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The Convention.

Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., will be the scene of the Emergency National Convention of the Socialist Party, which has been called for Saturday, April 7.

Developments in the war situation make the necessity for holding the convention more important than ever.

As we go to press the jingo newspapers are again shrieking about the latest "overt act" declaring the country is now at war with Germany. The sinking by German U-boats of the three American-owned ships, the City of Memphis, Illinois and Vigilancia does not seem to raise any new question. The jingo press is seeking to make a great deal out of the fact that two of the ships were bound for America and carried no cargoes.

The successful revolution in Russia should give added zest to any working class gathering in this country.

Every state should have a full representation at the St. Louis convention, called "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", including the revision of the party platform and the party constitution.

On to St. Louis!

Good News From Russia.

The news which has come from Russia is without question the best news which has reached us from Europe since the outbreak of the war. It is news about which every Socialist should rejoice.

Altho, as reported, the red flag is floating above Petrograd, it should not be imagined that a Socialist Republic has been established in Russia, but it would not be at all surprising to see Russia change from the most backward to the most advanced nation in the development of social reform.

Economically Russia is perhaps least prepared of all the great powers for the advent of Socialism. Russia is still largely an agricultural nation. The factory system, which some say is necessary for the establishment of a Socialist Republic is still in its infancy. The agrarian situation in Russia, is, however, considerably different from what it is in the United States for example. Russia already has a kind of Agrarian Socialism or rather Communism. The land in Russia is not owned by the individual peasants but by the peasant organizations called "Zemstvos". This agrarian communism has proven successful in Russia.

There are three things which have kept the Russian peasantry poor. First, lack of education and ignorance of modern methods of agriculture; second, lack of modern agricultural machinery; third, insufficient land. If the new government can remedy these conditions which it undoubtedly will attempt to do, and if at the same time the Zemstvo system can be preserved, Russia may yet give the world the first demonstration of a great nation living under practically socialistic conditions.

Situation In Russia.

The executive committee of the British Socialist Party has decided to hold an informal party conference on April 4 to consider the situation in Russia and for the discussion of subjects arising in connection therewith.

The recent speeches of Socialist members in the Prussian diet in which sensational attacks were made on the government have caused considerable discussion as to the possibility of a revolutionary outbreak in Germany. In reference to this Henry M. Hyndman, leader of the British Socialists, said:

"While the situation in Germany grows more hopeful from our point of view, we can not see much prospect yet of a revolution there. Yet it must be admitted that forces are at work in Germany very similar to those in Russia. In Russia the people found that their efforts were nullified by a clique of pro-German bureaucrats, while in Germany starvation and privation are being actually aided and abetted by the junkers.

ers.

"The recent pronouncements by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg promising suffrage reform indicated that the Hohenzollerns are breaking with the junkers who brought on the war and are endeavoring to get on better terms with the people.

"Revolution in Germany and the fall of the dynasty seems the only way to the reconstruction of Europe on a stable basis."

The Berlin Vorwaerts, German Socialist daily, comparing the stiuation in Russia with that in Germany, asks: "Shall the world say that all the nations on earth are free except Germany?"

The newspaper compares the declaration of the Russian provisional government with the declaration of Chancellor on Bethmann-Hollweg in the Prussian diet to the discredit of the latter. It comments: "How much longer? The king should straightway give back to the Prussian people their franchise, which was taken away in 1848."

Better a pacifist than a mailed fist.

If America is starving before the war begins, what will it on after?

The war is not big enough; so editors and preachers are seeking to

extend it to America.

And don't forget that all this is happening because Socialism did not happen, and for no other reason.

Watch out! Capitalism is reaching out for your boy and threatening to break up your home.

If a bond issue is necessary now, what will be the indebtedness of America after the plutocratic war

How many editors and how many preachers are in their talk going contrary to the direct commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," and thus helping to destroy religion?

We shall pay too much for good roads if we have to corduroy them with the bodies of our sons and brothers

It is said to cost more than five thousand dollars to kill a worker in war. That is a blame sight more than he is worth in industry.

Do you know what enterprise means? It is to enter for a prize, or to become a pirate for purposes of loot. Suppose the workers should be-

They can have a food dictator in case of war or starvation, but not government control of industry in order to save us from both war and

How much of the loot that England says she means to conquer will the American capitalists get out of the war into which they are forcing this country.

Capitalists are determined that America shall have as many cripples and ruins as Europe has. That is enterprise for you.

Have you noticed how the housewives are boycotting dealers in order to lower prices? Call in the federal judge, quick. He said the boycott was

Mr. Wilson proposes to insure vessels that carry war munitions. Socialism would insure peace. That is the difference between Socialism and the man that some Socialists voted

Mr. Wilson permitted the profit mongers to send food out of the country because it made them rich. Now the workers are starving because there is no food here.

"Remember the Maine." That was a worse conspiracy to force war than is the alleged conspiracy of Germany now. And it did force a war over a question that could have been settled without war.

Perhaps one reason for war is that Morgan has got ahead of Rockefeller in the English deal, and Oily John wishes another chance as he may catch up.

The paper makers who held up the country were criminals. Now a commission is to be selected to fix prices for them, and they can hold up the country legally.

Oh, no, the boy scouts are not a military body. And the public schools of America are not becoming monarchial rather than socialized. It merely looks that way—but it ain't.

An official count taken by St. Louis, Mo., shows, that in the first week's operation of the free bridge across the Mississippi River, the public saved \$6717 in tolls. In all, there were 15,929 vehicles that crossed the structure, and 108,312 pedestrians.

Several millions are now being spent to enable legislators and congressmen to have a good time while "investigating" issues that the people understand without investigation. Reports will not be brought in until after the people forget, and then a new robbery will be under way.

When Sherman said, "War is hell," he was burning homes and destroying non-combatants in his march to the sea. That was his excuse for ruthlessness. Now we, who were the most ruthless people the world ever saw, contrary to international law too, are sniffling over ruthless warfare and planning some of our own.

The eight-hour day plan for female workers in stores, laundries and other industrial establishments in the State won out in the Montana House of Representatives in the first real contest on that measure, and it is now up for third reading, when it is thought likely to pass. It will then be transmitted to the Senate, where its proponents expect it will receive favorable consid-

The April Leaflet!

Our April leaflet is entitled "The High Cost Of Living". It was written by Scott Nearing and annears on this page

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This leaflet should be distributed by the hundreds of thousands. You can get these leaflets from the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill., at 10 cents per 100;

75 cents per 1,000.

The cost of living is going up!
Let the workers of the nation know the reason why!

The High Cost Of Living

Our April Leaflet.

By SCOTT NEARING.

Professor of Social Science In Toledo University.

E COMPLAIN, lament, protest, against the high cost of living. Why? We are starving in the midst of the greatest period of "prosperity" that the United States has ever known. Why? Why is it so hard to live in an age of un-

paralleled productivity?

The producer must secure labor, capital and land. Without these three elements no productive operation can take

The cost of labor, according to the figures published by the United States Department of Labor, and by various state labor departments has risen from 30 to 60 per cent during the last twenty years. This does not mean the cost of labor per unity of product, but the cost of labor per hour of labor. In many cases these increased wages have been more than offset by the increased efficiency of the worker and the machinery.

THE COST of capital has not varied much during the past twenty years. Economists are agreed that the interest rate is rising slowly. It certainly has not increased during that period more than 20 or 30 per cent.

Land, the third element in production tells a very different story. The figures show that the value of mineral land, timber land, farm land and city land has increased during the last twenty years hundreds and in some cases thousands of per cent.

The relation of the increase in land values to the cost of living may perhaps best be seen in the land values of one group of states upon which the United States depends largely for its food supply. The North Central States (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas) contain only a third of the population of the United States, yet they produce three fifths of the corn, three fourths of the wheat, three fourths of the oats, three fourths of the barley and two thirds of the rye grown in the United States. The country is therefore dependent for three quarters of its cereal foods on these twelve states.

The land values in this "granary of America" increased stupendously between 1900 and 1910. During that decade, the rural population of the North Central States increased 2.7 per cent. During the same decade the total number of acres in all farms increased ten per cent; and the total number of acres of improved land in farms rose thirteen per cent. Here is an increase in population and in acreage of about a tenth during the ten year period.

A COMPARISON between this increase in products and in land values is astonishing. The value of all farm property in these states rose between 1900 and 1910 from $11\frac{1}{2}$ to $23\frac{1}{2}$ billions of dollars. Land alone increased from 7,866 to 17,825 million dollars. The value of buildings almost exactly doubled during the period, while the value of implements and machinery increased by about four-fifths. While the population and area in farms remained practically stationary, farm land values more than doubled.

Those who are prosperous now—when prices are high—are the owners of land, franchises, tools, credit and the other basic life necessaries. They own for profit and they profit handsomely from their ownership.

Many an ardent reformer has broken a lance on the trusts during recent years. Indeed there was a time, not so long ago, when all of the economic and social ills of the coun-

try were blamed on the trusts.
PEOPLE ARE growing wiser.

During the past few months eggs have moved with startling rapidity along the upward price curve. Here and there a fortunate commission merchant or egg buyer would state with pride that he had cleaned up hundreds of thousands on his buyings and sellings of this life staple. The housewives of some cities boycotted eggs. Housewives in other cities protested to the authorities, demanding protection against the "egg trust". The egg dealers replied with the statement that the war was responsible; that there was a scarcity of the eggs, and that freight congestion rendered it impossible to supply the market. These and many equally unconvincing arguments were advanced to justify the price in-

No one denied that the hens were laying about as usual. No one could prove that there was a particular shortage of eggs in any part of the country.

NOW THERE comes to the surface an even more startling situation. Ohio grown onions were selling at \$12 to \$14 a hundred-weight in New York. They were bringing about the same price in the leading cities of Ohio. The women of New York, rioting as a protest against the impossibly high cost of the ordinary life necessaries, frightened the New York City government and the New York produce dealers, so that the price of Ohio grown onions dropped from \$12 to \$7 a hundred-weight. At the same time in the city of Toledo, the same onions were bringing \$12.00.

There is not an onion trust any more than there is an egg trust, a potato trust, or a trust in any of the other commodities that are grown by the millions of competing farmers all over the country.

