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GLOATING OVER PROFITS

Big business is gloating over the fact that Uncle Sam will spend about ONE BILLION dollars for war purposes during 1917.

This money will be spent on the army and

While Uncle Sam will no doubt get something for his money; a very large percentage of these expenditures will go to the war-making interests in the shape of profits.

One can almost recognize the joy of a highway robber, fingering his spoils, in the weekly market letter of Feb. 9, 1917, of Harvey A. Willis & Co., one of the leading stock and bond houses of New York City.

This letter shows so clearly the workings of the profit-hungry brain of big business that we reproduce it here in full. It is as follows:

UNCLE SAM:—OUR NEW BILLION DOLLAR CUSTOMER.

Business as usual. The same old customers, wealthy as ever, and a new customer, the richest of all, just coming thru the door with his pockets bulging with gold, and an unlimited bank account—Uncle Sam. How much our Government will ultimately spend for building up our army and navy can not now be forecast. During 1917 these expenditures may easily reach a billion dollars. These purchases include guns, powder, shells, cartridges, battleships, submarines, speed boats, automobiles, motor trucks, aeroplanes, and a long list of other equipment and supplies. The filling of these orders will mean good profits to the manufacturers. The Government has no intention of taking over bodily any mills or plants. "Com-mandeering" is taken to mean insistence that Uncle Sam's orders are filled first-something all patriotic manufacturers would do anyway. These manufacturers must in turn purchase raw materials to fill their orders, and that means enormous quantities of steel, copper, lead, zinc, wool, cotton, leather, and other commodities. This uncotton, leather, and other commodities. expected demand added to that which already exists is sure to cause higher prices for the metals and still greater profits to the mining companies

Meanwhile, the American manufacturer will retain his present domestic and foreign customers to a large extent, and the added heavy buying from the U. S. Government should greatly stimulate further industrial activity. We are, to all intents and purposes, the richest country in the world. Out financial position is the soundest it has ever been. Securities appear to be thoroly The market only awaits definite news from Washington. Another war boom seems certain and a further metal and industrial boom is probable. Stocks should be selling much higher before long.

Note that "higher prices" mean "greater profits" and that big business is "patriotic" enough to grab these "greater profits" before it satisfies the demands of its reguar customers at regular profits.

"Another war boom" means "another industrial boom" and so the business interests struggle and scheme to bring about this much desired war boom.

Take the profits out of the manufacture of the instruments of war and the biggest cause

of war will have been removed. If the business interests were not now coining millions out of war and war preparedness there would not be a single war crisis in this

Abolish the profit system and exterminate

AN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT.

Extraordinary times demand extraordinary efforts. No one will deny that the present is an extraordinary time. We admit that it will take an extraordinary effort to raise the \$50,000 Organization Fund asked by the National Executive Committee and which is sorely needed now to build up the party organization and enable it to carry on its work efficiently and effectively.

The war crisis is making new demands upon the party organization. We must meet them. The stronger our forces, and the better organized, the more able we shall be to meet them. But, above all, we must meet them.

This is no time to weaken before the powerful forces confronting us. Determination will win. Determine now to do your part, and get your local to do its part in raising that \$50,000 Organization Fund immediately. Send all contributions to National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Why shouldn't the war go on? It has been found that the women can do the work, so the men slaves might as well be killed off.

The high price of living is a test, in order to discover what the workers can do without and still remain in condition for work. They will be compelled to live accordingly

Perhaps the human race is merely following the example of the bees. You know the bees kill off the males, enslave most of the females, and keep the rest merely to perpetuate the race.

Since the bankers have secured control of the nation, they are taking a sinister interest in the amuse-ments of the workers. When a robber tells you a joke you would better not listen, but keep your eyes open

The short ballot for the state, as proposed in Kansas and other states, means that the governor and wo or three helpers may appoint all under officers It is the setting aside of the very principle of demo-cracy. If the clerkships should be selected other than by ballot, the right way is to put them under civil

The plutes have beat us to the revolution. They control the government which we wished to control they use socialist forms in bringing industry under national control, so that the slaves may be prevented from striking; and now they set aside the forms of democracy in order to establish business rule with the most of the officials appointed.

Revolution! In Industry "Yes"; In Law! "Never"

EDITOR'S NOTE:-Here is an extract taken from an address recently delivered by Scott Nearing at the West Side Forum in Chicago. Nearing's ideas are too good to be confined to the small number who heard him; so we pass them on to our much larger udience. He said:

When we say that the industrial factor is the most important in life today we are stating no more than fact. Industry today is the big thing, the thing in which we specialize, this is an Industrial Age.

We have grown so used to industrial

volutions that we are never satisfied with what is old, we are continually demanding something new—we constantly preach, teach, and practice revolution. We welcome a new means of transmission, or of hardening steel, ut look with horror on a new principle of law. Revolution is all right in industry but when it comes to law it's unconstitutional. Industry is always looking forward, the law books backward.

Victor Hugo said, "If the Lord Almighty ever intended us to be lookng continually backward he would have put at least one eye in the back

The law is not a question of what is right, or just, or reasonable, the law to-day is just a question of "What did the fathers think about it?" How far does this prophetic vision of the framers of the constitution ex-

tend? Does it go to 1917? And if so, does it extend to 1937? Or 2037? How far does it go? There is a society today called the "Daughters of the Revolution". It is very proud of what its fathers did for the cause of freedom. dom. We may be daughters of the revolution all right but we are cer-tainly not mothers of the revolution not with the training that is given our children.

Control The Public Schools.

Business today, in common with everything else, controls also our public school system. How is this done? Well, for one thing recent in-vestigation of the school boards in 100 of the principal cities in this country showed that of something over 1,000 school board members more than nine-tenths were business

They choose a superintendent that conforms to their ideas—and he is not a radical or a socialist—he is eminently respectable.

He chooses teachers and they must

teach a curriculum that has been drawn up by business interests. The teacher must do just one thing, she must do as she is told. If she shows any life or spunk as the teachers in the federation in this city did she is immediately fired—they don't want live ones in the schools, it interferes with the system.

The children are dragged together from all walks of life and set out in ugly class rooms, eight rows by five. Nature never intended children to sit in any such inhuman arrangement. The first and last thing they are taught is obedience. You can't blame the teacher, it's the system. Then they are taught neatness and punctuality
—purely capitalist virtues. After that damage is done they are crammed full of false ideas and ideals thru the use of the present history, arithmetic, geography and other study books—all of them written with the bias of business preeminent. These virtues of neatness and punctuality are all right enough but they are only frills on a man's makeup, they are only

The school children are taught to adore Patrick Henry's saying "Give me liberty or give me death". They are not told however that Patrick Henry was a grocery store keeper who used to like to run off on a little fishing trip whenever he pleased, and that he would close up his store for three days or a week at a time when-

ever he cared to go off.

Now Patrick Henry failed as a tore keeper, of course he failed when he went on such fishing trips too often, but if he hadn't been the kind of a fellow that did just that and threw punctuality and neatness all the other plute virtues to the winds he would never have said "Give me liberty or give me death," he would have said "Tuppence a pound for sugar, ma'm." He would not have known what liberty meant.

Heart Of The Community. Business is the center and heart of our community life. All other things depend upon it for sustenance. Everything depends on the fellow who works. Business controls also that which is most vital to the common man—his job. There are two classes in this country, there are those who own the jobs and those who take them. The position of the former is much the better, for if you've got to sell your labor power and the other fellow does not have to buy he can make pretty well any price he chooses and you will take it or starve. The jobs will keep, the owners don't have to sell them, but a man's life will not keep unless he has food, clothing and shelter. The job owners are the big fellows who run the business and they are responsible to no one but their God and their conscience, which, after all is said and done is a very aloof

kind of responsibility. You don't have to be a King or Kaiser to be the master of men. All that you need is the power to say You shall work and sweat and I will eat". That is mastery pure and simple the power to exploit the sweat

Bought And Paid For!

J. Pierpont Morgan interests control absolutely the capitalist press of the nation.

This fact was brought out in the United States congress the other day but not one newspaper in the country published the fact that the capitalist press has been 'Bought and Paid For".

This fact explains why the jingo press is so hysterical these days in behalf of war, long wished for by the interests that fatten on slaughter.

Oscar Callaway, one of the representatives from Texas, is the member of congress who exposed the alliance between the Morgan interests and the big news-

His statement appears on pages 3320 and 3321 of the Congressional Record, of Feb. 9, 1917, and was placed there with the unanimous consent of all the members of the house of representatives.

This statement reads:

"In March, 1915, the J. P. Morgan interests, the steel, shipbailding, and powder interests, and their subsidiary organizations, got together 12 men high up in the newspaper world and employed them to select the most influential newspapers in the United States and sufficient number of them to control generally the policy of the daily press of the United States.

"These 12 men worked the problem out by selecting 179 newspapers, and then began, by an elimination process, to retain only those necessary for the purpose of controlling the general policy of the daily press thruout the country. They found it was only necessary to purchase the control of 25 of the greatest papers. The 25 papers were agreed upon; emissaries were sent to purchase the policy, national and international, of these papers; an agreement was reached; the policy of the papers was bought, to be paid for by the month; an editor was furnished for each paper to properly supervise and edit information regarding the questions of preparedness, militarism, financial policies, and other things of national and international nature considered vital to the interests of the purchasers.

"This contract is in existence at the present time. and it accounts for the news columns of the daily press of the country being filled with all sorts of preparedness arguments and mis-representations as to the present condition of the United States Army and Navy, and the possibility and probability of the United States being attacked by foreign foes.

"This policy also included the suppression of everything in opposition to the wishes of the interests served. The effectiveness of this scheme has been conclusively demonstrated by the character of stuff carried in the daily press thruout the country since March, 1915. They have resorted to anything necessary to commercialize public sentiment and sandbag the National Congress into making extravagant and wasteful appropriations for the Army and Navy under the false pretense that it was necessary. Their stock argument is that it is 'patriotism.' They are playing on every prejudice and passion of the American people."

Show this statement to every friend and neighbor you have. Get them to read it and discuss it so that the fact that the war making interests of this country control the war demanding press finally sinks into their minds and takes a firm root there.

If every worker in the land could realize the fact that the Morgan interests are pulling the editorial strings on every capitalist newspaper in this country worth while THERE WOULD NEVER BE ANY DANGER OF WAR. THE PEOPLE WOULDN'T STAND FOR IT!

of those jobs.

Use Your Head.

It pays to use your head occasionally; especially around election time. It pays to find out what your congres-German standing army. Our danger pays to find out what your congressional candidates really stand for. Is to be found in the German municipal universities, for the coming war in the Fisheries commission up in will be fought, not with men, but with about the contract of t Alaska somewhere, or a commission to investigate the tariff in 1938 these things don't matter, nine out how he stands on the industrial question. You people sent a lot of republicans to congress to represent Big mighty quick on this public question we will be beaten. these things don't matter, find out crats there to represent little Busi-

of another man's labor. Business doesn't own only half a loaf, it owns the whole thing, it don't merely own a barker I could arouse ten times good lan ahead.

the jobs, but it also owns the product more interest in Annette Kellermann "A Daughter of the Gods" than I could in a municipal milk supply.

