

Let Nation Know Meyer London Is In Congress

SOCIALISM will have an able spokesman in the history-making congress that will begin its sessions at Washington, D. C., Monday, Dec. 6. This is less than two months in the future. Meyer London, elected congressman by the workers of New York City's East Side, is now working hard preparing himself to be that spokesman. Therefore, while the American people as a whole await with intense interest the opening of congress, this interest does not nearly approach the eager anticipation of all Socialists.

not been able to raise or manufacture a war cry big enough to lure the American people into the slaughter. If the nation escapes the European gulf of blood, and every Socialist is striving to bring this about, this congress must decide whether the nation is, nevertheless, to be burdened with an increasing load of militarism that will ultimately result in involving it in war and all its horrors.

secretary was demanded. The capitalist, war mongering press, has given it every aid possible in securing publicity when it was thought advisable to inflame the public mind.

them into political bondage to the national democratic party political machine, the postal employees will assert their rights wherever they are threatened. The Navy-Postal Department secret alliance has received at least one rebuff from a letter carrier who wrote across the face of the blank sent him the following:

MEYER LONDON, the Socialist, will be the most important question before congress. If the war madness controls a majority of the members of the House and Senate, a tremendous tax must be wrung from the country to get the \$500,000,000 for battleships and hundreds of millions more for other murder machines.

THERE is the Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment providing for the enfranchisement of women, bills providing relief for the chisement of women, bills providing relief for the sue of railroad securities, bills to extend Phillips' anti-government, and rural credit bills; all left behind by the last congress in the rush to get away from work. These will be introduced again. Every Socialist is interested in this legislation and may be assured at this early date that Meyer London will have a word to say before the committees that consider them.

Let Congress Probe Cause of Violence in Labor Struggles

By JAMES H. MAURER Socialist Member Pennsylvania Legislature and President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor.

A LEAFLET, giving a reprint from the Boston Evening Transcript, of August 31, 1915, is receiving wide circulation. Just who is paying for the circulation, I do not know.

CONTROL THE ARMY

By LUCIEN SAINT. Our Washington Letter.

When Congress comes to vote on the new appropriations for "preparedness" it will be asked to guarantee that the appropriations shall be used for defense and for defense alone.

A GLIMPSE AHEAD

By JOHN M. WORK. Everywhere the city administrations and the courts are struggling with the problem of crime.

what the Pennsylvania railroad really stands for, that it spends \$800,000 a year to maintain a hired and equipped army of thugs to intimidate the workers, and this campaign to weed out the rebels will no doubt result in greater solidarity among the workers and the making of more rebels.

War to End Gun and Club Rule in Strikes Starts in Chicago

By J. L. ENGDALH. WAR on police brutality during strikes has been started by the two Socialists in the Chicago city council. Before this war is over it is hoped to end the rule of the policemen's gun and club in all industrial struggles in all the cities of the nation.

grants engage in an industrial struggle for better working conditions, increased wages and a shorter workday. They become the victims of police brutality that causes them to form another opinion of the rights of American citizenship than they received at Fourth of July celebrations.



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**ORGANIZE FOR 1916!**

**SOCIALISM.** — Under Socialism industry will be carried on for the common good and every worker receive the full social value of the wealth he creates. The Socialist Party is the political expression of the economic interests of the workers. It is a party founded on the science and laws of social development. It proposes that, since all social necessities today are socially produced, the means of their production and distribution shall be socially owned and democratically controlled. The Socialist Party appreciates the high significance of class organization and urges the wage earners, the working farmers and all other useful workers everywhere to organize for economic and political action, and we pledge ourselves to support the toilers of the fields as well as those in the shops, factories and mines of the nation in their struggles for economic justice. The Socialist Party is the party of the present day revolution, which marks the transition from economic individualism to Socialism, from wage slavery to free cooperation, from capitalist oligarchy to industrial democracy. — From the 1912 Socialist Party national platform.

**NEWS OF THE WEEK**  
 Here is all the week's news worth while boiled down for workers who busy fighting for Socialism they do not have time to read the daily capitalist press.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.**  
 Fifty persons believed crushed to death when a bus was overturned by a runaway truck in the city of New York.  
 Allies and Germans in desperate battle along 300-mile western front.  
 Second night of garment makers' walkout in New York City.  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.**  
 Anglo-French financial commission in Chicago makes public terms of half billion dollar loan. Offers 6 per cent five year bond.  
 Report British and French have captured Kaiser's secret line of drive for third. Forty thousand Germans perish in Flank March on Russian front.  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.**  
 Ten persons killed and 150 injured in New Orleans and vicinity as result of Gulf storm.  
 German bankers not enthusiastic over \$50,000,000 loan to French and British governments.  
 British rushes to Western front to rally German to meet Allies' offensive.  
 President Wilson sends 10,000 U. S. A. R. veterans in parade at Washington, D. C.  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.**  
 Furious and gigantic assault of the Allies on the German line in France and Belgium continues with unabated violence.  
 Fifteen thousand British troops break up fight for free speech.  
 Leonard Abbott, Carlo Treves and Thomas Wright arrested.  
 International state federation of labor adopts resolutions condemning big business interests for seeking to disrupt Chicago Teachers' Federation.  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.**  
 British and French communications cut in the Balkans.  
 Seventeen battles fought in the str. Report Allies' troops in Greece.  
 Socialist Senator Le Fontaine of Belgium tells Chicago audience revolt of troops may end struggle in Europe.  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2.**  
 President Wilson promises to issue statement soon supporting woman suffrage as a state issue.  
 Russia threatens war on Bulgaria. British and small nations against German. French halted. Allies may ask another loan in U. S.  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3.**  
 Sir John French tells British Field Marshal in France, tells of allied gains against the Germans.  
 German government suppresses anti-war agitation of Liebknecht group of Socialists in Essen, Dusseldorf, and other cities.  
 Cruelty of Turks against Armenians west in world's history.  
 Recalls nine coal miners entombed for week at Coalada, Pa.

