## War Would Be For The Interests of Financial Freebooters Only! Says Socialist Party Emergency Committee to President Wilson

On the eve of the opening of the special session of congress the Socialist Party Emergency Committee, consisting of Victor L. Berger, John M. Work and Adolph Germer sent a telegram to President Wilson and members of congress declaring:

"In behalf of the Socialist Party of the United States, we earnestly urge you to oppose declaring war against Germany or declaring that a state of war exists.

"Instead, we urge you to vote to warn all American citizens to keep out of the danger zone. Our government has respected the war zone designated by the government of Great Britain, why should we not do the same of the war zone declared by Germany? Anyone who enters the danger zone at this time is not a good citizen. Foolhardy persons who deliberately put their country in danger of war do not deserve protection. Should the country go to war, it will be for the interest of financial freebooters only.

"We also urge that if the question of declaring war is to be voted upon at all, it shall be put to a referendum vote of the adult citizens of the United States, both men and women. We desire to put it squarely up to you whether or not you are willing to take the responsibility of deciding that the blood of thousands of your fellow human beings shail be spilled. V'" your conscience permit you to do so when you can avoid it by voting against war, or by letting the people decide the question themselves?"

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# Keep Up The War On War!

► OMRADES:—We have every reason for congratulating Courselves for so far keeping this nation out of the European War. It is largely due to our efforts that Congress has not declared war. I am not saying this without justification, for it comes to us from a very reliable source that we have Congress guessing. Men high up in the United States Navy and Congressmen as well, have admitted that the telegrams, letters and postal cards, sent in from all parts of the country have impressed members of Congress with the fact that the people do not want

The new Congress convened on April second and the patriots for profit are bringing all possible pressure to bear to move Congress to a declaration of war. We can crucify them at their own game.

Many of you have already written President Wilson, the members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. Do it again and tell them that there has been no change to justify this country becoming involved in the European slaughter. Continue this negative agitation. In the meantime, the Emergency National Convention will formulate a positive program for our future guidance. Don't relax for one moment in your agitation.

Those who are eager to plunge us into war so that treasuries will be swelled, are constantly on the job. We must do likewise.

> ADOLPH GERMER, National Secretary, Socialist Party.

#### "Russia Is Free!"

By MORRIS HILLQUIT.

Interrupting is monotonous tale of men's mad inhumanities, the crushing tale of suffering, death and destruction, of bleeding countries and agonizing nations, the transatlantic cable suddenly flashes the joyous, electrifying message: "Russia is free!"

Russia is free. All the dark powers of tyranny and reaction, of persecution and oppression, under whose baneful rule the Russian people have been suffering and succumbing for generations have been conquered and destroyed. The malevolent dynasty of the Romanoffs, which for 400 years has fastened itself to the Russian body politic like a bloodthirsty vampire, has been definitely overthrown. The weak and cruel features of the Russian autocrat which until now frowned upon the people of Russia from the walls of the gorgeous imperial palaces and great public buildings have been replaced by the defiant and triumphant red flag of the revolution.

The millions of Jews, Poles, Finns and other oppressed races within the domain of the great Russian empire are at last to be accorded human rights. The odious restrictions on free speech and press are to be abolished. The government of the country is to be constituted by the free choice of the people. Russia, dark and dumb and joyless Russia, will henceforth be a free, democratic and happy republic.

The 200,000,000 of Russian subjects, enslaved and oppressed and persecuted and tortured for ages, have risen in their might and broken their chains. They are free, and no occult power on earth can enslave them again.

Russia is free! What an intoxicating sensation, what a world of joy is contained in that magic phrase for us who for years have been vatching the trials and ordeals of the great country and the struggle and defeats of its unfortunate people with alternating hope and despair. What a pathetic flush of happiness it must bring to the veterans of the Russian revolution, Catherine Brestkovskaya, Peter Kropotkin, Herman Lopatin, Vera Figner and their few surviving comrades who have grown old and feeble and broken in the jails of Russia, in the cold deserts of Siberia or in exile for their work and struggles in behalf of Russian freedom. What a tragedy that the martyrs of the Russian revolution, the Sha-

lyaloffs and Perofskayas and the thousands of prices at home. noble and heroic young men and women, the flower and pride of Russian youth, who for their love of the people were killed by Russia's crowned hangmen, cannot be with us to share in our rejoicing. Let us honor their memory in this hour of our triumph. Let us remember use as a war measure in the event of that, if the harvest of popular freedom in Rus- open hostilities. In either case it is sia is abundant and resplendent, it was their to be looked upon with the gravest blood that made its soil fertile. And let us it does from a democratic paper and seek what consolation we can in the conviction one which is known to be unusually that the names of the noble martyrs of Rus- close, both in sympathy and influence sia's revolution will be worshipped and revered in all times to come, while those of its bloody tyrants will be loathed and execrated.

The Russian revolution is the first bright ray of light that has come to us from Europe since the dark days of August, 1914. It means ing impulse of the war forces is the vastly more than a mere national upheaval. It profit lust of a small but powerful is a revolution of all-European, nay, of worldwide significance. For more than a century Russia has been the hope and the prop of all national honor. European reaction. The fall of Russian abso- our citizens have not at any time cried lutism is the doom of political oppression all out against the aggressions of a for over the world. The workers of Russia, with beginning most stoutly maintained their primitive and direct instincts, have been that Germany would attack us, are the first to recover from the artificially stim- concluding their campaign by insistulated, mad passions of war; the first to pause in the slaughter of their innocent fellow workers in other countries and to turn against by the government goes far to support their true enemies, their oppressors at home and the instigators of all fratricidal wars. If all signs do not fail, their brothers in Germany will soon follow suit and dispose of their Hohenzollerns and their junkers as the Russian people have disposed of their Romanoffs 000,000 to the purchase of food. Acand the reactionary cliques surrounding them. cording to a recent statement in our an anti-war meeting of the Emergency And then the workers in the warring countries may awaken.

The Russian revolution was not accomp-lished by the liberal middle classes in the Du-lished by the liberal middle classes in the Du-ma. It was born on the streets of Petrograd ma. It was born on the streets of Petrograd wou and forced by the workers in revolt against the war, its savagery, its sufferings and its of the United States. In other words, fere with recruiting, but the Pittsprivation. The spontaneous and victorious the United States treasury thru the revolution in Russia, coming at this time and in this manner, means the beginning of the end of this war, and the end of all wars.

This war, the most gruesome and insane of all wars in history, was caused by the autocratic and bureaucratic governments of Europe. It will be ended by the people. The rule of the privileged classes is bound to bring "G. A. Torsney reports as follows strife and war among nations. A genuine and under date of March 25, on the income of the privileged classes is bound to bring worldwide democracy alone can and will pre- to the United States Steel corporation serve perpetual peace among nations.

#### Van Lear Opposes War Gift Of Billion Dollars

In answer to a telegram from the New York World sent to mayors of 50 leading American cities asking for opinions on the newspaper's advocacy of a \$1,000,000,000 gift to France in payment for aid in the American revolution, Mayor Thomas Van Lear, Socialist mayor of Minneapolis, Minn. wired that he was unequivocally against the proposition. He declared the gift invited war and asked if it were not for the "steel trust" thru the purchase of munitions with the

The mayor's telegram was sent also to the New York American and the New York Call, the mayor saying he believed the World might not print a statement opposed to the cause it was advocating.

Mayor Issues Statement.

In addition to this telegram Mayor an Lear gave out a statement in explanation of his views. The telegram and statement follow:

"I am in receipt of the following telegram from the New York World: "The World advocates the United States giving France outright \$1,000,-000,000 principally in payment of our debt to her for her aid in the Ameriean revolution. The money is to be spent for American food, munitions and supplies. The World is asking 50 leading mayors for views. please wire as early as possible your opinion of this proposition in 100 words, and oblige—The World.

