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Thrones Totter

The hopes harbored by Socialists during the present world-war seem on the way toward becoming realities.

The great disappointment at being unable to prevent the war may find itself offset by great achievements about to be realized.

Never have the thrones of Europe tottered as much as on this First of May, 1917.

This issue of The American Socialist is going to press on the last day of April. According to the predictions being made everywhere, it teels as if the morrow would open a new era in the long, upward struggle of mankind.

Most significant are the birth pangs of the growing peace movement in Germany. Every appeal possible is being made by those in power to keep the workers in subjection. May Day will show just how far the German workers have progressed on the way toward achieving for themselves what the Russian proletariat has already won. The Hohenzollerns must follow the Romanoffs to oblivion.

German Socialists are said to be cheered on in their work for peace by the Austrian Socialists and trade unionists who, it is said, have decided to quit work May Day afternoon and hold peace meetings at various places. The reports of revolutionary activities in Austro-Hungary have not been as persistent as those from Germany, but this is no indication that discontent in the dual monarchy is not ready to burst into flame if given the least opportunity. By their deeds the workers of the Central Empires will add lustre to the achievements of this year's May Day.

Workers of Russia will celebrate May Day in thousands of demonstrations, giving voice to the joy they feel over the great victory already won. While celebrating past achievements they will also strive to make sure of the future.

In France, England and Italy the governments will also hear the protesting voice of toil, demanding the amelioration of the sufferings of the great mass of humanity.

Spain has not ceased for one moment envying her neighbor, Portugal, since the Portuguese throne was kicked into the discard, King Manuel along with it, and a Republic of Portugal established. The Spanish workers have always held successful May Day demonstrations and this year will be no exception.

Sweden, of all the neutral countries, holds the center of the stage. As May Day dawns, word comes from Copenhagen, Denmark, that great bodies of troops have been massed in Stockholm and other Swedish cities. But these are the same troops, soldiers and wailors alike, who have repeatedly, during the past few weeks, disobeyed orders and attended in large numbers the many Socialist meetings that have been held to discuss the big problems now before the nation.

What is troubling the Swedish workers is better understood after studying notifications recently made on the premier in the riksdag. Hjalmar Branting, the socialist spokesman, notified the premier his intention to ask whether the government was prepared to revise the constitution by abolishing the present unjust method of communal elections and to introduce universal equal direct suffrage for men and women in elections for the second chamber. The notification was greeted with loud cheering.

Another Socialist notified the premier of an impending question with reference to workmen's demonstrations and as to whether the government purposes to take immediate steps to satisfy workmen by granting them better wages and an eight-hour day. Added to these is the question of the diminishing food supply.

Branting further states that the hostility of the workingmen in Sweden against the government is growing more intense. He says:

"Among the workingmen the hostile feeling against the ruling reactionist party is growing stronger. This party, by their trade policy, has caused the lack of bread from which we are now suffering."

Here in the United States many mass meetings and demonstrations have been planned for May Day. They promise to be a great inspiration for American workers in this hour of their trial. Let all American workers, young and old, on this May Day, give deep thought to the con-

scription law that has just passed congress. Within 30 days there will be a national registration called by proclamation of the President. The nation's election machinery, which the master class did not dare bring into use for | a national referendum on war, will be used in making this registration. There will be no phy-

sical examination in advance of the draft. In the last analysis the attitude to be taken toward this registration is a matter for the individual to decide.

There seems to be no way open for a collective, mass protest.

Once the registration is over the lottery of

death begins its work. Names will be drawn from a hollow wheel.

according to the jury wheel system, and then the march of the victims begins.

It is this death march that is now playing havoc with the ruling classes of Europe. What will it do to the ruling classes of these United States?

Eating Garbage

"Hog faces" and "garbage" is the latest on the bill of fare of the proud American working class, according to the report of a committee appointed by the commissioners of the District of Columbia to inquire into the high cost of living.

In its comment on the changing food ration of working people occasioned by the exactions of the price boosters, the report says:

"The figures show clearly that the poor have been compelled to resort to the strictest econ-(Continued In Last Column)

May Day

By BEN BLUMENBERG. May Day, the International Holiday of Labor!

What a flood of conflicting emotions the day brings forth. Memories of scenes preceding the

European war, by but a few weeks.
There rises before the vision the
magnificent demonstrations of countless thousands of toilers in all the industrial centers. Again we seem to hear the impassioned speeches of the veterans in the class war. Again there rises before us the workers pleading unfaltering allegiance to their class, a pledge that knew no national boundaries. The very word solidarity seems invested with more meaning than before,-seems indeed to be a "menace

There comes to mind the words of Bebel, uttered on May Day, 1913.

"Be on the alert! Fateful things are unfolding themselves! The capitalist classes are constantly endeavoring to and to crush out their competitors in the world's markets, and they are using all their dominion in all civilized lands to increase armaments both on

land and sea. Against this disastrous policy the workers must vehemently protest. May Day gives the desired opportunity of expressing to the full this protest. The working classes do not want a murderous war they are forting a murderous war; they are fighting for peace, because they desire human progress. They are fighting for freedom and justice, even for the most lowly, because in this manner only can the proletariat fulfill its mission of bringing justice to humanity." Now after almost three blood-drenched years of capitalist civiliza-

tion, have the workers victories to record or hopes for the early realiza-tion of their ideals?

Does the revolution in Russia, the land described by Twain, as an absolute monarchy tempered by assassination, presage the time when "we shall turn the old world over as the plowman turns the sod"? Or are the toilers to be further enslaved by capitalist misrule?

The greatest victory Labor has to record is the glorious fact that thruout the world, and, in the midst of the war fiends' reign, great masses in each country, have been true to the highest ideals of internationalism.

Here the agitation of years has borne fruit. Profit-mongering war lords see no rush to the colors, (a term borrowed from European militarism) the incessantly have the tom-toms been beaten. Promises, flattery and now frenzied threats, but the clearthinking portion of the working class refuses to be stampeded. Instead the attitude is:

"This is your war. Fight it. Finance it. The glory is all yours. You're not going to throttle free speech, nor wrest from us hard won rights. You cannot bludgeon our ideals out of existence.

We will continue to proclaim the class struggle, nor will we permit "national issues" to becloud us. We will continue to be as loyal to our class as you have been to yours. We're going to increase the power of our labor organizations and protect those who have helped build them, Tom Mooney and his comrades.

So here in the land where International Labor Day had its origin. We send greetings to our fellow toilers who, thruout the world continue to fight the common oppressors.

THREE SOCIALISTS NOW SIT IN CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL Three Socialist aldermen have taken

their seats in the new Chicago city council; Charles V. Johnson, of the 9th ward; William E. Rodriguez, of the 15h, and John C. Kennedy, of the 27th ward.

It has been decided that all So-

cialist resolutions introduced in the city council, that do not have to do with purely ward matters, will carry the signatures of the three Socialist

aldermen. The Socialist trio has taken up two big battles, one for the school teachers of Chicago, and another to secure home rule in order that Chicago may take another step forward in its fight to secure control of its public

utilities. An effort is being made to reappoint Jacob M. Loeb, foe of the Chi cago Teachers' Federation, to the school board in order to be able to further fasten the tentacles of big business upon the city school system. This move will be fought to the last

The state supreme court recently decided that the public utilities of Chicago, especially the traction system, should be under the supervision of the state public utilities commission, thus taking them out from under the control of the Chicago city council. The fight for home rule is only a part of the great struggle of the Chicago Socialists for municipal ownership of all the big municipal

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public utilities.

DEBS MUCH IMPROVED. Information that comes to The American Socialist from Terre Haute, Ind., is that Comrade Eugene V. Debs is much improved. The comrades thruout the nation had begun to worry concerning Comrade Debs' condition, but it may now be said that he is out of danger.

SOCIALIST FOR LABOR ON WISCONSIN DEFENSE LEAGUE Frederick Brockhausen, former Socialist member of the Wisconsin legislature, has been appointed the labor representative on the state defense

"Selective Conscription" Is Good For Son Of Morgan

One of the most scathing denunciations of so-called "selective conscription" during the debate in congress was delivered by Representative William L. LaFollette, of Washington, showing how J. Pierpont Morgan's son would be benefitted. La Follette said:

Under selective conscription Mr. Johnson's son goes in the Army, has a leg or both arms shot off; his eyes are burned out; he may come home a poor wreck of humanity to drag out at best a miserable existence. The son of Mr. Morgan, if he has one, can be of more use to his country helping his noble father finance the nations of the earth. He lives out his life in opulence and plenty, loved and respected, sound of limb and full of life, and what time he does not put in making more money he may nobly devote to thinking out some method whereby his millions may be invested so as to avoid paying taxes to help pay Mr. Johnson's son and other war derelicts pensions on which to eke out the remainder of their miserable lives. I was moved almost to tears when I read in Sunday's paper John D. Rockefeller, jr.'s, remarks on the beneficent leveling effect of universal military training as applied thru selective conscription. Noble sentiments, but the administrative officer under the hallowed term of "universal service," with the "military" extracted, could easily see that John D.'s 19-year old son, if he has one, is almost indispensable to his country figuring out just how much gasoline they could furnish the Government for war purposes and the populace for peace purposes without reducing the price too much to make it possible for them to buy a few more untaxed bonds to show their patriotism.

The Price We Pay

ONSCRIPTION is upon us; the ed into that mass of festering decay; draft law is a fact!
Into your homes the recruiting stapidity—you who have rejected Soofficers are coming. They will take your sons of military age and im-

press them into the army; Stand them up in long rows, break them into squads and platoons, teach them to deploy and wheel; Guns will be put into their hands;

they will be taught not to think, only to obey without questioning.

Then they will be shipped thru the submarine zone by the hundreds of thousands to the bloody quagmire of

of torn flesh and floating entrails they will be plunged, in regiments, divi-

sions and armies, screaming as they has no time to protect the food sup-Agonies of torture will rend their their bones and dissolve their lungs; and every pang will be multiplied in

its passage to you.

Black death will be a guest at every American fireside; mothers and fathers and sisters, wives and sweethearts the fishes millions of tons of food will know the weight of that awful stuffs; and still we build more ships, vacancy left by the bullet which finds and send more food; and more and

And still the recruiting officers will come; seizing age after age, mounting up the elder ones and taking the younger ones as they grow to soldier them.

And still the toll of death will

Let them come! Let death and the miseries of the world-downfall doing; swamp the happiness of every hearth-

Then perhaps you will believe what we have been telling you! For war is the price of your stupidity, you who have rejected Socialism!

II. ESTERDAY I saw moving pictures of the Battle of the Somme. A company of Highlanders was shown, young and handsome in their kilts and brass helmets

and bright plaids. They laughed and joked as they stood on the screen in their ranks, at

vance. The camera showed rank after rank,

Then it showed a sign "Less than

20 per cent of these soldiers were babes. alive at the close of the day."

Over in Europe ten millions of women are deprived of their husthose laddies, when sunset came; the bands, and fifty millions of babies

rest were crumpled masses of carrion under their torn plaids. Many a Highland home will wail and croon for many a year, because of these crumpled masses of carrion, wrapped in their plaids, upon a far

French hillside. I saw regiments of Germans charging downhill agains machine guns fire. They melted away like snowflakes

falling into hot water.