**THEY READ FICTION.**  
 "System" is the name of a "business" publication that recently set out to learn what the workers are thinking about. Among other things it found that 6.1 per cent of the workers whose minds were examined read Socialist literature. It found that 94 per cent read fiction. Perhaps that accounts for the ignorance of a great percentage of the working class. Every Socialist should work to increase the percentage of toilers reading Socialist literature. The kind of fiction produced under the capitalist system will never open the eyes of a Henry Dubb. Only Socialist literature will do that.

J. J. Betts, county secretary of Garfield County, Okla., writes that an intense interest in Socialism has been aroused in this part of Okla-

**PUSH PHILOSOPHY**

By LINCOLN PHIFER  
 WHAT right has a man to vote if woman is denied the ballot?  
 THE Jingo is a murderer at heart who is too cowardly to do his own killing.  
 IT IS time for the workers to make a "drive" on the entrenched capitalist.  
 ALL franchisees are special privileges and hence are illegal. They should be abrogated.  
 ROCKEFELLER is something more than a hypocrite. He is also a great grandstander.  
 WHEN the capitalists cannot rob without murder they provoke a war, and then fool preachers pray for them.  
 WHAT right has the president to veto a law if the people, who are superior to him are denied that right?  
 IF THE workers are expected to defend the country, the country must first become the property of the workers.  
 MAN is the wisest fool in the world. He is wise enough to do everything, and fool enough to be content with nothing.  
 WHAT right has the supreme court to set aside a law, if the people, who are superior over all, cannot set aside a law?  
 IF THE toilers controlled industry there would be no unemployment. If they controlled the government there would be no war.  
 ALL war bonds are issued without the workers having a vote on them; they are therefore not a contract and must be repudiated.  
 WHAT right has congress to involve the nation in debt for war munitions, unless the people agree by vote to that indebtedness?  
 WHAT right has congress to authorize loans for war and at the same time deny the people the right to money for the control of industry?  
 AS sickness is caused by invisible microbes that are parasites, so poverty is the result of parasitism that many do not yet suspect as existing.  
 THE world has been kept so busy making a living for useless robbers and destroyers of wealth that a majority of people have never really lived.

IF THE nation has a right to seize the mills and make them manufacture war munitions, it has a right to seize the mills and make them employ the idle.  
 BETWEEN the war and panic capitalism is finding out just how much the workers can stand, and means to rob them of all that is shown to be possible.  
 IT IS an unbusiness-like to employ a public official without the right to recall him as it would be to employ a worker yourself and be unable to discharge him.  
 THE world is in the hands of the destroyers. It is mastery, now, to keep it chiefly by capitalists; that keep it poor, that keep it ignorant, that keep it miserable.  
 THERE are people who will not consider a new thought, even about socialization; and they are the same kind of fools as those who will not read up about what is known about socialization.  
 ALL charters are letters of marque and reprisal, authorizing a citizen of one state to levy a tribute off a citizen of another state, and are therefore unconstitutional. They should be set aside.  
 THE solution of the problem of making a living is known already. If the people were permitted by the spoliars to apply the solution, there need be no poor, no homeless, no unemployed in all the world.  
 IT IS less dangerous to have a hereditary king without much actual power than it is to have a judge appointed for life, without being subject to recall, and having the power to undo the work of legislature or congress.  
 ALL land grants to corporations represent the giving away of that belonging to the whole people without the consent of the whole people. They are therefore no contract and are void. Some day they will and must be set aside.  
 THEY are building so much machinery for the making of war munitions that after the European war is over capitalism will have to force a war at home in order to save its investment. This is what is behind the move for preparedness.  
 NO man has a right to hold an office until he is well versed in the sociology or the principles of social science. He has no more right to a public place until prepared for it than a teacher has to instruct without a certificate or a doctor to pretend to be a healer without a diploma.  
 ATLAS was a working stiff of long ago on whose shoulders a smart guy is said to have dumped the weight of the world. And Atlas cannot even feed himself because of using his hands for holding up the world. You thought Atlas a myth. Well, you yourself are the dubb.