A noted British statesmen said bechemistry and physics". Time has shown him right. The dangers to the country do not come from without, they come from within. Unless we

The two essentials of industrial ness. Only one socialist was sent there so it's pretty plain that the people of ship of the public utilities; 2: equality this country do not know anything of opportunity. We must run the about this industrial question. The Mayor of New York is plan- selves. If we cannot do it we should ning a municipal milk supply that shelve our bluff at being democratic. will be delivered just like the mail is. We must have here either a democracy that shelve our bluff at being democratic.

London Shows Capitalist Press Would Start War

Meyer London, Socialist congress-man from New York, declared in the House the other day that certain capitalist newspapers are evidently determined to bring about war between the United States and Germany and are unscrupulous enough to use their papers as publicity organs to coerce members of Congress into refraining

members of Congress into reframing from expressing their convictions.

On the other hand, London said, the language used by Representative Miller of Minnesota, when he alluded to William Jennings Bryan as a royalist and a copperhead, and suggested his internment was equally as digresportable as the fulminations of disrespectable as the fulminations of

the reptile press. The incident occurred over the oratorical explosions on the part of the Democratic members of the House committee on military affairs because of the statement in the editorial col-umns of the Chicago Tribune that they should be expelled from the House as traitors for their alleged failure to permit Secretary of War Baker to bring all the general staff to

Attempt To Intimidate Members. "What I deplore about the incident," said London, "is not the attack contained in the Chicago paper. I do not care who the editor of the paper is. I do not care whether he writes his own opinions or whether just an ordinary hireling, taking the editor's orders, writes them. I do not know whether the editor believes what he

was ordered to say it.

"But I do deplore and regret that the members of the House find it necessary to defend themselves against meaningless attacks of this kind.

"I look upon them as an attempt to intimidate members of the House from giving expression to their honest opinion and from acting in accordance with their honest convictions.

"It is in line with the criticism made upon this floor by a member of this House of one of the most distinguished statesmen, one of the greatest contributors to the development of American political thought that the country has ever produced, William Jennings Bryan. And it is this that I rise to protest against.

Congress Not Mere Clerk.

"The constitution has given Congress the power to declare war. Does it mean that Congress is merely a rubber stamp clerk, obeying the orders of an individual? Or does it mean that every member of Congress is conscience bound as a man and as a representative of a free people to search his own soul and to utilize all the power of his brain in determining the important question of whether the country shall or shall not declare

"Shall members of Congress permit themselves to be frightened, to be intimidated, by bullies, by cowards, by nonpatriots, by ignoramuses who have nothing but mere professions of

"I protest, Mr. Chairman, against this attempt to intimidate the free representatives of a free people."

The most pitiful of all human beings May the day never dawn when the working class will cease to struggle and will supinely submit to the ex ploitation of the masters! We fully agree with the sentiment of Wendell Phillips, "A slave I pity; a rebellious slave I respect!" The hope of Socialism is in the fact that the rebellious slaves are getting more and more numerous, and that they are becoming more and more rebellious.

There are workingmen who have a ittle capital, just as there are capitalists who do a little work, but there is a capitalist class and a working class whose condition and mode of life are as different as if they belonged to different planets. As a general rule it may be said that a man belongs to the working class when he lives largely or entirely on the income deriv-ed from the sale of his labor power, while a man belongs to the capitalist class when he lives largely or entirely on the income derived from his

A burglar once broke into a house and confronted the owner. He pointed a revolver at the man's head and said, 'My dear sir, you ought to recognize the fact that there is an identity of interests between us. I am looking for your money, you know where it is, and it is just as much to your interest as it is to mine to have me find it."
The householder asked for an explanation, which was immediately forthcoming. "You see," said the suave burglar, "our identity of inter-"You see," said the ests consists in the fact that if I do not find money you will get your brains blown out. You need brains; I need money—Why not co-operate?"

Store clerks and office help, as well as the intellectual proletariat, such as teachers, doctors, lawyers, artists, etc., often resent being classed with such rude fellows as miners and factory workers. They seem to imagine that their clothes, or their education, or both, entitle them to some higher classification, make them in fact "little brothers" of the capitalists. It is no doubt because of this idle conceit that teachers, and store and office help, especially in the smaller towns and cities, have shown little tendency towards organization, and as a result their wages have dropped lower than those of the average skilled me-

WORKERS AWAKENING

By ADOLPH GERMER.

O FAR the response to our CALL TO ACTION has been gratifying. Telegrams, letters and news clippings are reaching us every day telling of successful mass meetings and demonstrations held and the ringing resolutions and protests sent to President Wilson and Congress. It is clear that the war lords are not having clear sailing in their efforts to plunge us headlong into war.

Altho we have succeeded in stirring up the people against sending the American workers abroad to be slaughtered, we have by far not passed the danger zone. The war promoters are ever busy, especially thru the frenzied pressinflaming the people's mind. Every issue of the war crazed papers teem with a new "outrage", conceived mostly in the fertile brain of some pencil pusher who is obeying orders and

trying hard to make a success of it. PLUTE PRESS GREATEST MENACE.

THE GREATEST menace to the peace and safety of the country in this crisis is the treacherous capitalist press. Time after time it has developed that news items were faked in order to create whatever prejudices the money power wanted.

The Chicago Tribune went so far in its frenzy for war that it advocated the imprisonment of Comrade John C. Kennedy of the 27th Ward. Chicago, because he said at an anti-war meeting that the reasons given for a declaration of war on Germany were unjustifiable. The Chicago Tribune is not alone in Russianizing America. Several of the papers have advocated the imprisonment of anyone who criticises the course of Wilson's administration.

What has become of our much lauded right of "free speech"?

All thru the European war, Republicans, Democrats and Socialists have criticised the Socialists of Europe, especially of Germany, because they took up arms. What are we going to do when the test is put up to us? Will we follow in the footsteps of the European Socialists whom we have taken the liberty to criticise? Will we permit ourselves to be stampeded into the bloody chasm?

BE TRUE TO YOUR CLASS.

IT IS my sincere hope that war with the belligerent countries will be averted, but should the worst come, I hope that we will be true to our class and our convictions and refuse to fight for our masters.

So far as ruthlessness is concerned, both sides are engaged in wholesale murder. We must either condone war or condemn it in every form. It is as ruthless to starve noncombatants as it is to attack them with a submarine. No matter what our feelings may be toward any of the belligerent nations, our duty is to keep the workers of America from being thrown out to be slaughtered.

The pivot around which the whole controevolts is "international law". Admitting that international law allows the travel of the high seas, yet common sense tells us to keep away from the war zone so long as it is a powder magazine. We are allowed many privileges under "international law" but common sense teaches us not to practice them. Let common sense guide us instead of technicality.

Of course, the frantic press would have us cast all reason to the winds and rush to the nearest recruiting office to become a cog in the uniformed murder machine.

I scorn the Prussian Military Machine. I also scorn the British Naval Machine and the Russian Cossacks. One is as inhuman and ruthless as the other and why should we become excited and join hands with either of the barbarian institutions?

The British slaughtering the Irish who wanted independence and starving noncombatants is on a par with the German submarine policy. The German government's deporting Belgians into Germany is on a par with the Russian's deporting German noncombatants into Siberia. Where is the difference?

HERE WE BALK.

THE CRISIS is not of our making. The financial pirates are growing fabulously rich from the orgy of war. They want more blood money. But they expect the workers to fight and die for it. They have drawn us on to the threshold of war. Here we balk! We shall not go another step! If they must have war in order to protect their loot let them do the fighting.

In this crisis the profit mongers rely on the press to create the war hysteria. We must use the same weapon against them. We should have millions of readers of Socialist papers. We should send the anti-war message to the home of every worker. Make your neighbor, your friend and fellow worker a reader of Socialist literature.

The American Socialist should have no.less than 200,000 subscribers right now. This can be accomplished by every reader sending in two subscriptions. How many are willing to do that?

AN EFFECTIVE ANSWER.

EVERY subscription is a most effective answer to those who would plunge you into an ocean of blood. Every subscription is an emphatic appeal to the workers to refuse to murder their comrades.

Speak out in tones that cannot be misunderstood. Tell the war promoters that you have no quarrel with your brother worker, no matter in what country he lives and that you refuse to take up arms against him.

Be Warned!

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Let every American worker be warned of the conditions that will be forced upon the workers of the nation in case of war. The trade unions in the European nations at war have been wrecked completely in many instances and the workday is gradually getting longer and conditions more burdensome. Here are some extracts taken from a report on conditions in the munitions, factories of Great Britain.

In speaking of the women workers at Elswick, England, the investigator reported that:

"Some of them were there before the war, but their numbers have been gian workmen accustomed to the enmark of Elswick's women workers.

Paying Fearful Price.

"I say at seven o'clock, morning or evening, for these girls work twelve hours per shift night and day. Seven days of twelve hours and then six nights of twelve hours. It is an intellegable hunder on young woman took up a morning or the purpose of paying Vickers for the accomodation of their own workmen. "The other instance is in connection with the employment of woman took up a morning or the purpose of paying Vickers for the accomodation of their own workmen. "The other instance is in connection with the employment of the purpose of paying Vickers for the accomodation of their own workmen. "The other instance is in connection with the employment of the purpose of paying Vickers for the accomodation of their own workmen. It is an interest of the purpose of paying Vickers for the accomodation of their own workmen.

render first-aid in case of accident, traded upon the women's ignorance of and as many as six fainting cases trade union regulations and their dishave been dealt with by one of these organized condition to keep from nurses in one day. In one shop where them their legitimate extra payment nearly two hundred girls work on each for Saturday and Sunday labor. It shift there is no mess room. was only after a strike was threatenshift there is no mess room.

"On the day shift the women get out for their midday meal, but on the night shift they never leave the work-room. Their food is consumed near "All these abominations were ocroom. Their food is consumed near their machine, and for twelve solid hours, night by night, beauty and health are sacrificed to the god of war. Many of them live at a considerable distance from the works and an hour is occupied at each end of their day's work in travelling. They are paid a weekly wage averaging about \$3.50 or \$4 and with overtime and honus may so noised abroad that instead of such

The organizer for the National out for the Russian army. The organizer for the National Amalgamated Union of Laborers told of men in his union who had worked 115 hours in one week. The investigator reported:

"I was told of men who had not had "I was told of men who had not had

"I was told of men who had not had a week-end off work since last August. Thousands of men travel night and morning into Barrow from ducted a relentless attack on the workers charging shirking, sabotage, drunkeness, etc., etc. Here is what the investigator reported:

"The representative of one of the might and morning into Barrow from places as far away as Grange in the south, and Millom in the north, 16 to 18 miles distant, and are thus compelled to start from home at about 4.45 a. m. and can not get back home until 7 p. m. Councillor Wake stated in the Council Chamber last week that he knew of men who were away from

THE CLASS STRUGGLE

struggle?

workers, themselves.

