Fort Scott, Kansas. It consists of the printed lessons which have been issued to students of grammar, composition and the use of English generally in the correspondence courses. It is the work of Marian Wharton who has charge of that department and is the simplest, plainest, completest and most satisfactory series ever issued upon that subject.

"Plain English" ought to be in the hands of every worker in the land. It is especially written and compiled to make it possible for those who received but little education to read and write and speak the English language correctly, and to use this as a means of acquiring greater knowledge and fitting the student for a useful and honorable position in life.

The People's College, organized and conducted by the workers for the education of the workers, is growing steadily in influence and power and spreading the light of truth to the remotest sections.

Current Problems—Socialism, Etc.

5. Universal Mutual Insurance

By Walter Thomas Mills

Author of "The Struggle For Existence" and
"Democracy or Despotism."

It was seen in the last of these articles that all of the products of human labor and all of the benefits of human service rendered which result from the difference between the advantages offered, by the worst opportunities in actual use on the one hand and all superior opportunities on the other are now privately appropriated in payment of ground rents.

It was seen that these ground rents are the direct product of superior natural resources, or of the presence and activity of the whole body of the people in any given community.

It was seen that these ground rents amount each year to a sum equal to more than one fourth of all of the products of human labor, and of all the advantages of human service.

It was further seen that this vast income privately appropriated is so appropriated solely and only because of land monopoly, not for any service rendered.

It was contended that inasmuch as these ground rents are either the free gift of Nature or the joint product of all the people, that they rightfully belong to all the people and that their appropriation for public purposes would add no burden whatsoever to the useful people, but would provide an enormous social income.

Finally, it was seen that the few who benefit by the private appropriation of these ground rents have so far been able to prevent their appropriation for the public good, and that what is really needed is to array private interests in behalf of their public appropriation stronger than are the private interests which now prevail.

Hence, it is seen that the most practical of all proposals, in this connection, is to enlist private interests of such a nature that any service in their behalf would at the same time and in all particulars be absolutely identical with the common good.

It is believed that UNIVERSAL MUTUAL INSURANCE would meet these requirements.

It is said that life is a gambler's game; that every day the chances of personal misfortune await us all.

The work of the gambler has been forbidden and made punishable under the law because it is understood that the unavoidable chances in life are so many that the gambler's work of artificially creating unnecessary chances is a social crime.

Modern insurance is nothing

other than an effort—so far as possible—to spread over the large numbers of people with a small expense to each the losses resulting from the unavoidable chances which everywhere await us all.

Insurance against fire, flood, pest, shipwreck, helplessness and death itself are instances in line with this endeavor.

Sound social policy requires the elimination of needless chance. The refusal to insure fire-traps, rotten bottoms, and risks characterized as graveyard insurance are all efforts to exclude the needless risk; but the risks that cannot be excluded, that ever remaining, irreducible minimum of unavoidable chance, is a just and proper subject for insurance and each day is becoming more and more a matter of public con-

cern rather than a field for private enterprise.

life itself is being given to them. It is said that every fifth child the world over loses its chance in life during the year immediately preceding or immediately succeeding birth, solely for lack of a proper food supply for the child-bearing women.

Society has acknowledged its responsibility for the education of the children, and the modern school has discovered and has demonstrated beyond any possibility of dispute that the problems of food, of cleanliness, of environment and of employment are the greatest educational problems.

Accident may befall any one. Industrial accident insurance the public hospital and asylum are all evidences of the universal conviction that these chances, which may leave any one of us at any time in utter helplessness, are matters of public concern.

The helplessness of the aged, gradually creeping on us as the years advance, just as our strength was gradually given to us in the days of our adolescence, is universally admitted.

Where old age pensions, accident insurance, the visiting nurse,

It is not a question as to whether society has the money, it is only a question as to whether society shall continue to give this vast socially earned income to the few who do not earn it, and do not need it, or collect and pay it into a common fund for the universal protection and advantage of the millions by whom it has been earned and to whom it rightfully belongs.

Fortunately, under popular institutions, those who would be the beneficiaries of UNIVERSAL MUTUAL INSURANCE are a thousand to one more powerful, —would they use their political power in their own behalf, than are the beneficiaries of land monopoly.

There are men and women enough who are voters in this country and who ought to be made the beneficiaries of this mutual insurance, to organize at once overwhelming majorities in their own behalf. There are mothers enough, with or without the ballot, if they would realize the possibilities of rational childhood insurance, to compel their own immediate deliverance from the unendurable chances of undeserved distress.

The same agitation which has secured accident insurance in so many states could even more easily secure UNIVERSAL MUTUAL INSURANCE in all states.

Such an achievement would not only provide the necessary funds for UNIVERSAL MUTUAL INSURANCE but, at the same time, would make all systems of taxation utterly unnecessary and there would never again be needed nor excuse for levying assessments against individual earnings once these social products were appropriated for social purposes.

Such an arrangement would multiply the market for food, clothing, and shelter and that at home, not abroad, as could no other single measure which it is possible to devise and would in itself go a long way towards solving the problem of unemployment.

Here then is the answer to our question: The personal, private, individual benefits of the millions put squarely up against the personal, private, individual benefits of land monopoly would mean a thousand to one on the side of the common good.

It is quite impossible to interest the multitude in theories about ground rents. But with this proposal plainly stated it will be absolutely impossible to mislead the mothers of hungry children, or those who all their lives have rendered social service and who are beginning to feel that they are losing their grasp on the ability to serve, with no provision for the years of waiting, for the last act in the seven stages of life's personal drama, which is the common lot of all.

The subject of the next article of this series will be "USURY AND EXCHANGE."

The Golden Glory of War

By the Rip-Saw Poet

NEW YORK.—The annual report of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation for 1915 discloses that the net earnings of the corporation and its subsidiary companies amounted to \$24,821,408, as compared with \$9,649,667 in 1914, an increase of nearly 260 per cent. Orders on hand Dec. 31, 1915, aggregated \$175,432,895, as against \$46,513,189 on the corresponding date of the previous year.—Press dispatch.

The tortured and torn and dying and dead; the widows' and orphans' tears; more wealth destroyed than the labor of man can build in a thousand years; bleaching bones and broken hearts;—but why should we worry or care, with Morgan's profits climbing up to the Lord only knows where.

cern rather than a field for private enterprise.

Insurance is coming more and more to provide annuities for the aged, security against accident and unemployment, and even the provision of an income for the unborn. "Birth benefits" and "death benefits" are alike proper subjects for insurance.

What has been, unfortunately called the "widow's pension" and the "old age pension" are nothing other than an effort on the part of society to assume its own proper responsibility for the inevitable dependence of the very young, of the helpless, and of the aged.

No other proposal involves to a greater degree the common good than the proposal that every child shall be given social protection against distress, on the part of the mother during the period of pregnancy in such a way that, so far as possible, all children shall be well born to the extent at least that they shall not be robbed of the strength of life during the very period while

and the mid-day meal for the children at school, have been undertaken, the results everywhere have been such that the desirability of such provisions have nowhere been denied when once undertaken.

But no one denies the advantage of these things nor the desirability of making these provisions ample and universal. The only question is "Where is the money coming from?" The answer is that one place where the money for these purposes can be secured can be found in the public appropriation of ground rents. It is not a question whether society can provide the money. Society is now providing a sum equal to the value of one-fourth of all the products of human industry and enterprise, but it is permitting the appropriation of this vast sum by those who do not earn it.

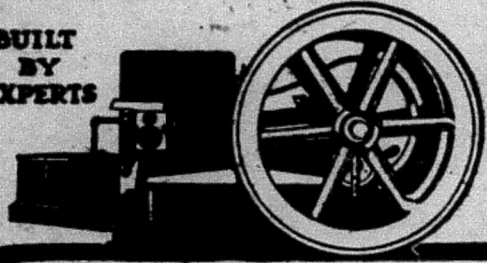
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Memorial Day

By Kate Richards O'Hare

A few year ago I chanced to be in a small town on the dividing line between the North and the South on Memorial Day. In the tiny graveyard on the hillside lay men who had worn the blue and also those who had worn the grey. The comrades of both met at the tiny church and sitting side by side in peace and friendliness they had listened to the sweet voice of their grandchildren singing and to the music of the village band made up from the sons of both the veterans of the North and of the South, and they had hobbled side by side down the winding roadway to the city of the dead. There they had stood with uncovered heads while the children heaped high the graves with flowers. Impartially the graves of those who wore the blue and of those who wore the grey were covered with blossoms and even the humble grave of old "Nigger Ned" down on the edge of the "pauper lot" was decked with flags and covered with roses and peonies, for Ned had been a "Linkum sojer" and prized his bronze G. A. R. badge above diamonds and rubies.

As the sun sank slowly behind the scruboak covered hilltops we marched back to the school grounds where under the great trees the womenfolk of the village had stretched long tables and covered them with such viands as chefs never prepare—simple, humble food that had been prepared as a loving service and seasoned with good fellowship. Side by side with the eggbread and the fried chicken of the southland were the baked beans and salt-rising of New England. The wife of Captain Smith, who had followed McClelland, made coffee in a washboiler belonging to the wife of Corporal Crump who had ridden with Forest's cavalry, while "ole Mammy Sue," black as the ace of spades, tended the Brunswick stew with all the dignity of a priestess performing a scared rite.