The prices of eggs, onions, and potatoes are high because those who grow them, those who buy them and those who handle them have seen an opportunity to make huge returns by holding back the supply until the price should be many times that normally received.

es that normally recein Forget the trusts!

THE TRUSTS are an incident in modern business development. The people of the United States are being robbed by a system of organized industry which gives its greatest rewards to those who make it hardest for their fellow men to live.

Business for profit! The profit system! Look there, worthy citizen, if you would know where to begin on the reduction of the high cost of living.

You want redress from the conditions described above, but what are you willing to do to get it? Surely you do not think those conditions will be changed by those who profit by them. You know that the only way to deal with problems of that kind is by unity of action—all working together for the common good.

—all working together for the common good.

If those are your sentiments, your place is in the Socialist Party.

It is organized and exists for the purpose of abolishing the profit system. Ask Socialists about the Socialist. Watch for the May leaflet.

Making The Fur Fly

Eugene V. Debs is making the fur fly in his speech-making tour thru the eastern states. The press generally is giving him considerable attention. In reporting his speech at Canton, Ohio, The Canton Daily News said:

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Debs was forcible in his denunciation of class rule as opposed to a rule of the people. This condition, he told his hearers was a survival of middle age serfdom, and the source of existing industrial evils including war. War, said Debs, was the product of capitalistic oppression of the masses and the expression of capitalistic greed divided into different camps and fighting for mastery. America, he said, stood on the threshold of a world in travail. He warned his auditors against the tocsin of war which he said was being "sounded by the ruling class for private gain and continued subjugation of the workers," and that this propaganda was "urging itself in the guise of patriotism."

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Debs said in part:

"War is always dictated by the ruling classes, for they have nothing to lose and everything to gain; but the battles are fought by the working class. They have everything to lose, even their lives

even their lives.

"There is much ta'k at the present time of standing by the president. I am willing to stand by the president if he stands for the things I want, but when I look at the gang that stands behind the president, I know it isn't my crowd."

Too Cowardly To Murder.

Debs said every tyrant in history had wrapped himself in the cloak of patriotism or religion or both. Patriots, he said, were usually patriotic at long range. The people, Debs said, had too long been "lulled by the siren voice of the statesman who moved them to unreasoning frenzy by shaking the folds of his nation's flag and inciting them to organized murder on each other." Preparedness, said the speaker, was the first stage of war.

"I just wish for one coward nation," Debs declared, "a nation too cowardly to commit murder."

The Socialist party, Debs told his audience, was the only bona fide peace

movement on earth.

"This peace movement knows no boundaries; it is international and its followers are moving toward a world wide democracy," he said.

The speaker touched on the high cost of living and cited statistics in his contention that there was an ample quantity of food but that it was being shipped overseas for purposes of private gain.

private gain.

Debs told his audience that the workers were strong only when they learned to think and that they were now beginning to use their brains as well as their hands. This awakening of class consciousness said Debs, was mounting in an ever increasing tide and forshadowed the dawn of Socialism as the accepted political creed of the world

The speaker compared present day Socialist leaders with the rebel leaders of revolutionary days and the abolitionists who fought public opinion on slavery before the civil war.

Sees Victory.

"The capitalists oppose the Socialists today, but their grand-children will place flowers on the grave of Socialists," said Debs.

The old order of society, Debs said, could survive but little longer and that Socialism would be then in order. The continued growth of the Socialist party, he said, sounded the warning of impending change. This swelling minority, the speaker told his hearers, will soon become the majority and with it would come the co-operative commonwealth.

commonwealth.

Debs continued:

"Classes and class rule and their attendant evils of poverty, misery, turmoil and strife are inherent in the capitalistic system. This is because one set of men owns the tools with which wealth is produced, while another set uses them, and there is an irrepressible conflict over the division of the profit. The capitalist owns the tools he does not use; the worker

uses the tools he does not own.

"The working class alone made the tools; the working class alone can use them, and the working class must, therefore, own them," said Debs.

London Big Factor In Control Of Next Congress

(Special Correspondence.)
WASHINGTON. — Meyer London,
the lone Socialist Congressman from
New York City will be a big factor in
controlling the next House of Repre-

A bi-partisan movement is under way to give the control of the House into the hands of the conservative Democrats. Republicans and Democrats are viewing with alarm the possibility of having the radicals run the House for them. Old antagonisms, party lines, party "principles"—whatever they are—are being sunk, submarined, and mined. Anything to get them out of the way so that capital can rule.

Capitalism wants the next House of Representatives for its own. It has always controlled the House, and now, with radical innovations in the way of government ownership, inheritance taxation, and so on under way, it desires to make that control absolutely

On the face of the returns the radicals, among them Meyer London, hold the balance of power in the House. Hence this get-together movement to oust the radicals.

Glance At The Russian Events.

By SAMUEL H. HOLLAND.

Like a rainbow after a long, heavy rain; like an awakening after a terrible nightmare come the cablegrams about a Revolution in Russia. It appears to be a miracle to all those who have not followed the development of events in Russia for the last ten-twelve years. The Duma, this Russian imitation of the European Parliament, the institution which is supposed to be the House of Representaties of the Russian People, but which actually is the representative of the nobility and landowners, except for the few working-class deputies, this Duma, the servile tool of the Czar, had suddenly defied its master, and neatly declared a Republic. It decided not to follow the Imperial decree to adjourn in the critical period of the country, and had, furthermore, issued a manifesto to the people, told the Czar to step out, assumed all the reins of government and had embarked upon a course of democratising Russia and liberating the people.

It almost seems as if the present Duma leaders are re-enacting the famous scene of May 5th, 1789 in the French States—General. when, under similar circumstances, a decree of Louis the XVI. was read calling upon the French Commons to retire and Mirabeau had made his famous declaration: "Go, tell those who sent you that we are here by the command of the people and here we shall stay until driven out at the point of the bayonet!" And the States-General has subsequently become the Constituent Assembly. The flight of Louis XIV. (Nicolas II.), the storming of the Bastille (the fortress of Peter and Paul, and other dungeons) so vividly remind us of the striking similarity of the present Russian Revolution to that of 1789; but it appears that we will not be compelled to see the flow of blood and death that followed the first declaration of the French Republic.

Press Deaf And Blind.

It seems that doubt and lack of faith in the truthfulness of what is reported to have taken place, the suddenness and speed with which the great change has come about interfere with our complete understanding of the tremendous historical event. But this Russian Revolution came unexpectedly only to Americans, whose press was deaf and blind to the important political events in Russia for the last year or two. Those that have read the Russian newspapers that occasionally reach this country. long realized that Russia is on the threshold of great events. We must therefore make clear a few facts: The Duma has not made the Revolution. which is credited to it by the American press; the revolt was begun by the workers of Petrograd, led by those employed in the Government munition factories, which, however strange it may sound to an American, have always been the vanguard of the labor movement in Russia. While under ordinary circumstances they would be powerless, the logical course of events gave them an opportunity, for which they had been ready long before.

The Duma only took advantage of the revolutionary movement, and supported by it they have set out to accomplish what the necessity of events demanded. The majority of the Duma are landed aristocrats, capitalists and college professors, elements ordinarily not of a revolutionary caliber. Perhaps in times of peace they would rather consent to the abolition of the Duma, and full restoration of autocracy, than to a democratic Republic. But during the war they were driven into a union with more liberal minded groups of people for the purpose of the successful conduct of the war. In order to assure victory they demanded efficiency and honesty from the government in its handling of the munitions, transportation and food problems. In order to inspire confidence in the people they wanted more popular rule and freedom of nationality and religion. They have been frustrated, however, in all their efforts by the government, while the Russian armies have been suffering crushing blows on the battlefields. It was soon discovered that the clique surrounding the Czar was insincere in its carrying on of the war. One war minister after the other was accused of corruptness, graft, connection with spies, negotiation with the enemy, etc. Sukhomlinov, Beljaiew and others of this type were not even punished by the government. The Czar and his friends, have evidently discovered that a fight against (Continued On Page Two)

Railroad Workers Win.

The railroad workers have won! They have secured a favorable eight-hour decision from that bulwark of reaction—the United States Supreme Court. They have forced the railroad barons to surrender to their demands for an eight-hour day, even before the supreme court decision had been made known.

Let the railroad owners get what consolation they can from their statement that they capitulated in the face of a threatening war. This is merely an attempt to minimize the victory won by the 400,000 men belonging to the four railroad brotherhoods.

Now for the next step! Let the four railroad brotherhoods, with the increased power given them, aid the other, less fortunate railroad workers win the eight-hour day, the right to organize and the best possible conditions that can be secured.

Let the watchword be, "Forward!" to greater victories.

Women Issue Manifesto

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The Socialist Suffrage Committee of Greater New York adopted a manifesto to be sent to all the women of belligerent countries. On account of the strict censorship in Germany, the most important parts of the manifesto will be extracted and sent by wireless to that country. The manifesto reads as follows:

New York, in mass conference assembled, extend to you, our sisters of all lands and nations, our fraternal greet-

International Bonds Broken.

When, in August, 1914, the leading nations of Europe entered upon that horrible conflict that is still in progress and that threatens to overwhelm the entire world, the greatest blow to American Socialists was the sudden American Socialists was the Sudden breaking of all international bonds, military despotism worse than that of aging to scrape together about 200 any other country. That leading Socialist men in the warring countries should willingly vote war credits to their capitalistic govenlist in the useless slaughter of their

ican women are proud of the fact that tries allowed herself to be carried away by the general wave of war hysteria; that not a single representative Socialist woman abandoned her PROPAGANDA WORK IN SCHOOLS who dares to vote for his convictions. ideals of international working class solidarity. We have not forgotten the inspiring message sent forth to the Socialist women of all nations by their international secretary, Clara Zetkin, four months after the outbreak of the war. From our hearts, we echo Clara Zetkin's words: 'When men kill one another, it becomes the supreme duty of women to battle for the maintenance of life. When men are silent, it becomes the sacred mission

to the slaughter are doing everything in their power to drive the United States into that slaughter now. We are about to be drawn into the war

on the side of the allies against the central powers, just because American capital and American business interests desire the victory of the allies.

