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"Preparedness" and

Poverty. By EUGENE V. DEBS.

Mr. Wilson, you are a philosopher.

You say mighty pretty things. the toiling masses in this country is set forth clearly and are still a sophomore in the school of shockingly in the report of the economics—a wise fool. United States Commission on United States Commission on Industrial Relations. The facts and figures here presented and supported by incontrovertible

You want to spend a haif billion don't want to borrow money. That's rot. Your superiors, the plutocrats, will very soon put a proof tell the tragic story of crimp in that scheme. labor's poverty-stricken and wretched condition under the prevailing industrial system.

One-third of all the workers in the land of the land o the land are the victims of time. chronic poverty and one-fifth of the whole number are in a state merchant marine, and then surrender of continuous unemployment, and to protect this beneficent system and perpetuate this system and perpetuate this delectable condition, a program of "preparedness" has been formulated by the ruling class which appeals in clarion tones

labor, is of course readily understood, but how any workingman or any sympathizer with the working lass can fall for this working class can fall for this plutocratic conspiracy to establish a military dictatorship, and thereby buttress the industrial system which robs, pauperizes and brutalizes the great mass of remember that it comes from you, honest toilers, is not so easy to Mr. Wilson. It is authoritative. account for.

CAPITALIST "preparedness" they would enlist." That gives the plot away. Preparedness is for the means the security of this "benefit and protection" of the capitalnation's robbers against the ists. It is for nothing else. same class of robbers of other danger and that it is their despotism and degradation.

Danger to the ruling class is a thing to rejoice over and take advantage of, and not to worry you. And you will vote for him or THE IN over and prepare against. The some other man with the same idea ruling class owns the nation, of government. controls the government, and waxes fat on the spoils wrung from the workingclass. Let the ruling class fight their own wars and defend their own booty. The and defend their own booty. The head. workers they have despoiled owe them no allegiance or pro-

Plutocracy, patriotism, preparedness, poverty and pauperism are interlinked in the military program of Wall Street. and if the workers are not totally blind they will steer quoted. You do not believe in the totally blind they will steer revolution that would take from clear of that devil's snare and private hands the control and adlaunch a scheme of preparedness ministration of industry. of their own for the day coming when they will have to fight for their lives, if they are not to be completely crushed beneath the lords of Colorado and the tyrants of iron hoof of a military auto- the seas-that is, owners of sea cracy.

It is our duty to enlist in our "belongs" to a European nation. own war and fight our own have to organize, equip, train and drill our army, and this army consists of the industrially and politically organized workers of the land, and when the go to pieces——. battles. But first of all we shall capitalists declare war on one another, it is then for us to declare war on them all, paralyze industry by the general strike, and fight every battle for the world was all power turned to it, and fight every battle for the would be absolutely supreme. overthrow of the ruling class and their ravaging, plundering, war-breeding, man-killing, England, then let American workers ing, war-breeding, man-killing, heart-breaking, soul-destroying system, and for the emancipation of the workingclass and the brotherhood and peace of all the let Germany eat up England, then let American workers of the Germany eat up England, then let American workers of the American workers of the American workers of the first nominations were received the progress made in industrial hygiene in the different republics. The predicted that we were to be involved in a war either with Germany or England would have been laughed at.

There has been a greater response in the different republics are involved in a war either with Germany or England would have been laughed at.

Janan was not all Association announces that all interested members of the public are involved in a war either with Germany or England would have been laughed at.

There has been a greater response in vided to attend the meeting.

Nevertheless, you are a fool.

You want Uncle Sam to begin

But your second statement is true.

That is the right of revolution. It

Yet vou do, almost. You suggest

t for times of war. Yet you would

It is expected that you will deny

not protect the workers from the

vessels,-in times of peace.

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ready to have a go at us?

governments beamed upon us?

Having selected the particular coun-

HAVING DECIDED to stay at home and wait for the enemy, where all the resources are at our elbows, simplifies matters still more. As the

aggressor our enemy must outnumber us in every way, being required to do

the assaulting, to bring supplies over a great distance, and, after demolish-

actually overrun us.

ng our sea and coast defense, to then

Imagine the stream of hostil

line is a piece of string as against a span across our continent. Verily it

international complications

broke away from Great Britain.

have the world for our market, and only as we undersell can be secure

AMERICA HAS never been called upon to recede one step in its policy of high protective tariff at the behest

THE FOOL PHILOSOFHER YOU ARE A FIGUREHEAD, MR. WILSON By LINCOLN PHIFER

OU ASKED Mr. Rockefeller to arbitrate with his slaves, and he ignored your request.

The plutocrat snubbed you. You asked the governor of Utah to give a worker, sentenced to be shot without a fair

trial, another hearing, and he ignored you. The standpat politician was greater than you. You were told that shipping of munitions of war to Europe would bring America into war, and you said you could not prevent it. The international armament trust was greater

Now, that the army contracts have made Morgan and his set of treacherous criminals many millions of dollars, you are coolly told by them that their action has so angered Europe that a war threatens, and you at once demand preparation that will, before we are thru with it, cost the American people ten billion dollars. You are a dough man, Mr. Wilson. You are as bad as Buchanan, a Democratic president who preceded you. Buchanan said

he had no power to prevent the slave states from seceding from the union. Buchanan's action cost the lives of a million men and the expenditure of billions of treasure. You, Mr. Wilson, are falling into the hands of traitors and exploiters. You are preparing

the way for a military plutocracy. Are you a coward or are you criminal, Mr. Wilson? We cannot believe that a student of history like you is merely ignorant.

poverty-stricken toiler in the land. The zeal and ardor and burning "patriotism" of the barons of industry, the pirates and buccaneers of the high seas of labor, is of course to the light seas of labor as of course to the light seas of labor.

The Democratic party is following its old tradition of inconsistency and incompetence. No sooner does it take a step forward in con-You said it, Mr. Wilson. It should nations. To the workingclass it defeat the administration plot for the means that the class that robs and impoverishes them is in despection. If the administration plot for the administration plot for the administration plot for the administration plot for the interest two steps by reactionary decision. If the President's message is to be accepted as a forecast of the policy of his party in the campaign "patriotic" duty to fight and die like mad beasts, to perpetuate the plutocratic misrule of their thieving, plundering masters and their own poverty, servility and degradation.

Remember that, Mr. Worker, when of 1916, then it is clear that besides raising the dangerous and indefensible issue of the hyphen—an issue which will poison the very civic life of the country—and yielding to the demands of militarism, the Democratic party offers no and degradation. issue upon which the people are to vote next

labor issue had been met and all labor problems

Industrial Relations, in expecting some hint, "WHEN ANY GOVERNMENT some suggestion of a remedy for the industrial SHALL BE FOUND INADEQUATE evils which that Commission has revealed and selves have nothing to protect but their poverty and nothing to lose but their chains.

Plutocracy, patriotism, pre
Shall be rown in the mass revealed and selves with that commission has revealed and selves with that commission has revealed and analyzed? Yet not a hint nor suggestion is found in the message. More astounding still, the President does not consider the vast work performed by the Commission to be worthy DEFENSIBLE RIGHT TO REFORM, even a passing mention. This fact throws a ALTER OR ABOLISH IT." the Democracy to meet the legislative needs of

The whole burden of the message is military preparedness--more guns, more dreadnaughts, more soldiers. But not all the dreadnaughts, not all the guns, not all the prospective millions of uniformed soldiers that under the administration's plan would be added to our national

characteristic. The solemn statement is made that it is our duty to keep our promises to the helpless and to those dependent upon us. After this announcement we discover that no hope of that market. We have no possessions

so far as one can gather from this statement. The inheritance tax idea has been spurned.

ideas of the Democracy has been exhausted, and that the party expects to thrive on intensifying national prejudices and on following the well-known method of the governments of will suddenly discover that our government in leaving the summer of the governments of will suddenly discover that our government in leaving the summer than the behest of any European power. There is no reason for supposing that a nation, broken by this war, even if victor, well-known method of the governments of will suddenly discover that our government with subject to the city council.

NOMINATED BY MEMBERSHIP. ton for the printing of at least 200,-When this issue of The American 000 copies of the report of the Com-

Debs, 468; Charles Edward Russell, sentat 207; Allan L. Benson, 147; Emil Seifight. del, 90; Fred D. Warren, 82; Victor L. Berger, 38; J. Stitt Wilson, 31;

of one person to tabulate the returns.

There has been a greater response in

vided to attend the meeting.

MANY STANDARD BEARERS ARE | The fight has opened in Washing-Socialist went to press, Executive mission on Industrial Relations, so Secretary Walter Lanfersiek and four that the people who most need it—employes of the Socialist Party those who cannot afford to buy a copy patient of the control of the people who most need it—those who cannot afford to buy a copy the control of the vice presidential candidates for 1916, and for national executive committee and executive secretary.

