

WAR can do many things, but it cannot end war. No peace can be a conclusive peace; it is beyond the wit of man to draw a treaty which will make it impossible for war to recur between Britain and either her present enemies or her present allies. The destruction of militarism cannot be attained by a military triumph; war is the creator, the sustainer and the reason-for-existence of militarism.—Bernard Shaw.

WE stand in the presence of a revolution—not a bloody revolution; America is not given to the spilling of blood—but a silent revolution, whereby America will insist upon recovering in practice those ideals which she has always professed, upon securing a government devoted to the general interests and not the special interests.—Woodrow Wilson in the New Freedom.

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U. S. PEOPLE AND PRESS COWED, SAYS JOHNSON

California Senator Predicts Fight In Congress
To Preserve Liberties

Washington.—Senator Johnson, California, speaking against the Underwood resolution limiting Senate debate, declared that he feared such a move was the "entering wedge" against the democratic principles of the Senate.

"You have a cowed press today," he said, "and you know it; you have a cowed people today, and you know it; you have a cowed Congress in great degree; but, thank God, there are men on this floor with ideals of democracy and passion for liberty who will stand when the day comes, notwithstanding a cowed press, a cowed people or a cowed Congress, who will stand here and make that last fight for democracy and the return of our liberties."

"There is in the popular mind something like contempt for this body today. This contempt, thinly veiled, is in evidence also in almost every department of the government. There is another day coming when I predict this chamber will witness a struggle for democracy, and I am sure when that time arrives the members will not be unworthy."

"But there is another day coming, and in transmuting our government temporarily in the fashion we have done into an autocracy as powerful as any upon the face of this earth, there is no reason why any man of reason, of foresight, with an ounce of statesmanship, should not prepare against that day when it will be his duty and obligation to bring back this republic into its own and make this government as it has been in all the years of the past."

Johnson referred to General Wood's case, demanding that the Senate be informed as to why he was relieved of his command on the eve of the departure of his division abroad. He declared that in no other country could such action have been taken without giving some explanation to the people.

Johnson read a number of editorials from newspapers of different political faith in many sec-

tions of the country, asking for explanation of General Wood's being relieved of his command.

"Every man whose blood is in France demands to know why this brave spirit, this efficient fighter, is not there."

Referring to the Underwood resolution, he said:

"Six months from now, when we tighten up the laws as we have been tightening them up, the time allowed a Senator for debate will be stretched a half hour. Finally, the time may come when there may be no debate permitted. But, thank God! there are men here whose passion for democracy and liberty will make them stand firm and make that fight for freedom of speech."

Calls R. R. Order Autocratic.
Senator Johnson then turned to the recent order increasing railroad rates as a good example of the transmutation of the democracy.

"The other day the director general of railroads made an order increasing rates throughout this union 5 per cent," said he. "The order, I think, was improvidently made and possibly it may be corrected in some particulars. But imagine the extraordinary power of this particular act at this specific time. Necessary, you say, because of the war. Grant it. I am willing and glad to give any power that may come within shotgun of distance of being necessary for the winning of the war, but that order destroyed a generation of work in the state from which I come. It is so improvidently made that it does not increase rates 25 per cent, but in some cases 100, 200 and, in some cases, 400 per cent."

"I cite this as another instance of the peculiar autocratic power that we have conveyed in the land. I do not object to the president of the United States, when he desires legislation, telling members of Congress what he wishes done, and endeavoring to do everything he can to pass that legislation. But I do object to the planting of the germ, the devitalizing germ of limitation in debate which will finally paralyze free action in this body."

SOCIALIST MOVEMENT IN AUSTRALIA NOT SPLIT BY WAR, MEMBER STATES

New York.—That there are practically no anti-Socialists among the workers of Australia and that the policies of the Labor Party were formulated by Socialists, were statements made by Frank Anstey, for 18 years member of the Australian parliament from Victoria, who is in New York on his way to England.

"The Socialist organization in Australia has not been split by the war," he said. "It is more solid, more militant than ever. All the war did was to cast off some of the old-time leaders like so much rotten fruit from a tree."

"The bases of the labor movement in Australia are the industrial organizations, the most prominent of which is the Australian Workers' Union, in which more than 250,000 men are enrolled out of a total population of 5,000,000 in the entire continent."

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COMPLAINT.

Before me, SAMUEL WHALEY, a United States Commissioner for the District of Minnesota, personally comes as complainant Alfred Jaques, United States Attorney for said District, who, being duly sworn on his oath, says, that heretofore, to-wit:

On the 29th day of March, A. D. 1918 the United States, then and there, on said date being at war, at the City of Duluth, in the County of St. Louis, in the State and District of Minnesota, one JOHN CARNEY, late of said Division and District, did feloniously and wilfully obstruct the recruiting and enlistment service of the United States, to the injury of said service and of the United States, by then and there, publishing and causing to be circulated, a certain weekly newspaper known as "TRUTH", which said newspaper, issued on the aforesaid date, was generally circulated throughout the aforesaid division and state of Minnesota, and did contain an article entitled, "Platform of VICTOR L. BERGER, Candidate for U. S. Senator On the Socialist Ticket", which said article, among other things, contained the following, to-wit:

"2. I demand and if elected shall ask the American Congress to pass a resolution directing the President to summon the warring countries to an immediate armistice and peace conference.

So doing, I utter the deepest desire of a great majority of the American people. The American people did not want and do not want this war. They are plunged into this abyss by the treachery of the ruling class of the country—its demagogic agitators, its bought press, its sensational photoplays, its lying advertisements, and other purchasable instruments of public expression.

4. I demand and if elected shall work for legislation depriving any citizen or corporation of every penny of profit derived from the sale of war supplies to the American government.

So doing, I denounce as abhorrent to every decent American the coming of the blood of American boys into swollen profits for the American plutocrats who dragged us into the European war and who now demand its indefinite continuance for their further enrichment. They have made billions of dollars of profits out of the war. They want more billions of profits—and therefore they demand more war."

which is against the peace and dignity of the United States, and contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.

ALFRED JAKUES,
United States Attorney.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 14th day of June, A. D. 1918.