When the feast was finished and the shadows of night fell the women gathered up the fragments with housewifely care, the children played "blackman" and "pull-a-way," and the young folks pared off in couples and strolled about talking of the selfsame things that lovers have talked of for ages, while the old men gathered about the great campfire to live in memory once more the thrilling days of long ago.

This particular village was on the "borderland", that strip of Kansas and Missouri that was neither Northern or Southern, neither for the Union or the Confederacy, but rent and torn and trampled by them both. It had

been settled by both the repressed, straight-laced Yankees from New England and the hot blooded, impetuous, rollicking Southerners from Dixie. Together they had fought Indians and typhoid, grasshoppers and drouths and in the stern school of pioneering they had cemented close the bonds of friendship. Then the war clouds gathered and the children of the North and the children of the South both felt the tug of the bonds of allegiance and suspicion, rancor and bitterness filled the hearts that had known only peace and friendship. Then the storm broke, the men swept onward by the gusts of hate enlisted in the armies of the North and of the South and grimly set out to kill the very men who had been their faithful friends in the time of stress and struggle. As in all wars, the men sprang eagerly to answer the bugle call, shaken by hate and swept by passion; they forgot the vows they had made at the marriage altar, forgot the children they had caused to live, and marched merrily forth to war, but they left the women and the children behind, left them behind, not only to fight the grasshoppers and the drouths, the typhoid and the famine, but left them with hate in their hearts for their neighbors and defenseless before the mauraders of both the armies that devastated the country time and time again.

At last the war was done; back from camp and battlefield came a part of the men who had marched away. Some had died in Andersonville, some at Gettysburg and some on Lookout Mountain. Those who returned, found blackened chimneys where their homes had stood and ruined fields where their plows had turned the furrows; and some found that their wives and children had been unable to fight the battles of life unaided and had succumbed. Poor in purse, broken in body, war-scarred at soul, again the struggle of life was taken up by the men who had vainly tried to kill each other. Then it was that these returned soldiers found that politicians can foment wars, statesmen can call men out to kill each other, loud-mouthed patriots may load a nation with a staggering pile of war debts, but that the fighting must be done by the working class, the dying must be done by the working class, the war debts must be paid by the working class and that "enemies" must live and suffer, work and die side by side when the war is done.

As the shadows grew deeper, wood was piled high upon the campfire, the women came and took their places beside the men,

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As the old men told the stories of other days, I found that few and far between were the boasts of prowess, the thrilling tales of charge and carnage. Victories were seldom mentioned and there was little gloating over battles won. Most often the quavering voices told the simple tales of human kindness, of courtesy and friendliness that crossed the battle lines. With eager shouts of laughter the old men told how Bill Yank traded Johnny Reb a pound of coffee for a twist of tobacco, or how some irated Southern woman chased them out of her sweet potato patch with

her split hickory broom. Sometimes the voices grew husky as they told of the kindness and comradeship of a guard who stole food for a prisoner in his keeping. Sometimes it was a breath of romance, the stirring love tale of a Yank who had found a Rebel sweetheart and proved that love is stronger far than hate and war and death itself. It was not always the men who told the stories; now and then some white-haired old lady would lift a trembling voice to tell tales of chivalry, of brotherly protection and womanly sympathy from Rebel or Yankee enemy as the case might be.

As I listened to the tales the old folks told of war times, a mighty peace and comfort came into my heart. I found that it was not the memory of the so-called glory and glitter and glamor, not the victories and carnage that men cherished most, but the finer human fellowship, the divine spark of love, that war and all its horrors can not kill, that men hugged close to their hearts. Forgotten were the politicians "issues," dead were the statesmen's blatant rant of "patriotism," buried was the hatred and the bitterness of the years of warfare, but live and vital, loved and cherished was every memory of comradeship, kindness, courtesy, sympathy and love that had illumined that dark hell of greed hatched warfare.

Deep down in my heart there is an abiding faith that in some

future year I shall again share in a Memorial Day service. Once again I will hear the children singing, the bands playing, the faltering tramp of marching feet. Once more shall the march be to the city of the dead where children will cover with flowers the graves of the soldiers who fell in war or died from its hardships. And the graves that will be strewn with flowers will not be those of Yank and Rebel, but of German, Frenchman, Briton, Russ and Turk. And in my dream of that coming Memorial Day in some land across the sea I see the people breaking bread in fraternal hospitality; I see the children playing, with no thought of race, creed, or nationality; I see the lovers walking forth in the silvery radiance of the moonlight, conscious only that love is all in all and about the campfire I see the men and women gather, not to recount the story of the shambles of the Meuse, the slaughter of Verdun or the butchery of the Dardanelles, but to tell how humanity, brotherhood, comradeship, loyalty and love lived through that mad orgy of blood and murder, through the slaughter and war and insanity, thrust upon the world by greed for profit and ambition for power.

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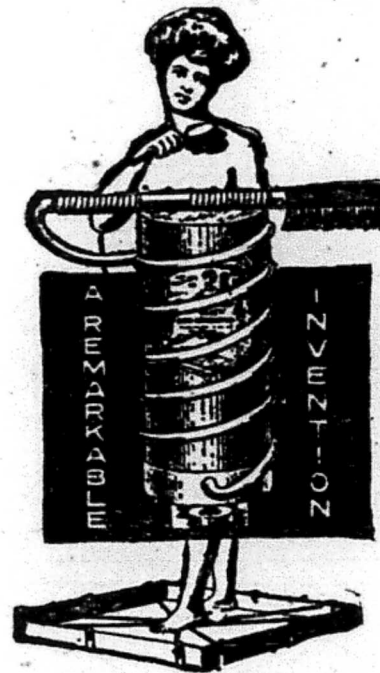
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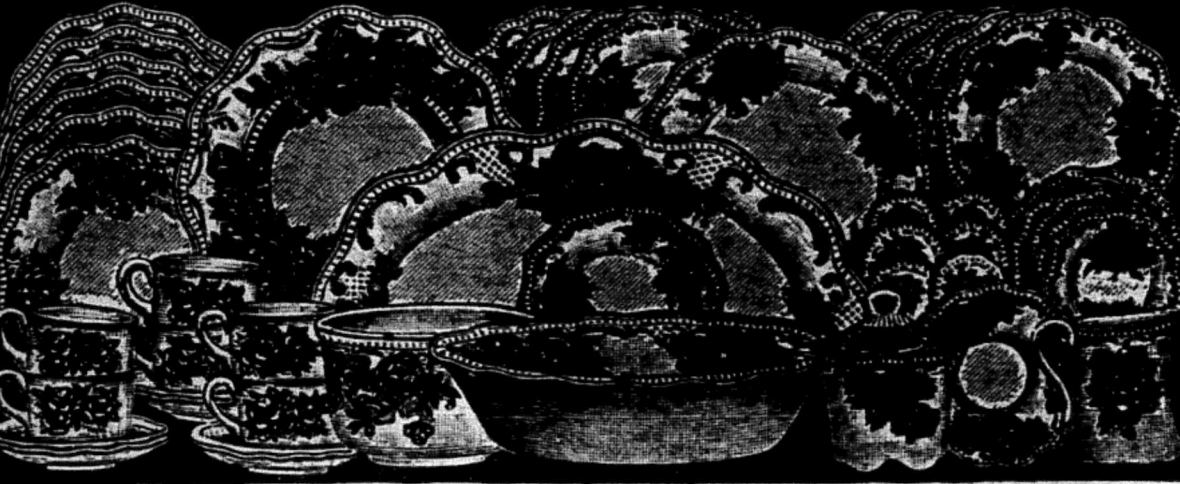
TOBE SPILKINS

Hiz Lettur
(W. S. Morgan)

Mister Editor: Jist az I clozed my last lettur tu you sum one knocked at the door. I wuz afrade it wuz my wife and my hart purty neert jumped out uv my mouth. Little Strawhed wuz in there with me. I told hur tu git intu a big empty box which had bin brought in there full uv Kongressmen's speeches which we had bin mailin' out tu their beluved konstituants. The speeches wuz purty neert all on the subjekt uv "Prepairednes," and they had bin carefully prepared by a professhunal speech writer that I know and who lives up on G. street. This feller iz a gittin' ritch a writin' uv speeches fur kongressmen who havent got branes enuff tu write one uv their own. Theze kongressmen never speak their speeches; they jist git levee tu print them; then they git them printed at government expense and then sent them out by male without payin' enny postage. Az soon az I cood put little Strawhed in the box and kivered hur up with the lid I went tu the door tu see who wuz there. My neeze