The hospital camps were shown, with hundreds and thousands of The hospital camps were shown, with hundreds and thousands of wounded men in all stages of pain healed like animals troy the home!" and suffering, herded like animals, milling round like cattle in the slaughter pens.

All the horror and agony of war was thrown on the screen, and a pro- fathers; clamation said: "Enlist for your country!" The ap-

plause was very thin and scattering; and as we went out, most of the men shook their heads and said; "That's a hell of a poor recruiting

scheme! For the men of this land have been fed full with horror during the past three years; and tho the call for volunteers has become wild, frantic,

desperate; tho the posters scream from every billboard, and the parades and red fire inflame the atmosphere in every town; The manhood of America gazes at

'Must we-be that!" You cannot avoid it; you are being leon was overthrown there have been

By IRWIN ST. JOHN TUCKER. dragged, whipped, lashed, hurled into it; your flesh and brains and entrails must be crushed out of you and pour-

> cialism! III.

OOD prices go up like sky-rockets; and show no sign of bursting and coming down bursting and coming down. Wheat, potatoes, corn, are far above the Civil War mark; eggs, but

ter, meat-all these things are almost beyond a poor family's reach. The Attorney General of the United Into that seething, heaving swamp of torn flesh and floating entrails they fill be plunged, in regiments, divisible plunged, in regiments, divisible plunged, that he States is so busy running down Ger-

> ply from gamblers. Starvation begins to stare us in the face—and we, people of the richest and most productive land on earth. are told to starve ourselves yet further because our allies must be fed

Submarines are steadily sending to more is sunk;

We, the "civilized nations" of the world! While the children of the poor

desolation make barren every home! clamor for their bread, and the well Let the agony of war crack every to do shake their heads and wonder parent's heart! Let the horrors and what on earth the poor folks are The poor folks are growling and

muttering with savage sidelong glances, and are rolling up their For the price they pay for their

stupidity is getting beyond their power to pay!

IV. RIGHTFUL reports are being made of the ravages of venereal diseases in the army training camps, and in the barracks where the girl munition workers live.

One of the great nations lost more men thru loathesome immoral diseases ease. waiting the command to ad- than on the firing line, during the

first 18 months of the war. Back from the Mexican border our standing strong and erect, boys come, spreading the curse of the smoking and chaffing one with an- great Black Plague among hundreds of thousands of homes; blasting the

lives of innocent women and unborn

can never be; Of those women who will have their mates given back to them, there are twenty millions who will have ruined wrecks of men; mentally deranged physically broken, morally rotten;

Future generations of families are made impossible; blackness and desolation instead of happiness and love will reign where the homes of the

future should be:

Pound on, guns of the embattled hosts; wreck yet more homes, kill vet more husbands and fathers. rob yet more maidens of their sweetwere exhibited; and at the end a flag hearts, yet more babies of their

That is the price the world pays for believing the monstrous, damn able, outrageous lie that Socialism would destroy the home!

Now the homes of the world are being destroyed; every one of them would have been saved by Socialism. But you would not believe. Now pay

V.

HIS WAR, you say, is all caused by the Kaiser; and we are fighting for democracy against autocracy. Once dethrone the Kaiser that seething, heaving swamp of and there will be permanent peace. bloody carrion in Europe, and says That is what they said about Napoleon. And in the century since Napo-

more and greater wars than the world ever saw before.

There were wars before Germany existed; before Rome ruled; before Egypt dominated the ages.

War has been universal; and the cause of war is always the same. Somebody wanted something somebody else possessed, and they fought over the ownership of it.

This war began over commercial routes and ports and rights; and underneath all the talk about democracy versus autocracy, you hear a continual note, an undercurrent, a subdued refrain; "Get ready for the commercial war that will follow this

Commercial war preceded this war; it gave rise to this war; it now gives point and meaning to this war;

And as soon as the guns are stilled and the dead all buried, commercial forces will prepare for the next bloody struggle over routes and ports

and rights, coal mines and railroads; For these are the essence of this, as of all other wars!

This, you say, is a war for the rights of small nations; -and the first land sighted when you sail across the Atlantic is the nation of Ireland, which has suffered from England for three centuries more than what Germany has inflicted upon Belgium for three years.

But go to it! Believe everything you are told—you always have, and doubt-less always will, believe them.

Only to retain this much reason; when you have paid the price, the last and uttermost price; and have not received what you were told you were fighting for-namely Democracy-

Then remember that the price you paid was not the purchase price for justice, but the penalty price for your stupidity!

VI. E ARE upholding the spectacle of whole nations working as one person for the accomplishment of a single end-namely, killing.

Every man, every woman, every child, must "do his bit" in the service of destruction.

We have been telling you all for, lo, these many years that the whole nation could be mobilized and every man, woman and child induced to do his bit for the service of humanity; but you laughed at us. Now you call every person traitor,

slacker, pro-enemy, who will not go crazy on the subject of killing; and you have turned the whole energy of all the nations of the world into the service of their kings for the purpose of killing—killing—killing.

Why would you not believe us when we told you that it was possible to

cooperate for the saving of life? Why were you not interested when we begged you to work all together to build, instead to destroy? To preserve, instead of to murder?

Why did you ridicule us and call us impracticable dreamers when we prophesied a world-state of fellowworkers, each man creating for the benefit of all the world, and the whole world creating for the benefit of each

man? Those idle taunts, those thoughtless jeers, that refusal to listen, to be fair-minded—you are paying for them

—Lo, the price you pay! Lo, the price your children will pay. Lo, the agony, the death, the blood, the un-

forgettable sorrow,-The price of your stupidity!

VII.

OR THIS war—as every one who thinks or knows anything will say, whenever touch talling will say, whenever truth telling becomes safe and possible again,— This war is to determine the question, whether the chambers of commerce of the allied nations or of the Central Empires have the superior right to

exploit undeveloped countries. It is to determine whether interest, dividends and profits, shall be paid to investors speaking German or to those speaking English and French.

Our entry into it was determined by the certainty that if the allies do not win, J. P. Morgan's loans to the allies will be repudiated, and those American investors who bit on his promises would be hooked.

Socialism would have settled that question; it would determine that to every producer shall be given all the value of what he produces; so that nothing would be left over for exploiters or investors.

With that great question settled there would be no cause for war. Until the question of surplus profits is settled that way, wars will continue; each war being a prelude to

a still vaster and greater outburst of Until the world becomes weary of paying the stupendous price for its

own folly; Until those who are sent out to maim and murder one another for the profit of bankers and investors determine to have and to hold what they have fought for;

Until money is no more sacred than human blood: Until human life refuses to sacrifice itself for private gain; Until by the explosion of millions

of tons of dynamite, the stupidity of the human race is blown away, and Socialism is known for what it is, the salvation of the human race; Until then—You will keep on paying the price!

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"What is going to happen now?" is the big question on all their minds.

For congress has spoken the will of the masters and voted that millions of able-bodied men must go forth to die that profits may live.

Let us point out again that millions voted for the re-election of President Wilson because: "He kept us out of war!" cried the people.

And only a few enlisted.

And war was declared. And the frantic efforts to enlist more soldiers and sailors increased to the stage of hysteria. And only one man out of every 20,000 of

"The people are only sheep, anyway", scoff the masters of bread. "We can force them into war!" and the tom toms beat and the jingo press blares ceaselessly thru its millions of trumpets, and the subservient members of congress throw up their hands and vote almost unanimously for herding the people into war.

They wouldn't even give the people a chance to vote their own lives away on the battlefields of foreign lands. They were afraid. They knew the people would veto their plans.

Conscription has been voted. In the senate only eight voices were raised against it. In the house of representatives 24 votes opposed it.

ple, bewildered to be sure, standing there with folded arms. The answer must come from the people. The

Will they still stand there with folded arms, silently protesting, immovable? Or will they be led like sheep to the slaughter?

Three Votes Three votes were cast against the expulsion of Socialist Senator Raguse from the Wisconsin

They were Socialist votes and stood alone. Three votes were cast in the Chicago city council against promoting Chicago war hysteria by inviting the French and British commissions

Socialists in the language of Socialism. That is why we may expct other Socalist elected officials to be expelled from office from time to time during the war by the superior strength of the

Those three votes, however, in the Wisconsin state senate, in the Chicago city council, and elsewhere, will grow until they become the majority vote, because the mass is thinking more and more in terms of Socialism.

the progress of the war.

The employers are banded together and have

declared for a fight to a finish. The workers declare they must fight likewise. In a struggle between the exploiters and the

take over all the bakeries and sell bread at cost after the workers have been granted their just

If Chicago will do this, other cities will follow her lead, and we will have made a good start toward wiping out the gamblers in food, because then it will become evident even to the most ignorant that we must take the control of the flour mills and wheat granaries of the land

out of private hands. When the bakers strike the people think.

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omy in order to provide food on account of high prices. Their purchases are of the cheapest possible articles and in smaller quantities than heretofore. The sale of ordinary cuts of meat in this class of stores seems to have been discontinued, and the meat now purchased consists of hog livers, hog kidneys, neck bones, hog faces, and so forth.

"The fact that the people of the community are adopting more frugal methods and are preparing and using food with greater economy than heretofore is shown by the very considerable falling off in the amount of garbage col-

lected in this city during recent months. It was hunger that helped kick over a throne in Russia. It is hunger that is threatening every other throne in Europe. When the supply of "hog faces" and "garbage" has been exhausted in the United States perhaps the workers will finally decide to kick over the throne of the plutocracy in this country.

Folded Arms

A nation of 100,000,000 men, women and children stand today with folded arms waiting.

"Why should we go forth to die that the

told?" ask the people. President Wilson in one of his messages to congress early this year stated he believed the

wealth of the masters may increase to sums un-

people did not want war.
"You are right", came the echoing cry from
every state in the land.

Yet all the time the national administration spent the nation's cash lavishly trying to inveigle young men into the army and navy.

fighting age has enlisted. Because the people do not want war!

for conscription!

"What is going to happen now?" ask the peo-

President has spoken. Congress has spoken. When the people speak, what will they say?

state senate for alleged unpatriotic remarks.

visiting this country to come to the metropolis on Lake Michigan. They were all Socialist votes and stood alone. When the time comes for the exploited mass to speak against the ruling class, it speaks thru

master class.

Pledges Certain national officials of labor recently pledged the national warmaking administration that labor would not fight for its rights during

That this pledge was without foundation is seen again in the strike of the Chicago bakers, the makers of bread, who do not have enough to feed their own families.

exploited, pledges play no part. Power is the only factor that counts. In the meantime Chicago may learn the lesson that the best thing for it to do will be to

demands.

Physician Reveals Frightful Spread of Black Plague as Result of Army Camp Life

Boys on Mexican Border Sub- tations to immorality—an enject to Worst Possible In- were powerfully fortified by fluence by Commanders and Civil Communities Alike, Says Dr. M. J. Exner, After Care- years—many of them mere boys ful Survey.