SAMUEL WHALEY,
United States Commissioner for the
District of Minnesota.

(SEAL)



"I am King Hunger. I claim more victims than all your wars. I am the child of capitalism."

WHAT ARE THE WORKERS WORTH

By SCOTT NEARING.

Wages should be a 'equate. With that proposition most people will agree readily enough. But at once the question arises, "Adequate for what purpose?" Immediately a discussion is precipitated.

There are people—many of them—outside of the ranks of the wage-earners who are convinced that the worker is not getting all that he is worth. Very frequently cultured, intelligent, well-to-do people take such a position, and then, to prove their point, they cite instances of paperhangers, plumbers, gardeners and washerwomen who were paid "more than they were worth." Such statements naturally raise the question, "What are men worth?"

What is worth, and who is worthy? Centuries of social experience have furnished at least one negative answer to that question. Ancestry, education, culture and leisure are not synonyms for worth. They produce too much ennui, dilatoriness and pharisaism to be regarded as adequate worth tests.

The experience of the ages has led also to the conclusion that in terms of spiritual values, which are the highest values, that man has thus far learned to measure, truth and justice and mercy are the real measures of worth. Emerson called these spiritual values "the manners of man's soul." Whether they occur in Marcus Aurelius, the emperor, or in Epictetus, the slave, they are still the measure of real worth.

Service is the only test that the economist can apply as a measure of worth. In so far as we do for others, we are expressing truth, justice and mercy in our acts. Thus the spiritual values appear in material or at least in visible forms.

Worth is measured by service. Men are worth as much as they serve.

Ruskin carried his doctrine so far, in his interpretation of economics, as to declare, "There is no wealth but life." Value, to him, was that which avails toward life. The things that enlarged life he called "wealth," the things that narrowed life he called "filth." He based his entire economic philosophy on the relations of human welfare.

The "useful" or "worthy" citizen is, therefore, the one who renders the greatest service. The commands "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," and "Love thy neighbor" are immortal because they are founded on service, which is the first and greatest law of life.

With this service measure of worth in mind, to the proposition that this cotton weaver and that salesgirl are receiving adequate wages: Here is a man who is giving the best of his time and energy—his very life—three hundred days a year, ten hours every day, to the weaving of cotton cloth. As a return for his labor, he receives \$600 a year. If such a man, giving

three thousand hours each year to the task of making clothing that will be worn by his fellows, is worth \$600, HOW MUCH IS THE MAN WORTH WHO HAS BEEN LIVING SINCE THE DAY THAT HE WAS BORN, THIRTY YEARS AGO, ON THE INCOME FROM HIS FATHER'S ESTATE?

Take another case: This girl stands all day behind the counter in a department store, selling laces. In return for this expenditure of time and energy she receives \$400 a year. If such a girl is worth \$400, how much is a girl worth who lived on the income earned by her father until she married her husband; who has never borne children or raised her hand to serious labor; and who comes in the pursuit of her luxurious tastes to buy laces from the salesgirl who is worth \$400 a year?

The ordinary processes of mathematics do not leave for the son of his father or the wife of her husband a very ample economic basis for existence. If it is true that the worth of any individual must be measured in terms of the service which he contributes to his fellow-men, the status of these people is already algebraic. They are worth zero at birth, minus the entire cost of their maintenance since that time.

The father and the husband protest. "Have we not a right to keep our sons and wives in idleness and luxury if we see fit to do so?"

To be sure you have. You may put your wealth into their upkeep as you would to the upkeep of any other bit of decorative finery. At the same time you must realize that they are only decorative finery, and that, therefore, like any other wanton luxury, they are an offense to the community so long as there are working people who lack the necessities of life; and, furthermore, that it is unseemly, even grotesque, for such people and for the group in society which they represent to say that this or that person who is engaged in doing some useful work is "getting all he is worth."

Those who hew the wood and draw the water, those who labor with the head or with the hands in the interest of the upbuilding of the community, are in a class by themselves. In another class, distinct from the workers, are those who, because of their ownership of some natural resource or of some productive machinery are able to take from the worker a part of the product of his labor in the form of rent or interest. The workers build society and make progress possible. The owners live, parasitically, upon the proceeds of the work which the workers are doing.

The workers are an economic asset. They create prosperity. The owners are an economic liability. They are a burden on the productive forces of the community. Every day that they live throws them deeper into the debt of the society that supports them.

MOB LAW IS NOT PATRIOTISM, DECLARES GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS

Springfield, Ill.—"Mob law is not patriotism," declares Governor Lowden of this state.

"Patriotism is a thing of such fine and pure material it can not be made the cloak for any crime," he said. "The real patriot loves his country so well that its fair name is dearer to him than all else. He knows that its authority is denied, its honor tarnished, its power weakened whenever mob law rules. Our soldiers are engaged in the greatest

battle of history to uphold the principle that men are able to govern themselves under laws which they themselves have made. Shall we permit this principle to fail at home?

"While defects in our laws may provoke they do not excuse the commission of crime in the name of patriotism. The loyalty of the citizen in this crisis is measured, not alone by his effort to defeat the enemy, but equally by his effort to maintain law and order at home."

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SUPERIOR NEWS

EDITED BY ARVID NELSON.

The following news item was flared on the front page of the Superior Telegram on Thursday, June 20th:

"Stars and Stripes Ordered Hung in Socialists' Hall.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 20.—An American flag hereafter will hang in Brisbane Hall, the Headquarters of the Wisconsin socialists, and meeting place of the Federated Trades Council of Milwaukee.

"A motion offered by a representative of the Milwaukee Typographical Union at a meeting last night of that providing for the purchase and hanging of the national emblem in the hall was adopted without a dissenting vote. The trades council has been controlled by socialists for more than ten years. Heretofore the only banner of any sort to decorate the premises has been one setting forth socialistic principles."

It may be true that members of the Milwaukee Typographical Union, most of whom are employed on the several large capitalistic dailies in the city, have just now thought of purchasing an American flag for their union. But it will not be the first American flag to decorate Brisbane Hall. Thousands of working men and women of Wisconsin know better. Three large American flags have long adorned the walls of Brisbane Hall, a large American flag waves on the pole on the roof and the windows of the many offices in the building are decorated with American flags. Everybody in Milwaukee knows this.—But this is only one of the many lies the kept press is circulating about the socialists.