trembled so I coodent hardly walk, fur I shure thot it wuz my wife and I knowed if it wuz there wood be more trubble then if a box uv munkeys wuz turned loose in a kandy shop. With a shakey hand I opened the door. There stood a man.
"Iz this Tobe Spilkins' offis?" he asked.
"It iz," I sed, a bracin' myself up az good az I cood without absorb'n' a drink or 2 uv red likker.
"Iz the gentleman in?" he asked.
"He iz," I answered; "I am the afosed, myself; ennything I kin du fur you?"
"Yes," he sed, "I want you tu sine a receet fur two hundred and fifty thousand kases uv sope."
"Sine a what! Sine fur what!" I exclaimed; I wuz purty neert amaized out uv my wits.
"Dident they tell you about it?" sed the feller. "You see it's this way: The campaign kom-mitty haz ordered a millyun kases uv this sope fur use in the campaign. Each kase contains a dozen tin kans uv soft sope. This looks like a good deel uv sope tu use in one campaign by one politikal party, but the politishuns figger that it iz goin' tu taik four times as mutch tu soft sope the people this yeer az it haz in the past. The Republikan campaign kom-mitty haz ordered two millyun kases. This," he sed, takin' a can out uv hiz pocket, "iz prepared espeshually fur the Demokratik party; it iz maid out uv pure lies and the fat uv fools who have bin butchered in war. It iz guaranteed tu put fite in enny feller if you kin git enuff uv it on him. The Republikan brand iz made by the saim people, but the manufakturers have put a little more lie in it and it iz kalkulaited tu maik a feller go off haff cocked. On every can uv this sope that iz maid fur the use uv the Demokratik party we have put the stamp uv "PREPAREDNESS." This is a guarantee that nothing but pure lies are used in the manufakture uv this sope—lies mixed with greese frum politikal graft, and the fat hereinbefore menshuned."
I don't know how long that dad gummed feller wood have talked if I hadent uv stopped him. I think he wuz wound up tu run all day.
"Look here," sed I, "What bizziness have I got a signin' uv a receet fur 2 hundred and fifty thousand kases uv soft sope fur use on Demokratik voters? I aint got the munny tu pay fur it, and noboddy haz told me tu sine enny sich receet."
"It's alreddy pade fur," he sed. "The Demokratik kom-mitty wanted the furst consignment. They told me you wood sine fur it; aint you one uv the

prezident's cheef campain managers?"
"Yes," sed I, in a sort uv a dazed way, "but I aint bought enny soft sope; I've bin a sendin' out uv a lot uv kongressmen's speeches on the subjekt uv "PREPAREDNESS." They wuz sent out tu the voters."
"That's about the same thing," sed the feller; "them speeches iz tu be used exturnally; the soft sope iz tu be mixed with whiskey and beer and hot air and used inturnally; 2 doses will maik a feller feel like huggin' hiz muther-in-law, and four doses will maik him climb a tree, if necessary, tu vote the old party ticket."
"That's the stuff we want," sed I; "but where iz the sope, and what must I du with it?"
"It's in the cars down on the pencilvainy tracks, but you'll have tu git a warehouse tu put it in. You air then expected tu distribute it out tu the politishuns az they call fur it."
"All rite," I sed; "cum in the offis and I'll sine the receet, but I'll be dadgummed if I know where I am a goin' tu git a wear-house big enuff tu hold that mutch sope."
We went intu the offis and I sot down at my desk tu sine the receet and moshuned him tu set down on little Strawhed's chare. I suppose he thot it waz too lite and woodent hold him up, fur he weighed over 3 hundred pounds. Ennyhow he went over and sot down on the box where little Strawhed wuz a hidin'. I hadent got dun a sinin' uv my naim when I heerd a krash; I had writ Tobe Spil— when the krash cum. I looked up jist az little Strawhed begun skreemin'. The big feller's weight had broke in the top uv the box and presipitated him on tu the little stenographeress. Hur skreems brought me tu hur side with a single jump. I pulled the sope man up out uv the box, and both uv us went tu wurk tu git hur out. I never seen so menny splinters in my life frum 2 bords. She wuz kivered with them. When we got hur out she looked like a porquapine. She wuz a bleedin' at the noze, one ear wuz cut, hur chin wuz skratched and I'm afferd she iz injoored inturnally. We picked the splinters out uv hur and sot hur on a chare. Then I ran out tu the drug store tu git sum kamfer. When I got bak she wuz a settin' on that dadgummed sope man's lap a lookin' up tu hiz ize and a pattin' him on the cheek and laughin'. He had soft soped hur while I wuz gone fur the kamfer. This insident don't prove ennything agin little Strawhed or distrakt frum hur loyalty tu me; but it iz a powerful strong advertisement fur the sope. This iz what the sope man intended it fur; he wuz purfektly innocent uv enny wrong intenshuns or sentimental feelin's. He jist wanted tu show me the effykasy uv the sope. I finished a sinin' of the receet. I think that a good

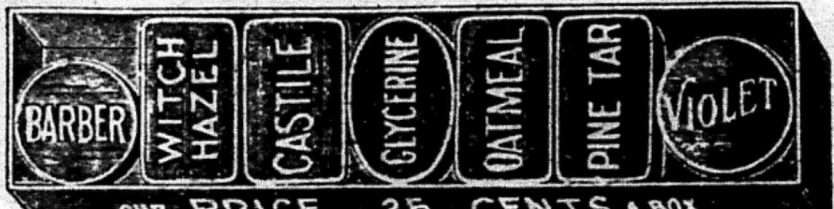


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motto fur the grand old Demokratik party wood be: "Fear God and Keep Plenty Uv Soft Sope On Hand."

I wuz up tu the White House the uther day and showed them letters what I got frum Ike Hawkins and Shanghi Purkins tu Woodsaw. He red them throo keerfully. I cood see that he liked the one frum Shanghi the best fur he laffed 2 times while he wuz a reedin' uv it. After he had red them he handed them over tu hiz Secretary, Mister Tumulty. When Mister Tumulty red Shanghi's lettur he tuk a book and put him down fur an appointment az minister tu Ginny; but when he red Ike's he raized a tumult and throwed the lettur out the winder. Woodsaw sed Ike meant well enuff, but not wantin' enny offis he coodent akkommodait hizself tu the situashun. He sed nobody cood unless he had experienced the inspirashun uv offishul inflatus creepin' uv hiz bakbone. He sed he never had a full consepshun uv the situashun hizself until he wanted tu be 2 prezidents. He sed if Shanghi wood git out and wurk fur him and he wuz re-elekted he wood give him the appointment he wanted, and that he wood taik care uv enny uther frends uv mine who wood git out and hustle fur him.

I told Woodsaw about the feller a comin' tu my offis tu git me tu sine a receet fur two hundred and fifty thousand kases uv sope.

"Good!" he sed, and he clapped hiz hands together; "I'm glad we got that order filled so promptly, fur we air a needin' uv it. It ort tu go out at once and be put on the peeple before the Republikans git a coat uv their sope on 'em furst. The battle belongs tu him who gits there furstest with the mostest sope. Tobe, I hope you will git that into the hands uv the politishuns and editurs az sune az possible."

"Will it du the wurk?" I asked, not havin' ennything else tu say jist then.

"Will it!" exclaimed Woodsaw, eggscitedly, az he jumped up off hiz chare and begunned walkin' across the floor, "Will it du the wurk? The manufakturers, the aminishun makers and uther big bizziness interests put sum uv it on me. It sunk rite in on me and maid a new man uv me rite now. Kant you see how chaigned I am? I am fur the biggest navy in the world; and an army that kin lick ennything. Kongress balked; and wuz about tu buck; they wuz a goin' tu pass a rezolushun askin' our sitizens tu keep out uv the row over in Yurrope and not take passage on armed vessels. I wuz a tryin' tu settle it by writin'. I writ and writ and writ till my fingers wuz all sore and stiff. I hinted tu the Kizer that if hiz sub-mareen botes didnt quit killin' and a drownin' uv our American sitizens that we wood—we wood—we wood—

we wood prepare. But Kongress, ignorin' uv me, wuz a goin' tu pass a rezolushun askin' uv sed sitizens tu keep out uv danger and they woodent git hurt. What did we du? We larryetted sum uv the rambunkshus ones and put sum uv that soft sope on 'em. Did you see 'em cum akross? Well, I shood smile! They tumbled over each uther tu git in the "Preparedness" band wagon. That soft sope dun it. Will it wurk? Uv korse it will wurk. Havin' tride it sucksessfully on me and havin' tride it sucksessfully on

kongress it now behooves us tu git it on the peeple before the Republikans git in ahed uv us." Havin' thus sed he sot down and writ me out a check fur my salary and bid me good-bye. I went out with a lite hart. I must rite tu Ike and tu Shanghi; and I must also rite tu my wife and send hur sum munny tu pay that ornery Ben. I hope she'll never put enny uv that sope on that ornery kuss.

Yours trooly,
TOBE SPILKINS,
Campaign Manager.

Peter Collins In The Pillory

Peter Collins, better known as "Wind-bag Pete," who has been hired to warn the working class against socialism, has been advertising himself over the country by pulling off his chestnut "challenge" to Eugene V. Debs and offering five hundred dollars to anyone who would induce Debs to accept his "challenge." Of course Collins and his braggadocio were ignored by Debs and this emboldened the "Wind-bag" to bray his "challenge" from the housetops. Recently Collins repeated his silly stunt in a western city and the local secretary of the Socialist party sent Debs a clipping containing a report of the "challenge" and asked him what he had to say in regard to it. The letter was received by Theodore Debs and below will be found a copy of his answer which is printed here for the purpose of forcing Collins to prove his lying charges or stand convicted as a cowardly and infamous falsifier:

March 28, 1916.

Terre Haute, Ind.

Your favor of the 24th inst. is at hand and in reply I have to say that Peter Collins bellows his "challenge" only to advertise his own filthy performance. He has repeatedly run away like the yellow dog he is from Socialists who called his vulgar and cowardly bluff.

As for my brother he does not hear the Collins yawp at all; he does not deal in sewage. He never gets down to the level of a liar and blackguard, and Collins is both.

