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The Majority Report Should Prevail

By EUGENE V. DEBS

Readers of SOCIAL REVOLUTION who are also members of the Socialist party have now three reports, a majority and two minority reports, before them dealing with the party's attitude towards war. These reports were submitted by the war committee of the recent emergency convention of the party and are now before the members for a referendum vote. Each of these reports should have careful reading.

The majority report was submitted by a large majority of the committee and was adopted by an overwhelming majority of the convention. This report expresses, as we believe, the true attitude of the party toward the present war and toward war in general, and ought to be adopted by a vast majority of the party.

Certain leading members, pro-Allies without exception so far as we are advised, are opposing the majority report upon the alleged ground that it is pro-German. This is absolutely untrue. It is neither on the one side nor the other of this capitalist war. It is for the working class and for the International class struggle, and against all capitalist wars. If this attitude had been observed by the German socialists and the socialists of other European countries in 1914, the present international butchery would have been absolutely impossible.

The opponents of the majority report charge that it favors Germany and the central powers and that its purpose is to encourage these powers in waging war for militarism and for the destruction of democracy throughout the world. There is not a

shadow of foundation for this charge, but on the contrary these accusers lay themselves open to that very charge. They declare that we are helping Germany to extend autocracy and to crush democracy, when they themselves are lined up with Morgan, Rockefeller, Schwab, Frick, Guggenheim and their gang in a capitalist class war notoriously waged for capitalist class conquest.

They are doing exactly what they so bitterly condemned the German socialists for doing at the beginning of the war. The excuse of the German socialists was that in lining up with the Kaiser they were resisting the autocracy of Russia that was threatening to overwhelm them. The excuse of these "leading socialists," whose names have been so freely bandied

in capitalist newspapers and who are now so violently assailing the majority report, is that in lining up with Wall street, the House of Morgan, Elihu Root and the whole infernal gang of plutocrats, they propose to save the American people from Prussian militarism. Ye gods! May we be saved from our saviors!

If we are ever to be saved it must be by ourselves and not by our exploiters, and if we are ever to be saved from slaughter like sheep, cattle and swine, we have got to quit going into capitalist class wars and fighting capitalist class battles.

These opponents of the majority report, these "leading socialists" who are now hand-in-glove with the leading plutocrats, are attempting to do for the

United States just what the cowardly and traitorous German Socialists did for Germany. They are exalting their national god and trampling their international principles rough-shod under their heels, and when they hear "The Star-spangled Banner" they promptly stand at salute to Wall street.

They condemn the German socialists for entering a capitalist class war while they themselves are doing that very thing and trying their best to have their comrades led into the bloody shambles of just that kind of a war.

Long enough have the workers been deceived, betrayed and massacred in these wars. They have been told over and over again, as these "leading socialists," hooked up with Morgan and Root are now telling them, that this war is against threatened despotism and for liberty and civilization; that it is a war against invasion, against aggression, and solely a war of defense etc., etc., ad nauseam.

The workers have been deceived for centuries with this ghastly lie, and in their ignorance they have been drawn into wars of their masters and have been butchered like bees, and now the same old confidence game is attempted once more in the present campaign to persuade the workers that this is a war to protect them against Prussian militarism and to promote democracy and freedom among the nations of the earth.

The majority report expresses without fear or favor the true attitude of international socialism toward capitalist wars, and if there are those who desert the party because they fear it is "treasonable," and because they are so sensitive that they fear that their loyalty to capitalism may be suspected, other and stauncher socialists with red blood in their veins will take their places and will help to wage the class-struggle against capitalism and war and for brotherhood and peace throughout the world.



THE NEW TEN COMMANDMENTS

—Plaschke in the Louisville Times

Current Comment

By WALTER THOMAS MILLS

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The Housekeeper at the White House.—The president is provided with a cabinet of constitutional advisers. Besides this, someone has provided for him a "personal adviser". The incumbent of this particular office is Colonel E. M. House. In all really important matters involving action by our President, the start and finish in every such matter is taken on consultation with this personal adviser. Mr. Balfour has called on the President, on Colonel House, and finally on Colonel Roosevelt. It is important that the chief tory, just now chief spokesman for democracy, should consult persons of power on his mission here. It is a little difficult to state just who the strong man is in the American government at this time.

He certainly is not the President. He acts only on the advise of another. It would be a rash thing to say and probably altogether untruthful if it were said that the most powerful man in America is Colonel House. It is possible that the "personal adviser" of the President has also a personal adviser of his own.

Who is it that advises House before House reports to the Whitehouse to advise the President? Mr. House is understood to be on speaking terms with the Morgan-Rockefeller, interlocked, international corporation directorates. But it is not at all sure that these gentlemen consent to advise the Colonel before he advises the President.

It is said that Andrew Jackson had a kitchen cabinet. That Roosevelt's advisers frequently determined the gravest questions on a tennis court. Who knows whether some barber, grocery clerk, or family friend who has

the ear of Colonel House speaks the word which determines policies involving the welfare of the world. At any rate the suggestion is given for what it is worth. The dozen men in New York who are the industrial masters of America would better get next to Colonel House if they have not done so, if they have a care for the great interests entrusted to their keeping.

The Dog's Bone and the Children's Bread.—Nearly two million tons of shipping have been sent to the bottom of the sea during the last month. This was largely American food, sorely needed in America, but on its way abroad. It will never feed the hungry in either place.

When intelligent dogs have more bones than they can use at once, they bury them some where to be dug up for their later use.

The foremost nations of the world are burying the children's bread in the bottom of the Atlantic from which it can never come again while even now the children starve. Was it Carlyle who said that, "The more he knew of men, the more he thought of dogs?"

Universal Entente.—It is said that very soon all the other nations of the earth will be joined together to fight the central powers. Most of these countries, now united, were at earlier times fighting each other. If they could postpone or compromise their own quarrels in order to fight Germany, why cannot all nations including Germany compromise or postpone all other quarrels in order to join hands to make a world wide battle against poverty and all the ignorance, vice and crime which grow out of poverty.

The earth is fertile enough, the tools effective enough, the workers numerous, skillful and willing enough so that poverty could be easily driven off the earth. Why not a universal Entente in behalf of the universal need?

"A Horse of Another Color."—Germany has surrounded the ports of the Allies with submarine torpedos so effectively that great destruction follows the effort to continue trade. But the allies surrounded the German ports with submarine mines so effectively that all shipping was abandoned. So certain was destruction, had further shipping been attempted.

The central powers have been guilty of many atrocities which indicate the reversion of the Teuton to a state of barbarism. The Allies have put barbarians themselves directly into their trenches. No reversion is necessary in their case. They were barbarians to begin with. Both parties to the war are seeking for victory by enforcing gaunt starvation upon the enemy.

Such a program is especially pitiless because the disaster falls not upon the strong engaged in battle but upon the helpless, the women and the children.

This program of starving the enemy is not new. Industrial discipline has been on that basis in this country for many years. More than half a century ago in my father's family in New York the bread supply was denied his children in an effort to control his vote.

In the olden time when captives were sold into slavery, if they refused to work, their wives and children were brought before them, tortured and outraged before their eyes until in the effort to deliver their loved ones from torture, they surrendered both themselves and children into the fixed condition of the slave.

It is interesting to notice the denunciation of this barbarism in this war. The denunciation comes from both sides and hits its mark in both directions. The horses on both sides are about alike. Only to a slight degree

could it be said of either "they are horses of a different color."

Let this denunciation of this brutality go on, let everybody join in the outcry against the effort to settle quarrels by withholding the children's food.

If American employers will continue to denounce this kind of warfare long enough they may come to discover and even be willing to abandon the submarine characteristics of the black-list and of their lockout. They might even abandon the San Francisco prosecutions of the "framed up" charges against trade union organizers, which now discredit the good name of that great city.

"Taxation without Representation."—The tax which England sought to collect and which on America's refusal to pay lead to the American Revolution, was a war tax.

England had been whipping France and wanted the Colonies to help pay the bill. Now England wants us to help her to help France to help Russia to help Serbia whip Austria in spite of Germany and again there is a tax. But this war tax is of such a sort that if it is adopted and is permitted to stand all the Tea Parties of a thousand years could never deliver us from its misfortunes.

Under this war tax practically everything is taxed provided it is of such a nature that the levy of the tax means a further increase in the high cost of living. We are told that the effort is to put the burden on the rich. That is the reason why there is a tax on food. Only rich people eat. That is the reason why there is to be an increase in postage rates. Only rich people write letters. That is the reason why there is a tax on the income of every working man who is receiving \$3.50 a day or over. Only rich people get pay like that. This tax means that every such worker will contribute one day's wages each month the year around to help the government pay seven prices for munitions and supplies while the

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EDITORIALS

By Eugene V. Debs

MILITARISM AND ITS MEANING

The American people, at least those who have moral courage enough to say their souls are their own, are just beginning to realize the meaning of militarism. They are being warned in various ways to be careful as to what they say or do lest they be guilty of "treason" to the government.

In the meantime a variety of measures are before congress looking to the suppression of free speech, a free press, and the right of free assemblage. Just how far the president and congress will go in their censorship regulations will depend entirely upon the meekness and submissiveness of the people. If the people will stand for it the last vestige of civil liberty will be destroyed under the plea of military necessity.

Let a man of brains and courage who bears witness to the outrages perpetrated upon the people in the name of the law speak out in protest and he is at once a suspect and a secret officer is placed upon his tracks as if he were a felon. Conscription in a republic is nothing short of criminal and yet to oppose it may be construed as treason by the authorities. Military necessity, as it is called, knows no law except the law of force and violence. It may and does usually prevail for a time but eventually the people revolt and in that hour the precedent established by their masters is not lost upon them.

The country is now engaged in war and everything must yield to war's necessities. Grafters, speculators, beef-embalmers and other vultures which thrive in war and fatten upon its spoils are the only ones who enjoy immunity.

To oppose war instead of joining in the general craze and glorifying its crimes is to be branded as a traitor. So be it. A thousand times rather a traitor to the war lords than a submissive and "patriotic" coward and slave.

We are only at the beginning of this war but we already have a foretaste of what militarism is to mean to the American people and before it runs its course they will realize that American militarism is not one whit better than Prussian militarism.

Capitalism lies disjointed and helpless in the midst of the wreck and ruin it has brought upon the world.

Socialism and democracy point the way to the salvation of mankind.

ENFORCED MILITARY MARRIAGES

W. Cameron Forbes, former governor-general of the Phillipines and an ardent exponent of compulsory military service and of all other things essential to capitalism has recently launched a scheme to supplant military conscription by matrimonial conscription. He would have the government compel recruits to the army to marry before leaving for the front for the reason that "the future of the race requires that these young men, the best of our youth, should be represented in future generations."

He is perfectly willing that the "best of our youth" shall be slaughtered like sheep but he wants their offspring saved for the future so that the slaughter of the working class by the working class for the capitalist class shall not perish from the earth.

Forbes says that if the two million young men who are to be conscripted and are permitted to go to the front unmarried it will mean "Complete failure to realize the necessity of the maintenance of the race" and that "Two million women will be deprived of the privilege of marriage and the bringing up of families."

Forbes is a grandson of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Ye gods! How the mighty have degenerated! It is all right to fill the world with widows and fatherless children but it is all wrong to stop human slaughter.

By all means let conscription be carried to its logical conclu-

sion. Let the young recruits who are forced into the army also be forced into matrimony and not only be compelled to die but also to breed for their masters.