The American people do not want war, and the American working class do not entertain the slightest hostility buckling priests of Toledo, Ohio, have against the working class of Germany. We, the Socialist women of Greater the will of the people in the interest While we are being pushed nearer

and nearer to the brink of war, our ings, and reiterate our unshaken faith American democracy is threatened by in the cause of international Social- the iron heel of militarism. Already, while war has not even been declared, a military program has been imposed upon us that exceeds that of any European nation and legislation is their champions. In the last election being introduced that is an absolute blow to all American traditions of liberty and justice. In the face of these issue, and was re-elected by a majorfacts, we realize that, if war should ity of 13,186 votes over all opponents come, we would be subjected to a Yet the Commerce Club, after man-

Therefore, we wish to speak to you, ernments, accept positions on cap-italistic war cabinets and voluntarily enlist in the useless slaughter of their working class brothers, was a more painful revelation than the tragedy of the war itself.

greater New York, organized to work Sherwood to resign from Congress because he had not stood by the President! Sherwood may be a pacifist, but The only ray of light in that period of utter darkness was the consistent, courageous attitude of individual Socialist men, and of practically all socialists men, and of practical socialists are all social soc courageous attitude of individual So-cialist men, and of practically all the Socialist women of Europe. We Amer-ican women are proud of the fact that not a single representative Socialist live Socialism! Long live the brother-woman in any of the belligerent counhood and sisterhood of the working the capitalists! Long live peace! Long jingoes' telegram, "Why, their telemen and women of the world!"

The members of the Young People's Socialist League are often making the most of their opportunities for spreading the Socialist propaganda in the stand. Neither did it mention the High Schools of this country. In one eastern High School there were three members of the league in one class. The school had class organizations for cated by a majority of 13,186 in my the purpose of studying parliamentary procedure and ease of expression. One of the Yipsels suggested that they take up, the discussion of the two mass meetings referred to the maintenance of life. When men are silent, it becomes the sacred mission of women to remain true to their ideals and to raise their voices in protest. We firmly believe that when, at the close of the war, a new internationalism is born, it will, in a large measure, be due to the unfailing efforts of the Socialist women of Europe.

Tragedy Confronts Country.

Today we are confronted by the same tragedy that engulfed Europe in August, 1914. The United States, the only great and powerful country that until now had not been involved in the gigantic struggle, is about to be drawn into its whirlpool. The same sinister influences of capitalistic greed, of eagerness for commercial supremacy, of hunger for world dominance, that have driven the nations of Europe into the slaughter are doing everything to the slaughter are doi

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Scott Nearing Resigns.

The jingo newspapers, and man-ufacturers, and Chamber of Commerce against the working class of Germany. Therefore, if this threatened war should come, it will be a war against the will of the people in the interest and for the benefit of the ruling class.

While we are being pushed nearer the working because they were obliged to put up with two fellow citizens whom they didn't like a bit. These two men were Prof. Scott Nearing, dean of the college of arts and sciences at the municipal university. long been sore because they were sity; and General Isaac R. Sherwood congressman from that district, and a veteran fighter in the radical camp

> The indignation of these plutes did ity of 13,186 votes over all opponents. Toledo tin-soldier boys who came back

"I have no idea of resigning", said the Congressman when he saw the gram wasn't even signed. Whoever wrote it must have been ashamed of t. But I know who is back of it. It's the same organization that is trying to destroy every member of Congress

The two mass meetings referred to were those arranged by the Socialists

boys" referred to above, the principal speaker was a minister of the "Prince of Peace", the Rev. Father Patrick O'Brien. In the course of his talk he condemned Nearing and advised his hearers to "knock him down", "stand him up against a wall and shoot him," "hang him from the limb of a tree," and various other lamb-like Christian sentiments. He wound up his speech with a demand that Nearing either "debate or fight" him on the question of patriotism. Nearing came right back with an acceptance just as soon as he heard about it Will there be a debate? Not much The Rev. Father crawfished so fast you couldn't see his smoke. He explained that the challenge was issued on the "spur of the moment", and that on the advice of his friends he you couldn't see his smoke. He exthat on the advice of his friends he decided to withdraw it "so as not to stir up trouble". Great stuff! Advocate hanging a man, shooting him, knocking him down, and challenging him to fight, and when he takes you up, crawl down into your cellar. That's some example of patriotism, the Commerce Club will do well to order sung, at its next reception "there's an awful lot of others like

Words Inspire Thousands.

Nearing has a three-year contract. The demand for his resignation was voiced in the press daily. Nearing's answer was to go up and down the country addressing gigantic peace meetings and his word inspired thousands to do their utmost against the evils of militarism. The question now is whether Nearing can be of greater value to the workers on the lecture platform or whether he can do more dence, and the same hall held the platform or whether he can do more on the inside of the college class-Toledo will lose a powerful force of progress if he goes-yet his Trustees will act on it shortly. It is by no means certain that it will be accepted, but the workers of Toledo are doing their best that it not be.

all except his enemies.

PLAN FIGHT FOR RIGHT TO

DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE a test. According to announcement made by Joel Lichten, business manager for the Socialist campaign committee having in charge the campaign of F. N. Files for a recommendation of the control of the con of E. N. Edes for mayor and P. G. Phillips and Charles McKinnon for commissioners, the committee will get out of the forest. New England carpenters, the committee will get out of the forest out ships that sailed out of the members.

Most of mis wants. A race of rankees but action that the whole party will feel represents the members, and will bind the members.

We want no cheap bravado, nor yet action that the whole party will feel represents the members.

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necessary will take the matter to the supreme court of the state," said Mr.

FAVOR "MUNY" ICE PLANTS. employment and on all work done for Authorization of all cities and the city are planks in the Oakland, towns in the state to establish mun-Cal., Socialist party platform for the icipal ice plants and coal depots is provided for in a bill passed by the Wisconsin assembly. The bill, introduced by Frank B. Metcalfe, Milwaulation forbidding the importation of

Note The Difference!



Glance At The Russian Events.

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Prussian militarism and the Kaiser, is also a fight against the Russian imitation of Prussian militarism, and the Russian offspring of the Kaisers. They gradually have become bored by an alliance with Republican France and Democratic England, which inevitably brought along with it a dissemination of French and English political ideals into Russia. The Czar could not be blamed for his sympathy with the Kaiser, but many elements of the Russian people would not stand for it.

Workers Are Aroused. The Constitutional Democrats, the liberals of Russia and representatives of the developing capitalist class, and the Octobrists, the conservatives, have long been looking for an opportunity to assert their influence in the government. An then the food riots reached their highest development; when the workers were aroused to action by the imprisonment of their representatives in the Duma and on the military industrial committees, the Duma was encouraged to bring about the climax, which is now declared to be the Russian Revolution.

Will the Russian people retain the reins of government which have now been placed in Russian Revolution of 1905 is perhaps consid-

some quiet thinking ever since, and this explained why the army joined the revolutionaries. The soldiers, drawn from fields and factories, are only a part of the great silent mass of people, and when they where told to shoot their brothers, who were clamoring for "bread and freedom", they refused. This refusal was only a passive resistance, but a passive resistance of soldiers to their "own" government is a revolution. The war issue which united even the most conservative elements against the autocratic system of government had made the return of the old regime almost unthinkable.

not true. The people have been spurred to do

Let us now hope that the long suffering, infinitely patient mass of the great Russian people will not allow itself to be betrayed by any present or future leaders, and that it will send to the Constituent Assembly representatives who will truly represent the interests of a people, of which nearly 95 per cent are toilers. From past experience we may hope that the toiling people will confide their interests to the Social-Democratic Party.

Let us also hope, that this Russian Revolution will serve as a lesson to the Social-patriots of Germany. There will be no more justification for continuing the rule of the Hohenzollern's, their hands? It appears that they will. The | Hapsburg's and their Junker clique. Will the German and Austrian people now shake off the ered by some people as a failure, but this is | domination of the last autocracy in Europe?

The Carpenters

By A. M. SIMONS.

Carpenters created and named the political caucus and made up a majority of the mob that pitched the tea into Boston harbor. It was in the hall of a forerunner of a carpenters' union that the Continental Congress met and delegates that wrote the Constitution.

From which it may safely be concluded that when a war, a nation, a accepted, but the workers of Toledo per. If the civilizations of other lands As for the jingoes—they don't steel, that of America was built of know what to make of it. If they had wood. We have the finest fire departany dreams of bluffing Scott Nearing ments in the world. We need them trend toward compulsory military serinto submission they were fools. And most. Wood is the easiest material in scheming to rob this country of the with which to build. It is the easiest cervices of a man like Sherwood they of building materials to burn. We proved themselves utter knaves. Sher- build more and burn more than any wood's answer is a cheerful thing to other nation. For these reasons we all except his enemies. have them. The census of 1910 found

while yet an infant, foremost of

A forty-four hour week, trade union wages and conditions on all public kee, Socialist, now goes to the senate, where a strong fight will be made against it.

strikebreakers and free legal advice and the appointment of a free public defender.

THE PARTY IN CONVENTION. From The New York Call.

It is good news that the Socialist party proposes to meet in special naconvention within a very short time. It is especially good news, in view of the fact that the party mis-takenly dispensed with the 1916 convention in a burst of would-be economy. A referendum vote had changed the method of nominating candidates for president and vice-president, and the party members forgot that there were other matters of grave importance that only a national meeting of delegated representatives of the par-ty could thrash out with satisfaction to the Comrades.

and the threat of war here. This thing mense amount of work created by the and the preparedness movement, the trend toward compulsory military service, the various measures looking toward the throttling of the liberty of way out of the situation—to overthought and action, will be treated by throw the government and include in Comrades who can speak for the best its manifesto the demands of the thought within our party.
We need the convention; it is to be

devote his and her best thought to we must not lose sight of the posi-Every pioneer was something of a nominating and voting for those mem- tion of the Russian working class Socialists of Duluth, Minn., propose to put the local handbill ordinance to out of wood, or at least out of the braves and the best. Let us see to it braves and the best. Let us see to it braves and the best. Let us see to it braves and the best. Let us see to it braves and the best. Let us see to it braves and the best. Let us see to it braves and the best. Let us see to it braves and the best. Let us see to it braves and the best. Let us see to it braves and the best braves and the best braves and the braves and the best braves are the braves and the braves are the braves and the braves are the br

court 15,000 handbills, which will be distributed among the voters of the circles around any that the ocean had court 15,000 handbills, which will be distributed among the voters of the circles around any that the ocean had circles around any that the ocean ha "In case we are arrested for distributing this literature, the committee will fight the ordinance and if necessary will take the matter to the will take the matter to the commitment of the series of the commitment of the war. The contrageous action that will unite the former government during the war it will their with a sense of unity with each other, and the will preserve the dignity and the integrity of the party and the moveintegrity of the party and the movement. We want action that means something in the life of the working more concessions that it ever dreamed class, not theatrical heroics.