For instance, this degenerate tool of Capitalism and Romanism has spread the lies for years, knowing them to be lies, that my brother lives in a house built by scab labor and painted and kept in repair by scab labor, and that when he was editor of the Locomotive Firemen's Magazine he ordered a committee of union printers from his office for demanding that the union label be placed on the magazine. These and other lies out of whole cloth, made to fit his putrid propaganda, Collins is still circulating, notwithstanding the leaders of the labor unions here where my brother lives have repeatedly denounced these lies and branded their author as a foul-mouthed slanderer.

Now if you deem it worth your while to test the crookedness and cowardice of Collins you can say to him that I will give him five hundred dollars if he will come to Terre Haute where the facts are known and I do not prove him to be the biggest liar in America.

You are furthermore authorized to put it up to Collins that I will give him a thousand dollars if he will have some cardinal or arch-bishop meet my brother in debate, Archbishop Ireland, the pal of "Jim" Hill, preferred.

My brother is wasting no time on such insects as Collins; he is after the big beast of capitalism and not after the crawling Collinses that fatten in its hide.

Yours fraternally,
THEODORE DEBS.

This puts the matter squarely up to Collins and he will either come to the front or remain in the rear and be branded for what he is. He has been going up and down the country for years spreading his slanders and the time has come to make him prove his charges or force them down his lying throat.

There is no chance for escape. Let the above letter be shoved into Collins' face wherever he appears and let it also be published in the local papers that are in the habit of advertising his "challenge." Slippery as he is he will not get out of the pillory in which he has placed himself on exhibition as a cowardly defamer of honest men and the foul-mouthed slanderer of a righteous cause.

Taylor Dates in Kentucky

Clarence H. Taylor, special organizer, has just completed a month's dates in Kentucky and has had good meetings. Three locals have been chartered and 8 members at large secured. 35 meetings held and interest reported in all places visited. He is now being routed for another month and will work through the Western part of Kentucky and fill a few dates in Tennessee.

Locals organized, Tiline, Dekoven and Robards. The farmers are ripe in the tobacco district and the only thing necessary is to get them to recognize the need of organizing. This is being urged by organizer Taylor who has spoken in School Houses, Churches and Court Houses.

All RIP-SAW readers and sympathizers are urged to write at once for Taylor meetings to J. L. Stark, State Secretary, 530 West Market Street, Louisville, Ky.

Obedience.

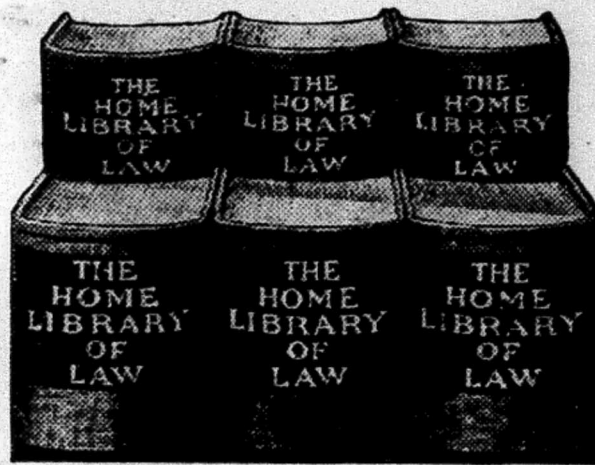
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—Shelley.

WAR.

God in the mouths of rulers,
Hell in the hearts of men;
Grief in the eyes of women,
Hate with the strength of ten,
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Death with its trappings brave;
Men that are working, working,
To make of the world a grave.
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As soon as you get them I want you to put the first pair on your eyes—the reading and sewing spectacles—sit down in front of the open hearth one of these cold wintry nights, and you'll be agreeably surprised to discover that you can again read the very finest print in your bible, thread the smallest-eyed needle and do the finest kind of embroidery and crocheting with them on, and do it all night long without any headaches or eye-pains, and with as much ease and comfort as you ever did in your life.



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But the third pair—the protection pair of spectacles—is the best of them all. With this pair of protection spectacles on your eyes you will be able to work around in your kitchen and do your cooking in front of a red-hot stove, go out into the field and do your plowing, or go out driving when the snow is on the ground, and they will prevent you from contracting those eye troubles usually caused by heat, dust, grit and dirt, and keep your eyes in good condition while doing your work.

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What's The Matter With the Preparedness People?

By Henry M. Tichenor

Is preparedness likely to peter out because the people who want preparedness are either unwilling or else too cowardly to prepare?

It looks that way around the recruiting stations.

The scarcity of volunteers anxious to sign up for the preparedness proposition is enough to bring tears to the eyes of the ammunition makers.

Here is a clipping, taken from the St. Louis Star, of March 30:

St. Louisans are strong when it comes to talking about preparedness and in telling how the United States ought to dispose of Villa, the U-boat problems and other matters of warfare, but when it comes to the actual doing, that's another question, judging from the results of the campaign of the First Regiment, National Guard of Missouri, for 1,000 recruits.

When the campaign for recruits was started a few weeks ago, officers of the regiment were confident that more would apply than could be equipped, but up to date, fewer than 150 men have signed up to learn how to be soldiers.

"We are very much disappointed," Col. Arthur B. Donnelly, commander of the regiment, told a reporter for The Star.

You can find the same complaint in the daily papers all over the country. Big meetings, addressed by big patriotic politicians have been held everywhere; and packed audiences (so the newspaper reports have declared) have yelled themselves hoarse about preparedness. But the next day, and the next, and so on up until now, business at the recruiting stations has refused to pick up.

What's the matter with the preparedness people?

Their heads seem to get "het up" all right at the big preparedness meetings, addressed by the big patriotic politicians, and then they go home and go to bed and wake up in the morning with cold feet.

If we are to have a big volunteer army it must be recruited from those who want to fight. Surely

no one can expect the peace loving people to go nuts over this prepare-for-war proposition. Those whose "interests are at stake,"

and who control the politicians and press that are howling for more soldiers, are the ones to join the army.

What can it be that is keeping the bankers and business men, who can't sleep nights for fear of some foreign foe, from enlisting?

And look at the prominent preparedness politicians—why don't they set an example?

Perhaps we can hardly expect President Wilson, who hopes to hold down the presidential job for four years more, to join the army until he learns the election returns next November, but what about ex-presidents Roosevelt and Taft? What is it that keeps these two preparedness politicians that shout so loudly for slaughter skulking in the rear? Roosevelt, to hear him tell it, should have been fighting long ago, even if he had to start a war all by himself; and Taft! it seems a downright shame not to make a warrior of him. He was apparently built purposely for preparedness. That front of his would stop as many bullets as three ordinary soldiers, and the enemy would have to use a double charge to make a lyddite shell plow through him.

But neither Taft nor Roosevelt appear to want to do any shooting except with their mouths. Maybe Roosevelt feels he has done his duty shooting fleeing Spaniards in the back. But Taft has done nothing but talk. With all that nature has done for him as to proper proportions for a whole lot of preparedness, Taft holds back.

It begins to look suspicious—looks as though the preparedness people never entertained the least idea of enlisting themselves, but depend entirely upon conscription to carry out their conspiracy to enrich the ammunition makers and money lords.

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Our Presidential Candidates

By Eugene V. Debs

It is with genuine satisfaction that we hail the nomination of Allan L. Benson and George R. Kirkpatrick as the Socialist party's candidates for president and vice-president of the United States.

For many a year we have known these comrades, stood side by side with them in the struggle, and never did either of them flicker or change except to develop more power and determination to wage the warfare of the masses against the system that enslaves and robs them until the last battle has been fought and their cause has been crowned with victory.

Allan Benson and George Kirkpatrick were both born in the working class and have associated all their lives with the common people. If they had been so inclined they could long since have won the highest honors (?) of capitalism and now move among men as shining examples of how the lowly may become eminent and the poor, great, but they preferred to cast their lot with the exploited poor and make common cause with them against their oppressors and despoilers.

Benson was offered the most tempting prizes of capitalist journalism and refused; Kirkpatrick had but to step into a university professorship, but he didn't. They were socialists. Their talents were in demand but not on the market.

The calumny is current that all men have their price. For this low estimate of moral worth, which affirms that all men are corrupt and denies that any man has honor, which repudiates self-respect and scorns manhood, we have to thank capitalism, in which all things, men included and women as well, that are not for sale,



ALLAN L. BENSON
FOR PRESIDENT



GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

that are without price, are therefore without value. The utter immorality and corruption of the capitalist system are reflected in this vulgar and vicious saying.

IT IS A LIE! It simply betrays and exposes the vulgar and vicious system that inspired it.

There are thousands of men and women who have no price and who would die rather than barter away their honor.

Two splendid examples of these are Benson and Kirkpatrick, the socialist candidates for president and vice-president of the United States. They are as far above price and mercenary motive as the blue skies are above the lairs of wild beasts.

These two candidates typify in their persons the issue involved in the present campaign. They stand forth as the champions of industrial democracy in the struggle to destroy industrial despotism. They are socialists, chosen from the ranks of their comrades to bear the standard of their party in the present campaign.

They are clean, courageous, and conscientious men. Their character is above reproach and we may defy the world to turn upon these candidates of the Socialist party for the highest offices in the land the searchlight of scrutiny.

These comrades are worthy in the highest sense of the confidence reposed in them and of the cause they have been chosen to represent. Let us rally as one to their support. Let us make our part in this campaign the most glowing chapter yet written in the political struggle of the American movement.

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We Could Take No Chances

and ordered the entire six months' supply shipped to us at once. This necessitates our paying for the white paper several months before we expected to. By taking this precaution we protect ourselves against the possible loss of six-thousand dollars.