America what Bernhardi did for Germany—that is, tell us of "Our Coming War."

Enough books have been written on Socialists of the commission. The nominations for president and vice president had just been counted vice president had just been counted is aiming to pass a resolution direct of an adequate supply of the long and successful fight was are able this week to give the list aiming to pass a resolution direct.

Socialists of the nation and practical basketful of articles—some of them you are supply basketful of articles—some of the y NO WORKINGMAN has any business to enlist in a capitalist class war or fight a capitalist class

> L. Berger, 38; J. Stitt Wilson, 31; Seymour Stedman, 29; George R. Kirkpatrick, 28; Arthur Le Sueur, 15; James H. Maurer, 14, and Adolph Germer, 10.
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> FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Emil Seidel, 248; Allen L. Benson, 130; Kate Richards O'Hare, 121; Fred D. Warren, 109; Charles Edward Russell, 108; J. Stitt Wilson, 59; James H. Waurer, 48; George R. Kirkpatrick, 28; Arthur LeSueur, 21; George R. Kirkpatrick, 28; Arthur LeSueur, 21; George R. Kirkpatrick, 28 and the seamen's law, health insurance for wage-earners, industrial hygiene in relation to dangerous trades, child labor, protection for female wage-earners and similar questions. The dosing meeting of the convention promises to be of special interest. It is to be held jointly with the Pangetted, 23; Arthur LeSueur, 21; George R. Kirkpatrick, 23; Congress and 22; Arthur LeSueur, 21; George R. Kirkpatrick, 28; Congress and 29; George R. Kirkpatrick, 28; Arthur LeSueur, 21; George R. Kirkpatrick, 28; Allen L. Benson, 130; The American Association for Lacatody coming.
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> THIS IS not an casy task. One has to be convinced that the istalking anouth knows what he is talking about. In the case of Bernhardi it was a simple matter. In addition to wage for better living? Or will they adopt our program of Catholics whose object is to have about. In the case of Bernhardi it was a simple matter. In addition to wage earners, industrial hygiene in relation to dangerous trades, child labout. In the case of Bernhardi it was a simple matter. In addition to wage for better living? Or will they adopt our program of Catholic value to the ill and native to lower hours of work, relieve the nervous tension upon wage for better living? Or will they about. In the case of Bernhardi it was a simple matter. In addition to wage earners, industrial hygiene in the situation of Germany in the nest of its enemies, surrounded by alien bow, promises to be of special interest. It is to be held jointly with the Pangetted Province of the Catholic value to the interaction of Catholics whose object is to have the The American Association for La-bor Legislation will hold its ninth an-THIS IS not Duncan McDonald, 16: Meyer London, eight representative speakers from sun was not an Asiatic one—just then.
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> South and Morris Hillouit, 12.
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> South and North America will outline With us it is different A few

Oklahoma Socialists have won another victory—this time in the courts. Reversing the district court of Mc-Lain County, the state supreme court has held that Mark Reader. Socialist, was regularly elected sheriff of Mc-

plication of racial divisions within our country. Republicans and Democrats in the House last will be "a long way to go." Tuesday vied in applauding the announcement Tuesday vied in applauding the announcement All obstacles have been surmounted of this new inquisition. Between our position in the way of any nation's being

this announcement we discover that no hope of emancipation is held out to the Filipino.

Nor is there in the message a new idea on taxation. The accumulated fortunes which have been shown to be such a source of danger and corruption are not threatened by taxation, so far as one can gather from this statement.

lead the fight in the Senate for the printing of the report and Representative Lewis will lead the House fight.

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The American Association for La
| Candidate nave been pienty of suggestions offcred us along the line of gestions offcred us along the line of field and the army best fitted physically, other things being equal or ically, other things being equal or secondary, counts most. What have our jingo friends to propose in the way of physical preparedness?

| Candidate nave been pienty of suggestions offcred us along the line of field and the army best fitted physically, other things being equal or expected to the same of the same

other, who seem to be in a perpetual frenzy of fear. Unmask Big Business

By J. L. ENGDAHL.

THEN WHOM are we to fight?
If not Japan—and the limelight is shifted to Europe at this moment what nation will come out of this war S OCIALISTS in the Chicago city ready to have a go at us? council have unmasked some more of the underhand methods by which First of all, why have we been left alone this long while? Why has the jealousy of the nations toward each other (harped on only in war time) been nothing more for us than the customary friendly competition of trade? Why have we have promitted big business seeks to control those in public office. This unmasking process

other (harped on only in war time) been nothing more for us than the customary friendly competition of trade? Why have we been permitted to strip Spain of its Antilles, annex Ilawaii and establish ourselves in Asia? And why, in the many assults upon Mexico (none so dangerous to Europe as when for exemple of the hard of the hard of the hard of the hard of the mayor's appointments to the hard of almost the hard of the hard of almost the hard of the hard of almost the hard of th of the qualifications of the mayor's appointments to the board of educaous to Europe as when, for example, tion, before these appointments were endorsed by the city council. The Socialist alderman was especially active in forcing the candidates to Presidents Taft and Diaz shook hands on the border) have the European Having selected the particular country which is to war upon us, what follows? The very simple matter of foretelling what shape that conflict will take. That is what Bernhardi did for Germany, and national pride compels us to asert that someone can do this for America.

What a simple matter it is, to be sure! That we shall invade Europe, we do not imagine even our most blinded jingoists would require. We

we do not imagine even our most blinded jingoists would require. We forced big business into action. Its methods are best exposed in a second invaded the Philippines—and we know what a price we paid. When it comes to going abroad for war, it is quite sure our jingo friends would rather see America first. letter to Ald. Kennedy, written by Ffrench, reading as follows:

INVITED TO LUNCH.

"Having expressed myself in reply to questions as opposed to the Loeb rule (which outlaws all organizations of labor) in the board of education, I would like to explain that this was not done without some thought and deliberation on my part.

eration on my part.
"Mr. Dudley Taylor, a gentleman I had never previously met, asked over the phone for an appointment. He told me he represented, as attorney, the Illinois Manufacturers' Associa tion, which was greatly interested in the Loeb rule and incidentally for Mr. Jacob Loeb, as president. I told him I did not have any but the most general knowledge of the rule. He invited me to meet Mr. Loeb and Mr. Kruetgen at Mr. Loeb and Mr. Kruetgen at lunch the following day and I agreed. Mr. Loeb was not able to be present and Mr. Rothman was there instead. I was given a courteous explanation of many matters regarding the Loeb rule, the Teachers' Federation, etc. But on the Loeb rule expressed no opinion except that I thought any rule decreasing the salaries of the teachers—he gave me the salaries teachers—he gave me the salaries of the teachers—as wrong. Mr. Rothman spoke of salaries I paid stenographers and said that the teachers' salaries in comparison were too high for time—9 to 3:15 daily and no Saturday work. Mr. Rohman gave me the board of education's proceedings so that I might know what was done on

might know what was done on the board.

"I was also informed that the Illinois Manufacturers' Association was a very strong body, had very considerable power with the city council and that those in agreement with it would be assisted, while those against it would be fought".

Business Against Teachers.

we to put in our energy during peace to prepare for war? Or are we to regard war only as a very unhappy interval between periods of peace?

That is are we'to prepare for war.

That is are we't to prepare for war. By JOSEPH E. COHEN

gard war only as a very unnappy interval between periods of peace?

That is, are we'to prepare for war, have it. and endure peace as something obnoxious while we prepare for another war? Or are we to seek the non-Socialist alderman rallied to the component of the peace and let war take the effect on the Manufacturers'

victories of peace, and let war take the attack on the Manufacturers' care of itself?—that being the way Association, one alderman indicting America has always taken care of it it as fighting progress in Chicago and

will modern military and naval strategy. may be said that war nowadays as of the Teachers' rederation against the interests of special privilege. He had there have been plenty of sug-durance. The trench is the battle-denounced the effort being made to

ay of physical preparedness?

Will they adopt our program of teachers federation is an organization

nated part of a municipal ticket, and then the Labor Representation Committee, composed of delegates from if the new school board upholds the trade unions, endorsed the former and Loeb rule, even if it is upheld by the nominated some additional candidates.
The feeling exists that the labor forces have a good chance to sweep continue their fight to complete additional slimy methods of the bus-Military drill in the public schools is getting some very severe jolts these days. The Massachusetts Teachers' Association and the Federation of Dischools Chicago city council.

Lain County, the state supreme court has held that Mark Reader. Socialist, was regularly elected sheriff of McLain county in the elections last November.

Two important national unions of collection workers in England have consolidated and put an end to iurisdictional contentions. It is announced to many ships that after the war quite a number of rade unions will amalgamate.

Mark Reader. Socialist, Wilson.