Our job now is the election of a convention of such caliber that whatever vention of such caliber that whatever the upshot is, we can say that WE, the members of the party has been say that be accepted. members of the party, have

lieve he is the same kind of a hypo- overthrowing Nikolas II and the govcrite as are the Christian gentlemen ernment made up of Germans, and who refuse to arbitrate and yet say German servants. they favor peace.

Unexpected Happened

By MICHAEL ALTSCHULER. HE UNEXPECTED happened.
The Russian Revolution, considered not only by its enemies but also by friends as dead, is alive, and in one successful stroke succeeded in overthrowing the government. The Russian government of 1905-6

was not rotten enough to unite all classes in Russia in the determination to establish a new government based on free institutions.

It was necessary to plunge the country into war to show its own inability to control the situation. Every enterprise started by the former gov-ernment was an additional proof that structed in this country the carpenters have been on hand. This is proper. If the civilizations of other lands and times were founded on iron and fact is the war; the war in Europe and the threat of war here. This thing

workers of many years standing.

It is true that the present leaders

hoped that from this day until the balloting is over every Comrade will a stronger prosecution of the war but a stronger prosecution of the war but which can not be considered as merely a tool in the hands of the Russian Bourgeoisie in attaining its aims. The Russian working class is class

conscious and having more freedom at present will not put aside class differ-

The lessons of the revolution must We want no cheap bravado, nor yet teach us one thing, that if the Rusof. There is no doubt but that the working class will use all its power to

There is no question that the revolu tion is the beginning of the end of the Comparing Mr. Wilson's actions war. The Russian Bourgeoisie de-with his words, one is inclined to befeated the German Government by

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now than they were one week ago. It was considered a joke when the Russian Czar proclaimed that he was leading the Russians to fight the militarism and the militaristic caste of Germany which was a menace to the freedom of the world.

But there is less reason to doubt the sincerity of the Russian revolution. The German Socialists do not now need to fight for the freedom of their Russian brothers. The fight is won—the Russian czar is gone. that is necessary now is to send the German czar on the same road and the Russian Socialists, also French, Belgian and English will quit fighting and the controversy will be settled.

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The statement cabled to American

The statement cabled to American newspapers several weeks ago, by Carl Ackerman, United Press correspondent in Berlin, that the Socialsts of Germany were responsible for the peace proposals made by the Kaiser, is verified by usually accurate publications in Switzerland. The story goes that the majority faction of Socialists, who have supported the government thruout the war, have ecome keenly aware of the fact that the minority (or anti-war) group have been growing in numbers and influence. Perhaps also because they are sickening of the war, the government Socialists warned the Kaiser that unless he moved immediately for peace Philipp Scheidemann, Socialist leader of Parliament, and others would head a militant movement to bring about peace. It is stated further that Scheidemann and his followers are deeply disappointed that the Allies did not meet the peace proffers in a way that would bring about tangible results.

Delegates from the minority fac-tion of the Socialist party in Ger-many held a conference in Leipzig to plan action to continue their propaganda for true internationalism and to secure control of the party machinery. The conference endorsed President Wilson's peace proposals in which there shall be neither conqueror or conquered.

The Labor party of Scotland held conference at Glasgow, and, among other business, a resolution was adopted deploring the action of the allies in rejecting the offer of the German government to consider terms of peace and calling on the government to state the objects for which the war s being waged.

From Berlin comes the report that conference will soon be held in switzerland (name of city not given) petween representatives of labor organizations in Germany, France, Belgium, Switzerland and perhaps Sweden and other countries to consider war problems.





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serrhrowing Nikolas II and the government made up of Germans, and German servants.

The issues of the war are different Liberty Pub. Co. Sta D, Box 4-D. Cleveland, C.

Save Tom Mooney.

By LUELLA TWINING. Tom Mooney is sentenced to hang May 17. In fifty-four days Tom Mooney will hang by the neck till he is dead, if labor does not act. There is no time to lose. The moments are precious. We must act

The Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco is Tom Mooney's prosecutor. In comparison with the Chamber of Commerce tyrants of San Francisco, the Mine Owners of Colorado are

parade in San Francisco in August, Hold mass me Tom Mooney, Rena Mooney, his wife, Billings, Weinberg, and Nolan, all leaders in organized labor, were charged with the crime and arrested Billings Trial Travesty.

Young Billings was tried first, convicted and sentenced to life imprison ment. Everybody was shocked. His trial was a travesty of justice.

Protests came in from organized labor but everyone felt the rest of the men would be acquitted and Bil-

when the explosion occured.

Everybody rested easy while the Chamber of Commerce proceeded to execute their evil purposes. I read the reports in the paper each day as the Tom Mooney trial proceeded, and saw Tom Mooney was winning his case. Indeed the judge stopped Bourke Cockran, his attorney, to tell him that Indeed the judge stopped Bourke
Cockran, his attorney, to tell him that he was impressed with his argument. When asked to dismiss the case, he refused, saying that it would establish the refused, saying that it would establish to denote the precedent. He intimated in the precedent of the preced a dangerous precedent. He intimated that he would leave it to the jury to acquit him. Imagine our feelings when the jury brought in a verdict of "Guilty" without recommendation of clemency, which left the judge no alternative other than sentencing him the jury brought in a verdict of "Guilty" without recommendation of clemency, which left the judge no alternative other than sentencing him to prosecution are bad characters and the inchedence of the defendants in the so-called bomb affair. New and in the so-called bomb affair. New evidence is being dug up almost daily to establish the fact that the labor men are victims of a conspiracy and to prove that the witnesses for the prosecution are bad characters and the moterical content of the defendants in the so-called bomb affair. New evidence is being dug up almost daily to establish the fact that the labor men are victims of a conspiracy and to prove that the witnesses for the defendants in the so-called bomb affair. New evidence is being dug up almost daily to establish the fact that the labor men are victims of a conspiracy and to prove that the witnesses for the defendants in the so-called bomb affair. New evidence is being dug up almost daily to establish the fact that the labor men are victims of a conspiracy and to prove that the witnesses for the defendants in the so-called bomb affair. New evidence is being dug up almost daily to establish the fact that the labor men are victims of a conspiracy and to prove that the witnesses for the defendants in the so-called bomb affair. New evidence is being dug up almost daily to establish the fact that the labor men are victims of a conspiracy and to prove that the witnesses for the defendants in the so-called bomb affair. New evidence is being dug up almost daily to establish the fact that the labor men are victims of a conspiracy and to prove that the minute evidence is being dug up almost daily to establish the fact that the labor men are victims of a conspiracy and to prove that the minute evidence is being dug u ternative other than sentencing him set of preachers are we to believe? to be executed.

Protest Against Verdict.

The San Francisco Labor Council the Oakland Labor Council, and all the to agree that there is only one moral important unions in the bay region have sent strong resolutions and let-ters to Judge Griffin, protesting against the verdict.

The Tri-City Labor Review, the official organ of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, says of the Mooney case, "A jury of business men—this jury of sycophants of the Chamber of Commerce heard Thomas J. Mooney proven, beyond a shadow of doubt, to be innocent of the crime charged, and then brought in a verdict of guilty! Twenty-one witnesses and Compat the light their curse? seven photographs proved Mooney not to have been at the scene of the crime, but at his home a mile and a quarter away. And yet the sinister force bent on the destruction of Mooney for aggranging the attacks. Mooney for organizing the streetcar volutions transfigurations? Mooney for organizing the streetcar strike, brazenly condemns him to lighten, enkindle, think aloud, frater-

The witnesses used to convict both mosney trial because the Defense had proven them to be dispersively against. The witnesses who appeared against Billings were not used in the ses of gloom, may be employed in the conquest of the ideal.

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Mooney trial. But that is past history. He is sentenced to hang May 17. Labor pronounces him "Not Guilty." I went to see Tom Mooney in prison after the sentence had been pro-

nounced. Tho the sun shone brightly, darkness invested all. Annie Mooney, his sister, said, "I see blood, blood,

her boy.
"What is to be done?" I asked Tom Mooney. "Labor only can save me," he replied, decidedly. Labor saved Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and John Lawson. Labor made such an taking him to the penitentiary."

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from the California courts, will be found to have taken refuge in the bosoms of the men and women who constitute the masses of our populaion, and their decision will be enforced against the officials who have foresworn their oaths to satisfy the malice and cupidity of corporation employers."

Loyalty only Crime.

Mixed Morality

the men would be acquitted and Billings would finally be freed, too. In the Billings trial Tom Mooney and Rena Mooney proved a positive alibi. Photographs containing clocks, showed them to have been on the roof of the Eiler Building when the explosion occurred (Mrs. Mooney conducted a local property of the chypth's teachings. So for expectations of the chypth's teachings. So for expectations and the should be resorted to as well as consegnition of moral and what is immoral according to the chypth's teachings. So for expectations are consegnition of moral and what is immoral according to the chypth's teachings. So for expectations are consegnition of moral and what is immoral according to the chypth's teachings. So for expectations are consegnition of moral and what is immoral according to the chypth's teachings.

The People

The mob, the multitude, the popu lace! These words are quickly said. But if it be so, what matters it?

They go barefooted. They cannot read. So much the worse. Will you abandon them for that? Would you

But Labor declares that Mooney is NOT GUILTY, and pledges itself to join in this fight for honesty and decement."