**CO-OPERATION OF THE SOCIALISTS**

**Fight Public School Book Control By Big Business**

IN CHICAGO all roads lead to State Street, the busiest thoroughfare in the world. State Street is the home of the department stores. The city's street car system was built with "State Street" as the hub. The same is true of the elevated trains. Bus lines create a similar situation for the steam roads entering the city.  
 "State Street" is the center. Millions of dollars are spent annually in newspaper and other advertising to turn the eyes of millions of people toward this money spending center.  
 The extreme to which "State Street" will go to educate the masses has just been uncovered in the fight that is being made by the Chicago Board of Education to outlaw the Chicago Teachers' Federation. The school books used in the Chicago public schools, especially the arithmetic, have practically been turned over to State Street's big business interests. Their pages are filled with what seems to be free advertising.  
 Turn to page 122 of the Stone-Mills Arithmetic used in the Chicago public schools and at the top of the page you find this:

**MARSHALL FIELD & COMPANY**  
 STATE, WASHINGTON, RANDOLPH, AND WARREN  
 CHICAGO

NAME Mrs. Butler  
 RESIDENCE 5331 Southport Ave.  
 DATE 9/17/10 DEPARTMENT 8 CLERK NO. 47 AMOUNT REQUIRED 10.00

QUANTITY	ARTICLES	PRICE	AMOUNT
2	yd. Velvet Ribbon	45	90
8	yd. Lawn	35	280
10	yd. Singham	15	150

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 SEPT. 17  
 M. F. A. CO.  
 18208-14

This shows how Marshall Field & Co. advertises in Chicago's public school books.  
 This is a sales check, the kind complete control of the entire published by Marshall Field & Company, the biggest big business on State Street. The Marshall Field estate is one of the gigantic real estate holdings in Chicago.  
 Children, by the tens of thousands, study this sales check in the public schools every year. The name of "Marshall Field & Company" has been printed in the arithmetic, to exert the magic upon the immature mind, and develop a servile homage and respect for this great capitalist institution that has almost enslaved an entire city.  
 Marshall Field & Company gets preferred space in the Stone-Mills arithmetic. We do not know how much Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., the publishers of the arithmetic, receive pay for the advertising.  
 The other big stores receive honorable mention — perhaps to keep them from being too jealous. The Stone-Mills arithmetic of the children are told to prepare an account between themselves and "The Fair," and Mandel Bros., two other big State Street Stores. On page 78, the children are told about a piano sale at Siegel, Cooper & Co., the western Railroad is also mentioned. There are the big interests that fight the workers every time they try to assert themselves.  
 Bought Press Silent.  
 This exploitation of the public school books for private purposes is very proper in the eyes of the bought and paid-for press. They do not object to it. They permit this sort of propaganda to pass by unnoticed. But when anything by chance gets into the school books that hurts the plutocracy then these newspapers howl. The Tribune, that has profited by getting cheap school land leases, has just been indulging in such a fit of howling. It has found something in a school arithmetic that would tend to promote the child's desire for peace. The Tribune and the other staff for war and they want the art of murder taught in the schools.  
 Some of the "Problems About War," "for classes in arithmetic," to which The Tribune takes exception, are as follows:  
 Most boys would like to go to a ball game every week. If a boy went to a game every week for a season of twenty weeks, and took a 50 cent seat, how much would it cost for the season? The amount which we spent on our navy last year, \$139,822,186, would pay for tickets for all the boys?  
 A good tennis racket can be bought for \$150. The battleship Vermont cost \$7,563,963. This amount would buy rackets for how many boys and girls?  
 During the year preceding the great war the five great European powers spent \$388,921,000 on their armies. At 10 cents per ticket, how many tickets would such an amount buy for each of the 450,000,000 people in these countries? Answer to the nearest unit.

**All Labor Unions Hit By New Rule; Will Fight Back**

In its new famous "Free Schools Edition" of Sept. 11th, The American Socialist urged its readers to "Halt Plot To Make Schools Serf Factories." That this is the indignation of the big business Chicago board of education was shown more than ever in the latest move to wreck the Chicago Teachers' Federation.  
 The business pirates of Chicago did not remain stunned very long by the court decision granting the teachers an injunction against the school board rule that sought to outlaw their federation.  
 Immediately upon their recovery they had their puppets on the board of education present another rule, slightly changed from the one that failed to please the court. This rule, adopted Sept. 29, by the school board, by a vote of 11 to 8, is directed exclusively at organized labor.  
 Only After Union Labor.  
 The school board withdrew its ban temporarily from the National Educational Association and the Illinois State Teachers' Association. The fact was thus emphasized that this war is directed solely against the Chicago Teachers' Federation, affiliated with the Chicago Federation of Labor and the American Federation of Labor, and against the members of the different labor unions employed as instructors in the manual training departments and technical schools.  
 It is the ambition of the big business school board, by this rule, to take away from the actual staff of the Chicago schools. In this way Chicago's children will be taught the creed of the scab, the non-unionist and the strike-breaker by teachers whose sympathies are against the aspirations of the organized labor movement.  
 This latest move was again led by School Trustee Jacob M. Loeb, brother of Albert Loeb, vice president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., the notorious anti-labor mail order house, that does a nation-wide business. It has aroused the labor movement of Chicago to the great danger that threatens it.  
 Many Teachers Threatened.  
 The amended rule means that five-sevenths of the teachers in the public schools must drop their affiliation with organized labor or withdraw from the teaching force. Teachers thus threatened with dismissal are:  
 Members of the Chicago Teachers' Federation 4,000  
 Federation of the Men Teachers 500  
 Members of the High School Teachers' Federation 100  
 Printers, carpenters, blacksmiths, electrical workers, plumbers, glaziers, pattern makers, etc., employed as teachers in manual training departments and all members of labor unions 4,000  
 Total 5,000  
 "All these unions will have to fight the rule," declares Miss Margaret A. Haley, business agent of the teachers' union, "and the Teachers' Federation will get more support from organized labor than ever before. The amendment to the rule has given us a clear out-