HAT ARMY mobilization camps are breeding places for syphilis and other frightful diseases, and that tens of thou- sire is strong and the will is sands of young men returning from the camps along the Mexican weak. It is the period when border brought back the frightful black plague to wreck the lives the individual takes the reins of of innocent women and unborn children, is shown in a startling life into his own hands and when pamphlet by Dr. M. J. Exner, published by the American Social he is driven by a strong urge Hygiene Association under the title of "Prostitution in Relation from within to try life for himto the Army on the Mexican Border.'

We are loudly teld that universal compulsory military train-presents itself. If there is ever ing will mean "bringing out the best qualities in a man;" will a time when the man needs evuluild up the youth of our nation;" will "develop them into splendid citizens," for the benefit of this and future generations.

According to the statistics compiled by Dr. Exner, every him true to his best self, this army mobilization camp—with very few exceptions—means the is the time. wrecking, both physically and mentally, of a large proportion of the young men who attend it.

HOMES WILL BE WRECKED.

We have been for generations told that Socialism would destroy the home. Now we are shown by Dr. Exner how hundreds of thousands of homes will be blasted by that most frightful of all diseases; how innocent girls and babies yet to be born must pay the heavy penalty of suffering, agony and death, as a result of conditions fostered and protected in the camps by the army offi-

His final sentence is: "The greatest evil to society results other way.

Trom the shattered ideals, lowered standards, sensualized minds a marked marked brought into home and society by these a and perverted practices brought into home and society by these young men who represent the cream of the manhood of the

A TERRIFIC INDICTMENT.

"During the first eighteen months of the war, one of the great the forces of evil more than of an hour and a half a constant powers had more men incapacitated for service by venereal the forces of good. diseases contracted in the mobilization camps than in all the fighting at the front," says Dr. Exner.

The universal compulsory military training would turn our whole nation into one vast perpetual mobilization camp, in which each young man would be compelled to serve his term.

LET THE PARENTS KNOW.

Put this pamphlet, or these facts taken from it, into the which there is a powerful tend- It had three distinct vice dishands of every parent of a son subject to military service. Let them know what these demands for universal concentration camps the tent or mess hall it is as a large houses with many women.

Let every mother and every future wife rule the coarser element that large houses with many women. know what happens in mobilization camps!

Among the startling facts brought out by Dr. Exner are

Commanding and medical officers at the border all assumed that prostitution is necessary, and jeered at the idea the foul imagery of their minds was going in and out of the that it be abolished. In several camps, the officers established prostitute quarters for their men.

2. In one case, one woman in the active stage of syphilis been in position to communicate it to 120 men within the had been in position to communicate it to 120 men within the preceding two days.

3. The civil communities where camps were stationed protested against any regulation of prostitution, on the ground that of love and sex, questions in large cities of the southwest, in it would hurt business.

WAIT HOURS FOR THEIR TURN.

4. In many places, boys and men stood in line for hours are burning to have interpreted, were stationed. Here prostitu-

make it all but impossible for any boy, no matter how well and such an atmosphere. Those of youd the usual "regulation." Not cleanly brought up, to resist the overwhelming temptation to us who know fully the degrading only was the old notorious 6. In the very few cases where the officers suppressed the promiscuous male groups, such tion, but an extensive new "crib

evil, the men not only did not resist or complain, but were proud as are found in the average milisystem" had been built in anof the fact that they had a "clean bunch of men."

take the position that it was necessary to drag all the men down proportion of men who are able can anything so bad be found. to the level of the lowest in order to prevent trouble.

parent. The pamphlet, which is copyright, can be secured from fully resist being drawn into found in these districts. In the the American Social Hygiene Association, 105 West Fortieth lives of immorality. The terrific evening they were thronged. street, New York City. The price is five cents.

SAME CONDITIONS IN GERMANY.

Resa Luxemburg was imprisoned for months because she the conditions shown to exist in our American army by this to the cause of immorality in the the average in attractiveness, report. At that time this country stood aghast at the revelations of the evils of "Prussianism."

competent guides.

Vice Interests Mobilize.

Same root, same fruit! Dr. Exner writes in part:

"It is a matter of history that | prostitution follows the army. facts at hand show that during length with many officers of the companionship with the opposite medical staffs and with companionship with the opposite wal relations with 120 men. war one of the great powers had manders; I secured official data ed by absence from home. front.

"From the standpoint of military strength and efficiency. such waste is serious. From mobilize went forth, the vice sive measures on the part of the standpoint of social whole-interests in various parts of the the military authorities. The someness, it is more serious; for country also began to mobilize civil communities, so far as I crate society.

moral principle and will could

"The vast majority of the men, especially the National Guard, are in their adolescent -the period in which the developing love-instinct, with its strong sexual element and driving desires, powerfully asserts itself. It is the period when deself in every aspect in which it

"Another factor which tends greatly to weaken the soldier's moral resistance is the fact that he is away from the restraining and supporting influence of the home and home society. He has been uprooted out of his normal environment and transplanted into one in which the most powerful influences pull the

clothes he is one of the common mass. The uniform sets him off

Up."

"A factor which greatly en- seemed to be mere boys. hances the moral strain upon the soldier is the process of leveling about 15,000, where a considerdown to the lower element, to able body of troops was located. ency in the military camp. In tricts, a Mexican, a negro, and in the vicinity of large southern creates the atmosphere of the During my two visits to the group. They take supreme de- white district, in company with regiments had just arrived. On light in retailing their obscene a member of the military police, stories and giving expression to a constant procession of soldiers three cases of venereal disease, in vulgar talk or jest. When we houses. conversations with their fellows them actually within the limits are about their only source of ready information on matters "Community D is one of the which they have a deep in the vicinity of which at the time stinctive interest and which they of my visit over 50,000 troops we can better appreciate the tion was carried on very ex-5. Conditions in almost all of these camps were such as to sensualizing, distorting effect of tensively without restriction beatmosphere that prevails in segregated district in full operatary camp, can but have a pro- other part of the city. In but 7. In the vast majority of the cases, the officers seemed to found admiration for that small a very few cities in this country to live in it day after day and From noon until early morning This pamphlet or these facts should be in the hands of every month after month and success-soldiers in great numbers were down-pull of the military camp, and before many of the "crib" as of all similar male group life, doors soldiers stood in line. cannot easily be exaggerated.

"Loneliness also contributes seven weeks among the troops at night, with the restlessness a much larger number.

men bring back into the social the border. In a number of com-only failed to co-operate ade- authorities. The only restricstructure a vast volume of vene- munities in the vicinity of which quately with the military au- tion to its operation was that real disease to wreck the lives troops were located not only thorities in suppressing prostiof irrocent women and children, were the existing prostitution tution or making it inaccessible the district within certain hours but they will iring back into it facilities augmented, but new to the soldiers, but many of other influences, attitudes, and vice districts were hurriedly them vigorously opposed such practices which will destroy built. The environment of prac- measures on the ground that it homes, cause misery, and degen- tically all the camps quickly be- would hurt business or for polit- been the most inexcusable situacame if it was not already, such | ical reasons.

as presented the severest temponce in two weeks, the patrol of them give us something decent." the district by the military police, and the enforcement of certain regulations aimed at preventing serious disturbances, that it was necessary for the With the exception of three points, these regulations were not designed to restrict the practice of prostitution, but only in a measure to reduce its consequences and to avoid disturbances. In most places guards were stationed in the houses of prostitution for that purpose. to the guards, goes without saying. They had nothing to do but orders, go to Mexican villages amuse themselves with the women, and as a rule they became very familiar with them.

Procession Of Drunks.

"In this place many saloons "Again, the man in uniform is were run in defiance of the 'dry marked man. In civilian law', and in the evening they were constantly crowded with soldiers. While stalled in an from the mass. Unfortunately, automobile by the roadside one this works for the advantage of pay-day evening, I witnessed for procession of drunken soldiers, Leveling Down, Not "Building reeling in the mud toward camp. A large proportion of them

"Community B is a town of

"In answer to questions, one of these women, who was below soldier. Nothing on the border stated that on a good night she impressed me more forcefully served about 50 men, and that on than the loneliness-in-the-crowd the previous Saturday she had of many of the soldiers. I have served 60. and on Sunday 40. we learned from reliable sources "It was my privilege to spend ing the streets of border towns that many other women served

the present time vice and its convisited all the principal military pressed in face and manner. The chief medical officer of one of the divisions told me that most serious, if not the most camps; I dealt with a large Many have told me that they a few days before a prostitute serious, of army problems. In number of men individually and visited immoral houses not be- came to a medical friend of his serious, of army problems. In some of these armies the wastage from venereal disease has been frightful. The reliable forms of the reliable been the personal sex problems; I discussed the vice situation at length with many officers of the companionship with the reliable length with many officers of the companionship with the reliable length with many officers of the companionship with the reliable length with many officers of the companionship with the reliable length with many officers of the companionship with the reliable length with many officers of the companionship with the reliable length with many officers of the companionship with the reliable length with many officers of the companionship with the reliable length with many officers of the companionship with the reliable length with regard to their desired in the city for treatment. She in the city for treatment. She is the regiments of their desired in the city for treatment. She is the regiments of the regiments. The regiments of the

more men incapacitated for service by venercal disease contract- phylactic treatment and venereal worst forms was accessible to when troops were stationed on disease; and I observed all the all mflitary camps on the border than in all the fighting at the competent cuides. easily accessible, with the exception of outposts and a few shacks. one section for white, points where the evil was great- and one section for negro "As soon as the order to by reduced by vigorous represtive women. The striking feature here was that the district was situated within the lines of military camps and was protected it means that not only will these their forces and to move them to know without exception, not and "regulated" by the military of the day.

District Run By Army.

"What seems to me to have Attitude of War Department.

"Community A is a border tion was found in connection town, on the outskirts of which with the troops in Mexico. At three military camps were locat- each of the two points where the quenter of the district estimated without having a certificate that there were about fifty showing him to be free from women in the district. One disease and without the necesto officers only. Most of the were housed in adobe shacks, houses were unsanitary Mexican and, according to the statement shacks, and in these the women of quite a number of the men, were of very low grade. At they were for the most part remany of these places men were pulsive Mexican women. Many observed to be standing in line of the men were resentful beto await their turn. Here, as at cause of the low order of women most other points, the district provided. One man seemed to was "regulated" by the military voice the sentiment of many authorities. The regulation con- when he said "It's an insult to sisted of compulsory examina- the troops. If they want to protion of women, on the average of vide something of the kind, let

"In these instances prostitution was deliberately provided by the officers, on the assumption contentment or well-being of the men. This was borne out in my discussion of the matter with officers. One cavalry officer of high rank attempted to justify the matter something like this: 'You must remember that we have among the troops men of a very low order—men with little That this sort of guard duty be- brains and powerful passions. thoroly demoralizing If prostitution were not provided, these men would disobey and get mixed up with the women and thereby possibly bring on war.' According to this officer's argument, prostitution was necessary to guard against the possible failure of military discipline. He failed to see that to guard against the possible breach of discipline on the part of the lowest element, which he admitted to constitute but a small proportion of the rank and file of the troops, he would deliberately stimulate a process of leveling down the whole body of troops to this low element and increase the evil many-fold.

