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Emergency Call Issued For National Socialist Convention To Meet April 7

National Convention of the Socialist Party immediately, in place of the proposed convention in September, were being rapidly pushed forward as this issue of The American Socialist went to press. It will start Saturday, April 7, probably in Chicago, altho St. Louis, Mo., and Cleveland, O., were also under consideration.

The decision to hold the convention, in view of the crisis now confronting the nation, was taken after considerable discussion by the National Executive Committee in session in Chicago, Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11.

It was felt that it was necessary to hold a convention at this time for reasons as follows:

Reasons For Convention.

FIRST: To determine the policy of the party in case this country should be drawn into the war.

SECOND: For the transaction of other business which may properly come before the convention such as the revision of the national platform and the party constitution.

Representatives of all the foreign language federations, German, Finnish, Lettish, South Slavic, Slovac, Bohemian, Italian, Scandinavian, Hungarian and Jewish, were called into the conference. They voiced their unanimous approval of plans for holding the convention.

Committee Is United.

National Secretary Adolph Germer, National Executive Committeemen Morris Hillquit and Anna A. Maley, favored the convention from the start, while Victor L. Berger was won over and John M. Work joined with the other members of the committee in order to secure unity of action. John Spargo, the fifth member of the committee, was not present. Voicing his opposition to the convention Committeeman Work said:

"I preferred and proposed that, instead of calling a convention, the executive committee should formulate a policy to be followed by the party in case of war, together with the reasons, and recommend to the membership that the same be initiated for a referendum vote. As everyone else was in favor of the convention, however, I voted for it for the sake of unity of action".

With this unanimous sentiment for the convention, telegrams were sent to all members of the national committee, to secure their approval, as follows:

"National Executive Committee proposes to call an Emergency Convention on April Seventh in place of contemplated September convention to determine party policy in case of war and transact other party busi-

ness. Language federations unanimously favor plan. Endorsement of national committee desired. Do you approve? Vote immediately by wire".

Favored By National Committee.

Immediately the replies began coming in it was evident that the committee would be in favor of the convention almost unanimously. Plans for holding the convention were then taken up in earnest. It was decided to limit the gathering to 200 delegates. These were apportioned as follows:

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Wyoming 2

The manner of selecting delegates is outlined in a declaration sent to all state secretaries which appears on this page.

In view of the critical situation developing in this country it was decided to postpone all efforts to hold an International Socialist Congress in June as contemplated.

Other business was also transacted by the national executive committee as follows:

Plan For Three Leaflets.

Victor L. Berger was asked to write a leaflet on the question of universal military training to help in fighting the militarists on this question.

Morris Hillquit agreed to write a leaflet on the question of compulsory arbitration. This matter is coming more and more to the front as a result of the efforts of the railroad workers to secure an eight-hour

day.

Scott Nearing will be asked to write an article on "The High Cost Of Living" for the April leaflet to be issued by the Socialist Party, the next in its series of monthly leaflets.

An appeal will be sent to all Socialist locals asking them to contribute to the defense fund to save Mooney from the gallows.

In his report to the National Executive Committee, National Secretary Germer reported that as a result of the anti-war campaign carried on by the party, "A flood of telegrams, letters, post cards, resolutions and petitions went into Washington adding strength to the position of the anti-war congressmen and causing the weaker, or those who were hostile to us, to hesitate in their action.

"The old congress adjourned without empowering Wilson to arm merchant ships, i. e., to protect Morgan's commerce. According to the most reliable reports we can receive, the pro-war forces are at work, seeking to have the new congress convene to confer the power on President Wilson that he sought for the old congress but failed to get. This situation brings up two questions. First, how are we going to prevent that power being conferred on President Wilson. Second, in the event it is conferred on him and he arms ships, which is the certain forerunner to war, and war results, what are the Socialists going to do? Shall we do as the European Socialists did and join in the war, or will we stand defiantly insisting that it is Wall Street's war and not ours and that we refuse to fight?"

Socialist Anti-War Meetings

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

In the twenty years that I have had a part in the Socialist movement, I have never seen such extraordinary Socialist meetings as are being held this year. I have seen some great meetings in my time but this year eclipses them all. Thousands flock to our meetings on account of our anti-war attitude and in this respect at least the war in Europe and the threatened war here are proving a boom to the Socialist movement.

On the present trip I have spoken in the largest cities in the Eastern States, and the largest auditoriums have been packed and jammed to the last foot of standing room and thousands turned away, unable to struggle thru the doors. All sorts and conditions of people attended these meetings, all or nearly all are equally enthused, and not only pay their admission fee gladly but buy literature and drop a coin into the contribution basket begidness.

Anti-war, anti-militarism, anti-high cost of living, and anti-capitalism, imperialism or plutocracy is what appeals to the people and the more radical it is the better it suits and the more enthusiastic is the applause.

Now is the time to build up our Party and our press. The working class and people generally were never so receptive. At every meeting the appeal for new members or for subscribers to The American Socialist and other Socialist papers should be made.

The Socialist Party will be very urgently needed in the coming months, notwithstanding there is no national campaign this year.

This is a good time to cease Lickering and to get to work. The Socialist Party is not all that it should be but it is the best thing we have thus far been able to produce, and with all that may be charged against it, it is today the most effective working class fighting machine in America. In every battle of the workers the members of the Socialist Party are at the front and the Party and its press are as a rule first in making the appeal for funds to support the strikers, to defend the arrested leaders, and to give the right kind of publicity to the struggle.

There are those ultra-radicals who denounce the Socialist Party, but when they get into trouble thru their own folly, they invariably turn first to the Socialist Party to come to their rescue; and not infrequently by the very political means and influence which these misguided comrades of ours so rabidly denounce, they find themselves in jail or slated for worse punishment.

Comrades, let us join heads, hands and hearts to mak this the biggest year in the annals of the Socialist movement!

Now is the time. The very hour has struck. Let us all roll up our sleeves and get down to actual work. The knocking will keep till later on if we must have it. But for the present let us build the Partyconstruct the fighting machine so urgently needed by the workers to cope with the present situation. Let us resolve that before the sun of 1917 sets we shall have at least one hundred and fifty thousand red militants enrolled in the Socialist Party of the United States.

War, If It Comes, Must Not Find Us Unprepared, Says Convention Call

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY!

omrades:---Your National Executive Committee hereby calls a Special Convention of the Socialist Party to be held on the 7th day of April 1917, for the purpose of determining the policy of the Party in case this country should be drawn into the war and for the transaction of all other business which may come before the convention.

The action was determined by the unanimous vote of the National Executive Committee. It was overwhelmingly endorsed by the National Committee. We feel confident it will meet the hearty support of the vast majority of the Party membership.

This summary call for a convention is not a regular proceeding under our constitution. It is an emergency measure necessitated by the sudden gravity of the situation which confronts the country, the working class and the Socialist movement.

The time is short. The danger is imminent. Delay may be fatal. If war should break out, our Party must present greater fidelity to principle, greater unity of purpose and greater solidarity of action than ever.

Only a full and representative convention, followed by a speedy vote of the whole membership can lay down an authoritative, uniform and effective Socialist course of action against war and during war. Only the determined and concerted effort of the whole party membership will conserve and strengthen our movement in this most critical period of our history.

TO WORK, COMRADES! ELECT YOUR FULL QUOTA OF DELEGATES WITHOUT DELAY. CONTRIBUTE THE FUNDS TO DEFRAY THEIR NECESSARY EXPENSES. THE WAR AGITATION OF OUR RULING CLASSES MUST BE MET BY US WITH REDOUBLED ENERGY. WAR, IF IT COMES, MUST NOT FIND US UNPREPARED.

Prompt Action! Request To State Secretaries On Convention Plans

To State Secretaries!

Dear Comrades:---In connection with the enclosed call for a special convention of the Socialist Party, I am directed by the N. E. C. to submit to you the following additional information and instructions.

The special convention called for April 7, 1917, is expected to take the place of the proposed September convention. In addition to the special purpose for which it is primarily called, it will transact all other business which would come before the regular convention.

The basis of representation and apportionment of delegates will be as provided in the pending referendum for the September convention and by the constitution of the Party. The convention will consist of 200 delegates, to be apportioned among the various states and territories in accordance with the average National dues paid for 1916.

The time is short and the usual methods of nomination and election of delegates cannot be followed. It is therefore suggested that you at once call a meeting of your State Executive Committee or take other appropriate measures to determine upon a mode of election which will give the comrades in your state the greatest opportunity for a popular election of delegates with due regard to the speed and dispatch required by the extraordinary circumstances.

If you should determine to choose all delegates at large, it is suggested that you at once call for nominations to be made by the locals in your state at special meetings to be immediately called for that purpose and that similar meetings be held by the locals at an interval of about one week for the purpose of voting.

But if your committee determines to apportion your quota of delegates among the different sections of your state, it is suggested that you make the apportionment at once and call upon each group of locals entitled to elect one or more delegates under your apportionment, to make nominations and to vote on candidates at special meetings.

In any event, it is desirable that all delegates be elected by April 1st. You are requested to inform this office of such elections as soon as they shall have taken place.