All the power of organized labor is being lined up for a fight against the point of organized labor is being lined up for a fight against the point of organized labor is being lined up for a fight against the power of organized labor is being lined up for a fight against the power of organized labor is being lined up for a fight against the power of organized labor is being lined up for a fight against the power of organized labor is being lined up for a fight against the power of organized labor is being lined up for a fight against the power of organized labor is being lined up for a fight against the power of organized labor is the period of the Progressive party which is a great scheme. It is membership.

The daily labor paper printed by the publication. The hard times resulting of the legislative session in January. The bill was up in the last and the power of organized labor is the people at large are to be a roused over the national danger.

We cannot be expected to go in for our outrageous increase in-naval and military expenditure for the mere and over the national danger.

Where DOES THE AMERICAN WHERE COME IN, MR. WILSON? What the result will be the work of spending our money. We are sake of spending our money. We are sake of spending our money. We are long of the legislative session in January. The bill was up in the last and the federation of District Boards of Education of New Yet there must be an enemy in view the proposal striketor and the federation of District Boards of Reluction of New Yet

Betrayal of Nation to Militarism By MEYER LONDON Socialist Congressman.

(Written Especially For The American Socialist.)

RESIDENT Wilson's message has clarified the political atmosphere to this extent: we now know that the Socialists alone can be depended upon as a party to make the fight for the ideals of peace next year. The Democratic administration has definitely joined "For whose benefit and protection the Republicans in the betrayal of the country

> THE INDUSTRIAL program of the Democracy seems to be exhausted, just as if the

> brilliant light upon the mental preparedness of

istration's plan would be added to our national armament could compensate the United States for that loss of strength and that deep wound which will be caused by the attempt to divide the people into "loyal" and "disloyal".

Socialists will repudiate and resist the im-Socialists will repudiate and resist the im-

of this new inquisition. Between our position and theirs the line is drawn. We plead with the American people to assert the finer fraternalism that has characterized the ideal of this nation, now when the old party leaders have forgotten that ideal.

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THE DECLARATION on the Filipino is characterizing the solution of the solu

Altogether it seems that the stock of new

well-known method of the governments of Europe, in keeping the eyes of the people directed toward distant and imaginary enemies so that they shall not see the real enemies of the people—the industrial magnates and exploiters.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1915.

Here is all the week's news worth while boiled down for workers so busy fighting for Socialism they do not have time to read the daily capitalist papers.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6.

King of Greece declares allies cannot persuade Greeks to enter war.

Great Britain declares it will not permit Henry Ford. or members of his peace party, to land in England. to land in England.
Germany buys \$100,000,000 worth of copper, cotton, wool, lard, wheat and other products in this country to restore nation at end of war.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7.
St. Louis lands 1916 convention of the Democrats which will assemble June 12.
American oil steamer sunk by submarine in Mediterranean. Austrian submarine repotted to have fired on American ship Petrolite in Mediterranean.

in attack on President Wilson's message to congress.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Reports from Constantinople may Germany is getting ready to send army of 500,000 to India. Bulgars in move to crush allies. United States demands indemnity for American lives lost on Ancona sunk by Austrian submarine.

Henry Ford's peace party on ocean split over demand to force Rosika Schwimmer to show she has documents showing some of beliggerents are not opposed to peace negotiations.

war.

Secretary of War. Garrison, urges com-pulsory service declaring it impossible to recruit voluntary army to more than 50,000

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10. Allica' campaign in Serbia seems to be at au end. Anglo-French forces reported to be retiring on Saloniki, in Greece.

Kaiser Wilhelm personally recalls Capts. Boy-Ed and von Papen, but peril of diplomatic break with Austria still looms big. Continued reports from Switzerland tell of demonstrations for peace in Germany.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11.
University cadets in this country being solicited by Canada to join British forces in Europe. Claimed violation of neutrality.
United States to send note of protest to France against searching of American vessels on high seas.
Allies retire on Saloniki, Greece, and prepare to make new drive in Balkans. Henry Ford's peace mission does not rouse enthusiasm in Holland.

in Holland.
Yvan Shi-Kai, president of Chinese republic, accepts throne offered by council of state. Revolution threatens new monarchy.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.
United States' note to Australia calls attack on steamship Ancona barbarous and wanton slaughter of innocents.
Wall Street doesn't know what to make of part of Pres. Wilson's message dealing with railroad situation.

SOCIALISM AND PEACE. We find Socialism again raising itself above the bloody tumult in Europe as the only great peace power. Perhaps the most historic scene of the war was that enacted in German Reichstag, Thursday, Dec. 9, when the spokesman of the German government, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, replied to the interpellation of Dr. Scheidemann, the Socialist representative, which was

ditions under which he would be will ing to enter into peace negotiations?"
In introducing this interpellation of the Socialists, reflecting the Socialist desire for an immediate institution of peace negotiations, Scheidemann declared that if the war went on any longer the United States the only power which could be called the victor; Europe would commit suicide if more blood was spilled. The people want peace, he

added, and surely there must be some way out of the terrible business. ay out of the terrible business.

This session of the Reichstag ap
000 in the first year, 266,000 in the peared to American newspapers so important that a three column report of 800,000 menwas cabled to this country from Berlin by the Associated Press, giving lengthy extracts of the speeches by Scheidemann, Bethmann-Hollweg and others. The situation in the Conothers. The situation in the German Reichstag is repeated in Premier gradually taking form.
We find Karl Liebknecht, fighting

capitalism and militarism as vig-

Until Christmas, Half Price ist five or ten years ago. The plant says: I have in mind no thought of the provided of the provi

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The book is a delight .- Ryan Wal- That, in effect, is what the President

The social dramas of the most revof them. Beautifully bound, a 1915 book, worth \$1. Illuminated page for presentation inscription, which will be tas of the road they invite us to fol-

orously as ever, at this session of the orously as ever, at this session of the Reichstag. He is mentioned in connection with Bethmann-Hollweg's statement that, "Thanks to the foresighted policy of King Ferdinand (Bulgaria), a firm bridge has been constructed between the indissolubly allied kaiser powers, the Balkans and the near East. After the conclusion of peace this bridge will not resound with the tread of marching battalions but will serve for works of peace and culture"

Amid the vigorous applause which is reported to have followed this remark, Liebknecht interjected, "and of the Deutsche Bank", which it is said occasioned a great commotion. Liebknecht's point was that German capitalism would use this bridge over the Balkans and the near East to the

That the Socialists in the German Reichstag would offer their interpellation had been announced in the party organ, Vorwaerts. It was reported that a more detailed and searching inquiry as to the government's attitude respecting peace was defeated in a caucus of the Socialist defeated in a caucus of the Socialist Reichstag fraction by a vote of 58 to 43. It was also reported that Lieb-knecht had sent 10 interpellations to the Reichstag, of which three were censored. It was declared that Lieb-knecht wanted to know, "Whether the government is prepared to enter immediately into peace negotiations, whether the government will lay before the nation the history of the entry into Luxemburg and Belgium, whether the government will abandon whether the government will abandon whether the government will abandon secret diplomacy in favor of lasting control by the public, and whether it will check economical distress among Theodore Roosevelt, aided by Republicans, attack on President Wilson's message to attack on President Wilson's message to ongress. a reorganization of its internal pol-

icy."
The German Socialist daily, Vorwaerts, is conducting a campaign against the strict press censorship,

which refuses to allow a peace in the newspapers.

"It is necessary at this time", says

Vorwaerts, "to discuss the hecause if belligerents are not opposed to peace negotiations.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9.
Hopewell, Va., war boom city nearly burns to ground. Twenty thousand homeless while Dupont explosive plants are saved.
Peace declarations of Asquith and Bethmann-Hollweg rouse new hope for end of war.

"It is necessary at this time", says the Vorwaerts, "to discuss the possibilities of peace, because if neace comes suddenly a storm may arise for which only the diplomats and statesmen can be blamed. Public opinion will not tolerate peace with the revelled of the property of the p out knowledge".

In the meantime American Social-

ists find new interest in the anti-war and anti-militarism efforts of our comrade, Meyer London, in the United States congress, where he has just taken his seat and entered upon

In commenting upon the speeches in the British parliament and the German reichstag, Cong. London said:
"With Asquith announcing his
willingness to listen to terms of peace,
provided the other side is the first to
ask for it; with von Bethmann-Holl-

London puts it clearly up to Washington, since there is no other "great neutral power".

This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. pellation of Dr. Scheidemann, the Socialist representative, which was as follows:

"Is the imperial chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions and the social structures greater by \$93,800,000 in the fiscal year 1916-17 than in that of 1915-16;

THE FRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

(From The New York Call.)