**WAR IS BEGINNING OF RULE OF THE PEOPLES**  
 By FREDERICK G. GOULD  
 Member of the British Socialist Party and The Independent Labor Party

NOTE:—This is the second article by Frederick G. Gould to appear in The American Socialist. In his previous article, in the March 1915 issue, he showed the great struggle that will face the labor movement when this war ends. Gould is a well known worker in the British Socialist movement and an author of several volumes. In this article he shows how the war is opening the way towards Socialism.  
 WHAT has become of the Socialist idea of Revolution? All the petty disturbances raised in this or that city by Socialists during the last thirty years are ridiculous in comparison with the present gigantic war which has been created by the rich and perpetuated by the poor. The Dardanelles, in Poland, and on the ocean, during 1914-1915, no threats by physical force Socialists can agitate the world. It is one of the most remarkable ironies of history that the Revolution which Socialists have learned to fight, in the hands of international Socialists has actually come to pass through bourgeois governments and politicians of the old order. These well-dressed gentlemen, with University education, and endowed with the advantages of modern culture, have made the authors of the Revolution. We thought Revolution would issue, torch in hand, from slums and filthy tenements. It has rushed all furiously and bloody, from palaces and mansions.  
 Do not mistake. This European war, as I am a Socialist, is morally in the entire world, — is, in name, a conflict of "Powers." It is, in effect, — the end of "Powers" and the beginning of the rule of "Peoples."  
 I WILL illustrate from my own country, which three score years have familiarized me with. The upper classes, capitalists, landowners, professionals, and the rest, have freely contributed their sons to the Army; they are losing and will lose, money and luxuries; they are dropping ancient political traditions; the old parties — Conservative and Liberal — are united in a coalition government, with the addition of Labor representatives; they are preparing to share their authority with Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and India. The working-classes have learned to fight, in masses, along with aristocrats and University men, in trenches, and Flemish villages, and on Turkish rocks; for the time being, great multitudes of British men are actually better clothed and fed, as soldiers, than they are laborers; working-class women have been drawn into the field of national action and destiny in increased numbers; and the Government control of many factories and mills, railroads and supplies, has taught the most ignorant proletarian his first lesson in collectivism. In the very midst of the war, in spite of the helplessness of the capitalist press, the wage-earners in the South Wales coal-field, successfully maintained their claim to a more adequate payment. When the war is over, the bill must be paid. It cannot be paid by mere taxation, for the old was never simply cannot yield enough cash. It can only be paid by enlarged output of industry; and that will imply the continuation of the very process now commencing, namely, the socialization of mills, factories, and all the other means of production. This again will necessitate a re-birth of education. For all these changes, I believe Britain is sufficiently trained by experience. Foreigners do not perhaps appreciate one of the chief sources of our strength, — I mean our system of local government in boroughs and counties. It is one of the best in the world. Democratic possibilities, just as it is one of the most ancient, and is going to play a powerful part in the Socialist reconstruction of the British Isles. I say the "Isles," instead of "Britain," because I anticipate an advance of Socialism in Ireland. I have been a Home Ruler (though I am English of the English) for many years; but I want to tell Irish readers that Home Rule can only yield fruitful results for dear old Ireland if developed in a Socialist direction.  
 What I have said about my own country applies, with variations, to Germany, France, Italy, etc. Similar changes will evolve in all; and, in a century, our posterity will look back with far more interest upon the Socialist rebuilding that followed the war than upon the details of diplomacy or of campaigns; though it will never cease to pay homage, sad and heartfelt, to the young men of all nationalities who died that the world might live.

**This Week's Editorial From Socialist Press**

"WAR SOCIALISM."  
 (From The Milwaukee Leader).  
 The German Social-Democrats are not so enthusiastic over the great governmental undertakings into which most of the warring nations have been forced as are some of the Socialists in this country. Under the title, "War Socialism," a recent writer in the Neue Zeit points out that all these efforts lack the important element of democracy.  
 Every nation at war has surrendered to the Social position of organization. All admit that private initiative and competition have failed hopelessly to meet the needs of a society fighting for existence.  
 No nation has, as yet, adopted the much more radical idea of Socialism which insists that the directing power in production must be the workers organized democratically. It is possible that this lesson may be learned before the war is over. It is the first lesson taught the rulers by the people when the war has ended.