"Unequivocally Against Gift." "To this message I have sent the

"To this message 1 have sent the following at swer:

"Unequ" ocally against \$1,000,000,000 gift to "France." No state of war exists. Your proposal presupposes and invites one. If against best judgment of the masses of America war is declared, France could best be helped by commandeering munitions plants and furnishing supplies at cost. Munitions dealers boast of patriotic offer of tions dealers boast of patriotic offer of munitions to our government at 10 per cent profit, thereby sacrificing 30 per cent from Allies. You want government to give France purchase money to pay 30 per cent profit. Is gift for France or for steel trust? Is impending war for honor or for pro fit? I am pro-peace. I favor no gifts abroad from government that cannot afford investigation of starvation

> "'Thomas Van Lear, "'Mayor of Minneapolis Called War Measure.

"The proposal of the World would seem to be designed either to force a declaration of war by Germany, or for to the national administration. The suggestion of the World, so far, as the public is advised, has received no official rebuke from Washington.
"Most of the opponents to Amer-

ica's participation in this world wan section of America's commercial in-terests, and not the alleged danger of invasion or any besmirching of our The great body of ing that we must attack Germany. The latest move of the World which would seem to be accepted with complacency the view of the peace party.

Sees Aid To Munition Makers. "The gift from our government is to be spent in the United States. Let us local papers the munitions plants of the United States are willing to furnish to our government at a profit of lld afford a profit of something like government of France, is asked to make a gift of \$150,000,000 to the

munitions dealers of this country.

"Is the game worth the candle to the munitions makers? Will it pay them to develop a buyer at home to replace the European customers who sooner or later must cease to buy? Reviews Steel Company's Profits.

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Russianizing America.



At Our Doors-And Being Welcomed In. What Are You Doing To Stop It?

#### War's Madness!

AR'S madness is already beginning to grip some of the American people, incited to deeds of violence by the howling jingo press. The first real outbreak seems to have occurred at Baltimore, Md., where the sons of bankers, speculators in war brides, led a howling mob against an anti-war mass meeting being addressed by Dr. David Starr Jordan, the famous pacifist, president of Leland Stanford University, in California. In Philadelphia the police closed a theater against Peace Federation. Neither one of these meetings were called by organizations of the Socialists. The police in Pittsburgh tried to stop a Socialist antiwar meeting, claiming it would interburgh Socialists insisted on holding their meeting and the police gave in. Some of the reports we have received are as follows:

#### Howling Jingoes Break Up Peace Meeting At Baltimore

Reports from Baltimore as we go to press tell how a howling mob of jingoes and hoodlums who stormed the Academy of Music and smash-

ed big pacifist meeting to bits, stopping Dr. David Starr Jordan in the middle of a word and refusing to allow the speaking to continue. "We will hang Dave Jordan to a sour apple

tree", sang the insane jingoists. The howling mob was led by Douglas and Leonard Ober, sons of a banker and broker, speculator in war brides, and Carter Osbourne,

Jr., son of the vice of the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank.

#### Philadelphia Theater Closed **Against Anti-War Demonstration**

Repeating the activities of the police in other cities, the Philadelphia police closed the Broad Street Theater against an anti-war demonstration. The meeting was planned by the Emergency Peace Federation.

#### Pittsburgh Police Seek To Suppress Socialist Meeting

The American Socialist has just received a telegram from National Secretary Adolph Germer, who went to Pittsburgh, Pa., to speak Sunday, as follows:

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 1, 1917.

The American Socialist, Chicago, Ill.

Superintendent of Police and Commissioners of Public Safety try to suppress Socialist meeting claiming it would interfere with recruiting campaign. Socalists insisted upon constitutional right of free assemblage and successful meeting was held.

Adolph Germer."

make living cheap and healthy.

#### Wisconsin Senate Adopts **Constructive Program Of** The American Socialist

state senate of Wisconsin adopted a Socialist resolution, addressed to the Visconsin Senate has shown. Wisconsin delegation in Congress. This resolution was introduced jointly in the Assembly and Senate following a caucus of the Socialist delegation, at which I laid before them the constructive program outlined in last week's American Socialist. This constructive program had been sketched war, started by capitalists to the surrendered tellicular to the shown.

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It is true that this war was brought about for the profit of capitalists supported by militarism. But that is no the surrendered tellicular to the constructive program outlined in last week's American Socialist. This constructive program had been sketched war, started by capitalists to the

the apparent imminence of a declaration of a state of war, we hereby recommend to our Senators and Representatives in Congress the following war measures for their favorable

"1. The confiscation of all yearly incomes of ten thousand dollars and over, for the defraying of the expenses the tremendous possibilities of our

2. Immediate taking over by the United States Government of all railroads, and their operation under a

houses for food supplies; and the enactment of a law making the specu-lation in food supplies an act of treason under the articles of war.

"5. Dealings between the govern-ment and the workers in all of the industries seized and operated by the Government shall be conducted thru their organizations with due safeguards for the right of organization do less than back this demand in the grant these not very organization form presented? Conscription of the among those not yet organized; and be it further

'RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution, attested by the proper of-ficers of the assembly and senate, be forwarded to the United States senators and representatives from this state, forthwith."

among the Socialist group that these resolutions, so sweeping and drastic in their character, could be passed thru either house, altho it was felt is assembly would be more the assembly would be more we will not be "angling for votes"; that the assembly would be more favorable than the Senate. But the sentiment in the legislature, supposedly dominated by Governor Philipp and his reactionary machinery was suddenly revealed as overwhelmlikely to be quite as radical as the out of war."

tical politics. If the St. Louis convention of the Socialist Party draws the other states in which legislative up some such outline as this, and its members scatter to the four corners states in all.

The presentation to the legislative an increased demand and a further consequent boost in prices. The protest of the consumer the food plundermembers scatter to the four corners states in all.

of the country to press home wherever it can be pressed the imperative ever it can be pressed the imperative the Non-Partisan League of North the Non-Partisan League of North the law of supply and demand was in

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

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

La Guerra de las Clases (The War of the Classes).

La Parabola Del Poso (The Parable of The Water Tank) by Edward Bellamy.

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struments of production and exchange, With only two dissenting votes, the it will command everywhere just such

> to be growing louder and louder. In this country, the American Federation the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government holding of the common need and common defense Government holding of the common need and common defense Government holding of the common need and common defense Government holding of the common need and common defense Government holding of the common need and common defense Government holding of the common need and common defense Government holding of the common need and common defense Government holding of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common need and common defense Government supervision of the common need and common n of Labor has skillfully injected Labor of our nation, so that citizens of into the center of the situation by wealth may be enabled and compelled making terms in advance. Allegiance to contribute to the common welfare on condition that property is conscripted and industrial democracy ors, who give their lives and their all." established in every plant that works for the Government! Can we ignore

There is a vast sentiment ready to crystallize itself around the construc-

everything over ten thousand, we the amount earned per share on the shall put a punch into the proposal common stock was 46.40 per cent as iastically cheer.
Organized Labor has already dem-

Organized Labor has already deminded Industrial democracy. Can we anded Industrial democracy. Can we tion.'

"We turn now from the munitions with food speculators, with railroads has been hinted by the railroads themselves. We have simply to press the point that the government must not be transformed into a collecting agency for stockholders. Every one recognizes the necessity for seizoperation of supply plants.

There was very little expectation among the Socialist group that these instantly rally to our support all the progressives in all parties, the peace

world catastrophe, and harnessing it to our cause.

North Dakota For Plan. A memorial has been presented to ingly favorable. At this writing the lower house has not acted. But if the vote is taken at all, it is extremely is forced, then to "take all the profit is forced, then to "take all the profit is forced."

Wisconsin, the constructive program is pending now in the legislatures of called for in last week's American Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota Socialist enters the domain of prac- and Montana, and has been sent for presentation to the legislatures of all

necessity of socializing all the in- Dakota and the Northwest, has brought the memorial east, with operation and that he could not stop authority to present it in the name of it. I am not unmindful of the claim the League, of Governor Lynn Fra-zier of North Dakota, and of all affili-ated farmers' and workers' organiza-tions. The league iteels also and work is abundant. Wages tions. The league itself, which has initiated the resolutions, is that organized movement of farmers and allied workers which has recently swept thru the Northwest and is developing a remarkable political and economic strength nationally.

strength nationally.