In view of the fact that the National Office has no funds to defray the traveling and other expenses of delegates, the states or delegates are expected to advance their expenses. But the convention will however, take measures to raise a fund for the repayment of such advances by a special assessment upon all members or otherwise.

We impress upon you the necessity of prompt action.

Boost For The Organization Fund!

An enthusiastic, successful, harmonious national convention will do more than anything else to solidify the ranks of the Socialist Party and make for a greater, more powerful organization.

This can be brought about to a very considerable extent by raising sufficient funds now, not only to meet the expenses of the convention but to pay for the increased organization activity that must be inneggrated after the convention adjourns

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Right now the convention is the greatest organization work that can be done.

Part of the \$50,000 Organization Fund, only a small part of which has so far been raised, will have to be used to finance the convention.

Have you contributed your share to this fund? Has your local contributed its share? If not, do so now! Send all contributions to the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Attack is Boomerang

Socialist members of state legislatures and city councils have borne the brunt of the attack directed against our representatives as a result of the jingo wave now sweeping the country. James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and member of the Pennsylvania legislature, has been especially singled out for attack by the munitions barons, as have Shiplacoff and Whitehorn in the New York legislature. Here is the story of the attack on our aldermen in the Chicago city council, an attack that resulted in the worst kind of a boomerang for the jingoes:

By DUNCAN M. SMITH.

Alderman John C. Kennedy, Social ist representative in the Chicago city council from the 27th Ward has been made the target for an attack in the past few weeks by the Chicago Tribune and some women politicians in his Ward because of alleged utterances at a great peace meeting held in Chicago when the break with Germany first threatened.

Altho this peace meeting at which Kennedy was a speaker was so large that it required four halls to take care of the overflow the Chicago Tribune, self styled the "World's Greatest Newspaper," did not take the trouble to have the meeting covered by its own reporters but took as the subject of an editorial a garbled report of the speech that appeared in Hearst's Chicago Examiner. On the strength of this report the Tribune demanded the expulsion of not only Ald. Kennedy but also of Ald. William E. Rodriguez, his Socialist collegue and declared that men holding such views should be in jail instead of in the council.

The report in the Examiner declared that Kennedy advocated the starting of a bloody revolution at home in the event of a war with Germany. The part of the alderman's speech which was garbled by the Examiner read as follows in the report in the Chicago Section of The American Socialist:

Kennedy's Words.
"If it is justifiable to go to war fo the benefit of the steel trust and the food speculators it would be much more justifiable to start a revolution at home. How about Colorado, Pullman and the garment workers strike?
"But we do not start a revolution,

in vain for an excuse to give to the voters to oppose him when he comes done. This was done.

Some Call It Civilization-

A war cloud, and a cloud mist, that hang o'er the lives of men-A whirlwind, and a windstorm, that sweeps o'er the field and fen-A typhoon, and a simoon, that dyes blood red the dell-Some call it Civilization, while others call it Hell.

A far cry, and a war cry, in Profit's sacred name
For the life-blood of the worker to save the masters game—
A drum-beat, and a hoof-beat, and a million-throated yell— Some call it Civilization, while others call it Hell.

An order from an orderly, and a frenzied march is on, And the blind eyes of the millions see not the ghastly paw A long march, and a wrong march, for a purpose none can tell—Some call it Civilization, while others call it Hell.

A Word held up before them while blindly still they rave Makes eyes to see in scarlet—"Our country we must save;"
And Reason holds no scepter, this delusion to dispel— Some call it Civilization, while others call it Hell.

So onward to the slaughter, like driven beasts they tread, And the reeking shambles hold them and the trenches fill with dead, While a glamor and a "glory" shields murder's hidden hand, And hidden is the story of the fiend that guides the band.

A battle, on a battle-field, and a world crime defied; A widow and an orphan, by a million multiplied; And the anguish of the ages, in the mother's tear that falls O'er the grave forever nameless; o'er the crime a world appalls.

But—rising on the tumult, comes a Voice that MUST be heard; Comes a small voice from the blood stains with an all-compelling WORD; And it rises in its power like the scream of bursting shell— "We built a civilization, but you turned it into hell.

"Our labor was the touchstone that turned all things to gold; "But you robbed us, and you mobbed us, and into bondage sold "Our bodies and our manhood, from the hour of our birth, "And you blinded us with falsehoods, while you stole from us the earth

"Then you drove us like dumb cattle, and the deed you bade us do "Was to slay our kin in battle, and to hold the earth for you; "But in flash of burning powder, your name stands out revealed—"Writ in letters of our life-blood; writ on sky and sea and field.

"Your name is Profit System, and with your dying breath, "For a short space more of living you have driven us to death "But your wretched life is ending; rings now your funeral knell, "Soon we'll build a civilization and forever banish hell."

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the words attributed to him.

By Mary L. Geffs.

Becomes Educational Meeting. During the course of the hearing in full a recent speech delivered by him at the big peace meeting at the Chicago Coliseum and to show how man, who publicly displays lack of re
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Nothing anywhere near as serious has them of all chance to make life worth happened since. the Tribune had reported that speech gard for the security of the United wrong. On the whole it was a very States, who shows himself unpatrioteducational meeting. The council members had an opportunity to hear the him and to him that will leave a ring-Socialist position clearly stated. The ing in his ears for a long time to audience was with the aldermen, with come, is the way this editor sizes up

ticians present. his unpatriotic utterances. The opposition refused to attend. Perhaps forty of them came. About sixty Socialists entered the hall as the meeting was in progress and in response to their de-in an article in the issue of the Brook-law Feetle in which the Socialists lavis. mands Kennedy was given a hearing.

Two of the biggest deals in public utility franchises ever pulled the papers. off in any city are on the cards in Chicago. Socialists in the council are a under such conditions.

The Chicago aldermanic campaign is now getting in full swing with good prospects of re-electing John C. Kennedy in the Twenty-seventh Ward, J. Louis Engdahl, editor of the American Socialist in the Fifteenth Ward, as a over, and Charles V. Johnson in the Ninth Ward, which contains the Pullman shops. In several other wards good campaigns are being made with the prospect of picking up one or two more Socialist aldermen at the April

Comrade Cornelius Lehane, who sustained injuries including several broken ribs in Ohio, states that all his speaking dates in the District of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, will be kept in the ordinary way. His surgical attendant has put him in a sort Comredes:—For the inclosed money order \$..... please 🕏 of straight jacket to keep the fractured bones in position while healing, but this does not inconvenience the Irishman who says he feels as fit as a fiddle. His meetings in Pennsylvania have been great successes, the attendances large, collections and literature

Fighting Mars

By MARX LEWIS.

features of war, in fact, probably the worst feature next to the terrific loss of life that it involves, is the loss of the liberties and privileges that are ordinarily regarded as the natural rights of the citizens. When the as it is in a plutocracy.

A splendid instance of how the pro-

cess comes to pass even when the possibilities of war are only mentioned was shown on the 7th of this month when the New York State Legislature sought to hurriedly pass a resolution appropriating \$1,000,000 for the expenses of the National Guard, which had been called to service.

Swept By War Tide. From a calm, and, generally speakby KALPH KORNGOLD.

Try, extending only to the extent that each party, Republican and Democratic, sought to outdo each other in voting for the war credits, and shouting to stand by the President in tones that sought to outdo each other. Whatever resistance and individuality that to the guestion "Horning to stand by the president in tones that sought to outdo each other. Whatever resistance and individuality that to the guestion "Horning to stand by the president in tones that sought to outdo each other. Whatever resistance and individuality that to the guestion "Horning to stand by the president in tones that sought to outdo each other. Whatever resistance and individuality that to the guestion "Horning to stand by the president in tones that sought to outdo each other whatever resistance and individuality that the standard properties and should be lived would be a set of all, but not least of all, but not least of all, but not least of all, reason above prejudice. that sought to outdo each other. What ever resistance and individuality that did exist among the members of the Legislature, and that was remarkably little, immediately disappeared, and there was no longer to minority.

Was partly due to the fact that we have always confined our deliberations to the question, "How best to prevent war!" instead of also giving serious thought and discussion to the problem of, "What our attitude should be in the upward struggle of progress and humanity.

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resentatives in the Assembly to stand alone, against a wild force, ready to stop at nothing to convince the country of its unanimous approved of the country of the country of its unanimous approved of the country of its unanimous approved of the country of the President's war stand. It was a psychological moment; a moment which

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Rodriguez brought a laugh and showed the animus in the matter by making the years and that the Socialist Assemblyman was that the Socialist Assemblyman was the standard down that the socialist Assemblyman was the standard down that the social standard down the socia

To state a false report was not the sole purpose of this; in fact, this was done with a motive, and that motive The committee seemed determined to place the matter on file. Here appeared another opportunity but on another protest from Kennedy they appointed a committee of three to report to the council that according to port to the council that according to lines, but yet expressed by the lines: presidential election was in a sense a the evidence Kennedy had not uttered and that was that no one who dared the words attributed to him. to disagree would be treated in any other way than that of violence.

the exception of the few women poli- the situation, and very candidly, too.