**THE POOR PRESIDENT.**

The most pitiable figure in the United States is Woodrow Wilson. One who understands can scarcely criticize him, out of pity for the man.  
 For more than two years the panic has been on. There was no reason for the panic other than an effort to crush him and with him all the "progressives" and radical agitation that has been growing through the years. During all that time Wilson has used his every endeavor to induce the masters of industry to call off the panic. He has called attention to the masters in South America that may be captured now while Europe is unable to contest for them. He has shown that bank deposits are larger than ever before in history, affording the means of ending the panic. But there has been no move to open business of any kind save the business of killing the world's workers. It becomes apparent that no effort will be made to end panic conditions until after the next election. It is hoped in the meantime to starve the workers into submission, and to force a return to stantardism as a price for renewed activity in industry. Wilson is as surely doomed, if capitalism is successful in its infamous work, as though he were sentenced to be shot.  
 The pity of it is, that he is utterly helpless largely through the money law he was instrumental in framing. One would think common gratitude would cause the masters of the bread to use the money Wilson turned to them; but they know no gratitude.  
 The arrogant fools think they will crush even the mass progress-

cialist) is chiefly influenced by J. R. MacDonald, who, in August, 1914, announced a policy of criticism of Sir Edward Grey, suspicion of Russia, and resolve to avoid demanding humiliating terms from the German Powers in case of their defeat. This policy, supported by the "Labor Leader," has assumed a pacifist quality which the general public regards as "pro-German." It has also been more or less allied with such outside movements as "Stop-the-War" — "No conscription," and "Union of Democratic Control," and all these movements are causes of irritation to the majority of the people, and are opposed by some Socialists. I will not debate these points, but I will make one remark, and that is, that Socialists should concentrate their political and economic activity in Socialist organizations, and not disperse their energies in bourgeois agitations, no matter how good the objects may appear.  
 THE LABOR PARTY, which includes non-Socialists as well as Socialists, is almost solid for the prosecution of the war, as is the Parliamentary Labor Party, (that is, the group of some 40 Labor members in the House of Commons); and the same observation holds good of the Trade Unions.  
 Whether consciously or instinctively most thoughtful people look to world-Socialism as the political hope for the after-war period. But the Socialists who are convinced this economic change will need illumination from new educational and religious ideals, which, however, it would not be advisable just now to discuss.  
 Jeremiah J. Baly, the young Socialist who was slugged by Sheriff Kinkead before the eyes of Standard Oil officials in the company's plant while the big Bayonne strike was in progress last month, has brought a suit for damages against Kinkead and demands \$4,000 damages, charging assault and battery

WEST VIRGINIA TO BALLOT ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN 1916.  
 By Lulu E. Pennybacker.  
 The amendment enfranchising women will come before the voter of West Virginia in the November election of 1916. The women in that State are co-operating with the suffrage organization to spread the propaganda. The suffrage literature is varied and many leaflets are found bearing on industrial problems. Naturally the Socialist women select such literature as will arouse a desire for industrial as well as political freedom. The exchanging of ideas on methods of organization and publicity is beneficial to all concerned. But I feel that women must have the ball before they will take much interest in its use. At the Suffrage National Convention held in Nashville, 1 November, 1914, I spoke before the Southern States Convention and assured them of the assistance of our party organization.

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The following books have been published by the National Office of the Socialist Party and have been endorsed by the Executive Committee, they, therefore, express the official views of the Party. When you circulate these books you will not have to apologize for any statements contained in them.  
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 The most terrific indictment of capitalism ever penned. It shows how the capitalist system wastes the resources and the lives of the people in a manner which makes it seem almost like madness to support such a system. An epoch making work, worth many times the price for which it sells. Illustrated. Paper. Price 10 cents.  
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 —WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THEM  
 An open letter from the National Executive Committee of The Socialist Party to the working class of the nation. Unbelievable as it may seem the American Federation of Labor has officially taken a stand against laws limiting the work day. The Executive Committee of the Socialist Party does not believe that this attitude on the part of the Federation fairly represents the sentiment of the working men and women of the country or even of the rank and file of the Federation. Paper. Price 5 cents.  
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Last Week 43,457
Off 1,598
On 41,649
Loss 1,422
Loss 1,056

GREAT WAR COUNCIL.

A great war council has been held by the leaders of the "On" army. General "Jimmy Higgins" of the Higgins' brigade presided.

The "Hustler" Brigade upon whom the greatest reliance is being placed was going to pull itself together according to their chief.

The lectures course has been delayed. Their commander promised that they would be in the trenches in another week.

A spirit of enthusiasm and optimism prevailed at the meeting. Plans were made for the "big drive" that would smash the "Off" lines decisively.

ROLL OF HONOR

W. O. URD, Louisiana, informs us that he has started a little business of his own. He has a table in his shop with nothing but Socialist literature on it.

Four workers in Erie, Pa., want the American Socialist. Their names go on our list for 40 weeks.

ALVIN J. WILBER, California, lined up four Henry Dubbs and requests that we send the American Socialist always on hand.

I am making these people (16 in all) a present of the best paper published. Kate Hayden, Pa., for her trouble she sends E. B. RAYNE, Eugene V. Debs, a premium that is proving most popular at present.

E. KNOWLTON, Ohio, brings in a half dozen to join the firing line.

"The American Socialist is without doubt the best Socialist weekly newspaper. The publication of objections to socialism from famous men in the last number is of great value and was certainly a splendid idea." J. G. EVERETT, Pa.

ROBERT H. MILLER represents his community with a list of 11 comrades, all from Indiana.