The American Working-Class Move-nent has learned a lesson from our "It is necessary to exempt the ment has learned a lesson from our work which this splendid institutionowned and controlled by the working-

class—is accomplishing.
A postal-card will bring you a free copy of this magazine; or cut out this notice, and write your name and address on the margin, and the copy of the magazine will be sent you at once.



home 161/2 hours on the day shift and

17½ hours on the night.
"In the early days of August, 1914, the men's local representatives met the heads of the firm of Vickers and, without waiting for the sanction of their central executive, voluntarily offered to forego all regulations with regard to overtime and week-end labor, and promised to do all in their power to assist to the utmost in the production of the required munitions.

Too Much For Mayor. "When the refugees from devastat-ed Belgium commenced to flock into this country, Vickers' applied for Bel-

largely augmented. With the natural gineering trade, and large numbers desire of women to have things 'nice' they carry their food in little attache Accommodation was difficult to procure, cases. At seven o'clock in the morning and Vickers improvised a temporary and at seven at night between two and three thousand of them may be seen either starting or finishing their a demand for reimbursement to the day's labors, each dangling a little sum of \$2,000 from the local relief fund. This was altogether too overwhelming for the Mayor (a Tory in politics), who promptly informed them that the fund did not exist for

tolerable burden on young woman-hood, and many of them will pay a fearful price for the strains of today.

of women took up employment in response to Vickers' demand, who im-mediately put the women on the three-"Ambulance girls are engaged to shift system, seven days a week, and

\$4, and with overtime and bonus may double these figures. Some of them shortage being due to the idleness of are employed on work usually done by fact that munitions are being turned

"The representative of one of the of the factory act. Firms who have no justification—who are not doing government work—are simply ignoring the act.

Do you believe in the class workers by the employers has had one hopeful and curious result. It has If you DO, you know that the impressed on the workers their impressed on the workers get drunk. They don't matter. They You do not look to the enemy for are not needed. But the working man political help, you do not look to the enemy for industrial freedom—then has a glass of beer, the whole country why should you look to the enemy for education? If he FIGHTS against us, he must THINK against us. There is no magic that can transform the industrial and political enemy into an educational friend.

"There workers, have realized that we alone are indispensable to the national friend."

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recognized this, and has founded its
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usual,' accepting private orders, employing as much cheap labor as posswin educational friend. tral Labour College of London. The workman, turning out bad work, and leaders in the great English strikes delaying work. The employers are have been men trained in that College. pocketing the booty, and the workers

English fellow-workers. We, too, have armament firms from a portion of this our own Working-Class College. Do indictment. They are undoubtedly you know of its work? Thousands of working day and night with full students are already enrolled in cor- staffs upon the government's orders. respondence work with The People's But these firms would surely never College, of Fort Scott, Kansas—the dare to proffer the impudent state-American Working-Class College. A ment that any of their men were breezy little magazine is issued each slacking or idling. On the contrary, it month, which will give you all the is obvious that many workmen are in news of the work of the Cellege. Send grave danger of completely ruining for a copy today, and learn about the their health thru excessive and continuous toil.

> Workers of America should ponder over these trials of their fellow workers in foreign lands before plunging into a causeless war with Germany or any other country.

The Million Dime Column

Total number of dimes received up to acluding Thursday, February 8th, 1917: 79,021

Name and Address UNKNOWN.

The Supply Of Gold

By JOHN M. WORK.

HERE IS more than one element involved in the high cost of living, but, as pointed out in the statement issued by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, the increase in the supply of gold is an element which is little understood and therefore seldom considered. Since we have the gold standard, every other commodity is measured by

gold. But gold fluctuates like everything else. When gold is hard to get—when it is scarce—it is dear. It takes lots of other things to get it. A little of it will buy lots of other things. So, when gold is scarce, prices are

A large supply of gold has exactly the opposite effect. It is cheap. Not so much of other things is necessary in order to get it. More of it is required to buy other things. Therefore, prices are high.

At the present time, gold is plentiful and prices high. I quote the following from the January number of The Straus Investors Magazine, published by

S. W. Straus & Co., investment bankers:
"Gold continues to accumulate in the United States in amounts be

yond comprehension. There seems reason to believe that by the first of February, unless the unexpected happens, the supply of gold will surpass the three billion dollar mark. Indeed, it is a fact that the amount of gold per capita is more than \$24.80, because of the large shipments of the yellow metal into the United States that have been made since these figures were compiled. The present amount per capita is almost three times what it was at the low point of the panic of 1893 - twenty-three years ago. Then, the amount per capita was \$8.93."

It then goes on to show the steady rise in the supply of gold by giving

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1891 10.10	1901 14.47	1911 18.65
1892 10.15	1902 15.07	1912 18.95
1893 8.93	1903 15.45	1913 19.17
1894 9.18	1904 16.22	1914 18.90
1895 9.10	1905 16.31	1915 19.50
1996 8.40	1906 17.40	1916 24.80
1897 9.55	1907 17.03	

It follows that, unless the supply of gold decreases again, prices are not likely to fall much. It is necessary that incomes should be boosted accordingly, in order to offset the high prices. That would give some immediate relief. Socialism will cure the entire evil. It will give everyone the full value of

Warning To Wilson

NO SOLDIERS FROM Y. P. S. L.

At the request of the Y. P. S. L National Committee, William F.
Kruse, Director of the Young People's Common people. The international Department of the Socialist Party, bankers, brokers and municion maksent the following letter to President ers howl for war. The gamblers of Wilson regarding the stand taken by the Young People's Socialist League ago when a suspicion of peace reachon the war. The letter follows:

Chicago, Feb. 13, 1917. His Excellency,

Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:—You have been assured of the support of various bodies of citizens in the event that this country enters the world war. Allow me, on behalf of the YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST League of this nation, affiliated with kindred organizations all over the world, to assure you of our unalterable opposition. America is to serve humanity let her remain at peace, if she is to continue in the service of Mammon let her follow her bloody course. American patriotism the love for the welfare and safety of this country — can at this grave crisis best manifest itself in keeping Americans out of the war zone, and in forbidding that our mills and workshops be turned from the arts of peace into Hell-factories for the promotion of murder across the seas and cor-

ruption at home. Our members in other lands have stood firm in their opposition to any form of militarism, they have willingly faced imprisonment and death as a penalfor their devotion to the caus of peace. Our members in this country are willing, should oc-casion require, to show the same

determination. Upon your shoulders, Mr. President, rests the greatest opportunity conferred upon any man of modern times. It is your lot either to write yourself down in the book of history as a man of the people, or else as another of the many whose pens have helped to leave their record writ in blood and tears. Which shall it be? Most respectfully, I remain, sir,

Sincerely yours, WM. F. KRUSE. National Secretary, YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

GREATNESS OF PREJUDICE. "The women of the Western States lected Wilson' This triumphant slogan was shouted thruout the country. There was little attempt at con-tradiction for the Western States usually supported the Republican candidate. The South particularly felt happy over four more years of Democratic national policy. The southern politician gallantly doffed his hat to the women who saved the Democratic party. And then several southern legislators ungallantly refused to raise

Berger Says People Are Not Howling For War

By VICTOR L. BERGER.

ed the exchanges celebrated with bands and flags when the president broke off relations with Germany. They clamor for war. Capitalists For War.

"The manufacturers of war materials and exporters of grain demand war," he continued. "The produce exchange rages for war. The capital-ist press and the cheap politicians and demagogues of the Teddy Roose-velt type also went war. velt type also want war.
But the machinist unions, altho the

men make war materials, do not want war. The bricklayers do not ask for I don't do it alone, but neither does war. The shirtwaist makers of New anyone else do it alone. I have securtrial war, wish for no war between this nation and another.

Party and of the Y. P. S. L. and have written them for help. I send

intoxicated with some artificial patriotism. Workingmen want peace because they know that in the end the working class must pay the bill in blood and treasure.

Must Have Courage.

any man who is truly progressive must have courage to state unpopu- help. lar opinions when they are honest

wants to control the world's trade- and talk about how we did it. which means the world's graft. And it is an especially tragic situation when the two 'leading German's nations. England and Germany-kin in blood and thought—are in a death grapple on account of the desire to control the mines, oil wells and grain fields of backward races.

Why Want War? And why should America, why should this great nation, which is overwhelmingly made up of men and women of British and German descent—wish to break into this hellish turmoil? Are the invest-ments of Morgan and Schwab so dear to us that we are willing to spill the blood of thousands of our own people and that of thousands of our kin across the sea to safeguard them? This is not a party question. This is a question of the welfare of the nation. The war has not yet been declared. There is still time to stop and consider, to deliberate. Let all This those in favor of peace assemble in solemn mass meetings. Let them discuss either the proposition of a complete embargo or the following suggestions of William Jennings

Bryan:
"Keep Americans off belligerent

ican citizens traveling in the war object of life.

"Keep American crafts out of the danger zone. Let resolutions protesting against America's entering the war be sent to the president and to congress. This will advise officialdom of the

temper of the people. But whatever is done must be done at once.'

VOTES FOR GERMAN WOMEN.
The cat is out of the political bag, in Germany at least. Some thought first chance for men to be honest. Do that the recent liberality toward ened sense of justice, but in a debate in the Prussian diet, the real reason was divulged by Herr von Karsel. He explained that already many women are employed in munitions and ment and have their only here. cipal service, and greater numbers would be needed. But that there were legal obstructions in the way of employing those much-needed women, as many positions specified particularly that the incumbents must be voters. So if Germany wants to work her women, she must let them vote. Hard and Minneapolis. Many of the labor luck to the overlord, but the housefrau may come into her own,

ANSWER THIS QUESTION? Have you sent in your order for those two-page anti-war leaflets?
This Proclamation against war means sure defeat the jingoes.

The people ought to know whether they want to fight. Therefore, let war be decided by referendum.

Scholarship Contest News

Name Address Points more than ten million homes in M. K. Friedman, Kokomo, Ind...605 Europe. A fact like this is worth many Conrad L. Friberg, Chicago, Ill... 60 unsupported charges. Mae Garber, Greenburg, Pa...... 30 Miss E. W., Holyoke, Mass..... 20 you please, gentlemen, but sooner or later you will have to come to Solater you will have you John C. Knowlton, Mason City, Ia. 12

L. Van den Bergh, Minneapolis, Minn.10 R. H. Lane, Aurora, N. C...... 8 Geo. Tigura, Knoxville, Tenn.... 2 Robert H. Wilson, Brattleboro.... --Wm. Heino, Wilkeson, Wash..... -J. N. Carter, Omaha, Nebr..... — on food stuffs. L. M. Osbourne, Alliance, O..... -Max Cervis, Irwin, Pa..... -Miss Selma E. Kajander, Butte,

Mont. --Harold F. D. A. Jackson, Los Angeles, Cal. -Ernest Leo, Seattle, Wash. -Marion L. Lehman, N. Glendale,

Chas. Delinsek, Mullan, Idaho.... -B. J. S., Gary, Ind. -Maurice Levine, St. Paul, Minn... -Ida Bienstock, Hartford, Conn... -

Mrs. H. J. Grigsby, Great Falls,

City, N. Y..... -Mrs. C. Sachse, Youngstown, O. -Tony Morrello, Youngstown, O... - know. I. V. Yinget, Kenosha, Wis. -August Schell, Greenwich, Conn. -

HOW ONE MAN DOES IT. There has been a great deal of interest shown in the fine race the leader of our contest, Comrade Friedman, has been making. Many of the others, less fortunate they thought, could not understand it. Here, in his own words, is the stown. s the story:

"Anyone can win in this contest if they mean business. Especially in those states where there is a well or-ganized Socialist Party and Y. P. S. L. organization. Theer is over four months left and a great deal can be done in that time. "I dont' find it so hard. Of course

York who are in the midst of indus- ed a list of the local secretaries of the this nation and another.