In the same vein, some, most of One of the amusing features of this them not mentioning names, had the farce occurred at a meeting in Ken-nedy's ward, advertised by anonymous to give to those who will violate the handbills, which was to protest against traditions of patriotism and refuse to

lyn Eagle in which the Socialist legisture all who had come thru curiosity. quences have befallen others who have Resolutions which had been drawn up denouncing the alderman were not indenouncing the alderman were not in-troduced. In fact Kennedy had the propriations that may be necessary matter was stirred up to take advantage of the excited condition of the people's minds in order to retire Kennedy and to defeat the other Socialist candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interests of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in the interest of the fermion of the candidates in candidates in the interests of the fifty-year traction franchise which the So-cialist aldermen are fighting, and in the interests of the gas and electric the words used in large type across

This has all occurred before the cago. Socialists in the council are a declaration of war had been given. nuisance to the big business interests. The liberty of speech, the guarantee of free speech granted in the Consti tution to every man within the domains of this country, is already denied to the legislators, speaking as the representatives of large bodies of people. They are already warned what may befall them if they persist; what colleague to Ald. Rodriguez who holds crimes will be committed against their person if they don't refrain.

Insanity To Follow Wildness. What will occur when war is declared, when the country is thrown into the catastrophe, and the wildness develops into insanity, can be more readily imagined than described. The mania will be increased to the point where every conceivable principle of

humanity and justice will be outraged. In the problem of war this is what counts for much, and those who are engaged in the fight against war, in the fight of war on war, will do well to bear in mind, while sanity persists, what agencies are responsible for this feeling, and when coolness and deliberation prevail again, they will do infinitely more in the cause of peace by solving this question first.

The best solution of the problem is,

Mooney Case Part Of Attempt AMERICAN STICIALIST To Crush Organized Labor

By JOHN SPARGO

Member Socialist Party National Executive Committee. (Special to The American Socialist.)

San Francisco, Cal.—I visited Mooney and Billings, convicted monster of war Goliah begins to of bomb throwing, and Weinberg awaiting trial in the jail here, make its strides across a country it and talked with them of their case. Saw also Mrs. Weinberg and usually, almost unexceptionally, devours whatever liberties that have not been taken away from the people by the reigning plutocracy, and is equally as operative in a democracy equally as operative in a democracy offered. Alleged identifications of Mooney are absurd and utterly offered. Alleged identifications of Mooney are absurd and utterly incredible story against which Mooney's alibi seems unquestionable. Witnesses for prosecution all of underworld while defense able. Witnesses for prosecution all of underworld while defense which we now pay men to teach to brought array of reputable witnesses. Conspiracy to crush orthe children in our science classganized labor seems evident. Nation-wide publicity and protest rooms!

Shall We Stand

there was no longer a minority. In the words of the Democratic leader, "he hoped to God that there may never be a minority while the crisis out little that is effective can be done by the Socialist parties. The reasons sands of children are compelled to sands of children are compelled to sands of children are compelled to

eminimal time Ratiment, workers settled. But the do not start a revolution, because we believe there is a better way. We have a higher standard of action. We have a higher standard of action. We have a higher standard of action. We have more advanced ethics than the ethics of the capitalists. We carry our points by reason and not by force. We believe in convincing the people who oppose us; not in killing them. The method as special committee that the meaning of the alderman would be turned completely around. This is practically what was now.

Ald. Kennedy explained that he did not that their meaning was exactly the opposite of the sent that their meaning was exactly a land for a few women politicians in Kennedy's Ward who had been looking in vain for an excuse to oppose him when he comes were the connection was read before the council committees kept on at disposed to treat it seriously but now the time work. At the third meeting a doubt manuer to deter who had died that morning, because we helicated moment; a moment which conditions are made to place it on their work. At the third meeting a doubt manuer to be droped in that they carry our points by reason and not by force. We believe in convincing the people who oppose us; not in killing them. The people who oppose us; not in killing them first paragraph and leaving out all of the rest that the meaning of the alderman would be turned completely around. This is practically what was an addition to a converge, and addition which is in conformance to their work. At the third meeting a disposed to treat it seriously but now the time work and addition which is in conformance to the individual Socialist and advanced ethics on the water to be dropped in that was a mission. It was a moment which like the will dispose the treat the stream of the council committees kept on at disposed to treat it seriously better to the disposed to treat it seriously individual. If we act alike, it will be the attitude of the individual Socialist and advanced the the water of the individ

titude? Let us see:
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We are convinced that it does not. Our but does not use them, and the other country is not in immediate danger of uses the means of life but does not "Wilson and Peace, Hughes and War", has been made. other way than that of violence.

The Albany papers went a step further. "Better Abstain" was the chief slogan of the Democrats during the campaign. It resulted in the election of Wilson. Yet the greatistic heading of an editorial in the site of the during the campaign of the Lucitor of the Democrats by barring the masses of the people from the higher things of life, by so exploiting them that they have est provocation, the sinking of the Lucitor of th

> the fact that a MINORITY, taking not choking off a great recruiting advantage of a flaw in our system of field of genius? These questions government, is trying to force war touch but a few of the evils of this

Challenge The Minority.

I believe we could do no greater of socialism. service to the American Republic, and to the cause of the human race, than by boldly challenging the right of a minority to plunge the nation into war. This can be done only by refus-ing "to stand by the president" in case war is declared without a referendum of the entire people. Our refusal to take the form of passive society can provide. Truly great resistance.

In the event of war and compulsory any capacity whatsoever, at no mat-ter what consequences to himself. cant of a corrupt and faithless church, of your half-expressed doubt is to be we propose to raise our banners, found in the fact that most people "Humanity first", and "Workers of are more governed by emotion and the World Unite; you have nothing tradition than they are by reason. to lose but your chains, you have a world to gain.'

SOCIALISM

NOTE:—The following article is, in substance, a speech delivered in an oratorical contest in the Los Angeles High School, by Herbert Sugar, a 16 year old socialist. It was awarded first prize in the Lower Forum Oratorical Contest and notice of it was put on the front page of the High School weekly.

human being there lurks a feeling of kindness and brotherhood. This pas sion has been the dominant influence in ameliorating the conditions of the human race. This emotion is common to all people. The suppressed by rose again with renewed strengt when reason broke the manacles prejudice and fear. Tyranny had tall when Reason pointed out the ol vious fact that that which tends t increase his misery is injurious. Th feeling of kindness, of self-sacrific and of brotherhood is the underlying motive of the international movement called Socialism.

This is its motive, its theory an mission, given by the well-known newspaper, "The American Social newspaper, "The ist," as follows: "Socialism is social philosophy founded on his sales in most cases being of record let everybody who wants "prepared torical and economic fact and adsize. A few broken ribs do not interness" for war, enlist. And let those ministered thru an internationally fere with the speaking powers of the who do not want war be free from organized movement that aims to remedy existing conditions by sub-

stituting a new social order in which

In the face of this overwhelming are obvious. When war has broken leave their studies to go out to work, sentiment, partly sincere, but mainly disappeared. Our papers will be cenfrom ruin and starvation. Parent-Teacher Associations and other reform agencies strive in vain against these conditions, they cannot possibly help all the poor families in which When war has broken out, collective action will be practically impossible, our action will have to be largely individual. If we act alike, it will be be-

that allows a few multi-millionaires up for re-election this spring. They immediately met and passed resolutions denouncing the alderman and one of their number wrote a letter to the city council demanding his expulsion from that body.

The usual course to pursue with the city hall to have the were in the city hall to have the city council demanding his expulsion from that body.

The usual course to pursue with the council the council of the co we are in the majority.

But does the majority want war? one of which owns the means of life

> happened since.
>
> We are, therefore, confronted with a great avenue of progress? Are we living—are we not here destroying present competitive system, there is no possible remedy other than that

> > Many great men in the past have been socialists, many more in the future will be. When Socialism exists it will not be a stumbling block to genius, no, it will aid and encourage it with the best opportunities that men do not seek mere wealth, aim to increase the happiness of would reign over the face of the

Only a very small part of the people have so strong a hold on themselves that they can calmly face a proposition, decide whether or not it is the truth and publicly champion it. Ir Galileo's time prejudice persecuted him because he said that the earth was round and that it rotated around the sun. Giordano Bruno met with the same treatment when he said ratorical Contest and notice of it was put the same treatment when he same treatment when he from the front page of the High School weekly.

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Deep within the heart of every at the stake for daring to state that

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The truth must overcome many barriers before it can establish itself. Most people have a hard, hard time to rid themselves of those the socially necessary tools of life badges of ignorance,—prejudice and shall be socially owned and operated tradition. I appeal to you again to for the benefit of those who perform decide fairly the truth or falsity of

of working people which they would prefer—a five dollar daily wage, or a Everybody would receive a good dollar one; a sixteen-hour work day, education, not merely those who are financially able to be kent at school be in favor of the low wages and the long hours? Not one! On the other hand, if one were to put the same question to a crowd of capitalists, how many would vote for five dollars and an eight-hour work day? Only a philanthropically inclined few, who think their profits would be big enough, even then. This is the proof of the class-struggle.

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NATIONAL CHAMPS NEWS.

By RYAN WALKER

Disgusted With War

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The following statement was brought to America by "underground" means and published first in The New York Call. The statement is by a French New York Call. The statement is by a French Socialist sufficiently prominent to give sensational value to his statement if the name could be used. The American Socialist is, however, unable to publish the name of the author or to give any other details concerning it or the means by which it was brought to America.