CAPITALISM IN FULL BLOSSOM.

Figures Show Number of Wisconsin State Charges Steadily Increasing.

Madison, Wis.—There is a steady increase, although slight, in the insane population in Wisconsin. Figures announced by the state board of control today show the insane population under public care of 8,207 as compared with 8,196 the month previous. Each month shows a slight increase over the previous month. At the state hospital for the insane there are 1,285 under public care of which 780 are males and 505 are females. There are 97 men in the Central hospital for the insane at Waupun. No additional patients can be accepted at this institution as it is already

crowded. There are 527 patients in the Milwaukee hospitals for insane; and there are 6,298 patients in the country asylums for the chronic insane. Of the 8,207 insane in the state 4,605 are men and 3,602 are women.

HOUSING PROBLEM CONFRONTS MAYOR BAXTER.

Mayor Baxter has now undertaken to grapple with the housing situation as it confronts Superior. The Mayor is of the opinion—in a statement that he has issued—that the large real estate companies holding large areas of vacant property in Superior should be compelled either to build residences on their land or offer it on the market for a price reasonable enough so that those who do wish to build may use the land for building sites.

The Mayor's statement in full follows: "A. G. Pheasant, representing the Emergency Fleet corporation for the government, called on me a few days ago regarding the housing conditions in Superior. Upon our canvassing the situation we found the following prevailing conditions:

"There are about 90 vacant houses in Superior, most of which are in a very poor condition and unfit for use, pursuing our investigations revealed the fact that there are about 400 vacant houses in Duluth, and that there are 350 men who are employed in the Superior shipyards that are forced, owing to the existing circumstances, to seek homes in the city across the bay.

"It is the desire of the government to increase the number of men working in the shipyards of Superior, by about 1,500 men. This would mean an increase in our population of between 4,000 and 5,000 people, but this result cannot be accomplished until our people do something regarding the building of houses in order to provide homes for these men and their families. While Mr. Pheasant was in my office, I called up the manager of one of our large land companies and told him that in order to secure this additional labor in Superior, it would be necessary to provide three or four hundred new houses and asked him how many houses his company would build.

"He very promptly replied, 'Not one.'

(This is 'pay-triotism,' Mr. Mayor.—Ed.)

"In my opinion this is not the proper spirit or attitude for the larger holders of real estate in the city to take, as some of these companies have taken millions of dol-

lars out of Superior during 20 or 25 years, and we have received very little from them in return.

(More pay-triotism.—Ed.)

"Now when an opportunity like this is offered to substantially increase our population, to bring new business to our town, to the end that we realize a 'bigger and better Superior,' thereby benefitting our people, I think that in the interest of business as well as it being a patriotic duty, that they should come forward willingly and gladly to help out the situation. They ought not to sit back and wait for the people who are not so able to build up the city, that they may profit from the energy of others, and it seems that this is what they have been doing, and are still determined to do. (Yubetcha! Correct you are.—Ed.)

"They hold their vacant lots and land, often at a price that people could not possibly buy, and furthermore it has often happened that these lands are unavailable, inasmuch that they are often taken off the market entirely. Something must be done to remedy this situation, and I as mayor will do all in my power to help, but I alone cannot bring about this relief. (We admit this, Mr. Mayor.—Ed.)

"The people of this city must take the matter in hand and find some solution to the problem. (You're right again, Mr. Mayor.—Ed.) We must compel the larger holders of vacant land and lots to either improve them by building houses or place them on the market cheaply in order that they may be then within the reach of those desirous of doing something for our city. While in the legislature I heard a great deal of talk along this line, an effort was made to bring about a result which would permit us to tax the unearned increment. This should be done here. The people who are holding these lands in order to receive large profits in the future should be made to pay more taxes than those who are endeavoring to build up the city."

From the Mayor's concluding remarks one would naturally draw the conclusion that he is suggesting the single-tax theory, but why not apply the doctrine of eminent domain, Mr. Mayor, and have the city build houses for the workers?

Dwelling sites for the people are just as indispensable, if not more so, than streets and alleys, and highways and right-of-ways for public service corporations.

Seeing from your statement that you are up against a difficult problem, Mr. Mayor, we thought you might consider this solution also,

the forces that will, by compelling redemption, end the absurdity.

Early peace offers the prospect of the lingering death struggle of capitalism, its last years attended by widespread suffering and probably intense economic and political perturbation.

Continuance of the war assures the early and sudden downfall of capitalism in consequence of the worldwide failure of the financial mechanism.

But, whether it be peace or more war, the days of the rule of gold are numbered. History never can overestimate the importance of the part played in human progress by the yellow metal. It was the tool placed by nature into the hands of man for the erection of an edifice in which was to dwell a race emancipated from physical care and free to devote its mental gifts to the highest aims. But in all animate nature the evolution of lower to higher forms is replete with the tragedies of the struggle for existence. The golden tool became the master of the workman, setting the pace for him and driving him pitilessly and relentlessly toward the completion

WOBBLY BREAKS INTO SOCIETY PAGE FOR "AN APPRECIATION"

Below is reproduced an article from the "Society Page" of the Chicago "Tribune." Fellow-worker J. H. Manning is the author of the letter. It reads:

"Many signs of friendly interest, many acceptable expressions of appreciation from readers unknown to us have come to this column during the nine years of our existence, but none that so completely tickled our fancy as this subjoined epistle, none that gave such pleasant satisfaction. It is dated from the Cook County jail and is pencilled to us by one of the defendants in the I. W. W. trial going on in Judge Landis' court. At the risk of making myself unpopular with my 'made contemporaries,' I here append the letter: "Madam X, 'Chicago Tribune.'

"Dear Madam X:

"I have just read and enjoyed your page in 'The Tribune' of today's date and would like to take the opportunity to congratulate you on your power to transfer your impression to print.

"The impressions you obtain of the I. W. W. proceedings were very human, and described almost exactly how most of us feel.

"Bored! Why, dear Madam, I have attended quite a number of funerals, but looking back I can appreciate the whirl of excitement and the thrills that were attached to them!

