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between Leslie M. Shaw, secre-Roosevelt cabinet, and Simons, the Socialist

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Washington Gets Uneasy As Socialists Fight For Peace

ASHINGTON, D. C.—Official Washington is discussing, very uneasily, the announcement by the Socialist Machine Machi easily, the announcement by the Socialist National Executive Committee that it will send a delegation to the White House to ask President Wilson to convene a mediation conference of neutral nations, as provided in Rep. Meyer London's resolution. At the office of the Chief Executive, and across the way in the office of the Secretary of State, the in any other way, it is now plain from latest move by the Socialists has disturbed the placid routine. Evidently the Socialists will not be suppressed in their demands that the United States provoked to make it go thru. government try to bring peace to Europe.

Rep. London of New York, who started all the trouble by introducing in the House on the first day of the session a resolution for mediation, was in New York to report to mass-meetings of his constituents, when the news of the action at party headquarters reached the capital. It was known, however, that he had suggested to the Socialist National Executive Committee that the whole machinery of the provided in the socialist National Executive Committee that the whole machinery of the party be brought into play in behalf of the delay and pass it up.

The farmers who are sening their products at high prices because of the administration delay and pass it up.

War and possible war will favor presented the product of the product of the product of the prices because of the product of the prices because of the pr

brought into play in behalf of the peace movement. So the administration, recently surrendered to the militarist propaganda, will blame London for the persistence of the Socialists in making the matter are lissue.

If he frowns on it, Congress will in the following the following the following the more democratic if Congress were to pass the resolution either over the persistence of the Socialists in making the matter are president's expressed will or in spite of it, for this would mean that Congress was obeying a tremendous wave shout for preparedness louder than

that has come to any American in half a century.

"But if you refuse to act now, the working class in this country and in covery other country in the civilized world will hold you responsible for America's failure to act. Hundreds of thousands: of lives will be succeived as abandoned by the Democratic of the United States will point to your record, and by this record you and your party will be judged among the millions of the wageworkers.

Must Break Web of Red Tape.

"We come in person, and quietly, to ask you to take now the first steps toward peace. We ask you to break the web of red tape in which secret diplomacy has tied the neutral gov-

ask you to take now the first steps toward peace. We ask you to break the web of red tape in which secret diplomacy has tied the neutral governments. If you do not act, we shall

neutral Europe in their plan, then the beginning of the end of the struggle will be in sight.

Rep. London, now in New York

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PALATKA, FLA., SENDS REGRETS

Palatka, Fla., has extended the keys

WASHINGTON. - Will President

whether German, Austrian, British, macy. His resolution is a first step

straight to the man who holds more

"PROTECTING" **AMERICA**

By LINCOLN PHIFER.

It is clear that the program for "preparedness" is to be jammed thru.

But the people will stand for it

They fix the price of preparedness, now, at half a billion dollars. Before display and sodden debauchery that we get thru with it, it will run to ten characterized the last days of old

pare against Europe than it will cost all Europe to prepare, because they we trust with preparation are trust with trust w

question of personality and popularity of the candidates. The question of

principle will have completely dis-

willing to discuss the question.

State Department officials are watching with equal interest the forthcoming attempt of the American Socialist forces to get similar agitters from Socialists whom they respect, let me tell you, will have effect the properties of the neutral specific process.

And it must be remembered that the very fellows who are doing the work have been paid for preparation in the past that consisted of rotten armor plate, canned worms and shells are properties.

that would not explode. man instead of at me and our million Socialists may completely change the They are the sort of scoundrels that will repeat their swindle and laugh at minds of some of the members in Washington that have not yet made My answer is to get busy and roll

PALATKA, FLA., SENDS REGRETS and organizer. In this way Palatka ist lecturer some time ago, and refus-

ing her permission to speak in the an election.

dare you to object.

Ten years more of the same retro-

WILL IT BE ALL, MR. WILSON?

OU ARE ASKING congress to appropriate half a billion dollars for preparation for war under the hypocritical pretense of getting ready for peace, Mr. Wilson?

Will you tell the American people how much of that has already been expended-without authorization from congress? Will you guarantee, Mr. Wilson, that, if half a billion is expended for the purpose nam-

ed, it will be all? Will you insure that Europe will not take alarm from our action and meet our pre-

paration with greater preparation against us? Will you give bond that Europe's preparation will not call for still greater preparation

on our part? Can you tell where the expenditure will stop? And will you, Mr. Wilson, put the plutocrats under bond, forfeiture of which will be immediate hanging, to not provoke a war in case we prepare for peace?

Will you, as a student of history, inform the people that the creation of a military government such as you recommend will not mean the overthrow of the republic? Will you declare that no republics have been overthrown in the past under similar conditions?

What will be the end of this thing you undertake, Mr. Wilson? Will you go down in history as the cause of the overthrow of American institutions?

is being cut down. After it falls then good shall grow.

Beside, our preparation becomes a do in order to get rich.

threat against Europe. The monarchs of those countries, being responsible to no one, and never changing their policies, will be ready to attack us selves of the chance of advancement, many undergraduates and high-school chapters of socialist students' organization.

while we are crossing some river of in order to work for the cause. By chapters of socialist students' organizan election.