By A Prominent French Socialist Briand, Lloyd George and others recognize the seriousness of the military situation. The changes of government in England and France are manifestations of general discontent at the failure of military operations.

Military blunders have been mounting for two and one-half years. Every one in France is now anti-militarist Peasants, clerks, workmen, Parisians, Bretons, soldiers from the invaded regions, men from central and southern France—all. In France 98 per cent of the soldiers

and civilians want peace—a lasting peace. From 25 to 30 per cent want peace at any price, upon any terms, or no terms. Every one is sick of the whole thing.

It will astonish me if there is no revolt at the front if the army is forced to spend the winter of 1917-18 in the trenches. There are no volunteers for the having been the czarina.

gaps in the firing line. There are numerous deserters and insubordinate soldiers, not a few of them being men previously decorated with the Croix de Guerre for heroism under fire. Such deserters are no longer shot, for the authorities are afraid. Neither

are there courts-martial for such offenses, insubordinates being merely sent back to the front.

Many Police Are Hanged. The gendarmes are loathed and are

to the conditions that obtain at the sia may be offered Alexandretta in exfront laugh at the death penalty.

In my opinion, peace must be made

sessed by the idea of peace. France is the German thrust toward Bagdad. terrified with the extent of its losses Egypt has fully a million English sol--1,250,000 dead and missing—the "missing" are mostly dead. side, There are from 700,000 to 800,000 fires.

men suffering from major mutilations. Rennes is like a Fifteenth century cour desmiracles. Nothing but onelegged and one-armed men, soldiers, blind in one eye or in both, with ghastly face wounds, etc.

Briand is well aware of Socialist feeling, and since his government can retain power only thru Socialist sup-port the premier does his best to be conciliatory. Briand wanted a unanimous motion from the chamber on President Wilson's note, desiring to rely United States.
on public opinion favorable to Wilson.
You will see a number of Socialist deputies Briand said:

"At the first serious overtures for peace I shall fling myself on them as misery has now flung itself on our distraught world."

Appealed To Editor.

Spanish Leaflets!

Four leaflets in Spanish have just been issued by the National Socialist Party as follows:

Una Defensa Catolica Del Socialismo (A Catholic Defense Of Socialism) by the Hon. Charles Russell. La Guerra de las Clases (The

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prime mover in the Sturmer treachery

Points At Russian Treachery. Trepoff's public announcement about Constantinople, and that of the czar, which followed it, were probably made to tie the hands of the allies and to hamper the entente. 1 imagine, however, that these pledges about Constantinople will come to nothing, owing to the way in which Russia has carried out various acts of treachery PARTY IN CALIFORNIA HOLDS against her allies.

SIGNIFICANT GATHERING

The ill feeling in France about the not infrequently killed by hanging, agreement to give Russia Constan-The matter is hushed up. Men exposed tinople was widespread and deep. Rus-

change. The spring push will be made in the soon. The Socialist congress was ob- direction of Syria, an attempt to break diers; with Russians on the other side, the Turks will be between two

France Simply Worn Out.

There will be no great movement on incapable of an offensive on a grand

get nearer to Odessa? It would be a groups. good thing for democracy. Russia,

You will see that the territorial losses resulting from the war will be sustained by Russia, Turkey and

The effect of the struggle will be

The French press was against Wilson at first, but Briand summoned the direct taxes—which will fall on an exsignal girls and embracing old age pena cardinal feature of the Socialist pro-

on account of various treasonable acts in relation to negotiations for a sepin relation to negotiations for a separate peace in relation to Rumania that Sturmer was forced to resign, the
that Sturmer was forced to resign, the

"Breed And Bleed"

By EDMUND R. BRUMBAUGH.

A man in Pennsylvania offers his twenty-one children to the country in idea that children belong exclusively to the father. At any rate, "Breed and Bleed" seems to be his motto. If this be true parenthood, then

celibacy becomes commendable.

If this be real patriotism, then treason is a virtue.

But--It is not true parenthood.

It is not real patriotism. It is a false philosophy.

hideous conception of the meaning of life. It is the spawn of dwarfed, distorted minds, whose patriotism is a narrow, selfish, senseless thing; and who can see nothing finer or nobler in love's linking of lives in the marriage relation than a means of providing wage-slaves and cannon-fodder for the tyrants of shop and state.

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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, "Socialists At Work" Column, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, III.

By THOMAS W. WILLIAMS (State Secretary.)

Radical changes were made in the

Provision was made for the complete the floor and in committee stretching the Western front. France is simply reorganization of the state executive over three weeks. committee along new and original scale, being worn out and in a state lines. This plan provides for one repof complete nervous exhaustion.

lines. This plan provides for one repfinally adopted, setting forth the plan
of action in the event of the declara-What does it matter if the Germans each of the following industrial tion of hostilities, follows:

tion of said group.

The following Initiative Measures militarism in all forms. revolutionary.

The following Initiative Measures militarism in all forms. city in such pr
The finances of France are managed will be placed on the ballot; a fair Relentless opposition to war and and militarism. son at first, but Briand summoned the principal editors and begged them to take a line favorable to the president. It is certain that when peace comes Wilson will be the arbiter. Hence will serent. There will be most attempt to crush any defeated belligerent. The formation of small nationalities will be encouraged. It will be a triumph of democracy.

Americans must know that it was on account of various treasonable acts in relation to negotiations for a sep-incipal editors and begged them to principal editors and begged them to take a line favorable to the president. Today, if it were not for the morisha account of the sake a line favorable to the president. Today, if it were not for the morisha and for the allowances to the dependents of soldiers, the workers pensions; a bill occovering a comprehensive system of public ownership of all public utilities but is deeply rooted in the struggle of the workers for the emancipation of the workers for the emancipation of the workers for the emancipation of the workers for the establishment of a bit is deeply rooted in the struggle of the workers for the emancipation of the workers for the emancipation of the workers for the emancipation of the workers for the entire class. Modern wars are caused by capitalist interests and incited by capitalist agencies. They bring wealth auto and truck system of public ownership of the workers for the emancipation of the workers for the emancipation of the workers for the emancipation of the workers of the workers for the emancipation of the workers of the workers for the emancipation of the workers of the workers for the emancipation of the workers of the workers for the emancipation of the workers of the workers for the entire class. Modern wars are caused by capitalist interests and incited by capitalist interests an

monthly. The initial dues for all new brothers in other countries, to destroy members will be one dollar, twenty their organizations, and to weaken five cents to apply to subscription to their movement. the state bulletin, fifteen cents to pay the national dues for three months and the remainder to go into a special between the imperialistic capitalists of organization fund.

case of war. Nothing is said about the stand of the mother thru whose pain and peril these children were pain and peril these children were partly paid for Instead of attempting the present expectation. There are two machines now sacrifice them for capitalist profits. In partly paid for Instead of attempting the present expectations and the partly paid for Instead of attempting the present expectations. pain and peril these children were brought into the world. Perhaps excessive child-bearing has closed her lips forever. It may be that more than one mother is concerned Possibly this one mother is concerned. Possibly this western states, it is proposed to so orman does not care what the mother thinks, he having the old, out-grown idea that children belong exclusively western states, it is proposed to so or-fringement of certain capitalist interests which in themselves are hostile to the interests of the working class.

WORK HARD TO WIN ILLINOIS CAPITAL CITY FOR SOCIALISM

The Socialists of Springfield, Ill., the town where Abraham Lincoln lived before he was inaugurated president are working like beavers in their endeavor to raise \$3,500 to send 24,000 copies Springfield edition, American itself Socialist to every family in Springfield. The project includes a lecture 1. field. The project includes a lecture course by Debs, Kirkpatrick, Banson, Lewis, O'Hare, Korngold, Stedman, war; to oppose militarism in its varicourse by Debs, Kirkpatrick, Benson, Hillquit, etc.

After the initial \$3,500 is raised the receipts from advertising, admissions to lectures and pledges secured from audiences will be sufficient to pay for the re-subscribing each year.

Dr. George F. Mantz, Myers Bldg., is treasurer.

Ex-Representative William T. Butler who jumped on the stage and inlast spring is postponing from week to week his promise to debate. He is reading Socialist literature. Now his mind is on Karl Marx's "Kapital". And the comrades think that Butler will soon change his challenge for an application to membership in the party.

as soon as the Central Powers have definitely settled Roumania. D'Anway to France is blocked by the arms of those soldiers who soon will turn against him at home.'

New York Socialists To Fight War Measures and mails, restrictions of the rights of

New York City Socialists will use the workers in every concerted mass every endeavor to hasten the return action against extortionate food prices of peace, to oppose the war and the war policies of the government, oppose censorship of the press and the mails, the restriction of the rights of free speech and free assemblage and organization, and to fight the enactment of oppressive sedition and es- revolt for the education of the workers Name pionage laws. Every possible aid will in the principles of enlightened class be given to the workers in any concousness and international work-(State Secretary.)