Was any viler, filthier, more loathing thought ever hatched in a festering human brain?

Even cattle and swine are not subject to enforced breeding.

It is only for the "patriots" who bleed for the monocled parasites, the poodle-kissers of Fifth Avenue, to also breed for them that there may be no failure of the crop of soldiers, slaves and other hirelings of the nabobs of capitalist society.

Better go to jail a self-respecting rebel than to the mill a contented slave.

To think, aye, to think, is the vital need of the working class in this hour of the world's supreme tragedy into which it has been percipitated by the ruling classes of the various civilized and Christianized nations.

PATRIOTS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL

The fruit is ripening on the tree of preparedness. Militarism will soon be in full blossom.

For weeks and months the capitalists have been crying for "preparedness" but the people would not fall for it until the country was steered into war with Germany. Then a sudden change came and billions rolled into the chests of the war lords. The capitalists were wild with delight when the war was declared and "patriotism" screamed from the housetops all over the land.

A little later when congress came to consider the measures of taxation necessary to raise the billions which were voted to the war lords there was a swift rush of the capitalists to the national capitol from all parts of the country. They were for the war and all they could make out of it by graft, speculation, high prices and downright robbery, but they want no share in paying the costs. "This bill will ruin our industry" is their plea before the Committee on Ways and Means that is conducting the investigation. Scores of these "patriots" are appearing before the Committee making the same pathetic protest and seeking to shift the burden to their good capitalist neighbors. Each is seeking immunity and trying to show that the other fellow ought to be pay the taxes.

It is interesting to witness the scramble of these "patriots" about the quarters of the congressional committee. A few days ago they were all howling for preparedness and they all hoisted huge flags when the war was declared but now they are whining like sick coyotes about their industries being ruined when they are called upon to pay their just share of the taxation resulting from the war they themselves have brought upon the country.

Free speech, a free press, and the right of free assemblage are guaranteed to every citizen by the constitution of the United States. But what is a constitutional guarantee when it interferes with conscription, preparedness and other items of Prussianization in the program of the American plutocracy?

WAR LORDS AND THEIR VASSALS

The common herd have always gone to battle at the command of their masters and it is hard for many of them to understand why they should not do so now. Their ancestors before them did so as slaves and serfs for thousands of years and it still runs in their blood, as so-called free men, sovereign citizens, that when the masters sounds the tocsin it is their duty to fall upon others, like themselves enslaved and exploited, and kill them or be killed by them without the slightest reason of their own on earth. It is not for them to reason but to obey like good subjects, and for this they are permitted, aside from working to fatten their masters, to bask for a brief

hour in their smiles and for this priceless boon they should not only be willing but eager at any time to shed the last drop of their servile blood.

The war lords themselves do not go to battle. They do not choose dog-meat for their fare, nor the trenches for their sleeping apartments, nor the field of slaughter for their joy and recreation. All this is reserved for their slaves and for this they are dubbed "patriots" and the few among them who have manhood enough to protest are denounced as traitors.

The war lords and their vassals shout for war and forthwith their subjects, the workers, prepare for slaughter. Clothed in the uniforms of soldiers and fed army rations they undergo a psychological change and actually imagine themselves the saviors of their country.

Their country? Where on earth can it be found?

Yet with beastly gusto they wallow in the slaughter ordained by their masters who sit back and look on serenely clipping their coupons and enjoying the fat of the land, while the "patriots" rip open one another's bodies and make such spectacles of themselves as would shame savages and barbarians.

The war lords are the ruling class and the "patriots" are either their intellectual vassals or their industrial slaves.

Socialism will put an end to the war lords and the system that breeds these degenerates and produce for the first time in history a race of free men.

Most of the world of to-day is raving mad. The few only have preserved their sanity. They are sickened at the slaughter in which the world is engaged but they have studied history to some purpose and they know that the world will grow sane again and resume its march toward its goal, and meantime they are perfectly willing to be branded as traitors by the real traitors to mankind.

There are various brands of "patriotism" on the market. That bearing the Wall street label is now in the lead by a considerable majority.

VICTORY FOR EVERETT WORKERS

We congratulate the workers of Everett and Seattle heartily upon their recent signal victory in the capitalist courts. Their victory is the victory of the working class.

They were accused, 74 of them, of conspiracy and murder. The charge and indictment against them grew out of the murderous assault made upon them by the sheriff and his posse of murderers at Everett November 5th, when it was attempted to hold a peaceable meeting for the purpose of protesting against the breaking up of labor meetings and the suppression of free speech in Everett, the private preserve of the lumber trust.

The accused Tracy in the recent trial, which was a test case, was acquitted by the jury. He was completely vindicated. The testimony was so overwhelmingly in his favor and against his accusers that a prompt verdict restored him to liberty. Immediately following the trial all but 14 of the defendants were released and there is no doubt that the rest will soon be discharged from custody.

Thus ends another chapter in the bloody history of capitalist class despotism on the Pacific coast. The sheriff and his gang of assassins are the real criminals in this case. But it should not be overlooked that these red-handed murderers but executed the orders of the lordly and aristocratic capitalists who stood safely in the background while the foul deed was committed.

The infamous crime cannot be atoned for by the acquittal of the innocent victims. Five of these, be it remembered, lie cold and stark in their graves. Their lives cannot be restored to them. Nor can the outrages perpetrated upon the three hundred arrested workingmen who spent weary months in jail be recalled. For these crimes against the law, these outrages upon the innocent some redress should be found. It is to be hoped that action can be brought in the courts against that murderous sheriff and his red-handed pals and broadcloth backers, as well as against the City of Everett and Snohomish County for damages and all other relief possible under the law.

Conscription is now fastened upon the working class of the United States. It is what they voted for by an overwhelming majority in the last national election. Roosevelt is "dee-lighted". Of course he will be safely in the rear while the conscripted patriots are being disemboweled, beheaded, and cut into dogs' meat at the front. The marvel is not that we have the military draft and compulsory military service but that it was put over easier here in "the land of the free and the home of the brave" than in any despotism on earth.

The Socialist party stands squarely before the world as the party of the working class and every worker who has interest enough in himself as a man to desire to be a man instead of a wage-slave should join it and help bear its banner to victory.

CAPITALISM'S BEGGARS AND PAUPERS

The private ownership of the tools of production by the capitalists reduces the workers to beggars for jobs and ultimately sinks a large proportion of them into pauperism.

The beggar for a job is necessarily servile to the owner of the job and cannot have the independence of a man. He is an economic dependent, an industrial subject, and if he is content to remain in that state his doom is sealed. He lives or rather exists primarily for the convenience and benefit of his master. He has none of the attributes nor has he any of the aspirations of a man. He is to be pitied rather than condemned for he is not only his own worst enemy but a millstone about the neck of his brother in slavery who is in revolt and would if he could free be.

The working class of today is capitalism's army of beggars, beggars for jobs, beggars for a chance to exist, beggars for just enough to keep them in condition to produce wealth and comfort and luxury for their masters, and when they have been exploited to the marrow of their bones and old age comes on they graduate into the army of paupers and are finally ticketed for the pottersfield.

The hope of the working class, the hope of humanity, the hope of the future lies in the revolt of the slaves against the system that robs, impoverishes, insults and debases them. And by revolt we do not mean spasmodic outbreaks but primarily the spirit of resistance slavery, coupled with the resolute purpose to be free.

To break their chains and emancipate themselves from class rule and exploitation the workers must first have power and to have power they must organize their industrial and political forces and train these forces to fight their industrial and political battles and keep on fighting these battles through good and evil report until they finally conquer their enemy, take possession of their own, and make themselves the masters and rulers of the world.

Never while the workers give their votes to capitalist parties and allow themselves to be led by the nose by capitalist politicians will they be other than wage-slaves, the "lower class" of capitalist society, which the rich idlers, loafers and dead-beats in the so-called "upper" class look down upon with scorn and contempt. Stand up, Mr. Workingman, and resolve to join the party and the union of your class and do your share to put your class in power and to drive slavery from the earth!

THE HORRORS OF PEACE

The other day a workingman of 38 at Indianapolis after trying for days and nights to find work, his pockets empty, his limited credit exhausted, went to his shack, shot his three children to death one after another and then turned the revolver on himself and blew out his own brains.

The day before a sport who had never done an hour's work in his life jokingly laid a ten thousand dollar bill on the counter of a swell saloon in payment for a cocktail. He had a dozen bills more of the same denomination in his inside pocket.

How many people are there who have brains enough and heart and soul enough to comprehend the significance of these two incidents in contrast with one another? How many are there who are capable of understanding that when a workingman kills himself because he is not allowed to work and live and feed his offspring he is literally murdered by the community and his blood is on the hands of every member of that community.

Thousands of human beings destroy themselves in this land of the free because work is denied them, and therefore life itself, and these unfortunate brothers and sisters of ours for whom we should weep tears of blood, are the murdered victims of the communities in which they are driven to their doom.

These are some of the horrors of peace under the capitalist system. The very thought of them is enough to make men shudder unless their hearts are petrified and their souls dead.

Every one who supports the capitalist system, the system, which only allows men to work at all if they consent to be robbed of what they produce, and which denies thousands even the right to be robbed, is guilty of the self-murder of the hapless creatures who are shut out, refused work, driven to desperation and finally into suicides' graves in the pottersfield.

The capitalist system is in its very nature a robber system, a murder system, a system that drives some men to suicide and others to war where brothers slaughter brothers to the tune of "Old Glory" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

Down, everlastingly down with this brutal, murderous, war-breeding, crime-inciting system of capitalism!

To educate and organize the workers in the present world-wide struggle of the world's workers against their masters and exploiters is the task to which every worker should bend his energies.

The class-conscious solidarity of the working class is expressed unceasingly in its war upon capitalism and upon the wars that capitalism wages to perpetrate its piracies upon the toiling and producing masses of the world.

Good Morning! Mr. American Citizen

By KATE RICHARDS O'HARE

"Good morning! Mr. American Citizen. I am your Uncle Sam and I have come to collect \$35 for every man, woman and child in your family. I want it in the 'good coin of the realm' and I want it right now. I will stand no if's nor and's nor but's about the payment. Wars cost money, and 'you are the goat'. Have I made myself plain? You understand of course that I will conscript a few millions of your sons and send them to the trenches in France to fight the battles of the Bank of England, and I will conscript your daughters and put them into the industries in order that the capitalists may have cheap labor, but these things are merely incidental to the game. Money is the basis of war, and its money I want and its money you are going to give me, so get busy and hand it over."

Brutally frank isn't it? This crass, raw demand made by the government upon the erstwhile "free and independent" citizens of a nation that we have always fondly imagined was a republic. YET IT IS THE FIRST HONEST STRAIGHTFORWARD WORD THAT HAS COME FROM WASHINGTON. There is no can't, no hypocrisy, no evasion, no juggling of words. Just the bare, bald statement that before a single shot has been fired, before a single step has been taken in actual warfare, before the people have had any opportunity to say whether they want to go to war, the profit mongers have demanded their pound of flesh to the extent of \$35 for every human being in this nation.

All the maudlin cant about "humanity" and "freedom" and "democracy" with which we were deluged while Congress hesitated to plunge us into the bloody abyss, and while a few brave souls fought to save us from the shame of conscription, has all been dropped. Sentimental cant is not necessary now to force us into war, we are at war; high sounding phrases are not necessary to lure men to enlist, the "selective draft" drags any man out and forces him into the ranks regardless of what his own feelings may be in the matter of man-killing. These two minor details attended to, the very heart and soul of the war stands revealed in all its ghastly hideousness—IT IS MONEY.