The working class of every country is for peace unless it becomes two or three weeks. Incidentally I of two or three weeks. Incidentally I of-fered a little premium of my own, of \$5.00 worth of Socialist books to the local selling the most subs during February, but this is hardly necessary. Thanks to your help I get the lists of subscription expirations and these All this may be a very unpopular always produce a lot of points with opinion just now. But a Socialist or their renewals. Just send me more of these expiration lists, they are a great

"Anyone can do as I am doing, if Anyone can go as I am going, II jackasses who voted for him. The rich and so mobile that it can fit the may do as they please.

And he can be no man at all whose heart is not moved by the sight of the foremost civilized nations of the world trying to exter-culation, and we will all meet at the minute and the sight of the world trying to exter-culation, and we will all meet at the may do as they please.

Those editors who have been trying for years to lash the American people into a frenzy that would admit of we may need an addition to our house. jackasses who voted for him. The rich minate each other because each Rand School some day next winter war profits for a few treacherous cutthroats, are worse than robbers and murderers or spies. They deserve no

"Yours for the Cause, "Morris K. Friedman."

There you have it. That is the way to do the job. The whole answer is found in one word—CO-OPERATION. Don't try to move the world all by yourself, get your comrades to help cowardly and villainous to enlist in you. The American Socialist wants to the army he pretends to worship. why see you win. We will be glad to send you lists of expiring subscriptions just as we are sending them to Comrade Friedman. We will give you the battleship with a five thousand dollar names of Party and Y. P. S. L. secretaries to whom you can appeal for the building of a few score battle-help. We will be glad to back you up ships. It means that much more for in every possible way. There are the munition trusts that more than four months left—and you ernments of the earth. can do a lot in that time. Start in

ANSWER THIS QUESTION? Have you sent in your order for those two-page anti-war leaflets? ed to keep munitions at home, and see if that wouldn't be worth many Proclamation against war means sure defeat for the jingoes.

The Thing Worth While

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL The only thing in the world that is worth bothering about is the advancement of the Socialist movement. "Refuse clearance to ships carrying contraband.

"Withdraw protection from American citizens traveling in the were chief of life."

"We describe the Socialist movement. It is goes back to the Morgan and Rockefeller banks, to be loaned out again. The same money draws interest chief."

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alone proposes to give to all the peoples of the earth a chance to be educated.

Do you believe in are? This movement means the first free field and opportunity for art.

you believe in equality for men and

HERE'S MUNICIPAL BANK. The St. Paul city "bank," the only bank in the United States run by a municipality, is making great in-roads on private banks in St. Paul unions of both cities have withdrawn their money from local banks and in vested their funds in St. Paul city

The people ought to know whether

bonds thru the bank.

Socialism has not lost. It has AMERICAN SOCIALIST

nerely been sandbagged.

to kill and rob?

It is capitalism, you will notice, that is destroying religion in both Europe and America.

If it is right for nations to kill and

It is capitalism that has broken up

You may precipitate all the wars

It is capitalism that has "legitimiz-

ed" thousands of babes born of lust

and rape in war-mad Europe. What

President Wilson himself is re-

Even the big war scare that Wilson

dubbs pay for not adopting Socialism

It is capitalism that is shipping

away the products of America until

cause it can, and because it considers

After all, the congressmen who

them opportunity to get their's from

President means to enforce compul-

sory enlistment and compulsory mili-

for others to fight, and himself is too

Now that it has been proved how

easy it is to sink a ten million dollar

submarine, congress will authorize the building of a few score battle-

the munition trusts that run the gov-

America has spent more than either

England or Germany on preparedness

and still has no preparation. Suppose

that every citizen be armed and allow-

which to buy equipment. The govern

ment buys the equipments of the

sales made. Great banking scheme.

Frank Rockefeller recently

a charity hospital. His brother, John

D., would not go to see him, because

the two had a quarrel nineteen years

the other is a swindler. That is the class of cattle to which congress has

been giving the property of the people

ago over a business deal. Each

for the past forty years.

After compulsory arbitration the

the street.

place in America.

proved to be.

public officials were involved.

begins chasing you.

four years ago.

sponsible for the high cost of living, in that he did not declare an embargo

about free love, sonny?

rob, why is it not right for individuals

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1917.

Enlarging Our House

By AGNES H. DOWNING. GROUP of student women were

studying Shakespeare's Anthony and Cleopatra.
"Fulvia caused the war if Italy in

the hopes to thus bring back from the east her recreant husband, Mark Anthony," was said and then a matron among them excused Fulvia on the threw into the country has not completely dispelled the stink of the diplomatic leaks in which so may and of course she left no stone un-

turned to bring their father back from the sorceress, Cleopatra.

These student women had gone carefully over the ground. Their discussion showed familiarity with the criticism of Caloridae with Davides. It is capitalism that is so very "spiritual" it has thrown the world into a struggle for loot. A thirteen inch shell is pretty "material" when it criticism of Coleridge, with Dryden's play and Plutarch's lives. But it was ony a radical woman among them who connected the lore with the life The H. C. L. has already cost the people of America twice as much as the civil war did. That is the price you

of today.
"I can but think of the suffering of the helpless ones who were forced to war that the personal ends of oth-

ers might be served," she said.
"Yes, in those times they did not think of the sufferings of the people," Said the first apologist.
"Do they today?" pursued the radical woman. Her question turned the

thousands of Americans have not enough to eat. So "practical," you If it is right for the rich to hold thought on the world tragedy of our up the nation for outrageous prices, own time and an animated discussion why is it not right for the workers to followed. Coleridge, Dryden, Plutarch hold up a rich man for the price of and Shakespeare were hers no less a bed or a meal? than theirs and in addition she had the Socialist philosophy that enabled her to interpret the finest thought of If it is right for a president or congress to declare a war that the workers must fight, why is it not right for the workers to declare a war on the scoundrels who assume such mitted their history or literature. She interpreted and applied it to the life According to the average daily paper, there is no virtue in the upper classes except in robbing the poor and stirring up war for the toilers to fight. And the conclusion is about

of all time and especially of today.

Eagerly I sought her out. She was
not a member of the Socialist Party
and never had been. But she had read Socialist books—was familiar all our greatest writers. As I talked with her and felt the quiet power of of the penny paper is over. It means to kill out the workers' organs—be- ing effects of her teaching, I felt that ing effects of her teaching, I felt that merely as an intellectual school Soan intelligent working class danger- cialism had done enough to explain its

pursuit and justify its existence.
But the Socialist Party aims to do far more. Its purpose is to direct into have been aiding Wall street for so effective channels the large numbers long deserve some reward. It was that its teachings have reached. The only right that the leak should give student woman is but one type. There are other groups and groups of men and women working in various line, whose experiences are making them Socialists in fact if not in name, who must also be brought in. To do this we must not let our organization tary training-all for the working petrify; we must make it so simple and so mobile that it can fit the

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The Crisis

By RALPH KORNGOLD. THIS IS a time for clear thinking and for plain, deliberate speaking.
We must not allow ourselves to be-

come excited or confused. We are now confronted with the same kind of situation that the So-

meet expectations. no time to decide on a course of action. They were confused, overwhelmed, stampeded.

act, if we allow ourselves to be swept ness to the prices.

LET US consider the situation: We are on the verge of war with Germany. If we go to war it will not be because of any sentimental notions of right or wrong. Neither will it cause they need it at home to reduce be beacuse a few Americans are the cost of living; the munitions, bedrowned. Nations do not pour out their blood and treasure for reasons like these.

peatedly called attention to this ele- PLE. mentary truth.

Unfortunately our society is a

the American people—at the present for the interest of the nation.
time, at least—can have none but a time, at least—can have none but a sentimental interest.

portation of food and munitions to England? Not merely SENTIMEN- pulpit and the rostrum do not express

The American people are not vitally interested. In fact it may be said that they are vitally interested in having the shipping of food and munitions stopped. The food, be-

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Cost Of Investigating High Cost Of Living Comes High

By LUCIEN SAINT.

WASHINGTON .- Now along come the Democrats and want \$200,000only \$200,000—to investigate the High Cost of Living! same kind of situation that the Sosialists of Europe were confronted
with some two and a half years ago.
There is no denying the fact that
the Socialists of Europe failed to

When the Democrats came into power four years ago, they promised to
reduce the H. C. of L. by reducing the tariff. They reduced the tariff exactly
as they desired—but the cost of living did not come down with it. Instead, it
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tary of Agriculture Houston, standpat economist, and the Federal Trade It may be said on their behalf that they were taken by surprise. Individually and collectively they had Which settles it, for in this Democracy, one man's word is absolute law.

The President says that "we" do not produce enough, and mentions beef. It is true that beef production and dairy production do not keep pace with the population, but everything else has. It is further and very vitally true that We have no such excuse.

We have had plenty of time to reflect and to prepare. If we do not get a feet are the big groceries which take their big profits and add big
act. if we allow ourselves to be swent page to the project.

off our feet by the war enthusiasm, or even cowed into silence and submison wholesome food for a little over 30 cents a day per man, this sum insion, it will be because we lack coursion, it will be because we lack coursion, or both.

* * * *

LET US consider the situation:

On whotesome look for a fittle over 30 tents a day per man, fuel, labor, and the breakage of dishes. Why shouldn't the army, instead of fighting Germany (where the people are suffering from the highest prices in Europe)

stitutes.

A Clean Knockout

By JOHN M. WORK.

wherein nobody will want to drink.

Repressive laws are temporary.

civilization. We are now in that in-ferior stage. There are many people

who have passed beyond the need of

Socialism will liberate them.

sive laws necessary.

ough to drink it.

to the meeting.

When the resolution was presented

a stormy discussion of the subject followed. Strong protests were made

against its adoption by some promin-

evil a clean knockout.

Why not?

NATIONS GO TO WAR WHEN
THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS
DEMAND THAT THEY GO TO
WAR ON THIS ISSUE IS, THEREWAR.

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This premise is admitted by some of the most frank among the war enthusiasts.

The Chicago Tribune, one of the Round Tribune, one of the Chicago Tribune, one of the

I DO not mean that the president CLASS society and our government a is knowingly working against the best interests of the nation" but too frequently means THE INTEREST OF THE RULING CLASS OF THE NATION—a small but powerful MINORITY. This was never more true than in the present case.

"Treedom of the seas" is an electric mean that the president is knowingly working against the best interests of the people. I have a high regard for Woodrow Wilson as a man. The United States has had few presidents who were more essentially democratic, whose sympathies have been more strongly with the underdog. Nevertheless Wilson's environment has been, and is, that of the "Freedom of the seas" is an elo-quent phrase and a fine doctrine, in exploiting class. It is easy for him which, however, the vast majority of to mistake the interests of that class

entimental interest.