It is not at Sandy Hook or the Golden Gate that our giant navy is to be used. It is not to repel European or Asiatic conqueror that our

Construction within one year of two huge army is to be trained.

ness in one respect. He does not, like the Hearst papers, on the one hand, or like our amiable but over-excited friend Russell, on the other, conjure up fantastic visions of German forces trying to take possession of our Atlantic coast or of Larving and Latin described by the coast of Larving to take possession of our Atlantic coast or of Larving to take possession of the relations to the take possession of the relations to the take possession of the relations of the relations to the take possession o amounced by either nation but it is felt that a way to end the war is gradually taking form. ist five or ten years ago. He plainly

> any immediate or particular dan-ger arising out of our relations with other nations. We are at peace with all the nations of the world, and there is reason to hope that no question in controversy will lead to any serious breach of amicable relations.

A book you will enjoy to the full. It deserves a welcome.—New York Call.

The Northeast will have to keep its eye on Kansas as well as Indiana hereafter.—New York Sun.

Unusual, interesting anticological war. But let us, without any immediate or particular reason, take a long step on the road which the European nations have been traveling for forty years, and which has brought them to their present status. Let us make up our minds that we will have the We have no grounds for fearing reafter.—New York Sun.
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up our minds that we will have the strongest navy in the world—well knowing that this will stimulate each —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Was read by me with very great interest and relish. I wish everyone would read it and derive the pleasure I have therefrom.—Frank P. Walsh. It is a unique volume, with flashes that the militarists of other nations of a fine mind in all its pages.—Eu- will find this a good argument against any reduction of their own armies. And he concludes:

> says. And that is not the whole of Mr.

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Extract from President Wilson's Message to Congress, Dec. 7th.

"I, for one, do not doubt the patriotic devotion either of our young men or of those who give them employment-those for whose benefit and protection they would in fact enlist."!

WORKINGMEN, ENLIST, TO KILL AND BE KILLED FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUR EMPLOYERS.

PREPARE AGAINST THIS ALLIED FOE



This is the Foe that we need preparedness against.

ands of men to be added to our burdens this year, and wish us not to think of the years that are to come. Not so the President. He is honest enough to say that this vast program
—a considerably bigger one than that

ask for it; with von Bethmann-Holl-weg ready to discuss terms of peace, provided the other side initiates inegotiations, there should be somengotiations, there should be somengotiations to both sides.

"The principal belligerents are exhausted. A strong effort by a great neutral power, and the greatest agony the world has ever suffered will be over".

London puts it clearly up to Washbudget. Bring our regular army up from 108,000 to 146,000 now, and very soon it will be equally necessary to clorado. These will, perhaps, be contring it up from 146,000 to 180,000, and then to 250,000, and so on, as we accept the false theory that preparation for war is insurance past. against war.

battleships, five cruisers, fifteen destroyers, thirty submarines, two gunboats and a hospital ship; and a virtually irrevocable decision to continue building on a similar scale for at least the submarines are submarined. Lating the submarines are submarined as a several weeks ago—the thing for which we must be prepared to fight. The United States, Mr. Wilson the submarine was submarined as a submarine with the submarine as the submarine with the submarine with the submarine as the submarine with the submarine Addition of 34,000 men to the stand
and South America—"for the uses of ing army—that is, an immediate increase of over 30 per cent;

Creation of a new armed and trained reserve force—the so-called the so-called th icans thought hardly consistent with the national independence and polit-

up fantastic visions of German forces trying to take possession of our At lantic coast or of Japan attempting to conquer California. He does not pretent to see any special reason for enlarging our army and navy—that is, any reason which did not equally exist five or ten years ago. He plainly lantic content and in the kernel of President Wilson's new policies, must be the shop and go to the battlefield; Second, that the wage-workers are not free agents under the present system; the shop and go to the battlefield; Second, that the wage-workers are not free agents under the present system; the shop and go to the battlefield; Second, that the wage-workers are not free agents under the present system; the shop and go to the battlefield; Second, that the wage-workers are not free agents under the present system; the shop and go to the battlefield; Second, that the wage-workers are not free agents under the present system; the shop and go to the battlefield; Second, that the wage-workers are not free agents under the present system; the shop and go to the battlefield; Second, that the wage-workers are not free agents under the present system; the shop and go to the battlefield; Second, that the wage-workers are not free agents under the present system; the shop and go to the battlefield; Second, that the wage-workers are not free agents under the present system. United States. That calls for a careful analysis.

Preparation for war abroad always and everywhere involves a strengthening of arbitrary power at home. The United States is not going to be an exception to this rule. We have the prospect very clearly hinted

already.
The President declares that "the gravest threats against our own national peace and safety have been uttered within our own borders." Incredible as it would have seemed a little while ago, citizens of the United States have "poured the venom of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life, have sought to bring the authority of the government into contempt, to destroy our industries, to debase our politics to the uses of foreign intrigue, have formed plots to destroy property, have entered into conspiracies against the neutrality of the government, have sought to pry into its confidential transactions."

The ugly and incredible thing has actually come about, and we are without adequate federal laws to deal with it. I urge you to enact such laws at the earliest possible moment. Such creatures of passion, disloyalty and anarchy must be crushed out. They are not many, but they ale infinitely malignant, and the hard of our

power should close over them at once. It is possible to deal with these things very effectually. I need not suggest the terms in which they may be dealt with

There is food for thought in those who made themselves obnoxious by sympathizing with France rather than with Eng. What the administration deems sufficient for this year will not appear to it adequate the year after. Nothing son envy his political fate?

We have praised the President But, in fact, while the president for his frankness on more than one sees no particular danger of war, he point. But the gem remains to be has a very definite object in view in this increase of the nation's fighting frankness is careless, rather than instrength. And that object is not of tentional. Discussing the project for the continental army, he says:

It would depend upon the patriotic feeling of the younger men of the country whether they re-sponded to such a call to service or not. It would depend upon the patriotic spirit of the employers of the country whether they made it possible for the younger men in their employ to respond I. for one, do not doubt the patriotic devotion either of our young men or of those who give them employment — those for whose benefit and protection they would in fact enlist.

That is worth putting in every So-000 in the first year, 266,000 in the second, and so on, up to a full strength dictated internal policies to the free reference. Whatever else he has said of 800,000 men—

This is the modest program which diers in Mexico, in Haiti, in NicaraPresident Wilson lays before Con
gua; we have bullied Venezuela with weight of his authority to three statethe threat of armed intervention. This ments which Socialists have long been

Third, that if wage-workers enlist for military service, they do it, not for their own benefit, but for benefit of the master class.

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Face Gravest Problems By MEYER LONDON

On the second day of the session of the sixty-fourth congress I feel an irresistible impulse to convey to the Comrades in the Socialist movement my deep gratitude for the opportunity to serve as a member of the National Legislature at the time when the gravest problems that have ever confronted this country will be presented for relationship to the socialist Congressman pointed out that he did not plead, he simply presented for relationship.

presented for solution.

Ten years ago we Socialists predicted with confidence that the social problem would be paramount in 1920 and that all parties would be compelled by pressure of the Socialist novement to deal with the labor problem as the immediate problem.

Our that he did not plead, he simply stated his position, with a full understanding of his rights and his opportunity to defend them.

Several of the Democrats immediately agreed to help him. They agreed that his demands were fair, and they acknowledged that to leave the socialist members to be elected.

ing for immediate answer. The average mind is inclined to leave international problems to a group of men assumed to be endowed with supreme intelligence. An average mind is at the same time ready to set aside every other question while interna-tional problems are offered for discus-

To be preparing against some distant possible enemy takes one's mind from enemies whom we have here and now. To lay special emphasis upon the existence of a small group of criminals and talk about their treason as if they were a great factor in the life of the country helps livert attention from men who have always betrayed the best ideals of he republic.

As Socialists, we cannot admit more

than one allegiance. We have no sympathy with those who would utilize opportunities they enjoy here to promote the selfish interests of other rovernments or other countries.

But we would put under the same ban those who, in the name of patriotism and in the name of American-ism claim that the interests of the great masses of American people are identical with the interests of their

siveness of Representative Meyer London of New York, the sole Socialist in the lower chamber, the interests of the working class will be looked after and pressed on these committees. For a time it appeared as if expansion, and who forced the gov-tondon would be frozen out of any committee assignment by a comdirection when it actuired the Philbination of the old parties, but he has innines. The chewignists he delicated for the purpose of raising funds to assist the thousands of policitical prisoners banished to Siberia bination of the old parties, but he has innines. The chewignists he delicated by the Pussion Government to the purpose of raising funds to assist the thousands of policitical prisoners banished to Siberia by the Pussion Government to the purpose of raising funds to assist the thousands of policitical prisoners banished to Siberia by the Pussion Government to the purpose of raising funds to assist the thousands of policitical prisoners banished to Siberia by the Pussion Government to the purpose of raising funds to assist the thousands of policitical prisoners banished to Siberia by the Pussion Government to the purpose of raising funds to assist the thousands of policitical prisoners banished to Siberia by the Pussion Government to the purpose of raising funds to assist the thousands of policitical prisoners banished to Siberia by the Pussion Government to the purpose of raising funds to assist the thousands of policities and the purpose of pussion funds to assist the thousands of policities and the purpose of raising the purpose of pussion funds to assist the thousands of policities and the purpose of pussion funds to assist the pussion funds to assist th London would be frozen out of any committee assignment by a com-bination of the old parties, but he has

unusually advantageous position.

