# THE REVOLUTIONARY AGE

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEFENDING THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS

ISSUED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY (Majority Group)

UNITE!

WORKERS OF ALL

VOL. II — No. 20.

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1931

PRICE 5 CENTS

## WORKERS! FIGHT IMPERIALIST WA

## Unions, Plunder Workers

Crain Investigation Shows How Lanza, Union Boss, Kept Wages Low As Part of Racket Game

Fulton Fish Market for nearly ten tection of the docks and industrial years was told in the course of the peace." removal proceedings against District
Attorney Crain of this city who has
admitted "inability" to find any evidence of the existence and any such The facts elicited showed how hard hit are the rank and file union members by their leaders rack-eteering and "protection" activities.

The witnesses who testified-chief among them being Messrs. John W. Walker, of Middletown and Carmen, fish jobbers, and William F. Morgan, Jr., president of the Atlantic Fisheries Association-all declared that for about ten years or so they had been accustomed to pay regular week-ly, monthly or annual sums to officials of the United Sea Food Workers Union in order to obtain "protection" and "industrial peace". Charles F and "industrial peace". Charles F. Skillin, president and treasurer of the union, and Joseph S. Lanza, a delegate of the union, figured prominently in these proceedings. The fish dealers and the representatives of big [mportant Meeting April fish companies declared that by pay-ing these sums to the union officials they had insured themselves against broken windows, pilfering, thievery etc. as well as against "extortionate mage demands?" The employers association had even appointed a special 'labor committee" and established a special fund to deal with the union officials in order to "improve conditions in the market." The employers testifying expressed themselves "gentestifying expressed themselves "gen-rally satisfied" with the system!

The testimony of Mr. Walker, of Middletown and Carmen, was typi-among the workers. Some 1500 are now

versation?" (with Lanza). "It related to the question of the schemes. weekly salary of the men. I think

paying. He said he guessed he could MAX BERNSTEIN

## DIES IN L.A.

Militant N.Y. Worker Dead of Heart Disease; Devoted of Heart Disease; Devoted cessions to the bosses. The following are some quotations: "Everything which the Union can do and which the workers Communist Fighter

On Tuesday, April 7, Max Bernstein, which we have established must be main-well-known militant needle trades worker, tained." In another paragraph he is even died in Los Angeles of heart failure. His ready to lower the "standard of living;" death came as a severe shock to his he proposes: "At this time it would be friends and comrades with whom he had desirable (and if the employers had any

life, Comrade Bernstein was very active igators, so that actual facts might be es-in the local labor movement in which he tablished. From these facts conclusions was a prominent figure. Upon his arbecame active in the Socialist party and Ed.). in the trade union movement. In 1919. Communist Party. He was one of the first militants in Local 10, J.L.G.W.U., in New York. During the cloakmakers strike of 1926 he was an active fighter. framed-up and sent to prison for three years, of which he served ten months. Emerging from prison in 1928 he participated in the formation of the Needle lare: 40-hour, 5-day week and unemploy-Trade Workers Industrial Union ment insurance. The outstanding coun-But when the new sectarian policies were ter-demands of the bosses are: a cut in

introduced into the Communist Party and wages and reorganization. into the union, Comrade Bernstein, un-Party and from his post in the union. es but the workers must not be fooled by so able to tolerate them, resigned from the His prison term had undermined his them. It's acts that count and not words. health and he therefore went to Los Angeles in an attempt to recuperate. There he became active in the work of the Communist Party (Majority Group).

The National Council of the Commu nist Party (Majority Group) sent the following telegram to Los Angeles:

"A brave rank and filer has fallen. All workers, especially needle trades workers, mourn death of Comrade

A sensational story of racketeering agreed to take \$5,000. I thought that and corruption that has existed in was very reasonable to insure the pro-

Here the workers can see who pays the price of the racketeering activities of their union officials! Lanza received \$5,000-what for? For keeping wages of the workers down and for making the union act as policeman for the bosses. The \$5,000 Lanza got from Walker and the other thousands he and other crooked officials obtained were paid for not by the bosses but by the workers themselves-in the form of lower wages and worse conditions which they were forced to tolerate by the crooked union officials!

## **POCKETBOOKERS** HOLD MEET

15; Officials Try To Sell Out Workers

A very special membership meeting of the place of the the International Pocketbook Workers flowering youth Union will be held at Cooper Union, Wednesday, April 15 at 4 P. M.

At this meeting the officials will report on the conferences between the union and the manufacturers association con-

cal. We read in the full reports in fully unemployed with no immediate out-the New York Times: look for the better. The meager unemlook for the better. The meager unem-Then Mr. Clark proceeded to examine his witness. He began by asking him about the contracts his company makes biennially with the union. makes biennially with the union. who are still in shops, work on a part "What was the subject of the contine basis under the most vicious speed and

The union officials do nothing to com-I told him we could not afford to bat the bosses offensive. On the conpay larger salaries than we had been trary, they are cooperating with the bossfix it up. He wanted \$7,500 but the bosses how best to speed up the

Today, at a time when negotiaitions for new agreement are going on, Barnet Wolf, the "Socialist" manager of the nion, instead of mobilizing the workers, publishes an article in the last issue of the union journal under the instructive title: "Our Union Is Ready to Give Cooperation In View Of The Industrial De-In this article, before he is even asked, he proposes all kinds of concan do to see that our industry is carried on efficiently and without waste, hould be done, but the standard of living been working hard until the day of his far-sightedness, they would cooperate) to have an impartial and complete survey In Austria, where he lived his early made of our industry by competent investcould be drawn as to what should be done rival in the United States he immediately to remedy the situation" (our emphasis,

The workers are getting to realize that he went with the left wing to form the this article, as well as the articles by the lesser union officials, have done more harm to the union than anything else in

recent years. It is clear now, that the union officials In connection with this strike he was are not concerned in bettering the conditions of the workers and that the workers must be very much on the look-out. The outstanding demands of the union

There is no doubt that at this meeting

Bernstein, workingclass leader and revolutionist. Steeled in class struggle, prison did not stop him. The Communist Party (Majority Group)
mourns the untimely death of this
fighter, realizing that his life was an
inspiration for the workers struggle and for Communism."

## Probe Shows Rackets Destroy Appeal of the Communist Party (Majority Group) 340 WAGE-CUTS

AR is impending in all capitalist countries. Feverish preparations for the next was an ish preparations for the next war are going on.
The war plans of the capitalist call for the mobilization of the entire population for war. The new weapons of warfare, the harnessing of modern gigantic industry to war, the application of chemistry, the use of the submarine and airplane, have ended the separation of the military front from the civilian rear. In the coming world imperialist war the civilian population—men, women and children—will not escape the frightfulness and appalling destruction of the human slaughfulness and appalling destruction of the human slaugh-of a workers and farmers government can a Socialist ter-machine-modern warfare. Capitalism is preparing system of society be established that will free the workthe workers and

the world for a gory nightmare of carnage. It is preparing to satwith the blood of millions of workers and farmers. It is making ready for strewing the earth with the human carcasses of the toiling masses, their flesh to rot and their bones to be ground into mire, mud and stench of the battle fields of glory. It is planning already for maimed and the crippled, the shell-shocked and the rattled brain, the imbeciles, and the helpless that will return by the millions in

the farmers of

forth to the tune of victory, the waving of flags and the patriotic exultations of capitalist or a-

tors. This is what the capitalist are preparing for, an lably to the division of the capitalist world into hostile orgy of frightful mass destruction of human life and the product of human toil, widespread suffering, fear, hate, and deep sorrow for the toiling peoples of the

#### And What For?.

For what purpose? In whose interests and for whose profit? What have the millions of toilers who were saccians, the military commanders, the smug apologists, the rificed in the last World War gained? What have the

toiling masses who survived them gained?

Nothing but increased exploitation, misery, poverty and injustice. The slogans the appeals, the lofty promes and making all kinds of suggestions to ises of the capitalists of a better humanity, of peace, were mere bubbles that exploded with the war's The capitalists redivided the earth, sent the able bodied soldiers back to their toil, and continued to exact from human labor the profits that go to augment their fabulous fortunes.

#### The Fruits of War

Today there is widespread unemployment, wage cuts, starvation, bread lines, homeless men and women, privation and miscry thruout the United States and in all capitalist countries. These are the fruits of both victory and defeat from imperialist war for the toiling masses. Any attempt on the part of the workers and farmers to better their lot, any demand they make to share more equitably in the wealth they produce, any movement on the part of the toiling masses to organize in their own interests is crushed with ruthlessness by the use of civilian and military power on the part of the capitalist

camps and to imperialist world war.

Sailors! Soldiers! Marines! Workers and farmers! Men and Women! Organize, you who pay the price with death and suffering, to resist and fight imperialist war! We want no imperialist war to fatten the already over-stuffed pockets of the war profiteers! We went no imjournalists, ministers, to shroud themselves with decorations and glory based upon our butchery! We have no quarrel with our fellow-workers of other countries! We belong to one class and have the same interests to work and produce for our common good.

An Attack on the Soviet Union Is Being Planned!

The capitalist countries maintain a hostile attitude towards the one country where the toiling masses have thru a workers revolution, ousted their capitalist exploiters and rulers, and have taken the country, its vealth and industries into their own hands. The besses

fear the Workers and Farmers Republic because it is

a living example and an inspiration to the workers of all

capitalist countries that only thru a revolution, thru the ousting of the capitalist rulers, and the establishment

ist war.

lish capitalist

rule and capital-

Sailers! Soldiers! Marines!

Workers and farmers! Men

sway of imper-

gation of the col

tion of the world,

tation of our

class, the work

ers and farmers,

ist conditions.

Sailors! Soldiers! Marines! Workers and farmers! Men and women! Resist the war preparations! Fight against imperialist war! Defend the Soviet Union, the one Workers and Farmers Government in the world today. Refuse to fight against the Workers Fatherland, the Soviet Union!

Sailors! Soldiers! Marines! Workers and farmers! Men and women! If the capitalists force you into war, then use your might and power to take matters into your own hands, to get rid of capitalist rule and imperalism by making a workers revolution and establishing a Workers and Farmers Government in the United States and thruout the world .

Sailors! Soldiers! Marines! Workers and farmers! Men and women! Unite in the struggle against the new imperialist world war which is threatening the whole

> National Council Communist Party (Majority Group)

### Special War Anniversary Number

WE, who served as American world War, have learned our lesson: we have learned what war really is and for whose benefit it is fought. And we want to tell the American workers and farmers what we have learned. We are therefore contributing a certain portion of the bonus loan we have just received to get out a special issue of the REVOLUTIONARY AGE in which will be presented

#### our experiences of the war as well as the viewpoint of the revolutionary working class on the problems raised by war. We call upon the American workers to study these problems and these experiences-

U. S. GOVERNMENT: No, that's not for the unemployment relief

corporations-that's helping business!

for you—that would be a dole! That's for tax refunds to the big

sions for our struggle when the next war comes Fight imperialist war! Private, 16th Infantry, First Division; Private, 311 Field Artillery, Seventy-Ninth Division; Pri-

and to draw the necessary conclu-

vate, 305 Infantry; Private, Ambulance Corps, Eightieth Division; Lieutenant, 306 Infantry; Captain, Ninety-second Division, Meuse-Ar gonne; Petty Officer, U. S. De-stroyer MacDougall; First Gas Regiment, Chemical Warfare Service; Private, 311 Infantry; Private, Medical Replacement Unit. Base Hospital 71; In addition: A Spanish War Veteran! A Soldier from Panama, a Former Conscientious Objector.