Stripped of all eloquence "freedom rostrum. The press, the pulpit, the rostrum. The president of the Unof the seas", right now, means nothing more, than FREEDOM TO EXPORT FOOD AND MUNITIONS TO that he should be. As chief servant of the people he should take account Now, who is interested in the ex- of the wishes of the people.

Unfortunately, the newspapers, the TALLY interested, because he is pro-ally, or pro-teuton, but VITALLY in-terested; so vitally interested that he the press, the pulpit and the rosis ready to go to war about it?

WHO ELSE BUT THE MUNITION MAKERS AND FOOD SPECULATORS?

trum make public opinion. The influence of sustained noise is tremendous. If a thing is dinned into your
ears from a thousand sources, day after day, unless you are a person of

> I FEEL quite sure that if a referendum were taken today on the issue of war with Germany, the proposition would be voted down overwhelmingly; but even if it were not, it would merely prove that the capitalist press had done its work were and had succeeded in working the people as a whole average in quality and intelligence is people up to a pitch where they were low. This low average makes repression. pitalist press had done its work well, out of the fire.
>
> Certain it is that if the people had

> been left alone, "freedom of the seas" ed by capitalism. Under this system, could go hang, as far as they were concerned, and the death of a few work all their lives for a bare living. women and children who risked going They do not have an opportunity to into the war zone would have excited develop. Therefore, the average is them no more than the death of a low. So living in Mr. Rockefeller's mining will camps. It is quite certain that they full earnings. It will give them every would no more think of making war opportunity to develop themselves on the Kaiser than they thought of and make their lives worth living. making war on Mr. Rockefeller.

BUT IF as a result of this campaign of ruthlessness on the part of the capitalist press, the nation goes to war, what then becomes the duty of a Socialist?

In my opinion the least a Socialist can do is to refuse to enlist, and if drafted into the army or navy to refuse to serve

men who have been exploiting and The chairman appointed B. B. Arthur, plundering the people of the nation another Socialist, as one of the comwhich they hypocritically claim to mittee to draft resolutions to submit

GETTING WHAT IS DUE YOU. Under the form of society advocated by the Socialists you are assured of getting what is due to you as far

as that can be ascertained.

Under the form of society we have at present, you have a chance of get Taylor, of the Unitarian Church, the ting a great deal more than is due to resolution passed almost unanimously, you, but a mighty slim chance it is as follows: for you—the average workingman or

And it is this will o' the wisp hope of getting a great deal more than is due to you that the capitalists have been dangling before you to get you of this meeting that the people alone to yote for an unjust system. to vote for an unjust system.

But instead of getting what you had hoped to get—a great deal more than you could possibly earn by your place. We call upon congress to subthan you could possibly earn by your peace, we call upon congress to submit the question of war to a referenyou should have gotten—the fruits of
dum of the people, except in case of own labor-you have lost that which

a Republican or a Democrat out of a can possibly obtain. On the other hand real Socialist. As the humorous artist says: "It can't be done!" Whomsoever as high dividends as possible. Whatwe get we keep; whomsoever the ever the workmen gain in improved Republicans and Democrats once lose conditions, the capitalists lose in to us they never get back. If for no dividends; whatever the capitalists other reason than this the Secialists gain in dividends, the workers lose in This

Socialists At Work

NOTE.—What are the Socialists doing in your city county or state? The editor of this column wants to know. Send in the news about your activities. This plea is made especially to local secretaries, state secretaries and other officials of the party. Send all communications to the Editor, "Socialista A Work" Column, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, III

in New York has introduced a bill of \$3,008,777,940.09. which prohibits the employment of persons not police officers to act as guards during strikes or lockouts.

is done to the workers by irresponsible persons usually recruited from ing his bill. "These hired men often are a menace not only to the strikers but to the general public as well.

"Law and its observance mean nothing to them. They are hired to commit acts of violence upon the 'enemies' should be appropriated for the first of their employers.' The state or city line of defense.

alone should perform police functions In 1915, the first year after the and should not tolerate the evil of private guards."

James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation By JOHN M. WORK.

O MANY things stop short of the Labor and Socialist member of the Legislature, has introduced an old age assistance bill, giving \$5 weekly to all persons more than 60 years of the Legislature, has introduced an old age assistance bill, giving \$5 weekly to all persons more than 60 years of

But there they stop short. They do not go on and work for the abolition of the conditions which drive men to vania. The bill provides for the estabcrave either drink or some of its sub- lishment of an old age assistance bureau to administer the pension law When I note the fact that men like which, if passed, would go into effect Billy Sunday, Mr. Bryan and Mr. January 1, 1918. Hobson are bold enough to lend their

great ability toward ending the li-quor evil, I have a certain amount of IN WISCONSIN BE LABELLED. Despite opposition by the Socialist admiration for their courage and promembers, the county board of super Then again when I reflect that, al-tho they are apparently intelligent the board on record against a bill men, they do not seem to have the pending in the Legislature, requiring slightest knowledge of the fact that that all goods manufactured in State in order to permanently remove the prisons bear the label "Convict evil they must remove the cause, I made". The Socialist members held am filled with something akin to distant that free labor had a right to be proust. tected from prison labor. The resolu-Certainly, until the time comes tion was carried 10 to 6, the Social when I can give the liquor evil a ists voting solidly against it. knockout, I will not neglect any op-

Indianapolis Socialists and the So portunity to land him an uppercut or left swing. But meantime I shall cialists from over Indiana will have always be manoeuvering for the knockout.

A great deal of good can be done and is being done by the ball man always in Indianapolis, friends do not wish the workers to become class conscious, and that with Hall. Gene Debs will be the guest of good reason. Eugene V. Debs once and is being done by the half way re-forms along this line. They are dis-scale and speakers from over the earth that can defeat the working tinctly beneficial to the working class middle west will make short talks. and to the Socialist movement. Any-thing that makes for soberness like-bought thru the State Office. "We wise makes for Socialism. A liquor would like to hear at once from those soaked brain cannot absorb Social- out in the state that wish to come," writes Wm. H. Henry, State Secre But I want to go farther than that tary, Room 30, Mansur Block, Inwant to bring about conditions dianapolis, Ind.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT. belong to an inferior stage of

Organization - Education - Solidarity. WILLIAM V. KRUSE - - - Director

it. There are more who have not. Taking the people as a whole the To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialist Leagues.

Address all communications to: Socialist Party Young People's Dept., 803 W. Madison St., Chicage.

An immediate result of the enthusiasm stirred up by the National Champs is the great volume of news sent into this office by the contestants. It's a good thing, but if the crime of leaving out something that your league has sent in should ever be committed we ask that the Yipsels be indulgent. will give them short hours and their

opportunity to develop themselves and make their lives worth living.

Then the general average will become far higher. Repressive laws will no longer be needed. You could let liquor run out of bubblers, free as water, and no one would be fool enough to drink it.

We ask that the Yipseis be induigent.

Action has been taken in many different cities on the war question. Resolutions have the national of this paper you will find a letter sent on behalf of the National Y. P. State Committee has already notified all its leagues and a letter is going forward from the National Office to the same effect.

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That is the way to give the liquor will a clean knockout.

NASHVILLE AGAINST WAR.

Nashville, Tenn.—At a peace meeting that taxed the capacity of the liquor of that taxed the capacity of the liquor are that taxed the capacity of the liquor are an all the same effect.

"We usually win when we go in" is a dandy motto for any Y. P. S. L. It has been climped from a letter sent in by Comrade Glickman, the new organizer of the Rochester, N. Y., Yipsels, and shows their spirit. Yipsels, generally do get what they go after, so this motto will fit pretty nearly any league.

fuse to serve.

I speak with full consciousness of the consequences of such a course, and I am not advising any one to assume risks which I myself may not be called upon to take.

I am not a pacifist. I could fight with enthusiasm if the people's liberties were to be defended or new liberties were to be won, but I shall face a firing squad before I shed a drop of blood in the interests of the men who have been exploiting and plundering the people of the project of th

common good.

Cleveland, O., had a Valentine Party and a big Dance as its special features for Feb. Tolcdo, O., celebrated with a banquet at head-quarters, and also had a lecture by Prof. Mallory of Toledo University, Dayton, O., will stage "The Henry Dubb Minstrels" with a cast of 25 at the dedication of the new party headquarters.

headquarters.

There are other folks who served Socialagainst its adoption by some prominent jingoists present, but after a most eloquent and impassioned address in favor of the resolution by Rev. W. M. Taylor, of the Unitarian Church, the resolution passed almost unanimously, as follows:

"Whereas, it is the people of any land who in time of war must shed the blood and bear the staggering burdens of armed conflict; therefore "Be it Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the people alone should have the right to declare war."

There are other folks who served Socialism across the dining table. Jamestown. N. Y., had a splendid second anniversary banquet at which all the speakers were Yipsels, the central big guns being the listeners. They are enthusiastic about their prospects in the National Champs. The Jewish Circle, Washington, D. C., also celebrated their anniversary, the first, with a dinner at headquarters. They have bi-monthly lectures and very well attended meetings.

Members of the Omaha, Nebr., League recently made a fine showing at the High School debates, and the league is proud of them. They plan to start a Socialist Sunday School and are working on a big debate with headliners as attractions.

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Prominent members of the Socialist Party and Labor Unions addressed the first annual state convention of the Connecticut, recently held at Hartford. The Hartford Yipsel Orchestra is making a big hit these days. At New Britain, Conn., meetings in the newly reorganized league are progressing first rate, and five new members were taken in at the last come-together.

You can make a Socialist out of a Republican or a Democrat. That has been done before. Most of us were either Republicans or Democrats at one time. But the process has not yet been invented by which you can make a Socialist. Any league are progressing first rate, and five new members were taken in at the last come-together. "The Rector of St. Judes" will be given at the anniversary of the Trenton, N. J., Yipsels. "Black 'ell', an English censored war play will be put on by the North Side, Chicago, Ill.

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ANSWER THIS QUESTION? Have you sent in your order for those two-page anti-war leaflets? This Proclamation against war sure defeat for the jingoes.

Navalism Has Cost Us 3 Billions In 34 Years

When the current naval appropria tion bill passed Congress, the United States will have spent more than three billion dollars on its navy during the thirty-four years ending with 1917. The exact figures, including the year 1916, are \$2,737,324,695.02. The now before Congress carries Socialist Assemblyman Whitehorn \$351,453,245.07, making a grand total

"At the present time great injustice with an appropriation of the moder-done to the workers by irrespon-ate sum of \$16,920,288.80, which was then assailed as grossly extravagant. appropriations amounted to but \$22.-

> In 1903 the cost of the navy reached \$84.993.697.99. By 1913 the naval officials persuad-Congress that \$142,744,157.27

> European war broke out, \$151,033,-

spent for naval war preparation to \$318,212,207.77. \$318,212,207.77. has a right to say such things as he In 1917, if the bill now before Consaid. Has he not always been the

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Summary of all appropriations for

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1917 (estimated).			\$35	1,453,24	5.07		

Grand total, 1883-1917, incl. \$3,088,777,940.09

Of course, the capitalists and their class-that power is the working class itself. The capitalists know this. They know that as long as they can hire workingmen and women to take the place of other workingmen and women who are struggling for better the workers become class conscious and act unitedly on the political and economic field, and neither threats, cajolery or bribery can persuade them to work against the interest of their

ACTIVE AT KANSAS CITY, MO. Reports come from Kansas City, Mo., that the local there is running on high speed—more activity than for 10 ing while another class reaps the rich years past. Lectures are held every sunday in the party hall, with a spegrows out of the blood-soaked field. cial lecture once a month in one of the largest auditoriums in the city. Our waste in war they should spend in imlast speaker was John Spargo. Next proving their own lot, and in making ny, 1169 Keystone, Pittsburgh, Pa

War Madness

By JOSEPH E. COHEN.