Urging the preservation of peace and insisting on strict neutrality, the resolution "earnestly recommends and requests" that not only munitions plants and steel foundries but flour mills, cloth factories and "such other property and money" be taken over by the government "to be used during the war without compensation and to be surrendered after the war to the

'This memorial," said Mr. LeSueur in presenting it to official representatives and to public audiences in the east, "is not what one would call a direct demand for peace, but it has a of old who, when Paul of Tarsus came greater power for peace, in my judg-to Ephesus to preach that there be no greater power for peace, in my judg-ment, than any direct demand for it gods which are made by the hands of could ever have, because of the suggestion which it carries that citizens of wealth are not going to do as they have done in France, and other European countries, and as they did do in the United States in time of warmake the war an opportunity for a monopoly of wealth—but will be compelled to stand the burdens themselves. If this were actually done war would actually cease, for the common people are never voluntarily given to pay the costs of war, and the rich will never carry on a war at their own expense. In wars, during all time, the rich have had all the glory and the poor becoming poorer, as a result of the war. If some way could be devised whereby the war debts of Europe could be cancelled, the war over there

would cease." to involve this nation in the European conflict"; and declaring that "it is apparent that the munition, armor and steel plants, and their allied interests steel plants, and their allied interests tions. Compulsory service is sought tive side of our program has thus far would be the gainers in such a conto be forced upon us thru our schools been sadly neglected. It has been would be the gainers in such a con-flict"; and declaring that "it is gen-erally believed that the munition, armor and steel plants are the parties tablish censorship in its worst form

"We respectfully petition the President and Congress of the United States, to do everything in their power that can honorably be done, to avoid this nation's being drawn into the European conflict of destruction. The European conflict of destruction these for very shame were silent and the state of the conflict of the conflict of destruction. The European conflict of destruction these for very shame were silent and the conflict of the conflic "And we respectfully petition the President and Congress of the United den of the battle had their say upon the conduct of the war has taught states, to endeavor to maintain abttle had the desirability of other governments. We should stand solute neutrality with neither favor war.

"And be it further made known that it is our firm and unalterable purpose to support and stand by our nation in case of war, with our lives and pro-

"And being mindful of the prin-

ciples of equity, justice and freedom upon which this government is founded, we do most earnestly recommend

# Gift Of Billion Dollars

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money even for so gigantic a concern

makers to the food speculators, with whom we assume France would spend the remaining half billion. According to a table recently published in one of our leading dailies, eight staple food products have increased in price, since 1911, 250 per cent on the average. ure of mines, and the governmental The testimony of the food sellers is that this tremendous increase is due principally to the abnormal demand created by the war.

"Gain For Food Traders." "Immense stocks of food now await shipment to Europe. Let the United States keep open the avenues of trade, and furthermore furnish to France \$500,000,000 for food purchases in America, and a modest estimate indicates that our food traders would take upward of \$200,000,000 straight out of the public pocket by way again of the government of France. This of course, would be only a befitting token of appreciation from the American With this action of the state of the legislature of North Dakota and which the food speculators have conthemselves within recent months

"And the end is not yet; for the new power of France to buy would mean the law of supply and demand was in also and work is abundant. Wages see that we are close—very close—have not begun to keep pace with prices, and to the honor of American by the powers-that-be are in that labor let it be remembered that they direction. Army and navy is being have not demanded the continuance of mobilized, an energetic recruiting the European war nor the participation of our government in it, tho the war makers have been busy in pointing out the economic advantages of war to the workers.

Decries Beating "Tomtoms."

"Our profiteers, however, are like those of whom it was said, 'Whom the gods would destroy, they first make have become reckless in their assurance. The commercial animus which prompts them they now scarcely care to conceal by tireless beating of the tomtoms of national honor, national safety, and loyalty to the government. They men, stood on the corners crying, 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians.' They knew that if the living God supplanted Diana the trade in images would suffer and to one another they confessed, 'Our craft is in danger.' The steel trust if today it would speak honestly must surely say, 'Our graft is in danger.'

"In behalf of all men who hold public office in these difficult days, I wish to raise my voice against the brazen and unscrupulous effort of the war party to bend to uses disastrous to freedom, the official power of this nation, high and low.

peace propaganda it has been on my

### nor prejudice toward any of the belli-gerent nations. Food Prices To Go Still Higher If We Get Into War

By LUCIEN SAINT.

(Special Correspondence.) (Special Correspondence.)

ASHINGTON.—When war breaks out food prices will go up. This is a universal habit of food prices. They will stay up, once they go up. They will rise to starvation heights. They have already done so any angle save that of the profiteer, and we should never let up in our op-Germany, England, France and Russia.

The needs of the army for food will first be met. The army will get the best, and plenty of it, no matter whether the reserves of the army, the main body of the citizens of the nation, starve or die. Thus doth capitalist to the welfare of our movement at this time. We are dangerously close civilization decree and thus will it be.

Labor will suffer more than any other class. Labor, therefore, thru in-

Government supervision and regulation of crop production. Government regulation of exports.

making terms in advance. Allegiance has been tendered the government—on condition that property is conand workable plan which, in peace as well as in war, will socialize food and

#### Find Little Jingo Spirit

F CONGRESS declares war upon Germany, it will be for this reason:
"That Germany is sinking upon sight and without warning unarmed or
peaceful merchant ships of a neutral power."

cabinet department; compensation to be made to stockholders on the basis of the physical valuation of the physical valuation has been after the physical valuation has been completed.

"3 Immediate seizure of all mines"

"473.779. an increase of \$504,754,190, The particular department; compensation under a tive program proposed. In Chicago for the year ending December 31, 1916:

"5 That Germany is sinking upon sight and without warning unarmed or the city council voted overwhelmingly for a proposal to enable the city government to conduct its own ice, coal and food supply, altho a few of the gray wolves shouted despairingly in the problem of securing a speedy and RIGHT end to it—the least loss of the least violence of the principle of humanity, almost all of which war violates.

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Wholly aside from the right and justice of this reason, this is the reason, this is the reason, where prot can now look only at a fight for repullion on the war, all groups in the United States will be equally involved and once in the war, all groups and RIGHT end to it—the least loss of the least violence of the very peaceful merchant ships of a neutral power."

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that the ninety-nine and nine-tenths per cent of the American people who are below the ten thousand dollar line will gleefully recognize and enthuswill gleefully recognize and enthuswas in cash, a vast sum of ready right things in national life which the stimulus of war may make more possible

Work for Government ownership-it's inevitable, but it will come quicker if you work for it.

Work for popular control of your local and national governments. Raise your voices for what you want. The Russian people got it—why not the

Bear down on the constructive things. Leave off destructive criticism. Let the enemy do that. All things will not be right or wrong at once. A little

Make the war help you do your work.

### Censorship Looms Bigger

II T IS requested that no information, reports or rumors, attributing a policy to the government in any international situation, not authorized by the President, or a member of the cabinet, be published without first consulting the Department of State."

This is paragraph number six of the censorship regulations. As yet they are not hard and fast regulations, that is to say, they are not compulsory. But before another week shall have passed, they may well be compulsory. The lid may be clamped down on the American press.

Where does labor and the labor press get off?

Under the proposed censorship will it be possible for Socialist papers to criticize the course a, the government—will anti-war organizations be allowed to protest against the war or object to the way it is being run?

Are we going to become "efficient" after the fashion of Russia, Germany, and

Regulation No. Six will cut the country off from the real news of Washington. It will put the folks back home in the dark. It will give the government a freedom from the healthful sunshine of publicity, which it needs, war or peace, now and all the time.

This is one of the side things that war does. As yet we are not at war

The censorship is a reason for not having any war at all.

tinue in every available way to show

#### Our War Program

By WM. F. KRUSE. One may be blind and deaf and lame and crippled and yet not fail to campaign is on, plans are already under way to muzzle the press and the labor organizations in case war is declared, and a special congress is cal led several weeks ahead of schedule time. There can be only one answer to these activities—WAR.