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Labor Leader Tells Why Unionists View Defense Agitation With Suspicion

James Lord, President of Mine Department of American Federation of Labor, Says They Object to Present Military Forms, but Would Join Real Democratic Army Where There is No Cringing Before Officers.

NEW YORK, March 11.—"The average American workingman is hesitating between patriotism and dismay. He is a patriot; you can bank on that. He is not a coward, and he is not a nonresident pacifist. He is willing to give his life in defense of his home and is stirred more deeply than are the captains of finance by every threat against the peace of America. But in spite of this all the programs of preparedness now before the country leave him cold and sullen. There is something fundamental in all these military schemes for which he simply cannot stand."

James Lord, president of the Mining Department of the American Federation of Labor, was the speaker. A mine worker at 11, a pioneer in the miners' union, now at the head of five allied organizations representing half a million men, there is no one in America more closely in touch with the most rugged and militant class of American workers.

"How are these men looking at the question of national defense?" he was asked. "How do they feel about conscription? In case of war would they flock to the standard of their country with the unanimity of the French workers, or would they be apt to embarrass the Government like—well, like the miners in Wales?"

"Welsh Miners Maligned."

"Glad you spoke of Wales," said Mr. Lord. "That clears the issue at once. Let me tell you something you don't know about the miners of Wales—and American capitalists may learn something they don't know about the workingmen of America. The Welsh miners, who went on strike at the outbreak of the war, proved to be the greatest patriots in the British Empire. Do you know of any other class of workers who have agreed to work for nothing during the period of the war?"

Lord added, "and Britain did not accept the service. It was the kind of sacrifice the ruling class of any country does not want its workers to make. It was this way: As soon as the strike was called the miners brought down on their heads the patriotic wrath of the whole nation. Mr. Runciman of the Board of Trade, was hustled over to settle the 'scandalous' situation summarily. The miners argued that they were asking only a modest raise in wages, while the mine owners were suddenly acquiring exorbitant profits. Do you think that made any difference? It did not. The nation was in peril, said everybody, and it was no time to haggle about terms."

"Then, after a conference, the union leaders approached Mr. Runciman. 'All right,' they said, 'we have decided that we will all go back to work for our board and lodging—for just what is necessary to keep us alive and working on one condition.'

"The condition was that the coal should be furnished to the Government at cost."

"That settled the strike. The miners got their raise. In one sentence, which is bound to become historical in the labor movement, they called the bluff of British capital."

"If you want to know whether American workingmen are patriotic," he said, "propose some scheme where everybody will be called on to throw everything into the melting pot for the national defense. Make John Smith give up everything and make John Rockefeller give up everything. Make no distinction between J. P. Miggins and J. P. Morgan. Don't propose to borrow what they have or take a part of what they have, but propose to take all that all of them have, just as they take all that John and

Jimmie have when they put them into the army today. Watch the way the capitalists and workers react to such a proposition and you might get a line on which class is really the more patriotic."

"Governments do not propose anything of the sort. They expect workingmen to give up everything for their country, and then turn over the country to everything but workingmen. The flower of England's manhood went to South Africa to fight for their country. The remnant that returned had no country, not even a job. Maimed, diseased, broken, rotting body and soul, these ex-soldiers could be seen all through England begging their bread. At the same time the diamond mines which their sacrifice had guaranteed to English capital were being filled with Chinese coolies. The English workers were good enough to get those mines, but they were not good enough to work in them, or as good as a Chinaman on the economic field."

What's Wrong With Army?

"But can it be that American workmen suspect any such a deal? Clearly, America has no schemes of conquest. It is for defense, defense of American democracy and the free institutions that workers ought to fight for, that a large army and even universal military service is proposed. 'Will the American workers' he was asked, 'do anything which might hinder a policy of adequate defenses'?"

"No," said this representative of the working class. "If the country wants defense, it can have all the defense it wants. Miners and railroad men and shop workers would rally by the million to any military system which meant pure defense, or in the event an invasion was actually threatened. Any time this nation wants to arm its workers and show them how to fight, it will have no difficulty in getting men. If that were all that military service means, there would be no such attitude as there is today toward preparedness."

"But what does it mean" he was asked.

"It means an autocratic military machine," he said. "It means in America about what it means in Germany and Russia. It means that a man joining the army must give up everything he holds dear and trust in God and his superiors not to turn his gun against his own class interests. It means servile obedience to certain individuals, an honest workingman having to cringe before some whiffet of an officer, because he is dirt while the officer is a 'gentleman.' It means the denial of all the principles he is supposed to be defending; the denial of democracy, the denial of decent manhood, the denial of the home. How can a man defend democracy by building up a machine in which he has not the slightest say; not even the right to speak in protest? How can he defend the home by deserting his own wife and children to fall for the dissipation and disintegration that goes with a tropical expedition, or a brutal occupation?"

"Atrocities? Sure, what else can you expect from army life? You and I would be beasts if we were sent away to the Philippines, knowing every day for years that we'd have to kill or get killed. Away from all decent environment and the civilizing influence of those we love we'd probably do just as the others do."

The big miner's face became tense. "I was sinking a shaft in Indiana," he said, "when my partner, one of the finest chaps I ever worked with, told me his Philippine story. He had a wife and two children here—and was

stuck for years in that climate—nothing but soldiers and Orientals to talk to. 'I stood it for a while', he told me, 'and then I did like all the others were doing. I bought a girl. She was 13 years old. I bought her from her parents. I lived with her two years. She had two children. Nobody thought anything of it out there; but, say, do you know I got to thinking a lot of her. Then I was mustered out and it dawned on me all at once that I was coming back to life, and to my own wife and family. I just came away—that was all there was to do—but I can't bury it.'

"What could I say?" the labor leader asked. "I could see that army life had made him stoop to things he was so ashamed of that he couldn't face himself. It preyed on his mind all the time. Then one day he showed me a letter from the Philippines. The little savage mother had been having a terrible time. Two days later he shot himself. That's the story of what army life does to the best of them. What can you expect it to do to the worst?"

Unionists Would Defend Country.
"All that is loyal in the American workingman," he added, "makes him want to defend his country. But all that is decent in him makes him shrink from military life. Must the two ideas be associated? Why not have a democratic army?"

"Why not?" the interviewer repeated. "There is a great reason why not," said the labor man. "No one who is crying for an army wants any such thing. They can all prove to you that it is impossible, just as the British capitalists proved that the proposition of the Welsh miners was impossible. I can't say that it will happen; but it wouldn't surprise men much if the American workers should call the militiaistic bluff in some such way as the Welsh miners did."

"Just how?" I asked. A democratic army was a hazy jumble of words to me.

"By volunteering en masse," he said, "on one condition—on the condition that the army could not be used to tyrannize over themselves, either as individuals or as a working class. Oh, I admit that it is impossible for the American militarist to see it; but it may be impossible for the workers to see anything else. Then, of the two impossibilities—well, we could find out shortly whether the army was really wanted for defense or whether the word 'defense' was being used as a pretext in order to get the army established."

"But just how would a democratic army function? How could the working class soldiers be guaranteed against the usual run of militarism?"

Objects to Private Cringing to Officers.

"It's very simple," said Lord, "or very impossible—just whichever way you happen to see it. But tell me first: Is a soldier a man? Is he entitled to a decent living? Is he a citizen? Should he be allowed to think and speak and vote? Is there anything in the ordinary schedule of a workingman's life which is too good for him in case he agrees to defend his country?" The obvious answer being given, the miner proceeded.

"Well, then, if a soldier is a man, there is no reason why he should have to cringe before an officer. And if he is a citizen, there is no reason why he should be tried by an officer. And there is no reason why he should take orders from an officer, to do anything that violates either his conscience or his self-respect, unless the order is sanctioned by public necessity. And when he disobeys an order he should be given the chance that a workingman is supposed to get if he breaks the law. Nothing short of a trial by his peers, not by his superiors, would be demanded in a democratic army."

Traditionally the soldier is not allowed to think. "There's not to reason why" sums up his position; a negation not only of democracy but of manhood itself. In a democratic army the soldier would not fight, perhaps, unless

he had something to fight for; but there would be nothing in that to jeopardize the national defense, and no one will fight quicker to preserve democracy than the workingman.

"A democratic army would proudly elect and recall its officers. That would be impossible in an army intended to carry out schemes of conquest and expansion, but not at all impossible in an army intended only for defense. We have much to defend in America, much that is very dear to the workingman's heart. If that is threatened there is no sacrifice he will not make. But just now he is wondering how he can defend it by selling himself body and soul to a machine over which he has not the slightest control. Can we defend ourselves against militarism by establishing militarism? Can we defend ourselves against tyranny by becoming slaves?"

"Incidentally, a democratic army would demand decent pay so long as the country in general was not impoverished. In a crisis it would starve for an ideal just as so many millions of American workingmen have starved through long-drawn-out strikes. But it would not do the country's dirty work for 10 cents a day, while the country was rolling in wealth as a result of its service. And it would not black the shoes of the officers except at union rates for bootblacks."

"But above everything else, it would not shoot down other members of its class for demanding better conditions. That is why a democratic army is impossible. An army—the best that the propagandists of preparedness can say for it—must be autocratic. That means it must be for some other purpose than mere defense. It must be the sort of institution which workingmen have come to suspect and dread. The workers are so instinctively opposed to that kind of an army that you might take them for a lot of pacifists. Many of their arguments are unreasonable, but their opposition is well founded. The militia has been turned against strikers so often that the best of patriots have become suspicious. They are wavering between patriotism and dismay. But deep down in their hearts they always want to be right, do right."