### HELP PAY FOR THIS SPECIAL ISSUE

fective a blow we are striking against money to pay for the printing and Wall Street's war plans and prepara- postage.

soldiers of the U. S. military and tribution to help us reach as many But there are still more expenses to ble. Besides, we are arranging for you can! Give something!

WE have gone to great expense he paid. And there are some thou- a big distribution in certain factor-in getting out this special sands of soldiers and sailors whom les turning out war supplies. All issue against imperialist we are prepared to reach with this of this means money. Just now we war. You will readily see how ef- issue-provided we can get enough are shorter than ever-in money,

Part of this expense was borne by donation to help pay these unpaid a big job. hills. We want you to make a con-

All of which means you have got We urgently ask you to rush us a are urging you to help us put over

naval forces out of their "bonus". U. S. soldiers and sailors as possi- do you say? Do something—the best these comrades their full support and concration towards making this

# LABOR DEP'T FOR MARCH

Actual Wage-Cuts Much More Widespread; A. F. of L. Policy Hamstrings Labor In Fight With Bosses

of Labor in March. In the same period farmers from capitalist exploitation, misery and imperialist exploitation, misers and imperialist war. st war.

It is against these statistics refer only to a relatively the Soviet Union, small section of American industry; the that the capitalists are planning higher. It would not be too much to lead the workers of their countries at least twice as high as the Labor decrease.

tries in a bloody war of destruction in order to overthrow the in all wages and salaries. At Akron, rule of the work- Ohio, 13,000 employees of the Goodycar ers and reestab- Tire and Rubber Company received a

#### Young Negroes Framed-Up ialism, the subju-Railroaded To Death In onies, the mad Lynch Spirit rush for domina-

SCOTTSBORO, Ala.—Eight young Negroes were sentenced on April 9 to death in the electric chair by Judge J. A. Hawkins in Jackson Circuit for greedy profits, for augumenting fabulous fortunes is based upon the exploi-Court on charges of alleged "attacks" on two white girls. The eight victims of legal lynch law are all between the ages of 17 and 21. and leads inevit-

The International Labor Defense has taken up the defense of eight Ne-groes. It is sending an attoney to offer the defendants the services of the I.L.D. in the appeal proceedings The League for the Defense of Negro Rights has also sent a telegram of protest to the governor of Alabama

cight young Negroes is nothing more who has held that p than a lynching in "legal" form. in sixteen years. There never was any bother as to the wullt" of defendants. It is less than three weeks that the boys were arrested but already they have been onvicted with lightning speed. Had the prisoners been white "gentlemen" they would have been given ample talist politics in the U. S. A. For time, delays of weeks and months, to twelve years in the last sixteen "Big prepare their defense. Not only were they convicted in the approved lassi-ion of mob rule, but all of the other appurtenances of the lynching bee were present. There was a howling were present of the courtroom thruwere several bodies of the State Militia to "preserve order." There were the same ranting, murderous haran- "labor-racketeering" system that has gues-only now in the form of the

A lynch party under the law!

## BEING OPENED

workers arrangements are now well itself a break took place. His most under way for the opening of a sum-important henchmen practically sold mer camp, where workers will be able out to the opposition coalition. The to enjoy a vacation of a week-end dur- ward-heelers lay down on their jobsing the hot summer months at a very small cost and in a real proletarian The gentle art of vote-counting was atmosphere. A place has already been "neglected"—or else again turned to secured within a short distance from the advantage of Cermak. How dif-New York—less than a dollar fare ferent everything looked! And Cerby railroad. There is a lake for bathing and rowing on the grounds. Also The people of Chicago had nothing ing and rowing on the grounds. Also the people of Chicago had nothing modern improvements, like electric whatever to say as to the victory of light, running water. The campers Cermak. His victory was assured thru will have the choice of either tents or a realignment in the corrupt political rooms. Within a short time excur- cliques dominating Chicago politics. sions will be arranged on Sunday by sions will be arranged on Sunday by And now Cermak is in. It is every-buses, and workers interested in it where recognized that the difference will be able to look the place over.

campaign for funds with which to cerned is no higger than a hair's buy the necessary equipment. The breadth. The same corruption, the plans are to get workers to pay now for a week or two vacation to be tak- the same gangsterism, the same inner to help us RIGHT AWAY. We are urging you to help us put over a big job.

The National Buro of the C.P. Maj
and same gangsterism, the same inher bond between politics and crime—the same old story again.

And it must be so! Capitalism itself breeds political corruption of the ority Group wholeheartedly urges worst kind-hecause it is based upon Come across! Right quick! What all comrades and sympathizers to give ruthless exploitation and parasitism. and coperation towards making this tion is to end the corruption-breeding l undertaking a success.

There were 340 cuts in wage scales re- 12% wage-cut. In Newark, N. J., a

The direct responsibility for this wage-slashing drive against labor most lie with the top leaders of the A. F. of L. The drive is being conducted systematically under the direct leadership of the biggest bankers of this country, as Ethelbert Stewart, commissioner of labor statistics, rimself admitted a few days ago. objective of this drive is to utilize the crisis and unemployment to effect a permanent lowering of the standards of living of the American workers. In the face of this nefarious attempt, which threatens the best interests of labor, Woll and Green and the other A. F. of L. leaders have tied the hands of the workers by the "no strike" pact which they con-cluded with Mr. Hoover in 1929. It is because they have thus been hamstrung by their own leaders, that the workers are exposed to the vicious attacks of the

The workers must break the Hoover-Green wage-cutting pact! Strike against wage-cuts! this is the slogan for all workers and all trade unions today.

Thompson Defeated by Big Margin As Result of Machine Sell-Out

CHICAGO. — By a majority of nearly 200,000 Anton J. Cermak, emocratic nominee, was elected mayor of the city of Chicago on April The condemnation to death of the 7, thus ousting "Big Bill" Thompson ght young Negroes is nothing more who has held that post three times

The defeat of "Big Bill" Thomp-

son concludes one of the most extraordinary campaigns ever conducted in this country-a campaign that completely exposed the full decay of capi-Bill" ruled the city of Chicago and Cook County, Ill. The most bare-faced vice, graft, racketeering, gangthe close connection between this machine and organized crime, thru the eaten like gangrene into the Chicago prosecutor's speeches. And there was trade unions, thru the most disgusting the same shout of joy when the blood verdict was announced.

the same should be unions, thru the most disgusting demograpy with which he managed to win the "Negro vote" of the city. Against him was arrayed the relativeweak Democratic machine as well NEW WORKERS CAMP as the rival Deneen Republican outfit. Over these forces "Big Bill" proved himself victorious more than once. But this year, came something Upon the initiative of a group of else. In Thompson's political machine or else directly helped the enemy.

between Thompson and Cermak as The committee is now beginning a far as "good government" is consame graft, the same racketeering,

self breeds political corruption of the The only way to end political corrup-| capitalist system!

### War and the Working Class

## Who Pays and Who Profits?

by A. P.

Let the facts speak!

I. Losses in Life The following table shows the losses of life due directly to the World War: .

Сонятту	Birth Losses
Czarist Russia	
Austria Hungary Great Britain France	1,500,000
Italy Relgium Referria	
Roumania	320,000
	20,350,000

Thirty-five million victims of the war. This amounts to nearly 10% of the peoples involved!

II. War Wounded To these 35,000,000 victims of the war must be added the twenty millions of war wounded, men with torn bodies, missing limbs, shell shocked minds.

		Wounded t
		Tot. Streng
Country	No. Wounded	of Army
Germany	4,216,000	39
Great Britain	2,090,000	23
France	4,216,000	50
Austria-Hungary	3,630,000	46
Italy	947,000	16
Bulgaria	152,000	. 13
Romania	120,000	16
Serbia .	(33,000	19
Belgium	44,000	16
U. S. A.	205,000	ų.
Czarist Russia	4,930,000	41
• . • • •	20,693,000	

#### III. Financial Costs

If the United States, because of the shottness of time of its actual participal while millions were dying on the battle fields. And this golden flood falling into such serious losses in life and limb as did the Buropean peoples, it was quite other wise in regard to the financial costs of the tracted from the toil of the masses. Here was specially as compared with the pre-war profits of 15%.

All of these specialise of the short suffer in the battle fields. And this golden flood falling into the Buropean peoples, it was quite other up of the miserable pennies painfully extracted from the toil of the masses. Here the European peoples, it was quite otherwise in regard to the financial costs of the war. The amount of wealth poured in by the United States government into the furnace of the war is beyond the power

of the Imagination to conceive.

An official estimate of the costs of the war by the secretary of the treasury puts this figure at about \$50,000,000,000,000--fifey billion dollars! Investigators have declared, however, that before the United States gets thru paying for the war, the total will mount up to well over \$100, 000,000,000—one hundred billion dollars. (In these estimate allowances are made for the "normal" expenditures of army

and navy department). Current Opinion of March 1928 gives the following estimates of the war costs profits, for the other principal Allied powers:
The British Empire—\$50,270,000,000;
France—\$40,633,000,000;
Italy—\$17, 510,000. (These figures do not represent only the financial outlay of the respective countries. They include the value of destroyed property and other losses). These figures are regarded as considerable underestimations.

Another estimate places the total cost of the war as \$337,000,000,000—three hundred and thirty-seven billions. The direct costs amount to \$186,300,000,000; the indirect to \$151,600,000,000. This is accounted for as follows:

Direct Costs	\$186,333,000,000	ļ
Indirect costs		П
Value of human lives lost	** *** 000 000	
Soldiers	33,568,000,000	ľ
Civitiaus	35,500,000,000	
Value of property lost		ľ
On land	29,960,800,000	ľ
On sea	6,800,000,000	
	45,000,000,000	١.
Loss in production	1,000,000,000	ŀ
War relief	1,750,000,000	ľ
Loss to neutrals	1,730,000,000	
•		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$151,600,000,000	١.
TOTAL	\$337,993,000,000	

These figures are mere guesses and largely underestimations. For example, the financial losses suffered by the Czarist empire are incalculable. The losses of

I am speaking to you as Karl Liebknecht spoke to the German nation, as he spoke in the Parliament of that country, when he denounced the war as a war of the ruling class and stated his unalterable opposition to that war. And I say to you that if you are inspired by this ber having done any such thing, for I ideal . . . if you are inspired with that which will bring about a better world, then you must stand up and fight for that ideal. You must fight side by side with 

THE RESERVE THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE the other countries are estimated on the basis of official figures in so far as they are available.

The magnitude of those figures is beyoud imagination!