War madness is not a simple thing. It is madness indeed among those who, having all to lose and nothing to gain, go off to kill or be killed, at the behest of others who do none of the fighting but remain behind to glean the profits from war loans, contracts and commercial expansion.

Thus among those who will express their eagerness to remain at home is Naval authorities denominate the "New" Navy, the construction program begun on a limited scale in 1883 minent than his heart began to bleed for his beloved country. The nation should be saved even if every un-In 1893, ten years later, the naval patriotic statesman and labor agitator must be deported.

To be sure Mr. Schwab, possibly in his thoughtlessness, failed to tell where they could be deported, for at that moment the President was asking all neutral nations to join with him—whether in a peaceful demonstration or overtures for hostilities.

But if those undesirable to him could not be sent out of the country 908.03 were appropriated. then they might be compelled to work In 1916, under the stress of the at the Bethlehem Steel Works. We MAURER CHAMPIONS BILL TO campaign waged by the miltiarists can offer no worst form of cru PENSION PERSONS OVER 60 Congress jumped the public money unusual punishment than that. campaign waged by the miltiarists can offer no worst form of cruel and

And who better than Mr. Schwab gress passes as reported out, the appropriation will cost the people \$351,- need? Hasn't he?

We must be mistaken. For it crops In view of the fact that the amount of public money spent for the Navy other than Mr. Schwab's company, in erecting an armor plate plant for its own use.

> And it does seem to us it was only within a fortnight of Mr. Schwab' unholy haste to denounce others tha the secretary of the navy said:

"I regard the attitude of these companies in this and other matters as most unfortunate... That large manufacturers of war materials should persist in extracting the last penny of profit from our urgent necessity gives a certain clear color to the arguments of those who believe 'preparedness' is a synonym for pro-fits and not patriotism."

Can there be any doubt that such patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel?

And, under the circumstances, that is to be expected but there is no recruiting at navy and army stations in the face of an apparent crisis? Why should real patriots keep com-

pany with Mr. Schwab? And why, it he wants war and it is to be his war should real patriots do the fighting? It is just as well for the President and Congress of the United States to know that if war is what Mr. Schwab and his kindred capitalist spirits want, then the people as a whole want none of it and have no intention of

conditions, as long as they can persuade or bribe working people to put the candidates of the capitalist customed to seeing others go thru the class into office their interests are work and travail of steel making out entirely safe, but that the moment of which the bond and stock holding idlers reap the profit. He hopes to see working people run the risk of losing limb or life, bring misery and want to work against the interest of their class—that moment the capitalist system is doomed, and nothing can hold back the Co-operative Commonwealth.

should be sorely disappointed. There should be no more of the kind of war where one class does the fight-The energy which the people would

It has been frequently said that human nature would have to be changed in order to make Socialism possible. We, on the other hand, maintain that just because human nature is what it is, mankind needs Socialism. If Rockefeller were an angel, Carnegie an archangel, Hill a demigod, it might perhaps be reasonably safe to leave them in possession of their almost unheard of power, but just because they are fallible men, perhaps no more, but certainly no less solich than the rest of us their newer selfish than the rest of us, their power must be taken from them just as the absolute power of kings was taken away for the same reason.

victory of the workers does not spell the subjugation of the capitalist class or of any other class. It will mean the abolition of all classes and an equal opportunity for all to shape their destinies in the new commonwealth. We can give the capitalists the assurance that the workers in the day of their victory will be far more merciful to them than they have been to the workers.

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IS HE CRAZY? The owner of a large plantation grow, is giving away a few fiveacre fruit tracts. The only condition is that figs be planted. The cwner wants enough figs raised to supply a co-operative canning fact-cry. You can secure five acres and an interest in the canning factory by month we will have Scott Nearing.

ANSWER THIS QUESTION?

Have you sent in your order for those two-page anti-war leaflets? This Proclamation against war means sure defeat for the jingoes.

And if there must be some deporting, let it be of those war frenzied capitalists, politicians and editors who might render a lasting service to humanity by going off to an island somewhere and killing each other.

This Proclamation against war manity by going off to an island somewhere and killing each other.

They will plant and care for your trees for \$6 a mouth. Your profit should be \$1,000 per year. For eighteen cents to cover mailing expenses, they will send you, prepaid sample jar preserved figs, grown or the plantation.

WHAT THIS MAN DID-YOU CAN

Winslow, Arizona. Dec. 23, 1916.

The People's College

Fort Scott, Kansas.

Dear Comrades:

Knowing you are interested I hasten to tell you of my having passed the Bar examination in this state recently. And it is with sincere appreciation I do this.

Having only a grammar school education and having really studied only about nine months all told, I know of no more convincing proof of the merits of The People's College Law Course than this: That a person can go into an examination as I did in which Yale and several of the big state universities were represented and stand with the highest six in a class of eighteen.

Also I want to tell you of a little incident that carries more weight than anything I can

After the examination we attended a banquet and the Chairman of the Bar Examination Board, in the presence of the whole class asked me where I studied law. I told him I had taken a correspondence course; and he went on then and said that the reason he asked the question was that he had gathered that impression and wanted to be sure.

He said he used to be somewhat prejudiced against correspondence schools but correspondence school men had been taking the high marks with such regularity he was compelled to acknowledge their merit.

Thanking you again for the assistance you have been to me and hoping I may in time be of some service to the working class, I remain Yours truly.

Eugene Burke

Today's mail brings news of 3 other students of the Law Department of The People's College who have just passed the Bar Examination and are ready to practice Law.

Harry L. Sullivan took the examination in Kansas and passed when three graduates of the State University failed. H. K. Glunt passed the examination in Missouri, and scored high in a class with many college graduates. Charles S. Sapp passed the examination in Texas under similar circumstances. Every one of these men are working men-have earned their living while they studied Law. None of them has more than a common-school education.

WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, YOU CAN DO WILL YOU?

Our free book, "Law and the People", will explain to you the splendid opportunities awaiting law-trained men, not only as lawyers but as public officers, officers in Labor Unions, Farmers' Granges, and wherever trained executive ability is needed. This book describes our great 3-year university Law Course and the magnificent 14-volume Law Library which becomes yours as soon as you enroll,

The opportunity is yours—what will you do It will cost you only a postage stamp to investigate. It will mean the turning point in

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THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE,

Fort Scott, Kansas. Please send me your free-book, "Law and the People", and particulars concerning your

three-year university Correspondence Course

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Organization Column.

NOTE.—We want the best brains in the Socialist movement to contribute ideas to this "Organization Column". We feel that the best organization ideas come from those who really do the work of organization, the rank best organization ideas come from those who really do the work of organization, the rank and file of the membership who are always on the job. Let us hear from you. Send all communications to the Organization Column Editor, The American Socialist, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Is The Party Doomed?

By RICHARD OVERTON.

It surely is or would be if policy advocated by Comrade Job Harriman, as published in The Amer-ican Socialist of Feb. 3rd were carried out. Simply because the vote of the Socialist party fell from 900,000 in 1912 to about 600,000 in 1916 is no reason why we should "scuttle the ship" or even become discouraged. Our platform of principles is correct. duct of his labor.'

The trades union, unless it be a distinctively "Socialist" union is instituted for the purpose of procuring as high a wage as is possible under the present social system from the objecting employer, who in all probability is trying to pay as low a wage as possible. The ordinary trades union does not seek to overthrow the present system of wage-slavery.

The farmer's organization has no great fault to find with the present social system. He would not abolish

As for the co-operative enterprise I contend that it should not be mixed up with the Socialist movement. It has no part in it. If a number of men and women, Republicans, Democrats, Socialists, Prohibitionists, and even Anarchists want to voluntarily come together and form an organization for the purpose of buying and selling in wholesale fashion, instead of the usual individualistic retail plan, why, I have no objection. I know of hunonly to turn out economic failures, with a direct loss to those who have bought "stock", running all the way from five to twenty-five dollars. "But", says the objector, "It wasn't managed all citizens, by virtue of their citizenship become a part, is an atmosphere in which co-operation will flourish and succeed. A co-operation within and under a competitive social system, is like trying to light a match in a vacuum. It will flicker and go out.

to, not to give up our principles. I think a change of tactics might be desirable. In 1920 let us hold a National Convention in some central sembled find a platform, after free and full discussion, to which speakers can point as the belief of the party. Let them have the coura convictions and take a bold and open stand upon the question of foreign immigration, trades unions, co-oper of the Hour", and nominate him for President of these United States, and I will venture to predict that we will stagnation, and then degeneration. then have a glorious candidate and an enthusiastic campaign with a triumphant conclusion.

Lack Of Party Progress

By IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT. low reform pose of Wilson captured lialists.

the shallow American rabble. A political party to come before the American voter with a demand for The American psychology is prac-

tical, utilitarian, definite, prognostic. What Does It Stand For?

Now what does the Socialist Party stand for? Class interests? The three To say we do is simply piffle to an America, edge. They do not know how to be a the American working class. chairman, to plan a campaign, to conduct a campaign, to raise money, to get publicity, to place our wonderplan constitutions, laws, charters, re- will have the courage to fight its own forms—even to handle meetings successfully except in a few of the larger towns. If the new socialists learn anything it is because they become inspired by our vision and learn it themselves. But most of them drop out, and are never heard of again, and, the election has proved, vote for Wilson.

Is It Reform?

afraid of them; we almost repudiate

The Press Censorship Bill!

OOK OUT for the press censorship bill!

It has been drafted by the Army War College and will be introduced in Congress - probably - on the day that Congress declares war — if it should — and an attempt will be made to drive it thru both houses under the emotional stress of that occasion.

The bill is exceedingly dangerous and should be defeated. It is aimed, not at the enemy but at the complete control of public a complete censorship machinery thruout the country and forbid the publication in newspapers, periodicals or pamphlets of any discussion of the war except by special permission of the censor.