Then there will come a demand for military dictator to take charge of positions.

good purpose.

does not seem to suit the Socialists bued. It is surely a neat scheme! there. But while they constitute a

ANOTHER OBJECT of the plan, as stated in the letter, is to have this That is the sort of challenge that the Wilson administration and its State Department would avoid. But the Socialists have so dramatized their protest, by sending three of their biggest men to call at the Wilson administration protest, the Universal and protest, the Universal and protest, the Democratic must smile and pretent the Universal and protest, the Democratic must smile and pretent that the protection of the White House, that the Democratic must smile and pretent that the Democratic must smile and pretent that the protection. State Department officials are willing to discuss the question.

State Department would avoid. But the Socialists have so dramatized their protest, the work of preparation, because when it does stop, so much will be tied up in a panic such as the work of preparation, because when it working class, we frequently hear it said, "If you were in their place, you would do the same thing."

PEAKING of the capitalists who the working class, we frequently hear it said, "If you were in their place, you would do the same thing."

There can be no stoppage in the work of preparation, because every impartation and that in turn will mean further preparation by this country. The man that drew up that the work of preparation, because every impartation and that in turn will mean further preparation by this country. The man that drew up that the work of preparation, because every impartation of the work of preparations, because when it would avoid.

State Department to call at the work of preparations, the small margin of protist on the must militarism, in co-operative specific military corps supplant the "gangs, secret societies, and other organizwould be no argument whatsoever against Socialism. If true, there is not a single grain of a reason in it to sustain the working class in permitting itself to be exploited out of most of its earnings by the capitalist because it is not a single grain of a reason in it to sustain the working class in permitting itself to be exploited out of liberty burn more fiercely than in the breasts of the young students. They recken well these borght brains the as a matter of course. He probably knows that nowhere throut the Russian empire does the spirit of liberty burn more fiercely than in the breasts of the young students. They reckon well, these bought brains; the "cotter organizations" where the boys. other organizations", where the boys will repeat their swindle and laugh at the threat to the country and the lives of workers that may be sacrificed because of their treachery; and all the time they will howl for patriotism.

No difference, therefore, how much we spend for preparation, with these swindlers in charge of the work, there will be no preparation. Europe will spend a fourth as much and get better results than we do.

Beside, our preparation becomes a threat against Europe. The monarchs of the work there will result a grainst Europe. The monarchs of the work who have anyle opportunity to get rich, but who prefer to spend our spare time in working for the cause, instead of doing the things which it would be necessary for us to the cause, instead of doing the things they will be not proposed that will surely come from the student body within the next few to the student body within the next few to the cause instead of the student body within the next few to the cause, instead of the student body within the next few to the cause, instead of the student body within the next few to the cause, instead of the student body within the next few to the cause, instead of the student body within the next few to the cause, instead of the student body within the next few to the cause, instead of the student body within the next few to the cause of intelligent protest that will surely come from the student body within the next few to the average Socialist has developed beyond that stage.

The average Soc

What else could he do?

But he would use the money for a ness is developed—a feeling of "dif-

mitimal secretary of the party for the presents a big may be the present of the present and present an

It will cost America more to preall
pare against Europe than it will cost and they clung to the engle were shown it was dishonest
all the property of prepare because they were trust with preparation are traitors and scoundrels.

In view of these facts it is no their free choice, What I have outlined in logical to that system. If it is logical to that system, If it is shopeless to struggle against the world in some of its aspects. Next week I shall consider other aspects of this constry subject to invasion at a thing the crisis. It is as feasible and scientify the crisis. It is as feasible and scientification. Not only the crisis and are ready to forecast such things as it is the crisis confronting the world in some of its aspects. Next week I shall consider other aspects of the crisis. It is as feasible and scientification. It was defensed the crisis. It is as feasible and scientification. Not only the crisis and are ready to reactify for eactfully purtured armament hysteria and are ready world to consider the crisis. It is as feasible and scientification. It was forecast the crisis of the consideration of the world is very rear from the crisis.

iron. Too much of that means crooked shoulders, not straight ones. It is the

"—Present arms—shoulder arms" of these things is a more alluring tommyrot. When this country catches up with little Switzerland on the matter of social legislation and conthat are constantly verging on bankbe strong enough to withstand any foe.

The great need of this country is not a caste-ridden "superior" military representations and the constantly verging on bank-ruptcy.

Under socialism all industries will be operated co-operatively by the government in the interest of the whole needs giving everyhedy apportunity.

mantels and went forth to whip their weight in wild-eats. Only in a sturdy, healthy, free working class, trained, not in soul-destroying drill and "discipline", but in straight shooting

No be fought in South America, and the literature so that they cannot be used sizes Socialists are taking the lead. In the for the mails. Argentine Republic the Socialist party submitted-thru its representative, Dickmann—a bill to Parliament sian government by the five Socialist which is to abolish all artificial members of Parliament who where promotion of immigration. In con-banished to Siberia for being under ference" from the common clay who nection with the bill, stress is laid on suspicion of conspiracy to end the would use it in for the purpose do not wear the same kind of gaudy the fact that immigration is only to war in which it is stated that they are n as matters of course. Ten years imilar retrogression at home, and masters will openly admit that live by robbery and murder and you to object.