#### IV. What Did The Workers Get?

The losses of life, the dead and the wounded, were of course primarily paid for by the workers and the farmers, the fought to the very teeth the Hillquit-masses of the people. It has been call Berger-Germer crowd. When I left Chiculated that fully 90% of the war losses cago in 1914 I went to the farming seccame from the toiling masses. But the financial costs of the war also hit the farmers' clubs and cooperatives and other workers and peasants. The financial exportations began to call upon me for penditures of the war were of course met lectures. For some three years I spoke by taxation, bonds (future txation) and inflation. In all capitalist countries the main burden of taxation hat the pro- Meeker County. I had foreseen since ducers—the industrial workers, the art- the beginning of the war in Europe that isans, the peasant masses. It is at their the profiteers would soon have this counexpense also that the post-war inflation took place. The crushing burdens of taxation that are still weighing down upon the peasants artisans and workers today it became clear that the farmers were gowith the weight of mountains, are a di- ing to lose their boys there was a sharp rect consequence of the World War.

by the bourgeoisic and its spokesmen: to where I lived and ask what could be "But didn't the workers get a lot out of done to save the boys. The fairnyard the war. Didn't they get higher wages, would be full of anxious workers and higher than they had ever dreamed of spoke to the crowds on many occasions. Especially in America are Then in July the big meeting was ar-

even in America! Says Professor Paul

that at the termination of the great wat the return in commodities which

War Dead	Increased Deaths	Total Losse
2,500,000	At Home 2,200,000	13.000.000
2,000,000	700,000	13,000,000 6,300,000
1,500,000	500,000	5,800,000
800,000	200,000	. 1,850,000
1,400,000	440,000	3,340,000
600,000	280,000	2,280,000
115,000	85,000	375,600
65,000	\$5,000	275,000
159,000	201,000	510,000
690,000 67,000	619,000	1,650,000
- 07,000	90),000	257,000
9,896,000	5,291,000	35,637,000

from 7% to 17% less than it was be age profit of \$2 a barrel.

fore the sharp upward movement of Steel is the fundamental war material. fore the sharp upward movement of Steel is the fundamental war material. Prices in 1916. The purchasing power of the established week's work, moreover, was from 20% to 30% less are shown in the folloing figures: than in the nincties and from 10% to 20% less than in 1915. American labor as a whole, therefore, cannot legitimately be charged with having proliteered during the war. Rather, like Alice in Wonderland, it was comin the same place." pelled to run faster in order to stay

V. Who Then Profited By The War? It is a notorious fact that those who really profited by the war were the stay at home profiteers who seized the opportunity to bleed the people even more Billions piled up in war profits at home, profits in 1917 were two to three times are some figures as to profiteering in the

U. S. A. during the war, as made public by the Federal Trade Commission: Four of the chief meat packing con-cerns (Armour, Swift, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy) pocketed during the years of 1915, 1916, 1917, \$140,000,000. "However delicate a definition is frained for ests. Wars are fought for by the workers and farmers. Wars yield to the blood-group the people unconsciously." In 1916 and 1917, the sales of these four companies increased 150% but their profits.

Wars are made by the various groups of capitalists to further their own interests. Wars are fought for by the workers and farmers. Wars yield to the blood-sucking capitalists an inconceivably rich harvests of super-profits and to the workers increased 150% but their profits.

For the workers and farmers only one that an 400% or two wideling there is a line part, the war of the toiling. proportion to sales. The many "independent" packing houses made the same

liance with the big meat packers. Already ist system.

What were the costs of the World War these hypocritical claims very common, in 1916 their profits were two, three,
—in men and money? Who paid these But all this is pure swindle! The workers four and even five times as large as in for the class oppression of the workcosts? And who profited by the war?

get absolutely nothing out of the war—
1915, while even the 1915 net profits

The old army served as a weapon
for the class oppression of the worklet the first model.

Now that were from 30% to 100% over 1914,

Allied with the meat packers were also "All the evidences seems to indicate the salmon canacry interests. Many companies made over 200% on investment Others, less "fortunate," made only 50% profit on investment!

> Three-quarters of the total canned mill used were produced by ten companies and nearly fone-half of the total, by three companies (Bordens, Carnation, and Helvetia). In 1917, according to company statements, Helvetia made over 20% on costs and 65% on investment. Bordens made 18% on costs.

No food was more important during the war than flour. In the four years ending June 1916, a profit of 13½¢ per barrel and 12% on the investment. In the American workman received for an equal length of time worked (one hour) was from 16% to 20% less than barrel of flour sold and nearly 38% on the decade 1890-1899, and the investment. One mill made an average of 2. All citizens of the Russi mills made an average of 5.2% on each barrel of flour sold and nearly 38% on 2. All citizens of the Russi mills not younger than the investment.

Year	% on investment	Amount
1912 1913	4.7 5.7	\$ 77,075,000 107,320,000
1914 1915	2.8 5.2	46,520,000 97,967,000
1916	15.6 24.9	294,026,000 478,204,000
1917	. 24.9	470,204,000

than usual. And the governments of the whereas in 1916 their profit had been various countries gave these leeches all only 5.2%. The profits in 1917 reached necessary help in their nefarious activities. 21% on investment. Bituininous coal

supplied by the profiteers themselves. Imagine what the real profits were!

shot up 400%, or two and a half times in war is a just war; the war of the toiling masses against the capitalist exploiters and imperialist robbers. And this war will be a real war to end all war—for it will do The leather interests stood in close all away with the whole war-breeding capital-

#### The Story of the First Anti-War Prisoner

## ARRESTED FOR FIGHTING THE WAR!

by J. O. Bentall

Two men parked their automobile near ranged for me in Mutchinson. It turned their hole in the ground where they fell. the road and started to walk across a out to be the surprise of the state. Over 10 large wheatheld to the big tractor pulling thousand people had come from all a line of selfbinders cutting the grain around and the park was packed. I just ripe on a Minnesota farm in the spoke for two hours on the cause of the summer of 1917. I was driving the engine and was just stopping for an ad- war could never be climinated. justinent when the two men reached us. One of them was a United States deputy marshal and the other was the deputy Espionage Act. sheriff from our own county scat.

A few words of introduction and then the marshal spoke up quietly and said, "I have a warrant for your arrest, Mr. Bentall.

"That's very interesting," I replied. "Now what have I done?" He handed me a document that charged me with having interfered with the military and naval forces of the United States by "wrongfully and unlawfully attempting to cause insubordination, dis-

loyalty, mutiny and refusal of duty among the armed soldiers of this country. For the moment I could not rememhad been working faithfully on the farm bout sixteen hours a day and had not been away from the cows and machinery

or over three weeks. It developed, however, that I had speech and over three years after the war spoken at a mass meeting in Hutchinson, Minn., nearly a month before and had there committed the "crime" for which was now arrested.

From 1904 and on I had been in the Socialist Party and was for some six years state secretary in Illinois with headquarters at Chicago and had been lighting he right wing culminating in the battle at the 1912 convention in Indianapolis where Ruthenberg, Haywood and myself fought to the very teeth the Hillquittions of Minnesota. It was not long till videly in the state, especially in the choolhouses and in the smaller towns in try in the mixup. I made this warning

prominent at all meetings. When the draft act was passed and reaction. From all over the county far-As against this, the cry is often raised mers with their families would drive up

war. Also showed that under capitalism bodies.

It was this speech that led to my arrest. It was the first one under the

I was taken from the field and rushed 80 miles to Minneapolis and slammed into jail. Bail was fixed at the modest sum of \$10,000. It took weeks to get it. Not a Socialist was to be found in the county from which I came. But some farmers got together and raised the bail, so after the grain was overripe and down was let out to await trial.

We fought the case from court to court. The first time it was reversed by loan! the court of appeals. In the meantime a frameup charging "draft obstruction" had been formed against me. I served one year in a Minnesota dungeon on that. When I got out the Espionage Charge was still hanging fire. I was tried again. Convicted. We appealed. Failed. in 1922---four and a half years after that was over I had to leave my job as editor of Truth at Duluth and put in two more vears at Leavenworth.

Hundreds of other workers were given similar treatment. Over three thousand conscientious objectors were held for a long period at the Leavenworth military If was a nightmare of persecution that no one in it can forget,

The soldiers were promised everything sweetheatts back. They were going to ers shall be the owners and the rulers.

### The Red Army ls Founded

Council Of Peoples Commissars Issues An Historical Decree

Petrograd, Jan. 15, 1918.

ers by the bourgeoisie. Now that power has come into the hands of the workers and the exploited classes, it has become necessary to form a new has become necessary to form a new army, which will be the mainstay of the Soviet power at the present time; the foundation for replacing the regular army by arming all the people in the near future and will serve as a support for the approaching socialist revolution in Europe.

the wage slaves of the one nation for the bourgeoisie against the wage slaves of the other the bourgeoisie against the wage slaves of the other the bourgeoisie against the wage slaves of the other the called Center of the German Socialism. The social-democracy and other social-dem revolution in Europe.

the new army under the name of the 'Workers and Peasants' Red Army", on the following basis:
1. The Workers' and Peasants' Red

may enter the Red Army who is prepared to devote his energy and his life to the defence of the achievements of the October Revolution, the power of the Soviets and Socialism. In oror the Soviets and Socialism. In order to join the Red Army, it is necessary to have a recommendation from military committees of the Soviet government, Party or trade union or-

into civil war; and preached collable to government.

III.

The Supreme leading organs of the Workers' and Peasants'. Red Army will be the Soviet of Peoples' Commissars. The immediate leadership and direction of the army will be concentrated in the Military Commissariat and in the Special Russian Collegium which will be formed under it.

Chairman of the Soviet of Peoples' Commental petty bourgeois standpoint, instead of recognizing the necessity of the sense of the sense of the classes; they preached collable oration of the classes; they preached the form of the classes; they preached collable oration of the defence of native country etc. they also lie, as in reality they are defending countries more backward as regards capitalist technique and devolution in Russia as well as of the liberation of the affect of native country etc. they also lie, as in reality they are defending countries more backward as regards capitalist technique and devolution in Russia as well as of the liberation of the affect or native country etc. they also lie, as in reality they are defending countries more backward as regards capitalist technique and devolution alities oppressed by Russia coupled with the unmediate slogans of a demonstration of the native gards capitalist technique and devolution alities oppressed by Russia as well as of the liberation of the affect mination of the native gards capitalist technique and devolutions and self-determination of the native gards capitalist technique and devolutions of the liberation of the defence of native country etc. they also lie, as in reality they are defending countries more backward as regards capitalist technique and devolutions of the liberation of the native country, and seven self-determination of the native country, and prevalence of the native countries more backward as regards capitalist technique and self-determination of the native cou Chairman of the Soviet of Peoples'

V. ULIANOW-LENIN Supreme Commander N. KRYLENKO People's Commissurs for Military an Naval Affairs DIBENKO, PODVOISKI Peoples' Commissars PROSHIAN, SATOMSCKY, STEINBERGBusiness Manager

Commissars

be the favored sons of the country.

V. BONICH-BRUEVICH

But what did they get? Many of them got a white cross over Many of them came back to find no liob and no sweethcart. Many of them came back with shell shock and broken limbs and crippled

All of them lost everything and gained nothing.

In these days of starvation when they

need the few cents called a bonus the great government that took them and set hem in the jaws of death and promised them everything if they would fight and be patriotic and save their country, is squeeling like a stuck pig when the boys ask for their crumbs. This great government has decided to give the boys half of their bonus as a loan-hell!-as a

And this loan is to be only up to half of the bonus, and the boys are to pay 5% interest on their own bonus.