"So the peculiar contour of some of our craniums attracted your attention: this is easily accounted for in the following manner: As a general rule, every village policeman, company gunman, and thug has counted it part of his duty (when

there is no risk attached) to test his club over the head of an I. W. W. organizer, with the natural result that the shapes of some of our domes differ a little, perhaps, from some of the hatsacks you meet at the pink teas you sometimes grace with your presence; but at that I venture to say that, taking us by and large, we have said hatsacks beat for brains (pardon the seeming conceit).

"And then you think that a few weeks in the trenches might inject a little life into us. Now, I know a little about this, too, having taken part in two campaigns (South Africa and the Tibetan expedition, 1904); and can assure you that even this supposed excitement can become monotonous.

"But, on second thought, recognizing that they are hitting a pretty fast clip over there, I can see there is quite a little in what you say about this trench business, and shall give it some serious consideration. I have thought at times of getting married, but of the two I rather think I prefer the war in Europe as a cure for ennui. (I wonder if that is the right word?)

"Won't you call on us again, dear madam? Your honest little literary style is so refreshing after reading some of the drivel from the pencils of most of your male contemporaries. Let me conclude by wishing health and success."

"Rather a neat tribute that, and one written evidently by a man with a keen sense of humor and an undeniable appreciation of the literary."—Defense News Bulletin.

MINNEAPOLIS CAMPAIGN.

We were told that Van Lear had been annihilated. Read these figures, supplied by comrade Hathill: Meyers (Millionaire)20,000 Van Lear (Socialist)19,000 Conroy (Labor Candidate) ..11,000 Other Candidates 6,000

Meyers polled his whole strength. Every member of the middleclass and the big business element turned out and voted for Meyers, whilst Conroy was used to split the vote and so defeat Van Lear. At the last election Van Lear received 11,000 votes at the primaries and 33,000 at the final election. So it is readily seen that Van Lear CANNOT BE BEAT, as 85 per cent of Conroy's vote must go to Van Lear, as Conroy polled a vast majority of his votes from the workers. So despite what the Herald or Tribune may say, Van Lear will be re-elected by an increased majority.

Anna Maley was on the school board ticket and every form of opposition was used against her, but despite the tremendous opposition she received, she ran second, which practically assures her election next november. Besides this, they are expecting to send at least eight aldermen to the city council, three representatives and one senator to the State Capitol.

THE LOYALTY BUNCH OF MINNEAPOLIS WERE SNOWED UNDER. The people were wise to their flag waving. Men will have to do more than wave the flag. They have made the flag as a tool in the past to hoax the people, but they can never do it again.

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of a task he understood not. Now the tool fails for further service. It is breaking in man's hand. But behold! Completed is the dwelling in which the struggle between man and man shall be unknown, and in which the fateful gold, stripped of power, cleansed of blood, will be restored to its natural character—that of being a mere thing of beauty and innocent joy.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Communications to the Editor. . . Dear Comrade Carney:—

I like the Truth. Your ideas have changed regarding the I. W. W., have they not?

Fraternally yours, Irene Benton.

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But we seem to forget all about those little piles of gold which each central bank is guarding so jealously. The present intention of the Germans, always in the vanguard of economic organization, is to hold its gold for international trade conducted by their government as the sole buying and selling agent of the productive capitalists. There would be, for instance, one selling agent in the United States for German chemicals, who would be at the same time the buying agent of cotton. The transactions in chemicals and cotton would be made dependant of each other. This would compel the American government to act likewise as sole buyer and seller. Thus another great step forward will be made not only toward national but international control of industries. The gold is to be used in cases where barter is impossible. Otherwise it has lost its significance.

Many great capitalists, as well as the rank and file of their class, even now live in the illusion that nothing but the political class

state and the ancient system of exploitation are thinkable. Those of one country believe they can be benefitted by victory over those of another country. They dream even now of empire in China, Africa, or wherever subjugation is possible.

But in reality the long vista of capitalism has vanished. The moment was approaching, even in the normal course of its development, it was to be wrecked by its fundamental flaw. When this became insufficient the game was played with paper. This represented titles to the money commodity and passed from one to the other as being as good as the real thing. If the game can be said to rest on any theory, it is that these titles are not meant to be ever made good; that they must remain unredeemed in all eternity, and that they may reach the colossal figures of astronomy. For, were they ever redeemed, whether in gold or in another kind of paper, the payments would be worth nothing. Faith excludes the thought of redemption. It is for science to discover

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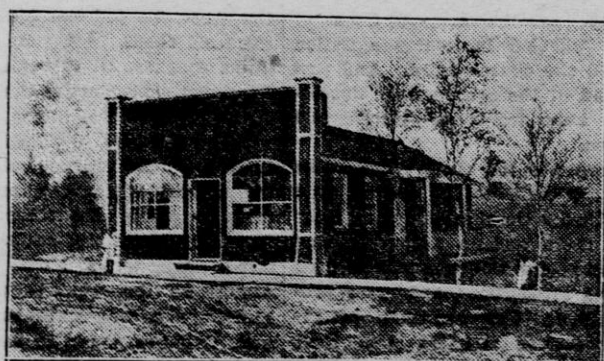
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"Do you think you will win?"

"I think so. Of course, it all depends upon whether the defense make their point as to Bittner's insanity—whether he knew right from wrong when he murdered the woman."

"I see. If the jury decides that Bittner is an imbecile—they'll hang him. It seems so cruel."

"Certainly not, you dear, foolish woman. If they decide that he is an imbecile they'll save him."

His wife drew her brows together in a puzzled frown.

"But what will they do if they find that he knew right from wrong?"

"Why, hang him, of course."

"But, Edward, I don't understand—"

He laughed good-naturedly. "No, a woman has not got much head for law."

"Do you mean that the law saves an imbecile and kills a man that can think?"

"Of course, if Bittner is found insane, he will be put where he cannot harm anyone again."

But Edward, if he is not insane, if he can think, there is always hope that he could learn to think right. A man who can think—and reason—why, he is the most divine thing on earth. All he needs is a change. How queer the law is, to save an imbecile and hang a man who can think."