The California Socialist State Concerted mass action against suspension in any consensus socialist State Concerted mass action against suspension or curtailment of their rights to or Publicity Should Be Paramount. vention just closed was the most or curtailment of their rights to or-significant ever held in the state.

reached after protracted discussions on the news columns and editorial pages

The full text of the resolution as

In conformity with the principles of Farmers, Miners, Transportation, international Socialism, as expressed war, and of using every effort to in-manufacturing, Building Trades, in the resolutions of the Copenhagen crease the circulation of our papers. when peace comes, would be compelled to adopt a Western political system, to imitate France, England and the United States

Farmers, Miners, Transportation, International Socialism, as expressed in the resolutions of the Copenhagen and Basel congresses, in the platform of the Socialist party of America, and Professional and Housekeeping. Each member of the Committee will at the in the recent declaration of our state same time become a state organizer executive committee and the national elected by his or her particular indus-rial group and devoting his entire Local New York, in general party Cooperation Of Labor. sustained by Russia, Turkey and rial group and devoting his entire Local New York, in general party neogress. uncompromising opposition to war and

will be published solidarity between them and their

Delusion Of Workers

the leading countries, the so-called Plans will be made to furnish an duty of national defense serves people as a whole, but only an in-

For these reasons the Socialists, as the representatives of the workingclass interests, have the special duty of conducting a vigorous and indepen dent campaign against war and militarism "on distinct working-class lines, regardless of the general anti-

Local New York, therefore, pledges itself to the following course of con-

ous forms, such as increased arma ment on land or sea, compulsory military training or service, and militaristic teaching in the schools; to combat the imperialistic policies of our own capitalist class, the chief and immediate source of militarism in this countinuous propaganda in favor of universal disarmament and peaceful adjustment of disputes among nations. the evils which war inflicts upon the

IS HE CRAZY?

The owner of a large plantation plication to membership in the party.

In Mississippi, where the fine figs legislative methods in being separatgrow, is giving away a few fiveacre fruit tracts. The only condition in one
tion is that figs be planted. The form or another is bound to come. D'Annunzio, the man who is cwner wants enough figs raised to credited with having done more than any other individual to drag that country into the war. "The war already is considered lost in Italy," says Ferri. "It is feared that the drums of doomsday will ring in Italy are not as the Country loss of the country loss of the country into the war. They will plant and care for your the countries are planning the ware standards. trees for \$6 a month. Your profit from undermining the wage standards should be \$1,000 per year. For and living conditions that have prenunzio may abandon Italy before the eighteen cents to cover mailing ex-vailed heretofore by making penses, they will send you, prepaid, Spaniards work cheaper. The French sample jar preserved figs. grown on unions demand that the wage scales the plantation. the plantation.

free speech, assemblage and organization, and the enactment of oppressive In the event of a war declaration, sedition and espionage laws; support

workers, preserve the working-class

consciousness and international work-

during the continuance of the present crisis and during the time of war, if during the continuance of the present crisis and during the time of war, if war is declared. We urge upon all Comrades the special duty of support-

The big plute organs in this country are watching economic developments in Europe with a keen eye, and increasingly apparent that a new social and industrial world will come their "native son" and hustle subs for into being after the war," says the New York Journal of Commerce. "What is known as 'State Socialism' is bound to receive a tremendous im-

The process will not stop at nationalizing the railroads. There is already a strong demand in England for making the liquor traffic a government monopoly which shall include tobacco. Then there is the feelernment monopoly which shall in-clude tobacco. Then there is the feeling that the private banking system may not be able to respond adequately to the needs of the economic situation after the war. But most revolutionary of all is the claim advanced in quarters not at all inimical to vested interests that the real justification of private property in land is that it is for the common benefit. The appli cation of this principle to the Welsh coal fields demonstrates their private ownership to be utterly inconsistent with the supreme rights of the com-

The persistent demands made by the Socialists that the Prussian electoral system be reformed appears to be bearing fruit. A government or an of Cologne announces that the ate source of militarism in this coun-try and the standing menace of war broaden the franchise at the conclu-The comrades hope to put the project in full swing before the mayorality election and before the local election capitalist interests and a string from capitalist interests and a local election and before the local election and before the local election capitalist interests and a local election and before the mayoral method of elections. The comrades hope to put the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the Prussian Legislature on the class system basis will be abolished and to make considerable method of electing Rendered and the constant of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the project in full swing before the mayoral method of the method between this and other nations; to sion of the war. The old indirect sysproportional method of electing Renresentatives will be introduced. If the promises now being made are fulfilled terrupted vice-presidential nominee
George R. Kirkpatrick in his debate
with Burr McIntosh on preparedness
with Burr McIntosh on preparedness

2. If War Should Come Despite Our
Efforts.—To hasten the return of
peace, oppose the war and the warpeace, oppose the war and the warand monarchial rule will be doomed. There is not the slightest doubt that the privileged classes are loosening their grip because they fear the war aftermath, and naturally they prefer to take their chances with the slower

Scholarship Contest

Radical changes were made in the state.
Radical changes were made in the state constitution. Provisions were made for organization of locals without regard to territorial jurisdiction; the entire management of all political activity to be resident in the membership of each political subdivision.

Provision were arrived at by a general membership meeting of Socialists restricted to those residing in activity to be resident in the membership of each political subdivision.

Provision were made in the tyranny of conscription and martial law.

We further recommend the following immediate ark No. 2, N. J.

Mae Garber, Greensburg, Penna...

These decisions were arrived at by a general membership meeting of Socialists restricted to those residing in militarism along the lines above indicated the most prominent feature in dicated the most prominent feature in the news columns and editorial pages of the complete the complete the following concrete program of immediate in general membership meeting of Socialists restricted to those residing in dicated the most prominent feature in the news columns and editorial pages of the complete the following concrete program of immediate in general membership meeting of Socialists restricted to those residing in dicated the most prominent feature in the news columns and editorial pages of the complete the following concrete program of immediate in general membership meeting of Socialists restricted to those residing in militarism along the lines above in indicated the most prominent feature in the news columns and editorial pages of the complete the following concrete program of immediate in general membership meeting of Socialists restricted to those residing in make the propaganda against war and militarism along the lines above in factorial pages of the complete the following concrete program of immediate and mark No. 2, N. J.

That the party press in the city in general membership meeting of Socialists restricted to those residing in dicated the most prominent feature in the foll We further recommend the follow- Conrad L. Friberg, Chicago, Ill.... 72 ark No.

secretaries, asking them to support The American Socialist. Did it work? Well, rather! The very first week the result was that Lane jumped from the petus—has, indeed, already received it. The process will not stop at native forms and the stop at native forms with a total of 78 points to his credit. That is good work for one week. Let's the movement that sent him, a trained fighter in the ranks. Write to your state secretary and ask him what he is doing to boost this work.

> It is to the interest of the capitalist class to make the worker believe that the door of opportunity is not closed to him, and that he still has as good a chance as ever to become a capitalst and employer. In the same way Napoleon, in order to insure the faith fulness of his soldiers, used to tell and so placate the looters of America them that every soldier had a mar-that they may not precipitate a panic hal's baton in his knapsack.

NATIONAL CHAMPS NEWS. Talk about arousing interest! There is hardly a league entered in the contest but that had written in enthusiastically over its prospects. They want to know every other day how matters stand—which wish cannot, of course, be gratified. Many of the leagues entertainment managers write that they have grown so interested in the proposition of the April Fools' Party that they are going to run one themselves. The same thing is expressed by the other officers. That's the right spirit, by thinking of how to do things you will readily get the desire and ambition to really and truly do them. WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY. The winners in the Entertainment Managers Contest for February are: First Prize, 10 points, Grace Neff, Peoria,

WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY.

III.

Second Prize, To points, Grace Nea, Februs, III.

Second Prize, 7 points each, tie,
Lydia Yangar, Providence, R. I.
Sylvia Goldberg, Circle One, Bronx, N. Y.
Third Prize, 4 points each:
Estelle Ferencievic, St. Louis, Mo.
Simon Warshofsky, Rochester, N. Y.
Honorable mention, Ruth Elson, Centrai
West, Chicazo, Ill.; M. Kobrin, Lynn, Mass.;
Tom Matthews, Omaha, Nebr.; and Rhoda
Kerstein, Buffalo N. Y.
A summary of the best replies received has
been sent to each entertainment manager.
Those leagues that are not in on the contest
are surely missing a fine means of work.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Winners in the educational contest are as

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Winners in the educational contest are as follows:
First Place 10 points, Oswald Buresch, Buffalo, N. Y.
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Samuel Blauner, Northwest, Chicago, Ill.
Third Place, 4 points, Henry Konowitz, Ansonia, Conn.
Barney Cohen, Peoria, Ill.
Honorable mention, Axel Bergren, Jamestown, N. Y., E. R. Brumbaugh, Omaha, Nebr.
A. Complete article on "How to run a Debate" was sent to each.

WINNERS ON ORGANIZATION CONTEST.

R. H. Lane, Aurora, No. Car.... 78 WINNERS ON ORGANIZATION CONTEST. First Prize (10 points), Paul Shogren, New-ark No. 2, N. J.

LEAGUE DOINGS.

NEW YORK NOTICE.