And while the master class is thus cheating the very boys that gave their all, this same class is calling on the workers to get ready to serve in a new war. The greedy profiteers are now getting ready to make a new call upon the youth of the land to dive into another bloodbath and to give their lives for the enrichment of the parasites that have never done anything but lied and robbed and murdered the innocent and the honest and unsuspecting working class, The Communist movement is in the

field to put a stop to the outrages heaped upon us by the war lords. We are growing and will grow till we will be able to bring light to the masses and to unite the working class and make possible the in the world if they submitted to the destruction of the entire war system of They were going to get their jobs capitalism and construct a social order They were going to get their of peace in which the workers and farm-

The Economic Week

THERE'S a general feeling of the fact that in the first 2 months

tions for any improvement in estate mortgages (ell 52% from the

months to come. Steel ingot pro- same period a year ago. The week

duction is declining, having fallen saw a slight decline in car load-

3% last week. The building is ings. The stock market continues

is showing some increase, the gen- to sag. All gains made in the re-

eral trend, which is very bad, re- cent spurt have been wiped out.

mains unchanged as indicated by Electric power output rose again.

settling down to no expecta- of 1931 the value of new first real

## The Lessons of Leninism

## War and Revolution

by N. Lenin

1. The European and world war bears the clearly defined character of a bourgeois-imperialist-dynastic war. The struggle for markets and for the plundering of countries, the endeavor to stupify the proletariat, to incite the wage slaves of the one nation for the advantage of the hourgeoisis.

Z. The attitude of the leaders of the German Social Democratic Party of the II. International (1889-1914), who have voted for the war credits and who are repeating the bourgeois chauvinist phrases of the Prusian junkers, and of the bourgeoise, constitutes a direct betrayal of Social the two connecting partiess and governments of stitutes a direct betrayal of Social the two connecting partiess of the Transformations of the Social-demo-In view of this, the Soviet of Peo-ples' Commissars decrees: to organize chauvinist phrases of the Prussian junkers, and of the bourgeoisie, con-stitutes a direct betrayal of Social-ism. Under no circumstances, even if the two competing nations of the ism. Under no circumstances, even if continent—Germany and France—one admits the absolute weakness of foot the masses most effectively and Army will be formed from the most class conscious and best organized elements of the working class.

2. All citizens of the Russian Republic, not younger than eighteen years may enter the Red Army who is presented admits the absolute weakness of foot the masses most effectively and the foot the masses most effectively and the second this party and the necessity of submitting to the will of the bourgeois opportunists—the open as well as of war, of the socialist revolution and the concealed—who cling to the socialist revolution and the concealed—who cling to the open as well as opportunists—the open as well as of war, of the socialist revolution and the concealed—who cling to the open as well as opportunists—the open a ent conducting a national-liberal policy.
3. The behavior of the leaders of

Socialism by entering the bourgoois

stead of recognizing the necessity of the revolutionary fight of the proletarians of all countries. They converted the necessary utilization of bourgeois parliamentarism and bourgeois legality into a fetish legality, and wholly forgot the obligation of the crucky and barbarity with they are conducting the war.

6. The task of the Social-democracy of Russia is especially and in the first place the ruthless and uncondi-

bourgeoisie, always have and always will-no matter what may be the remilitary committees of the Soviet government, Party or trade union or garminations or at least two members of the Union Company before the war, was \$5.73 a ton. In the first half of the Union Company before the war, was \$5.73 a ton. In the first half of 1917 reached 21% constraints. If whole dealments join up, they must give a backen average profit, in 1917, of 17%, whereas in 1916 their profit had been only \$2.2%. The profits in 1917 reached 21% on investment. Butuinnous control on the case of the families of Red Prewar.

One-intuded and six refineries made, in 1917 were two to three times prewar.

One-intuded and six refineries made, in 1918 profits amounting to 21% as compared with the prewar profits of these sensational figures on war profits are based upon the information supplied by the profiteers themselves.

III. sult of the war-conduct a policy of triotism of the petty bourgeoisie and

Gorki Answers Some Questions

## WAR AND THE TOILING MASSES

by Maxim Gorki

The governments of Europe are spending enormous sums from the national income on armaments. We all know that even revolvers are not purchased to adorn drawing rooms, but Many of them are sitting in the sub- for murder and suicide. Still less ways selling pencils or standing on the can we suppose that armored cruisers, street peddling apples. submarines, tanks and the like are destined for the purpose of peaceful touring.

2. "What May Be Its Causes?"

We have to recognize the the main cause is the fact of the existence of capitalists -people whose greed for profits has become a disease having a remarkable resemblance to satyriasis. It is not necessary to show how monstrous is the existence of a small class, or rather a group of maniacs, who have seized on the riches of the earth, and irresponsibly rule the lives of the people, i.e. the toiling masses.

The crime of the existence of the capitalist system has been pointed out by all people who possess the good habit of thinking honestly. As we know, this testimony by honest mon was put on an unquestionable scientific basis by Karl Marx, and, on the basis of Marx and Engels' philosophy of history, Leniu continued it to its logical conclusion, and pointed out to the Russian working class the direct practical path to freedom from the unbearable servitude of brainless and Italy, France and England untalented people.

"In Lyons, before the arrival of untalented people.

We have now a legitimate right to state that war is carried on by the rich, not only in order to strengthen their power on the poor, but also egainst each other, thru the agency of the poor and with the help of the clever, i.e. with the help of those of the intelligentsia who serve the intu-

Wage cuts are spreading with 340

officially registered by the United

States Department of Labor in

March. At the same time, the hun-

dred biggest banks, according to

Moody's, have been paying higher

dividends by paying out a larger

percentage of their profits.

one of the most disgusting spectacles conspirators and would-be murderers claims to be an arch-patriot; every one of of our world. What Kind of War Will It Be?

The kind of war that will take August 1930 by one of the late prem-

cal war, a gas war. In 1914-18 traitors in this fight. the combattants perished in millions. In the year X, which I hope, will never get into the calendar, especially for Messrs. Churchill, the civil poulation will be annihi- Chamberlain, the Archbishop of Conpopulation.

At the same time, in August, the testimony of M. Cailleaux was confirmed by one of the most competent the world is brough by the power of generals in military matters. Berthold you Deimling, on the basis of an attentive study of the air manoeuvres which were carried out this year in The capitalists have found that

tion received gas masks, and medical first aid was organized. The squadron of airplanes, electric guns. Nevertheless the attacking "monkey trials", where the prosecu-squadrons penetrated to the city tors will be archbishops. and loosed their bombs. The latest manoeuvres proved that antiaircraft guns cannot be of much use, because airplanes can always

. What Did the War of 1914-18 Cost the French People and What Could They Have Had if There Had

Been No War? This has been well calculated by the journal Vuc. 887 billion frames were expended, all belonging to the kind of money in the world. And how the monstrosity of capitalism, many healthy, socially valuable pco- January 31st. 1931.

1. The European and world war! tion, in times of crises to employ the tional fight against the Pan-Russian

all peoples of Russia, the defeat of

cracy must at present be the following: first an all-around propaganda, the following. When the German bourgeoisie call for the defence of the fatherland, for the defence against Tsarism, for the defence of liberty, of cultural and national development—they lie, as Prussian junkerism with Wilhelm II. at the head, and the big bourgeoisie always have and always bourgeoisie always have and always because it is always by the purpose of carrying on such propagation. paganda in all languages. Ruthless fight against the chauvinism and pa-

If I am not mistaken, in every country there is a law to "prevent and suppress crime."

It would seem that the direct and logical conclusion to be drawn from these threats of war must be as follows: People who propose to bring about the mass destruction of humanity in order to defend their own insignificant interests, these people should be isolated.

There are very humane methods to isolate such socially dangerous people. For instance, they might be sent to the Solomon Islands or some other place inhabited by cannibals. I am aboslutely convinced that my suggestion cannot be looked on as too harsh

1. Is There a Danger of "One More | man aims of capital. This service is | Every solitary one of these aristocratic them insists that the war is being waged to make the world safe for democracy. What humbug! What tot! What false place is very eloquently described in pretense! These autocrats, these tyrants, these red-handed robbers and murderers, iers of France, M. Cailleaux: the "patriots," while the men who have "Away with illusions. The last the courage to stand face to face with the "patriots," while the men who have war was a war of heavy artillery, them, speak the truth, and fight for their machine guns and submarines. The exploited victims—they are the disloyalnext war ,if mankind is so insane ists and traitors. If this be true, I want as to agree to it, will be a chemi- to take my place side by side with the

-EUGENE DEBS. PROGRAMMENT AND AND AND ALLEY COME.

lated. There are no means of pro- terbury, Poincare, and such people. tecting the civil population. At the But instead of acting according to present time there are gases which the law for the prevention and suppenetrate through the skin with pression of crime, and putting forout any wounds, unnoticed by the ward some plan for the isolation of victims, which in a short time criminals, Cailleaux draws a most uncause violent convulsions and then expected conclusion. In his opinion, lead to a chronic and incurable the salvation of mankind consists of a idiocy. Henceforth these tortures repetition of the ancient myth of are intended not only for the fight- Prometheus-people must chain up ing ranks, but chiefly for the civil the new Prometheus. "If mankind wishes to exist, it must fetter the new Prometheus, science."

So this is the barbarism to which the capitalists,-the class whose ideology states that is the very class which creates and preserves culture. science has given them sufficient means for a fraticidal strife and to the hostile airplanes the popula- defend themselves against the working class, and so-enough of science! There will be nothing surprising if city was defended by a special Europe like the U.S.A., gives birth to its own "lowbrow" Bryans, and if in searchlights and anti-aircraft the near future we are witnesses of

5. How to Avoid War

War will be avoided by doing the same as in the Soviet Union. In orrise higher or lower than the der to put an end to criminal realbursting shrappel. The English ity, we must start with something, manocuvres proved that the peace. The working class started absolutely ity, we must start with something. ful population suffers far more correctly; they set up their own govfrom the shell fragments than the enument in the country. The results enemy." while giving rise to the fiercest hate on the part of the scoundrels of all the world, arouses and will continue to arouse the active sympathy of the working masses of all lands and of all

speak about the "sovereignty" of natoiling people, for there is no other tions in places where the sovereign is

honest people in them. 6. In my opinion it is impossible to

The Career of a Young Negro Patriot

## "DUST UNTO DUST...."

#### Two Soldiers Who Died For "Democracy"

preparing breakfast-corn-beef and "dog- the Western Front," biscuits." But we want something more. So we make our way to the next dugout to get some better things in exchange. We found two pious Catholics praying. They said they had nothing. As we returned to our dugouts, there was thunder overhead. Shells were bursting on all sides. I saw one of the soldiers who was just praying, torn to pieces, mangled. His insides, his stomach, strewn all over the ground. In the forehead of the next fellow, I saw the fatal triangle cut out by a shrapnel.

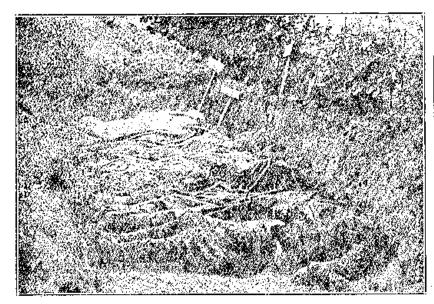
At the St. Mihiel Sector. It is Sunday. Then came a command to leave the morning. We are preparing a new line trenches. We were ordered to seek shelof trenches. Now it is time for breakfast, ter in a deserted German dugout. Here We are sitting in our dugouts, humming we hid all day, listening to bursting shells. little times but our minds are given to I not only saw but lived "All Quiet on

> Towards evening, the commander or dered as out. My pal and I were ordered to gather the remains and remnants of the two dead buddies. The commander told us to throw the remains into a latrine. Then the priest said the final words:

> Thus ended the lives of two loyal American soldiers praying for "their

> > 311 Infantry—78 Division Private.—St. Mihiel Sector

#### "DUST UNTO DUST...."



Only when we finally overthrow, vanquish and expropriate the bourgeoisie all over the world, and not alone in one country, will war become impossible. Also from a theoretical viewpoint it would be absolutely wrong and quite unrevolutionary to evade or keep silent over something which is of greatest importance, the breaking of the resistance of the bourgeoisie, which is a most difficult task, a task calling for a determined struggle in the course of transition to socialism. "Social- the last heavy German offensive. ist" priests and opportunists are always willing to dream of peace under socialism in the future, but what distinguishes them from revolutionary social-democrats is precisely the fact that they do not want to give a thought to the desperate class struggle and class wars for the realization of this beautiful future.