The Labor committee holds hearings and reports on all the purely labor bills—the children's labor bill, the convict labor bill, and others. The

appropriations for immigration.

The Socialist party, therefore, starts with the new Congress in a very favorable position, though it can not be repeated too often that membership on a committee under the machine-rule system prevalent in the machine-rule system prevalent in the london that very often the man

London becomes a member of the house Committee of Labor by virtue of a special amendment to the rules, agreed upon by the House, increasing the membership of that committee by

one for his benefit.

This action was taken after London

party in this Congress, is made ovident by the following letter, which he sent to Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Letter to Democrats.

In view of the fact that I am the only Socialist member of the Sixty-fourth Congress, I would ask you to aid me in obtaining an assignment to the Committee on Immigration and the Committee on Labor.

I have devoted almost my entire life to the promotion of the interests of labor and of the immigrant. The Twelfth New York district is intensely interested in the immigration problem. As a Socialist, all questions affecting labor are of the deepest concern to me and to the party which I represent.

If assigned to these two committees I will be able to continue

in Congress the work I have until now been doing outside of Congress. In all fairness I should not be denied that opportunity.

The million Socialists who because of the absence of pro-portional representation will have only one representative, instead of thirty-one, in this Congress, should have a spokesman in the two important committees I have mentioned.

Anticipating the pleasure of meeting you, I am
Sincerely yours,
Meyer London.

Twelfth New York District.
Did Not Plead.

This letter was followed by personal nterviews with various members of

onovement to deal with the labor problem as the immediate problem. Our expectations and predictions have been fulfilled to a great extent long before 1920.

In spite of all attempts to create new and extraneous issues, this congress will be unable to escape the need of grappling with the question of social legislation.

While I listened to the President's message with great care, I fear I was more interested in the beautiful language in which the message was couched than in its substance. I intend to discuss the message some time in the future.

and they acknowledged that to leave the Socialist member to be allotted committee places by Republican Leader Mann would be reasonable ground for a protest. The majority leader, Rep. Kitchin, promised to do his utmost to get the Democratic caucus to protect the independence of the Socialist member.

As a result, Rep. London, alone in the House as a Socialist, is now a member of the Committee on Iabor, the Committee on Mines and Mining, and the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Labor.

On all sides the Congressman was met with assurances of friendship

met with assurances of friendship My first impression is that the "na-and co-operation in matters not affect My first impression is that the "na- and co-operation in matters not all ectional preparedness" plan is calculated to keep the mind of the country blicans and Progressives have shown remote and improbable difficulties more than the ordinary courtesies to the new member. A number of members are the proposed to the new member of members are the proposed to the new member. more than the ordinary courtesies to the new member. A number of mem-bers have told him that Socialist friends in distant parts of the country have urged them to help him. Fight To Liberalize Rules.

The only contest in the house on the opening day, except the formal one over the Speakership, in which London voted "present". was one dealing with a revision of the house rules. Under the present regime the House is practically dominated in its action by the will of the Rules committee, subject to special instruction from the Democratic caucus. An attempt was made to change this system. Republican Leader Mann sought to take political advantage of the promised revolt by proposing that the rules be revised by a special committee, which should report January 17. Rep. London and a number of the radical Democrats voted with the Republicans and Progressives in favor Republicans and Progressives in favor of such a revision. They were defeat-ed, 209 to 195. The fight to liberalize the rules and democratize the machinery of the House will be resumed

committees of the House:—Labor, he sees the imperialists, the chauvin-lists and those who are convinced that in the Labor Department out of the European war will emerge others, the latter party being in out of the European war will emerge of the Ministry. The Danish one great victorious power which will siveness of Representative Meyer memace the integrity of this country. menace the integrity of this country.

The imperialists he described as the representatives of those large financial interests which insist that

At the headquarters of the Socialist

Compares Murder and Warfare.
"To the imperialists", he said, "we must hold up their own pledges contained in the platforms of the Demothe convict labor bill, and others. The Mines and Mining committee looks after legislation affecting the mining industry and would consider a bill for the socialization of the mines of the United States. The committee on Expenditures in the Labor Department has to do particularly with the appropriations for immigration.

The Socialist party, therefore,

membership on a committee under membership on a committee under machine-rule system prevalent in Congress gives little power to the London, that very often the man who commits murder does so because the because he becaus he is thoroly scared, because he be-HOLD MAJORITY RESPONSIBLE. lieves he is menaced. When a nation Washington, D. C.-Rep. Meyer has been thoroly scared, as a large

In the special Parliamentary

had made it clear that not only the surprise came to the peace advocates. million Socialists, but millions of other people who are interested in his career in Congress, would hold the majority responsible for any attempt to withhold from him proper recognic ton. conscription. The former received 6,080 votes, the latter 10,286. It is tion.

The attitude taken by Rep. London in establishing, from the outset, the independent position of the Socialist Tories and Liberals. Such a combination was negtty band to heat tion was pretty hard to beat.