The district attorney laughed again.

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DEBS ISSUES A STATEMENT CORRECTING LIES SPREAD BY CAPITALISTIC PAPERS

Eugene V. Debs has sent out the following to the press, as he wishes his position to be clearly understood. There have been many misrepresentations made as to Debs' position, and, whether his comrades agree with him or not, he does not wish to be misunderstood:

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

It has been a rule of mine these many years to ignore false charges and misleading statements concerning me in capitalistic publications. But now and then an exception arises which requires attention, and such an exception appears in the report now being circulated, with editorial comment, by the capitalistic press, that I have come to realize the error of my position in regard to the war, and that I have changed front and am now a pro-war advocate and appealing for the support of the administration in the prosecution of the war to the bitter end. The report is an unqualified falsehood. It is out of whole cloth, and for no other purpose than to create dissension in Socialist ranks, and create division and, if possible, disruption in the Socialist party.

A leading capitalistic newspaper editorializes upon the false and vicious report as follows: "Debs has been whipped into line by public sentiment, and at this late hour is humbly clambering aboard the band wagon." This lying, profiteering organ need lay no such flattering unction to its festering heart. I have never asked any favor of the gang it represents, and am not doing now. I have never yielded to threats or to intimidation in any form, and I am not cowardly enough to seek refuge, as so many do, in the popular side of a public question.

Years ago I declared that there was only one war in which I would enlist, and that was the war of the workers of the world against the exploiters of the world. I declared, moreover, that the working class had no interest in the wars declared and waged by the ruling classes of the various countries upon one another for conquest and spoils. That is my position today. I have not changed in the slightest, and any report to the contrary is absolutely untrue and is hereby branded accordingly.

I have urged a special convention to restate the attitude of the party toward the war in the light of the present situation. The St. Louis platform a year ago was all right at the time of its adoption. Certain parts of it might have been worded differently, but as a whole it declared the true attitude of the party in fearless terms, and I give it my whole-hearted approval. There is nothing in that platform to apologize for or to retract. It fitted the time and the occasion, but much has happened since then, and a restatement, more complete and comprehensive, is now necessary, in my opinion, especially as we are just entering upon a national campaign and our position should be made so clear that there could be no doubt in regard to it, either on the part of our enemies or our friends.

In the St. Louis platform there are certain propositions stated which are now impossible. We cannot carry them out, and we should not remain in the attitude of proposing to do the impossible. For this reason, if for no other, the St. Louis platform should be superseded by one that fairly and fearlessly meets the present situation.

It is said that a convention may be easily possible, but does not argue against a convention. Confusion and chaos within the party are more to be feared than a split, and everything possible is being done and will be done by the enemy to bring such a condition if we do not squarely meet the issue.

The reason I favor a convention is that I want the attitude of the party stated as nearly as may be by the rank and file, and not by the leaders, and a convention comes nearest doing this. It has been urged that we have not the money to cover the cost of a convention. Let each local pay its own delegate; and the sooner the convention is held the better. Let the rank and file be heard, and we shall make no mistake.

Now is the time for us to remember that we are Socialists and stand our ground. We shall, no doubt, be put to a severe test, but if we are true to the principles of international Socialism we have nothing to fear and we shall come out victorious in the end.

I have condemned the German majority Socialists, and I am not going to imitate their perfidy, much as the capitalist press may abuse me for not doing so.

The party leaders and many other comrades have been indicted and are now in prison or out on bail pending trial for being true to our cause. They are charged with being pro-German, disloyalists and traitors, and if they are guilty, so am I. But they are not guilty, and their alleged disloyalty is to the real traitors of this nation, and will be written to their everlasting honor.

Social Revolution on the Way

"Vital parts of the capitalistic order of society are in a state of disintegration. A deep gap of irreconcilable conflicts is widening before our eyes," says The Spectator, leading conservative weekly of Great Britain.

"A keen observer, however, can not fail to see that the main aspects of the social problems can not be solved by solving the international problems alone. And then, in the older capitalistic countries, no solution of the international problems seems possible unless the solution is based on a rapid transformation of the economic foundations of capitalistic national units, making them first of all the servants of the paramount interests of the society as a whole."

"Not one of the partners in the game is strong enough to so completely subdue the other that the victor on the strength of his victory could compel the loser to pay the expense account of the winner. Such a course would be physically impossible."

"It would be a dream of a maniac to assume that Germany could compel the workers of England, of France, of Italy, or of Russia, to pay the war bill of Germany, or that she could make them submit to conditions which it would be necessary to maintain in order to extricate such sums at the cost of an unwilling world."

Germany Cannot Pay.

"On the other hand, the admission is beginning to take root that Germany by no means would be able to pay the boundless expenses of her enemies. Such a payment would be theoretically possible only at the cost of tying Germany, its people and its wealth to political and economic deeds of mortgage, which in themselves would so handicap the rehabilitation of its economic life as to make any payments almost impossible."

"And even if it were possible to arrange for some kind of tremendous and remunerative penal labor, the very conditions of such labor would become an inexhaustible source of new bitterness and conflicts throughout the world."

"Debts have grown so big, so incomparably immeasurable, that the assets of the capitalistic society, alongside with the debts, verily may be counted as nought."

State Admits Danger.

"Germany may be taken as an illustration. The material indebtedness charged against Germany's future, is somewhere in the neighborhood of 120,000,000,000 marks (\$30,000,000,000). This is admitted by the German government. It means that the capitalistic society of Germany, in order to maintain itself, must be prepared to meet the payments of the principal and of the interest of this gigantic indebtedness in a manner in accordance with the economic laws of the capitalistic society."

"Out of the above-mentioned indebtedness of 120,000,000,000 marks, a sum of 2,000 marks (\$500) would be apportioned to each and every man, woman and child of Germany—an average of 10,000 marks (\$2,500) to each and every family. The interest on the indebtedness, at a rate of 5 per cent, would make 500 marks (\$125) to each family—about 50 per cent of the average annual earnings of the industrial laborers of Germany."

Taxation is inadequate.