-LENIN.

The First American Troops Arrive in France

## "Five Francs a Shot!"

American troops engaged in the major operations. Pershing ordered us to relieve the beaten English forces when they were retreating in March 1918 during

Shell fire has destroyed everything. Dead workers crowd the field for weeks impathered. French, German, English soldiers rotting away. For twenty one days we went thru hell at the front without relief. We got one cold meal a day. Haggard and unshaven-constant bombardment; gas attacks, 8 hours in succession, terrific losses, many soldiers torn to pieces so badly that their remains had

Notwithstanding the tremendous dif-

Today we find ourselves face to face

The bosses and their agents the Fishes,

who staved home during the last war are

trying to build a Chinese wall between

in order to divide our ranks and thus be

in a better position to put the costs of

Let us show our solidarity as a class,

a united working class in America. Let

the present crisis onto the shoulders of

foreign and native-horn workers

U. S. A. were fine soldiers. Thousands

THE FOREIGN-BORN IN THE GREAT WAR

and light for the profits and investments, would grow tougher and tougher every

of the bosses, his blood boils. Thousands day and the soldiers depressed and more upon thousands of foreign-horn workers depressed every day. "Eh! You grease

upon thousands of foreign-horn workers depressed every day. "Eh! You grease answered the misleading slogars of the balls," he would call, "where do you think

war president Wilson and joined the your going. This is a war, not a picnic.

hody then was welcomed to go to the ficulties the foreign-born workers in the

One day I remember when we were offered their lives for a false ideal, the

out what percent of the company was of with the truth, that the "democracy" we

American descent. So he gave us the were fighting for is not for the workers,

the same breath he commanded again; Wolls and Greens and all the patriots

in Camp Upton the second day of our ideal of capitalist "democracy."

command: "All those who are not American citizens step forward! March." At The bosses and t

"See," he said,

We are now at Cantigny. We, the first to be shoveled together. That's how we are saving democracy for the Capitalist

> After two months we were again moved, to new lines. Finally we are re-lieved. We are sent to Beauvaise, on the outskirts of Paris where the British R 101 recently came down. Here hundreds of sent to brotheis, whore houses. The girls there were all "approved" by an Ameri-Senlies, marching all night without a stop. It's raining cats and dogs. Orders now came for a forced march. We are thrown into the Soissons attack at zero hour, 5:30 in the morning,

Moroccan Division, surprise attack, but really because we official authority were sometimes gro-When one thinks back fourteen years and recalls the bunk patriotic speeches of the gentlemen who stayed home to the foreign born workers to make them go mands of the Sergeant. The Sergeant didn't have enuf heavy guns. The stubborn rear guard defense of the Gernan who had had some professional training was transferred from his with the wheat in the fields. What a infantry replacement unit to the camp mands of the Sergeant. The Sergeant could harvest! All due to Posting prochamics of the contract of the company of the gentlement workers and recalls the bunk patriotic speeches who had had some professional training was transferred from his with the wheat in the fields. What a prochamble of the company of the gentlement workers to make them go mands of the Sergeant. cruel harvest! All due to Pershing's 'strategy" to get the most rapid advance hru a costly frontal attack instead of flanking. Not a crumb of food or . drop of water till midnight. And the German airplanes and heavy artillery working with deadly effect. Finally, a hance to get some sleep in a gun enplacement. Firing has stopped. It is pitch black and damp cold. I cuddle up to one in the same hole whom I think to be a buddy of mine. I am merely trying to get warm. Getting up in the morning to fight again. I find that I slept all night with a dead German soldier. Sleep and death brought us together The next day, March 19, 1918 J was wounded, and rushed to the hospital. I found that only 75 out of my company of 250 were left after this attack.

16th Infantry-1st Division

espitalism tremble before our might! First Gas Regiment, Chemical Warfare Service

## THEY CAN'T COUNT ON ME! the present the workers.

"that's a helf of an American army

there's not an American-born in the whole

The company halt."

armed forces of the U. S. A. and every

curollment, the captain came out to find

It was on the twenty-third day of September 1917 that I was shipped down to a wooded section uninhabited before by human beings for the purpose of drilling me into a soldier. They gave me a pick and shovel and told me to dig the stumps of trees, and, after this was completed they slapped together barracks. And it was called Camp Upton-

It was not very long before me were shipped like a lot of cattle in old English freights that were originally used the transportation of cattle in the Mediterranean Sea. That beautiful trip took thirteen days. When we sighted so-"Sunny France" it, was a welcome

The majority of the boys were a care-free lot and did not realize how serious an affair we were about to enter. As a matter of fact, a good many were craving to enter the conflict. But that very same lot, when its at the front lines, were very much discontented because it wasn't the pink tea party they anticipated it to be-It was not very long before we were

sent up to the front lines to relieve the 4th division in the Bellean Wood sector, Chateau Thierry. The most borrilying sight I ever saw in all my life was there. There were hundreds of dead soldiers lying on the battlefield after two weeks And the majority turned black! I was informed later that the sun had that offeet. The stench was unbearable.

The war has ended. They cannot count on my support for any future imperialist war under any flag, Stars and Stripes, Union Jack, Tri-Color or any other cap-

## Let's Give War Its Due!

Let's give war its due. Lay aside all hundreds of horses to be broken in, to this talk of pacifists, of carnage and des be groomed, then to have their talk truction, economic devastation, hypocrisy washed, hard heds or hard ground, beans of statesmen, brutality, starvation, disreand mangling of young bodies, all the manifold abortions of the holocaust There's another side those who offered their lives to the sentient target of death felt and experienced.

I was twenty-four. I thought war too foolbardy and too horrible ever to hap pen again. Then Sarajevo, and a gradual intensifying of sympathy with the and desire to take part against Prussian militarism. One midnight I sat with hall a dozen others, all eager, reading breathessly Wilson's declaration of war. Burn ing, whirling, rushing to save democracy, on top of the world. That night is no to be forgotten. I was a soldier within a week, disappointed that I could not make the aviation corps, happy nevertheless with French seventy-fives.

Then came camp, wrenching one loose from the dull rontine. Contact with men-from all walks of life, brushing away of laise standards, and in the tanks real such a civilization war has its values. democracy at last with all its zest and in-

At last we set foot on the continent of Europe, color and variety abundant, Lieutenant 306th Infantry. strange places. There were hundreds and

and monkey meat, cold and fatigue, Wo gard of personality, wholesale crippling were by this time intred to these supposed deprivations, no longer the soften ed beneficiaries of "prosperity." We had goined the satisfaction of freedom from the flatness of habitual indulgence of ortificial needs.

> Yes, it was a fine thing-as an escape. The average man is cheerful enough in his daily routine. A great deal of the time he hardly realizes he is missing any thing. Often one observing him would scarcely recognize that he has the need for intense experience, the capacity for much besides acquisitiveness. civilization in which conspictious waste suppresses naturalness, which enmeshes its people in artificiality, where extremes of wealth and poverty with the climbing mass between falsify all standards and make a pretense of democracy, in which uniformity and routine stiffe the adventurous spirit, where common effort is and idealism dissipated by hypocricy, in Giving war its due makes a sorry indictment of a civilization that has to find in such catastrophe these values it otherwise denies to the great mass of men,

> > 311th Field Artillery,

"If you're sick, die and prove it..."

Pioncer Infantry, Company H was compressed the company street and was left manded by Captain Brown (white), lying on the ground in his tent. The In April, 1917, when war was declared manded by Captain Brown (white), plying on the ground in After a few days of intensive training at next day English soldiers while policing.

Let the camp found Earley's hody. He had on Germany, Earley, fired with patriotic fervor immediately went to an army re-Camp Grant the regiment was sent East the camp found Earley's hody. He had and about a week later sailed from Ho, been dead for several hours. Thus ended cruiting office to enlist in the service but was politely informed that no Negroes

was a 100 per cent American and was and awaited the draft.

teer regiment in Cuba."

Imperialism represents a desperate struc-

gle of the great powers for the partition

and re-partition of the world, hence it

nevitably leads to the further militariza-

tion of all countries, including the neutral and the small. What will the proletarian

vomen do against that? Will they mere-

ly, curse wars and everything that is mil-

tary, will they merely demand disarmanent? Never will the women of an

oppressed class which is truly a revolu-

tionary class be reconciled to such a

ons: "You will soon grow up and be

big. They will give you arms. Take them and learn to use them well. The

art of war is essential to the profetariat

not in order to shoot against their own

brothers, the workers of other lands, as is

the case in the present war, and as the socialist traitors advise you to do, but in

order to fight the bourgeoisie of your own

country, in order to put a stop to exploitation, poverty and war, not in the

way of a pions wish, but of a victory over and the disarmament of the bourgeoisie.

They will say to their

were being taken. To a youthful patriot his was a slap in the face but because the average soldier and had been pro- America "safe for democracy." he believed in American democracy, this moted to the rank of corporal by the time ois regiment arrived in Southampton England to await the transport that was The whole of public life is now being to take it to France. permeated with the spirit of militarism.

As soon as the regiment arrived in camp at Southampton the white officers the camp with fixed hayonets and refused to allow any enlisted man to leave the confines. These officers went out into still attain important results by using the the city and told the English people that he Negro soldiers, whom they were commanding, were little better than savages, that they were ravishers of white women. and that all of them were diseased and dangerous.

On the trip across the Atlantic young Earley had suffered an attack of the fluand was in a weakened condition but was determined to carry on. On the morning when the orders came for the regiment

Keystone of the Army

### The Officers' Snobocracy

Several days clapsed after reaching camp before this draft went thru the physical examination. During this time an amazingly high percentage of the abilities. A good many of these diseases had begun to develop on the train but they grew more acute and widespread after the company commander made his welcoming speech: "You are all here for a purpose and you know what it is. This is a replacement unit. We will train you intensively for a month and a half, Then you go to France where you'll be sent to fill the gaps as soon as you are ready and when you are needed."

The medical examining board failed to American soldiers were lined up under be impressed and all but a handful were the direction of Pershing's A.E.F. and sent to drill despite their confessed decrepitude.