"Looking at it from the standpoint of the working class, would there be any way of guaranteeing democracy

in an army?"
"From any other standpoint it would be clearly impossible," he answered. "Democracy could not be guaranteed by a resolution of Congress. It might be inaugurated that way, but the armed rank and file would have to be their own guarantee. They would have to keep their guns and equipment."

"And have the country at the mercy of a great military organization?"

"Not a professional military organization at all," he explained, "but an armed working class. Can you imagine a country being overrun by its people? Don't you know that a fundamental principle of the American Constitution was that the right to bear arms should not be abridged. It has been abridged, however. The workers have been disarmed and the arms have been placed in the hands of a military organization out of touch with the workers; or in the hands of private detectives and thugs hired by the capitalists, as in Colorado. Any such military organization is the negation of democracy. A people armed and free to defend itself, it a different thing. But it is the sort of 'preparedness' which those who are talking grandly about patriotism and defense would never stand for."

"I would not commit the organized workers of the country to any particular policy. No man can do that. Personally, I am opposed to militarism, the only militarism I have seen and can judge. Also, I cannot see any danger of European Powers invading America, but with our immense coast line an adequate coast defense seems thoroughly reasonable."


"If the country were actually invaded, no one would sacrifice more, and more quickly, than the organized American workers. But they do not want militarism. They want democracy and the Constitutional Government. They are watching the situation in Europe and hoping that it is the beginning of the end—the end of King and Kaiser, Prussianism and every other kind of professional militarism. They are reading and thinking and waiting. I think they will refuse to be swung off their balance by the hysterical appeals of munition makers, partisans and professional militarists, even at the risk of being misunderstood."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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Benson Impugns President Wilson's Motives -- Strikes Terror Into The Committee on Naval Affairs by Threatening To Give Public Proof--Refuses To Be Gagged By Any Power.

An attack on President Wilson by Allan L. Benson, Socialist candidate for President, turned an otherwise placid hearing before the House Naval Affairs Committee into turmoil, which threatened for a moment to cut short Mr. Benson's testimony, says a Washington, D. C., press dispatch of March 13, published in the N. Y. Call.

The committee had patiently listened to pleas of a number of pacifists who appeared to arouse little interest, when the standard bearer of the Socialist party took the stand.

Almost at the outset of the hearing he launched his attack upon the President, saying that the President had in his recent reports in Cleveland declared that there was urgent need for immediate preparedness, when he knew at the time he made the statement that there was no ground for it.

This charge of insincerity brought against President Wilson resulted in an immediate upheaval. There was a flutter of excitement among the pacifists who constituted an audience.

Chairman Padgett pounded the table and there was concerted demand from several Democratic members of the committee that the witness withdraw the remarks and be called to account.

Refuses to be Cowed.

Mr. Benson was not cowed by the sudden outburst from the committee nor the threat of Chairman Padgett that his testimony would be cut short if he persisted.

He offered to reveal the name of a prominent Democratic member of Congress on whose statement he based his charge of insincerity against the President.

This offer did not have any more pacific effect than the original charge and the determined witness was made the target for several vehement observations on the proprieties of testifying before Congressional committees.

The substance of Mr. Benson's charge was that the President's acts did not bear out the impressions he conveyed by his speeches during his recent tour when he urged the necessity of immediate preparedness. If the need had

been as imperative as he intimated, the witness said, he would be using three shifts of men on the battleships now under construction and the ships authorized would now be well under way toward completion instead of not being yet laid down.

U. S. in No Danger, He Says

Mr. Benson's objections to the preparedness program of the administration he based on the ground that the country is in no danger of attack except through the acts of the administration itself.

The case of Belgium, to which the "preparedness" advocates have adverted in support of their contentions, does not apply to the United States, he said. In his Cleveland speech, he added, the President used language "of a most inflammatory kind."

Chairman Padgett cut short the witness by pounding for order.

"You were asked to come here to discuss the subject of preparedness, not to impugn the motives of the President," he said. "This hearing will stop at once if you make any further remarks of that character."

"A prominent Democratic member of Congress made just that statement to me," said Mr. Benson. "Do you have one standard for private conversation and another for public utterances? If you want me to give you the name of that man I will do it."

Against Naming Democrat.

Members of the committee protested clamorously.

Representative Hensley, of Missouri, requested Mr. Benson to withdraw the statement about the President or strike it out of the record.

"I will make a stronger statement than that; I will make it just as strong as you want it," retorted the witness.

"We don't propose that you shall use such language here," said Representative Talbott. "This hearing might as well stop now. We have had enough of this."

An uproar followed, in which all the committee talked at once and the irate Socialist leader defied the committee to stop the hearing.

A Russianized Committee?

"Is this a Russianized committee?" he asked.

"You can say what you please outside, but you can't come in here and say those things," said Mr. Talbott.

Chairman Padgett then announced he would have the observations regarding the President's sincerity stricken from the record.

Representative Gallaway, of Texas, turned then upon the chairman.

"Any American citizen has a right to say anything he desires about any official of this government, so long as he keeps within the range of the law."

"The chair takes the position," explained Padgett, "that witnesses before this committee cannot impute a deliberate falsehood to the President of the United States."

And the statement went out of the record.

A special dispatch later, sent to the Call by Julian Pierce, gives the following account:

The personality of the \$75,000-a-year President of the United States must not be criticised by the ordinary citizen who comes before the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives. The motives back of the President's preparedness program must not be questioned.

His aspirations as to the national destiny must remain above suspicion. No intimation of insincerity must be attributed to his militarist idea. These issues were raised in Washington this

afternoon by Allan L. Benson, Socialist candidate for the Presidency.

The decree of parliamentary lese majeste was promulgated by Representative Padgett, chairman of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, and assented to by the other members of the committee.

Mr. Benson appeared before the committee to demonstrate that the United States are in no danger of invasion. He said that if the people were tricked into a war the crime must be charged up to those who are spreading the mania that the country is in danger of invasion. Benson charged that the Democratic administration is responsible for the wave of fear that has covered the country, and placed responsibility for the preparedness campaign squarely upon President Wilson.

"There is no danger of invasion," declared Benson. "The administration knows there is no danger of invasion. President Wilson himself, in his recent speech-making tour in the interest of 'preparedness,' gave an impression that he knew was not true."

Benson then quoted from Wilson's Cleveland speech, in which Wilson declared that the people of the United States are daily treading among the most intricate dangers. These utterances of the President were largely responsible, said Benson, for the fear of invasion that had spread throughout the country.

Talbott, of Maryland, insisted that Benson withdraw his observations about the President.

"I decline to withdraw it," said Benson. "I thought I was before a committee of the House of Representatives, not before a Russian committee."

"I warn you, Mr. Benson," exclaimed Chairman Padgett, "that you are here by the courtesy of the committee and that you cannot malign the President. Unless you stop maligning the President, the committee will stop you right now."

"I decline to strike anything I have said from the record," retorted Benson.

"The committee can expunge from the record everything I say if the committee so wishes, but the committee cannot clamp my mouth. You say I questioned the sincerity of the President. I did. I do so now."

"I would question his sincerity if he lived in a White House four times as big as the present White House, and if he were four times as big a President as he is."

"You can't talk about the President that way in this committee room," shrieked Talbott, of Maryland, hammering the table with his fist.

"The record containing Mr. Benson's imputation of insincerity to the President will be handed to me as chairman of the committee," cried Chairman Padgett, "and those imputations will not go into the printed record. We can permit no one to come before this committee and impugn the motives of the President."

"I am perfectly indifferent as to whether I proceed or not," replied Benson.

"That part of the record referring to the President will go out," ruled Chairman Padgett.

In closing Mr. Benson declared that the country is justified in defending itself against invasion. He believed that submarines and coastwise mines would supply adequate defense without affording a capitalist government the means for carrying on a war of aggression. He believed that all danger of war would be avoided if the people of the United States treated the people of other nations justly.

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Comrade Debs will swing around the following circle in June-July, 1916.

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Council Bluffs, Iowa	June
Minneapolis, Minn.	Sun., June 18
Montevideo, Minn.	June
Marshall, Minn.	June
Crystal Falls, Mich.	Sat., June 24
Negaunee, Mich.	Sun., June 25
Muskegon, Mich.	Mon., June 26
Lansing, Mich.	Tues., June 27
	Wed., June 28
	Thu., June 29
	Fri., June 30
	Sat., July 1
Cleveland, Ohio	Sun., July 2
Salem, Ohio	Mon., July 3
	Tues., July 4

A total of only EIGHTEEN dates can be accepted, and as shown above eleven dates are already placed, leaving seven more appointments that can be accepted and three rest days.

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Kate O'Hare in May

Big demonstrations are arranged at

Buffalo, N. Y.	Apr. 30
Uhrichsville, Ohio	May 1
Coshocton, Ohio	May 2
	May 3
Louisville, Ky.	May 4

A few appointments can be received in Illinois for Kate O'Hare for May.

Kate O'Hare June Trip

Comrade Kate Richards O'Hare will fill twenty-one dates in the northwest in June. The following are already booked:

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Valentine, Nebr.	McElroy, Mont.
Ft. Collins, Colo.	Nr. Plentywood, Mont.
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Raymond, Mont.	