The Board of Control reports that Earnest G. Bautz has been removed from the office of State Sec'y and that Edw. C. Kaiser, of 284 Cedar St., Buffalo, N. Y., has been appointed Secretry pro-tem. All state office mail and orders for due; stamps should be addressed to him. The next State Convention will be held in the Bronx. on Sunday, Sept. 2nd. A 10c assessment will be levied. New charters were issued to Albany, Troy, Utica, and Buffalo Circle No. 2.

STATE SECRETARY GETS BUSY.

Comrade C. M. White, State Secretary of the Socialist Party of North Carolina, saw that one of the comrades, R. H. Lane. was entered in the made a bitter attack on the German government in the Reichstag. Lede occasionally they express views that they would have considered ridiculous two years ago. "It is becoming with the word and could not make very much progress. So State Secretary White wrote a letter to all his local offer and the demand for a war indemnity, which he characterized as

unrealizable. .He protested against the deportation of Belgians and Poles and also the proclamation of a Polish kingdom, which he termed a "most glaring and flagrant contradiction of the people's right to decide for themselves. Declaring that the intention was to

olace a German or Austrian king on the throne and thereby chain Poland to the central powers, Herr Ledebour added:

"You do not want a free Poland at all. Indeed, you do not look as if you could free any one." Herr Ledebour was thrice called to

order for improper remarks, and his speech provoked a heated reply from Dr. Karl Helfferich, the vice chancel-

There is one advantage about the break that Wilson forced on the country: It will mean a bond issue for almost a year.

What One Man Did

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Civilization Based On

NEW YORK .- In reply to a request the Mothers' Anti-High Price League for a statement from him, Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the Committee on Industrial Relations has made the following statement con-cerning the demand of mothers of New York for food distribution at prices

they can pay:
"Law and civilization are based on the right of men, women and babies to eat. The mothers of New York like the mothers elsewhere who are protesting against the starvation or the underfeeding of their children, are among the best citizens of the re-public. It is history that some of the greatest advances of the human race have followed the demands of mothers for bread.

Must Have Food.

"It is no sufficient answer to the demands which the housewives of New York and other cities are making, to say that the prohibitive cost of food is part of a great complex problem. If it requires fundamental changes in economic conditions to bring wages up to a reasonable level and to bring food prices down to a reasonable level, then those fundamental changes must be made. But unti the deeper remedies can be applied, i is the basic human right ingrained in all proper government to see that food is properly distributed when food is available.

"To resist the actual invasion hunger or other pestilence is part of the inherent police power of organized society. The mothers of the nation have shown their sturdy self-respect in repelling the alleged ministrations of charity in this economic crisis of democracy.'

In this age of high explosives it has been proved again that the most ex-plosive thing in the world is bread While many of the shells sent abroad by the profit-takers in war have been characterized, for their lack of explosiveness, as "being too proud to fight" the explosion of popular wrath that took place when food speculators, lax law makers and military conscriptionists played too hard with the food of the people is bringing this nation up

Mothers' Demands Spontaneous.

The demands of the mothers of New York City and of the other populous centers of the United States populous centers of the United States that they should have food at prices within their reasonable ability to buy, were as spontaneous and inevitable as were the cries for "Bread" which lead the women of Paris in a notable hundred they are the cries to ger year, to Versailles. It was a case of spontaneous combustion. It was an explosion sudden and irresistible. and upon the results of labor and enterprise, instead of upon the unearned wealth created by all the

These disorders of a complacent "law and order" were not in any sense "riots". They were uprisings; they were revolt. They sprang from ne mothers' agony at their childrens'

To take New York as the example: From among the many thousands of

Can't Ignore Women's Cry. Confronting the Mayor of New York City, Mrs. Jacob Panken, chosen leader of the Mothers' Anti-High Price

wait two and a half years for laws. By that time there will be no people

left to feed."
Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, speaking for the citizens who had volunteered to aid the more oppressed, declared: 'If to-day there was a more dramatic emergency, such as an earthquake or law into your own hands. This un-

"If there isn't food enough", Dr. Wise said, "put the city on rations. If there be food what will you advise in order that there may be a connection between the food supplies and these people who are suffering for a lack of

an emergency, as a flood or a bom-

Response Never Quicker.

There was perhaps never a quicker response to any popular explosion.
The United States Senate had trifled with the President's urgent request that sufficient money be placed at the disposal of the administration to get to the bottom of transactions that denied the fundamental right of the people to eat. But when the mothers of the nation voiced their protest, the Senate hastily granted the appropria-

tion.
The Governor of the State promised immediate pressure on the legislature of New York for a law enabling New York City to commandeer food when necessary to overcome the greed of speculators and the negligence of rail- sell munitions to the belligerents or

iate legal measure to permit them to port or transit for use of either of the put food within the reach of the pur- belligerents of arms or ammunition or, quantities to break the local food of use to an army or fleet.

monopolies.

Can't Dodge Much Longer.

whether, while politicians play with articles. the dynamite of food, and while laws In oth to see that hundreds of thousands of not prohibit the traffic at least the nation and those who represent it in public office, and in the

Right Of All To Eat Bread | Corrupt Press Fails To Report Its Shame

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE)

ASHINGTON.—Never before in the history of the country has the corruption of the press been so openly spoken of than in Congress today. The press does not report its shame to the people, but the record of the things said on the floor of the House of Representatives, reproduced herewith, speaks for itself.

Here is what a man whose eyes were opened by the aroused demands of the people of his district, read into the Congressional Record the other day. Save this clipping, for you will not find it elsewhere:

"I stood upon this floor and quoted the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Callaway), and I read his speech into the Record, which speech charged that the J. P. Morgan interests had arranged with 12 great newspapermen with a view of influencing other newspapers, and that those newspapers—25 of the greatest of them—were being paid for the service they are rendering in the promotion of the war spirit, and in the teaching of a false patriotism in the United States, misleading the people into the belief that this war in Europe is an American war. It was the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Callaway) who made that charge. He put it in the Congressional Record. And so far as I know not one newspaper in the United States published that remarkable statement; and it was not published at all until I made reference to it on the floor of the House and invited some one of the majority to introduce a resolution to investigate it. I repeat now that challenge to the majority of this House, a challenge to introduce a resolution to inquire whether or not newspapers are actually subsidized as charged, because it is due to honest journalism in the United States that the real facts with regard to this monstrous proposition be known to the taxpayers of the land, whose blood must be let and whose burdens must be tremendously increased if we are to be driven into this fierce controversy across the seas. I will leave that challenge stand for the day. If no one of the majority will introduce that resolution I shall expect to introduce it myself, in fairness to those men in this country who are writing newspaper articles and publishing newspapers, who want to be free from suspicion that they are under the Morgan influence or that they are dominated by Lord Northcliffe or the moneybags of London or Berlin. (Applause.)"

nation cannot much longer dodge or Wilson Forgot Important neglect its obligation to destroy special privilege.

An exhibit of the High Cost of people yet monopolized in compara-tively few private hands. It showed that the transportation service of the country, the subsidized by the gifts of 155 million acres of public domain, and by large grants of money, was controlled for "the incentive of private profits", rather than for the service of the women who crowded the streets and stormed the places of food supply and terminal markets owned and directed stormed the places of food supply and the citadels of law and order, small by the public servants to bring progroups of Committees from among ducer and consumer together, the pri-these mothers themselves formed to give the demands the right momentum ated to place a long string of speculators between produceru and consumers. It showed that not only the prices of foods, but the rates of rents were

The women who refused patient submission to starvation or undersubmission to starvation or undersubmission to starvation and for their children and their children

All Nations, Except U. S. And Spain, Halt War Aid

By JULIAN PIERCE.

With the exception of Spain, the United States Government is the only a devastating fire, you Mr. Mayor, United States Government is the only would not wait to ask the corporation neutral government whose citizens of women and children suffering from to the belligerents of the present war.

The following list of the governhunger is just as critical, just as great ments declaring embargoes on the munitions traffic is supplied by Secretary of State Lansing:

Penmark. August 6, 1914. Italy, August 1, 1914. Norway, December 22, 1914, and February 5, 1915.

ebruary 5, 1919.
Portugal, August 3, 1914.
Sweden, September 16, 1914.
Switzerland, August 13, 1914.
The Republic of Brazil on August 4,

1914, declares as follows: "The exportation of war material from Brazilian ports to any of those of the powers at war is strictly forbidden, whether such exportation be run wild. under the Brazilian flag or that of any other country."

These governments have prohibited their citizens from participating in the munitions traffic under the pro visions of The Hague agreement of

States is free to permit its citizens to Great Britain learned almost too late to prohibit such traffic.

Paragraph 7 declares that "a neutral Board of Estimate pledged an immed- power is not bound to prevent the exses of the poor in at least sufficient in general, of anything which may be

The neutral government thus has "We ask you for bread and you the power to either acquiesce in the promise us laws", said Mrs. Theresa traffic or stop it. The Government of Malkiel, speaking for all the mothers the United States has thus far acquiesced in it.