"A large amount of venereal disease was brought to the border from the mobilization camp came quickly infected. At the time of my visit, three southern and the second thirty-seven cases. The third had not yet been examined.

Easy to Suppress — If Desired. "Camp I was a large camp,

located near two small towns. loons sought to establish them- and well-being of the men, or, selves. But the commander sup- at least, that it is inevitable. pressed both absolutely with an iron hand and never relaxed his vigilance. As fast as any sources of prostitution or of the conclusions:sale of intoxicants could be located, he got rid of them assuming to this question to be sound, or the authority to do so when he effective in preserving the moral did not technically possess it, on integrity of the soldier, must be the ground of military efficiency. Prostitution was practically inaccessible to this large contingent of troops, except as a few men might secure leave to visit larger centers many miles

these repressive measures on the advance of public opinion and men in this command. Accord- demand. ing to the arguments of many officers, in support of prostitution, we should expect extreme discontent, clamoring for prostitution facilities, revolt, mutiny. The facts are, that no more contented, more orderly, better disciplined, better trained, more efficient, or more loyal body of troops could be found anywhere on the border. These facts can readily be verified from anyone pride, "Oh, we have a clean bunch here." This feeling of group pride was everywhere conspicuous among the military character which lies back of it. units of this camp, and was in itself a great restraining influence. It was unique; I found it nowhere else. The fact that prostitution was actually not indulged in to any extent by these men is shown in that this camp who represent in large measure had by far the lowest prophylaxis rate as will be seen of the nation. To safeguard the later. "Give them a reasonably

place a high value upon clean must minimize, so far as posmanhood and moral integrity, and they will measure up to what is expected of them and of their own better selves, just as did the men of Camp I.

"What has been the attitude tion with reference to prostitu- of the military authorities? It

What Is Patriotism?

HERE ARE two kinds of patriotism — true patriotism and false

ed. In the town a district of white and Mexican women was situated in which prostitution maintained within the lines of the camp and supervised by military particles. No man could that is not all. The forefathers have builded through the world, and, in so that is not all. The forefathers have builded through the world, and, in so that is not all. out restraint on the part of civil tary officers. No man could far as their work has been good, we are devoted to it and want to preserve it.

Therefore, true patriotism means love of one's own country and love

False patriotism is summed up in the shrewd and cunning effort of the capitalists to make use of the genuine patriotism of the people, in order to further their own criminal designs. The capitalist class is utterly devoid vironment which only those who house of seven women catered sary two dollars. The women of real patriotism. It knows no patriotism except dollar patriotism. It were powerfully fortified by the officers only Most of the were housed in adobe shacks.

We Socialists are imbued with the wider patriotism, which takes in all humanity. We love our own country, and we also love the whole world. As matter of practical convenience in carrying on the affairs of the world t is necessary that national boundary lines should exist, but they should be regarded, not as fortifications that separate us from the foe, but merely as lines drawn for convenience, to show where our fields of effort leave off and where the fields of our brothers begin. This is the broader patriotism. We shall strive along these lines until we achieve the socialization of the world and universal peace.

So, do not make the mistake of criticising patriotism, when your real intention is to criticise false patriotism. Be accurate. The times require it. Samuel Johnson said that patriotism is the last resort of a scoundrel. But, of course, he meant that false or pretended patriotism is the last resort of a scoundrel. In other words, a scoundrel pretends to be patriotic, in order to put his plans across. This is precisely the sort of patriotism the capitalists have. Their patriotism is pure buncombe. It is pure pretense. It is false

If anyone asks you if the Socialists are patriotic, tell them that we are genuine patriots, and point out to them the false dollar patriotism of the

would be unfair to say that it was one of indifference. It is known that the Secretary of War at Washington was serious-ly concerned over the govern-Washington has crystallized the opment's responsibility to the position in the House and Senate to troops in this matter; that he made himself conversant with House Judiciary committee, the peace the facts, and that he made delegation was informed that no urgent recommendations and ings would be allowed. The Federation, however, camped on the committee's specific suggestions to the commanders of posts with reference diate calls by wire to New York and to minimizing prostitution on other places brought a number of inthe border, and that he gave them authority to change the Gilbert E. Roe, John Reed, Prof. Leeds location of their troops, if necessary, to accomplish that end. others, spoke vigorously against the espionage bill. The result was that the committee members were brought to been fully carried out, we should probably have come nearer to solving the prostitution problem on the border than has ever been on the border than has ever been on the border than has ever been open. They at first refused any hearing but negistant processing found the done in relation to any army. granting of a hearing during execu-Why was it not done? While tive session. The committee reported indifference, or worse, must be twelve against conscription until volascribed to some officers, it would be unjust to ascribe in-difference in the matter to most mittee was by the same method inin command of large bodies of the conscription bill.

of the officers of rank who were troops. For the most part the ation writes that there is imperative commanders of troops and the need for strong pressure back home chiefs of medical staffs were against both the spy bill and the conscription bill. There is a strong deeply concerned about the problem of prostitution, but they were concerned almost wholly about its results, not about prostitution itself; and all their energies were directed to minimizing venereal disease. RARELY MET AN OFFICER
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GRANTED THAT PROSTITU-TION COULD NOT OR crats. SHOULD NOT BE ABOLISH- You ED. They assumed that it is and sa- necessary for the contentment

> "In closing I wish to sum up some of my observations and

"Any policy with reference based on the assumption that sexual indulgence is unnecessarv.

"Prostitution in relation to the army is a question with which the citizens of this country as a whole must more fully concern "It will be of interest to inquire | themselves, for it is not likely what has been the reaction of that the army will proceed in

"The most serious problem is in connection with the mobilization camps and home barracks. In the case of all the troops on the border, a vastly larger proportion of venereal disease was contracted before reaching the border than was contracted afterwards. This accords with the experience of the European armies in the present war.

"From the social point of view the question is not only one of the effect of venereal disease upon the social body, serious as evil is the state of mind and of cover expense. Address L. Driving, character which lies back of it. Box 262, Brooklyn, N. Y. The greatest evil to society results from the shattered ideals, lowered standards, sensualized minds, and perverted practices. which are brought into home life and society—by these men the cream of the young manhood home and society against these basic evils, we must not only wholesome environment and abolish venereal disease, but we day. sible, prostitution itself."

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Forcing The Issue

the conscription bill. When the espionage bill was brought up in the committee members were brought to contradicting one another.

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By JOHN M. WORK.

HE Roosevelt volcano has had another eruption. Fire and smoke and great gawbs of molten matter were belched forth and the inhabitants for miles around were scared to death.

Joking aside, Mr. Roosevelt's recent speech was heralded as probably the greatest effort of his life. It is safe to assume that he gave it studied preparation. Therefore, if there is any valid argument in support of his views, he would have been likely to make use of it in that speech. Let us turn our mental X-rays on a a British Republic?" new of the most vital parts of it and see if they have any healthy logic in them.

HIS great struggle is fundamentally a struggle for the fundamentals of civilization and democracy." continuously fortified by German intermarriage. The drawbacks to the whole arrangement have, thruout,

This statement is the direct opposite of the truth. It is altogether possible that some of the effects of the war will be advantageous to democracy. But, if so, it will be merely incidental. It will be against the desire of those who have forced the war upon us against our will.

The object of the war is commercial supremacy. It is a exceedingly harmful, at more than one critical neried in our history.

dollar war, pure and simple. But a war cannot be made popular by calling it a dollar war. In order to make it popular, it is neces-and Queen have invited their dis-crowned Russian cousins to come here sary to make a hypocritical pretense that there is a great principle back of it. Therefore, the hypocritical pretense is made misinterpreting entirely the feelings that it is a war for the fundamentals of civilization and democracy. It is the sheerest sham. It is a falsehood manufactured ness. It is the general opinion that out of the whole cloth.

I hope the war may put an end to kaiserism, but that is not the object. I am glad the war put an end to czarism, at least temporarily and I hope permanently, but that was not the object statement in this week's "New Euroon either side. It was one of the unforeseen incidental effects.

I hope the war may put an end to kingism in England, to kingism

The influence of the Court is also in Italy, to emperorism in Austria, to mikadoism in Japan, to nearly always injurious in domestic sultanism in Turkey, and to one man rule in the foreign relations of the United States, but these are not the objects of any nation engaged in the war. Commercial supremacy is the object.

What is more important, however, is the fact that any democracy worthy of the name must include industrial democracy. None of the nations involved in the war have even political democracy, much less industrial democracy. In all of them, capitalism, based on private profit, is the industrial system in vogue. The masses of the people have no voice in industry. They are dependent upon the private owners of the industries for an opportunity to earn a living. The private owners of the industries exploit them out of most of their earnings. Under a genuine democracy, the exploiting industries will be collectively owned and operated. All the people will have an equal voice in them. They will be run for the benefit of all the people, instead of being political outlet to the economic and run for the benefit of the few as they are now.

Do the war fans of the United States stand for this genuine

On the contrary, they are strenuously opposed to it. They oppose Socialism at every turn. The same is true of all of our

Furthermore, none of them have even political democracy. Concerning England, not to mention her treatment of Ireland, or any of the other minus features, just before the war broke out England was forcibly feeding suffrage women, with the utmost fiendishness and brutality, because they wanted popular government in England. It ceased because the women ceased agitating for suffrage. The other allied nations in Europe, with the possible exception of France, do not even have as great a degree of political democracy as England. As for Japan, it is similar to and plutocracy must go by the board Germany, if not worse,

And how about the United States? Do we have popular government in this country? We have the shadow of political democracy, but not its reality. We have one man rule and secret diplomacy in our foreign relations. The president can and doe adopt a mistaken policy which lands the nation in war against its will. The congress can and does declare that a state of war exists, against the wishes of the people and in spite of their insistent demand for a referendum vote on the question. We do not have the initiative and referendum on any question, nationally, and for the most part we are also deprived of it statally and locally. We do not have the recall as to our national officials, and in general we are also deprived of it as to our state and local officials. We do not have proportional representation. We do not have equal suffrage for women, except in a minority of the states. We have the congress divided into two houses, obstructing the will of the people. Congress works under rules which are destructive of popular government. The president has the legal power to veto laws passed by congress. We do not have a president and vice-president elected by direct vote of the people. The national constitution can only be amended by approximately a three-fourths vote, and indirectly at that. The federal judges are not elected by the people. The courts have the usurped power to pass upon the constitutionality of laws and nullify the will of the people.

Does this look like political democracy?

Each of these items needs an entire article devoted to it. I will probably take up some of them in future articles.

If our war fans were in earnest in their desire to promote democracy, they would at once proceed to remedy these evils. But they are only shamming about democracy. It is a war for commercial supremacy.

GOOD rule to remember is never to hit if it is possible to avoid it; but above all things never hit soft." This is a true sentiment, falsely applied.