I am proud to say that I am a subscriber to the American Socialist and wish to buy a novelty knife in my pocket which bears the name of Eugene V. Debs on Oct. 30th, so here are the names: E. L. EDMONSON, Kentucky.

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WORLD PEACE! BY MAN-KILLING OR MAN-SAVING METHODS

By WILLIAM E. CLARK

IF TWO citizens should not kill each other of their own volition, why should their political office holders order them to do so? If it is wrong for you and me to kill each other, how can it be right for an entire nation, or two entire nations to help us kill each other?

Is there, however, a real difference between the two kinds of man-killing which civilized people can accept, or is it an imaginary difference that is due to an unwise education? You will remember that it was customary at one time for individuals to settle their own disputes, even to the extent of using violence. By and by the community took that privilege away from individuals, making man-killing a public function.

In doing so, the community said in effect: When a man commits murder, it is wrong for the nearest of kin to avenge that act; the entire community must take a hand in killing the murderer.

That is the essence of the law of capital punishment. When any state enforces a capital punishment law, no intelligent citizen of the state can escape the responsibility of helping to strangle, shoot or burn a human being to death.

Difference in Killing. The chief difference between the killing of Frank in Georgia and Becker in New York was that Frank was killed secretly by a band of men who knew they had the tacit approval of two or three hundred thousand people, while Becker was killed publicly by a band of men who were carrying out the wishes of the million people.

The officers of the law doubtless acted wisely in preventing Mrs. Becker from putting a plate on her husband's coffin, accusing Governor Whitman of murder. But no clear thinking person will deny the fact that the entire population of New York, including Governor Whitman, have already dipped their hands in the blood of five men just because one gambler was killed by a fellow crook.

By virtue of a state law, all the ordinarily good people of the state have stooped to the level of cold blooded man-killing.

Please observe that I did not say "murder." I said "man-killing;" and that is introduced here because it will help us understand how religious and normally good men may go to war and kill their fellowmen.

It will also suggest the way by which humanity shall be able to overcome the artificially prolonged habit of international war. Suppose I had given this address a subject which read:

"Come, Let us Kill our Fellowmen!"

Then suppose a sub-title had read: "The speaker will show the necessity of killing men. He will also explain some of the newest and most scientific methods of killing men in large number quickly. He will urge his hearers to enlist under his banner; to join an army he is raising to kill the first man or set of men who cross their path!"

Sugar Coated Murder. No; since drug manufacturers discovered a way of sugar coating bitter medicines, such a straight forward announcement would not be tolerated. And yet armies are organized to do that very thing. In spite of the glowing advertisements that cover bill boards asking young men to join the army, "get an education, earn good pay, lead a real man's life, earn good pay at congenial employment, etc.," those boys are wanted for the sole and only purpose of being used to kill the first man or set of men who cross their path, or rather the path of the politicians who happen to be in office when some dispute arises which they haven't the intelligence to settle by intellectual processes.

And every regiment of soldiers has an ordained minister of some religion as an organic part of that regiment. So you see it was not a figure of speech when reference was made to man-slayers and man-killers coming down the centuries arm in arm. Throughout the ages, they have been part and parcel of each other. And as contradictory as it may seem, some of the best men who ever lived have served as chaplains in the Army. Some have shouldered guns and deliberately killed their fellowmen.

War cannot hope to do away with war, therefore, by saying that those who engage in war are bad. The

present European war did not spring from a vicious or wicked heart. With all due respect to the personality of some very prominent men, let me say that those men have been improperly trained who think they can settle disputes between nations by the sword. Men who think world peace can be maintained by the sword, are pitifully ignorant of both world history and human nature.

War Breeds More War. The history of mankind has been a record of wars and preparation for wars. One war has sown the seeds of hate, of which the harvest has always been another war. Soldiers return from the past wars implant their oft-told tales of killing in the minds of their children and children's children. Babies are permitted to strut around with toy swords and guns. Young men are trained to become soldiers. Young women necessarily love those young men who carry tales of war talk and war preparation going on all over the world. Politicians talk of past wars and urge future wars to settle disputes between their country and other countries. Thus, the past wars and the past generations has taught war to the growing generation, with the result that there have been wars and rumors of wars almost continuously in some part of the world.

Not because men are bad, do these wars come; but because they are created by ignorant men who follow the old barbaric notion of trying to answer intellectual questions with a club. Soldiers have fought like fiends on battle fields and then died of homesickness, brought on by longing for the sight of loved ones, for whose protection politicians had blunderingly dragged them into war.

You will recall the German Lieutenant (Wedding, I think was the name) who went straight from the scene of his bride's marriage with the memory of his bride's kiss upon his cheeks, on that fatal errand for 1133 British seamen whom he sent to the bottom of the North Sea. And then he returned for the loving applause of that wife and his country. Applauds for what? For sinking some battle ships and killing 1133 of his fellowmen. And all Germany rejoiced that such a large number of the "enemy" had been killed.

Please keep the fact in mind that the blood of all the men who rest upon every citizen of the countries that are responsible for the war. Not a single citizen can wash that blood stain from his soul so long as he willingly lets his country follow the business of war as a means of adjusting international disputes. And the fact that all countries rejoice over the defeat of an enemy shows that, in spirit, all the people are with their soldiers when they maim and kill soldiers of the enemy.