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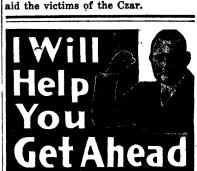
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members in good standing. Published conds, Dec. 18, 1915.	Seconded by: Wilkins of Ohio, Maurer of Pennsylvania, Finke of Arkansas, Williams of California, Irish of Mainc. Vote closes Dec. 27, 1915. Ballot inclosed.	Texas 105.00 122.00 50.00 2.50 Utah 11.50 5.50 10.00	LIABILITIES.	from the old parties, who advocate it.	have no right to acquire anything	carry the message of Socialism
By Br. 1, Local La Crosse, Wis. SOLVED. That Section 6, Article 11, nal Constitution of the Socialist Party, be annulled: and that we hereby sub-	REPORT ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION NO. 30. "That the Executive Secretary submit for a	Virginia 12.35 1.50 12.10 2.15 Washington 60.15 174.10 92.70 23.25 25.25	Adolph Germer 54.10	If we are to make any progress toward disarmament and universal peace at all, someone has to lead and	they return an equal value for it, or	nation; North, East, South and W
his for seconds to the end that the t may be brought before the party	referendum of the membership the following alternative propositions, the constitution to be suspended for 1916 in accordance with the	Wisconsin 156.90 180.70 154.40 7.50 Wyoming 12.55 85.00 15.55 2.50	Wm. r. Barnard 8.82 C. B. Hoffman 50.00 Luella Twining 100.00	these who have advenced ideas on the	returned; and it is this equality, this	ers to reach many thousands of
members in good standing. Published	decision of this referendum: (1) For a regular National Convention of 300 delegates; (2) For a smaller National Convention of 100 dele- gates; (3) For NO National Convention, but	Lettish Fed	Appropriations. Pennsylvania 22nd C. D	subject of legalized and wholesale nurder. I believe that the great majority of the Socialists believe in	equity; that is to say, equality and	Special.
By Local Battle Creek, Mich. the National Executive Committee also tute the National Campaign Committee.	for a National Committee meeting of about 60 delegates; (4) For neither National Convention nor Committee meeting. (Vote for one	Mambaus at	North Dakota 3rd C. D	peace at any price as they are working men who have little or no proper-	which the social virtues are only	would be lavorable to us so lar
: That the Information Department be ed under the direction of the Executive	only)." VOTING YES: Robertson, Williams, Grif1 fiths, Des Rocher, Wilk, Clark, Stedman, Irish,	\$3,059.20 \$3558.90 \$8,347.30 \$ 419.95 \$3,347.30	State Comm. of Alabama 15.00	ty to lose, except their lives, even in	HICKS, Waco, Tex.	are in the best of condition
ls, Dec. 11, 1915.	Neistadt, Keracher, Latimer, Canright, Bou- din, Strebel, Tiller, LeSueur, Wilkins, Ruthen- berg, Hamilton, Sinclair, Allen, Katterfeld,	Total for dues	Sundry Greditors. West Virginia Free Speech \$96.90 Notes Payable	westcoast with its rockbound coast- line, where there are only a few easi-	us a short while ago, that our friends the Militarist-Socialists broke no	could move when necessary and when they saw fit; at their own
REFERENDUM "A", 1916. at the Socialist Labor Party of the it States be invited to elect a committee sed of five members to meet in a joint	Sadler, Kintzer. Total Voting Yes, 24. VOTING NO: Kirkpatrick, Rodriguez. Wattles, Garver, Demarest, Hillquit, Streiff, Bell.	American Socialist Subscriptions 501.12 Cutstanding Accounts	Notes Payable	ly defended harbors, which defense could be accomplished by mines and	pledges because they gave none or abstaining from war. Hence "we should not criticize them". Compade	sulting a railway company. This proposition has already
ence with a committee of five members elected by the National Committee of peialist Party.	Slayton voted Yes on proposition No. 3. Leeland voted Yes on proposition No. 4.	Joung Peoples Supplies 21.85 Headquarters Fund 18.85 Organization Fund 48.90 Party Contributions 29.00	Servian and Bulgarian Fund	submarines only. That would leave the whole fleet to defend the east- coast, which defense I won't mention	Le Sueur introduces the same fac	specifically explained by Com Lanfersiek in a recent issue of American Socialist. It is an idea
out a basis and agreement that provides!	NOT VOTING: Connolly, Finke, Beardsley, Norton, Johnston, McCrillis, Brewer, Stark, Jones, Nuorteva, Roewer, Rissanen, Raymond,	Bundle Orders for Amer. Soc 278.98 Foreman Bros. Banking Co. (Loan) 1,500.00 Garment Strikers	The National Rip Saw	in view of the fact, that, as a sailor,	vites us to critically analyze both the position of the warring	should arouse the interest of e
the Socialist Labor Party into one ization.	Duncan, Whaley, Nichols, Goebel, Metcalf, Lunn, Holt, Maurer, Reid, Revelise, Terlisner, Ambler, Suitor, Burgess, Berger, Seidel,	Polish War Victims 100.00 Zimmerwald Conference 10.00 American Soc. Advertising 62.53	Jas. H. O'Neil Co	take to transport even a small army and its belongings across several thousand miles of water; and this in	bitter fact, however, that our friends	do something worth while in 1910 Let us do something that will h
al Organizations not later than June 1916 and then immediately by said tal Organizations be submitted to a	Gilleard. Total Not Voting, 30. Motion Carried.	Miscellaneous 220.45 Young People's Dues. California \$2.00	J. W. Butler Paper Co. 13.76 Rapid Addressing Machine Co. 25.25	the age of the wireless and the sub- marine. This if anybody. Russell	ported this war, and "whom we should deal charitably with because they wer	now. It is imperative that vigo
ndum vote in the respective organiza- for ratification or rejection."	REPORT ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION NO. 31. "That the author of "An Organization	Kentucky 1.00	Empire Novelty Co. 41.52 Lynch & Skauby . 45.00 Ernest Reckett & Co. 165.00	ought to know, before he advocates anything that is liable to cost a fellowman's life. He does the "ad-	were uncertain as to what to do." tha	this at the limit DED CARD
ord, Ill. 160 members in good standing. ONDS: Scandinavian Branches: Chica-o. 31, Ill., 30; Karl Marx, Chicago, Ill., Soc. Kiomdeforening, Chicago, Ill., 18;	Plan", printed in The American Socialist of October 23, be requested to communicate to the National Committee thru the National	Michigan	John M. Work 94.55 Carl D. Thompson 1.74 Postal Tel. Cable Co. 7.55 The Socialist Literature Co. 26.15	vocating", we do the fighting. As	DOMINATED the International; have always REFUSED to pledge them	"Old clothing, money, bedding,
City, la., 18: Pittsburgh, Pa., 10:	Office any suggestions that will facilitate the compilation of information on the subject, enlighten the National Committee on the practicability of the plan, or enable him to	New Jersey	Nelson Eismann Quist Co 1.80 Slaters Fireproof Storage 30.50	people outside the Socialist party, who stand for disarmament, the in- dorsement of a jingo as the banner-	against the outbreak of or non-parti	- anything will do and be appr - ted", is the appeal that comes: the copper strikers in Arizona. T
es, la., 35; Hibbing, Minn., 15; Muskegon, , 14; West Concord, N. H., 41; Virginia, , 14; Quincy, Mass., 10; No. 1, Chicago,	continue his investigations along the lines mentioned." Voting YES: Finke, Williams, Griffiths,	Washington .60 37.90	Foreman Bros. Banking Co. 1,500.00 Schenectady Citizen 8.63 Bastian Bros. 235.42	NOTES FROM THE	There is no compromise possible here, Comrades. If we are agains	e are about 2,500 men, women and t dren in need of clothing. Many ba
Vokomis, Ill., 28; Breezy Hill Sta., Kans., No. 9, Milwaukee, Wis., 56; No. 3, No.	Beardsley, Norton, Des Rocher. Wilk, Clark, Rodriguez, Stedman, McCrillis, Irish, Neistadt, Latimer, Duncan, Canright, Goebel, Metcalf,	Bank Balance Nov. 1	A. M. Simons	LECTURE FIELD	Militarism in its every form, HERE because we are SOCIALISTS, the there is no room in our movemen	n all bundles to Mrs. S. C. Skidn
l. Club, Detroit, Mich., 165; West Allis, 25; Lansford, Pa., 20; Ft. Smith, Ark.,	Hillquit, Tiller, LeSueur, Wilkins, Ruthen- berg, Hamilton, Sinclair, Streiff, Allen, Slay- ton, Leeland, Bell, Burgess, Sadler, Kintzer, Gilleard.	EXPENDITURES. General Postage\$ 253.73 General Expense\$ 38.01	\$5,533.81		HERE for the misguided plus o minus Socialists who have infested th	r Metcalf, Ariz.
Corona, Kans., 9; Clinton, Ind., 32; ourc. Kans., 15; Barberton, O., 22; Zeig- lk., 34; Yorkville, O., 7; Chisholm, Minn.,	Total Voting Vat 34	Cormont Stulkens 95 00	1915.	writes that the Seidel-Kirkpatrick- Walker lecture course was a great educational success. "We all agree,"	their inception. How then can w	A BOLLD FOR VOUR
Willock, Pa., 5: McKees Rocks, Pa., 16: ton, Ill., 15; No. 20, Chicago, Ill., 36: alle, Ill., 17: Virden, Ill., 8: Conemaugh, 15; No. 14, St. Louis, Mo., 24; Spring-	Total Voting No: 4. NOT VOTING: Connolly, Robertson, John- ston, Brewer, Stark, Jones, Nuorteva, Roewer,	Walter Lucionist Wages.	So. Slavic Federation, \$19; Hebrew Soc. Branch, Brookton, Mass., \$2: 18th Ward Br.	he says, "that it has done the move- ment good. The speakers have all	ists in Europe who supported war, no UNDER PROTEST; or half hearted	<u> </u>
Ill., 43; Reading Pa., 11; Hunting-Ark., 11; Kenosha, Wis., 21; Am-	Keracher, Rissanen, Raymond, Garver, Wha- ley, Nichols, Demarest, Lunn, Holt, Maurer, Reid, Revelise, Terlisner, Ambler, Suitor, Kat- terfeld, Berger, Seidel.	Rertha H. Brown	Ill., \$2; Local Harlingen, Texas, \$2; Local Maryville, Ill., \$2; Local Oatman, Ariz., \$2; Local Northwood, N. D., \$2; Slovak Br.,	done well. Financially the indications are that we will not lose much, if any, which is saying a good deal con-	made ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF	
rose, Pa., 6; Browndale, Pa., 3; No. 6, go, Ill., 114; Neff, O., 14; Ellsworth, Pa.; Pueblo, Colo., 16. Finnish Branches:	Total Not Voting, 26. Motion Carried. Comment on Motion No. 31.	Florence M. Thompson	Ambridge, Pa., \$2; Local North Chicago, Ill., \$2; N. V. Nelson, Sank. Wash., \$2; Local Stoneham, Colo., 40c; Finnish Local, New-	sidering the fact that we paid \$45 for the hall."	tional character of the class struggla matter of PLEDGES, or a matte	e Facts From The Mouths Of
olm, Minn., 45: Portland. Ore., 101: San isco, Calif., 112: Marxian Club, Detroit, 137: Bronx, N. Y., 125: Aurora, Minn., Troy, N. H. (members not givan).	SADLER: "Believing the motion to have been made in all sincerity and with a desire to promote added interest in party affairs and	Sophie Olson	port, N. H., \$3; A. Arkin, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, \$1.50; Local Will Co., Joliet, Ill., \$2; Local Coatesville, Pa., \$1; Fritz Boelke, Chi-	Schenectady, N. Y.—The comrades were greatly pleased with Comrade Walker's lecture. Comrade Sedlin	nerty name is a good evidence of th	r Compiled By Fred D. Warren, A Foreword By Frank P. W
	aid the growth of the party to the end that the working class may find this organization a means to their emancipation. "This does not signify my endorsement of	Annie Herti 40.00 A. M. Tufty 48.00 Extra Help 16.50	cago, III., \$2. Total for November	writes: "Am taking this opportunity to let you know how we appreciate	muddled impression that is current if	The Biggest Little Book You