The belligerent intended to be in-For a time it looked as if Govern- jured by the munitions traffic has the ment of city and state was about to right to capture the contraband while the working people of the country redeclare that it had no power to do the the articles are on the high seas and main idle while Congress appropriates one thing needful in the stress of the to punish the offending citizens of the millions for war but not one cent for circumstance. It is not yet determined neutral government by destroying the the people?

the dynamite of food, and while laws In other words, the munition capilation and prosecution thru every that go deep to the roots of injustice talists of the United States have the agency at the command of labor of a are withheld, those who hold power in right to sell and transport munitions trust for the people will exercise it of war as long as the government does

perceful, hard working people shall. It is admitted by the best states-driven home NOW, under the plead not go hungry in a land of plenty. But men and by authorities on interna-preparedness. And for this reason: tional law that if the United States Government aids in the transporta-"invisible government" of credit and tion of the contraband articles by sharpened the division of society into finance and monopoly have been jar- arming the ships on which they are classes, have strengthened those who

By LUCIEN SAINT.

Washington.—Guarded on four sides by armed men and passing thru a lane of armed men Woodrow Wilson was carried on March 5th from the Capitol to the White House to begin his second term as President of the United States. He had just delivered an address foreshadowing the entrance of the United States into the war to protect its commerce on the high seas. What does the future hold? Of one

thing we can be certain: There may or there may not be war but there is need as never before, in any event, for the united efforts of to secure from Federal and state legislatures the political rights which

they have been demanding for decades. The day before Wilson took the oath of office a cordon of women, strugof foods, but the rates of rents were gling against a cold March rainstorm in the control of private monopolies. mutely asked for the right to vote

mass of measures evaded or pigeon-

Big Measures Pigeonholed.

1. Measures reserving to the Government millions of dollars worth of natural resources—oil, coal, timber,

2. Measures demanded by labordramatic incident of many thousands bargo against their sale and shipment ment, anti-gunman restrictions and a host of others.

Congress and the President have been too busy with possible trouble in international affairs to work needed domestic reforms.

At the moment of inauguration, the people was left to individualism dition in this country where con

fact that while Germany and England testified along the same lines, are starving, America is also starving. showing what is in the minds of the Yet it is the fact—starving in the militarists. midst of plenty.

There will be no nation left to "deafter the war. It is possible that our statesmen will learn this lesson too late-after war shall have been de-

ed up in order to get us into the war.

Predicts Millions For War.

The new Congress will soon be called together to legislate—to pass the bills which it ought to have passed, and to do some other things. Will There is need for the instant formu-

question of war or no war—it must be driven home NOW, under the plea of In the past wars have enriched the few at the cost of the many, have

If war comes, let the workers step in-

War Not Of Our Making.

"This war is none of our making. It is the making of capitalists, it is of and by capitalists. But it shall not be FOR capitalists. Out of this war we the people, are to rise to mighty power. Our labor has made the wealth of this nation. Our blood is being shed, and our backs are to bear the burden of taxes while the rich make swollen profits from the processes of unearned surplus. But we will change all this. The rich shall pay for this war. Their inheritances shall be heavily taxed into the treasury of the nation Dividends shall be divided between the Government and the manufacturers, and between the manufacturers and those who create them. Public utilities-transportation, food, natural resources, shall be confiscated in the name of the people for the people. Land shall be re-assumed by the people, and the landlords shall become renters from the people. An outworn political machinery shall be scrapped and measures of true popular government shall be installed

"Do these things before you ahead with your war any further. Do these things, Woodrow Wilson, for these are the things which you forgot to put into your speech last Monday!"

Otherwise we shall have four years and four years after that of armed men, between whose ranks the toilers of the nation shall walk to and fro on their business, cowed, humiliated, shorn of the rights of MEN.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Nax S. Hayes,

NNUMERABLE labor papers of the country have been commenting on the trend of the times and sounding a warning cry that the war talk and preparations are being used as a cloak to strengthen the grip of the privileged interests. The militaristic movements consist of everything from out-and-out conscription the establishment of Ŝtate Constabularies ostensibly to run down chicken thieves. Among others, the Mine Workers' Journal, organ of the United Mine Workers, says that Problems At Inaugural that is being brought to bear. "Writers whom we have considered whom we have considered to be are the work of the considered to be are the considered it does not underestimate the power sane, honest and brilliant," says the Journal, "have been told to sound one keynote if they would expect space in magazines or newspapers-Peril and Preparedness! In many of the State Legislatures and in the Na tional Legislature 'can't strike bills' have been introduced. More boldly than ever in the country's history, laws to establish State Constabularies are being urged, the intent openly stated-to prevent or to break strikes by having at hand a force not respon-sible to local authority composed of men trained to obey unquestioningly and officered by men wholly sub-servient to the 'interests.' In the National Congress it has been proposed to abrogate the eight-hour law for government employes and the anti-stop-watch system law. It is only too evident that the intent is to seize this opportunity to deprive the workers of every right established by centuries of struggle and sacrifice; to insure the rulership of the holders of stocks and bonds that represent own-League said:

"You can't afford to ignore the cry of the women for bread. We don't know about your law. We ask you to take up your cudgels for us. We can't take up your cudgels for us. -of the directors of the munitions plants and others of the country's great capitalists in control of the army and navy leagues!"

water power—which the Greed Trust desires for its own.

EFFORIS are being made in the street York to slap a compulsory arbitration law on the organized workers. EFFORTS are being made in New The idea is an outgrowth of the street counsel for advice, but would take the lare engaged in the manufacture of law into your own hands. This unmittions that has not laid an emoldage pensions, civil service retired is planned to eventually ensuare all is planned to eventually ensuare all classes of labor in the net. That italist—but there is going to be so creat philanthronic gentleman, Oscar little profit in our next war (if we learn the views of eminent citizens as fend off war. to the best means to be adopted to prices of foods were never higher in hamstring union labor and prevent this land of prsoperity. Senseless investigations and puerile, weak administrative policies still allow the people of New York State, announced that strikes. Former Senator Merton E. ism is a losing game, a self-enervatto starve, robbed by the food specula- arbitration should be compulsory on tors and the food combines, of which all public service lines, saying that the Beef Trust is probably the worst. any involuntary servitude involved While military and naval "prepared was necessary for the public good. ness" was generously given millions As incidental to this remark he said: of dollars, the health and welfare of "We are rapidly approaching a conscription will be instituted to fulfill There was nothing in the President's Inaugural address about the it." Other professional flag-flappers

OFFICIALS of the United Mine Under paragraph 7 of that agreement a neutral nation like the United neglected. This is a truism which Workers of Indiana have sent protests country into war for any reason whatsoever except invasion. The State Federation of Labor officials in Wisconsin have taken the same action, as have many local unions in Wilson's second inaugural met the patriotic fervor which has been workzens have also been held in scores of But it failed to meet the situation which exists in the United States to- which, it is uniformly charged, is desired chiefly by those who would profit by such a calamity and who wont' go to the front, but expect the workers to do the fighting.

WAGE raises ranging from 5 to 10 per cent were given to 1,118,000 choly prosperity of today would not workers in the Untied States during be but for the war. November and December, Secretary Wilson, of the Labor Department, es timated in a compilation of figures covering 38 States and showing that wages a dollar a week and take two for life's necessities is adding insult to injury.

Hold Steady!

By LUCIEN SAINT.

Washington.-Nobody but the jinoes, the big capitalists and their hangers-on, want a war. There is going to be no war if the people hold steady-for the President will not wage war by himself. He will consult the people first.

Never mind what the scare press says about it. This is the truth. Germany might make war upon us, and then there would be war, for we would strike back, but we will not make war

upon Germany.
"Armed neutrality" is not war. It merely another phrase for the state of the normal nation at peace

There is no mystery about the situation, much as the kept press tries to make mystery about it. I outlined four weeks ago precisely what the President intended to do, and precisely what has happened. It is as simple as the alphabet Warring Nations In Deadlock. •

The world is at this moment watching the breakdown of European civil-ization. The warring nations have reached a deadlock in their land warfare—their trenches are at almost precisely the same place as they were and this mandate, down out of the three years ago: when peace comes there will be no victory here. The warring nations have also reached a deadlock within their own borders: Starvation is taking its toll of human better than what they are now endur-

ing. Must Keep Out Of War.,

Of all the times in the war this is the last time for the United States to enter into it. Even the cheapest and most heedless of the jingoes must realize this to be the truth. If by entering the war the United States could end it-but that is impossible. In the interests of the remnant of European civilization—the civilization which we drew ours, we must keep out, submarine or no submarine.

ast long. And these simple facts ex- he

plain why it is that: urging war with Germany at the same time. War—some kind of war any- of mankind was as nothing. Chance

was for the purpose of showing these among men, could put a pack upon attempt to justify the slaughter of gentlemen that there is going to be Buck's back in the summer travelling. human beings. As in olden times, mighty little profit in any war for Nothing was too great for Buck to when marauding and pillaging bands them. It has not thoroly penetrated as do, when Thornton commanded. One of men started out on expeditions of

people. In the past it has profited the cap-

War never really profited capital-ism in the long run, because capitaling system anyhow.

The Socialists ought to pump that idea into their bunkers, into the short-sighted people who are at this moment wishing that there might be a war because they think it would profit

There's another guess coming.

Nail The Jingo Lies.