The President who "kept us out of war" and the brave and patriotic Senators and Representatives are fantastically busy now "saving the nation". I don't mean that they are doing anything to conserve human life, all activities are in the direction of the destruction of life. They have not made the slightest effort to break the stranglehold of the food speculators upon the food of the nation. They have done nothing constructive towards insuring either intelligent food production or just food distribution. Herbert Hoover declares that with semi-intelligent food control flour could be reduced from \$16 a barrel to \$8 a barrel and the farmers could be guaranteed \$1.50 a bushel for wheat. According to the Associated Press dispatches Joe Leiter of Chicago has cleaned up \$3,000,000 in the last few days gambling in wheat and the English Government about \$1,000,000.

The direct tax of \$35 a head levied upon the people is merely a little loose change compared to the indirect taxation forced upon us by the extortionate prices of the necessities of life. We are and have been paying an indirect tax to the food speculators of \$10 a barrel on flour, \$2 a ton on soft coal, \$2 a pair on shoes and everything else in proportion.

Bear in mind also that the extortionate indirect taxation by the capitalist owners of the means of life is being levied upon the people with the full and free consent of the government. The Department of Agriculture has reported that there is no marked scarcity of food and that the extortionate prices

now levied upon the people has no reason but cold blooded greed. The Commission which investigated the coal situation reported to the President that there was no shadow of justification for the shameful prices of coal, and that the action of the coal operators was plain thievery. There has never been a time when the government could not have stopped the extortion and thievery and protected the lives of the citizens of the nation had President Wilson and Congress cared to do so. THEY DID NOT CARE TO PROTECT OUR LIVES. THEY DID CARE TO FASTEN UPON OUR REPUBLIC THE WORST FEATURE OF PRUSSIAN MILITARISM—CONSCRIPTION—AND THEY DID CARE TO DRAFT A TAX BILL THAT SQUEEZES OUT OF THE VERY BLOOD OF THE PEOPLE \$35 A HEAD. THEY DID DESIRE TO PRUSSIANIZE US AND TAX US

electing working class representatives and you have piously declared that "jack-leg lawyers were good enough for our grandads, and they are good enough for us". Now when the government protected cormorants are sucking your very life blood and the government is piling on the taxes, JUST REMEMBER THAT YOU VOTED FOR WILSON BECAUSE HE KEPT US OUT OF WAR.

The jingo press is now shouting that the American Socialists want a separate peace between Germany and Russia, thereby ending the war before the profiteers have squeezed all of the available profits out of the game. NOT FOR A MOMENT GENTLEMEN! We Socialists did not make this war and we are going to take no steps to end it until you smug Democrats and Republicans get your little tummys so full of capitalist greed and misrule and criminal blundering that you will gag at the very thought of it. WHEN THAT TIME COMES YOU WILL COME TO THE SOCIALISTS BEGGING US TO SAVE YOU FROM YOUR OWN SINS. WE WILL BE READY TO ACT AND FURNISH

The Forges of the Nations

The correspondent who suggests reprinting these verses credits them to "Sasso," in the "International Review, April, 1913."

In the forges of the nations, the furnaces still glow,
Have they beaten into plowshares all their swords of battle? No.
They have welded stronger fetters for the bleeding feet of man,
And trampled out his vintage till the purple juices ran.

Clang, clang, clang; do you hear the anvils ringing?
Hush, hush, hush; is there music in their singing
When the sparks that upward fly are the souls of men who die
For a cause they make heroic, and a land they glorify?

They have scaled man's eyes with darkness, have they blinded him for good,
They have mocked him as they crowned him with the crown of brotherhood.
They have rent his garments from him, they have spat upon his face,
Given him a reed for scepter, till the cross was in its place.

Tramp, tramp, tramp; do you hear the armies coming?
Zip, zip, zip; do you hear the bullets humming?
Blood of man must quench the thirst of the lips of death the first,
Ere it trickles to the rulers where they sit enthroned, accursed.

See the bloodhounds of the ocean, how they follow on the trail
Till the seas of sunset redden, and the stars of midnight pale;
On the prow the spectral helmsman turns his wheel from left to right,
Twenty thousand years of carnage have not sated his delight.

Chug, chug, chug; do you hear the engines throbbing?
Hush, hush, hush; do you hear the billows sobbing?
What is fitter for the brave than a couch beneath the wave
When they give their lives in battle for a land they cannot save?

But the time is coming, brothers, when men shall reap what they have sown;
No power on earth shall bind them, or turn their bread to stone.
But a little, oh my brothers, but a little must ye wait,
Even now I hear a whisper and a knocking at the gate.

Then rise, rise, rise, all ye men who live to labor!
Up, up, up, go and tell it to your neighbor!
Though you're burdened with the load, though you're bloodied by the goad,
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The Man From Mars came to a vast harbor where hundreds of workmen were busily loading and unloading ocean ships.

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"How is that?" queried the Man From Mars with a puzzled look. "I should think it would be the other way. Do you mean to say that you send all these valuable products away and get nothing in exchange?"

"We get gold in exchange, of course, and credits, and things like that."

"But what do you want with so much gold? Where do these goods go?"

"They go chiefly to the nations of Europe."

"But why do not the nations of Europe produce these things for themselves?"

"Oh, they're too busy fighting!"

"I see," said the Man From Mars, reflectively. "But do you want them to keep on fighting?"

"No, certainly not! We think it is horrible."

"Then, perhaps, if you didn't send them so many commodities, they would have to stop fighting and go to work."

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TOBE SPILKINS

Hiz Lettur (W. S. Morgan)

Mister Editor:—There has bin a lots uv phun down at Boney Forks, where I live by proxy; my wife bein' my proxy and that ornery Ben my substitoot pro tem. My diplomacy wuz all rite and wood have wurked out pufektly, if it hadent uv tagled up with sumbody elses diplomacy. That wuz the trubble; there iz a gitting tu be too dadgummed mutch dieplomacy in this old world.

Insted uv one weddin' ther wuz three, and I dident git Freckledy off on that ornery Ben az I expeckted tu. When three weddin's air brought off like that at about the same time, or neer-a-bouts, there's bound tu be a leak sumwhere espeshually where half uv 'em air a trying their durnest tu fool the uther half. It's jist like that leak frum the White House over tu Wall Street, New York. Espeshually when things air dun in the dark. I gess Jacob must uv married Leah in the dark, fur he thought he wuz a gittin' uv Rachel and dident know enny better till next morning when it got daylight. But there aint enny marriage in Skripture that iz a sirkumstance tu what tuk place that nite. The wooden laig widders daurter, who luvd Shanghi Purkin's sun, but had promised tu meet Ben at the kross rodes and marry him at 8:30 o'clock Pee M. wuz willin' tu sackrifice hur muther tu the matrimonial aspirashuns uv the aforesed Ben, and it wuzent enny trubble tu git hur muther's konsent tu the konjugall union. Ike Hawkins had bin prevailed upon, seckured, coaxed, cajoled, flimflammed and and uther wize tempted tu akt az the eskort uv the old widders. The luyin' daurter kindly volunteered tu buy the old lady a new kork laig, one that wood stick tu its bizziness, and not cum loose and fall off at the sykological moment.

Ben who wuz anxious fur the nupshuls tu okkur az soon az possibul, so that nuthin' cood happen tu tear the widders daurter frum him, wuz at the here-in-before deskribed kross rodes 15 minutes ahd uv time. The widders daurter, knowin' az how Ben wood be eager tu hurry up the surreymony, hustled Ike and hur muther off a little a hed uv time. She had also already maid the necessary arrangements with the preecher tu maik the proper connexion at the kross rodes. So they all got there about the same time. Ben wuz in sieh a big hurry that the dident notice ennything wrong. Ike got out uv the buggy and moshened fur Ben tu git in, which he did. The preecher sed a short surreymony and the cupple driv off, a leevin' uv Ike and the preecher a standing in the rode. In a little bit Shanghi driv up with Freckles and ask if Ben wuz cum yet. Ike told him that he had jist bin there. got married and driv off with hiz wife. Then Freckledy fainted and wold have fel out uv the buggy if Shanghi hadent uv cought hur and helt hur in hiz arms. Az soon she had unfainted they all tried tu soothe hur, espeshually Shanghi Purkins, who had bin a widdower fur purty neert six weeks, and had always sed, even before hiz beluvd wife dide, that he dident think he cood stand it tu be a widdower that long. Freckledy kept on a moanin' and a drawin' uv long breths, and sumtimes short breths, and a sobbin' hur hart out on Shanghi's shoulder. This teched Shanghi's hart and a thinkin' he saw a openin' fur bizness here he popped the questshun rite there "Johnny of the spot." Freckledy throwed hur arms around hiz neck and sed "YES", loud enough fur you tu heer hur akross a forty aker feeld. Then Shanghi kissed hur and the preecher got hiz think tank in akshun and bombardarded them a few questions which wuz satisfactory tu the here-in-before named Shanghi and Freckledy; and az noboddy sed NO, the surreymonia was pronounced complete provided Shanghi cum up with the usual fee, which he did. Then the happy cupple driv home and put up the horse and buggy and, az it wuz late

I suppose they went tu bed. While this wuz all agoin' on Shanghi the seckond, who wuz Shanghi's oldest sun, and the widders daurter sneeked off up tu the hed uv Pole-kat creek and had the parson up there tu tie a knot that nobody cood untie, not even the parson hizself.

I got all the abuv fakts soon after they okkurred frum letters wrote tu me by Slim Skinner and Sinbad Tailor. I coodent hardly beleeve them at furst, but I knowed that I had sent Freckledy down there, and I knowed there wuz several peepel down there about my home nayborhood that wuz purty neert crazy tu git married. Uv korse I wuz astounded. but I had got rid uv that ornrey Ben and Freckledy both at one swoop. There wuz sum diplomacy in that, but it may fly up and hit me in the face yet akkordin' tu a letter that I jist got frum Ike Hawkins. Ike's lettur korrobberates the fakts set fourth in the letturs uv the abuv menshuned Slim Skinner and Sinbad Tailor, but havin' bin wrote several days later, and havin' also bin wrote, compozed, indited, diktated and utherwise inskribed by a man uv more fur seein' branes, it haz more weight than the uthers. At the same time I reseved Ike's lettur I also got one frum my boy whoo iz only 12 years old, and which reads az follers.

"deer pa i think you ort tu cum home ben haz quit us and ma sez hur hart iz broke but she aint a bleedin' enny at the mouth so mebbly it aint broke, mebbly it iz jist bent a little they aint nuthin' but a white froth cums frum hur mouth if you don't cum home i will have tu bee the hed uv the family and git haff uv the munny you send ma like ben use tu and i dun more wurk than he did and i dident git enny hopin' you air wel enuff tu send the munny rite sune i am y yoor sun tommy spilkins p.s. ben went and maryed that old wooden laigged widdar about a weak ago i gess that iz what broke ma's hart, but he haz bin bak here 2 times since. tommy.

That boy iz sum smart fur hiz yeers and he will make hiz mark in the world and take hiz place among uthers uv the noble Spilkins famly. I'm a goin' tu send him sum munny and sum tu hiz ma.