We can readily see the masters' hand in this game. As long as there mad, So far toward the precipice was no restriction placed on our ship-have they pushed the nation that they ment of ammunition, food, clothing, and other supplies to the belligerents of one side, we were in no danger of being dragged into the conflict. At the very start of the war our trade was cut off completely with the Central powers and our trade with neuremind us of the image makers trals was seriously hampered. But we were not then in danger of war. Our trade with England and her allies was still secure and war loans and munitions contracts had a marvelousy soothing influence on our now rabid ingo press.

But now the shoe is on another foot. Shipments are stopped and with them stop the abnormal profits in the "War Brides". For doing just exactly what Great Britain did at the outset of the war, the using different weapons, we are to fight Germany. Are we? The jingo press says we are. The War College and all our epauletted soldier boys say we are. Wall Street says we are the hirelings in Congress as we were the hirelings in Congress as we were the hirelings in Congress as we want to the same the hirelings in Congress as we want to the same the hirelings in Congress as we want to the same the same the same that the same are. Its hirelings in Congress say we are. The man on the street is undecided, in the extreme East he seems to think so too, in the West using my office for the purpose of peace propaganda. If I have made peace propaganda it has been accused of the is, in the main, of a different opinion. Now what shall the Scoialists say about it?

own motion and not because I was is imminent to all Socialists. We must been sadly neglected. It has been neglected not only in this country but everywhere. Our comrades across the sea were always strong on their opresponsible for this propaganda"; the body of the resolution or memorial purposes of peace to the destructive were lost entirely and did not know proceeds:

| Application | Propaganda | P them. Now, we here will not be able to stop the war any more than they were. But we can, in the short time left for us, plan our program of work AFTER

for the immediate conscription of in-

pursue a policy of obstructionism to the jingo policy. To do so will un-doubtedly get us into trouble with the gouvernment and into disrepute with the war-makers, but they are not of our class, nor is their government as position to it. A discussion of these topics is vital

up its character as a selfish trade squabble. We should in every way

week's American Socialist. This constructive program had been sketched in an informal conference at the National Office, and is embodied in the resolution, of which this is a verbatim copy:

"JOINT RESOLUTION

"Memorializing Wisconsin Senators and Representatives to follow certain governmental policies in case of war."

"RESOLVED by the Senate. The season of the s opposition on our part is exceedingly distasteful. They see, or at least profess to see, in this war a great strug-gle between "democracy" on the one hand and "absolutism" on the other. The war becomes a "principle" to them instead of a selfish capitalistic squabble for world markets. These champions of democracy have always had a rather lame cause until a few days ago the news of the revolution in Russia electrified the world. It looks a great deal more plausible now. Trust drove McKinley into war with Spain.

The duty of the Socialists, as this correspondent sees it from this of those who don't believe as we do. a gun and going to slaughter the tools

represents one step forward in the march of progress. It is Russia's bourgeois revolution-it had to come may henceforth hope for more from the workers of Russia in our international fight against the common enemy, the master class. But have we nothing to hope from the workers of Russia in our intersimilar habitations in the district. Of course, the landlords yell Socialism, confiscation and bloods. Germany? Bread riots being put down by soldiery withdrawn from the front, mighty lucky to be permitted to char-Liebknecht and his followers un-quelched in their opposition and final-ly Bethmann-Hollweg's announcement retained after the war and it may to his peers that the German people lead to the government taking over will not be satisfied to put up with the same conditions that prevailed before the war! Do not these promises after the war and it may lead to the government taking over all the rented houses. That's how Socialism breaks up the homes! fore the war! Do not these promise something from the German people? Our effort should be directed to-

Some of our "enter-the-war-for-the- coff and Whitehorn. sake-of-Democracy" socialists seem to think that the present alliance be-tween the Allied powers is the beginabout peace and justice for all. That is a pretty dream, but entirely unfounded in fact. It merely constitutes dustrial and political policies are given the beginning of a new balance of as the cause for the change. comes above a certain sum, we should all possible lines of industry, we should insist on labor's representation, working-class power, to lead to new

should insist on labor's representation, if not control, of all boards of industrial administration. We should insist on exemption of conscientious objectors from military service, and if universal service is forced upon the universal service is forced upon the people we should oppose all efforts of wealth to get around it thru the hiring of substitutes. These are just a few of the points in our positive was few of the points in our positive pro-gram. How now about the negative? We should at all times reiterate our

# The April Leaflet!

Our April leaflet is entitled "The High Cost Of Living". It was written by Scott Nearing.
This leaflet should be distribut-

ed by the hundreds of thousands. You can get these leaflets from the National Office, Socialist Par-ty, 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!

we have seem them formed all thru history and every nation that has ever placed its faith therein has been destroyed.

If we want peace, a permanent lasting peace, the only way that we will ever get it is in refusing to draw the sword ourselves and in organizing our numbers to such an extent that our masters will not be able to use the working-class of this, or any other country, to bolster up its pro-fits. Every battleship added to our list, every officer educated, every soldier made, raised just that much more of a barrier to head off the coming of in-ternational brotherhood. Let us do our share, first to stop war before it comes, and, failing in that, ever afterward to do our best to make war unpopular. We can make it decidedly unpopular to the capitalist by appropriating all his profits and taking away his control of the tools of production. We can only hope to make it un-popular to the workers by a solid education in Socialism.

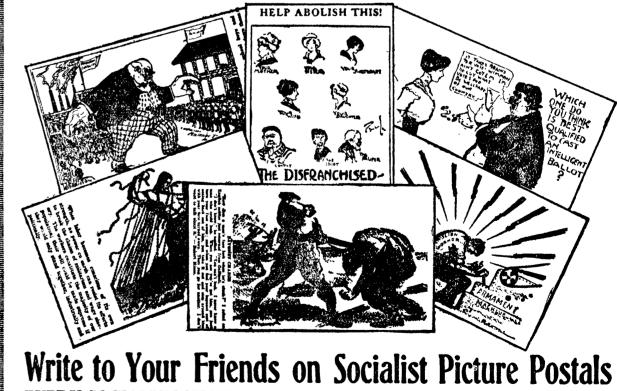
The Labor party of New South Wales estaglished a court to enforce fair rents and block the gouging of landlords. From 50 to 100 complaints a month have adjusted in Sydney alone. The court has final jurisdiction and no lawyers are permitted to come in for either tenant or landord to interpose quibblers and fiddle around for fat fees. It costs only \$3,000 to conduct the courts and tenants pay a nominal fee of 24 cents to have a case considered and are not required to appear personally. It frequently happens that when the rentals for a single house in a terrace or apart-

The notorious Meyer bill, which provided that all young men between ward breaking down the war spirit of all nations, not in the humiliation of compelled to attend military training any one of them. What right have we camps four weeks each year, and to rebuke the militaristic spirit of Germany when our hands are thus black-ing the Senate in New York State, was ened by the largest military appropriation ever made in times of "peace". Let us try to take care of our own doorsteps first.

> Chester M. Wright for nearly three years managing editor of the New

ing campaigns for improved conditions for the organized Jewish workers.

As in the Briand ministry, there are three officers in the new French be a clash when occidental capitalism seeks to share the plunder in which were identified with the party. Thowe should at all times reiterate our opposition to this war. We should continue in every available way to show itaristic alliances of any such nature, ists, but are not enrolled as members.



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#### Take Power To Declare War Away From Congress!

In a speech delivered in the House on February 15th, 1916, Congressman Church boldly accused his fellow Congressmen of making wars without any intention of fighting in them themselves, and demanding that the power to deblare war he taken away from the President and Congress and lodged where it belongs—in the people. A lot of other people have made this demand for a war referendum and they have been met with all kinds of arguments. It is interesting to see this congressman explode those jingo contentions: He says:

By REP. DENVER F. CHURCH Of California.

I would like to see all the money that is to be used in carrying out the plan of additional preparedness raised from those who are selling munitions of war to the belligerents and by an additional income tax. The present scheme of preparedness is based upon the necessity of greater protection, and I would like to see those who have the most to be protected supply most of the necessary revenue.

We are the richest and most power ful nation on earth; why not be prepared for emergencies that may arise? But by all means, in this Government "of the people, by the people, and for the people," let the people decide when it is time to exercise our great strength cise our great strength.