Honor Successful Killers. Successful man-killers have been so universally honored that no well informed person will think of denying the fact that when a country is at war, all its people are engaged in the ghastly work of killing their fellowmen.

Our own General Frederick Funston rose to prominence because of his success as a man-killer during the trouble with Spain in 1898. And Richard Pearson Hobson was publicly kissed by the women of America from Maine to California because he had performed a darling act as a man-killer in that same war.

Those cases, taken at random from thousands that might be cited, will suffice to show that when a nation is at war, all of its people are killers of their fellowmen. That fact must be made clear in order to do away with war. In their calm moments, the great majority of mankind abhor the business of war, and would do everything in their power to make it impossible when they are shown that in war, the blood of their neighbors is being spilled by their own hands; and all for no lasting purpose.

Therefore, it is the duty of those who believe in answering questions instead of killing the questioners to make these facts known; and if any one doubts the urgent need of doing so, let him take one glance at the history of wars.

Since Constantinople became the first distinctly Christian city, 1585 years have passed. Not counting the numerous wars before the year 380, nor counting the wars in Asia, nor the numerous race riots, Christian, Jewish and Pagan massacres; not counting the numerous and uncalculated for Indian wars in America, nor the almost continuous uprising in South America and Mexico; just counting the most prominent wars of Europe and America,

a book entitled "The Struggles of the Nations" has enumerated 442 up to the year 1891. Since then, there have been more than enough to bring the number up to 450, varying in length from seven weeks to 143 years, making a total of not less than 1125 of the last 1585 years that the Christian era devoted to the business of war, while the remaining 460 years were devoted to preparations for war.

Flud Apologists For War. Warriors have always been able to hire prominent preachers and teachers to serve as apologists for the business of war. Not long ago, some preachers in La Crosse, Wisconsin, declined to take part in a Peace Sunday on the plea that it was not in their line. Not in their line to urge people to follow the Prince of Peace!

Just now, militarists are filling the press with pictures of college presidents, mayor of cities, prominent business men and others who have joined military training camps to prepare themselves to serve as officers in volunteer armies of some future war. And but for this keeping alive of the military spirit by continually instilling it into the minds of the growing generation, the so-called common people, being engaged in industry and commerce, would become such pacifists that they would actually be unfit for the business of slaying their fellowmen.

That is why militarists are at work agitating for a larger army. Politicians deal in public sentiment as a merchant deals in merchandise. That is as true of Russia, as of America. The statement of the Russian minister of war that it was his "settled purpose to do everything in his power to work in harmony with the duma and public opinion" should convince any man or woman of a sound mind that so long as war is in terms of peace that will be no more war; and that will be when you and I shall take up ourselves to create a public sentiment that will make it impossible for bandits to use commerce as a cloak for international crimes against society.

We know it is possible for men to dwell together in peace, within communities, because we are doing so in some communities. But it requires ages and ages of effort to accomplish that. So we should not get discouraged when some professional man, in terms of peace, advocates as "mollycoddlers." The principle of settling international disputes by Reason has never been tried by the big nations of the earth.

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to go with McGinty to the bottom of the sea." The horror of killing men never seems to enter the heads of people when their country is at war. The explanation of that is found in the fact that man-killers do not reason; they kill. Whoever were at war with Spain, all America laughed at the heartless prophecy of "Fighting Bob" Evans that, "Spanish would soon be the only language spoken in hell." And the American battle cry: "Remember the Maine; to hell with Spain," emblazoned on the sides, decorated train after train of volunteers as they sped across the country toward Cuba or the Philippines.

I mention these instead of referring to the heartless things now being done in Europe because it is my firm conviction that we will never do away with war by pointing our fingers at the beam in our brother's eye.

Dr. H. J. Ostrander, of Chicago, has suggested that America establish an All-Flags Day. On this day, there shall be public exercises in appreciation and commemoration of all the flags of the earth, whose peoples have come to our shores. On that day, peoples from all lands shall be made to feel the touch of their own members who might be figuratively woven together into one solid mass, showing honor to each as we show honor to all.

There are something like 500 international societies of all kinds which help to break down the artificial barriers that have been created between the nations of the earth. Of course, those societies have temporarily suspended during the war. When peace is restored, they will resume their work.

And then there is international commerce, or the mutual interchange of that which is needed to sustain and gladden life. When commerce shall cease to be used as a cloak by international bandits who prey upon their neighbors for the sake of adding to their wealth, then there will be no more war; and that will be when you and I shall take up ourselves to create a public sentiment that will make it impossible for bandits to use commerce as a cloak for international crimes against society.

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THE STORY CORNER NOTE.—In this column, there is treated, from week to week, the development of a typical Young People's Socialist League. The successes and failures are mirrored in the lives of the members. You will find some of your own here set forth. Each installment is practically complete in itself, but it is advisable to follow the story regularly.

THE NEW COMMITTEES. It was not so very easy to get started. In the first place, each of the members making up the Executive Committee had his own particular interests to be served. Many of these were apart from the League, so it was quite difficult to hit upon a meeting time that would be agreeable to all. Finally this was arranged and the work began.