Ike Hawkins' lettur wuz short and pinte; most uv it wauz pinte at me. I have tride tu korrekct the spellin' in it and think I've got most uv it purty neert rite. The follerin' iz a vurbaitum kopyy uv it:

"Deer Tob: I supoze you have heerd that we had a little syclone uv marriages here. Slim Skinner told me he writ you about it, and Sinbad sed he had too. Well, we dident git Freckledy married tu Ben az you wanted, but we got hur off on a tuffer old kuss than Ben, and one that will hold on tu hur tighter than Ben wood, fur you know Ben iz

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kind uv slippery. We married hur tu Shanghi Purkins. The sed Shanghi's wife haz bin ded about 6 weeks and Shanghi wanted tu git married several days before she dide, but that woodent be akkordin' tu the statTOOT, and then he aint had no chance till the nite he married Freckledy and then he jist fit into the okkashun.

The uther day I wuz a talking tu the ramrod uv the hotel where Ben and the widder stopped the nite they wuz married. He sed that Ben wuz awful bombaishus when he asked fur the best room in the hotel. He sed he tuk them up and giv 'em the best room he had. He then went bak down stairs but had not bin there more than five minnits when he heard Ben skreem; then the widder skreemed, then they both skreemed and then he heard sumthin' fall and Ben cum a bolting down stares askin' fur a tonnick. "I got the campher bottle and handed it tu him," sed the ramrod, "but he told me tu giv it tu my wife and send hur up stares. Then Ben went out tu the salune. In about a hour he cum bak drunk all over and a carryin' uv a jug uv red likker. I tuk him bak up stares. He stopped when we got tu the top and he tride tu explane tu me that he did not want hiz wife tu see him drunk the furst nite uv their honnymoon, and wanted me tu giv him a separate room, which I did; but it's a bad peece uv bizziness," continued the ramrod, az he stretched and yawned; "there will be a divorce suit and no end uv skandle, fur Ben haz bin aktin' indiskreet with several wimmin that I know uv. Az I wuz a sayin' I give him a separate room and he wuz down in bed with the gallon jug fur 2 days and nites, and sometimes it tuk 4 men tu hold him and we had tu have the dockter with him most uv the time. The dockter sed he thought hiz kase wood wind up with the brane fever, the jim-johns or the appendix-stetus, but it dident. The thurd day he wuz up and went off sumwhere and wuz gone all day and till lait uv nite, but he woodent see hiz wife. That bumfuzzled us men but the wimmin all seemed tu understand it. He carouzed around about a week that way and then he went off and we aint heerd uv him since. The people air a makin' up munny fur hiz wife so that she kin git a divorce."

That's the story the ramrod uv the the hotel told me, and I think it iz so. I believe Ben went away tu give hiz wife a chance tu git a divorce. I also heerd that yoor wife iz going tu git a divorce, and that she wood file papers az soon az the widder got hur divorce frum Ben, and that won't be long fur the widder iz a corker.

Frum what I kin heer Shanghi and Freckledy aint a gittin' along az smoothly az married people ort tu. I wish you cood see Shanghi; he looks like a rooster that had bin in a hard fite with another rooster and got licked tu a frazzle. If he had bin torpedoeed with a YOU-bote he coodent look enny wurse. He told me that on his weddin' nite he dreemed he wuz a sleepin' with one uv them big spotted giraffs what you see in the shows. He sed that all the paint and powder on Freckledy's face had rubbed off on the piller and when she got up the next mornin' hur face looked like one uv them old speckled hens that grandma Skinner raizes. She haz dun filed a suit in the kort agin you and me fur conspiracy tu git hur married tu Shanghi, who she sez iz the wrong man and a fraud. She sez she wanted Ben. It seems like they all want that ornery Ben. Shanghi haz filed a suit fur divorce frum hur with antimony. Ben haz dun filed a suit agin you fur lettin' uv him alienate yoor wife's affeckshuns from you to him. He zes he iz also a goin' tu file a suit against you and me and the preacher fur marryin' him to the wrong wooman. He iz also a goin' tu sew the widder's daurter fur breeches uv promise, and he may also sew Shanghi the Seckond fur stealin' uv hiz intended wife's affeckshuns. The whole naborhood iz ofally eggsited and it iz wurse than the war in Yurrop.

Well, Tobe, I haven't writ all, but it

iz enuff fur one letter. I'll write you more next time."

Yours trooly,

Ike Hawkins.

P. S. Just az I wuz about to seel this lettur up I reseved one from old Bill Kizer in reply tu the one I writ him sum time ago. I aint got it coppied yet intu English but will have it dun and send you a kopyy uv it in my next lettur."

Yours trooly,

Tobe Spilikins,

Diplomatt.

She Was All Right.—There lives in Providence a very matter-of-fact man whose wife is, and always has been, a bit sentimental and fond of trying to draw from her husband those little endearments he has ever failed to furnish.

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Make us better shots, or worse?

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ORGANIZING.

Bruce and Inez were not by any means supernumeraries in the gigantic plans now undertaken. Inez had entered into the propaganda field with an enthusiasm such as only women show. She was proving a master hand in organization. Not only had she selected a corps of the ablest speakers in the revolutionary movement, but she had assigned to them the territory they were to cover. To all of these she had revealed the plan of campaign, and when they were aware that Brucite was to become public property eventually, but first to be used as the fulcrum on which would rest the lever to overthrow capitalism, these loyal souls were restless, eager to get into the fight with all their force. Day after day Inez was adding recruits and from far off California she had called that irrepressible organizer and speaker, known as Double O. In New York now were gathered such men as Debs, Haywood, St. Clair, Lewis, Berger, Hillquit, Richardson, Untermann, and such women as Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Kate Richards O'Hare—but why enumerate? Suffice to say that all those staunch and true revolutionists, who have kept the fire of revolt burning in America these many years, were now working harmoniously, realizing that at last there was but one thing to do—that was to seize the opportunity Brucite had made possible and direct the uprising masses in channels of construction, rather than the hell of destruction.

Far different was the task Bruce had set for himself. Although in close touch with Carlton and Inez he was to be found most any hour in an experimental laboratory he had installed in the city. With him were his old friends: Eddy, the chemist, and Steinmetz, the electrician. Bruce was convinced that Brucite was elemental; that it had been caused by the reaction of some mineral gas or gasses upon some other element, he felt convinced; and that its origin could be discovered through electro-dynamics and chemistry he was more than convinced. Already these three men had produced samples of Brucite in their laboratory, and it was the simplifying of the process which now engaged their attention. Although the supply of natural Brucite was sufficient for years to come, the fact that it could be manufactured not only reduced the cost of production and transportation, but insured its permanency.

After one of the most successful experiments, Bruce was called to the phone. Carlton was talking. Bruce was informed of the visit of Senator Cushing and his coveted threat to father a bill regulating the use of Brucite. "You can see what a setback this will give our plans if that bill is presented," suggested Carlton. "It will never do; we must forestall it. I have asked Inez and some others to meet here within half an hour. Can't you and your experimenters be present?"

"We will be there," answered Bruce, hanging up the receiver. Half an hour later in Carlton's office the question of carrying the fight to the enemy's country was decided upon, and to a hundred different cities flashed the words, "On to Washington" over the wires. There was a hasty separation in the headquarters of the propagandists as each agitator left for his assigned locality. On the morrow from a thousand halls and ten thousand street corners of the principal cities of the United States and through special editions of the radical press already in print and waiting, would be told the wonders of Brucite and what was to be done for humanity by its introduction into the industrial world. The efforts of

capitalism to frustrate the plans would be exposed and a call for all citizens who could to march on to Washington as a living protest would be urged. This was to be the first of a series of effectual blows at capitalism's citadel.

Hardly had the meeting adjourned when the card of the Honorable Henry William Wurst was presented to Carlton. "Admit him," requested Hugh. A gentleman still in his fifties, and one in whom self-sufficiency was the predominating characteristic, was ushered in.

"Mr. Carlton," he began after the introduction, "you and I are men of business. I do not care to take up your valuable time—that is, any more of it than is necessary. So I hope you will pardon me if I appear blunt and ask you as man to man, what is your game?"

"And I will not be offended, Mr. Wurst," answered Carlton. "And just to be equally blunt, it is bucking the buccaneers."

"Come, Carlton, you are no idealist. You are soon to be the world's greatest

and control, through my news service, I should say in the neighborhood of two hundred."

"Now, Mr. Wurst, if I release you from this stock obligation, would you be willing in return to publish in your seven daily papers—that is, on the first page and in type not smaller than pica—a truthful statement I shall write concerning Brucite? And would you also send through your news service this statement?"

"Have you the statement written, Mr. Carlton?" asked Wurst.

"No, but I can have it written and in your hands within an hour. I would not want it changed—not a word," answered Carlton.

"Really, Mr. Carlton, this is unusual—very unusual; but if I have your word that it is to be a truthful statement concerning Brucite I can call up the office and give instructions to give the story preference in all the Wurst papers and in the Wurst service. This is something I have never done before. I do not like to do it now, but there are reasons."

CHAPTER XII ON TO WASHINGTON

Carlton was soon busy dictating an article for the Wurst papers. He dealt briefly with the discovery of Brucite and traced its history up to the

The Standing of the First Fifteen Contestants on May 1st

1. Henry Bloomfield	Kansas
2. Pierce Kersnitz	Pennsylvania
3. G. E. Neely	Pennsylvania
4. J. L. Oliver	South Carolina
5. Chas. Roberg	Michigan
6. David Williams	Illinois
7. O. T. Beckley	Alabama
8. A. E. Wagner	Ohio
9. Frank Harding	California
10. Orvel Strong	Indiana
11. William Shapiro	New York
12. J. F. Seale	Oklahoma
13. W. S. Henderson	Pennsylvania
14. E. H. Ebaugh	Pennsylvania
15. W. F. Eaton	Pennsylvania

financier; and I do not see why you, with the world at your feet should want to bring on a panic such as we now witness. You have nothing to gain through such tactics. Surely you understand that without prosperity your plans to place Brucite would not materialize? It will even now take months to restore business to normal conditions."

"My tactics, Mr. Wurst, you could know little of. All you have is a guess. It is a subject I do not care to discuss. So to end this interview as pleasantly as possible, may I be permitted to ask you a question?"

"Certainly, Mr. Carlton."

"How much steel preferred did I sell you?"

"Who, me?" hesitated Mr. Wurst. "Let me see, I think I agreed to take fifty thousand shares."

"Yes," came back Carlton, "and if I remember right, tomorrow is the day of delivery."

Mr. Wurst was silent.

"Would you, Mr. Wurst, like to be freed from your obligation?" continued Carlton.

"Well, you see, Carlton, it is like this. I would like more time—that is—I am not able to take over the shares at present—in fact it would—well, to be plain—it would cripple me terribly. If you, or we could make some kind of terms I assure you it would be appreciated, and I would consider it a favor—one I should not forget."

"I understand, Mr. Wurst, but another question. How many newspapers do you own and how many do you control?" came back Carlton.

"I own seven newspapers outright

present. Great emphasis was laid on the fact that while the secret was privately owned it would be turned over to the people at a time when they would realize its usefulness and supply it for the good of humanity. The interview with Senator Cushing was played up and the conspiracy to throttle Brucite exposed. Then came the call to action. The people were urged to move on to Washington and to present a living petition against organized capitalism. This was to be no Coxe's army—it was to be a nation in revolt—it was to be so powerful in numbers that it would gain an audience in Congress and such a force that no plot to thwart it could possibly carry. The effect of this article in the Wurst papers, followed by the distribution of the radical press and the street corner agitators, had set the nation thinking next day. Carlton was forced to use private means to inform the people of the progress of the movement. The press agencies refused to supply the newspapers with the truth, and such stuff as went over the wires was in the nature of ridicule of the whole affair. Bruce jumped into the fray with all his vigor. His old newspaper training now stood him in good stead. Private wires to Washington, Philadelphia, Chicago and other populous centers had been engaged. Reports from all quarters were brought in only to be transmitted to other points where they were posted up as bulletins.