Now nine-tenths of this six weeks of soldiers it was all a sort of a grim joke, and twisting a gun this way and that"Five francs a shot" they said. After matters which had nothing to do with the matters which had nothing to do with the this we were transferred in trucks to art of modern warfare. But it was the base upon which army psychology was built, the psychology of immediate obedience to the orders of officers who oc-No preliminary artiliery prep- The lengths to which officers went to We Were "Fine Soldiers" Then-Now They Deport Us! arations. It's all under the guise of a maintain their aloofness and to show their any slave, prisoner or exile.

psychologists' office. The chief psychologist was a university professor in civil to guard a creek. Got the worst of it from the mosquitoes. assisted by a second lieutenant and two enlisted men, and a few hoys sent on ter gan trail at 6:00 A. M. Passed Red Hill, quest from other units to help out when While passing Red Hill a man riding a needed. These men had to stand at at mule from headquarters slipped and broke tention and salute when they entered the chief's presence. The chief felt a little sheepish about it, but army formality was the keynote of discipline. So the two enlisted men had to salute. One day one of them came into the office, stood stiff as a bell-hop, did his stuff with the pre-cision of a slow movie, and a face like Bishop Manning. The chief solemnly returned each "courtesy" required of officers in the army regulations. But the next day the private was assigned to clean the floor for a week. On another occasion, two horses were assigned to the psychological detachment! "We have enough horses to go around," said the "Every man must learn how to

It looked now as the there were nothing to do but salute the lieutenant, wher kind order came asking for essays on the "obvious benefits of military training." These were required of officers. Enlisted men could write if they chosepresumably on the theory of the oyster and the pearl. So the men, their alphabet now well in hand, wrote. The chief dis covered that one paper was somewhal ironical and that it contained pacifist sentiments about war to end war, the League of Nations and the peaceful influence of the women of the land if they would only be consulted before the next war. "That's all bunk," said the patriotic lidutenant, "especially, about the women." They'd stand in the rain to vote for war so they could knit sweaters and pack

handages." The officers did their best, following the manual and remembering their course n training schools, to create a vicarious 'blood lust." There was one casualty which was especially disturbing---a man in the hospital who, in delirium, cut his throat with his razor. He saved the govrument the expense of sending him to France. But at the same time he may have "lost" the honor of becoming the

of the experiences of a conscientious objector in Leavenworth during the World War,

John Earley had lived all of his twenty tyrtwo years in the city of Chicago where he had graduated from the Wendell Philips High School and had spent two years at the University of Chicago. Earley and awaited the deaft of the Wilsonian and the rest of the Wilsonian with you you damned black coward," and awaited the deaft of the Wilsonian and awaited the deaft of the Wilsonian and awaited the deaft. ! die and prove it." proud of it. His grandfather had served in the Civil War and was with Grant at into the national army and sent to Camp ing his rifle, he started to answer the Appointment. In the Spanish-American Grant at Rockland, Illinois, where he was bugle call which was assembling the comwar his father had served with a volund assigned to Company H, of the 803rd, pany but fell exhausted before he could

boken and landed in Glasgow, Scotland, the career of a young Negro patriot who John Bailey was more intelligent than was going to fight the "Huns" to make

Captain 92nd Division Meuse-Argonne

In addition, there is the part played by militarism as an instrument of force is of the regiment placed a guard around the hands of the ruling classes in the domestic political struggle.

In these struggles, the ruling classes can instruments of force of the police and gendarmerie, which in a certain sense, are special troops to oppose the domestic foe. But in the long run, even here the more brutal and powerful instrument of the army cannot be dispensed with. The temy, used as an instrument against the internal foe, is subject, however, to a very special internal dialectics. It pretends to be the people in arms, as op-

posed to the same people which does not possess arms. The proletarian in his olored uniform is expected to shoot at father, mother, brother, at his factory comrades of yesterday and tomorrow, and the proletariat is expected to pay the cost of these weapons to be used in fighting the proletariat, not only with its blood and its conscience, but also with its own

The class character of the army mus now be evident even to the most stripid -KARL LIEBKNECHT

## "FALL OUT FOR A REST!"

#### "All Gassed!"—Silent Death Stalks Its Prey

hurt I would walk the other way. Some

Time does heal the wounds of awful-

memories, of the days spent in muddy To recall some outstanding inridents is not so difficult. I lost some of my best friends. And when they went west" it was just too had. Other boys said it was just tough luck." That was after the following incident hap-pened. War sure makes one hard hoiled. It did not take very long. And one night here was I, marching to the front some oneigets hurt, I am back to my old lines on the Vesle River. It so hap-pened that we were on the outskirts of

Before I was caught in the draft, I St. Thibault, and the boys halted, and ever saw a dead man. If some one got we were told to "fall out for a rest."

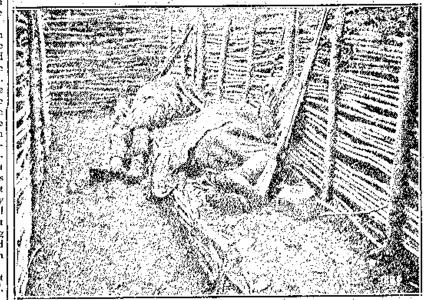
I sat down, next to some other soldier how I could not erase from my mind I said something to him and he did not any accident, and I was forever feeling answer. I put my hand on him and sorry for the one who suffered. I often saw that he was dead. I could not bewondered how I would act if I saw a heve it. But, as I jumped up, there, dead man. soldiers of the Fourth Division, who like myself sat down at the side of the road, for a rest, a long, long rest. All were gassed! All were dead.

> Somehow I got a grip on myself and dead men didn't scare me any more. You inst get used to it.

Now I am a peace-time soldier, just trying to beat the depression, and when trick of walking the other way.

Private, 305 Infantry.

#### GASSED!



From the Diary of A Private

## A Soldier in Panama

Jan. 20, 1929. Panama.—I was turned times as big as a man's fist and look like to duty with the rest of the company, a spider, are not deadly but they sure Was taken to town on a truck and shown make a person sick when they bite him the restricted places. The restricted outskirts of Chorrera, having 24 hours places are the sections of the town where rest. Are taking advantage of the 24 the workers and peasants live. The rear hours by cleaning ourselves up a bit. We son that we are kept away from those are short of rations and have to do with sections is that the government doesn't one meal for today. The meal consists of potatoes, coffee and pad tack. want the soldiers to become friendly with can army medical examiner. For the drill consisted of marching and turning the natives. The non-restricted places salty hurned bacon and coffee without a

Jan, 29, 1929.-We were out camping for seven days. They were seven long and dreary days. We had to fix the cupied a social sphere separated from that road and build bridges most of the time. of their men by an unbridgeable gulf. On the pretense of being on maneuvers Along with us is the hirst French foroccan Division. What horrible delight of American army discipline of the time we had to stay to our necks in muddy waters and work harder that

Jan. 31, 1929.—Are moving very slowly, as we are the advanced body. A few fellows dropped out, as they couldn't stand the strain. We spent the night in Haragan trail. Was put on guard had

Feb. 4, 1929.-Started out from Hara the mulc's legs. The soldier was pinned under the mule with a broken leg. The thing that struck me is that when an officer got to the scene, he started to give the man, under the mule, bell threatened him with a court martial. On the other hand he was much concerned patriotic volunteer army," were we not about the mule. about the mule.

We hiked today more than any other day. We marched from 6:00 A. M. until 12 noon without a single rest. We are carrying along with us full equipment Most of the men were about to fall out. A great number of the men fell out coming over the hill.

lested with tarantulas. They are some tims.

the war was declared, we left our base on

the York River, Va., for the Portsmouth

rived at Queenstown, Ireland.

Navy Yard for a short overhauling. We

All the way across, the south-east gale

Rose. This same ship, 90 days later, was

Feb. 9, 1929 .- Are camping on the

are cabarets, red light districts and the sign of bread and that had to keep us for the rest of the day. This is how we play war for Uncle Sam

-A Soldier in Panama.

strive to learn the use of arms, to possess arms, would deserve to be treated merely as slaves: Lest we become bourgeois pacifists or opportunists we cannot forget that we are living in a class society and way out of it except the class struggle. In any class society, whether founded on slavery, on serfdom, or, as now, on wage labour, the oppressing class is always armed. Not only the existing standing

An oppressed class which does not

armies but also the existing militia, even in the most democratic bourgeois repub lies, Switzerland for example, represent the armed hourgeoise as against the proletariat. This truth is so elementary that there is hardly any need to dwell on it. Suffice it to mention the use of troops against strikers in all of the capitalist countries.

## **ADVICE FROM A SPANISH WAR VETERAN**

#### While We Fought For the Bosses, They Enslaved Us

The writer served in the Spanish-Am-] While the brigands of Wall Street plot rican war in the Philippine Islands, And their next imperialist war on a soldiers of that day were "soldiers of for tible scale, we must learn, as returned tune" inflamed to give their lives to the soldiers, how to take our place in the take cause of "liberation" in Cuba and struggle with the workers against our the Philippines against the "galling yoke" of Spanish rule. America to be the ber wars into a civil war for liberation world policeman guaranteeing everybody that shall lead to a workers' and fatmers' "liberty"

Soldiers: Whom did we liberate? Were we not deceived? Whom did we serve? Those very elements who have now bound us hand and foot thru having monopolized he ownership of our means of life While we boasted of being a "genuine interest of our financial masters who are now rapidly enslaving us? -

Soldiers! Our Revolutionary War and the Civil War carried liberating factors that history confirms. But the Mexican war of 1848, the Spanish-American was and the World war were imperialist wars of subjugation and enslavement. And Arrived to Tarantula Flats and picked this crime must be paid for and the re-

tents for the night. The flats are in furned soldiers and workers are the vic-

"In the Name of God, Destroy Them!"

own war-makers by converting their robgovernment. 2nd U. S. Regular Army, Philippine Islands.

## DEMOCRACY and CULTURE

I joined the army to fight for democracy. Well, I got plenty of fighting but soon learned that it wasn't for democracy. A captain of the commissary, attached to my outfit, taught me that. And he was a good teacher! He was a professor of dramatics at one of the big universities ı civilian life! It happened shortly after we landed

in France. One day, I passed his tent. Noticing a number of books on his cot, I thoughtlessly picked up one of them and started to read. As I recall it now, I believe it was a book on the contemporary German; theatre. You see; I was book-hungry and forgot altogether what I, a buck private in the rear rank, had dared to do. I soon was aware of someone standing in front of me. I looked up. There stood the captain. I rose, saluted and stood at attention.

"You like books, I see."

"You are a university man?"

"Yes sir" and brightened up. "Well, well. How would you like to read these books?" asked the Captain. "Oh, I would be mighty glad to know them, If I may," was my reply." "You can read them and any others I

may have," said the kind and containt. "That is, if you will take care of my things for me-my bed and clothes

manhood! The college professor afters me his books to read, but first I must wash the captain's elethes and make his

bed and take care of his things! . . . At rigid salute I answered. "I didn't oin the army to black any man's boots!" All professional culture was gone from the captain's manner as he threatened:

You shall hear more of this, damn you! And I did . . . The lesson was well taught. I can never forget that I was a fool to think that we were fighting for "democracy" and to

"save civilization"!

Private, Ambulance Corps

80th Division.

79th Division

i German raider. The first news that we received on ar-Unknown Soldier, Privte, Medical Replacement riving in Queenstown was that in the preyious twenty days not less than 152 Unit, Base Hospital 21. hips were torpedoed and lost. Four days after our arival at the base we put out to sea on patrol, not even having any chance in Queenstown to fix any of our ON PAGE 4. stuff that got broke on the way across. Turn to page 4 and read the story We were sent away with the cheery words

> When we left Queenstown, one of the strictest orders we had was never to pick

the Lord we wil destroy them."

At the outbreak of the war, I was at | any drowning men out of the water off tached to the U. S. S. Maedongal, 8th a torpedoed vessel, but, on the other Destroyer Division, based at York River, hand, to put all our energy in sinking Virginia, Lieutenant Arthur P. Fairfield the submarine. Modern depth bombs n Command. Twenty four hours after were brought into use at about this time, to put the engines and instrument of the submarines out of working order so that men submerged in the submarine stood lest there at midnight three days later under scaled orders. Ten days later are to show of coming to the top, and would eventually suffocate to death. If they did come to the surface with the intention of surrendering they never would have a was with us. For seven days we lived show anyhow as every gun in the fleet in nothing but hardtack. Also sleeping in wet clothes. An English destroyer met would be turned right on them, the minus the day before we got in, the Mary ute they came to the surface.