Under the present plan the President thru his diplomatic communications and other constitutional powers can bring on a war almost at will that the people will have to fight. If the President happens to be a wisc man and a man of peace, there is not so much danger; but if he is an impulsive man and a man of war which is frequently the case, the

country is in peril.

Congress, that now has the constitutional power to declare war, is composed of Senators and Representatives who are exempt from war. If they were not, they are generally too old and fat and well fed to fight. Most of them would be a hindrance on a battle field. In case of a charge they would hardly escape being run cver by the Red Cross, the newspaper boys, and the Commissary Department; and yet on the most trivial provocation we find a large minority of them anxious to bring on a war that other men must fight.

Our present plan is neither safe ror fair. I hear much about the honor of our country, and I believe the honor of this country should be maintained; but I want to see the term "honor" defined by the men who have to maintain it.

I would not like to have some fa fellow define my honor, tell me when it had been assailed, and then force me into a fight.

No man should have to be a factor in his country's defense in time of war who was not a factor on election day in determining whether there after the general election that it Scarcely any of the men now in the

peace for at least a hundred years. set forth in my amendment. Why should we not let the people cide when they shall go to war? decide matters of minor importance, plan that I have outlined is good. but when it comes to deciding whether we shall have war, the largest and the people are not qualified to decide? considerations of humanity, so the question of war is of more importance

than all other subjects. Do not tell me the people now thru their representatives, decide the want to fight or not. proposition and that they are the real ones who declare war. Such is not the case. War generally comes on suddenly, in the midst of an administration, and the people never have an opportunity to indicate their will, Secretary of State: much less to speak.

All the wars in which this country has engaged were declared so long





day in determining whether there should be war.

War so vitally affects every citizen that I think every citizen should have a right to express his views as to whether there should be war.

War is the most important of all subjects. Why should not the people decide it?

Whether there should be war.

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Whether there are a street the general election that it would be absurd to think the question of declaring war, or the views of the candidates for office in regard to it, could have had any effect whatever upon their election. The War of 1812 was declared on June 12, about 20 months after the general election that it would be absurd to think the question of declaring war, or the views of the causes which brought about the war. They know they are fighting for their king, their emperor, their car. That is as far as their knowledge goes.

Two million men have been killed in Europe in the last year and a half for a cause unknown. If the bodies decide it?

Why should not the interested parties decide the most interesting, to the general election; the Spanish-American War was declared by Containing of all subjects? If we enlarge our Navy so it is fully adequate for our defense, and then let the peopel decide when it shall be placed in action, we will have national honor and nat

Leaving as partially considered the Do we not believe that the people the people who are subject to military should rule? Do we mean this is a duties to declare war let us consider Government wherein the people shall some of the other reasons why the these wounded would be whole,

First, it will give time to reflect we shall have war, the largest and to reconsider, and to cool off, as it in favor of war than are the people most important of all questions, that were. My father taught me when I here. was a child to count a hundred after As human blood and human life are I became angry before I acted or of more importance than all other spoke. The idea was that if I counted us time as a Nation, in which to re- age of universal peace. consider and determine whether we

John Sherman, Secretary of State, during the Spanish-American War. said, in a public address at his home in Mansfield, O., at a reception given

'Had not the war with Spain been declared when it was we could have secured by treaty with Spain all that we demanded."

What a shame to the American alliance. people that a war was unnecessarily leclared which resulted in the death of 6,395 officers and enlisted men, and wherein hundreds of millions of dollars of property were lost, when the matter could have been settled by

ink and pen on a scrap of paper. Suppose this war had been declared with equal haste against one of the great powers of Europe and instead of the few thousand lives being lost it had resulted in the loss of several million. The only guarantee we have against the unnecessary horror of

war is to place the power of declaring war in the hands of the people.
Tell me, if you can, why the people who are taxed to maintain a war should not have the full say in declaring war? Do you still subscribe to the old doctrine of "taxation without representation"? That theory vears ago. That doctrine was fought. routed, and put to death at Lexing-

ton, Yorktown, and Bunker Hill. For centuries men have dreamed of universal peace of a time when swords and spears should be no more, and to that noble end men have dedicated their lives. But their efforts is on, and war flames rise and tidal waves of misery and human woe sweep rural lands and cities fair that hefore wave flied with rest of the people tire of the swaggering inhabitants and the misery they are causing.

for a cause unknown. If the bodies of all these men were placed end to Straight line from New York to San Francisco. Seven million men, the physical pride of Europe, have been killed and wounded in this war. It is estimated they have shed 233,000 barrels of human blood—blood spilled in vain—for a cause unknown. Had the good cause which I am advocating to-day been in operation in Europe, these lives would have been spared, these wounded would be whole.

\*\*Straight line from New York to San Francisco. Seven million men, the attraction of the Young Peeple's Dept.

\*\*Straight line from New York to San W. Madison St., Chicage.

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\*\*If don't know whether Mooney is guilty or not. We convicted him on his past record." This extraordinary statement was made by Juryman John W. Miller. And again: "Cockran came out from New York to show us something, but we showed him a few things. We didn't discuss it is flashed upon the public screen.

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Our country is the light of the world, and if we place in the hands of our people the right of declaring a hundred first I would act and speak war other nations will in time follow more wisely. The proposed plan gives our example, and then will dawn the

#### FARM ANIMALS GET MORE ATTENTION THAN CHILDREN

"The United States government places the value of farm animals above that of the child, for it spends about \$1.500,000 on child welfare annually and five times that amount on hogs, cattle and horses," said H. R. Pestalozzi, chief attendance officer, before the Milwaukee Woman's School

The speaker declared that the nation which neglects its children is paving the way for its disintegration. True preparedness, he maintained must include giving every child in the country a decent home, good food and an education.

The minority faction of the Socialist party in Germany having been expelled-or automatically expelled themselves by engaging in a rump conference and disobeying the will of the majority, as the latter claim-a program has been issued demanding that the German armies be withdrawn Party at which each member will have to do workers in London and other large some stunt, no matter what it is, so long as cities assemble in mass meetings on nexation be attempted by any of the belligernts, that treaties be not made or war declared henceforth without the consent of Parliament, was exploded more than a hundred and that universal suffrage be introduced in all states of the German Empire. While admitting that the new Socialist party will have a large following in the principal cities of Germany, the government politicians assert that its influence will be "next to nothing." Which claims may or may not be true. It is, however, the lowing in the principal cities of Germay not be true. It is, however, the have been in vain, and now the sad- nucleus around which can assemble dest war that ever cursed the world a great revolutionary movement when

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To reach the nation's youth with the message of Sarialism and to bring them into the erganized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialist Leagues.

Hartford, Conn., Yipsels will debate the Socialist Educational Club on the annexation of Mexico. After defeating the American branch of the S. P. in the last debate the youngsters are looking for new worlds to

New Haven, Conn., reports a very successful mock trial in which a striker was accused of killing a scab. The jury composed of members of the audience, was more moved by the brilliant prosecuting attorney than by the Blatchfordian defense, and brought in a verdict of "Guilty".

Richmond, Ind., is planning to get a new headquarters and is doing some very effective work among local young folks. work among local young folks.

Buffalo is showing the live-wire spirit now.
Circle One is out-Sundaying "Bithering Billy" himself, and carrying it on all the time.
Helping at party meetings, running a hometalent-social, and a lecture by Henry Fahey
on "The Sun's Family" are among the late
happenings. Good press work is being done
too. Circle Two, but recently organized, already has a membership of forty.

Tray N. Y. conducts a quarterly organ-

Troy, N. Y., conducts a quarterly organization rally this month and makes big plans

Rochester, N. Y. runs a 'biggest of the big' moonlight dance one night, and a bigger April Fool's Party the next. That's going tsrong on teh social side of life but what do you say when you find that the same league ran three headliner lectures in a single month?

Cincinnati, O., contributes \$5.00 to the Mooney Defense Fund, and makes itself heard from in all Socialist work. It is always running lectures and occasionally dances, and recently held a club social in the grill room of a large down-town hotel.