"In addition to that, there will be regular state and municipal expenditures, and many extraordinary expenses. The maintenance of the invalids alone will demand hundreds of millions. Other expenses of the state and of the municipalities, added thereto, would mean that almost two-thirds of the average earnings would be taken by the state and municipal treasuries, either by direct or indirect taxation."

"To alleviate this situation, it might be possible to consider a heavy taxation of big business profits. Yet there is a limit of the feasibility of such measures. Capital does not stand exorbitant taxation."

"A capitalistic state must handle its capital with a velvet hand. A heavy taxation of large incomes is possible only as an emergency measure, or then as a deliberate

step toward the expropriation of capital in the interest of the economic life of the society as a whole. The latter, however, is nothing less and nothing more than just the abolition of the capitalistic society, to make room for the Socialistic order."

Labor Creates Values.

"At any rate, funds whereby to cover the payments of the indebtedness and other expenses of the state must be values created by social labor; each certificate, good enough to serve as payment of interest or of other state expenses, must represent actual labor performed. This labor must be extricated from the brawn of the workers. Figures and letters written on a piece of paper alone do not count—the only thing which counts is the labor represented by the figures and letters."

"A state carrying on its shoulders an indebtedness of such vastness as stated above might consider two possible measures of salvation. Yet, both of them are impossible when put into practice."

Economic Law Decides.

"The first of these measures would be that the standard of life of all the producing classes should be depressed to such depths that their members would have no other social aims and functions than a bare existence, the surplus of their labor being used to pay interest and the principle of the indebtedness—living without any of the comforts and pleasures of life, earning just that much that they may work and propagate new slaves of work."

"Yet this theoretically possible salvation of the capitalistic order of society is lacking practical possibilities. It would soon be found that there is one more relentless economic law, which says that a low standard of life of the great masses of a nation involves a low standard of the economic life of the nation as a whole."

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FULL STORY OF OUR ARREST

It's fun to fight when you know you are right, and your heart is in it too,
Though the fray be long and the foe be strong and the comrades you have are few.
Though the battle heat bring out defeat, and the weariness makes you reel,
There's a joy in life that can know strife and the glory and the thrill you feel!

Last April, Victor L. Berger was nominated by the Socialist Party of Wisconsin as their standard bearer in the election for a member of the United States Senate, in the place of the late Senator Hastings, who was accidentally killed whilst hunting.

During that campaign, all candidates issued their programs and most every paper in Wisconsin carried the advertising of those platforms. Berger stood for PEACE and Lenroot and Davies stood for war. Berger's platform was endorsed by over 110,000 voters and was read by over 500,000 people. The Government allowed the papers to publish the platform, billposters to exhibit same on the boardings of the various cities and members of the party to speak upon that platform. THIS WAS THREE MONTHS AGO.

Now comes along the federal attorney, Alfred Jaques, and in the name of the Constitution he has us arrested. What for? Taking advantage of the war and compelling people to pay more for their food, whilst their sons are fighting in France? Certainly not. Was it for raping a young girl? Certainly not. Did we go out and murder some one? Certainly not. The crime for which we are arrested was the PUBLICATION OF THE PLATFORM THAT BERGER RAN ON. Can you beat it? Does it not make you put your hand out and feel if you are in bed or not? For printing the platform of a candidate for political office, we are arrested. Where is the common sense of those who are back of the federal attorney? Have they taken leave of their senses? Surely they do not think for one moment that the people are going to stand for such an outrageous disregard of the Constitution. It seems to us that the old saying is true, THAT THEY WHOM THE GODS WISH TO DESTROY THEY FIRST MAKE MAD. The federal attorney will have to submit more stronger evidence than he has done, if he thinks that he can justify our arrest.

We want to say a special word to the members of the party. THIS PROSECUTION IS NOT DIRECTED TO THE EDITOR ALONE. The editor is only being used, as it were, as a camouflage. The powers that be are afraid of the growing strength of the Socialist Party. After many of our comrades have been cast into prison; after all the privations the comrades have undergone, we are happy to know that we are ON THE EVE OF VICTORY. Capitalism today stands unmasked and is ready to breathe its last breath. Comrades, we are now going to rebuild the International. This time it will be an international in the real sense of the meaning of internationalism. It will not be a gathering of pharisees, but an international composed of the workers of the world. Out of this war, Kaisers and all who seek to emulate him, will go down to eternal obscurity. The World will have been baptised in seas of blood and tears, but it will not have been in vain. Out of all the happenings of today, there will arise an aroused working class, that will no longer allow the few to control the many. The handwriting is upon the wall. Our rulers stand aghast at its appearance, hence our persecution. But, comrades, do not stand back at this time! Come forward now and by the strength of your organization, present a solid phalanx of real members of the working class. Show to the capitalists that the time has gone by, when individual members of the working class can be sacrificed upon the altar of capitalist greed. Now for the grand rally. Now for the revival of your old spirit. Now for the glorious triumph that awaits us. Never mind the editor, we will not suffer half as much as those who send us to prison. The sounds of revolution are swelling in the air. The march of the dispossessed can be heard. We can hear their heavy tread. Out of all the privations of the past, our class has survived and now they show themselves as a body of earnest men and women. Whilst we are in prison, we shall be full of optimism. Because we know that before many moons have passed, the jail gates will open wide and we shall pass through them to share the joyous tidings of the new day, that will herald in the NEW INTERNATIONAL, wherein all men and women will work and be happy, wherein no get right into the party and by your combined energy help to swing open the prison doors, so that all REBELS may go free.

It's fun to dare in the face of despair when the last lone chance seems gone,
It's fun to fight when you know you're right, and your of rosy dawn;
For victory's sweet when it crowns defeat, and you learn this much is true;
And to see hope rise in the angry skies like a promise heart is in it, too!

—Berton Braley.

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MARK TWAIN'S KIND OF LOYALTY.

My kind of loyalty is to one's country, not to its institutions or its officeholders.

The country is the real thing, the substantial thing, the eternal thing; it is the thing to watch over, and care for, and be loyal to institutions are extraneous, they are its mere clothing, and clothing can wear out, become ragged, cease to be comfortable, cease to protect the body from winter, disease and death.

To be loyal to rags, to shout for rags, to worship rags, to die for rags, that is loyalty to unreason; it is pure animal; it belongs to monarchy; was invented by monarchy; let monarchy keep it.