"NEWS BEING SUPPRESSED. YOUR HOME PAPER WILL NOT OR CANNOT GET THE FACTS. THOUSANDS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO WASHINGTON. SEE THE PAPERS AND DEMAND A STATE-

MENT." This bulletin was flashed over the nation. It was met with howls by the crowds. Newsboys were crying the latest editions. These were eagerly grabbed, and when the poisoned reports were read, the crowds rushed to the newspaper offices. Demands were made for the managing editors and the crowd insisted on the truth. "Get it from your own correspondents," came the cry. This was not hushed until reports in the shape of the bulletins were being posted at the newspaper offices telling far different stories than contained in the early editions. So untruthful had been the reports in some of the newspapers that in Chicago and New York the local Typographical unions had held special meetings protesting against the colored news and also the "subsidized" editorials of certain newspapers. Resolutions to call out shops where this abuse was greatest were presented, and only for the fact that agreements between the union and the newspaper associations would have been violated prevented their passage. However, it was a lesson to the printers, as it convinced those not already convinced that the agreement form of unionism was incubated by the employers for the benefit of the employers. There were those who even went so far as to accuse international officers of being in the employ of the newspapers association to prevent a class stand on the part of the printers.

This day and the day following were days to go down in history. In every city, town and hamlet conditions both economic and political were being discussed to the exclusion of all other subjects. In every city, town and hamlet the socialist was on the job. He alone held a solution of the terrible condition confronting society. Converts were being made by the thousands and as usual in such cases, the new recruits were the most enthusiastic. It was a common sight to see some hard-shelled stickler for the old order grasping the hand of a veteran socialist, who had always held in abhorrence, and with tears in his eyes greet him as comrade. The rush to Washington was on in earnest. Train-load after train-load of determined men and women were dumped into the capital city, notwithstanding the fact that all trains to Washington had been called off. So soon as a trainload of people would gather then would a train crew present itself and volunteer to pull the train through. Appeals had been made by the railroad officials, both to governors and president to check this "anarchistic violation of the right over property," but all to no avail. Right well did the politician know that the sun had set for the big interests. Those public officials who had not already openly sympathized with the popular uprising were only waiting an opportunity to so declare themselves. The president had postponed his usual trip to his summer home so as to be present to meet the people, and in the newspaper had himself interviewed to the effect that the nation had reached its greatest crisis. "We must meet it," said the president, "as intelligent men. We must listen to these people and weigh well their words. If they have a program to bring about relief, it is our place to investigate it, and our duty as officials to accept it, if it prove for the benefit of society. I do not consider this movement in any sense a revolution. I know these people are coming here with only peace in their hearts. They are simply exercising the rights any citizen has—to come to Washington with his troubles."

The universal business stagnation, caused by the closing of the steel mills, factories and kindred industries when stocks began their toboggan slide upon the introduction of Brucite, was intensified now that the march to Washington had started. Advertising patronage had so fallen off that many daily papers had reduced the number of pages, and taken altogether the outlook for the future was ominous. That this had a bearing upon the changed editorial attitude of the press goes without saying. Old conservative sheets,

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Dr. Howard James, late of the Manhattan State Hospital of New York and formerly Assistant Physician, Brooklyn State Hospital, said: "Nuxated Iron is a most surprising remedy. A patient of mine remarked to me after having been on a six weeks' course of it: 'SAY, DOCTOR, THAT THERE'S STUFF IS LIKE MAGIC.' Previous to using Nuxated Iron I had been prescribing the various mineral salts of iron for years, only to meet complaints of discolored teeth, disturbed digestion, tied-up, hardened secretions, etc., when I came across Nuxated Iron, an elegant, ingenious preparation containing organic iron, which has no destructive action on the teeth—no corrosive effect on the stomach, and which is readily assimilated into the blood and quickly makes its presence felt in increased vigor, snap and staying power. It enriches the blood, brings roses to the cheeks of women, and is an unfailing source of renewed vitality, endurance and power to men who burn up too rapidly their nervous

energy in the strenuous strain of the great business competition of the day."

Dr. E. Sauer, a Boston physician who has studied both in this country and in great European Medical Institutions, says: "As I have said a hundred times over, organic iron is the greatest of all strength builders. Not long ago a man came to me

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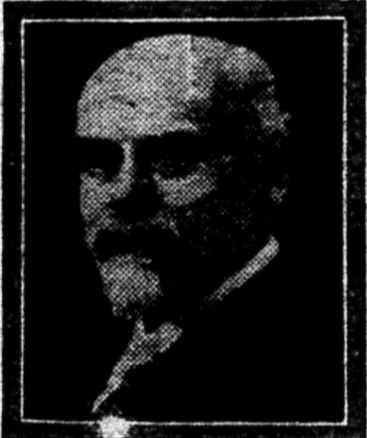
Iron is absolutely necessary to enable your blood to change food into living tissue. Without it, no matter how much or what you eat, your food merely passes through you without doing you any good, and as a consequence you become weak, pale, and sickly-looking, just like a plant trying to grow in a soil deficient in iron. 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 Nuxated Iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see how much you have gained. Many an athlete and 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 in inglorious defeat simply for lack of iron."

Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author, says: "In the most common foods of America, the starches, sugars, table syrups, candies, polished rice, white bread, soda crackers, biscuits, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina,

degerminated cornmeal, no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cookery, by throwing down the waste-pipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked, is responsible for another grave iron loss. Therefore, if you wish to preserve your youthful vim and vigor to a ripe old age, you must supply the iron deficiency in your food by using some form of organic iron, just as you would use salt when your food has not enough salt."

Dr. Schuyler C. Jaques, Visiting Surgeon, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York, said: "I have never before given out any medical information as I ordinarily do not believe in it. But in the case of Nuxated Iron I feel I would be remiss in my duty not to mention it. I have taken it myself and given it to my patients with most surprising and satisfactory results. And those who wish quickly to increase their strength, power and endurance will find it a most remarkable and wonderfully effective remedy."

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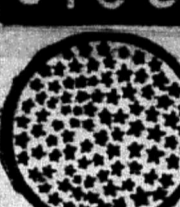
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which formerly would have deemed it hearsay, now were either advocating a mild form of socialism as a means of relief, or were either advocating asking questions concerning that science. Writers heretofore taboo on account of their radicalism now had column after column in these journals. The effect was magical; popular opinion was being moulded in a day. The truth of socialism for the first time being presented to the thousands who had been so prejudiced they would not read socialist publications. The soap-boxer had no difficulty in drawing crowds. Socialists generally felt the psychological moment had arrived, and they were now preaching a constructive program.

Their hearers were cautioned to beware of violence and destruction of property. It was argued that violence was good if they wished to return to the brute state of society, and that it was well to destroy property if they loved to work so well that they would tear down only to rebuild. The future belonged to the workers and they should stand loyally together and institute an industrial democracy. The fate of Europe was dwelt upon. It was shown how the great war had been declared off through physical and financial exhaustion, only to have the remnant of the army return to their homes to engage in guerilla warfare. Little groups which had become sane enough to get back to agriculture were victims of these marauding bands which had become brutalized by continuous warfare. The European situation was likened to that in Mexico. Europe now had its Villas, Huertas, and Carranzas. It was physically impossible to rehabilitate Europe under any capitalistic scheme; just as it was impossible for the United States to bring back prosperity under the profit system. No scheme of industry dependent upon markets could exist when no nation in the world was solvent. A disposition to meet the social problems with reason seemed universal, and while there were numerous bread riots, the disorders scarcely grew beyond this. Everywhere these advocates of peace admonished the mobs to refrain from violence. The riots for food were soon quelled by the government, at the suggestion of the socialist congressmen, establishing food depots where citizens could apply and be furnished their needs. Under this arrangement thousands were daily receiving aid, and in many instances there were those who were living better now that they had been in months. The government had established a precedent. Never before had the United States been so paternalistic as to offer food for the unemployed. The agitators were not slow in grasping this fact. Millions upon millions of dollars were lying idle in the government strong box. Who put it there? Whose sweat did it represent? It had been used to tide over bankers and capitalists; it has been used to subsidize industry and finance railroads; but never before in the history of our nation had the government come to the rescue of the common citizen. This has been your fault. For years and years you have been going to the ballot box and sending to Congress as your representative men whose only interests were centered in rent, interest and profits. Your interests are that of making a living and educating your children. You have nothing in common with your representatives. They had no use for you after they had secured your votes, but now, optimistically proclaimed the agitators the time had arrived for the reign of your own. The incompetency of continuing business along capitalistic grounds has been made manifest to even the dullest. Financially we are now practically upon a level, and all that remains for us to do is to enter the shops, start the wheels of industry revolving, and take that which we have produced. At Washington the crowds were eagerly awaiting the hour when Congress should convene. At the capitol grounds thousands upon thousands of people were en massed. Nor was the agitator idle

here. Over the heads of the crowds could be seen the agitators elevated upon a box or some other convenient article addressing the people. A hush fell upon the assemblage when there appeared upon the capitol steps a person who was immediately recognized by the crowd as William D. Haywood. Deafening cheers arose from the mass and cries of "Big Bill", "Big Bill" rang out. Haywood, recognizing the compliment, doffed his hat only to result in more forceful applause. "Speech! Speech!" they cried, nor would they stop until "Big Bill" raised his hand.

"Comrades and fellow workers," began Haywood, "I could not make you a talk today. I shall not even attempt it. I am, to use a common expression, too full of utterance. For, in all these years in which I have struggled to do my duty, where I saw my duty to my class, this is the first moment when I could really say that I saw breaking through dark clouds of servility the silver sunlight of intelligence. Well, you must know the many, many rebuffs and discouragements that have met the agitator for the common cause. It has been uphill work; it has in many instances been heart-rendering; but today as I glance over this mighty throng of humanity I see in your eyes the sun of intelligence. I see in your faces the firmness of determination, and in your voices I hear the song of hope. All we have to do now is to stand pat. The world belongs to the workers. I thank you," and Haywood went into the capitol building.

As different personages who had been prominent in the fight for the emancipation of the working class were discovered, they were met with like reception, and the hours intervening between this and the opening of Congress were livened up by talks that went straight to the hearts of the citizens. But if there had been an ovation for these agitators, then it would take some other word to express the enthusiasm that arose from this great outpouring of humanity when the well-known figure of Eugene V. Debs was discovered. "Our Gene" they cried, as in one voice; and Debs, smilingly acknowledging the compliment, stepped forward and saluted the assemblage. The great mass of people surged forward; all were desirous of getting within the range of his voice. It was some minutes before the crowd was stilled, and when that faithful gladiator raised his voice to speak a hush fell on the audience, and it was his.