Civelent O. Lariet Circles and occasional property of the conditions. Cleveland, O., Jewish Circle, has had an interesting course of lectures by C. M. O'Brien, of Canada, and a study course in

it amuses the crowd.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS. "That National Secretary of Y. P. S. L. attend Socialist Party National Convention held at St. Louis as the representative of

#### A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

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\*\*MERICAN PRODUETS CO. 77105 3rd St., CHICHNAII, of the past to sweep rural lands and cities fair that before were filled with sweet content.

\*\*All schemes adopted in the past to prevent war have failed, so we must adopt some other plan. I trust you will not shake your heads and say their is no hope. We have tried to stop it by treaties of peace, dealing only with ambitous men who profit a monthly Guide to Money-Making.

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\*\*The present war in Europe is an example of this vicious practice.

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### IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes.

■HE CHICAGO Federation of La bor held a mass meeting in the Chicago Coliseum recently to protest against the attempted legal killing of Tom Mooney, the chief victim thus far of the prosecution of San Francisco Laborites by the employers' associations that are banded to gether to break up labor unionism on the Pacific Coast and who used the bomb outrage at the time of the preparedness parade in the furtherance of their designs. Mooney was convicted and sentenced to hang; Billings, another unionist, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment, and Weinberg, Nolan and Mrs. Mooney are now facing trial in the same series of persecutions. Three dangerous and sinister elements have combined to make these convictions of unionists possible. A most infamous jury sys-tem was the weapon with which the Prosecuting Attorney Fickert was able to put Tom Mooney within the walls of the deathhouse against all believ-able testimony and against all the physical facts in the case. And the ferocious hatred for union labor in general, and for Mooney and his fellow-victims in particular, on the part of this prosecutor Fickert, was combined with the avowed active enmity toward trades unionism by the Chamber of Commerce and the Employers' Associations to push the prosecution even to the extent of legal-ized homicide. The Chicago Federa-tion of Labor had taken up the chal-found out that they were bound for the Nation familiar with the enormit-ty of the legal crime being commit-ted in San Francisco. Mass meetings are being held all over the country.

Side and into a small motorboat carry-ing Captain Clarke, who had been ashore for his clearance papers. In the fight to get away one Chinaman was shot in the back.

RANK P. Walsh, chairman of the the workers have written to the same effect. Walsh has studied the testimony and is profoundly shocked that a verdict of guilty could be established on such evidence. "I agree with Mr. Cockran," writes Walsh, "that your conviction may be the another threatened two weeks ago the 'that your conviction may be the entering wedge to an awakening of the American people to the absolute nethe workers, were discriminated against in the courts of the country—a fearful arraignment, I would say, of our whole system of jurisprudence." New and startling evidence has been discovered, and statements made by a thing, but we showed nim a rew things. We didn't discuss the verdict at any length. We wanted to get Mooney out of the way." This choice bit of comment from Mrs. Edean, a star witness for the prosecution, and who, as investigations show, has a who, as investigations show, has a past: "What difference does their conviction make? They're only workingmen, besides there are too many working people in the world." Told cents, she said, "What difference does is make so long as you get paid for

great severity exists in the Argentine Republic. Over 100,000 workingmen are unemployed and there is widespread suffering, which is greatly intensified by the unusually high prices for the ordinary necessaries of life. In Buenos Aires alone 18,000 building mechanics are out of work, while thousands of dock workers, farm laborers and other toilers are also idle. The six Socialist members of Parliament have introduced bills to provide that the government establish public works New Jersey State reports such fine activity that it makes up a complete story all by itself. Watch for it in the next number of the official Socialist Party "Bulletin". They sure are making SOME progress, especially in Newark and Trenton.

Circinate to contribute a 2000 to the special probable defeat the measures and hand the poor a resolution

with the industrial conscription schemes that have been foisted upon them. A call has been sent out by Toledo, O., is going to have an April Fool's prominent labor men urging that the March 31 for the purpose of consider-Milwaukee, Wis., Marxian League, now meets in one of the city's social center buildings and reports improvement in its and so decide on what is to be done to preserve industrial freedom.

THE BILL to establish a State Constabulary in New York has passed the Senate and its advocates predict that it will also be forced thru the House and be signed by Governor Whitman who has stated that he favors it. The bill has the solid backing of the military element and Big Business, who point out that when the State troops are sent to the front "the public will be left unprotected." Russia will soon

want on strike of Tompkinsville, S. I.

#### An Impossible Reality

By JOHN M. WORK.

W. STRAUSS, president of the American Society for Thrift, said in an address before the National Education Association, "Incredible as it may seem, in this land of such vast wealth there are from ten to fifteen million people who are in absolute poverty."

Yes, it does seem incedible. It is one of those impossible things which are nevertheless true. It reminds one of that old story about the man in jail who sent for his lawyer and told him what the accusation was. The lawyer said, "Why, man, they can't put you in jail for that." And the prisoner replied, "Hell, I'm here!"

TTE MILLIONS of poverty stricken people are here. They stare you in the face when you brag about the unparalleled prosperity of the country.

They stare you in the face when you boast about our big balance of

exports over imports. They stare you in the face when you gush about the one hundred and fifty billion dollars worth of wealth in this country.

They stare you in the face when you go into spasms of patriotism and proclaim this to be the greatest nation in the world.

You can't get away from them. Wherever you go they stare you in the

face. And well they may.

I HOPE their vacant lives will continue to haunt you, turning your fine words to ashes on your lips, until you are willing to do something about it. So far, the people have been willing to do anything but the right thing. They are willing to hand out charity. They are willing to have the big industries regulated. They are willing to finance all kinds of uplift stunts.

But there will be no relief until they are willing to abolish the robber

the many are in poverty. THERE is one, and only one, remedy for poverty. The remedy is the collective ownership of the exploiting industries. They will then be run for the benefit of all the people and poverty will go a glimmering.

ystem. The present social system, capitalism, allows the few to own the

things which the many must use. Therefore, the few get the benefit, and

lenge, and is operating with the labor the war zone instead of for an East Official Organ of the Socialist Party of the Organ of the Org organizations elsewhere to make the public and the officials of states and side and into a small motorboat carry-

And that is Socialism.

RANK P. Walsh, chairman of the Committee on Industrial Relations, has written to Thomas Mooney, who was sentenced to be hanged in May at San Francisco for alleged complicity in the bomb explosion during a preparedness parade last summer, that he will do all in his nower to establish Mooney's innocence. Eugene V. Debs and other champions of the workers have written to the those reached thru agreements be-

By CONRAD BANG.

War clouds hang o'er us,
Hell looms before us,
Treacherous storms of intrigue drawing near!
Laughter of madness,
Heart throbs of sadness,
Nation, thy heart is stripped naked of cheer!

Congressman Bailey, of Pennsy! vania, sent return postcards to his constituents indiscriminately asking had to be omitted. The story will be their views on the war question. He received 876 replies, of which num ber 475 opposed war and demanded a national referendum, 318 are AN INDUSTRIAL depression of against war and indifferent regard ing a referendum, and 80 said they favored war. Still Bailey is denounced by the professional patriots because he won't let the tail wag the dog.

> The Ohio State organization is still justling to raise the special fund of \$1,000 to be devoted to building up locals and increasing the dues-paying membership of the Socialist party. Up to this week a total of \$375 has been contributed, and Secretary Wagen knecht has sent out a special appeal to party members to get busy and roll in the dollars and dimes, or pennic for that matter.