In the winter of 1917, in a quest for aink in the North Sea with all hands, by more German blood, we got overscalous and dropped a depth bomb overboard hat was not timed right and blew our own stern off, killing 33 of our own crew that were asleen in their bunks and caught like rats in a trap. We managed to stay affoat by closing all the water tight doors and we were towed into England where the ship had a new stern put on. In the meantime members of the of the base chaplain: "In the name of crew were sent to other fighting ships so that no time would be lost in the

> Petty Officer, U.S.S. Destroyer Macdongal

Revolutionary Age Assn., 63 Mudison Ave., New York, N. Y.

JAY LOVESTONE, Editor

WILL HERBERG, Managing Editor

ALEX BAIL, Business Mgr.

Organ of the National Council of the COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U. S. A. (Majority Group) BEN GITLOW, Secretary

Subscription rates: Foreign \$3.50 a year—\$2.00 six mos.—Domestic \$2.50 a year; \$1.50 six mos.; 5 cents a copy.

Vol. II. No. 20

April 18, 1931

#### FOR A UNITED MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION! AGAINST THE S. P. PROVOCATIONS!

THE Socialist Party of New York City has announced that it will celebrate May Day on Union Square at precisely the same time set by the Communist Party for its demonstration. The announcement of the Socialist Party was first published on April 4, weeks after the Communist Party had made public plans for a demonstration at Union Square on May

The Communist Party had received a permit for its May Day demonstration from the New York Police Department on March 16. The use of Union Square for a demonstration on that day was agreed to by Captain Heitzman after the Communist Party had notified Police Commissioner Mulrooney of its plans.

It is very evident that the police have made a deal with the Socialist party leaders for the purpose of provoking a situation on May Day which will enable the authorities to carry out their long cherished plans of closing Union Square to all workers demonstrations. .

The action of the Police Department in calling in the leaders of the S. P. and inducing them to ask for a permit for May Day in order to revoke the permit already granted to the Communists is part of the manouvers of the police to provoke fights and bloodshed on May Day in order to create an excuse for the clubbing of workers and the smashing of their May Day demonstrations. The Socialist Party leaders, in agreeing to the plans of the police, are playing identically the same role as the Veterans of the Foreign Wars and the Czarist White Guardists who this year have again been induced by the Police Department to hold a parade and demonstration on Union Square on the morning of May 1,

The Socialist leaders have been given guarantees that if the Communists will interfere with the Socialist demonstration, or try to use the Square for their demonstration they (the Socialists) will be "adequately protected" by the police. In other words, the clubbing by the police of class-conscious workers celebrating International Labor Day-to the joy of all the capitalist exploiters and oppressors.

The Police Department under Mulrooney is attempting to carry out, with the aid this time of the Socialist Party leaders, what former Police Commissioner Whalen failed to do, that is, provoke a riot on May Day, in that way, club, beat and trample down innocent men, women and children, later giving the riot as an excuse for prohibiting all working class demonstrations on Union Square,

This nefarious, foul, dirty scheme of the police which has the endorsecent of the S. P. leaders, is part of the general reactionary drive against the workers, who on May First will demonstrate for unemployment insurance against wage-cuts, against fingerprinting, registration or deportation of foreign-born workers, for liberation of class war prisoners against discrimination and lynching of Negro workers, against the war preparations and imperialist war and for the recognition and defense of the

Soviet Union. We call upon all workers to support the demonstration of the Communist Party and to foil the provocation of the police and the S. P. leaders. However, the Communist Party must be criticized for its failure to

utilize May Day for a real united front May Day movement of all workers and their organizations. The narrow secturian policy of the Communist Party on May Day plays right into the hands of the capitalist schemes to dissipate the unity of the workers.

The action of the S. P. leaders must be condemned for its treacherous and provocative role against the workers. The members of the Socialist Party should call for the immediate giving up of the permit and for a united May Day movement.

The police must be held directly responsible for any rioting, violence or bloodshed that will take place on Union Square. They have deliberately called upon the S. P. to aid them into creating a riot situation.

We therefore demand the permit given the Communist Party on March 16 be not revoked. Furthermore, we call upon the workers to down tools, go to Union Square and demonstrate together with the Com munists for the demands of the wokers and against the provocation of the police, the Socialist Party leaders, and the bosses.

A Conscientious Objector Tells His Story

## A "C.O." IN LEAVENWORTH

Every day renewed attempt to force us state that they could as individuals defend to become "regulars," promises of easy their loved ones against rape, yet logically berths in Labor Battalions, pleas, threats, refuse to fight a state, be replied that To frighten us the reading of court mar-tial verdicts of C.O.'s with sentences of ments, but we must nevertheless rememfrom five to twenty years at Leavenworth ber that it was not a question of killing mals; it is communicable to human was almost a daily occurrence.

objection being too embarrassing to tian Scientist! answer, the officers had gravitated to the He could not answer whether the Gerlower levels of sex to find arguments man Christian Scientists thought they

them in France! and then read the sentence imposed just only bubble forth nothings. that day upon a C.O .- 20 years at Leave and he turned to express his exasperation at our not becoming soldiers, quoting the

A conscientious objector in camp Germans. When some radicals arose to actual Germans, but that we were just ex-Politico economic points involved in tripating an evil spirit. He was a Chris-

against war resistance—just as in the ap were killing an evil spirit when they peal to lynch. And finally, a grand for fought us. Reiterating that he realized peal to lynch. And finally, a grand for fought us. Reiterating that he realized mula had been empirically worked out, he couldn't beat us in argument, he al-"What would you do if a German soldier ways fell back upon the defense that he attacked your wife, mother or sweet couldn't understand how red-blooded men heart?" If one wouldn't resist, as in the could refuse to defend their women folk. case of some Christians, he was so low as Half way thru the evening he was reina man as not to be worth attention; forced by a Y.M.C.A. secretary who had whereas if you protested you could still accidently dropped in to see us, and who rightfully defend your mother, yet resist attempted to come to the captain's aswar, this was met by the argument that sistance by reviling us, calling us lazy, the Germans were trying to come over until he saw that it was useless and conhere and that logically you should shoot tended that we should fight Germany because one color in her flag was black, and One evening at seven, supper finished, our group was gathered in the mess-hall when a captain entered, told us to listen,

At nine, after an exciting two hours We were impressed. As he the captain turned to leave when two of was about to leave a thought struck him his soldiers dashed in and whispered something to him. He hurried out. For tunately one of our group—a non-com-batant C.O.—one who rould accept milwell known sex formula. Instantly, a debate was started in which all C.O. partiary service but wouldn't fire a gun, and ticipated during the next two hours. He was rewarded by having his nights off, singled out individuals: A Lutheran min entered the mess hall and told us what ister answered that war was contrary to he had overheard. The captain, after the teachings of Christ; Quakers and trying to convince us of the evil inten-Mennonites replied that they had been tions of the Germans, had been sumraised to regard war as abhorrent. He moned to his office because two of his

for not defending their country, stating the settlement of the war temporarily ance to it, particularly after the declarade clearing; so with cleaning up of central that he could not understand how men eliminating Germany from the imperial tion of war. And what kind of war could ters and sources of infection, a mocould sink so low as not to defend their istic battlefield, but raising two possible mothers and sweethearts against raping points of conflict where only one had A Former C. O. a little let down in the collective capmothers and sweethearts against raping points of conflict where only one had

The Next War

## The Race With Death

Anthrax Bombs - Science Enlists With the Germ - The Journey's End - Dollars Versus the Human Race

by Bertram D. Wolfe

meager, but definite.

The most sinister aspect of the war by the explosions liberating them; but acity of man to combat disease, and terops".

THE END!



Captain Ferdinand Tuohy, of the Intelligence" Department of the British Army is authority for the state-

A Blighting Epidemic "Experiment has proceeded fast since the armistice," wrote Irwin in

front lines and industrial cities? Where is this capitalist "civiliza-

tion" leading us to, that puts dollars above human lives, that puts the destinies of mankind in the hands of a group of Bolsheviks theses on The Tasks of the destruction of the stop short of the destruction of the Buropean War in which the war it unloaded a big batch of ladies and misses bulk of the human race in their inteself is analyzed in a thorola Marvier war. sane passion for profits and power?

Once more we will let the other side

Here is ex-Premier Cailleaux writ-

ment that, in the late war, the Germans had a "bacteriological section" at Nurmberg. This was used by the British as an "excuse" for creating their own bacteriological section. Will Irwin, American war reporter, gives the armistice," wrote Irwin in 1921, "... No branch of modern military science seems more fruitful in eventual possibilities for wholesale killing than this . . . As germ warfare is at present conceived, it would class that boasts it creates and present conceived, it would class that boasts it creates and present conceived.

teria. What will happen when science turns its knowledge, its skill and its Lenin, living in exile in some God-forsaken resources on the other side, on the Galician town, at first refsued to believe to spread, aid in their dispersion over

#### The Journey's End

Here is Dr. Eckhardt, Vice President of the Hungarian Frontier Readiustment League, on September 1, 1930, predicting a world war by 1937 which "will cause the destruction of our 2,000-year-old Christian Civilization."

ing in August 1930:

destroy science, the arts, human pro-

## What's To Be Done?

"The master class will put us in charge of artillery and tanks and planes and ships. They will put machine guns and gas grenades and bayonets in our hands. And they will bid us use them to slaughter our fellow workers, to destroy factories, wipe out cities, ruin farm hands, annihilate the physical basis, of modern production and culture, and murder each other by millions and tens of mil-

"We must take the guns and gas grenades and bayonets, and use them, not on each other to wipe out mankind, but we must use them upon the greedy madmen who drive us into war, use them to destroy the profit-hunting man-slaying, unemployment and war-breeding capitalist system, and build a decent human world where human lives are valued higher than dollars and unemployment, exploitation and war are unknown".

-From the forthcoming and concluding article in the series "THE NEXT WAR"

Watch for it in the next issue of "War Issue Sub", and we will this revealing series on the nature and preparations of the coming war. The available number of back your subscription and write on it taining the preceding articles in copies is limited. Act promptly!

"The British, informed of this, Dutton, 1921, p. 61.)

That the Germans also cultivated the deadly anthrax bacillus during the world war, was proved during the 1930 hearings of the Mixed War Claims Commission when the American representatives claimed and proved that German agents in America had injected boat loads of horses with anthrax germs before the horses were shipped across for the use of the Al-lies, and that whole shipments died as a result. But anthrax is not only a disease affecting horses and other anibeings as well, as any furrier can tell you—a disease horrible in its rav-ages and highly infectious.