This is not only dangerous but wholly gratuitous. The War Department and the Navy Department now have drastic regulations establishing comopinion in this country in time of war. If passed it would set up

and the Navy Department now have drastic regulations establishing complete censorship on purely military information. Correspondents with the fleet and the army, for example, have to submit their dispatches and even their private mail to a military censor. So, of course, do the sailors and the soldiers. Nobody today knows where the American fleet is; the Navy Department has drawn an effective screen around it. Make no mistake about it was not food that Buck and the like this hill was drafted with an event those newspapers which in the event it; this bill was drafted with an eye to those newspapers which, in the event huskies needed, but rest. And tho they Our economic house is built upon the rock of truth. Let us not desert it for a house built upon the quicksands of farmers' organizations, co-operative enterprises, or even labor organizations unless they are based upon the principle. "To the producer his product; to the wage-earner the full product of his labor" it; this bill was drafted with an eye to those newspapers which, in the event of war, those newspapers which, in the event of war, those newspapers which, in the event of the war, those newspapers which, in the event of war, those newspapers which it; this bill was drafted with an eye to those newspapers which, in the event of war, those newspapers which it; this bill was drafted with an eye to those newspapers which it: the bill was drafted with an eye to those newspapers which it: the bill was drafted with an eye to those newspapers which the war, the sevent heads the war and thus the war and the editorials and presentation of news*** against the editorials and presentation graph may be secured from the Superintendent of Public Documents, Washington, D. C., for five cents. SEND FOR IT..

BILL PROVIDES DRASTIC MEASURES.

NOBODY need have any misunderstanding as to the main motive behind this bill. The Army War College is frank enough about it. Discussing, in its monograph, the two ways in which the press may affect the success of the day's traver. His sister and brother-in-law seconded him; but they were frustrated by their heavy outfit and their own in-

the army in time of war it says: "First. It may, by publishing names of organizations, numbers, movements, accounts of victories or defeats, furnish information to the enemy that will enable him to deduct the strength and location and intended movements of our troops. (Note: This is already provided for in the military regulations in force and practiced at Vera Cruz and in the Mexican affair. The War Department allowed nearly everything to go thru except dispatches criticising the War Department's or the Army's handling of the mobilization but the correction of the mobilization of the mobilization but the correction of the mobilization of the mob critic and reformer, pure and simple. but the censorship could have shut down at any moment on all real news as

to the numbers, position and movements of troops.)

"Second. By criticism of the conduct of the campaigns, the action of certain officers or exploiting others, the people will be led to lose confidence getting caught and punished, he had in the army with the result that the moral support of the people is lost; they cry for and obtain new generals, and new plans of campaigns, not based on expert knowledge and thought, with a consequent lengthening of the war or

This argument is easily recognized; it is the old argument of autocracy, with its efficiency, real or imagined, and democracy. The argument holds just as strongly against popular discussion of civic officials as of military of ficials. ficials. The only difference is that public officials have become habituated usual individualistic retail plan, why, I have no objection. I know of hundreds of such attempts to reduce the high cost of living having been made, only to the made, only to the made and settled in favor of it despite its fancied incomposition. veniences. Now is no time to abandon it, especially in favor of a group so dangerous to civil liberties and democratic ideals as the military group.

CRITICISM IS OF GREAT VALUE.

from five to twenty-five dollars. "But", says the objector, "It wasn't managed right" and away they go to "Try it again." All right, capitalistic cooperators, go to it, but don't call it "Socialist". When you make the mistake of calling it "Socialist" members of the party ioin it. and when it were manifestly not up to the tasks which confronted them. Newspaper critbers of the party join it, and when it were manifestly not up to the tasks which confronted tnem. Newspaper turns out to be a failure, they lose all icism was of immense military service in the Spanish-American war. Had turns out to be a failure, they lose all icism was of immense military service in the Spanish-American war. Had this proposed bill been a law at that time, we should never have shaken off the commentation of the mean responsible for the "canned beef" scandals, the conditions in the continue to the stake which confronted tnem. Newspaper to the stake which confronted tnem. co-operative commonwealth in which centration camps, the freight blockade in Florida. Under this bill we should

have been in entire ignorance of the outrages committed by American troops in the Philippines, such as the "water cure" administered to Filipinos under the orders of "Hell Raising Jake" Smith.

The metropolitan press has been won over to the support of the bill by representations that "practical newspaper men, with army experience," would be appointed as censors. Moreover they know their power and, like Lord Northcliffe, they are not much afraid of what the censor will do to their editorial columns. But the really independent press, the Socialist and labor press. What we need now most is to stick orial columns. But the really independent press, the Socialist and labor press, not to give up our principles. I must be made to realize the threat concealed in this bill and all lovers of must be made to realize the threat concealed in this bill and all lovers of democracy must be aroused to fight it even before it makes its appearance in

Organization.

Comrade Kruse suggests an elabactive enterprises and other mooted orate plan of organization. What questions. Then let the delegates for? What are we to organize for? choose (most probably from one of their own number) a man, who will clearly seem to them to be "The Man of the Hour" and nominate him for

helpless and inert before the tremen-The slump in our party vote last ous character are shaping the destin-fall means more than that the shallies of the future instead of the soc-

Economic laws have not ceased to mold the character of institutions, but where do the workers get their share his ballot must stand for something. in this evolution? Benevolent capitalism for some—the junk-pile and elimination for the superfluous.

Get A Program.

Are we courageous enough to formillion organized American workers mulate a program that will resound can't see it. Education? But we ab- from one end of this country to the Dawson, but never had they seen a solutely do not educate our members. other? A program of Americans for sled with so many as fourteen dogs. American political educated person. Look at the condimethods, to obtain definite American was a reason why fourteen dogs tion of the locals all over the coun- results for American workingmen, should not drag one sled, and that was try. They do not hang together. New under existing American institutions, that one sled could not carry the food members come in and drop out be- that will strike a vital blow at Amercause of sheer weariness of the stupidity of all. They get neither academic knowledge nor utilitarian knowlover the lives and the happiness of
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If not, more Wilson, more superficial reforms, more oblivion for us, prehensively, it was all so very simto get publicity, to place our wonder-ful knowledge before the public, to until a more clear-visioned proletariat ple.

Late next morning Buck led the

of mankind under Socialism will be had covered the distance between Salt far greater than it has ever been be- Water and Dawson, and the knowlfore, for while under previous sys- edge that, jaded and tired, he was tems only a few were given the opportunity to escape the grind of everyday existence sufficiently to devote themselves to the higher culture, forms? No; we dodge them; we are all men will be given that opportunity ened, the Insides without confidence under the new commonwealth. A mil- in their masters: lion minds will be working at Buck felt vaguely that there was no did it again. She let her legs go limp problems which hitherto remained for depending upon these two men and like a spoiled child, and sat down on

THE CALL OF THE WILD

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(Continued from last week.)

the Pass for Dawson, or come in from unfed. In the nature of Arctic travel there for fourteen dogs. But Charles and much to a dog, so many dogs, so many days, Q. E. D. Mercedes looked over their shoulders and nodded com-

long team up the street. There was nothing lively about it, no snap or go in him and his fellows. They were There is no doubt that the progress starting dead weary. Four times he

afraid of them; we almost repudiate them. We can refer the inquirer to them in books; but when the issue comes we are not here; we are philosophizing.

In other words we are actually afraid to throw ourselves into a definite straggle to accomplish a definite straggle to accomplish a definite thing, and movement after movement is stealing our thunder and moving the milestone of progress ahead. We have failed to fill the bill and other great political combinations are trampling on our heels. Our "science" This Proclamation against war means sure defeat for the ignose.

Buck felt vaguely that there was no did it again. She let her legs go limp like a spoiled child, and sat down on the trail. They went on their way, but she did not move. After they had been written by it became apparent that they could not move. After they had to do anything, and as the days went by it became apparent that they could not move. After they had to accomplish a definite thing, and movement after movement is stealing our thunder and moving the milestone of progress ahead. We have failed to fill the bill and other great political combinations are two-page enti-war leaflets? This Proclamation against war means sure defeat for the ignose.

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The word of the two wnon their way, but the trail. They went on their way, but the

unable to get started at all. And on Five Fingers the dog-food gave out, no day did they succeed in making and a toothless old squaw offered to more than half the distance used by trade them a few pounds of frozen the men as a basis in their dog-food horse-hide for the Colt's revolver that computation.

Not Food But Rest.

It was inevitable that they should go short on dog-food. But they hastened it by overfeeding, bringing the day nearer when underfeeding would commence. The Outside dogs, whose digestions had not been trained by chronic famine to make the most of

tance only quarter covered; further, that for love or money no additional dog-food was to be obtained. So he cut down even the orthodox ration and tried to increase the day's travel History and the same of the competence. It was a simple matter to give the dogs less food; but it was impossible to make the dogs travel faster, while their own inability to get under way earlier in the morning prevented them from travelling longer hours. Not only did they, not know how to work dogs, but they did not know how to work themselves.

The first to go was Dub. Poor blundering thief that he was, always none the less been a faithful worker. His wrenched shoulder-blade, untreated and unrested, went from bad to worse, till finally Hal shot him with the big Colt's revolver. It is a saying of the country that an Outside dog starves to death on the ration of the husky, so the six Outside dogs under Buck could do no less than die on half the ration of the husky. The New-foundland went first, followed by the three short-haired pointers, the two mongrels hanging more grittily on to

life, but going in the end. Hard Words First And Last.

By this time all the amenities and gentlenesses of the Southland had fallen away from the three people. Shorn of its glamour and romance, Arctic travel became to them a reality too harsh for their manhood and womanhood. Mercedes ceased weeping over the dogs, being too occupied with weeping over herself and with quarrelling with her husband and brother. To quarrel was the one thing they were never too weary to do. Their irritability arose out of their misery, increased with it, doubled upon it, outdistanced it. The wonder-ful patience of the trail which comes to men who toil hard and suffer more and remain sweet of speech and kindly, did not come to these two men and the woman. They had no inkling of such a patience. They were stiff and in pain; their muscles ached, their and because of this they became sharp at night.

husband, sometimes with her brother. The result was a beautiful and unend-With the newcomers hopeless and tale-bearing tongue should be relevant forlorn, and the old team worn out by to the building of a Yukon fire, was twenty-five hundred miles of con-apparent only to Mercedes, who distinuous trail, the outlook was any burdened herself of conious opinions thing but bright. The two men, how- upon that topic and incidentally upon ever, were quite cheerful. And they a few other traits unpleasantly pecul-were proud, too. They were doing the jar to her husband's family. In the thing in style, with fourteen dogs. meantime the fire remained unbuilt, They had seen other sleds depart over the camp half pitched, and the dogs

Woman Exercises Prerogative.

Mercedes nursed a special grievance the grievance of sex. She was pret ty and soft, and had been chivalrously treated all her days. But the present treatment by her husband and brother was everything save chivalrous. It was her custom to be helpless. They complained. Upon which impeachment of what to her was her most essential sex-prerogative, she made their lives unendurable. She no longer considered the dogs, and because she was sore and tired, she persisted in riding on the sled. She was pretty and soft, but she weighed one hundred and twenty pounds — a lusty last straw to the load dragged by the weak and starving animals. She rode for days, till they fell in the traces and the sled stood still. Charles and Hal begged her to get off and walk, pleaded with her, entreated, the while she wept and importuned Heaven with a recital of their brutality.