Note in the public squares, announce the glad tidings, scatter plenteously your alphabets, proclaim human rights sing your Management. rights, sing your Marseillaises, sow

convict Warren K. Billings is a flat contradiction to the evidence of Oman, used to convict Mooney."

The witnesses used to convict both

These bare feet, these naked arms, these rags, these shades of ignorance, life, is credited with having expressed

neath your feet—cast it into a furnace and let it seethe and melt, and it Isn't it strange how the privileged I could write reams about the thru which a Galileo or a Newton may the life of their nation? Who is dediscover stars.--Victor Hugo.

Burned In Effigy

By EDMUND R. BRUMBAUGH.

Senators La Follette and Vardaman have been burned in effigy for daring

The people who are burning these the senators themselves, and the entire "willful twelve" if they got hold uproar that the gang had to let Law-son go when they had him on the train of them. They are of the very same breed of human beings who in their Bourke Cockran, the noted New York attorney, who defended Mooney, wrote him, "I am convinced that the justice which appears to the library to

But this is to be expected. The war spirit depends on deception. It is preeminently an ignorant, hysterical spirit. If people were really calm and gether to terrify a blind orphan.

MOTHER OF ANNA A. MALEY DIES AT MINNEAPOLIS HOME

Mrs. Catherine Maley, the mother of Comrade Anna Maley, member of the national executive committee, died at her, home in Minneapolis, Minn., on March 16th. She had suffered from cancer for the past year. She took her bed this fall before Comrade Maley had well recovered from a severe attack of malaria contracted in the South last summer. These personal difficulties, together with close work in Mayor Van Lear's office since Jan-1, have prevented Comrade Maley from completing important organization work assigned her by the against a resolution supporting Presi-National Executive Committee. In justice to her this explanation should the 12 United States senators who filibe given to the comrades.

Great Britain has nationalized all Strand, socialist member from Two the coal mines to be operated during Harbors. A. O. Devold, the other so-

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max 8. Hayes.

T WAS a foregone conclusion that the special conference of representatives from the international un-Tom Mooney's only crime is his oyalty to the working class. He is Washington, would pledge aid to the Washington, would pledge aid to the Prancisco is Tom Mooney's prosecutor. In comparison with the Chamber of Commerce tyrants of San Francisco, he Mine Owners of Colorado are gentle doves.

Jimmediately after the bomb expression during the preparedness consists of May San Francisco in August.

Hold mass meetings. Send resolutions with the Chamber of the working class. The low warking class. The low working class. The low was imprisoned. His voice is hushed by prison walls. Through the prison walls. Through the prison walls are government should this country be forced into the war. The hope was expressed that the republic may be safeguarded in its unswerving desire for peace, that the people may be spared the horrors and the burdens of the least control of the working class. The low washington, would pledge aid to the government should this country be forced into the war. The hope was expressed that the republic may be safeguarded in its unswerving desire for peace, that the people may be spared the horrors and the burdens of the low was and they may have the opportant of the working that the proportant in the working the prison walls. Through the prison walls. Through the prison walls. Through the prison walls are presented in the working that the proportant is the working that the proportant is the working that the proportant is the working that the present is the working that the proportant is the working that the proportant is the proportant in the working that the proportant is the proportant in the working that the proportant is the proportant is the proportant in the working that the proportant is the proportant in the working that the proportant is the proportant in the working that the proportant is the proportant in the proportant is the proportant is the proportant in the proportant is the proportant in the proportant is the Hold mass meetings. Send resolutions of protest to the capitalist press. Send money, for funds are needed, and resolutions to the International Worksers Defense League (a delegate body of Trades Unions and other organizations), 210 Russ Building, San Francisco, California.

Hold mass meetings. Send resolutions to the capitalist press. Send money, for funds are needed, and they may have the opportunity to cultivate and develop the arts of peace, human brotherhood and a higher civilization. Militarism was to maintain the status protested against. It was held that law was to maintain the status of the arm and drove in again for the throat. This time the man succeeded may be attributed to either the survival of the brute instinct in man, or that law was torn open. Then the crowd only in partly blocking, and his throat was turn protested against. It was held that law was to maintain the status quo, to keep the slave-owner secure in his place upon the back of the court held that the comton throat. This time the man succeeded only in partly blocking, and his throat was torn open. Then the crowd only in partly blocking, and his throat was torn open. Then the crowd only in partly blocking, and his throat was torn open. Then the crowd only in partly blocking, and his throat was torn open. Then the crowd only in partly blocking, and his throat was torn open. Then the crowd only in partly blocking, and his throat was torn open. Then the crowd only in partly blocking, and his throat was torn open. Then the crowd only in partly blocking, and his throat was torn open. Then the crowd only in partly blocking, and his throat was torn open. Then the crowd only in partly blocking, and his throat was unon Buck, and he was driven only in partly blocking, and his throat was unon Buck, and he was unon Buck, and he was driven only in partly blocking, and his throat was unon Buck, and he was driven only in partly blocking, and the was unon Buck, and he was unon Buck, and ganized labor should have representation on all agencies determining and By RALPH KORNGOLD.

It has been said by some that the fense and controlling publicity.

cured. (Mrs. Mooney conducted a to the church's teachings. So, for exBuilding.) Twenty-one witnesses, perUnited States have of late become sons of the highest character, music- very enthusiastic about the war. They mands that men and women give their ians and others well known, swore have told us that it is every American's duty to stand by the government of the Eiler Building ment if it decides to go to war with service in the interest of these human ment if it decides to go to war with service in the interest of these human services in the interest of the service in the interest of the services in the interest of t

> set of preachers are we to believe?
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> Judging by the opposing opinions of the ecclesiastical bodies in the different rations at wordless than some case is reviewed in the higher courts ferent nations at war all of them seem much curiosity will be evinced to code for the working people of the various nations to follow, namely—
> "Servants Obey Your Masters."
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> "Inden curiosity will be evinced to learn how the prosecution will explain the actions of the two Edean women, for instance, who testified one way in the Pillian. way in the Billings case and another way in the Mooney trial. Another witness, McDonald, also contradicted himself in important instances, while glaring contradictions be ex-

country is under government control. Von Hindenburg, who is now virtually ration Laws in answer to the recent the dictator of Germany's economic living for himself and dependents.

jail, everywhere. His mother, a sweet-faced Irish woman, was too overcome to speak at first. Finally she gasped, "Isn't it terrible, Dear, for them to murder my boy?" I determined I would do all I could to save mined I would do all I could to save her boy.

Burning in effigy is the only way some feeble minds can express themselves. It is impossible for them to argue into a human being to coal operators are demurring. They say that they have been making no money, that competition from other tried why they think as they do. They simply allow themselves to be stamment interested in wages. But the hat manufacturer into a human being by witholding from him their meagres as the say that they have been making no money, that competition from other tried why they think as they do. They simply allow themselves to be stamment interested in wages. But the hat manufacturer into a human being by witholding from him their meagres that Loewe, like a modern Shylock, was enabled to take his pound of flesh and the result was they have been making no money, that competition from other tried why they think as they do. They simply allow themselves to be stamment interested in wages. But the hat manufacturer into a human being by witholding from him their meagres the say that they have been making no money, that competition from other states may rob them of their markets, was enabled to take his pound of flesh and the result was they have been making no money, that they have been making no money. peded by an element interested in them in the face no matter in which forming public opinion for private direction they may gaze. The miners were given a small increase a year nay, or perhaps was the Duke of Venago after hard struggling and are senators in effigy would probably burn sewed up by contract for another year And the pound of flesh was taken—it and cannot strike. So with the easy stripped the roofs from over the silpublic on one side to loot and the envered heads of those same workers slaved miners on the other side to whose bones had been wracked and skin the operators are in clover.

GRANT Hamilton, A. F. of L. organizer, and Edward Doyle, a State Federation of Labor official, were barred from coming on the floor of the Colorado Legislature because, in intelligent, war would be as unthink-able as fried ice cream, and not enough soldiers could be gathered to-strike act they declared that organized labor would defy that law. two men are also being denounced as guilty of "treasonable utterances by the corporation press and policians.

> ST. LOUIS Central Trades Council adopted resolutions by unanimous President Wilson to do all in their power to keep the United States out

Only one vote was cast in the Minnesota House of Representatives dent Woodrow Wilson and criticizing bustered against the president's armed neutrality bill. The vote was by E. G. the period of the war. Whether the cialist member, from Minneapolis, owners will ever get back their mines was absent from the house chamber again is another question.

Labor And The Law

By WM. F. KRUSE.

Almost since the beginning of time, certainly since the introduction of was upheld and a subterfuge to get menial service as a term synonymous around it held unlawful. with labor, we have had so-called "La-In the case of State v bor Laws". Far back in the prehistoric past when man used the bodies of his and deportation of a member of the captives directly to appease his hun-strikers' committee was held illegal. ger, there were no "Labor Laws", at In Rail & River Coal Co. vs. Yaple, least not in the sense in which we ling payment to miners for all the coal indirectly from the body of another, by allowing him to live and appropriating instead of his flesh a part of what he produced, we have had some sort of "labor laws".

Indirectly from the body of another, by screen was held constitutional—the court holding that when a miner digs in stead of his flesh a part of what had some sort of "labor laws".

And in Atkins vs. The Gray Eagle Coal Co. the court held that the com-

Tendencies In Legislation.

Two tendencies were exhibited in this legislation. The first is founded upon this old theory of the law of the slave-holder. The second is a tribute

to the broader spirit of humanitarism created by the increasing power, in-dustrial and political, of the laboring masses. We will consider them in

The sovereign state of Washington has passed a statute describing and making illegal that practice in industrial disputes known as "picketing". It has not yet gone so far as to deplaying of banners, signs, etc., anything in short that would inform people generally of the justice of the strikers' demands or that would win for them the support of the general public. This is clearly a case of the old "Get back to your work, you slaves, get back to the place which the

law (made by us) has created for you." Going just a step further in this direction is the Colorado Anti-Strike Law. Ostensibly a measure to prothreat of Federal Compulsory Arbitthreatened railroad tie-up which forced the passage of the Adamson Law, are following hard after.