The Professors Report

In 1924 a Commission of the League of Nations, made up of Viscount Ceeil, Admiral Segrave, General de Marinis and Colonel Requin investigated the question of bacteriological warfare. They gathered in-formation principally from Professor Pfeiffer of Breslau, Professor Bordet of the Pasteur Institute of Brussels, Professor Cannon of the Harvard School of Medicine, and Proor staphylococci, anthrax spores, glanders bacilli, etc; dissemination of

mal or crops from airplanes. Professors Pfeiffer, Bordet, and Madsen are of the opinion that typhus and choiera can be checked by vaccination; that rat-infection could not be used as it would spread to the armies of the users; that cultures on weapons and in shells would be like-

germs or bacteria affecting man, ani-

the explanation of Tuony as follows: be directed against armies alone. But serves culture and progress! knows what human chains bind the tion of the Red Cross in October 1930 anyone who followed the late thrax bacilli, and notified Ger- troops in the trenches to the general declaring that it "sees no immunity thrax bacilli, and notified Germans that they had prepared a 'repopulation . . . Armies simply could
prisal'" (Irwin: "The Next War",
not be quarantined. Among the posDutton, 1921, p. 61.) sibilities of the next war is a general, trial centers. blighting epidemic, like the Black And here is the organ of finance Plagues of the Middle Ages—a sud-capital, the New York Times apropos

> Professional military men accept the logic of their task quite coolly. Thus Major General Swinton speaking before the Royal United Service Institution in 1921 declared:

"The final form of human strife as I regard it, is germ warfare. think it will come to that; and so far as I can see there is no reason why it should not, if you mean to fight . . . . prepare now . . . . We must envisage these new forms of warfare, and as far as possible ex-pend energy, time and money in encouraging our inventors and scientists to study the waging of war on a wholesale scale instead of . . . thinking so much about methods which will kill only a few individuals at a time."

"Science" Enlists With The Germs Then there are the easily cultivated, easily spread diseases of plants fessor Madsen of Copenhagen. Here alluded to by Professor Cannonare the "high spots" of their report. wheat rust, plant fungi and bacteria, Methods of bacteriological war con- invading armies of plant parasitessidered include "the pollution of plant diseases that spread like wilddrinking water by cultures of typhus fire, blight out whole crops, destroy or cholera germs"; propagation of the "enemy's" food supply, and starve plague by pest-infested rats; "the pol- him out. But like human epidemics, soning of weapons with streptococci plant epidemics are far easier to start than to stop.

Man carries on a constant warfare gainst plant, animal and human disease—a collective warfare against certain aspects of nature which are for him malignant and deadly. That warfare is by no means ended. Epidemology is far from an exact sci-ence. Man has won many victories, but a moment's fleglect, a bit of weak-ening of the lines, and the most horraised to regard war as abhorrent. He turned to a big Minnesota Swede who had "got religion" and implored him to "follow his conscience." The Swede replied simply: "I am," and the captain gasped for want of reply. Then he gasped for want of reply. Then he gasped for want of reply. Then he gasped to the radicals and operaided them Stultifying, but on a grander scale, was the rational of the most horrowed by the destroyed by the destroyed law of the most horrowed law of clearing; so with cleaning up of cen-

den, mysterious, undiscriminating of the war play, "Journey's End", rush of death from which a man can save himself only by fleeing his fellow man."

building, and the survival of a ism and peace. remnant of peoples that cannot even bury their dead, much less build memorials in the fields where they lie unburied."

Dollars Versus The Human Race Such are the prospects for the coming decade! Such is the outlook for humanity if the present ruling class continues in power, if the world continues to be ruled by people who let millions starve when it means more profit, people who live by the exploitation of their fellow men, people who would buy and sell anything so long as "there is money in it", people who are insane enough in their chase for dollars and pounds and francs to spend five billions in war preparations, to hire the best brains and the most advanced engines of annihilations, who are taking steps to bring about the mass destruction of humanity in order to further their own insignificant interests.

CELEBRATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY of the Boro Workers Youth Club coming SATURDAY, APRIL 18, at 8 P.M

CRYSTAL PALACE 4214-14 Avenue, Cor. 42 St. Brooklyn, N. Y. (Take BMT West End Train to Fort Hamilton Parkway)

— at —

Two Bands of Music EATS - SONGS - DANCING - Admission: -(on account of bad times)-50 cents

THE IMPERIALIST WAR, The Strug-

SOOKS

gle Against Social-Chauvinism and So-cial-Pacifism, by V. I. Lenin. Collected Works of V. I. Lenin, Vol XVIII. In-ternational Publishers, New York.

The striking unity of conception of these articles (which include most of function in such an enterprise again) and Lenin's written work after the declaration they have written it down in their records, of war in 1914 and thru 1915) has been that if we ever have another war the wel-noted by all readers. This unity is to be face work in the army will be conducted traced not simply to the overpowering influence of the subject matter of the avticles—the European War—but far more to the fundamental unity of the author's a unit, the ministers, priests and tabbis outlook upon the war and its problems and those charged with the responsibility

We all comember the story of how

side of the bacteria, and gives them the report of the monumental treachery favorable breeding ground, a chance of the German Social democrats on Aug. 4 and declared the copy of the Berlin Vorwaerts shown to him by Zinovics to be a forgery of the German General Staff. But already in the early part of bulk of the human race in their in- self is analyzed in a thoroly Marxist manner, the roots of social patriotism and social pacifism as well as their direct connections with pre-war reformism and centrinsm are laid bare and the tasks of revolutionary Socialist internationalism outlined. And this one month after the war broke out! The years of long and rigorous training in theory and struggle had not failed to leave their mark! Already by November the Leninist slo-

gans so well-known today, had been theoretically worked out in almost final form; the defeat of "one's own" government in the imperialist war, the transformation of ished in millions. In the year X which I hope will never get into the calendar, the civil population will be annihilated."

the imperialist war into a revolutionary civil war, the struggle against social-chauvinism and pacifism, the demand for the self-determination of nationalities, and—most astonishing of al—"The Sec-"In 1914-18 the combatants per the imperialist war into a revolutionary And the only solution M. Cailleaux and International is dead! Long live the ond International!" His entire literary work throot the year 1915 Lenin devoted to the most thoro and profound gress, without waiting for war to do claboration of these main ideas and to it. "If mankind wishes to exist," is the analysis of current events in their the analysis of current events in their light. Some of the most brilliant theoretical work of his whole life was done by Lenin in this period-see especially the pamphlet Socialism and War. But this volume of the collected works

reveals another side of Lenin's historical activity during this period—which in him was organically united with his theoretical work: the work of agitation and organization-gathering the scattered cadres of revolutionary internationalists, transmitting to them the leading ideas of the
Marxist analysis of the war and the less
sons of the collapse of the II International, organizing the practical struggle; chains. Capitalism forging thicker
against the war, and, most fundamentally,
leading the foundations for the Communist.

Thistone wars after the practers took laying the foundations for the Communist International which was to some five years later. The story of the Zimmer munist Party and the proletarian dictator-wald Conference (and later Kienthal) and the crystallization of the Zimmerwald Left, the beginnings of an international their land and run their industry and Bolshevik faction, is well told in these pages. So is the heroic story of the Bolshevik in Russia in their daily struggle against Czarism and chauvinism, holding aloft with the greatest determination the red banner of revolutionary international ism which the official leaders of the Socialism. cialist International had so ignominiously

The greateness of these articles of Lenin's lies not least in the fact that their said the touch of good book bindings value is not merely historical but is world entered the period of wars and revolution. The danger of a new world a panel, war is today no less immediate than it was in 1907 (Stuttgart) or 1912 (Basel) And in the new war that is threatening the Marxist analysis and clear slogans of Lenin-today objectified in the Commu nist International - will be a powerful "The prayer of the whole earth light in the darkness for the international is that the nations may never set working class in its struggle to "convert out on that journey again, for its the world war into a civil war"—to overend may be the end of a civilization throw the murderous system of capitalism tion that has been ages in the and start the world on the road to Social

B. & S. CAFETERIA

26 EAST 28th STREET NEW YORK CITY

CORRECT CLOTHES

Clothing Company, Inc.

SOCOLOFF & FLAMM For Men and Young Men 101-103 Stanton St., cor. Ludlow St.

New York City.

-Attention!

OPEN MEETING "Recent Developments in the Crisis States in 1928 twenty-nine bushels of wheat.

And in 1929—eighteen bushels munist International"

Reporter: JAY LOVESTONE FRIDAY, APRIL 17, at 7:30 P.M. - at the -

GRAND OPERA HOUSE 309 West 23 Street



For The Next Crusade

"I have advised the War College Washington (and God forbid that I should have anything but an advisory fare work in the army will be conducted by combined religious organizations, with-out distinction, whether they be Protessant, Catholic or Jew, to work together as for the work.

pose in the course of action flowing from his analysis. It is the inherent unity and self-consistency of revolutionary Marxism.

Remarks of Newton D. Baker, Ex-Section analysis. It is the inherent unity and Hebrew Medal for the Promotion of Better University of Promotion of Better University. er Understanding Among Religions.

Bath Bricks For The Trenches

How the profiteers regard war is shown by the record of Pershing's memoirs that while millions were staughtering each other for profits, the A. E. F. received shipments of "bath bricks, cuspidors, bookcases, floor wax, lawn mowers, sickproved to contain "twelve dozen infants night shirts" and another profit shark unloaded a big batch of ladies and misses unbers---"and small one; at that."

The same men were the ones who said: "I'll give my boy to my country" meaning—office boy!"

Will We Never Learn?

Murder will out! General, Scott now admits that he asked Congress for a million men as early as 1916. Yet at the end of that year Woodrow Wilson was elected president "to keep us out of war. Before he was inaugurated war was de-clared! And by the way, didn't we once elect an engineer "to keep the country

The Allies Rescue German Capitalism The terms of the armistice, General Pershing reports, required the Germans to surrender 35,000 machine guns, but 10.-000 gons were immediately returned to them "for riot duty" when they reported to the Allies on the rising tide of German revolution. As always, rival capitalisms united in the face of working class revolu-

By Their Fruits Shall Ye Know Them Thirteen years after the revolution of 1918 put the Socialist Party of Germany in the saddle, there is no socialism there. a fascist dictatorship threatens, and there are five million unemployed in Germany. Two years after the MacDonald government took the helm in England unem-ployment there is increasing by leaps and

Thirteen years after the workers took over the power in Russia thru the Com-

Where MacDonald Learnt His Marxism "At Chequers (Macdonald's estate) 1 s not merely historical but is gave a feeling of pleasure. Touch those With the first world war, the said Premier MacDonald. I did and found they were duning books that made

-Charlie Chaplin to reporters. - 😕

Tribute to MacDonald "The Labor movement, which is supbosed to represent the spirit of eager adiant youth, has in England installed in power the most aged administration of modern times.

-Sir Herbert Samuel

Snowden Solves It

His Majesty's Labor Minister for Emauce has solved the unemployment problem in approved apple-sauce style. Here it is: "Pessimism deepens pessimism; optimism raises optimism." If you can't buy now, smile, damn you:

That Soviet Dumping Plot Funny thing about this dumping busi-The Soviet government is accused

of trying to give goods away for less than they cost to produce—trying to give capitalism something for nothing! By lowering the cost of living in the capitalist countries, they're trying to arouse working-class discontent! By giving foreign capitalists something for nothing, they are undermining the capitalist sys tem! And by shipping out everything for less than it costs them they're somehow building up Soviet industry and accom-plishing the 5-year plan!

Help! Help! Boycott!

During the last election campaign Secretary Hyde told the suffering wheat farmers that the farm depression was due to Soviet "dumping." Now Senator Wheeler reveals the start

Soviet Russia dumped into the United

Communism Cau't Compete

One respect in which the Soviet Union goes backward while the United States marches forward, is in crime statistics. The number of crimes committed in the Soviet Union dropped about 50% during the past year while the United States has completed its five year crime plan in less than three years. America first!

B. D. W.