On one occasion they took her off the sled by main strength. They never

kept the big hunting-knife company at Hal's hip. A poor substitute for food was this hide, just as it had been stripped from the starved horses of the cattlemen six months back. In its frozen state it was more like strips of galvanized iron, and when a dog wrestled it into his stomach it thawed into thin and innutritious leathery strings and into a mass of short hair

irritating and indigestible. And thru it all Buck staggered along at the head of the team as in a nightmare. He pulled when he could when he could no longer pull, he fell down and remained down till blows from feet again. All the stiffness and gloss had gone out of his beautiful furry the coat. The hair hung down, limp and

As it was with Buck, so was it with great misery they had become insensible to the bite of the lash or the bruise of the club. The pain of the beating was dull and distant, just as the things their eyes saw and their ears heard seemed dull and distant. They were not half living, or quarter They were simply so many

conscious enough longer to malinger; Sol-leks, the one-eyed, still faithful to the toil of trace and trail, and mournful in that he had so little strength with which to pull; Teek, who had not travelled so far that winter and who was now beaten more than the others because he was fresher; and Buck, still at the head of the team, but no longer enforcing discipline or striving to enforce it, blind with weakness half the time and keeping the trail by the loom of it and by the dim feel of his feet.

It was beautiful spring weather, but bones ached, their very hearts ached; and set later. It was dawn by three in the morning, and twilight lingered of speech, and hard words were first of speech, and hard words were first of speech, and hard words were first of speech. The whole long day was a blaze of sunshing. The shortly on their lips in the morning and last was a blaze of sunshine. The ghostly Charles and Hal wrangled when great spring murmur of awakening work, and neither forbore to speak this belief at every opportunity. Sometimes Mercedes sided with her work and neither forbore to speak this belief at every opportunity. sap was rising in the pines. The willows and aspens were bursting out in young buds. Shrubs and vines were putting on fresh garbs of green. Crickets sang in the nights, and in the many has not done so. In fact, it apdays all manner of creeping, crawling pears that Germany has cautioned her a two million dollar city buildthings rustled forth into the sun. Partridges and wood-peckers were booming and knocking in the forest. Squirrels were chattering, birds singing, and overhead honked the wildfowl driving up from the south in cunning wedges that split the air.

Come To John Thornton.

From every hill slope came the trickle of running water, the music of unseen fountains. All things were thawing, bending, snapping. The Yukon was straining to break loose the ice that bound it down. It ate away from beneath; the sun ate from to be made. He will seek all the facts Air-holes formed, fissures above. sprang and spread apart, while thin sections of ice fell thru bodily into the river. And amid all this bursting, rending, throbbing of awakening life, under the blazing sun and thru the soft-sighing breezes, like wayfarers to death, staggered the two men. the woman, and the huskies.

(To be continued.)

ANSWER THIS QUESTION? Have you sent in your order for those two-page anti-war leaflets? This Proclamation against war means sure defeat for the jingoes.

HIGH COST OF LIVING ON THE CANAL ZONE.

W. J. Donaldson, Bellaire, Texas, who was for seven years a foreman on The Panama Canal, has had printed a pamphlet on The Subsistence Department of The Panama Canal, and The High Cost of Living.

Every one should read this booklet which is a strong practical argument for Socialism and Government ownership, convincing alike to the housewife and the student of economics.

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Socialist Mayor Battles War Craze At Minneapolis

By ANNA A. MALEY.

War Madness is Checked

from whip or club drove him to his in this country last week is somewhat feet again. All the stiffness and gloss checked, it is still far from silenced altogether. As I predicted, the Presicoat. The hair hung down, limp and dent's pacific course has already dangeled, or matted with dried blood brought down on his head the shriekwhere Hal's club had bruised him. His muscles had wasted away to knotty strings, so that each rib and every bone in his frame were outlined cleanly thru the loose hide that was wrinkled in folds of emptiness. It was hearthresking only Prok's heart shedding some one also's bleed.

I now make another prediction: That unless Germany actually sinks an American vessel or otherwise ignites the waiting fires of war, the question of war or peace will become his mates. They were perambulating skeletons. There were seven all together, including him. In their very will become the war-inciting party,

There are men in the United States who want the United States to go to war with Germany. These men are the living. They were simply so many bags of bones in which sparks of life fluttered faintly. When a halt was made, they dropped down in the traces like dead dogs, and the spark dimmed and paled and seemed to go kinds, of public opinion. They are the living the corridors of the Capitol at there is a federal law, as well as a local state law, against the use of the flag for advertising. The Loyalty for its advertising. The Loyalty League promoters forget that there is a federal law, as well as a local state law, against the use of the flag for advertising. naval and army officers of the United And when the club or whip fell upon them, the spark fluttered feebly up, and they tottered to their feet and promotion, for glory, for money, talk

Let me state once more the exact purpose of the Administration—and I am stating it explicitly so that those who would lie and misrepresent it so as to invite war, may be answered and confounded:

national law which declares that neutral vessels may sail the seas unharmed, or, if carrying contraband, may be sunk only upon warning.

Germany promised to obey this law after the sinking of the Lusitania, but after a year or more of starvation by the British blockade, she announced that she would begin to sink right and left. (At least this is the interpretation placed on Germany's

neither dogs nor humans were aware interpretation placed on Germany's of it. Each day the sun rose earlier note by the British and American press.)

Following this threat, and in response to an inflated public opinion, largely dominated by the Entente Alwinter silence had given way to the lies, Wilson broke off relations with Germany.

The breaking off of relations does

ever Mercedes gave them a chance. It was the cherished belief of each that he did more than his share of the lite. This murmur arose from all the not mean war—except to those who want war. History records scores of easy to trace. The mayor is the

For over two weeks the world has expected that Germany would violate international law, and up to the moment these words are written Gersubmarine commanders against sink-

-which is what we demand. And yet the jingoes shriek—the business. The mayor has said to them, "When I advocate jingoes, fed with money from some to them,

of Germany's enemies! sink American ships, the President street railways or anything else will NOT instantly declare war. This that will pay the city a revenue, is the fact.

If Germany sinks American ships without observing the proper forms of warning so that safety to all may be paying half the cost of such city insured, the President will first cause building as you propose." an elaborate and careful investigation —as has been done in the cases heretofore—he will deliberate and investigate and allow hot feeling to cool down. No better policy could be fol-lowed. It is easy to ridicule watchful waiting, but watchful waiting is bet-

the world discovers also, that Germany is out to sink all American ships which is probably NOT the case—he others who profit by commerwill NOT declare war. He will go to cialized vice. A prominent Congress and ask Congress to em- clergyman of the city entered power him to use the navy to protect American ships across the high seas to escort them into safety.

If all this fails, if Germany clearly

and definitely attacks the United States, if war is brought to our shores by a raid, an invasion, or a direct at tack, then, and then only, AFTER it. The mayor told the story in the other power shall have made war, his meeting Saturday night. He will we declare war. U. S. Policy Today.

This is the policy of the United States today. Understand it and govern yourself accordingly. There will be no war unless Germany, which is unlikely, actually forces it upon us. And Germany will be far less likely to force it upon us if we, the sovereign people, understand what our own Government is driving at, and use every means in our power to correct the misrepresentations of the press,

which is a power that on its own hook could lead us into war if it tried. handles the news—praise him if you scendants remain members of the like it, damn him if you don't. Every little counts. There'll never be a lit is thus practically certain that

Lear of Minneapolis, Minn., de-Hard upon the severance of clared for peace and advertised diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany, Socialist Mayor Thomas Van The business interests of the city immediately raised the cry that Mayor Van Lear would not support the president. They But Far From Silenced rented quarters from which to issue literature and began a By LUCIEN SAINT. issue literature a tremendous agita mania which raged against Germany credit the mayor. tremendous agitation to dis-

They organized—temporarily as the event turned out—a Furniture & Carpet Company, was its chairman. This furniture house has a standing advertising legend—"Your Credit Is Good at the New England." Mr. Harris went into the work of the League with great enthusiasm. He had struck off thousands of little metal flags and advertised widely that these would be given free to all who would wear them. But he could not forget the main chance. On the back of the flag appeared the words "Your Credit Is Good at the New England." One of the local banks also used the flag for its advertising. The Loyalty purposes.

staggered on.

There came a day when Billee, the good-natured, fell and would not rise. Hal had traded off his revolver, so he took the axe and knocked Billee on the head as he lay in the traces, then cut the carcass out of the harness and dragged it to one side. Buck saw, and his mates saw, and they knew that this thing was very close to them. In the next day Koona went, and but five of them remained: Joe, too far gone to be malignant; Pike, crippled and limping, only half conscious and not conscious enough longer to make the carcas one more the avent of the material and the produced the flag and cited the law at the peace meeting, where ten thousand persons thronged in the streets and crowded the city auditorium. The Tribune, the mayor's bitterest critic among the city publications, had warned the people to stay away from the meeting and thus rebuke the mayor's lack of patriotism.

Let me state once more the avent.

There came a day when Billee, the good-natured, fell and would not rise. Many years have been lived thru during the last week. The thoughtful men and women in this country/who have the good of the people at heart have suffered untold sufferings of sorrow and of unfulfilled hope. Never before, perhaps, in the history of the nation has so serious a crisis been weathered. And yet the storm is not over, and anxiety is still strong, and there may yet be war.

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flow meeting in the street for twenty minutes. Both there and in the building the ovation which greeted him was such Germany must obey the inter-which greeted him was such national law which declares that that he could not proceed with his speech for several minutes. So tremendous was the sentiment for peace shown to be, The Tribune was whipped into giving a fair report of the meeting. It has announced that with today's report, its discussion of the mayor's position on the question of peace, is closed.

Prof. Scott Nearing made a masterly Socialist speech in the Auditorium and was roundly cheered.

The impulse stirring the one stumbling block in the way of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company in procuring the franchise that it seeks ..

The commercial interests of the city have been agitating for ing in which to hold automobile ing American ships without warning shows and otherwise to promote Even if Germany shall ruthlessly municipal markets, municipal you oppose me. I am going to suggest the propriety of your

A red hot city-wide discussion has been engendered by an agitation for moving picture censorship of the main causes of prostitution. In this discussion, Mayor Van Lear has been hitting the department stores ter than wasteful warring. ting the department stores

If the President discovers, and if squarely between the eyes, as well as the real estate men and the lists in behalf of the big interests. He contended that prostitution inheres in human nature and that big business has absolutely no accountability for said: "Mr. Shutter started something but I finished it, and now the gentleman's hide is hanging on the fence.'

Minneapolis is an interesting town to live in just now.

SAYING NO LONGER TRUE. The saying that there are only three generations between shirt sleeves and shirt sleeves ceased to be true long

ago.

The capitalist class is now a definite Watch the way your newspaper hereditary class which has a monopoly handles the news of the war. Don't on the great resources and wealth hereditary class which has a monopoly bother about the editorials. Watch producing machinery of this nation. the news. See if it goes with the head- The big capitalists, by putting their the news. See if it goes with the head-lines. See if it is really news, or mainly perfervid imagination. Tell the editor what you think of the way he heirs, are seeing to it that their de-

provie's press till the people examine the children and grandchildren of the capitalist press and jump on it whenever it betrays the people—which children and grandchildren of workingmen will be workingmen.