"Workingmen and working women, in this hour of triumph I salute you. It is indeed a happy moment; it is the happiest moment of my life. I am so happy, friends, I do not even want to die. I believe I am just beginning to live. I thought some 30 years ago, when I joined the socialist crusade, that I had just been born; but it was a dream. I was only born today; and you, my brothers and sisters were only born today. This is the first day of human history that the glorious light of reason has ever descended upon humanity. We are just stepping out of our shells into a world that is to be made beautiful; into a world where humans can live. Upon the result of this day's work will be built a new civilization in the halls of our national congress. Today, for the first time, will be heard there the voice of the common people pleading the common cause. But yesterday these same voices had been hushed by a capitalistic-owned press and a capitalistic-owned government. There is an old saying that when things get so rotten you can do nothing with them, the Socialists were always called upon to fix up the job; and today is no exception. Right proud am I to be here today to tackle this job. It is worth having lived and run the gamut of slavery to tackle this job. I cannot talk to you long, friends, but before I close I want to tell you how happy I am just to see you here; just to feel your presence; just to know that you are endowed with that class-conscious spirit that alone can make for human emancipation."

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CHAPTER XIII
A NEW CABINET.

The president had called into consultation Carlton, Bruce, Debs, Haywood, and Warren, and Berger, London and Caldwell—the three socialist congressmen. The president told them of receiving the resignations of four members of his cabinet—the secretaries of state, war and navy and the attorney general. These officials could not agree with the president's policies in handling what they termed "an anarchistic mob."

"A great weight lifted from your neck," said Berger. The president, in stating the purpose of the meeting, told of previous sessions with his cabinet, also with senators and congressmen representing the two great political factions. He admitted their absolute incompetency to meet the situation or suggest a plan other than one of violence in which military force would be used to coerce the people. He hoped the socialists had some practical program. "You know, Mr. Berger, and you socialist congressmen know, how hampered we are with our constitution and how almost impossible it is for us to pass any speedy legislation. Your experience in Congress gives you a knowledge of the cumbersome machinery we have to do business with."

"Yes," answered Berger, "and I also know the absolute incompetency of the Congressmen. They are competent to legislate for property rights and perform their duty to their class in an able manner. They can't administer to the workers, because they have master-class psychology. It would take years training under a far different environment before they could change. I am afraid they will never live long enough to change and function for the new order," and Berger looked askance at Debs.

"Mr. President," began Debs, "we are in the midst of a revolution. The old order, based on property rights has failed. You cannot set in motion the machinery of production under private ownership. You must start the machinery going—and there is only one way in which that can be done. If you cannot do it under the individualistic system, then you must do it the other way—the socialist way. We can, through our organization (and you must admit the Socialists are the only element in society organized), keep the people reasonably sane for a reasonable time. We must act promptly; we must put the people at work. Idleness is a great breeder of disorder. The people must have the necessaries of life and an assurance they are to continue to have them. They realize as well as we that it will take time to bring order out of chaos. We must change society to meet the changed economic conditions. Regularity, legality, precedent or constitution should not be permitted to stand in the way. The voice of the people is the only constitution any nation needs, and if the present constitution is in the way, then let us ignore it and finally abolish it. We have no time for quibs or quillits. Roosevelt denied the existence of the Constitution in the Panama Canal matter. He kicked it out of the way. I should advise you, Mr. President, to personally appear before a joint session of the Senate and House and demand that they immediately reorganize the cabinet, increasing its membership and granting it extraordinary powers—powers which will enable

it to take over and operate mills, factories, stores, etc; powers which will give it the right of confiscation; powers to provide funds for the successful operations of its undertakings. I suggest that you name as members of your cabinet men who are efficient in the trades, professions, sciences—farmers, artisans, electricians, mathematicians, geologists, metallurgists, professors in the different branches of studies—and then some good old common-sense organizers. Tell the cabinet to get busy, set the people at work and make as many mistakes as seem necessary—we can correct the mistakes and redress the wrongs afterwards—the principal thing is to get started. And do not forget, Mr. President, that we are in a new age—we have just been born into a new epoch—we must not look back for precedent—we are now making that sort of stuff for the future."

The president was thoughtful. It was a novelty for him to listen to such a straightforward statement. Sincerity was stamped upon every word. Far different from former conversations with his advisers where formality and guardedness of speech had always been used. The president was responsive to the confidence bestowed upon him. He was thankful for the information so briefly and clearly put. He wanted to do the right thing—the wise thing—and the delicate consideration of his conditions and sympathetic assurance of help accorded him by these Socialists—men who put principle above personal ambition—almost moved him to tears. He clasped the hands of his advisers, thanked them for their help and promised them he would act upon their suggestions.

"Mr. President,"—this from Fred D. Warren—"no doubt you now realize how all alone in the world we Socialists have often found ourselves. You have made a stand for humanity and the troglodytes—the people who belong to the cave dwelling age—have forsaken you. You can sympathize with Lincoln when he made his stand for abolition. We can sympathize with you because we suffered every indignity that capitalism was capable of inflicting upon its enemies. But with the confidence of our comrades; with their love and esteem, with the confidence of final success, and the knowledge that anything a system based upon human misery could offer us would be bitter fruit, and that true happiness, true patriotism, consisted in seeing that we had no right to a privilege not enjoyed in common we have borne the struggle. Above all things in life we hold dear the love and honor of our comrades. We extend to you this same love and confidence and sympathy and it never shall be withheld so long as you are doing what your intelligence and economic unfoldment directs you to do. You should look upon your position simply as an opportunity in your hands to so direct society that it will eventually enter into economic conditions which will make it possible for upliftment."

The conferees were visibly affected by Warren's talk, and the president, growing enthusiastic, suggested that they immediately proceed to draft a bill creating the new cabinet. He was set at ease by Caldwell who in presenting the president with a document, remarked: "Here, Mr. President is a measure already framed. We have been working on it for several days and it covers thoroughly the ideas as expressed by Comrade Debs. The matter of the

joint session will be brought up by Comrade Berger immediately Congress convenes."

The house of representatives presented a scene never before viewed by the oldest member. Every available space was occupied by visitors. The

halls and rotunda of the capital were crowded to their utmost and on the capitol grounds was a sea of faces. Immediately upon the speaker calling the house to order and the roll having been called, representative Berger presented a resolution inviting the senate to joint
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WHY ROOT?

By JOHN HAND

Staff Correspondent, SOCIAL REVOLUTION

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Between eight and ten billions of dollars of French and British loans, made to the Russian Czar and his grafting favorites is the chief stake which has led Wall Street to draft Elihu Root for appointment as special ambassador to Petrograd.

This is the answer to the great national puzzle—"Why Root?"—given today by men who know Russian affairs and

who know how determined has been the demand of the banking oligarchy of America that the President shall not withdraw the appointment.

France has been loaning money to Russia's autocracy for forty years past. At the time of the outbreak of the present war the total of Russian indebtedness to the French was about \$5,000,000,000. In the three years of the war French and English gold have been steadily poured into Russia, in the form of loans, to defeat the possibility of the acceptance of German gold and a German peace. It is estimated in Wall Street, which is now the creditor of the French and British, and thus indirectly of the Russians, that the mortgage on the Russian people is almost double what it was in 1914.

But here arises the peril to the money kings of America. Suppose the Russian constitutional assembly, which is to meet soon, shall repudiate this debt! Suppose that the 150,000,000 peasants and workingmen of Russia, who now virtually rule the nation through their Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies, shall declare that they will feed themselves before they will pay interest on a debt incurred for the purpose of keeping them in slavery. What then? Why, the bankers will have to stand the loss!

The repudiation must be prevented, and it must be prevented quickly. A commission must be sent to Russia to inquire into the purposes of the government with regard to this debt. This commission must go prepared to warn the Russians that if they fail to pay the last penny of their annual interest charge, no matter how heavy the sacrifice to a land famished and blackened by war, the whole world of organized capitalism will turn upon Russia and punish her. The message must be put diplomatically, smoothly, but with the effect of a blow from a blackjack.

So Charles R. Flint, spokesman for the foreign-investment wolves that

prowl in Wall Street, organized the mass meeting of capitalists and their attorneys, in New York City, within a few weeks after the news of the Russian revolution came to America. Root made a speech. Flint presided. Resolutions of congratulation to the provisional government in Petrograd were adopted. Then Flint came to Washington, and spent a busy month of lobbying with senators and administration wire-pullers, that culminated in the official announcement that Elihu Root had accepted the chairmanship of the commission to be sent to Russia.

Who is Flint?

In "Who's Who in America" we find that Charles R. Flint is a director of a dozen big trusts or combines, such as American Woolen, American Chicler, United States Rubber, and some iron and coal companies, steamship interests, etc. We find that he boasts of having sold warships to Japan and to Russia, and of having bought ships for the United States Government at the time of the Spanish-American war. Possibly these were the ships which were afterward sold for a trifling fraction of their purchase price, and on which the Government was scandalously "stung."

In any event, Flint has a branch bank in Petrograd, and is on terms of intimacy with the old autocracy which dealt in bribes with foreign contractors. Flint seems to have been the mouth-piece, in New York and Washington, for the big banking syndicates that dragged Root out from hiding and foisted him upon the President.

Why did the President accept Root?

Was it because he fears the power of Wall Street to insidiously prevent the success of the sale of his huge issue of war bonds, unless he shall make terms with the money kings? Or was it because he respected Root's crafty mind, as one likely to be now devoted, for once, to a public service?

Whatever the reason which led to the appointment, the White House was so ignorant of Russian democracy, so stupidly obtuse to the significance of the nomination to the minds of Russian political exiles and revolutionists, that it was appalled at the roar of protests which answered the announcement. President Wilson wished that he had not named Root. He waited a week, in the hope that Root would resign. To the emissaries of the President the men at the head of the organized labor movement and the men most violently anti-German in the Socialist ranks sent back the same reply. "If you want to get any sort of sympathetic hearing in Russia, you must speak through another man than Root. He won't do."

But Wall Street trusted to Root's subtle trickery to save its interests in Russia. He had never failed it. He had defied American democracy through a long life of service to the interests of aggrandized wealth. He had affronted every element of decency in American public affairs, surely Russia, which has but just emerged from absolutism, still has reverence for the craft, and

tolerance for the unfriendliness, of the Root nature!

The president wrote many letters, explaining that it was too late to change the appointment. He wrote them despite the blunt warning of one of the most powerful capitalist journalists in America, that the Russians would never listen to American advice, nor trust American motives if Root were not withdrawn. Root heads the commission, and the activity of Flint, and of the bondholders threatened by Russian freedom, increases.

Charles Edward Russell, once foremost of Socialist writers in America, is also a member of the Root commission. Russell has said more bitter things of Root than has any other publicist. HE THINKS THEM STILL. HE HAS BEEN NAMED AS A SOCIALIST TO TALK TO RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS. WE MAY GUESS WHAT RUSSELL WILL SAY TO THE RUSSIANS ABOUT THAT LOAN, SHOULD THEY GET ANY ADVICE ON IT FROM ROOT.

The other members of the commission are not important, because two of them represent big business, one the bankers, one the Y. M. C. A. and the remaining one, James Duncan, the conservative element of the American Federation of Labor. Only Root, who goes with the implication of a threat to Russian radicalism, and Russell, who goes with the implication of Wholehearted encouragement to Russian radicalism, are significant.

Watch Wall Street in connection with this Russian business. Watch the bitter attacks on Russian socialism which are being published by the pro-British press, each week, from Cunniff-Owen, (he signs himself "Ex-Attache") of the New York Herald staff and intimately connected with the old Russian regime. Watch these signs of pain in the banking stomach, as the Russian democracy begins to discuss a declaration of freedom from foreign bondholders.

It may be that neither Russell nor Duncan will be able to make headway against Root in the policy of the commission. It may be that their mouths will be shut when he begins to threaten Russia with eternal damnation at the hands of foreign financiers, if she does not repent her dream of repudiation of debt. It may be that it will be necessary for the American Socialist Party to send a direct warning to Russia as to the difference between Wall Street and the United States.