It takes it for granted that it was not possible for us to avoid hitting. At another point he speaks about Americans having been killed, on the high seas, but says nothing about the commercial greed of our capitalists, which caused it.

The attitude of the United States during the European war has been depraved and contemptible from the beginning. At the very opening of the war, before anyone knew what nations would become involved in it, and before anyone knew what nations might or might not be able to purchase in the markets of the United States, our country should have declared a complete embargo upon all shipments to the belligerent countries. Having failed to do it then, it should have done it later. By failing to do this, we became accomplices in the slaughter of millions of men, and we deliberately permitted our capitalists to use the European tragedy for the purpose of making gigantic fortunes. Thus we fell to the lowest moral depth. Our conscience is clotted with human blood. To try to condone the offense by appealing to the mere letter of international law is shameless. As the Bible most truly says, "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." Had we lived up to the spirit of righteousness, no Americans would have been killed. Having been killed, we should be manly enough to lay the blame where it belongs-on ourselves. There is neither justification nor excuse for war

UR children will have to read the history of what we have done during this war."
Unfortunately, yes.

I do not know of any way in which we can prevent it. I am in favor of putiless publicity. We cannot well expunge it from the histories.

But, let us hope that the histories will also contain an account of the fact that the Socialists took a courageous stand against warring for com-mercial supremacy. Let them know that we Socialists stood for genuine democracy, both political and industrial. Let them know that we stood for the abolition of the causes of war. Let them know that we stood for a federated world and the brotherhood of man. Then they will be proud, not try has escaped the toils of the in-

Hyndman Writes On Need For British Republic

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The Russian revolution and the prospect of the immediate establish-ment of a Russian republic, has given rise to an enthusiastic discussion of a republican form of Government in England. H. G. Wells

By H. M. HYNDMAN.

"Why not a United States of Great Britain and the Colonies?" "Why not

Our Royal Family has never been anything more than a convenient semi-monarchical compromise with men and women of German origin termarriage. The drawbacks to the whole arrangement have, thruout, been many and great: the advantages, owadays, are very difficult to descry Close domestic relations between our own Court and the Royal Families of one critical period in our history. Certainly, at this moment, if the King hould they leave Russia, they are of us common Englishmen.

Then there is that ugly Greek busi-King George and Queen Mary acted with the ejected Romanoffs in upholding the despot King Constantine of Greece against the Greek people and their leader Venizelos—whose calm

No Enthusiasm For Monarchy. Happily, it would be very easy to establish a British Republic, if the present Royalties were handsomely lealt with. There is no enthusiasm vhatever for Monarchy as Monarchy n the United Kingdom to-day: there will probably be less than no enthus iasm to-morrow. The old objections to Republicanism have quite died down. cannot imagine anyone sacrificing timself or herself to safeguard the Crown. Apathy is more fatal to Monarchy than enmity. But this is no mere theoretic state-

nent. Nothing short of a Republic of a completely democratic character can give a safe and constitutional social demands of our people; can ef-fectively organize the Federated call. Labor and Socialist Commonwealths of Great Britain and the Colonies; can beneficially relieve these United Commonwealths from the incubus of ndian misrule; or can bring us into ine with out real Allies in foreign affairs-the Sister Republics of other

Social-Democrats are and always nust be Republicans. But they, of ecessity, regard political forms as mere instruments, and therefore of far inferior importance to the vigorous assertion of social demands. If profiteering and wage-slavery are overthrown, then both aristocracy and, with them, Monarchy, in any shape, will speedily disappear.

Wants Democratic Republic.

I advocate the immediate recognition of a democratic, not a plutocratic, Republic of Great Britain, as an indispensable step towards our national emancipation. Monarchy, aristocracy plutocracy, if maintained in the com-Monarchy, aristocracy, ing time, must lead to sheer anarchy. The wholesale imbecility and worse displayed by ALL of these in war cannot be regarded as any qualification for conducting reorganization in peace.

say such harmful triflers with the welfare of the nation, workers and wage-earners are ignorant, as you yourself confess; would you entrust them with the building up of the new order?" Certainly. They could not by any posibility do worse than the governing lass has done.

YEARING CONTINUES FIGHT. dvantage of the absence of some of of every other member of the faculty, Nearing's friends are waiting for the next meeting of the University organized Denver, Col., league and intrustees when there will be a full attendance, and there is but little doubt

ers in his neighborhood have been into his home, and it is said to be imwith his home, the line is always busy, disconnected, out of order, or "they don't answer". Two halls have already een closed against the meetings of the "American Union Against Militarism" of which Nearing is the local head, yet other meetings being planned that will put the crimp

man fried potatoes", had to be taken home in an ambulance after the patriots got thru with him. Whereupon we may be sure that our coun-

"The Quick And The Dead"



ERE IS a caricature of the two conventions recently held at St. Louis, Mo., that of the Socialist Party and the Progressive Party, that ap-These conventions were held on the same floor at the Planters Hotel and the artist seems to have gotten the basic idea that the Socialists are

a live, fighting bunch, while the Progressives are indulging in a Rip van Winkle sleep. This cartoon made a hit with all of the delegates that saw it and we reproduce it here by request.

W. P. Boland, one of the delegates to the Progressive Party convention,

seems to have been very favorably impressed with the Socialist convention He is quoted in his home paper, The Scranton, Pa., Times, as follows: They were the smartest, most fearless lot of men I have ever seen.

have seen some gatherings and hard a lot of fine debaters and all that but never heard such arguments as those Socialists put up; and mind you, they presented their arguments in such a way that they were unanswerable".

The Scranton Socialists ought to get busy and enroll this progressive in the Party.

Activity Of Young Hopeful Sign Of Socialist Advance

One of the most hopeful signs of the Socialist Party's progress is shown in the activity of the Young People's in acting upon my report to the Con-Socialist League ot the recent National Convention. The St. Louis branches of the Yipsels did all they could to make things run smoothly, and they surely did succeed. On the night previous to the Convention's opening the two leagues held a joint meeting in which all errangements for Convention Week were gone over in detail. Friday morning had found a reception committee forty strong to greet me at the station, many of the lower and winds playing healty from the party, that the present shortage of go reading matter for the young be pointed on the lower general distribution of literature in the party, that the present shortage of go reading matter for the young be pointed on the lower general distribution of literature in the party that the present shortage of go. boys and girls playing hookey from work for an hour or two in order to make the trip. Saturday morning witnessed the opening of the Convention, and they were again on deck. For two weeks previous they had been the most ardent helpers of Convention Manager Frank P. O'Hare, and all during the gathering they were on the job as typists, clerks and messenger boys. It is interesting to note that most of the messenger "boys" were Yipsel girls, who perched up behind the chairman's table ready to

Make Hit At Big Meeting.

Saturday night saw our young comrades, a hundred strong, taking com-plete charge of the detail work at the two big meetings held in the Odeon Theatre. They served as ushers, for every seat in the house was sold in advance, and took up a collection, pledge cards and applications for membership. Just about in the middle of things they all marched, arm in arm, down the centre aisle of the big house and let loose their Yispel yells. The girls were dressed in costumes of all nations, and on the whole, they were the hit of the show.

Sunday was banquet night, and of course we were there. We hade made telling people not to join our organ- convention. ization.

Party there; S. Bonnivie, of Everett, that no efforts are being spared to make life decidedly uncomfortable for the professor. Several grocery leaves in his said by people on the scene falo, N. Y., and old young Joe Coldwell, an honorary member of the Providence, R. I., tribe.

gated Yipsels and visitors and drew fluenced to refuse to deliver anything up resolutions and other matters for to his home, and it is said to be im the league. The following resolution possible to get telephone connections was adopted by the Convention on the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee without a dissenting vote:

RESOLUTION ON Y. P. S. L. WHEREAS, it has been clearly shown that one of the most fertile and promising fields of socialist propaganda lies among the youth of the working class, since their minds are less hampered by prejudice and ignorance; and once brought into our movement their longer potential period of service makes them of greater value to us than any others, and whereas it has been shown that the into the jingoes' activities in Toledo. A High School debate and a post card referendum on militarism will effectively show the oposition of the school children, and Nearing is keeping up the right without any sign of let up.

POT ROAST IS PATRIOTIC.

Practically every restaurant and lunch room along West Madison St., Chicago, has had a job for a show card writer during the past week. They have been busy changing the name of that good old staple dish "German Pot Roast and Mashed—" to a more patriotic "American Pot Roast". Onegmisguided individual who had the temerity to ask, as he has been doing all his life time, for "German fried potatoes", had to be taken in every way the organization and mainten.

RESOLVED, that we urge every local of our Party to do its best to help and encourage in every way the organization and maintenance of such Y. P. S. L., that we impress upon our writers, editors, organizers, and other officers, the need of helping along this movement, and be it finally,

The Organization Committee also in acting upon my report to the Convention, it adopted the following as a part of its report: YOUNG SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION. We urge all comrades and all locals thruch the nation to give every aid and encourage

the Party, that the present shortage of good reading matter for the young be pointed out to our writers and educators, and that the Socialist Press generally be asked to give publicity to matter helpful to this cause.

2.—That young party members be strongly urged to get in the Young People's Organization, thus forming the backbone of a worthwhile body to which many other young people will be attracted, and thru it interested in the principles of socialism.

3.—That every local elect one capable comrade who takes real interest in this matter to take the work in hand immediately, to start a Y. P. S. L. where none as yet exists and to encourage and assist in those that have already been formed. In this work it is recommended tht there be close co-operation with the Young People's Department of the National Office, which is in position to supply all necessary information and material.

4.—That all state organizers, secretaries, and speakers be urged to give their attention to this promptly.

5.—That after young socialist organizations are started there should be the closest co-operation between the old organization and the young. Some provision should be made to have the young participate in every activity, as has been the case in this convention where the ushers, messengers, and other necessary detail workers are furnished by the Y. P. S. L. We urge all locals to take this action at the earliest possible time. To reach the young is our immediate concern, and we should leave no stone unturned to aid in building up a strong movement of young people thruout the nation.

Triumph For Young People.

Triumph For Young People Besides these two committees I appeared before the Constitution Committee and asked them to insert a recommendation to give the Y. P. S. L. fraternal representation at all Con-ventions and State Secretaries' Con-to insure the carriage of even in international thuggery and crooked ferences on the same basis accorded foodstuffs from one point in the ness with respect to Central and South secret arrangements to have a special to the Foreign Language Federations. United States to another. On yell for each speaker, but the Yipsels This was adopted by the convention. Said "Nothing doing" until they had I also appeared on behalf of the Y.

United States to another. On the one hand the Government modernization of the Monroe Doctrine. cleaned up every bit of ice cream that P. S. L. before the Committee on has sent men out to stimulate was left from the big feed. Then they War and Militarism and urged oppoting the farmers of the South to were happy and contended and went sition against any form of military to their places. The yells were a big training in schools. Boy Scout activisuccess, and not a single speaker got ty, or legislation that will make the away without suffering from a tri- boys and girls of to-day pay the price on railroad trains to bring in "it means that you stand behind the to their places. The yells were a big training in schools. Boy Scout activibute from our lusty lungs. When it of the cowardly crookedness of their food and feed from the north and President in everything he does, right became my painful duty to conclude elders among the high and mighty. west, and on the other, thru the or wrong". e program with a talk on the Y. P. The gist of this request was embodied L. I took up my three minutes in in the war program adopted by the lling people not to join our organ-convention.