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Comrade Kate Richards O'Hare will spend July and August at the great Southwestern encampments. The following encampments are already booked or under consideration:

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Pawnee, Okla.	Blue Ridge, Tex.
Collinsville, Okla.	Temple, Tex.
Sallisaw, Okla.	Winnsboro, Tex.
Tablequah, Okla.	Pritchett, Tex.
Checotah, Okla.	Elkhart, Tex.
Hugo, Okla.	Huntington, Tex.
Ada, Okla.	Jennings, La.
New Wilson, Okla.	Conway, Ark.
Ardmore, Okla.	Batesville, Ark.
Duncan, Okla.	Center Ridge, Ark.
Lawton, Okla.	Tuckerman, Ark.
Kiowa County, Okla.	Knobel, Ark.
Wellington, Tex.	Boydsville, Ark.
Rochester, Tex.	Paducah, Ky.
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Preparedness And The Working Class

By Eugene V. Debs

Preparedness is the word. It is seen everywhere. A year ago it was rarely heard. Today the public prints are filled with it.

The seizing upon this word to express a certain idea marks the beginning of the militaristic propaganda in the United States and now preparedness has come to mean a very definite thing about which those who favor it may differ in degree but not in kind.

Preparedness simply means the arming to the teeth of the political state of capitalism in the United States so that it may take its rank and cope with the military despotisms of the old world. This is all there is to it—and it is enough. Of course its advocates are for peace. Not one among them favors war. According to them peace can only be secured by preparing for war and therefore the only way of provoking war is to prepare for peace. Strange logic!

The truth is, as all history attests, that military preparedness is invariably the first stage of war.

Without such preparedness there could be no war. But each capitalist nation conveniently charges the rest with being responsible for its preparedness.

President Wilson, who but a few brief months ago was an apostle of peace has become a rampant militarist. He declares that the world is on fire and that a spark may communicate the flames to our shores. Therefore we must have our powder dry.

President Wilson is still a man of peace and it is only because other nations carry guns that he wants Uncle Sam to strap on his six-shooters.

The security and honor of the NATION demand preparedness,

they tell us; but they do not add that the NATION is the CAPITALIST CLASS. The advocates of preparedness do not intend to join the army and camp at the barracks themselves. They do the advocating and rely upon the working class to furnish the soldiers—and later on the cripples and corpses.

Did you ever see a millionaire who had his legs shot off in war? I never have and do not expect to. Millionaires reap the golden harvests of war while poor fools die like hogs at slaughter on fields of battle.

The present scheme of preparedness has several objects, one of which is to militarize this nation and all of which are for the benefit of the capitalist class.

This infernal scheme was hatched in the brain of capitalist imperialism. The whole world is to become an armed camp. The ruling classes will of course control all the armies and navies and these are to expand under the influence of plutocratic "patriotism" to their maximum capacity.

The workingman who favors this program either directly or indirectly, either wholly or in part, is an enemy to himself and to his class. Capitalist preparedness means nothing for the working class but a standing army in which they may fight and bleed and die in time of war and by which they may be kept in slavery in time of peace.

And it does not matter in the least what kind of an army it is, how officered or how recruited or regulated, it will still be the army of the capitalist state and in control of the capitalist class, as all armies are, and its guns will be trained on starving wage-slaves and their wives and children when they are driven to revolt by starvation wages.

It is an unfortunate fact that the Socialist party has never taken a definite, clear-cut position on the question of militarism and war. At each international congress the question has been raised but to be postponed, evaded or dealt with in ambiguous terms and left in doubt. Wars of defense were justified as if the working class owned the countries they were enjoined to protect with their lives. Then, too, every war, according to its ruling class, is a war of defense and as long as a war of defense waged by the ruling class is justified and the workers are encouraged to be slaughtered on its battlefields, war in general is justified and socialists cannot claim with truth that they are opposed to war.

Dearly are the socialists of Europe paying today with their hearts' blood for their failure to

meet the issue of war squarely and take their stand against it like a granite wall in accordance with the fundamental principles of working class internationalism.

War is war and if waged by the ruling class it is suicide for the working class to fight and die in it.

To quote what Marx said about war half a century ago is beside the point. A totally different condition than that with which Marx dealt confronts the working class of the world today.

The war in Europe is a war of capitalist nations in which the working class, socialists included, are committing the criminal folly of slaughtering one another with the ferocity of fiends at the command and for the profit and glory of their masters. The socialists at least should never have permitted themselves to be swept into that maelstrom of hell nor would they if they had not clung to their bourgeois traditions of a fabled "fatherland," and their movement had boldly proclaimed and unflinchingly maintained their allegiance to the International and to the working class of the world.

It is either nationalism or internationalism; it cannot be both.

The patriots who rush to arms when the cry of danger to the "fatherland" is raised by the autocrats, aristocrats and plutocrats who own it are not socialists. They belong to the ruling class as its willing hirelings and the sooner every mother's son of them is out of the movement the better it will be for the movement.

When the International is re-organized as it is certain to be, its attitude toward ruling class war must be defined in unmistakable terms and the party committed unequivocally against the working class participating in any such war under any circumstances.

Let the ruling class which wages all wars also fight its own battles and itself rot in the infernal trenches!

Preparedness for the working class is an entirely different matter. Preparedness, not to be slaughtered as capitalist hirelings, but to fight the battles of labor is the supreme demand of the working class of the world.

The class war is the only war in which the workers have any business to fight. They have no quarrel and can have no quarrel with the workers of any other nation. Their fight is with the capitalists of their own nation and in that fight they will have sufficient opportunity to demonstrate their patriotism, their true patriotism, which finds expression in their unwavering loyalty to their own class.

The very moment we depart from the fundamental principle of the socialist movement that the workers of the world have common interests, that they have a world to gain and nothing to lose but their chains, we are lost. If we sanction any capitalist war

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Preparedness for the working class means preparedness to fight its own battles and to achieve its own emancipation. It means sound education, thorough organization, self-imposed discipline; it means the development and exercise of all labor's powers that it may conquer all labor's rights and take possession of the world in the name of the emancipated workers.

CHARITY

Kate Richards O'Hare

Verily the meanderings of the minds of "good" people are wierd and very hard to understand. Judge Henry O'Neil of Chicago, father of the "Mother's Pensions" was severely reprimanded by two top-notchers of the organized charity world—C. C. Carstens of Boston and Edward T. Devine of New York. They found a serious and absolutely unanswerable objection to "Mother's Pensions" and incidentally made clear the reason for the existence of "God's poor." These professional dispensers of "Sweet Charity" said: "When the mothers of dependent children get the pension money regularly each month and are no longer in dire distress, the well-to-do and religious people are deprived of suffering children upon whom they can expend their sympathy and practice Christianity. It would be wrong to abolish child poverty as that would deprive the rich of having objects on which to lavish their sympathy."

Mr. Carstens and Mr. Devine are not solitary specimens of their charitable and highly religious tribe, St. Louis has very many of the same mind and of both sexes. There is scarcely a day passes but a delicately perfumed letter is laid upon my desk. It has been carefully typed by an underpaid stenographer and is signed in the most ultra fashionable manner by some lady of fashion. In the mushily sentimental language and conceit inspiring phrases that ladies of such exalted position always use to common mortals, I am invited most cordially to subscribe to this or that high sounding charity. My "well known interest in social uplift" is always mentioned and very touching pictures drawn of the sad condition of those needing charity. The charming ladies who sign the perfumed notes are so very much concerned with the sufferings of the "children of the poor" and so very busy gathering in the hard earned dimes of the working class to spend in "sweet charity" that they never, never find time to look for the CAUSE of the aforesaid sufferings of the

poor. St. Louis is cursed with a pest of charities but there is not one single organization in the whole city that attempts to deal with the conditions that make charity necessary. Our desks are laden with appeals to "give" to this or that charity, but never have I been invited to STUDY THE CAUSE FOR CHILD POVERTY. Organized charity wallows in "sympathy" for the "poor" but resents very bitterly any investigation into the reasons for their poverty, and fights with every means it can command any effort to replace "charity" with JUSTICE.

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The twisted form of a man,
The child with its sunken features,
Who knew not when life began—
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The price of her silken fan;
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And speak of her charities rare;
Forgetting the ones she is feeding,
The ones that are burdened with care
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And the jewels that gleam in her hair."

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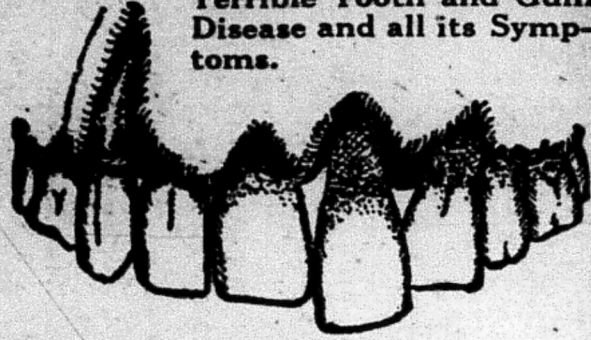
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Morgan, Hell & Co.

By Henry M. Tichenor

Unless something is done—and that very soon—to snip the beaks of the buzzards that are coining millions in the manufacturing of murder machinery, the indications are that the United States will experience a paper famine that will put out of business and bankrupt many publications. Already the price of print paper has soared so high that publishers throughout the country are fast approaching a crisis, and even at these exorbitant prices it is becoming more and more difficult, and at times impossible, to obtain any paper at all. The following, taken from the St. Louis Republic, discloses the situation:

The United States is facing a paper shortage that is being felt in every line, and prices of paper have doubled and trebled within the last few months.