Labor Hit By Courts.

shall come forth resplendent crystal, crowd fly to socialistic schemes to save thru which a Galileo or a Newton may the life of their nation? Who is deduring his term of service for the said didate in the person of Emil Stahl. It point far above where Thornton was stroying the country and wrecking the home now!

The Hon. Judges Holmes and Day delivered stirring dissenting opinions in the case but this is small comfort to the defeated client.

OHIO MINERS, confronted by the three many Daylors Daylor

lar that he could allege was his loss! There was no Portia here to say him ice an unfair and unlearned Justice? blood had been drawn to swell the cof-

fers of their inhuman exploiter. Such reaction cannot be paralleled even in the English Statute of La-borers passed after the Great Plague in a wild effort to keep wages down in spite of a scarcity in laborers, or in the English Statutes of 1562 which compelled all children of nine years to go to work unless their parents had a certain minimum of wealth. These three great cases-The English Adair Case, the case of Coppage vs. Kansas, and The Danbury Hatter Case may some day be looked upon by historians as marking the high tide of the com-mercial control of the judiciary just as the Dred Scott Decision is today pointed out to the school children as the high-water mark of the slave-owners' control of our Federal Courts.

Reaction Sets In.

There is a very healthy reaction setting in even now, and far more good laws than bad ones were passed during the year mentioned (1915). These laws dealt with better sanitary conditions, shorter hours of labor, legality of organization, payment of wages in legal tender, minimum wage laws, and

gard for human welfare as the stuff of which national greatness can only, in the last analysis, be made. In the case of United States vs. Reynolds, the federal statute against peonage

In the case of State vs. Payne et al, 149 N. W. Rep. 945, the kidnapping just as soon as one man began to feed mined and not for that passing over

more important than the clink of its money bags?

Government Fish Shops Make Good In Australia.

The special election that will be held in Potsdam for the Parliamentary seat declared vacant when Karl Lieb knecht was sent to jail for 30 months for agitating for peace promises to be unconstitutional a statute which for- ment in Germany, while the majority bade an epmloyer to force a worker to faction of Socialists that stands with tremendous increase in the necessaries of life and seeing unprecedented prices that the people of the cities have been compelled to pay for coal, have been a source of deep chagrin to him stream the struck out boldly, but not been a source of deep chagrin to him stream. He struck out boldly, but not that the district was represented by a straight enough into the stream. He to stand out against the war madness between the walls of the walls of the same the walls of the jail, everywhere. His mother, a jail, everywhere. His mother, a sweet-faced Irish woman, was too stand out against the war madness have made the modest request that the district was represented by a straight enough into the stream. He discovered the mistake too late, when the manufacturer into a human being by witholding from him their meagre by without the stream. He district was represented by a straight enough into the stream. He district was represented by a straight enough into the stream. He district was represented by a straight enough into the stream. He district was represented by a straight enough into the stream. He district was repre purchasing power-and the result was workers have been sent to the front he was being carried helplessly past to become cannon fodder.

The renegade Labor politicians in Australia, who attempted to retain control of the government by fusing with the Liberal-Conservative combine after the workers smashed the conscription issue in a national referendum, have finally been driven from power. The Hughes-Cook government dissolved Parliament and ordered general election within 60 days. will be the fiercest campaign probably ever waged anywhere. Great bitterness has developed between the Labor party and the Hughes following, who were expelled from the party several months ago, but the latter will have the support of the old parties and all the powers of capitalism in their fight

Gustave Theimer and Max Theimer editor and business manager of the Issue, Socialist weekly at Elizabeth, N. J., submitted to arrest rather than pay the \$1 poll tax of New Jersey. Later the tax was paid under protest. The matter will be taken by the Socialists before the State Supreme Court. The Theimers have led the ight against the ancient poll tax on the ground that it is unconstitutional to imprison a citizen for debt. Failure ty of two week's imprisonment.

The New England Leader, organ of other good features. The La Follette paper will be discontinued May 1. In- the other, dragging over the jagged Seamen's Bill which passed is a big creasing cost of production has hit bottom, smashing against rocks and step toward humane treatment of our the Leader hard, as it has Socialists snags, they veerd in to the bank. seamen. In Alaska a referendum car- and labor papers all over the country. Thornton came to, belly downward seamen. In Alaska a referendum carried fixing a legal universal eighthour day. The same happened in mittee has issued an appeal for \$1,000 and forth across a drift log by Hans

THE CALL OF THE WILD

By JACK LONDON. Copyright By Jack London

(Continued from last week.) Those who were looking on heard what was neither bark nor yelp, but a something which is best described as a roar, and they saw Buck's body rise up in the air as he left the floor for Burton's throat. The man saved his life by instinctively throwing out his arm, but was hurled backward to the floor with Buck on top of him. giver and the law enforcer, he made the law in his own interest. The age-old purpose of "Labor Legislation" has been to keep the worker in his place.

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Saves Thornton's Life.
Later on, in the fall of the year, Good in Australia.

A report just issued by the New South Wales, Australia, Government shows that during the year of 1916, no less than 3,215,000 pounds of fish have been sold to the public at prices far.

Tow poing-boat down a bad stretch of rapids on the Forty-Mile Creek. Hans and Pete moved along the bank, snubbing with a thin Manila rope from tree to tree, while Thornton remained in the boat, helping its design of a role and shout.

They are the mere puppets of a ruth-less and relentless power behind the throne—the power of gold, which now reigns supreme over all. And it is to satisfy the lust for power which the public at prices far. been sold to the public at prices far below that charged by the private fish sellers of the State.

Let be be means of a pole, and shoutbelow that charged by the private fish ing directions to the shore. Buck, on the bank, werried and anxious, kept millions of men are now upon blood.

New Castle—special sales have been held in the country towns, and thousands of country people have been enabled to sample deep sea fish at a particularly pad spot, where all a particularly pad spot, where all a spot the altar of patriotism. God! what a tragic and pathetic picture to behold.

The real cause of war is so palpable and transparent to any mind in the spot and the cheap price.

In the city of Sydney there are his hand to snub the boat when it had surface of things, it seems strange many retail shops selling the State fish, all owned and conducted by the government, while many of them sell to over 1,000 customers daily.

The transfer are hard at work in the sound to shop the shop the sound to shop the sound to shop the shop Three trawlers are hard at work, while six other trawlers are nearing completion, so that the work will be considerably enlarged in the near future.

The safe to say that the State checked it with the rope and checked too suddenly. The boat flirted over and snubbed in to the bank bottom up, while Thornton, ilung sheer out of it, was carried down stream toward the worst part of the rapids, a great of reason, yet never before were such monstrous conditions prevailing among mankind. It is safe to say that the State trawling industry has come to stay. swimmer could live.

cialist author, has been on a tour yards, amid a mad swirl of water, among the colleges and other of the he overhauled Thornton. When he then the people of each country will Oxman, the latest star witness, disputed the claims of other witnesses for the prosecution. The masses of the workers are becoming aroused to the railroading methods adopted by the local politicians, who are spurred on by the huge war fund of Big Biz, and the timidity displayed at the outset of the trial because of fears that the secured with the speaks in the speaks in the speaks in enthusiastic terms of the progress that the speaks in enthusiastic terms of the progress that is being made by the principles of socialism. He spoke at many colleges and the timidity displayed at the outset of the trial because of fears that the speaks of the trial because of fears that the speaks in enthusiastic terms of the progress shating the colleges and other of the higher educational institutions of the felt him grasp his tail, Buck headed socuted to consume the goods south, and he speaks in enthusiastic terms of the progress shoreward was slow; the progress shoreward was slow; the progress down-stream amazingly rapid. From below came the fatal roaring where the wild current went wilder and was from the face of the earth.

North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. He has lectured the wild current went wilder and was from the face of the earth. the accused might be guilty as charged its giving away to a firm demand that the glaring contradictions be extracted by the agitation. A strike is of no avail that the outlook for socialism in the water as it took the beginning of the plained away and that justice be done to those who use it unless it can be to the workers whose lives and liberties are at stake.

South is very hopeful," says Spargo. Is steep pitch was frightful, and used freely at a time when the position of the workers is strongest and that of the employers weakest. It is the outlook for socialism in the water as it took the beginning of the beginning of the last steep pitch was frightful, and the outlook for socialism in the water as it took the beginning of the last steep pitch was frightful, and the outlook for socialism in the water as it took the beginning of the last steep pitch was frightful, and the outlook for socialism in the water as it took the beginning of the plained away and that justice be done to those who use it unless it can be used freely at a time when the position of the workers is strongest and that of the employers weakest. It is the outlook for socialism in the water as it took the beginning of the plained away and that justice be done to those who use it unless it can be used freely at a time when the position of the workers is strongest and the outlook for socialism in the water as it took the beginning of the plained away and that justice be done to those who use it unless it can be used freely at a time of the socialism in the water as it took the beginning of the plained away and that justice be done to those who use it unless it can be used freely at a time of the socialism in the water as it took the beginning of the plained away and that justice be done to those who use it unless it can be used freely at a time of the workers in plained away and that justice be done to those who use it unless it can be used freely at a time of the done in the time of the plained away and that the outlook for socialism in the time of the plained away and that the outlook for socialism in the time of the plained away and the plained away are the plained awa IT APPEARS that State (or capitalistic) socialism is now almost complete in Germany. So complete has the many struck at the complete in Germany. So complete has complete

> repeated, he partly reared out of the Shoulder arms and march away, water, throwing his head high, as tho for a last look, then turned Raising armies will not be so bad a obediently toward the bank. He swam powerfully and was dragged ashore by Pete and Hans at the very point where swimming ceased to be possible and destruction began. They knew that the time a man

could cling to a slippery rock in the face of that driving current was a matter of minutes, and they ran as

Hans promptly snubbed with the rope, as the Buck were a boat. The rope thus tightening on him in the sweep of the current, he was jerked under the surface, and under the surface he remained till his body struck against the bank and he was hauled out. He was half drowned, and Hans and Pete threw themselves upon him, pounding the breath into him and the water out of him. He staggered to his feet and fell down. The faint sound of Thornton's voice came to them, and tho they could not make out the words of it, they knew that he was in his extremity. His master's voice acted on Buck like an electric shock. He sprang to his feet and ran up the bank ahead of the men to the point of his previous departure.