Whereupon five boys promptly reduced to salute the flag. They were doing nothing but "confer" with suspended for the rest of the term.

reasons why the older Socialists a triumph for our young socialist or-should oppose the Y. P. S. L.: first, ganization. Not a word of criticism or pecause Yipsels make too much noise; fault finding was breathed by anyone, second, because they live longer than and the older comrades, very many of old people; third, because they practice as well as preach equality of boy look to this young movement to build and girl—man and woman—in all they the Party up to the position that it do The Convention did not take my ad- even as humanity looks to the sun-Altho the Board of Trustees, taking the proceedings there was always a they look in vain? Your work in the warm spot in the comrades' hearts past two years or more has been its members who are friendly to the for the Yipsels. Quite a number of splendid—keep it up and improve fighting professor, decided not to re- the delegates were connected up with upon it. If you have a league in your employ him by a vote of 4 to 3, while the Y. P. S. L. themselves and this city, build it up and extend it; if you at the same time increasing the pay may account for something. There haven't, then start one at once. The was Axel Berggren, a regular mem- National Office is prepared to give all the matter is not yet closed. Even the plute sheets have to admit this. Nearing's friends are waiting for the Chicago; Jennie McGehe, of the newly ment until it is the glory and pride of every Socialist the world overcidentally State Secretary of the with your continued loyalty and cooperation I do not fear but that we will carry out our trust.

> MILLION ATTEND FUNERAL OF RUSSIAN REVOLUTION'S DEAD

A national public funeral was accorded to 180 of those who fell in Petrograd during the short struggle for the overthrow of the Romanoffs. They were buried in a "Brothers' grave" in the Marsovoe Pole, not far from the Neva, opposite the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul. Nearly a

The white slave traffic is rooted in the capitalist system, the same system in which all traffic in human RESOLVED, that the National Executive committee be instructed to further this most life and freedom has its foundation.

Protect People Not Aim

By LUCIEN SAINT. WASHINGTON.—We are at war. We have a Council of National Defense, charged with the duty of taking steps to Published every Saturday by the Socialist Party National Office, 803 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. protect the nation and its peo-

Why does not this Council whose powers are almost unlimited, at once seize the transportation facilities and run them in the interest of the people? in private hands, begging for higher rates, and why are the also left in private hands?

The answer is simple: They have their own men on the Council of National Defense!

"Interests" Protected.

Their names are: Walter S. Gifford, chairman Council. And:

the transportation committee of the hour. Is there any truth in the Council.

WILLARD is still President of the Baltimore & Ohio Rail ·oad.

What do you know about THAT!

Both these gentlemen are on record as opposed to Government President Wilson severely criticized ownership. Willard has con- the German government for not givsistently opposed it. Gifford has ing its peace terms with sufficient consistently opposed it. The Tele-have not yet seen any American peace phone Corporation, the great terms, so hasten to suggest the folmonopoly which charged higher lowing. Since Wall Street dictated that this war should be declared, it is similar corporation in the world has for years conducted a campaign against the bill fathered by David J. Lewis to socialize demand, first, that the Kaiser and the the wire sytems of the United that his place be filled by a Governor States. The united railroads General nominated by the President shriek in despair whenever So- of the United States, and ratified by

may change their tunes when of all war loans made to Great Britain necessity pinches and when and her allies by this government, public opinion, if not stifled by there be surrendered to this governthe so-called spy or espionage ment complete ownership of the Bribill, finally drives them from their cover. Here's hoping that the British Navy.

That in conjunction with French, they show no open signs there- English, and Japanese capitalists our

The railroads, in this alleged crisis, have absolutely broken and other backward countries.

That the United States be guarandown. They have not the cars teed a full an unrestricted monopoly grow enough food so that the High School lectured to his charges on I said that there are three Taken all in all this convention was the railroad men about readditions. Why not cut the Gor-

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over-take them over, and, Why are the railroads still left while taking them, also as a war measure, seize the billions of dollars worth of land which the telephone and telegraph systems Government gave the roads years ago as a subsidy? Tax Necessities.

> Instead we must be taxed on our bread, butter, tea, coffee and amusements. There's patriotism for you.

If there is patriotism in the of the advisory council of the railroads, we have yet to see it. America awake and America Daniel Willard, chairman of efficient are the watchwords of us? Is it all a humbug? Are we GIFFORD left the payroll of to advance socially in the war, the American Telephone and or is the war merely an excuse Telegraph Company to take this for continuing a lot of nice old

Your guess is as good as mine.

Appropriate Suggestion For U.S. Peace Terms

While proposing his sensational peace" parley some few months ago, no more than right that Wall Street be favored in its ending.
"Peace Terms of the U. S. A."

This being a war for democracy we cialism or socialization is men- the Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange.

That one half of all German colonies May Change Tune.

Of course, these gentlemen and the other half to Great Britain. That in return for the cancellation

> "captains of industry" be given full permission to grab up all the natural resources of Russia, China, Africa,

> tish West Indies, a first mortgage on

WHY BOYS DIDN'T SALUTE. The principal of a Baltimore, Md

Whereupon five boys promptly re-

Child labor impeaches the brutal system that fosters it and thrives upon it and sooner or later that sys-

every man and woman who reads this paper. Capitalism has proved a failure in these times of stress. The warring nations have been "sozialize" their industries in order to meet increased demands. The old argument that co-operative enterprise is less efficient than private enterprise has been answered in the test of ex-

After the war will come the period of reconstruction, when the fight between the profit system and industrial democracy will be on in earnest. Are we prepared? Remember, Comrades, under the present system the workers use only their hands; under the new system they must use their heads as well as their hands. That is why the People's College was founded three years ago.

GIVE YOUR HANDS A HEAD

Education is Labor's only road to freedom. Why not study law? It will develop your reasoning powers, broaden your vision, give you a firmer grip on life. Working-class lawyers are in demand, and the demand is growing. Our students are passing better bar examinations than many university graduates. We have a Combination Law Course which includes Public Speaking and Language. Write for our free booklet, The Law and the People.

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Putting It Over

There are daily confessions on the part of the national government that the people do not want this war.

One of the greatest of these is the fact that the secretary of the treasury was voted \$12,-000,000 expense money to sell that seven billion dollar bond issue.

This is more money than is appropriated annually to run the entire treasury department of the nation. It is twice as much as is usually appropriated to float bond issues. The cost of running the bureau of engraving and printing is only \$4,000.000.

It is taken for granted that these millions are to be spent for publicity purposes, to advertise this huge bond issue, to persuade the people to buy something they do not want.

In the debate on this huge slush fund in congress, it was brought out that the contract of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. with the allied countries may force the payment of \$100,000,000 to the Wall Street money king. The administration leaders did not deny that Morgan, without turning a finger, may collect this huge amount for allowing this country to lend its money to

No wonder the bankers of Wall Street were so anxious to have the United States get into this war. No wonder the people will be glad to get out of it when they learn the facts.

History Of "The Draft"

That the national administration is preparing stormy and riotous scenes for the nation, with the passage of selective conscription by congress, is the conclusion drawn from the enforcement of the draft during the Civil War. During the discussion of the conscription measure in congress the other day, Senator McKellar

"I have taken the trouble to examine into the success or failure of the draft plan, hoping to be able to give Senators some information as to the success or failure of the draft plan. I want very briefly to give the latest experience that this Nation has had with that plan.

"In 1863, when the Government of the United States was confronted with a situation of more extreme danger, perhaps, than it never had been confronted with before or ever will be again, the Congress of the United States passed what was known as the draft bill. Now, mind you, this Nation was then fighting for the Government's life when this draft plan was passed. Volunteers had not come forward in sufficient numbers, and it was sought to supplement and to strengthen the armed forces of the United States by a draft law. Such a law was not passed at the beginning of the war, as we propose here, to supplement and to strengthen the Army, but it was passed more than two years after the war began. What happened? Well, here is what happened in the first instance: There were 2,700,000 men, in round numbers, raised by the Union in the Civil War, of whom 2,657,000, to be absolutely accurate, were raised by volunteering and a paltry 43,000 were raised by draft—less than 3 per To be absolutely accurate, 2.3 per cent of the Union forces of the Civil War were raised by draft.

"What happened? I can not better be accurate about a thing like this than to read a very short excerpt from a report by Gov. Seymour, the then governor of New York, to his legislature on January 5, 1864. I quote from him accurately, as follows:

"'Like results are conspicuous in all parts of our State and in all sections of the country-in New England, Pennsylvania, and the West. The attempt to fill our armies by drafting was abortive. While it gave no useful result, it disturbed the public mind; it carried anxiety and perplexity into the workshops, the fields. and the homes of our citizens. It not only fails to fill our armies but it produces discontent in the service; it is opposed to the genius of our political system; it alienates our people from the Government; it is injurious to the industrial pursuits of the country

"Gen. Miles has also recently testified that while he was down on the front fighting for his country, after this draft law was passed he had to withdraw regiments of trained troops to be sent back to New York and to other places to quell the riots that had been brought about by this undemocratic draft measure. That is the history of the draft in this country.'

London Explains Vote

Socialist Congressman Meyer London explained his vote on the seven billion war bond issue in his speech before congress on the conscription act. He said: "I voted against the war resolution. I would vote against it today, in spite of the press, and in spite of

the whole world, if my vote was the only vote; and I would vote today for the revocation of that resolution. "I did not vote, however, against the bond issue for the simple reason that my sympathies are in the main with the cause of the allies, and I believe that we should render them every form of noncombatant aid. I do favor the loaning of billions of dollars, if necessary, to the allies.

Congressman London, therefore, indicates that he is not in sympathy with the declaration on war and militarism adopted at the St. Louis convention which branded the declaration of war by our government as, "A crime against the people of the United States and

against the nations of the world."
While London is in favor of loaning billions of dollars to aid the prosecution of the war, the St. Louis convention declared, "In support of capitalism, we will not willingly give a single life or a single dollar". Here is a chasm between the Socialist Party and its lone elected representative in congress that must be bridged if we are to have unity of ideas in the Socialist Party to fight the war.

Liebknecht

By ELLIS B. HARRIS.

O'er the dross of war there teems Your heart for humanity: O'er the war lord's insane schemes Lives your mind of sanity; From the miseries your voice Rings out Truth in purity:
"FELLOWSHIP!" a true man's choice, For the world's security.

Scorning gods, that MAN may make Earth a joy, love laboring, Not a realm for thieves to take Life from workers neighboring; Not to bend the knee to mites. Deafly, blindly blundering, Shameless, heartless parasites. Boasting of their plundering.