An over-zealous capitalist press has sent out statements purporting to quote the State Department as threatening to punish American journalists who dare to show up the rottenness of the Root affair. This is sheer bluff. The censorship is not yet clamped down on the country. It is not yet treasonable to say that the Root mission is counted upon in Wall Street to perpetuate the rule of bondholders over the lives of the toiling millions of Russia.

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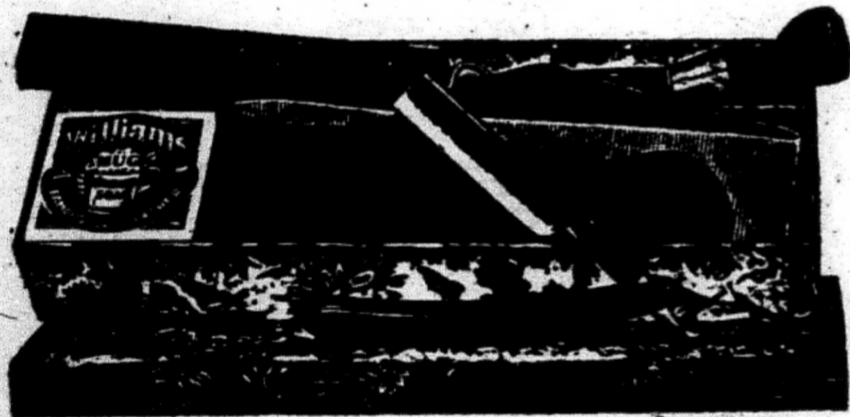
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session, stating that the president had a message to deliver to Congress. The resolution carried and the senate after having accepted the invitation soon filed into the house. The president, upon having been escorted to the speaker's desk was greeted by continuous applause from the galleries. The delivery of his message was in a quiet, earnest manner which produced a marked seriousness upon the faces of his hearers. That something must be done and done quickly, was the keynote of his speech. The nation could not continue with two-thirds of its people unemployed—it was too late for investigating committees—the people would not longer tolerate such tactics. "I tell you, gentlemen," said the president, "we are facing a determined people. They know what they want and they know how to get it. It is up to us to give them what they want or step down and out. Anything that I could say would

not convince you further of this fact. There must be no longer delay—no one will make political capital out of this crisis. I believe the day of politics has forever passed and I, for one, welcome the change. While present conditions look dark, it is not hopeless. I have faith that you have intelligence sufficient to change society to meet changed economic conditions. A measure will be proposed to you today which I hope will meet with the approval of everyone of you. It seems to me to be the one way out. It has my most earnest endorsement."

The president's message was carried to the crowd outside. It was flashed over the wires to eagerly waiting crowds in all the cities of the nation. Those newspapers yet faithful to capitalism placed various interpretations upon the message. "Radicalism Run Wild," "Has Our President Gone Crazy?" "Will Congress Bend the Knee?" and "O Death! Where Is Thy Sting," were some of the captions over the editorials in the conservative press. But

the president's program and the action Congress would take upon it were the cause of much anxiety, and what the editors had to say about the president's message created little stir. Bruce, anticipating this suspense on the part of the populace, had epitomized Caldwell's bill and sent it out to the nation as a bulletin. This was followed by other bulletins signed by Bruce telling of the progress in Congress. Berger was the floor leader for the bill and in a brief speech as possible he urged its passage. "Four members of the president's cabinet have resigned. Their places will have to be filled, and while we are at it let's do a good job—let's reorganize the cabinet and make of it a working instrument. Let's make it competent to carry us through this crisis. If there is any objection to this measure, and I do not see how in the face of reason, there could be, I want to hear that objection: and then I want the objector to come forward with a program that will be effective. I know there could be a thousand objections offered, but I challenge any person to show another way out. The president has truthfully said the people know what they want and know how to get it. I would add just one sentence to the president's message, and that would be—"and by the eternal they are going to get it." (The applause was terrific—cries of "Yes, yes,") This bill should pass today and have the president's signature. The cabinet should be appointed and have the approval of the senate before tomorrow's sun rises. This cabinet should immediately organize and these people who are here urging us on to action should be returned to their homes with the comforting assurance that every resource of this government and every ounce of brains of this cabinet would be used to speedily readjust society—they should go home with smiles on their faces and hopes in their hearts—home to the happiest, most sensible nation the intelligence of man has ever devised. Mr. Speaker, I move you its adoption in joint session."

"I second the motion," declared London.

The speaker put the motion and called for the question. After a lapse of two minutes Caldwell called for the question and the roll was called.

The bill had passed the joint session of congress with but two negative votes. The president immediately appeared and signed it, also presenting to the president of the senate his appointees of the cabinet. The senate went into session and in less than an hour's time had approved the appointments.

"This is doing business," said Berger, gleefully rubbing his hands.

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He Understood.—The pale-faced passenger looked out of the car-window with exceeding interest. Finally he turned to his seat-mate.

"You likely think I never rode in the cars before," he said, "but the fact is, pardner, I just got out of prison this mornin', and it does me good to look around. It is goin' to be mighty tough, though, facin', my old-time friends. I s'pose, though, you ain't got much idea how a man feels in a case like that."

"Perhaps I have a better idea of your feelings than you think," said the other gentleman, with a sad smile. "I am just getting home from Congress."—Argonaut.

Irrigated.—George was hampered by a mother whose idea of godliness was cleanliness. Notwithstanding the frequent baths to which he was condemned, George thrived exceedingly well. One day a neighbor remarked on his rapid growth.

"Yes," said George, "that's ma's fault. She waters me too much!"—Tit-Bits.

Got His Number.—PITTSBURG MAN (telephoning to Long Island from New York)—"Ten cents? Why, in Pittsburgh we can telephone to Hades for a nickel."

CENTRAL—"But this is a long-distance call."—Pitt Panther.

Nevada Colony Investigated

By the Managing Editor of SOCIAL REVOLUTION.

Nevada Colony, founded by C. V. Eggleston and which has been endorsed by Fred D. Warren, has attracted so much attention that I felt it my duty to go to Fallon and find out at first hand what the actual conditions were and give the readers of SOCIAL REVOLUTION the benefit of my findings.

Arriving at Fallon I found a beautiful valley about twenty-five miles wide by fifty miles long, with an altitude of almost 4,000 feet. The growing crops that I saw on every hand was sufficient proof that the soil is good and the government irrigation project, costing seven millions of dollars, guarantees a never-failing supply of water for irrigating the 200,000 acres of land now under the project.

Much of the land acquired by the colony was turned in by local comrades in exchange for stock in the colony, a large part of which was already under a thorough state of cultivation, much of it in alfalfa, and which made it possible for the colony, during the first year of its existence, to produce and market a large amount of cream, poultry and hogs, sufficient to purchase all the other food required by the colony.

Indications are that living conditions in the colony are good.

I see no reason, if the workers will do their part, why the colony should not succeed.

Her Turn.—"What would you do if I turned you down?" she asked shyly, as they sat on the parlor sofa.

The young man looked straight ahead, but said nothing. After a few moments of silence she nudged him with her elbow and said: "Didn't you hear my question?"

He looked around, apprehensively. "I beg your pardon," he replied. "I thought you were addressing the gas."—St. Louis Republic.

Current Comments

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worker himself must continue to pay for bread made from wheat at \$3.20 a bushel for which wheat but 90c was paid to the farmer that raised it.

This tax taxes incomes but it makes no difference between the income of the farmer who got 90c for producing the wheat and the gambler who got \$2.30 additional for cornering the market. It is quite true there is a higher rate on larger incomes provided the incomes cannot be hidden. An income of \$500,000.00 is to be taxed \$150,000.00, leaving the tax payer in that case only \$350,000.00 with which to support his family for a whole year. If prices keep going up he will need the money.

But why should he give up \$150,000 if he has earned it and why should he be permitted to pocket \$350,000.00 if he did not earn it?

A 50% tax on receipts for ground rents would be as easy to be assessed as on bank checks. The land could not be hidden. Payment could not be avoided, else the land itself could be taken. That one single tax alone would finance the war. In doing this not one penny would be taken from any one who would have earned it and only half the values would be taken by the public which would have been created by the public. This matter of the war tax has very striking revolutionary and historic associations.

Greatest Capture of the War.—Both the Allies and the Central powers have made many important captures but the greatest capture made since the beginning of the European war has been made in America.

If one captures one-half the earning power of a nation he has captured half its wealth. If one would purchase all the products of a country, double the price and sell again, he would have

captured by that process one-half the nation's earning power. That has been done in the United States since the beginning of the war.

Half the earning power of America is of infinitely greater value than all the territory captured by all the nations now at war.

We have lost more ground to re-capture than any other country. There is but one way to take it. Let the Nation own the Trusts—own all the Trusts. That will do it. There is no other way.

The Way to Peace.—The surest way and the shortest road to peace would be found if our government would state at once just what must happen before it will insist that the fighting must be stopped.

If our government will make such a statement and that statement should be one to which all Americans could agree, the fighting would stop in thirty days.

If the statement should be one that would disappoint, divide, and disgust the people, it might occur that the Yankees would be so busy at home with quarrels of their own that there might be something of a postponement as to the time of their arrival in the trenches of Europe. But there is no ground for any such fear.

If this is a war for world democracy; if this is a war for the ideals outlined in the President's great address to the Senate before there was any serious probability of our country being involved in the war;

If this is a war to make an end of secret diplomacy, and for dealing hereafter only with other governments which are responsible to their own people;

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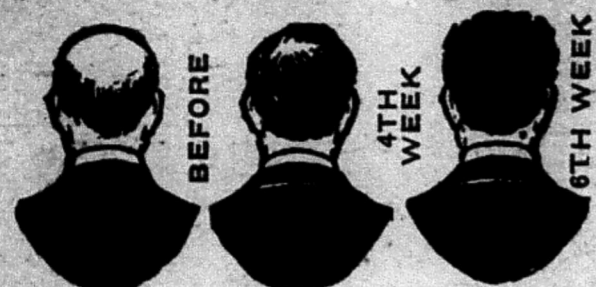
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What Socialists Want Now

By **WALTER J. MILLARD**

Suppose I say to you "I want your help", what would you say in reply?

You would most probably say "What do you want to do?" and then you might add "And why do you want to do it?"

You would answer that way, if you are just a common ordinary man, whose head works like most peoples' heads work. But if you are a philosopher and not an ordinary mortal you would reply "Outline to me the philosophic and scientific considerations that impel you toward your aims, to accomplish which, you desire my assistance; then give me detailed specifications of the results that you propose that our co-operative endeavor shall accomplish." That is about what your answer would be if you are a philosopher.

A philosopher always puts the reasons first, and the thing wanted, second. Ordinary mortals blurt out what they want, first, and ask you what you want, second. Then they try to convince you with reasons if they find that you do not want what they want. I have a sneaking feeling that some philosophers really want somethings, long before they discover the logical reasons for wanting them.

Now socialists are pretty badly bitten with the philosophic bug as you may have noticed. As a result whenever they want any help, they always start with a long theoretical disquisition on why you should help them. So they always start their party platforms with what is called a "preamble". The word "preamble" comes from the Latin, "pre" meaning "before", and "amble" to "walk around". In other words it means "To walk around a bit, beforehand". Sometimes these preambles go all over creation and then some. By the time you get back, you are mentally all tired out and winded.