It was found that they had decided and varied opinions as to what the activities of the league should consist of. And in no two opinions was there a single agreement. While this looked like an insurmountable obstacle, it really turned out to be an excellent help. There was Jack Seeveridge, a fine fellow, he could run, swim, jump, play ball, and take the lead in all kinds of sport. He was strong for starting a "gym" class right then and there. But Hans was a musician, and he thought that an orchestra ought to be the main thing. Peggy spoke up and advocated holding educational meetings and debates, to be finished always by some social feature, refreshments, etc. Jim himself had little but organization ideas to offer. These were all good suggestions, every one, the thing to do was to co-ordinate them.

Jack was therefore made Commissioner of Sports, Hans was told to go ahead and get together the members of his orchestra, the pleasure lovers were to be taken care of, while the more serious youngsters

should also have their innings. Some suggestion was made to organize these various activities as different circles within the League, but the danger of this "wheel within the wheel" business was clearly seen. For a while these wheels might all move around together, but sooner or later there would be a hitch and then the common interests of the League would be lost sight of in furthering the interest of some particular part of it. So it was decided to draft a program that would be of interest to all, and to make every effort to get all to take part in it.

BUSINESS MEETINGS, held twice a month, were to be limited to 45 minutes duration, they were to be followed by a short educational program, and concluded by some social feature. On the other two meeting nights lectures and discussions were to be held, these not to take more than an hour and a half, and to be concluded with sociability. It was agreed that one of these sessions should be a debate between members, the other a lecture by some Socialist Party Comrade, or else one of their own members who might be qualified for the work.

A gym class was planned, a Base Ball Team for the boys, and Basketball for both boys and girls were talked of as certainties. Their little headquarters, fortunately situated in the heart of their district of the city, and open to them every night, made almost anything possible. Every effort was to be made to get the attendance of the Socialists and of the people generally throughout the neighborhood. In this way the little hall might become a social center for many kinds of activities.

The program also included one big entertainment and dance every month. All other things were to be managed so as to strengthen this affair. Besides this there were to be small justification sessions every week, but everyone was to feel that the big thing was what needed the big support. In this way, looking far ahead, they mapped out a program of activities suitable to every member.

THE MEMBERSHIP Committee found troubles of another nature confronting it. There was a large membership on the report as of December. They divided the names of these members among themselves and for the next few weeks were busy in visiting them. In most cases it was simply a lack of interest that kept people away from the meetings, and when it was shown that new activity was to be undertaken, it was quite easy to get not only their dues but their attendance as well. A few were found to be out of work or for other reasons unable to pay. A work on the membership committee soon fixed this up in such a way that none of the other members knew anything about the "case." They had been given power to act on this matter and they used it intelligently. It was not charity that helped the Dues not afford to pay. You kept him in the League and got his work. Were he to drop out you would lose him altogether.

At the little dances and meetings the membership committee proved themselves to be good workers. The work was soon acquainted with the whole membership, and could spot a stranger the moment he put his head into the door. After that it was just a question of getting his confidence and making him feel at home. Sounds were made, but the work was quite that way until they hit upon the plan of putting the most agreeable girl members on the Reception Committee. After that few escaped. At this work Jim also noticed that Peggy did shine, she could draw out an average and make the room quite a dance a can. He was glad to see the work go on so successfully, but something always felt just a little better when some other girl did the honors. He had gotten into the habit of seeing the little miss, but she did not work quite that way. The girls were in addition and then Peggy lived right across the street, so it was not at all out of the way. Besides it was always good policy to make matters as convenient as possible for good workers. The girls were not to go home alone so late at night. — Oh! He had a host of good reasons and excuses, and really believed most of them himself.

After that had been going on for some time, the first big outing was planned, a hike along the banks of the Sphinx itself during the winter. It is not surprising to note that they had made arrangements to meet at a certain time and to travel together; and if a little girl promises to bring enough lunch for two, why that is her business of course. There were big plans for that outing, and everybody looked forward to a good time.

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WM. F. KRUSE, Director

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PEACE DAY REPORTS. More reports are coming in on the successful meetings and celebrations held on the International Young Socialist Peace Day. Big meetings were held in Boston, Mass., Cleveland, Ohio, New Jersey State, 20,000 10.00 20.00, Chicago, Ill., 20,000 10.00 20.00, New Jersey State, 20,000 10.00 20.00, Kokomo, Ind., 1,000 1.00 2.00, Boston, Mass., 1,000 1.00 2.00, Harvey, Ill., 1,000 1.00 2.00, Peoria, Ill., 1,000 1.00 2.00, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,000 1.00 2.00, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1,000 1.00 2.00, South Bend, Ind., 1,000 1.00 2.00, New York City, N. Y., 12,000 12.00 24.00, Boston, Mass., 1,000 1.00 2.00, Springfield, Mass., 2,000 2.00 4.00

Total 84,500 80.20 61.00

THE LITERATURE CAMPAIGN. Going up! We want a little bit but by no means as fast as we shot at this rate it will be next year before we even get together our order. Ev. League in the country intends to order at least a thousand—the thing to do is DO IT NOW!

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STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP. JOHN THOMPSON, Notary Public. (My commission expires June 10th, 1916.)

Thirty-seven per cent of the wives of American workmen are compelled to engage in work outside of their household duties to enable the family to live.

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