> While it was thought that the two Socialists in the New York Legislature had locked the passage of the Slater bill to enforce universal military training, the measure was later jammed thru and is now a law. All ooys between the age of 16 and 19-200,000 in number-must now prepare for war. New York State also nas a conscription law and Governor Whitman threatens to enforce it im-

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The New York Call's sport editor, declares Hannes Kohlemanian, the world's champion runner, is a Socialist and carries a red card. Hans Wag-ner, the Pirates' famous shortstop, fact that when the railroad strike is another, as are Heine Zimmerman, threatened two weeks ago the Carranza officials made it known that no Mexican railway employes could be sent into the United States to act as Socialist, and so is Bombardier Wells, cessity of reform in the administration of law. The greatest legal minds of this country, including the heads of great universities, high judicial offices, former presidents of the great bar associations of the country, and other leaders of thought, testified before the late Industrial Relations Commission that the humble citizens, particularly the workers, were discriminated war clouds.

sent into the United States to act as strikebreakers. That will serve as a new reason for Big Business to agitate a good are nearly enough other pugs around New York who declare themselves socialist to form a regiment. For instance Johnny Rosner, who went to England to battle Jimmy Wilder for the world's bantam title, and his whole family are Socialists, ditto Reny Leonard who is holder. Benny Leonard, who is believed by many to be champion talent; Billy Kramer, who was also a street car striker in the recent New York struggle; Leach Cross, the fighting dentist; Joe Goodney, the bantam, and others. The sport ed. adds that Jess Willard is in sympathy with the movement and is, altho a fighter, uncompromisingly opposed to war.

> In the special elections to fill the positions occupied by Karl Liebknecht in the National Parliament and the State Legislature of Prussia, Franz Mehring won the latter seat by large majority and Emil Stahl will sit in Parliament. Stahl belongs to the majority faction and Mehring to the minority. Both men contested for both seats.

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#### Fight On Scott Nearing is Daily Growing Hotter

Big Business, thru its representatives in Toledo, O., is continuing its fight to oust Scott Nearing from his position as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in the municipal university there. The press is the chief weapon in this fight and all sorts of mirepresentations have been printed in an effort to discredit him. The Saturday Times printed a news article stating that Dr. A. Monroe Stowe, head of the university, attacking Nearing for his position on the war. but altho an evening paper came out with a denial from Dr. Stowe, the Times lied consistently the following Monday in an editorial attack headed "Why Nearing Must Go", again quoting the Stowe "attack".

Labor unions, radical societies, and the workers generally have been circulating petitions urging his retention at the university. Over 5,000 signatures have already been collected and more are coming. The Printers' Union passed a resolution that is described as decidedly warm and the Allied Council did the same. Street meetings are being held under the joint auspices of the Socialist Party, S. L. P., Rationalists, and the American Union Against Militarism. Thousands of signatures are being collected and the agitation has grown to such an extent that the Trustees of the University frankly admit that the there are not being collected and the powers-that-be, and the following is his answer to the attacks made upon him: frankly admit that they are waiting to see the drift of public opinion before they dare to act on the resignation.

As the matter stands now, Nearing's resignation is before the Trustees for their action. A probing committee of three of the trustees has been out for some time and has not yet drawn up its final report. Hearings have been held and it is noteworthy that only Nearing's friends appeared in person, others did not dare to do more than send in letters. three of the trustees has been out for send in letters.

The Central Labor Union was represented by its President and Business Agent. Both declared that they would pledge the support of organized labor to protect the university against any attacks upon its financial support that might result from the retention of ficed in the process. Dr. Nearing on the faculty. Threats tions and labor is by no means blind ideal of militarism. to their meaning. Those who were in favor of accepting the resignation were invited to speak first. No one did. The opposition then was given the opposition then was given the floor and among the speakers, were Quinilvan of the C. L. U., Carl V. Ul-rich of the Young People' Socialist League, P. O. Hopkins as a father of one of the students there, H. N. Kra-one of the students there, H. N. Kra-one of the students there, H. N. Kramer on behalf of the students and present-day world from militarism is others. The probing committee fixed to cut to the root of the problem and another meeting time prior to the establish an industrial democracy, mer on behalf of the students and sence of several of the trustees.

tinuing with his class work. The ertension classes that he teaches will an opportunity to raise them to our

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same course.

It has come to be the fashion in

Now that the revolution has en-compassed the overthrowal of the im-

perialists, the Socialists of Russia,

who played a prominent part in that

drama, are organizing thruout the

against invasion by the new pluto-

cracy that is rising out of the ruins of the autocracy, and which will sure-

ing and attempt to fraternize with the Teutons and challenge them to

revolt against the Junker class. Poli-

tical lines are now becoming more

sharply drawn in Russia since the

the near future.

from their unpleasant dilemma have been in vain. Scott Nearing is stand ing pat on the resignation and insists on definite action, he refuses even to give his support to an effort to table the whole matter. There is no thought

"I am opposed to tyranny, despoirresponsible whether vested in a king, kaiser or any other individual or group of in-

dividuals. "I believe in democracy and in the

are today seeking to overthrow German militarism. There are two methods of securing this result. The first

"There is another method of overto sabotage the sustaining funds of coming German militarism—to prothe college have been rife in some secululate a higher ideal than the

floor, and among the speakers were tors immortalized themselves by President Baum and Business Agent broaching the idea of political demo-

meeting of the board which has been which, in its turn may prove a beacon again postponed on account of the ablight to mankind. If we adopt militarism, we lower ourselves to the Nearing in the meantime is con- level of German militarism. If we

tension classes that he teaches will soon end their terms and he is expected to employ this time in giving the plutes more of the medicine that they now so bitterly resent. All efforts to have him withdraw the resignation and thus rescue the Board of Trustees will among men," because I believe that only thus can the spirit of man be empreished and the human race those who are willing to overcome evil with good that can attain to the full promise of manhood.

"I revere the government that represents democracy. I honor the flag that stands for liberty and justice. So strong is my feeling on this point that I resent seeing the government turned over, to an irresponsible plutocracy or an irresponsible bureaucracy, just as I resent having the which is the symbol of our democracy, used to cloak special privilege and shameless exploitation. "Militarism is the madness of the

past-dragging us down and destroying us. The spirit of brotherhood and good will among men is the voice of the future, calling us to a higher plane of life than humanity has ever known. To that future I have dedicated my life, and so I purpose to continue to the end of the chapter.

"SCOTT NEARING."

#### Nearing Case Is Still Stirring All Toledo

ing?'. As the town wag put it, we are "Nearing" a crisis in the city, and that much admired and well hated man Nearing has brought it about."

It means to me a nation deep bown in the depths of hate untold, Inspired by greed without a peep At glories that peace can enfold.

The above is the opening paragraph of one of the letters to the Toledo "Blade" and other papers in the city, The above is the opening paragraph of one of the letters to the Toledo "Men loot and lust spurred effort on And all things good were all things least "Blade" and other papers in the city, means all of which are printed. The city is more wrought up over its livewire professor of Arts and Sciences than it is over the special session of Congress. And the papers are squirming. They are all for preparedness and other forms of militarizing this country, yet they cannot afford to ride roughshod over a man that has so many friends in the community. The people have had a chance to see him at his post in the college, the young students have had a chance to judge him for what he realy is, and not for what rabid jingo editors have to say about him. And his students are be hind him to a man.

On the other hands, however, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Toledo Post of the G. A. R., and a few other eminently patriotic and eminently rich gentlemen are hot after his scalp. They demand that his resignation be accepted. Organized Labor however, and all the progressive elements of the city insist that to allow him to be fired would be a repudiation of the principles of free speech and a proclama-tion to the world that only such men as would keep their tongues in their cheeks were welcome on the faculty of the University of Toledo.

The papers are trying their best to get around this contention. They insist that free speech is not involvedthey do not care about what Nearing thinks or says, but he makes trouble and discord for the university and the peaceful city and should therefore be sent packing. But the workers are minded otherwise and so there is the Board of Trustees between the devil of jingo patriotism and the deep blue sea of labor's disfavor.

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congress-weman from Montana, was souls began the agitation among the asked if the reason she was elected peasants and the working people, was because Western women were which resulted in the nation-wide more progressive than Eastern wom- revolutionary wave that swept the en. She quickly responded "No. is is because Western mer are more progressive than Eastern men. Women, east and west are much the same, but western men afford women more opportunity to express themselves."

#### Its Meaning

(Lines Inspired by a Military Bugle). "No longer is Toledo's morning greeting, 'What do you think about the weather?', but 'What about Near-

It means to me, I must confess,
A shameful toll of life and strength:
But wait! Rejoice! Its power grows less;
Its life is sure, but short in length.
For peace will come and men no more
Will kill their kind from other lands:
The sword will rust, the cannon's roar
Cease to be heard when all join hands.
—By Edmund R. Brumbaugh.