Damned be ezars and damned be kings; Prostitutes of press and bar: Pulpiteers-all creeping thingso he spits you where you are; Hypocrites that pray and sack, ongues for Christ and fangs for lust,

Tearing, rending, wolfish pack, Trampling ethics in the dust.

biebknecht, the superman, Guiltless of a nations dead, Seeking doubter, that I am. Gill your Spirit lifts my head; And I reach my head to choose— Not a war lord's hands of hell— But a comrade's, making shoes, Martvred in a prison cell.

We must fight for a free press in spite of the war. We must fight for the right of free assemblage in

We must fight against censorship of the mails in spite of the war.

We must fight military training and militaristic teaching in the public schools in spite of the war.

We must struggle for better conditions for the masses n spite of the war. We must fight compulsory arbitration and limitation

of the right to strike in spite of the war. Conscript wealth to pay for war and there will be

We must fight for the right of organization, industrial and political, in spite of the war.

We must continue our work of educating the masses in spite of the war.

We demand the restriction of food exports so long as the present shortage continues.

The working class press grows as its army of readers wins new recruits.

Conscription is to be found where a master class still rules over a slave class. Conscription has never been used by the army of progress. When a brain awakens to a new idea the

future immediately wins a willing volunteer. We demand the fixing of maximum food prices to prevent the food speculators from holding back the supplies now in their hands.

The danger of recurrence of war will exist as long as the capitalistic system of industry remains in existence

The end of wars will come with the establishment of socialized industry and industrial democracy the world

Help bring into the world a new society in which peace, fraternity and human brotherhood will be the dominant ideals

The freedom of the press is one of the bulwarks of liberty and can never be restrained but by DESPOTIC GOVERNMENT.—Virginia Bill of Rights, 1776.

Conscription by the nation of the big industries needed to supply our daily needs would be extremely popular with about 90 per cent of the people.

Conscription of the privately owned, nationalized industries would merely be taking back in time of need what was stolen from us during the reign of greed.

Conscription is a brand of force used by the powers of reaction to compel us all to fight for what we don't want against what we do want.

Conscription is the 20th century substitute for the whips and scorpions used by the masters thousands of years ago to drive their slaves into battle.

Conscription was put to a vote of the people in Australia and overwhelmingly defeated. Australia has a right to be called a free country. Conscription would be defeated by a referendum vote

in the United States because the majority of people in this nation are opposed to the rule of the many by We demand the socialization and democratic manage-

ment of the great industries concerned with the production, transportation, storage, and the marketing of food and the other necessities of life.

Twenty well-known Americans have signed a roundrobin to President Wilson urging him to give out a statement reminding the country that the historic rights of free speech, free press and rights of assemblage should not be jeopardized at this time thru the too zealous spread of burenucratic laws and of official activities. Let us hope this helps.

An Inspiration

One of the big events of this year's International Labor Day is the celebration by the Jewish Daily For-ward, of New York City, of its Twentieth Anniversary.

The Forward, speaking for the Socialist Party and the trade unions, is the largest Jewish paper in the world. It has reached this enviable position, an inspiration to all of us, after years of intense struggle and supreme sacrifice.

The readers of the Forward are to be found in every state of the nation, and its jubilee will be unique in that it will be celebrated with great mass meetings, starting at New York City, at the monster Hippodrome, and continuing westward for more than a month, the last being held in San Francisco.

The jubilee number of the Forward contained 100 pages of interesting reading. The proceeds from this issue will go to the Jewish War Sufferers Fund.

It has taken years of hard work to build and strengthen this working class weapon. Its circulation and advertising now make it an asset to the working class movement. Instead of requiring added sacrifice it now gives aid to the struggle from its own resources. May the Socialist dailies in other languages soon occupy the same enviable position.

Root To Russia

Elihu Root, the mouthpiece of Wall Street, has been chosen by President Wilson to head the American commission going to Russia.

Don't blame the Russians, therefore, if they look with suspicion and distrust upon all the capitalistminded members of the commission, especially as there will not be one representative of the working class of America on this body.

It was Root that not long ago offered an amendement to an immigration bill in congress that would have kept Russian revolutionists out of this country.

The persecutor of Rudowitz and Pouren as bearer of the warm message of congratulations and thanksgiving to the emancipated victims of Muscovite auto-

The man who more than any other has sought to bar the entrance of Russian political refugees into the United States to carry our Godspeed to the men who now come out of the salt mines of Siberia!

It was an American college professor, representing the United States government, that joined in the effort to overthrow the Chinese republic and restore the dethroned emperor.

Root may not plot to restore the Romanoffs, but he will certainly do his best to put big business in the saddle in Russia, just as he has done in this country. Our warning is, "Russians, beware!"

Last Of The Kings

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL

The two great, overspiring high lights in the story of democracy are the invention of printing, which began to democratize learning, and the fall of the bastile, which began to put the kibosh on the king idea. Since these lights began to shine, first one and then the other, the human mind has gone forward faster than in all the rest of recorded history together. But all of these transformations, even these, will not be so great as we shall see at the end of this war. For now it is certain that this war is to end right, the last mouldy, old king is to be pushed from the last mouldy, old throne, and around this world there will be no power acknowledged but the power of the people.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max 5. Hayes.

FTER 12,000 miners in Colorado had been granted an increase of 10 per cent in wages by independent and union operators controlling 22 mines, about which nothing was mentioned in the newspapers, the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., (Rockefeller) interests came along and also conceded 10 per cent advance to 6,000 employes, and, of course this "voluntary" act on the part of the pious plutes was duly chronicled far and wide. The advance can not be credited to anything done by the peculiar Rockefeller "union". As usual, the real union and independent mines set the pace, and then the benevolent Rockefeller fell in line without con-sulting his "union" for fear that he become a target for more public ridicule and it was also probable that he would lose some of the miners, who would naturally be attracted to other camps where the highest wages are paid irrespective of any welfare schemes that might be in operation to hold them to their John D., jr., has lately been scattering another pamphlet over the country explaining how he is solving the labor problem by giving personal attention to the welfare of employes. but this bunk repetition has received little attention at the hands of the plute organs, which in itself is rather wonderful and can only be explained by the fact that war stuff now monopolizes the space of the dailies. John D's latest outburst was doubtless occasioned by the reported disintegra-tion of his miner's "union" in Col-

HE NATIONAL Association of Manufacturers was quick to take advantage of the patriotic appeal made by the Council of National Defense that present working conditions be not disturbed by labor and capital and that labor laws be suspended during the period of the war under certain circumstances. The N. A. M. branches in a number of places, doubtless tipped off to do so by the labor-hating national officials -are resoluting quite diligently in favor of abrogating and setting aside protective legislation that the workers have gained only after years of struggle and great sacrifice. capitalists, as always, want more work and less pay, and their sinister schemes are shrewdly cloaked patriotic phrases and considerable flag-flapping. Wages are to stand still or be pushed downward, but the machinery is to be speeded up and prices of the necessaries of life continue to soar. It is impossible to foresee just yet whether European industrial conditions will be transplanted to American soil in the name of patriotism. The big capitalists would have it so, and it remains to be determined whether the masses of workers will subscribe to the reactionary program. No union has gone on record in favor of surrendering anything that has been gained as far as we are able to learn, and we hope the scheme will be resisted to the limit.

NOT ONLY has the New York Legislature established a State constabulary and the Pennsylvania Legislature materially increased its notorious corps of strikebreakers, but the news comes that the State Legislatures of Massachusetts and California have also passed bills to create Constabularies. In every instance Big Biz was behind the move, making the appeal that on account of the war the militia could not be depended upon to suppress riot, insurrection, etc. favorite argument to swing the backwoods legislators was that a state police force was needed to patrol the rural districts in order to protect the farmers, altho there is no instance on record where such a policy was followed in Pennsylvania, where the Constabulary — or Cossacks, as they are more familiarly knownhave been in existence for some years. On the contrary, the State police have been used almost exclusively in mining and manufacturing centers to overcome and discourage strikers, and the most tyrannical methods have been employed on such occasions.

THE anthracite miners are not impressed with the advice of the Council of National Defense that no changes be made in working conditions during the period of the war. About 175,000 of the men filed a demand upon the operators this week that they want an increase in wages of 20 per cent now, as they have no means of knowing how long the war will last, and, besides, the prices of flour, meat, sugar and everything else they need in their homes have been shooting skyward so rapidly that they cannot subsist by eating advice. The poor coal barons, who have fairly reveled in profiteering graft during the past winter, calmly announce that if they are compelled to pay more wages they will add 50 cents a ton to coal. Then, after further bickering, the operators granted the 20 per cent raise.

HUNDRED New York City police have been sent to Syracuse for the purpose of learning to operate machine guns in the factory where they are manufactured. This move is doubtless part of the "preparedness' plan that has been under consideration in Wall Street to expel the Gerwhen they capture Coney Island. Then, again, it may be a little precautionary measure in anticipation of outbreaks among the hungry to learn to feed them on a lead diet.

THE BILL to increase the Pennsylvania Cossacks by 100 men and double the salary of the able commander, who has succeeded in smashing about every strike into which his troops have been called, was jammed thru the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The cry went forth that if the militia is sent into the war the State will be left unprotected to deal with the "internal foe," by which is probably meant the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia millionaires.

Wisconsin Jingoes Expel Socialist State Senator

ADISON, Wis .- Frank Raguse, Socialist state senator in the Wisconsin legislature, has been expelled by the senate for alleged disloyal and unpatriotic remarks. He is, therefore, the first Socialist official in the United States to suffer

from the jingo hysteria now sweeping the nation. Wisconsin Socialists, however, are planning to throw their entire strength into a campaign for the re-election of Raguse by an overwhelming

The only ones voting with Raguse against his expulsion were his Socialist colleagues Zumach and Arnold

majority.

also from Milwaukee. The vote of expulsion followed Raguse's refusal to sign a retraction of his remarks drawn up by the old

party senators. Vote After Short Debate.

The resolution was passed after a half hour's consideration in open session. It had been preceded by secret conferences of the senate at which the action was agreed on.

Senator Arnold attempted to get delay to afford Raguse an opportun-ity to prepare a defense, and appear tion—something that frequently hapeither by himself or counsel, but the motion was defeated.

Raguse Issues Challenge. Just before the final vote was taken Raguse addressed the senate briefly.

Raguse spoke as follows:

Before the motion is put—before I am expelled—I just want to make a few remarks. If this senate does not understand the remarks that I have made, my constituents back home and the people that I represent do understand me, and I want to tell this senate that when the special election is ordered I am going to trun for re-election, and I am going to be right back here. You can expel me if you wish, but I am going to come back. I am going to come back stronger than I came the first time. You are about to expel me now on a trumped up charge. There was nobody to take down the statements that I made here on that evening. The statements in the resolution received here tonight are false and misleading. They are not true, and I can not see how anyone with a fair mind can vote for a resolution of this kind. I wish further to say that in order to prove my loyalty to my country—now that I will have quite a little spare time—that I will challenge any senator here, of those that are healthy and good looking, to enlist with me in the United States army and fight for the country the way they should. That is all I have to say.

Charges of Senate. Raguse spoke as follows:

Charges of Senate.