Again the rope was attached and he was launched, and again he struck out, but this time straight into the stream. He had miscalculated once but he would not be guilty of it a second time. Hans paid out the rope, permitting no slack, while Pete kept it clear of coils. Buck held on till he was on a line straight above Thornton; then he turned, and with the speed of an express train headed down upon him. Thornton saw him coming, and, as Buck struck him like battering ram, with the whole force f the current behind him, he reached up and closed with both arms around the shaggy neck. Hans snubbed the rope around the tree, and Buck and Thornton were jerked under the the Socialist party of Massachuset, water. Strangling, suffocating, somemusst have \$1,000 by April 14 or the times one uppermost and sometimes

Australia and New Zealand.

In the courts too there is a very noticeable swing toward a saner re
in money and subscriptions. Contributions and Pete. His first glance was for Buck, over whose limp and apparentland Leader, 14 Park square, Boston. ly lifeless body Nig was setting up

a howl, while Skeet was licking the wet face and closed eyes. Thornton was himself bruised and battered, and he went carefully over Buck's body, when he had been brought around, finding three broken ribs. "That settles it," he announced.
"We camp right here." And camp they
did, till Buck's ribs knitted and he was able to travel.

(To Be Continued.)

War-Its Cause And Effect

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

Nearly all condemnation of war is based on its evil effects, but little struggle for commercial supremacy. Once England and France crossed

swords in a fight for territorial possessions with nothing more at stake than the interests of trade and commerce. Now these two countries find that early time, just a little. In 1915 jurisprudence. Who knows but that we had labor legislation passed in every state legislature that held a sest the heartbeats of a nation's citizenry camp in Alaska. many with the same purpose in view —the protection of profits and divi-The same motif prompts the dends. he saved John Thornton's life in action of every country engaged in quite another fashion. The three the world war—both entente and partners were lining a long and narrow poling-boat down a bad stretch tion that wars are now instigated by belief that they are sacrificing their

and transparent to any mind in the least capable of looking beneath the

When the industries of every coun-John Spargo, the well-known So- and at the end of three hundred the producers of wealth receive the try are conducted cooperatively, when

SOCIALIST NOMINATED.

P. G. Phillips, Socialist candidate for city commissioner, was nominated in the primaries March 17, at Dulutle Under the nonpartisan form of elec-tion al are elimninated except the two highest candidates. This assures the

decency."

The International Association of Machinists, Lodge No. 68, says in resolutions "The testimony of Estelle Smith, Crowley and McDonald used to convict Warren K. Billings is a flat convict Warren K. Billings is a flat and virtues. which sparkles and crack-

Joseph A. Britz.

Holland is taking over all food manufacturing and distributing business as rapidly as possible. has been considerable rioting in some of the cities.

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Organization Column.

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

PENSON I FAFIETS HELPED

BENSON LEAFLETS HELPED. Comrade Klingler, of Newberry, Pa., tells of a 75 per cent increase in the Socialist vote at the last election, due to the use of the Benson leaflets. I can also say that we have experienced great results from the use of the Benson leaflets together with a small pamphlet known as the "Pansy Pamphlets", published by Comrade Jack Pansy, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

At the last election Benson received 81 votes, while Debs in 1912 had but 71. The Benson increase was in the face of strong opposition, too, as this is a railroad town and "Wilson's 8-hour law" looked good to the rail-

road voter.

And, largely owing to the Benson and Pansy literature, we have since election built our Branch membership up from a paltry 7 members to 71, and I already know of 5 applicants to be considered at our next meeting. In this large membership growth we have had, of course, good, ripe material to work upon, but we first ripened it by a judicious distribution of good propaganda matter.

Yours in the Cause, G. C. JOHNSON, Branch Secretary, Blairsville, Pa.

OKLAHOMA ENCAMPMENTS. Perhaps the greatest factor in the Oklahoma Socialist movement is the encampments. This year they are to be continued with added features. In the past it has sometimes been difficult to secure amusements and even refreshment and lunch stands to accommodate so that we will be sure of some music and other amusement features at each point. It is my hope to organize some-thing like a Carnival company to make our entire list of encampments. Will be glad to hear from entertainers, show people and concession men. State just what you have, or what you can do in the way of entertaining. Have you a tent and what would be your means of travel?

Comrades in other states especially in the south can do well to begin the the south can do went to begin the encampments the coming summer. They can be made self-supporting by laying your plans early and selling concessions. They bring the crowds as nothing else will.

THOMAS L. BUIE, Farry, Okla.

ABANDON ALLIED CONFERENCE.
The conference of Socialists of the allied countries, which was to have taken place in Paris from March 15 to 18, has been abandoned as the result of the motival of the Pritish labor sult of the refusal of the British labor party and a great part of the Russian and Italian Socialists to participate.

Better a filibuster in the senate than a glut of graves and a busted

Spanish Leaflets

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

Una Defensa Catolica Del Socialismo (A Catholic Defense Of Socialism) by the Hon. Charles

La Guerra de las Clases (The War of the Classes). La Parabola Del Poso (The Par-

able of The Water Tank) by Edward Bellamy. La Parabola Del Cazador (The Parable of the Hunter) by Edward

Bellamy. Just the thing to reach your

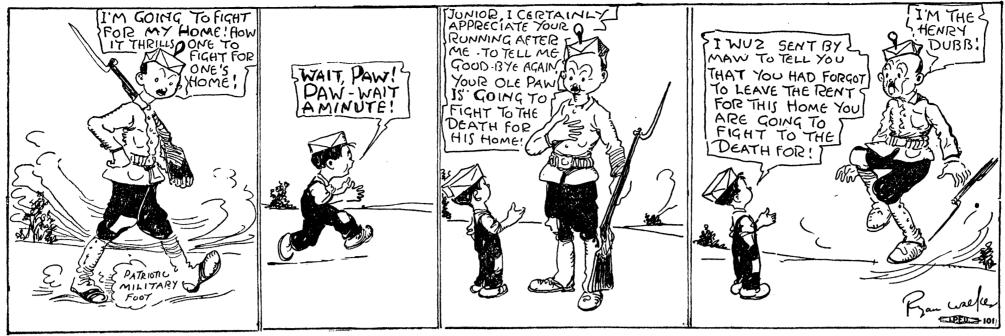
Spanish friends. These are four page leaflets and sell at

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Henry Forgot Something—Though He Was Fighting For His Home



Contest

News

Abraham H. Fein, Bronx, N. Y.

City, N. Y.....

Tony Morrello, Youngstown, O... -

I. V. Yinget, Kenosha, Wis. -

AID OF SOCIALIST PARTY An invitation has been extended to

several parties or groups, while maintaining their own identity, can work

together."
It has not yet been determined what part the Socialist Party will take in

MAINE FOR SUBMISSION.

woman cause is spreading. Maine

women have succeeded in securing a

action required thirty-six years of

agitation, pleading and supplication from the women. The first positive

move for equal suffrage in Maine was made in 1881, and the question has been before every legislature since

branch, only to be defeated in the other. In 1911 the measure secured a

majority vote, but lacked the necessary two-thirds vote for submission.

The voters will poss upon the ques-

England has navalism before the

war began. Now it has copied from

Germany and has militarism as big

as Prussia. The United States has already agreed to take on both mil-

itarism and navalism.

Several times it passed one

North and south the votes for the

tel, St. Louis, Mo., April 12-14.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

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

To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialist Leagues. Address all communications to: Socialist Party Young People's Dept., 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

the crowds. This year I am planning to secure a list of entertainers (Socialists if possible) to travel with us champions of the standing in the Y. P. S. L. NATIONAL champions of the standing in the Y. P. S. L. NATIONAL champions of the school board of that city:

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST, March 1, 1917.

The name of the seque and the points sequel and the points sequel and the points sequel and the points of the school board of that city:

1. If our candidates are

The name of the league and the points score
are given in the order of their standing.
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13. New Britain, Conn25
14 Cleveland O. (Eng.)241/4
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It must by no means be supposed that th

It must by no means be supposed that this anding will be shown all thru the contest standing will be shown all thru the contest. Some of the leagues that are now way down on the list are among our best live-wires, the only thing is that they failed to get in on time and started with a handicap of 20 points. Some of those in the middle of the list have done practically nothing to advance themselves, and another month or so will show a big difference. This is only a start, the race is twelve months long, so go to it, and may the best man win.

of these debates, and they are always hotly contested.

Lawrence, Mass., members of the league acted as arrangements committee of a big anti-war protest meeting, and their work helped along mightily to its success.

Newark, N. J. No. 2, held a debate on "Prohibition" which was followed by questions to the debaters. "Have one on me?" was not listed among those asked. This circle is now doing very good work.

Trenton, N. J., reports that its anniversary celebration at which a sketch written by a member of their league was produced, as agreat success. They are debating their High School debating team on the subject of "Socialism" and the Yopein the results of the Yopein the results of the Yopein the Yopein the Yopein have held two very successful lectures, and now that the resignation of the Yopein the results of the Yopein the even more rapid.

A new league has been organized at Wood socket, R. I. with 14 charter members.

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, Ill

BOOKS AT COST, DEMAND OF SOCIALISTS AT DUBUQUE, IA. The following school platform has been adopted by the Socialist party

as well as male teachers, to act as judges and clerks of elections for Mrs. C. Schase, Youngstown, Ohio 4 school directors.

We favor building in connection Ida Bienstock, Hartford, Conn.... 2 with the new high school of suitable Geo. Tigura, Knoxville, Tenn.... 2 quarters for offices for the board of Robert H. Wilson, Brattleboro, Vt. education, thereby saving the cost of Wm. Heino, Wilkeson, Wash.....

4. To introduce more democracy Miss S. E. Kajander, Butte, Mont. in our school system, we favor the Harold F. D. A. Jackson, Los Anformation of a teachers' council, to geles, Cal. consist of representatives chosen by Ernest Leo, Seattle, Wash. -

troduction into our public school system of a thoro and progressive course in physical culture.

WESTINGHOUSE STRIKERS SEEK PARDON FOR ALL OR NONE.

edition of its mimeographed paper, "The Young Rebel". They also debated on the merits of the Immigration Bill recently passed by Congress.