#### Government Of Finland Is Headed By Socialist

By HENRY ASKELI.

glad about the downfall of Russian superfluous abundance. autocracy, the Finnish people certainly have. I am sure every Finlander, ex- ${f r}{
m evolution}.$ 

According to the latest news dispatches from Helsingfors, Finland also, it now has a new senate, which is Finland's supreme executive body. This was agreed on after prolonged negotiations by all political parties. The new senate consists of twelve Christian life; then the Christian traditional tradi members and is chosen according to ons, should be squarely committed to party divisions in parliament. Six of this movement. these twelve are Socialists, and the "Socialism is not merely a question" head of the government is a Socialist,

Miners.
The Social-Democratic party is the largest party in Finland at present. largest party in Finland at present. It now has a majority on the Diet and control of the senage. Other parties represented in the new government are: Old Finnish party, young Finnish party and Swedish Popular party. This composition government has altered a new indical depart. The party has a proposition government has altered a new indical depart. cluding the f be saved. They that take the sword shall perish with the sword. It is only those who are willing to overcome the saved. They that take the sword shall perish with the sword. It is only those who are willing to overcome at Chicago, Ill., for April 1917.

August 24, 1912, ary officials, and appointing instead the country's best jurists in their returned to Congress. Had Berger and place. And when we take in consider- Gaylord of Milwaukee, Debs from place. And when we take in consider-

Finland every man and woman has a need more, not less, socialism.' voice; that they have proportional representation; women representation measures. All these they got by fighting for them. They got them when action by the Labor party is a blow conditions were most oppressive. What that almost killed father capitalism. will they do now, when they have constitutional liberty?

Bill Hamilton—as everybody calls stitutional liberty?

working class in Finland had to fight cracy. Now, when the later is a thing of past, they can concentrate their efforts more strongly against the cap-

dom of speech press and assemblage and to the nation as a whole widerself-government. There is a world of difference, living in the constitutional state and in the autocratic state.

This newly gained freedom cost the blood, lives and liberties of hundreds and thousands of revolutionists in Miss Jeannette Rankin, the new Russia and in Finland. Those daring country like a prairie fire. Yorkers in these two countries worked hand in hand and dreamed of better days. Years ago the Socialists in Finland realized that the freedom of their country can only be gained by assisting the revolutionists in Russia to overthrow the tyrannical government. Now we see that they were correct. Yes, indeed, we have a reason to be

> FOR "MUNY" OWNERSHIP. The platform of the Socialist Party of St. Louis advocates the establishoffices and a municipal drug store.

CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISM the title, "The Relation of Christian-ity and Socicalism," that is a maga-zine of facts, and the document will be a consideration and the usual ap-peal to "patriotic considerations" are M. K. Freidman, Kokomo, Ind. ....809 terest in the Baptist Church and are urged to turn down the agitators probably other denominations.

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social as well as individual, differ going on strike. By an overwhelming Miss E. W., Holyoke, Mass...... 20 from his own ideals? What is the majority the dockers voted to strike meaning of the parable of Dives and if more wages were not forthcoming. J. N. Carter, Omaha, Nebr...... 7 meaning of the parable of Dives and if more wages were not forthcoming. Lazarus? Is it not the condemnation Other organizations are taking the Mrs. C. Schase, Youngstown, Ohio 4 of those who sit at ease amid their abundance, indifferent to the sufferings of the poor, denying social responsibility, denying human brotherhood? Dives was as charitable as the By HENRY ASKELI.

If any nationality has reason to be Lazarus to share with the dogs his

"Now what is the conclusion of the whole matter? If the indictment cluding those who were benefitted by drawn by socialism against our presthe old regime, will feel a deep grati- ent industrial organization is meastude towards those who assisted the urably true; if our competitive system is the fruitful source of poverty, misery, and sin; if the co-operative 

of bread and butter. It involves all Comrade M. Tokoi, some years past a miner in the United States and member of the Western Federation of Miners.

This is an aich of a time for Har-per's Weekly to come along with this ready organized a new judicial depart- the Democrats have a working majorthe next House, it is pit Gaylord of Milwaukee, Debs from ation that the new government in Terre Haute, and Hillquit from New York City been elected with him the country would have enjoyed the someernment will have a free hand to work. what novel experience of having a party with a program of fundamental reconstruction holding the balance of For more than a hundred years Finland has been a part of the Russian mation. The full program of socialism Empire; a Grand Duchy, so-called, and no one need expect to see inaugurated in the past 20 years the "Russianization" of Finland has proceeded relentlessly. And yet, in spite of this agnoon thought possible two years ago. gression and especially during the But the party's unflinching support of most ruthless oppression Finland has international peace, of democracy in taken her place as one of the most all forms, and the rights of women progressive nations in the whole and children, and generally of all who are oppressed, is beyond admiration. The world already knows that in Congress, the country and the world

William Hamilton has been chosen as President of the Legislative Council in Queensland, Australia. him-is a most objectionable person. During the Russian oppression, the He is one of the pioneers in the trade union movement and helped form the against two enemies: the Finnish Labor party years ago. He was a capitalist class and the Russian autominer, sheep shearer and tramp at miner, sheep shearer and tramp at various times. As a strike leader he created so much trouble on one occasion that the capitalistic State govtitalist class.

This revolution did not overthrow capitalism in Finland. No; capitalism to go into hiding in the bush as an outlaw. Now to lord it over the Leg-Alfred Jones, another miner, has been appointed State Minister of Mines, a Cabinet position. They do things queerly in Australia, where they have the gall to try to run their affairs without the aid or consent of capitalists and their lawyers and politicians.

According to the American-Scandinavian Review, the recent municipal elections in Norway show a greater gain for Socialism than originally re ported. In Christiania the Socialist party captured 45 seats in the City Council against 35 Conservatives, Radicals and 2 Liberals. The Conserv atives have held their ground, while the two intermediate parties, representing to a great extent Socialistic principles, have apparently gone over to the Socialist party organization, with the result that Christiania for the next three years will have a Socialist city government. Large gains were also made in smaller places.

Some of the Australian labor ment of municipal are phouses and papers are bemoaning the split in cold storage plants to reduce the high the Labor party over the conscription cost of living, a municipal electric issue. But without exception they are plant to serve the entire city, a municipal gas plant, municipal ownership while the division hurts at present it the street railways municipal loan will have proven a good thing in the

# Sholarship Contest News

This week sees a few new changes in our listing, but Comrade Freidman is still on top and is going further and further toward the winning line. This week he shows another gain of 76 points. People often ask, "How does he do it?" It is really very simple—he works on the job. And he has others to help him. That's the whole senter to help him. cret. There are now two people in the race from his state and it looks as tho both will be winners. State Secretary Wm. H. Henry is helping them along because he knows that his movement can make use of some more well-grounded Socialists. You, Comrade Contestant, who have not yet done anything, it's time for you to get busy. There is still time to win out, if you will but hustle yourself and get your friends and comrades on the job. A scholarship in the Rand School is The American Baptist Publication Australia for the big capitalistic surely a worth-while prize, and tho Society, with headquarters in Phila-dailies to charge, whenever the not too easily won, it is sure to repay delphia, has issued a pamphlet written by Prof. J. E. Franklin, bearing should have increased wages, that

gious point of view in an unprejudiced manner. He writes, among other things:

"What shall we say of the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus points on the Mount, in which Jesus points out wherein the accepted ethics, against demanding more wages and against demanding more wages and residue of the stellar of the stellar

Ida Bienstock, Hartford, Conn.... 2 Robert H. Wilson, Brattleboro, Vt. -Wm. Heino, Wilkeson, Wash..... -Harold F. D. A. Jackson, Los Angeles, Cal. ..... — Ernest Leo, Seattle, Wash. .... —

country for the purpose of defending M. L. Lehman, N. Glendale, Cal. — the liberties that have been gained Maurice Levine, St. Paul, Minn... Mrs. H. J. Grigsby, Great Falls, ly be jeopardized now and in the future. The more radical elements in the Socialist movement are also Tony Morrello, Youngstown, O...— Max Cenis, Irwin, Pa.....

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