The feeling that these preliminary canters were rather tiresome, was expressed very generally at the St. Louis Convention. As a result the platform committee tried the experiment of drafting "a walk around" that would not tire the legs so much. It was written by J. Mablon Barnes of Philadelphia. Most of his life he has been a cigar maker. For several years he was National Secretary of the Socialist Party. When he quit he started in making cigars again. The style of his preamble is very simple and clear. It sounds just as if he was talking to a cigar-maker sitting next to him at his work. The committee also had James Oneal write a preamble on the old style. This last is a splendid piece of work as you can imagine if you have read "The Workers in American History" which Oneal also wrote.

But the convention accepted the draft by Barnes. It was a daring experiment for socialists to do. I am still afraid that somebody may not like it because it does not quote from "Das Kapital". If you read this series of comments on the platform through to the end you will read it because I shall deal with it—at the end. I am going to make even a more daring experiment than the convention. We will commence with the actual demands of the platform, telling why socialists want each one and explaining it. Then at the last, we will have the fundamental reasons why we want them all.

The Australian socialists actually start their platform that way. They tell people what they want and then why they want it. Their preamble is really a "postamble" No, that does not mean walking around a post. Ask your boy or girl, going to High School, what that word means. It will be one of the few times that Latin will be of any use to them. Barnes, in introducing his preamble to the Convention, said that working people do not care when the platform was adopted or where. What he meant was, that they

do not care when or where it was written. But I want you to ask yourself, as you read each plank, whether or not you would like to see it actually adopted now, all over this country.

This is how the program starts out: The following are measures which we believe to be of immediate practical importance and for which we wage an especially energetic campaign.

POLITICAL DEMANDS

Complete adult suffrage by the elimination of all sex, residential and educational qualifications by the abolition of all registration fees, poll taxes or other impediments to voting. Enfranchisement of those who have declared their intention to become citizens and have resided in this country one year.

One of the first tasks for a political party, founded to create a complete democracy, is to try to make this country a real political democracy. Hence the position of this plank at the very start of the demands. I take it that you are one that not only say they believe in democracy, but actually wants it to exist, so let us examine the details of the plank.

So long as women are classed with lunatics and criminals in the exercise of the franchise, this is not a political democracy, but a sex aristocracy. You will agree with this, if you believe that a woman is a human being, and that every adult human being of intelligence should have a voice in the government.

So long as the right to vote depends on the length of time you have slept each night within certain lines drawn upon a map, this will not be a political democracy. Hence residential qualifications must go. Only about twenty per cent of the people own any land or home in this country even though they sing "My country, 'tis of thee." The eighty per cent really depend for their right to vote on the landlord's willingness not to give them notice to move, just before election, and on the breadlord's willingness to let them work in the neighborhood of their home at that time.

Possibly two million men belong to the class called migratory workers; that is, of those who have to follow their employment in two senses. It moves and they have to go after it from place to place. All these men are at present disfranchised.

At the present time, rich men need not actually live at the place where they vote, but because they own a house in a certain place, they vote from there. It is a standing joke in Nevada, that Senator Newlands of that state, just visits it on his way from Washington, D. C., where he has big

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real estate interests, to San Francisco where he has similar interests. However he owns some property in Nevada, so he votes and is elected from there. Some are unkind enough to suggest, that he could not be elected from anywhere else but Nevada, and that is why he keeps up a house there.

Organizations of traveling men have been successful, in several states, in getting the right to vote by mail if they are not at home on election day. This is an excellent measure which all socialists endorse, but they would go farther and enfranchise the man or woman who does not have any fixed home. Any danger there might be of colonizing floaters in order to swing an election, could be overcome by a permanent voting credential, with either the photograph of the owner attached to it, or the imprint of their inked thumb which as the Chinese found out thousands of years ago, is never alike in any two individuals. Walter T. Mills presents an excellent detailed plan that covers any objection and yet ensures to each person the right to vote. This is in his book "Democracy or Despotism".

Educational qualifications for voting must be abolished, for lack of education, comes from lack of opportunity to get an education. The great work of the Moonlight Schools in the mountains of Kentucky show how eagerly illiterates will learn if given a chance. No one should be denied the opportunity to get knowledge and then punished by disenfranchisement, because he does not have knowledge.

Registration fees, poll-tax and all such impediments to voting must be abolished wherever they still exist, because they make the possession of money and not of manhood, the foundation of voting. They are the remnants of the time, when only those with a certain amount of property, voted. In an eastern state once, you had to own as much as a mule was worth, in order to vote. Consequently it was always an open question as to who really voted—you or the mule. This has disappeared and the survivals of it that exist in poll-taxes etc., must go too. Wherever they exist they are used either to prevent the workers from voting, or to prevent them voting for working-class candidates.

Enfranchisement of those who, having lived in the country a year and have declared their intentions of becoming a citizen, is wanted because of the new conscription law. This proposes to draft such men. Since their lives are to be at the mercy of the government it is only just that they should have a voice in that government.

This sums up the considerations that are behind the first immediate political demand of the socialists. Now ask yourself, first, if you want it too, and second, if you want it for the same reasons. Next month we will take up some more of the things the socialists want NOW. In the meantime, you might amuse yourself some evening by jotting down the things that you want politically. Then, as each plank is discussed, check off the corresponding one in your list. There are ten chances to one that it will check up in spirit and in substance though possibly not in words, with what the socialists want too.

This is presuming, of course, that you are a normal human being, that lives by working and not by working those who work.

Even if you are a philosopher and want them for the most abstruse reasons, instead of just ordinary everyday ones, I think you will find that you, too, want what the socialists want and that the socialists want what you want—now.

Enough Said.—"Why do you consider women superior to men in intelligence?"

"A bald-headed man buys his restorer by the bottle, doesn't he?"

"Er—yes."

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Of All Sad Words

By SCOTT NEARING

The American people were slow to enter the war. Indeed, it is doubtful whether a majority of them would have voted in favor of war at the time when war was declared.

The war will be expensive,—expensive in life and joy, and expensive in wealth,—yet the prospect of this expense proved no deterrent. The nations of Europe have spent, to date, perhaps 75 billions in the war—a sum large enough to buy New York city eight times over; a sum large enough to pay every man, woman and child in the world forty-five or fifty dollars, a sum large enough to build over a hundred Panama Canals; a sum large enough to provide \$2500 for each of the 30 million persons in the United States who are now living in poverty.—And there's the rub.

When the government of the United States assumed the task of crushing militarism in Germany there were five or six million families in the United States who, according to the figures published by the Federal Health Bureau were living in poverty. More than a million little children were at work for wages; three fourths of the ten millions of women who work in the United States were receiving a weekly wage of less than eight dollars; half of the adult men engaged in American industries were earning less than \$500 per year. There were accidents, trade diseases, unnecessary sickness. More than half a million people died each year from preventable causes. The wealth of the country—the land, resources, transportation agencies and factories were being rapidly concentrated in the hands of a small percentage of the population. Farm tenancy was increasing rapidly. On the one hand was poverty, on the other concentrated wealth, with all of their vicious consequences.

The government is going to spend seven billions during the next few months. If only that money could have been employed in an intelligent, fearless, radical campaign against undeserved poverty and unearned wealth! Suppose that the newspapers could have filled their columns; the preachers delivered their sermons, and the teachers utilized their position of unparalleled advantage and power. Suppose the movies, the chautauquas, and all of the other agencies for the molding of public opinion had devoted as much attention to the perils of these internal problems as they devoted to the perils of militarism in Germany—If only they could have done that, how different,—how very different the subsequent history of the United States might have been.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these—It might have been."

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"Had he and I but met
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Right many a nipperkin!

"But ranged as infantry,
And staring face to face,
I shot at him as he at me,
And killed him in his place.

"I shot him dead because—
Because he was my foe,
Just so: my foe of course he was;
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"He thought he'd 'list, perhaps,
Off-hand like—just as I—
Was out of work—had sold his traps—
No other reason why.

"Yes; quaint and curious war is!
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THOMAS HARDY
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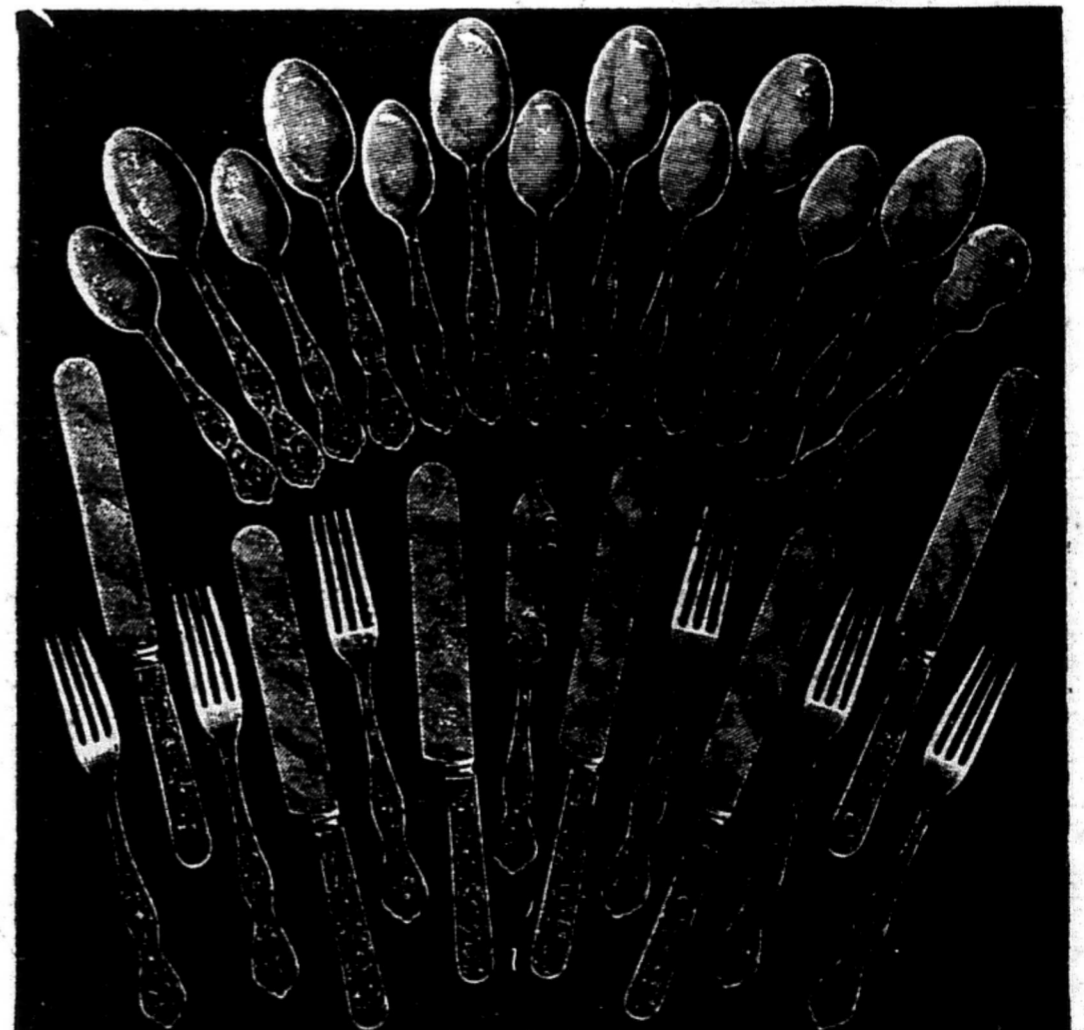
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