Hartford, Conn., debated the American Branch, S. P., on the subject "Resolved, that Socialists should advocate preparedness for defense". Next week the subject will be "Resolved that the Socialist Party should advocate immediate reforms", the league taking the affirmative. Prof. George Spiess, Jr., is the judge of these debates, and they are always hotly contested.

Lawrence, Mass., members of the league

the last week.

One of the defendants is a little Jewish girl, Anna Goldberg, small, frail, and nervous. She is sentenced to one year, yet it is felt that if she stands it for three months she will be dcing well. The others are all men, one of them being Rudolph Blum, so one of them being Rudolph Blum, so the fight and that the resignation of these debates, and they are always hotly contested.

Lawrence, Mass., members of the league

North Side, Pittsburgh, Young Peoples of the vestrymen of his always and charter member of the propose the simply to record that the Trust has won the fight and that the resignation of the minister, Mr. Coale, is now in the hands of the vestrymen of his

The 1917 Northwestern Pennsylvania Socialist Encampment will be larger and better in every way than the two larger than the two largers and better in every way than the two largers and they did—most of them. previous camps if the plans of those in charge of the acair indicate anything. This is the third annual camp conducted by the Socialists of this vicinity. These encampments are really one big grand rally and revival of the Socialist forces from far and near and one has to attend in order to know previous camps if the plans of those in charge of the acair indicate anything. And they did—most of them. One rebel refused—and quoted Scripture to back up his stand. The superintendent laughed at him. Why not, when he could quote better authorities for his side from the company's ledger? and appreciate these gatherings. The date of the 1917 camp is from the Socialist Party to send delegated to July 2nd inclusive. The camp will be held at Exposition Park on the National Progressive Party convention to be held at the Planter's Homeon to be held at date of the 1917 camp is from June the occasion. Tents for the entire ten days can be had for \$3. For further Browning, Secretary of the Encampment Association, 616 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

BATTLE IN INDIANAPOLIS. Indianapolis Socialists have held by far the best and biggest convention in the history of the local party, and for once the comrades are ready for a real campaign. Political Committee reaching every section of the city working and the slogan of the Comrades here is make Indianapolis a Sorades here is, make Indianapolis a So-cialist twin to Minneapolis. There will be seven tickets in the field and believe me the Socialists will come down the middle like a house afire.—Wm. H. Henry, State Secretary.

The And Now Scholarship

By SARAH WORMER. It was at a meeting of the "Rose-buds," a name given in tender fun by a grand daughter of one of the members of the club, who was even then in the rosebud time of life her-

scnool board of that city:

1. If our candidates are elected their immediate demands will be to have text books and school supplies furnished to children at cost thru the board of education.

2. We favor the use of all school buildings as civic centers for the discussion of social and political questions, and also as polling places for school elections, thus providing more polling places for school elections, thus providing more polling places. We would favor a change in the law permitting female as well as male teachers, to act as judges and clerks of elections, to act as judges and clerks of elections.

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gether in spend-the-day parties in spend-the-day parties in spend-the-day parties in the west, they still came together in spend-discount of a reat as may be our efforts to destroy their permicious influence,—no matter if we increase if the children's or grand-children's home.

Veraschagin, the great Russian painter, was once asked by a patron of art to paint a picture of what he considered the worst evil in the world. Whereupon the artist portion. It had been of the war of their youth, which the war talk of the day to a transpart of the most hideous aspect, and named thing of yesterday. The silence was a thing of yesterday. The silence was a thing of yesterday. The silence was a thing of yesterday at the feat of the day to a transpart of the most hideous aspect, and named the considered the worst evil in the world. Whereupon the artist portion. The facing refersion figure for seat of the fact of a transpart of the ten flow of a transpart of the ten fold—their efforts thru press fact of a transpart of a transpar of olden days, and soon a silvery voice exlaimed—in tones a bit dif-

fident, a bit defiant: of this matter of birth-control?"

Those who fancy that only a few obnoxious people of extreme views, political and otherwise, have any tolerance or sympathy with this new teaching, would have been surprised at the opinions frankly given, after the first moment of embarrasment by these old "Rosebuds" of the arms of the Almighty naturally leads one to wonder what is really the makes of Satan an aimless wanderer over the face of the earth without any known occupation.

Every warring nation assures the world that it is in close partnership with the Ruler of the Universe and after the first moment of embarras-ment, by these old "Rosebuds" of the conservative South. One mother-of-eleven confessed that she had re-being offered up asking that divine ceived some literature on the subject and she had read it—and had forwarded it to two of her grand-nieces who "were so poor, and whose babies were coming so fast." She naively explained that she had had the ad-August Schell, Greenwich, Conn. dresses typewritten, when she sent the pamphlets to Mary-Ellen and Ida-May. Not yet could she boldly stand for this amazing idea of

one cunterence. This is only a start, the race is twelve months long, so go to it, and may the long the lamb to three years in the penitentiary for their activities on behalf of labor in the Braddock, Pa., strikes last Spring will have to serve their sentences behind the bars. This is the decision of the Superior Court, rendered during the last week.

New Britain Conn. reports an interesting debate on the subject of the literacy test on behalf of labor in the Braddock, Pa., strikes last Spring will have to serve their sentences behind the bars. This is the decision of the Lackawana Steel Co. at that time woman, daughter and grand-daughter sought exemption from the New York "one day's rest in seven" law, so dresses typewritten, when she the pamphlets to Mary-Ellen and Ida-May. Not yet could she boldly stand for this amazing idea of the courageous fight being waged by a minister in a Steel Trust town. The Lackawana Steel Co. at that time woman, daughter and grand-daughter of officers in the Austrian woman, daughter and grand-daughter of officers in the Austrian woman, daughter and grand her race and country—that woman's work was to bear children and more children. She had never doubted the "ultimate good" of this policy, and had lived accordingly, being the mother of six sons and two daughters. Then she, too, acknowledged that in the later years of North Side, Pittsburgh, Young People's Socialist League. His comrades of the Y. P. S. L. raised over \$150 for his defense, and they have made up their minds to do their best to encourage to oppose the feeding hand courage to oppose the feeding hand courage to oppose the feeding hand reasoning—was it not rather, unreasoning? She felt that under the stress of the present civilization persents.

stillness, and then the "girls" spoke. ers of the Almighty naturally leads

guidance be given to the work of slaying fellow-Christians across the

Tennyson wrote of the soldier: "Theirs but to do and die,

Theirs not to reason why.' It is high time that every man should begin to "reason why" when it is asked of him to pierce the quivering flesh of some man of whom he nows nothing and against whom he has no grievance.

ing proposal by their State organiza- a remarkable increase in collective tion with a view to having it ulti-mately incorporated in the National ship makes a people more efficient in Constitution: farmers' organization or co-operative enterprise, or any number of mem-bers thereof, shall be permitted to become Socialist party locals, with-system of capitalism that this war out regard to political subdivisions or geographical boundaries.'

A dispatch from Ottawa says conscription is looming in Canada and "may be anticipated before the end of the winter unless some unforeseen

By RYAN WALKER Admires Spirit Of Paper

Here's our letter for this week:
Erie, Pa., March 3, 1917.
The American Socialist,
Chicago, Ill.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrades:—I wish to tell you how much I admire the spirit of our paper in regard to the present international situation. May this uncompromising spirit of loyalty to our class interests continue, in spite of all efforts of the "Bought And Paid For" press to influence us. I notice that some of our Socialist publications are still tirelessly demanding a referendum vote on the question of war and "armed neutrality". Now, if such vote had been taken six months ago, it would undoubtedly have reflected the real interests of the people. But now, real interests of the people. But now, after the jingo press has got in so much of its deadly work, such a vote, altho perhaps a good thing as a matter of democratic principle, would not in the least alter the situation. The vote, I fear, would be overwhelmingly in favor of arming American ships, if not an open declaration of war,— so easily are the people lead and so subtly are their minds poisoned. Now is our party going to be influenced by a popular vote in favor of war? And a popular vote in favor of war? And remember the sentiment already created is but a "drop in the bucket" to what will be created in the near future. It will be ruse after ruse and "plot" after "plot" until the American people, an overwhelming majority of them, will DEMAND war as an act of "self defense". Just as Pres. Wilson wishes to be strengthened in his stand by the approval of congress.—

These old ladies had been children together, in a certain town of the Southland—had grown up together—loved and suffered together; and now in the shadow days, when they were facing the west, they still came to seek was a suffered together.

War And Grime

stand by the approval of congress,—just so will the ruling jingo class seek by every means in their power the approval of the masses. This will be their excuse, their extenuation, their greatest protection. Great as may be our efforts to destroy their pernicious

tring of yesterday. The shence was broken by the entrance of a maid, who poked the grate fire into leaping flames, and piled much coal thereon. The added cheer dispersed the spell of olden days, and soon a silvery voice exlaimed—in tones a bit diffedent, a bit defiant:

"Well, Girls, what do you think of this matter of birth-control?"

There was an instant of abashed stillness, and then the "girls" moke. The Almighty naturally leads to his class and to the cause of the cloth all over the land. This attempt to place the responsibility for the worst of all crimes upon the shouldbe branded by the party as a traitor to his class and to the cause of humanity!

Hoping the party will prepare tho-roly against such a time and such an extremity, I remain, Fraternally yours,

H. L. BUCK.

A discussion relating to conditions after the war took place at Harvard College, and Harry Laidler, secretary of the Intercollegiate Society, explained that socialism is coming into its own. "Since the beginning of the war," declared Laidler, "the government of Great Britain has taken control of its railroads; has secured coal mines in South Wales; has obtained a monopoly over its sugar tained a monopoly over its sugar supply; has gone extensively into insurance business and in many ways has increased its control over industry. Fifty-five per cent of the Los Angeles Socialists are trying governmental industries. In all the belligerent countries there has been "Any labor union, war, it should also make it more efficient in peace. I am inclined to the belief of H. G. Wells that out of has smashed forever there will arise the framework of a new economic and social order based on national ownership and national service.'

If press censorship has already begun, how much will you be permitted stress of the present civilization per-haps it might not be for the best, should arise."

development in the war situation to say or think after the war really begins?

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