lia, N. Dak 20: Hamilton, O., 10: wark, Pa., 40; Chisholm, Minn., 24; War, Wash., 17; Funcie, Ind., (members	the whole plan, but I realize the necessity of encouragement of ideas for organization purposes. Therefore, I vote "YES".	Frank Petrich 76.00	Total to December 1\$1,855.94 Headquarters Fund. Branch Irwin, Pa., \$2; Local Fort Pierce,	your making it possible for us to se- cure Ryan Walker for a lecture. Why,	pocus of pretending that we are n longer Socialists; to assume that thi is our highest present task, when w	s Facts About The System That
iven); Fayette, Ida., 11; Roancie, Va., oston, Mass 738; Lykens, Pa., 20; Oak- Calif., 24; Franklin, N. H., 25; Bay Mich 21: New Britain, Conn 28;	BEARDSLEY: "Think that this proposition is an excellent one and that it should be followed out in letter and spirit if adopted.	Jos. Novak	Fla., \$1: G. Kuston, Eugene, Orc., \$1; A. O. Dahlstedt, York, Nebr., 60c; Local Green Bay, Wisc., 10c; Local Utica, N. Y., \$6; Dead	of all, young and old, and drove the message home with such force that	are confronted with the spectacle of our most fundamental theories traile	f ers. All Of It, Every Vital Poi d Covered In This Little Book.
ton, Ore., (members not given); Liver- Ky., 12; Lake View, No. 9. Chicago,	We need all the information that can possibly be secured on methods of organization. More attention MUST be paid to the question of organization in the future so that our move-	I. B. Bailin	Local, La Fontaine, Kans 70c: Local Worcester, Mass., \$1.20; J. Pollok, Malden, Mass., \$3.50; Local Minneapolis, Minn., 75c: Local Madison, S. D., \$1; S. S. Osasti, Svensen,	six persons applied to the ushers after the meeting for applications to join the Socialist movement. And litera-	in the dust without protest—this t my mind is a good and sufficien reason for a free and open discussion	t Bound, Built For Service,
. 22: View, (state not given), 10; 21st h h Wds. Br Pittsburgh, Pa., 60; lester Ida., 7: No. 3. Paterson, N. J.	ment may be built up and strengthened at every point."	Jos. V. Stilson	Ore., \$1. Total for November	ture? It sold itself."	in our National Convention. Come you compromisers who ar Nationalists; you so-called leader	Want It, And You Want It Now
10. 19, Jamestown, N. Y., 22; Hoquiam, ., 14; Warren, Pa., 15; Jamestown, N. 5; Washington, Pa., 46; Everett, No. 1, ., 74; Rock Island, Ill., 50; Los Angeles,	COMMENT ON PENDING NATIONAL COMMITTEE MOTIONS. On Motion No. 32.	Bank Balance Dec. 1 2,389.83	\$ 962.28 Party Contributions.	Seidel-Kirpatrick-Walker lectures. He	who lear to kick the European sup	- CULLEGE, Fort Scott, Kansas,
Calif., 22; La Crosse, Wis., 41; Poca- Ida., 25; No. Yakima, Wash., 41;	mitted to a vote of the National Committee.	The following accounts, opposite the respec-	Woodhaven, N. Y., \$2; Workmen's Circle Br. 88. Bronx. N. Y., \$1; Local Miramar, Calif.,	says: "The intense earnestness of the man drives home to the mind of his hearers that Socialism is the hope of	or minus Socialist who would compre	- You By Return Mail.
hes: Meriden, Conn., 29; Denver, Colo., Detroit, Mich., 80. Slovak Branches: Jelphia, Pa., 35; Salem, Ore., 21; Little	vote of the committee for their adoption." BEARDSLEY: "I heartily agree with this	the month of November, 1915. They represent the actual expense incurred, not necessarily	\$1; Workmen's Circle Br. 125, Kingston. N. Y., \$1; W. S. & D. B. Fund Br. 201, Fort Lee, N. J., \$2; Arbeiter Kranken Sterbekasse,	the world." Traverse City, Mich.—"Comrade	LIEVE IN WAR, IF YOU BELIEVE IN COMPROMISE IF YOU RE	TOBACCO NAT
N. Y., 20; Bohemian-Slovak, Bing- on, N. Y., 23; Cleveland, O., 48; No.	and hope the same will be adopted. Do not think that any proposition should be adopted	the above report of cash expenditures for the	Br. 169. Baltimore, Md., \$15; Workmen's Circle, Br. 484, New Haven, Conn., \$1; W. Feigetson, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$2; Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Pund. Br. 77. Chicago.	him he has left needle thinking as	THE THE THE WILLIAM OUT THE CON	Old and Mellow. The very nnest quality
anis Minn 64 Trital, MRMRRR-	vote of the Committee. Many of the members of the Committee never vote upon vital questions and some method should be adopted that will compel them to vote. A proposition	Supplies for Locals (Purchased)\$ 35.42	Sick and Death Benefit Pand, Br. 77, Chicago, Ill., \$1: Workmen's Circle, Br. 14, Providence, R. I., \$2; J. F. Bradbury, Bennington, Vt., \$1, Total for November		ANY COST—BE HONEST WITH U AND YOURSELVES. YOU WAN'	Write for pamphlet and price on 120 lbs. State v
ing received the required seconds, the motion will be sent out to a vote as	that cannot command a majority vote of the Committee should not be adopted." BOUDING "I vote "NO" on National Com-	Office Stationary and Supplies 79.65 Rent 225.00	E. L. Cannon, Portland, Ore \$2.51; Local Rockport, Mass., 60c; Local W. Attleboro,	writes Comrade Coxe. Jamestown, N. Y.—The comrades	TO FORGET AND YOU WANT U	SATISFACTION GUARANTEED or money re
state secretaries.	mittee Motion 32. I think it to be good democratic principle that the majority of those who yote should be sufficient for a decision.	Wages 1,25.	Previously Reorted 30.19	were so enthusiastic over the Henry Dubbs lecture by Comrade Walker that they want him to come again as	Mich.	When you are sick or injured, who
Received Since Last Publication. Portland, Me.: (Proposing to suspend)	The requirements for more than that are usually part of an undemocratic system of checks and balances and should not be re- sorted to in our party except for very strong	Organization 165.50 Appropriations paid 50.00 Telephone 32.29	Total to December 1	soon as possible.	FROM INDIANAPOLIS.—Where as, The Press reports of the public statement made by Chas Edward	COMRADES' CO-OPERATIVE INDI
916. First published Oct. 23, 1915). led by Cordelia, No. Dak. Scandinavian No. 4. Rockford. Ill.:	reasons. Besides the adoption of the Demarest motion would put too much power in the hands of the National Executive Committee, as its	Light 8.97 Charged Off Accounts 4.39 Young People's Supplies (Purchased) 41.52	Garment Strikers. Relief Com. for Chicago, Garment Strikers, Cleveland, Ohio. \$25.	writes that the boys handled the meetings splendidly and packed the hall to the door. The meeting was	Russell on preparedness are diametri	Pays 60 weeks, beginning with first SAVINGS ARE GIVEN TO SOCIA
osing the election of a committee	decisions could not be upset except by a vote of a majority of the entire National Commit- tee, and with a large number of the voting as the case hitherto, that would be a practical	American Socialist Department 1,085.38	Polish Women's Branch, Phila., Pa., \$100.	well advertised and splendidly man- aged, and as a result it was a great	Whereas, Chas. Edward Russell i	SCHROLL & CO., Reliance Bldg., K
onded by: Crystal City, Mo.; Hunting- lrk.: Cordelia. No. Dak.: Hamilton. O.:	ns the case hitherto, that would be a practical impossibility." ALLEN: "Motion 32 initiated by the New Jersey State Committee is one of the most	voting."	mittee." We'll deserve it if we let'em.	Reviving the Party-From Greens-	now a candidate for the nominatio for President of the Socialist Party and	DIVISION FORM OF GOVERNM Discovered! The next game (wage ren
n's Br., Chicago, Ill.; Anti-War, Wash.; Br., Detroit, Mich.; Muncie, Ind.; Salem, O.; Scand. No. 49, Virginia,	vicious and dastardly assaults ever made on Democracy and is calculated to prevent the National Committee from functioning in any	restricting effective action by this committee.	Omaha has been elected National Committee- man for the coming year. C. C. Porter has	Seidel and Kirkpatrick are reviving	whereas, the statement favoring	the evolution of society. Society must advance or decline. All kinds of Soc
Roanoke, Va.; S. S. Osasto, Crystal Minn.: Boston, Mass.: Luvkens, Pa.:	way, shape or form. "Had their instinct been to secure majority action on all motions, a rule requiring	themselves as the rest of us and if they do not see fit to exercise their rights it is no reason why the committee should tie itself up	The University of Minnesota has	the party membership. "You are go- ing to hear something doing," they say. "The education that The Amer- ican Socialist and literature sales will	National Organization, therefore b	e i de la company de la compan
, Aurora, Minn.; Gakland, Calif.; lin, N. H.; Bay City, Mich.; Finnish,	National Committeemen to vot; or resign would produce results—instead of results they	in the web of inaction which Comrade Dernarest has cunningly spun for us. "If a few of these habitual dodgers were	taken its stand on the side of such other reactionary universities as the	bring to the organization through	made by Chas. Edward Russell b	SOCIALIST CALENDARS, are emble
nore, Ky.: Lake View, Chicago, Ill.; na No. 4, Wash.; 21st & 27th Wards Br., urgh, Pa.: Winchester, Ida.; Scand. No. uincy, Mass.: No. 3, Paterson, N. J.	ones into dead ones and add their corpses to those already suffering with "inertia". Me thinks Comrade Pat Quinlan rotting in a Jersey bastile enough. I vote "NO".	recalled by their constituents the effect on the remainder might be salutory."	Colorado. It has refused permission to the steudents to listen to Socialist	Comrade Seidel writes: "New members taken in as follows: Fairmount,	published in The American Socialist and be it further Resolved, That Chas. Edward Rus	25c. Quit boosting Capitalism. Boost
Slavic Branches: No. 77, McKees Pa.; No. 19, Milwaukee, Wis.; No. 3,	the reason that the portion of the Committee that is recorded not voting on motions has	means that the National Committee will commit suicide. We have tried to elect a committee on state constitutions under a rule	lectures on the campus. John Spargo was to have spoken on the campus	W. Va., 5; Uhrichville, 4; Ashtabula, 3; other places, 6. The total for the	100001700, That Ohas, Edward Rus	un riace, indianapolis, Ind.
Social Club No. 61, Detroit, Mich.; No.	reached such proportions if this motion carries it will encourage not voting where the member does not desire to go on record with an honest	requiring a majority vote of all the members of the committee and we have been voting six months without succeeding. If the state	versity chapter of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, but the reactionary	contracts were received for the Seidel-		NE POWE
	DEATH BENEFIT FUND	the National Committee who are not sufficiently	university authorities were afraid of	Iverness, Mont., and Sioux City, Ia.,	COST	s Less Now
OF THE UNITED ST	ATES OF AMERICA	out. The members of the party who are not	university buildings to the Socialist lecturer. President Vincent received his bringing up at Rockefeller's Stand-	New Kensington, Pa., reports that the	T ET me send you ar	engine to earn its own cost while you pay for
NUMBER OF MEMBERS 1	ne End of Years stated in 5 Year Periods Benefits Paid Since Organization Amount Saved	recall." RICHMAN: "YES". If a majority of	ard Oil institution, the University of Chicago. Wonder if this had anything		and easy to pay for	no cranking; easy to understand and manag on any suitable, reasonable terms of payment et helped many thousands to own engines in this rs of engine building.
ar Men Woman Sick and A	In Cash Reserv	our "leading" members do not take interest enough in furthering the aims of our great democratic movement as to vote on a motion		were received and nearly all of the	way, during my 29 yea	rs of engine building.