Print paper that is manufactured from wood pump has soared in price until many newspapers in smaller cities have had to reduce the size of their papers, and in some instances have been compelled to cease publication.

The situation in the paper trade, said Col. Martin J. Collins, vice president of the Graham Paper Company, is directly attributable to the European war.

"The wood pulp that formerly entered into the manufacture of paper is now being manufactured into explosives," he declared. "Every branch of the paper trade is affected, and the large dealers cannot see the end of the trouble. . . ."

"The powder companies are buying all the rags that are offered and paying more for them than the paper

manufacturers can offer. The rags are more valuable for the manufacture of gun cotton than they are for paper and, of course, the higher prices have the call."

A fine state of affairs we are drifting to, wherein the profits of bloody butchery are considered more important than newspapers, magazines and books!

So far as the plunderers and their kept politicians are concerned even the books that the school children use might be gobbled up by the millionaire Murder Machine Manufacturers and made into death and destruction dealing gun cotton. If the insane asylums and penitentiaries were searched they couldn't produce a choicer assortment of lunatics and looters than the ones that now have us in their clutches. The printed page is the one Great Hope to finally lead mankind out of the jungle—the Murder Machines Manufacturers are the devils incarnate that would drag the race back to barbarism.

People of the common blood, register your protest against the reign of lunatics and looters by spreading the message of Socialism far and wide during this presidential campaign!

Roll up a vote for Benson and Kirkpatrick next November that shall shake the very foundations of Morgan, Hell and Co.!

EASTERN ENCAMPMENT

The second annual encampment of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Socialist Encampment Association will be held at Conneaut Lake, Pa., at Exposition Park, June 18th to 27th. Already 35 tents have been sold and it is expected that there will be at least 300 tents occupied, besides the comrades who will stay at hotels and cottages on the grounds, in addition to large numbers who will come for only a day at a time. This encampment is a feature which attracts comrades from western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio and is a move in the right direction.

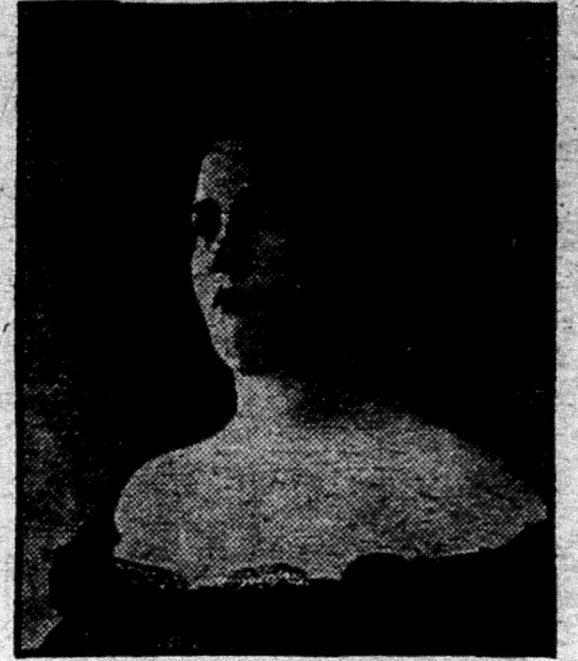
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Letter of Acceptance

By Eugene V. Debs

By the unanimous voice of my comrades I have been chosen as the candidate of the Socialist party for congress for the Fifth District of Indiana.

When I first became a socialist and a member of the party it was with the determination to serve the cause with such zeal and ardor as to consume all selfish desire, and to avoid even the appearance of self-seeking by declining to be a candidate for any public office. Later there came a time when I was made to realize that my comrades had an equal voice with myself in deciding such matters and that their collective will was the supreme law by which the party was governed. I was nominated for office notwithstanding my protest; and I could not have refused to serve under the circumstances without disregarding my obligation to my comrades and forfeiting my allegiance to the party.

This year I had hoped for immunity and asked the comrades in advance of their convention to place some other candidate in nomination. They did not agree with me but chose me as



Eugene V. Debs

their candidate by acclamation, and I now accept their decision and shall stand as their candidate in the present campaign and serve the party and the cause with all the strength and ability at my command.

I do not deem that any personal honor has been conferred upon me by this nomination. The Socialist party could not nominate one of its members for a high public office to honor him personally without discrediting itself. I have simply been commanded by the party to perform a certain duty in the interest of the party and the cause it represents, and whatever of honor or dishonor may ensue will depend entirely upon the fidelity with which that duty is discharged and will be shared by the entire party.

The Socialist party will be the only party to represent the working class in this campaign. All other parties stand for the present system, for wage-slavery, poverty, unemployment and the whole brood of social ills which follow in the wake of economic exploitation.

THE SOCIALIST party recognizes the fact that there is nothing in common between the exploiting and exploited classes; that there is in truth a conflict between them old as the centuries and that this conflict must continue with ever-increasing education and organization on the part of the working class until they have developed the power, economic, political and otherwise, to abolish the prevailing system and establish the world-wide industrial democracy and commonwealth of comrades.

The Socialist party voices with unre-laxing devotion to its idea and uncon-

querable faith in its mission the inter-ests, hope; and aspirations of the toiling and producing millions and their sympathizers; it is their party, sprung from their loins and conse-crated to their cause, and it stands un-compromisingly for their education, their organization, and their eman-cipation. It appeals to all workers to unite industrially and politically, recog-nize their common kinship, and make common cause in the great struggle to overthrow the system that robs and degrades them and win the world for democracy and peace, for freedom and self-government. It knows no race or nationality; no creed, no color, no sex. It stands loyally, unflinchingly for equal rights, equal freedom, and equal opportunity for all.

The mission of the Socialist party is to destroy industrial despotism and es-tablish industrial democracy; to abolish class-rule and inaugurate true freedom and self-government; wipe out rent, interest and profit and produce wealth for the use of all instead of for the ben-efit of the few; stop producing parasites and paupers; grant to women all the rights that men have; liberate the children from the slave-pens in which they are dwarfed, diseased and deformed, proclaim the emancipation of the toiling masses, and make the world fit for human beings to live in.

THE TERRIBLE war now raging in Europe which has transformed nation after nation boasting of their civiliza-tion and Christianity into hideous slaughter-houses, where millions of our brothers have turned brutes and been shot like dogs; where king and kaiser and czar rule and bureaucracy and aristocracy and plutocracy, all rotten to the core and buttressed by dead men's bones, are supreme; where honest toilers are fit only to slave in peace and die in war for the profit and glory of the parasites who hold the title-deeds to their so-called "Fatherland"; where the lamentations of widows are borne on every breeze, where orphaned chil-dren by thousands are dying like insects, where there is wreck and ruin, desola-tion, agony, curses, misery—horrors untold and untellable—all crying to heaven in the name of God who has been denied and blasphemed and in the name of humanity that has been betrayed and slaughtered, insulted, sold, spat upon, and crushed beneath the iron hoof of triumphant militarism—these appalling, indescribable atrocities, made ghastlier by the shriek and glare of the midnight bomb, typify our vaunted civilization and place in-ternational capitalism, supported by every political party save the Socialist party alone, on exhibition before the world—a lurid scene of crime and horror to be chronicled by history and handed down to remotest generations.

And this is the true meaning of "preparedness" for which the ruling class, its press, its pulpit, its college professors and its menial hirelings and mercenaries in general are now clamor-ing in the United States.

PREPAREDNESS is one of the car-dinal principles of the Socialist party but it is diametrically opposed to the preparedness advocated by the organs of predatory, plundering capitalism.

The preparedness that the Socialist party stands for is for the education and organization of the working class, for universal democracy, for mutual interests and good will among men, for the prosperity and peace of all—for a free people and a happy world.

It is really too bad that we will be unable henceforth to obtain any coal from West Virginia. H. G. Davis, the owner of the mines, is dead. Of course capital comes before labor and the miners can't work now. And

besides he has likely taken the coal with him. He is reported to have at one time said: "Liberty and free government have always been secured at the cost of great sacrifices, but history teaches us that both can be easily lost without the knowledge of the people." He ought to know, as he took liberty and thirty million

dollars away from the West Virginia miners and railroaders.—Solidarity.

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MOST people foolishly seem to think they are going to get renewed health and strength from some stimulating medicine, secret nostrum or narcotic drug, said Dr. Sauer, a specialist of New York city, when, as a matter of fact, real and true strength can only come from the food you eat. But people often fail to get the strength out of their food because they haven't enough iron in their blood to enable it to change food into living matter. From their weakened, nervous condition they know something is wrong, but they can't tell what, so they generally commence doctoring for stomach, liver or kidney trouble or symptoms of some other ailment caused by the lack of iron in the blood. This thing may go on for years, while the patient suffers untold agony. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test. See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see for yourself how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the while, double and even triple their strength and endurance and entirely get rid of all symptoms

of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form, and this after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But don't take the old forms of reduced iron, iron acetate or tincture of iron simply to save a few cents. You must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated like nuxated iron if you want it to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless. Many an athlete or prize fighter has won the day simply because he knew the secret of great strength and endurance and filled his blood with iron before he went into the affray, while many another has gone down to inglorious defeat simply for the lack of iron.

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