The citizen who thinks he sees that the commonwealth's political clothes are worn out, and yet holds his place and does not agitate for a new suit, is disloyal; he is a traitor.

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THE PLATFORM OF THE S. P. OF WISCONSIN

The Socialist Party the world over stands at the parting of the ways. We have in our party certain elements that are consciously or unconsciously retarding the growth of the movement.

Take for example the Socialist Party of Wisconsin, which met in convention June 15th and 16th. They met at a time when the whole world is seething with discontent. At a time when the whole system of capitalism is tottering over to its doom. One would have thought that they would have recognized the truth of the foregoing and framed their plans of campaign accordingly. But no, like the old party politicians they simply rewrote the old slogans and filled their platform with meaningless phrases and a few reforms. It is an insult to the intelligence of any Socialist speaker, who understands the fundamental principles of Socialism, to ask him to appeal to the workers of Wisconsin in support of such a platform.

For an early, general, lasting and democratic peace—without forced annexations or punitive indemnities and with the right of all nationalities to determine their own destiny.

The Socialist Party does not stand for such a plank, because they realize that the cause of all wars is capitalism. The reason why Germany went to war, was not on account of an idea, but because she wanted somewhere to dispose of her surplus commodities. There is no other reason that can be put forward by any sane member of our movement. Her militarism is the logical product of her advanced industrialism.

Therefore the only way we can stop war, is by fighting against that which produces war, namely capitalism. To think that by sending men to Congress on pacifist programs that you are going to stop war is all moonshine. If you want to stop war you must possess the necessary power. To possess that power you must control industry. To control industry you must be organized, and furthermore understand why you are organized. That necessitates a vigorous propaganda to educate the workers to the aims and methods of industrial unionism. To protect your organization in the factory, you must also possess the powers of government. Therefore if we are to ever stop war it will be by industrial unionism and the workers reflecting their economic strength upon the political field. That is THE only way to stop war. You cannot reason or argue in any way with a soulless, bloodthirsty set of men. You must counteract their power by a stronger power. THE STRONGEST POWER IN THE WHOLE WORLD IS THE ECONOMIC POWER OF THE WORKERS. Once the workers organize themselves into industrial unions, there is no power on earth that can defeat them. A little reasoning as regards the war and its causes, and there would be less comrades in prison today.

The Socialist Party is becoming too opportunist and must call a halt and take stock. Let us rid our party of all those who want to make our party a reform party. Let us stand still for a moment and ask ourselves where we are heading to. BETTER TO LOSE A THOUSAND OPPORTUNISTS, THAN TO ALLOW A THOUSAND OPPORTUNISTS LEAD US ASTRAY.

The Wisconsin Socialists decided to send a committee to interview the Nonpartisan League. Why they should send such a committee we fail to understand, unless it is with the object of gaining a few votes from a few small farmers. The Socialist Party has for a long time criticized the dogmatism of the Socialist Labor Party, but give us the dogmatism of the S. L. P. before the chaos of our own party. The St. Louis Convention after listening to a report of the Nonpartisan League; furnished by John Spargo, passed a resolution, which contained the following paragraph:

"Now, therefore, be it resolved; that the Socialist Party, being the political arm of the working class in its fight for industrial freedom, and its power resting mainly in its clear cut, specific declaration of political and economic principles, rather than the number of votes cast for party candidates, and the purposes of the

Socialist movement being the emancipation of the working class from economic servitude, rather than the election to office of candidates, it is, therefore, declared to be sense of this convention that all state organizations facing the solution of this question be urged to remember that to fuse or compromise is to be swallowed up and utterly destroyed; that they be urged to maintain the revolutionary position of the Socialist Party and maintain in the utmost possible vigor the propaganda of Socialism, unadulterated by association of office seekers, to the end that the solidarity of the working class, the principles of international Socialism may continue to lay the foundations for the social revolution.

"The social revolution, not political office, is the end and aim of the Socialist Party. NO COMPROMISE, NO POLITICAL TRADING."

This resolution was discussed thoroughly and passed by a vote of 114 to 56.

This being so, the Socialist Party of Wisconsin acted unconstitutionally and in defiance of the position taken up by the Party. Furthermore, if we are to preserve the integrity of the party, the Wisconsin comrades who voted for such resolution, should be compelled to rescind their motion to negotiate with the Nonpartisan League; failing that they should be expelled from the party. We wish to say in passing that the delegates from Douglas county opposed any fusion or compromise with the Nonpartisan League and are to be congratulated upon the clear class position they took at the Convention.

The Superior delegates, Booth in particular, made a strong fight in the convention for the adoption of an industrial union plank in the platform, but unfortunately they were not strong enough to carry their resolution. National ownership planks have no place in the platform of the Socialist Party, they belong to the cemeteries of dead ideas, the platforms of the capitalist political parties. So we regret that the Wisconsin comrades are still back in the nineties. What they fail to learn now, sad experience will compel them to learn later on.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS? THE RIGHT UNIMPAIRED TO USE ANY LANGUAGE IN CHURCH SERVICES. Ye Gods! What a ghastly farce. Comrades in prison all over the land, and socialist comrades discussing such petty issues. It is an insult to the many comrades who are in prison. The comrades who framed such a plank, would be better off at a pink tea than in the socialist party.

The whole platform of the Socialist Party of Wisconsin is a joke. The platform was given with one object, and that was to catch votes.

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It is the Shadow cast by the child-slaves as they grind their young souls to dust.

It is the Shadow cast by the young girl who sells her womanhood for bread.

It is the Shadow cast by the workers who toil and toil and toil, like mere machines, shut out from all the joy and loveliness of life.

It is the Shadow of poverty and pain.

It is the Shadow cast by foul disease.

It is the dark and fearful thing MADE POSSIBLE BY IGNORANCE AND GREED.

And it is with me always; I cannot escape it.

—RUTH LE PRADE.

G. B. S. AND KARL MARX

We came across a copy of the Life of George Bernard Shaw the other day and we agree with Shaw himself, when he states that it is a most remarkable work.