I would like to inquire from the senator from the Fourth what he meant the other day when this resolution (providing for the distribution of the president's message) was the beautiful that he would the provident to the providen day when this resolution (providing for the distribution of the president's message) was being discussed when he said that he would spend \$1,000,000 for patriotism. Did he mean that he would blow up another Maine? As I understand it, the Maine was blown up from the inside for the purpose of creating so-called patriotism. It seems that patriotism can be created in two ways—by the destruction of property or by the destruction of lives. f lives.
I had a brother in the Spanish-American I had a brother in the Spanish-American war that came back with fever, and I remember that after that war the president (William McKinley) was walking, up and down on velvet carpets in his palace, surrounded by silks and satins, while some poor fellow who lost his leg in that war was out in the woods cutting down a tree to make himself a wooden leg. It is no wonder you do not have any patriotism. It seems even blowing up the Lusitania did not even make the people patriotic. How can a man have any patriotism when he does not have any land? I claim that unless a man has land he has not got any country, and I am one of those who doesn't own any land. Eighty-five per cent of the people of this country have no land, and what we ought to do to make patriotism is to find some way to get them some land. You never can do it by passing resolutions like this.

As Raguse passed out of the senate

As Raguse passed out of the senate brick. Te threw it awkwardly, but, be chamber, after having been expelled,

he remarked smilingly: "That's the way a fellow gets it. Railroaded! Just the same as many a defenseless man has been railroaded to the penitentiary. Well, I'll be back fellows are forgotten.'

senate works is sometimes remark- vention and the alternative proposiable. It took the senate five days, tion submitted by the minority. This Feb. 9 to Feb. 14, to decide whether minority proposition was published or not it would indorse the president in the April 21st issue of The Ameriof the United States, and finally con-cluded by indorsing only the "govern-ment," without any reference to Pres-those submitting it. The names of those submitting this minority propident Wilson.

It took the senate 20 days, March order of the convention, as follws: 2, to March 22, to decide whether or not it would condemn La Follete for Wis.; Job Harriman, Cal.; J. Mahlor his vote on the armed ship bill and Barnes, Pa.; Gco. H. Goebel, N. J.;

president's message, but it took less E. F. Atwood, So. Dak.; J. R. Catton than an hour in the open session of So. Dak.; C. B. Russell, Okla.; J. M. the senate from the time the charges liverson, So. Dak.; W. P. Butler, So. were presented to the time the final Dak.; L. C. Thompson, Okla.; S. W.

There will be one less vote for every child, So. Dak.; Walter Thomas Mills remaining bill in the interest of labor. Cal.; C. T. Stony, Utah; Elda B. Con-There will be one less vecte for every bill for public ownership of the ne-bill for public ownership of the necessities of life. There will be one Raoul Millis, Ga.; C. F. Bowman, Ia.; less vote on the right side of the record on all bills of benefit or injury to the working class.

Harold Metcalf, Ia.; A. T. Jones, Okla.; Robert Bueck, Wis.; Cory Davenport, Ariz.; W. R. Gaylord, jury to the working class.

KAISER IS SAVED.

Columns of space are given in the Chicago daily papers to an attempt by a rabid Bohemian nationalist, V. A. Geringer, editor of the daily Svornost, to have the Board of Education's school and the state of the daily of the daily Svornost, to have the Board of Education's school and the state of the school and tee order a page torn out of every John C. Kennedy, Ill.; A. H. Strobell, spelling book used in the Chicago Schools. The objectionable page concation's school management committains some references to the Kaiser with which the patriot was not in agreement. Because the committee Merida, Yucatan, has been nominated declined to make any changes until as candidate for Governor of that few weeks, Geringer told that com-

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He Meant Well

NOTE.—This editorial was published in The Milwaukee Leader before the Wisconsin state enate took its action expelling the Socialist

During the discussion in the state senate of Wisconsin of the Wilcox resolution for printing and distributing 50,000 copies of President Wilson's war message, Socialist Senator Raguse made the remark that "patriotism can be created only in two ways, by destroying property or destroying lives." And he added that "I have been given to understand that the Maine was blown up from tion-something that frequently happens to warships which carry im-mense amounts of coal and other combustible material. And that report is probably what Raguse had in mind.

As to patriotism-everybody knows the sentence of Samuel Johnson: "Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel, sir."

It would not be hard for Senator Raguse to show that President Mc-Kinley was very much opposed to the Spanish war-and so was Mark Hanna for that matter. Moreover, how the Spanish-American war was begun and why—a war which, by the way, was just and humane and a kindergarten affair, compared with the present mass murder, for which we have no excuse whatsoever except Wall street.

But certain "patriots" in the Wisconsin senate who represent everything that is reactionary, rotten and vicious in Wisconsin politics made out high treason of the somewhat ungainly wording of Senator Raguse's The remarks charged to Raguse in statement. Raguse, one must know, the resolution passed by the senate is an honest union bricklayer journeyman—not a glib, crooked, thievish lawver.

Nevertheless, when Raguse found that his remarks had been misunderstood, he did all a man could do in such a case—he withdrew his statement.

These pat-riot-ic senators, how-ever, had evidently consulted their father confessors in the meantime, and had come to the conclusion that here was a chance to put a Socialist on the rack and roast him alive. They demanded all sorts of drastic measur es, threatened expulsion and severe public rebuke. In fact, between drinks some of them could see plainly-all the snakes that have been driven out of old Ireland by St. Patrick.
These "patriots" really should hold

their horses. The war will not last forever, and the most crooked and most stupid reactionaries will not always stay on top. A revolution is coming and, therefore, they had better read history.

The bricklayer Raguse threw a

Jabers, he meant well!

BALLOTS IN REFERENDUM ON WAR GO OUT THIS WEEK.

Ballots in the referendum on war and militarism, resulting from the achere as a senator when a lot of these tion taken by the St. Louis conven-Senate Speed Differs.

The speed with which the state the proclamation adopted by the conosition will apear on the ballot, by

nis vote on the armed snip bill and barnes, Pa.; Gco. H. Goebel, N. J.; finally concluded with another resolution to stand by the government without any reference to La Follete

It took the senate 13 days, April 11 to April 24, to decide whether or not it would print 50,000 copies of the president's message but it took less.

Barnes, Pa.; Gco. H. Goebel, N. J.; Anna A. Maley, Minn.; O. M. Wassing, Minn.; W. P. Collins, Col.; Frederick Krafft, N. J.; Murray E. King, Utah; W. H. Conley, Okla.; J. C. Duke, Va.; John Spargo, Vt.; Cameron H. King, Cal.; G. C. Porter, Neb.; vote was taken to expel a Socialist Sample, Okla.; J. A. Lewis, Okla.; member.

The seat-of Raguse is vacant. Ariz.; Clay Fulks, Ark.; Fred L. Fair-Wis.; Florence Wattles, Ind.; Walter J. Millard, Ky.; J. T. Cumbie, Okla. N. P. Nielsen, Wis.; E. L. Moore Kleihege, Kans.; Ella Baldwin, Kans.

the new text-boks would be out in a Mexican State to succeed Salvador Alvarado, according to advices to the mittee that they were traitors to Pan-American Federation of Labor their country. If everybody sustained conference committeee, and will probeverybody else's opinion as to who's ably be elected. Morales was elected who in the traitor line. there would not be many patriots left.

by the union of railroad workers as the nominee, and he has already been placed in the field as the candidate of the Socialist party. Two other parties undoubtedly will place his name on their tickets and his election is practically assured. As an organizer for the railroad workers' union, Morales has taken a leading part in the work of the revolution since Alvarado first marched into the State as the head of 10,000 Constitutionalist soldiers. It was at that time that Morales, with The Deputy Commissioner of South Carlos Loveira, who is a member of African Police, Col. Grav, voices his conviction that women are essential on the police force. He believes that in cases where women and girls are concerned women make decidedly the concerned women make decidedly the their interior destination from the best officials, not only gaining the confidence of the girl offenders, but being able to care for and advise them as way department of the State, in which position he has served with distinction.

Carlos Sastro Morales, Socialist, of

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While there has been a splendid interest shown by all of the leading leagues in this race there seems to be a slacking off on the part of some of the tail enders. All leagues are hereby warned that unless they make an earnest effort to better their standing from month to month they will be dropped from the contest. There must be a minimum gain of 2 points per month, and any league not coming up to this average for three consecutive months will be dropped from the contest. There is altogether too much work attached to supply any but those who are themselves working to make a success of it. Any league can make a minimum of four points per month simply by submitting answers to the questions sent out. That is the least that officers can do for their leagues.

GENERAL NOTES.

New Britain, Conn., is conducting try-outs for their big public Mock Trial.

Dayton, O., has already hit its summer stride. They meet early every Sunday morning and, weather permitting, go off on long hikes. Business and educational meetings are conducted in the open air, and the history of the league is being kept with a series of snapshots taken on these hikes.

Greenville, Pa., was somewhat handicapped all winter by the enthusiasm shown for basket-ball games, but now that the season is ended they are having better results. They will have charge of Children's Day and the annual Socialist Encampment at Conneaut Lake.

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The Indianapolis, Ind., Yipsels intended to go to a dance given by their comrades in Anderson, a nearby city. So they hired a big jitney bus and set out. But luck was against them and on the road they had four punctures—getting in to Anderson after midnight, after other visitors from Elwood and Alexandria had already gone home. They raided the head-quarters for dishes and rigged out a good supper. After a few dances they started homeward again and got back to Indianapolis at five in the morning.

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For the second time within a few monthone of our young comrades has won first place in the Los Angeles High School's oratorical contest with an oration on "Socialism". The topic was officially announced as "Health, Cleanliness, and Humanity" yet it was a scathing indictment of the present system brought right home to local conditions by means of apt local illustrations.

The gist of the argument was that at the Los Angeles city markets people were found hunting in the refuse and garbage for something to eat, even while the city was boastfully claiming to be one of the prettiest and most prosperous in the country. This is really the concern of everyone, for the health and cleanliness of humanity is involved when an economic system breaks down to this extent. The speech was very well received, and as already noted, became a prize winner.

STUDENTS OPPOSE DRILL.

Chicago has been seething with conflicting opinions on the value and advisability of military training in the high schools of the city. The evil was finally introduced as a voluntary measure. Captain Steever was detailed to put the system into every school, free rifles were provided by the U. S. Army, and the boys were told that if they could not afford to pay for their own uniforms they would be advanced the money -- and they would not need to worry about paying it back. Several of the managed to raise a company for drill purposes, some only a part of a company, yet there was one high school where not a single boy could be induced to volunteer for the training. This was the Tuley High School whose student body is made up largely, but not entirely, of work-

ng class boys and girls. When Captain Steever, Army's agent to introduce the system, appeared on the platform to explain the matter he was showered with pieces of chalk borrowed from class rooms for this purpose. He made a long talk, after complaining of his reception, but could not get a single recruit. He left in deep chagrin.

This was not the last of the inci-dent, however, nor will it be, for when the gymnasium teacher sent down to the Board of Education for some new equipment—dumb bells or Indian clubs they were—he was informed that if he didn't want any rifles he didn't need anything else. There is much dissatisfaction in other schools and considerable difficulty in compel-