recall."

RICHMAN: "YES". If a majority of our "leading" members do not take interest enough in furthering the aims of our great democratic movement as to vote on a motion we should know who they are, and that possible aids to the advancement of our movement are hindered by their inactivity and lack of interest. The party at large is encumbered with dead wood that is retarding our ladvance."

ard Oil institution, the University of Chicago. Wonder if this had anything to do with it?

Socialists were elected recently at Bridgeport, Conn., as follows: school board, S. J. Jones and M. Applegarth; justices of the peace, Frank Ledvinka and James Briggs;

kATTERFELD: "Why should members that consider a motion IMMATERIAL be counted AGAINST IT? If opposed, they'll certainly vote NO. If some are to "diplomatic" to vote, what business of ours is that? Each National Committeeman is responsible to the membership of his state, not to the Committeeman from New Jersey, or the rest of us. Why should active members be consilzed because of sleepy ones? Here's WHY: This National Committee actually walkes, New York and New Jersey. Such deployable insubor institut awaiting orders from Millians and spend the winter making War ville, Va.; Superior, Mont., and Cortain the same time. It's a good, profitable business as well. Write Dr. This makes a total of an even 100 contracts so far finally being signed up. Applications are still being required to the footel-Maley lectures during the week: York, Pa.; Columbus, Kans.; Wyandotte, Kans.; Sirmingham, Ala.; Ely, Nev.; Dantant the same time. It's a good, profitable business as well. Write Dr. This makes a total of an even 100 contracts so far finally being signed up. Applications are still being reviewed and we hope the raise this number to 250 at least.

constable, William Britton.

Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

GOEBEL-MALEY LECTURES. The following new contracts have been received for the Goebel-Maley lectures during the week: York, Pa.;



MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

workers of the United States about the achievements of our comrade. Meyer London, in congress, in their behalf. It is going to be a great story. The weekly installments of this great story will appear regularly in The American Socialist. That is all you have to tell a worker who is not that they can read all about Meyer London and his work in congress in the delegation. The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of extra copies of The American Socialist The distribution of the Extra the eye, and every note to the delegation and Gompers, with quivering voice, appealed to the delegates not to insist upon a roll call and expressed the (whatever that the every delegation to the matter the control matter the control in the Matter Condon on the matter the control in the Straube must be banished

to help us accomplish this. Socialists do not believe in abusing the believed in "Preparedness" and milibrary training in public schools. When But Socialists will take advantage of the franking privilege of our continuous formula for the franking privilege of our continuous formula for the franking privilege of our continuous formula formul

A. F. of L. Convention By ADOLPH GERMER.

SOCIALIST READER

WELL, the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of the A. F. of L. is now a matter of history.

The yearly jurisdictional squabbles, which in fact are only a scramble for a meal ticket, are in the main no rearer settled than before the convention.

Labor to unseat Straube.

Straube Defended.

The Chicago Federation knows his worth and defended Straube. John Flitzpatrick, President of the Chicago a meal ticket, are in the main no rearer settled than before the convention.

Walker. But the machine had decreed

Is privileges of congressment. But Socialists will take advantage of the franking privilege of our congressment, meaning the public schools. When the cracked the whip, the faithful fee reacked the whip, the faithful fee requests for a roll call and the session adolosers whe is affliated. Could every

labor. He joined another union and was elected delegate to the Chicago Federation of Labor. But the wrath of the publishers and ultra-reaction ary officials of the Stereotyper's had not diminished and a demand was made upon the Chicago Federation of

ticket, and so the merry game went of the substance of th

NOTE.—In this column there is traced, from week to week, the development of a typical Young People's Socialist League. The successes and failures are mirrored here and the chances are that you will find some of your own here set forth. Each installment is practically complete in itself, but it is advisable to follow the story regularly.

FINAL PREPARATIONS.

T LAST the day of all days had come. The Yipsels had been breaking their necks advertising the affair. Thousands of "plug-the affair. Thousands of "plug-the affair." Thousands of "plug-the affair." Thousands of "plug-the affair." Thousands of "plug-the affair." Thousands of "plug-the affair. gers" or "throw-aways" had been dis-tributed, show cards had been posted wherever they would attract public attention, and all possible preparations had been made.

They had put out a large Souvenir Program and had filled it with adertisements from various business houses that were more or less friendly The American Socialist. The distribution of extra copies of THE MEYER LONDON EDITION, Dec. 4, has already brought in many new well as the second of a second of the second to a sing as we would wish. The "ons" gained 241 subs on the "off" and we are now at the 40,693 mark. Now is the time to forge ahead, to close our ranks and press onward we want to see your name attached to a club of subs soon.

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Having successfully carried on the affairs of the city for three administrations, the Socialists of Star City, West Va., are getting ready for the next campaign. John F. Higgins has been nominated for mayor; An-

drew Goldstrom for city recorder, and William Shay, G. B. Stansbury, Edmond Gerard, John Bezner and Charles Twigg for the city council. At a rousing mass meeting of Star City Socialists, held Dec. 4, these nominees were declared the Socialist

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New Leagues organized, Glens Falls, and Queens No. 2, N. J., Scandinavian and Douglas Park, Chicago, Ill., Crawfordsville, Elkhart, Lafayette, and New Castle, Ind., and Braddock, Pa.

Leagues disbanded, Humbolt Park, Chicago, and Flint, Mich.
The N. J. State Fed., Y. P. S. L., has formed a Committee on Inter-League affairs. Their function is to bring about closer unity between the fourteen leagues affiliated with the State body. Each league is represented by one delegate.

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