The book is full of anecdotes, and also contains valuable quotations from Shaw's works and speeches. But we were surprised to read that Shaw disagreed with Marx and endeavored to refute the ideas given to the world by Marx.

In a chapter dealing with Shavian Socialism, why it should be called Shavian Socialism we do not know, you might as well talk of Darwinian Evolution, we read the following:

"Instead of wares being equal in value, because equal quantities of labor have been expended upon them, equal quantities of labor will have been expended upon them, because they are of equal value (or equally desirable), which is quite another thing. That slip in the analysis, of wares whereby Marx was led to believe that he had got rid of the specific utility, was the first of his mistakes."

Shaw claims that the value of an article is determined by its usefulness. On the other hand MARX contends that the value of an article is determined by the amount of SOCIALLY NECESSARY LABOR it takes to produce it.

WHO IS RIGHT?

Before we can ever exchange commodities we must produce them. They are produced with a view to their being exchanged. Their value is determined not by their usefulness, but by the amount of socially (remember socially) necessary labor power it takes to produce them. To illustrate this point, we want to draw your attention to the making of a chair. The value of the chair is not determined by the amount of labor expended in working out the lumber, but by the amount of labor expended in cutting down the lumber, transporting it to the factory and then after making the chair placing it in the hands of the consumer. Hence the reason for saying that the value of a commodity is determined by the amount of socially necessary labor embodied in commodity. In determining the value of a commodity, usefulness is not taken into account, because the capitalists do not sell their goods because they are useful, although some people think that the articles manufactured are useful, but because they will bring in profit.

A manufacturer will as soon manufacture snuff as suits of clothes, if he can make more profit on snuff than on clothes. The purposes of

the production of commodities being the realization of profits. The manufacturers will make anything, any size, any color and shape. The only thing they object to, is you telling them how much labor they must expend in the manufacture of the commodities you order.

If we accept Shaw's reasoning, how can we measure the usefulness of a commodity? How can we compare the usefulness of a suit of clothes with that of a box of eggs? If we cannot measure usefulness, how can it serve as a measure of value, how can the value of a commodity be determined by its usefulness? We find ourselves lost in a maze of words, when we try to prove that the value of a commodity is determined by its usefulness. It is a surprise to us, to read of such reasoning being put forward by an intellect like Shaw.

Marx does not throw overboard the usefulness of a commodity, because he lays down the theory of value in such a way, that you cannot misunderstand. Marx states and distinctly states, that the value of a commodity is determined, not by any kind of labor, but by the socially necessary labor. A man may sit all day and make a pair of shoes, and a machine may make hundreds pairs in the same time, but no one will contend that the labor embodied in the pair of hand made shoes determines its value. It must be the average socially necessary labor, under average conditions that determines the value on a commodity. Marx in his conception of "socially necessary" includes the general as well as relatively usefulness of the commodity to society. That is why Marx states that the value of a commodity is determined by the labor socially necessary to produce it.

In the same chapter Shaw decries the theory of the class war. Anyone who sees employers' federations on one side and labor unions on the other and denies the idea of a class war, fails to understand the workings of human society.

It is surprising that men like Shaw should fall down when it comes to writing about economics. The example of Shaw's ignorance should serve as a warning to the workers not to allow middle class intellectuals to do their thinking for them. A worker who thinks for himself is worth a thousand of those who stand by what others may write and say. LET US THINK FOR OURSELVES AND ORGANIZE OURSELVES. THAT IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN EVER HOPE TO FREE OURSELVES.

A PEACE MEETING

Surely never since history began has a fighting army held such a peace meeting in the midst of battle. The Russian soldiers have won freedom from the czar, they do not believe that there is any reason for continuing a war which they consider to have been imperialistic from the first, they are strongly impregnated with international Socialism—and yet they fight on. ***

Under the wintry sun the banners moved in a little wind, alive and glittering, and in thousands of the dun-colored soldier masses stood listening, motionless, to any man who wanted to speak. The chairman of the Iskoloostrel managed the meeting with a tiny white flag. Overhead always the aeroplanes passed and passed, sometimes circling nearby. From far rumbled the thunder of heavy artillery—it was good weather for battle. A flock of rooks wheeled in noarse agitation around the church spire. And past the end of the square went unceasingly long trains of trucks and wagons.

There was too much noise. The speakers could not be heard. And everytime a German aeroplane came near, there was an uneasy craning of necks—for the village had been bombed three times, and many people killed. The chairman of the two meetings signalled with their little flags, the speakers leaped down, tables rose upon shoulders, the great red banners dipped and moved. *** First went the Letts, headed by a band of women singing the mournful, stark revolutionary songs of the country; then the banners with Lettish inscriptions; then the Russian banners, and after them all the thousands, pouring like a muddy river in flood along the narrow street. In at a great gate we

went, and past the baronial manor of the Sievers family, liege-lords of Venden. Here on a spur of rocks rose the tremendous ruins of the medieval castle of the Teutonic knights, and below the ground fell steeply down, through ancient trees all yellow and crimson with autumn leaves, to a pond with lilies. From the window of the high keep one could see miles across the fertile, smiling country, woods, lakes, chateaux, fields all chocolate brown or vivid green, foliage all shades from gold to blood red, gorgeous.

Rushing down torrent-like through the trees the Lettish banners moved with wailing song to the hill under the castle, while the Russians paused midway down a steep slope and set their table under a great oak tree. Around the two tribunes the people packed themselves, hung in the trees, heaped on the roofs of some old sheds. *** Speaker followed speaker, all through the long afternoon. Five hours the immense crowd stood there, intent, listening with all its ears, with all its soul. Like a glacier, patient, slow moving, a mass of dun caps and brown faces carpeting the steep hillside. Spontaneous roars of applause, scattered angry cries burst from it. Almost all the speakers were Bolsheviks, and their unbroken refrain was, "All the power to the soviets, land for the peasants, and immediate democratic peace." ***

Toward the last, someone undertook to deliver an old-fashioned "patriotic oration—but the fierce blasts of disapproval quickly drove him from the platform. Then a little professor with gold-rimmed spectacles tried to deliver on the Lettish national movement; but no one paid the least attention to him. *** John Reed in The Liberator.