And let the common people keep up the hollering against the jingoes. Write to the papers and nail the lies. See how they announce one day in large type that a liner has been torpedoed without warning, and the next lay in eight-point in a corner of the last page admit that the liner WAS WARNED. Jump on them for that. Find out what your Congressman is doing, and thinking, and what he in-

Let Us Stop Eating

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

The last great depression, that of 1913, would be in effect today if it were not for the war and the melan-

Social reform must not wait upon the question of war or no war—it must be driven home NOW, under the plea of the increase of t or three more dollars from a worker and the reason is that most of the food product is held by monopolies. It is held in storage houses almost

THE CALL OF THE WILD

By JACK LONDON. Copyright By Jack London.

(Continued from last week.) His face and body were scored by the teeth of many dogs, and he fought as fiercely as ever and more shrewdly., Skeet and Nig were too goodnatured for quarreling, — besides, they belonged to John Thornton; but the strange dog, no matter what the breed or valor, swiftly acknowledged Buck's supremacy or found himself struggling for life with a terrible antagonist. And Buck was merciless. He had learned well the law of club and fang, and he never forewent an advantage or drew back from a foe he had started on the way to Death. He had lessoned from Spitz, and from the chief fighting dogs of the police and mail, and knew there was no middle course. He must master or be mastered; while to show mercy was a weakness. Mercy did not exist in the primordial life. It was misunderstood for fear, and such misunder-standings made for death. Kill or be

depths of Time, he obeyed.

He was older than the days he had een and the breaths he had drawn. He linked the past with the present, and the eternity behind him throbbed thru him in a mighty life far from the firing line. England is starving; Germany has been starving rhythm to which he swayed as the ing for months; Russia, bountiful Russia, is also feeling the pinch; France is hungry. In this last moment by John Thornton's fire, a broadfactory of desperation, the most desperate furred; but behind him were the shades of all manners of dogs, helf of desperation, the most desperate furred; but behind him were the measures of war are being taken to shades of all manner of dogs, halfhasten the end, no matter what happens. The statesmen of the belliger-prompting, tasting the savor of the ents know that any kind of peace is meat he ate, thirsting for the water he drank, scenting the wind with him, listening with him and telling him the sounds made by the wild life in the forest, dictating his moods, directing his actions, lying down to sleep with him when he lay down, and dreaming with him and beyond him and becoming themselves the stuff of his dreams.

Hears Call Of The Forest. So peremptorily did these shades beckon him, that each day mankind and the claims of mankind slipped ut, submarine or no submarine. farther from him. Deep in the forest
The war is nearly over. It cannot a call was sounding, and as often as he heard this call, mysteriously thrilling and luring, he felt compelled The ammunition makers, the gunsmiths, the armor plate people, the purveyors and manufacturers of all war stuffs, must find new markets for their goods. Europe has been cut off as a market—to a certain extent only, however—by the submarine warfare large stuffs, and for the forest, and on and on, he knew not where or why; nor did he wonder where or why, the call sounding imperiously, deep in the forest. But as often as he gained the however—by the submarine warfare, but the future is not favorable. Hence the munition ring is boosting preparedness in the United States and drew him back to the fire again.

where, anyhow, means money to their travellers might praise or pet him; but he was cold under it all; and from Realizing this fact, the Administra-tion has drawn up a very careful plan which it will use to check the war partners, Hans and Pete, arrived on which it will use to check the war spirit just at that moment when it becomes nearly intolerable. This plan, worked out by the Cabinet in consultation with the Council for National Defense, is to commandeer all the supplies of raw materials of whatever kind in the United States—foods, ores, woods, wool and cotton, rubber: everything upon which the life of the people woods, wool and cotton, rubber: everything upon which the life of the people depends. This plan means government ownership—temporarily—of raw ma-Little Profit In War.

This plan has already leaked out to certain of the capitalists and to Wall Street. This "leak" was intentional. It seemed to grow and grow. He, alone of sacrilege and blasphemy in their yet, and it may never penetrate, but this is the straight dope.

War profits no one.

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War profits no one. It does not profit the common of the Tanana) the men and dogs were sitting on the crest of a cliff divine sanction for their unholy cause.

which fell away, straight down, to naked bed-rock three hundred feet below. John Thornton was sitting when he wrote these lines: great philanthropic gentleman, Oscar Strauss, is taking the lead in this latest scheme to shackle labor, and public hearings have been held to public hearings have been held to food off wer. and Pete to the experiment he had in mind. "Jump, Buck!" he commanded, sweeping his arm out and over the chasm. The next instant he was grappling with Buck on the extreme edge, while Hans and Pete were dragging them back into safety.

Splendid and Terrible. "It's uncanny," Pete said, after it was over and they had caught their speech.

Thornton shook his head. "No, it is splendid, and it is terrible, too. $\mathbf{D}\mathfrak{o}$ you know, it sometimes makes me afraid."

"I'm not hankering to be the man that lays hands on you while he's around," Pete announced conclusively, nodding his head toward Buck.
"By Jingo!" was Hans's contribu-tion. "Not mineself either.."

tion. "Not mineself either.."
It was at Circle City, ere the year was out, that Pete's apprehensions were realized. "Black" Burton, a man tends to do and think. Bother the life evil-tempered and malicious, had been out of him-it's his job, and he's paid picking a quarrel with a tenderfoot \$7,500 a year for doing it—with perquisites.

The common people will run this country when they run it.

The common people will run this country when they run it. head on paws, watching his master's every action. Burton struck out, without warning, straight from the shoulder. Thornton was sent spinning, and saved himself from falling only by clutching the rail of the bar.

(To be continued next week.)

WOMEN CENSUS TAKERS. Wyandotte County, Kans., will have

its census taken by women this year. It is the first time in the history of If we could only stop eating for two the county that this part of the work or three years. At the time of the has been done exclusively by women. threatened railroad strike there were In former years, one or two women 360,000,000 eggs in cold storage in have been employed in the census New York and Chicago. Man might as work, and their records passed such a

Socialism aims at the organization of industry upon a vast national scale. Colony life, on the other hand, means until unfit to eat and then unloaded the breaking up of society into small red from their complacency.

An illustration of perhaps historic importance has been given that this importance has been given the regular election.

Intention the primaries field match?

These carried, or convoying such ships with prey upon society, have weakened those who hold the food from the work-therefore, distinctly retrogressive, receiving a majority of all the votes are in figure. And it importance has been given that this importance has been given that the primaries field match?

These carried, or convoying such ships with prey upon society, have weakened those who hold the food from the work-therefore, distinctly retrogressive, cast. It will therefore, distinctly retrogressive, make you straight in figure. And it is provided to the primaries field match?

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These carried or convoying such ships with prey upon society. In the primaries field match?

These carried or convoy

Spoils Or Principles

By JOHN M. WORK.

Somewhere in my wanderings as a Socialist agitator-my recollection is that it was in Oklahoma—I ran across a little old dingy depot in which the station agent had posted up the following sign: "Please don't spit on the

ceiling!"
That station agent would make good republican or democratic politician. He kept within the bounds of what he could legitimately expect the public to approve. He knew they would spit on the floor and the side walls anyhow, and if he asked them not to spit on the ceiling he stood some show of having his re-quest granted. In other words, his request was really a blank. He might as well not have made any at all. At best, it could only be considered a

platforms, of the So with the republican and democratic parties The politicians in those parties do not look over the nation and try to find out what the country needs, and then declare in favor of it in their plat-

Not on your life. On the contrary, they put their

ears to the ground and listen intently to find out just what the average ignorant citizen is saying, and they stand for that. They stand for what they think they can put across. Their platforms are in reality blanks. Like the sign in the depot, at best they are iokes.

How different it is with the So-

cialist party.

We Socialists have analyzed the industrial system. We have found out just what is wrong with it, and we can therefore see just what remedy is needed. We stand for the remedy, regardless of the fact that every ignoramus in the land is against it. Instead of catering to the ignoramuses, we are educating them to know the truth, so that they will vote for their own emancipation. And we are making constant progress towards

the goal.
To put it briefly: The republican and democratic parties stand for political spoils. They do not stand for principles. The Socialist party stands for prin-

Need For Higher Ideals

ciples. It does not stand for spoils.

in warfare among so-called civilized people, after each battle the general of the army pins medals upon the breasts of soldiers who have exhibited the greatest heroism in the shedding of human blood.

understood Buck and his ways, of savagery. To save life is coming to

"Were half the power that fills the world with terror,

Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts. Given to redeem the human mind from error.

forts. The warrior's name would be a name abhorred, every nation that should lift And

There were no need of arsenals nor

again Its hand against a brother, on its forehead Would wear forevermore the curse of

Real Dangers Menace Us

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Cain."

Let us remember that during a period in which we have lost two hundred lives at sea incident to the war, we have had twenty thousand citizens murdered in this country, some of them this last year being burned at the stake. Since this war began, we have lost a half million more citizens from death by preventible causes than Germany has lost by this war. Let this appalling fact be learned by heart.

Let us also remember that the safest job any man has had since we became a Republic was to fight a foreign foe. In our three foreign wars, all of which we began, we lost by foreign bullets fewer than fifteen thousand men in all of them combined. To be a fireman, policeman, miner,

sailor, bridge builder or worker on a skyscraper has been a far more dangerous job than to face foreign bul-Compulsory military training to

meet a foreign foe is the poorest pre-

paration we can make to meet the

real dangers that now menace us.

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