Socialists of Salonika, Greece, the same kind of gaudy the fact that immigration is only to be stimulated by good wages and consolved ditions, as well as by a fair possibility of land being acquired by the farmers. Similar moves will be made in other the war in which it obtain food has been with drawn, and they are meeting with the states in which Socialists are in the same kind of gaudy the fact that immigration is only to be stimulated by good wages and conditions, as well as by a fair possibility of land being acquired by the farmers. Similar moves will be made in other with drawn, and they are meeting with the most inhumans treatment of the most in that capitalists are deliberately lur- will be heard from no more and an-

FLOUR AND BEANS By ADOLPH GERMER.

50c per year; \$1 per year ontside United States; 25c for 40 weeks in Clubs of 4 or more except in Chicago

How much of these food stuffs are you willing to supply? It enough Flour and Beans can be furnished, the striking Metal Miners of the Morenci-Arizona field will win

There are approximately 20,000 human beings involved, including women and children.

To keep flour and beans away from them is the hope of the Phelps-Dodge interests. It is up to you to say whether the hopes of plutocracy

shall be realized.
Unlike Colorado, Governor Hunt of Arizona refuses to use the troops to shoot down the strikers and protect

imported strike breakers.

When I met him in Phoenix he was emphatic in his statement that so long as he is Governor Arizona shall have no Ludlow and Wolsenburg. His sympathies are with the strikers who were driven to revolt thru impositions of the mining companies. He knows the cause of the strikers is a just

Socialism and Incentive By WILLIS ANDREWS.

Many thousands of men thruout the United States are preparing to stand examination for government service in the postoffice department. Most of these men have passed the illusory period of life and are now facing the grim realities of existence. As youths they were taught that industry, temperance and frugality would bring wealth and plenty as rewards. But their experiences have given the lie to all such false promises.

It matters not how many may pass the examination, there will not be available positions for more than one out of every hundred. So the ninety and nine will be compelled to face conditions from which they are so IT IS true that the Swiss children on the whole, are far better constituted physically when they leave school, than ours are, but no Switzer would dream of attributing the cause of this to the handling of a shooting iron Too much of that nears crooked the fate of 96 per cent of all business ventures—failure. For high rents

operative ideals; we, as a people, will that are constantly verging on bank-

not a caste-ridden "superior" military people giving everybody opportunity force. Even assuming that our nation to labor and absolute security in the were in grave peril of invasion on every hand, the autocratic method of raising the soldiery or officers from among the few would never save us. The real fighters that have on several occasions saved our country were not the products of the war college, they were the farmers who took their flint-locks down from over the mantels and went forth to whip their the becomes of the inter-value ive" which it is said socialism will destroy?

Dobs, Morris Hillquit and James I. Maurer who, with Representative who, with Representative a letter from the city clerk of this country and save us in at emergency preparation for war therefore of securing support for the idea of a conference of neutral nations to discuss terms of peace? Secretary to the city clork he instructions where the requests of the requests of the requests of the seem for any humiliation caused her while made known his decision.

Meyer London is working day and inght for his resolution. He wants, necessary to the wars, stopped, but he cannot not to take charge of this country and save us in at emergication for war therefore the city clork of this country and save us in at emergication of the city clork of the country and save us in at emergication of the city clork of the country and save us in the masters see dangted into masters see dangted into masters see dangted into the test charge of this country and Stimulated immigration is going to mail boxes should not be stuffed with

The names of Eugene V. Debs, four times the nominee of his party for President; Morris Hillquit, international secretary of the party for the United States, and James H. Maurer, member of the Pennsylvania legislature and president of the Pennsylvania of the Pennsylvania State. Evidentia of the Pennsylvania for it. If the Socialists can force the The names of Eugene V. Debs, four

working class vote in 1916 unless you in common have no deduite program, make a definite move to unite the nothing like our logic, and they must peace forces of the world to stop the slaughter in Europe. You can stop the war if you set about doing it. The international code than exists between patings class in every country in patients at present and all those who working class in every country in nations at present, and all those who Europe will sympathize with and believe our first concern is to devote will aid your efforts toward peace. ourselves to the solution of the eco-You have the biggest opportunity nomic problems that confront us as that has come to any American in well.

Socialist forces to get similar agit-ation started in all of the neutral respect, let me tell you, will have efation started in all of the neutral fect.

countries abroad. Socialists are strong

Pen
Fire away at your own Congressenough in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland and Spain, as well as in Switzerland, to bring the London resolution to the attention of the governments of all of those nations. Oldfashioned diplomacy has not succeeded in getting any serious proposal of mediation from these governments since the first few months of the war. If the American Socialists secure the enough Socialist Congressmen to be of the balance of power in the next Con-

up their minds.

Rep. London, now in New York City, will receive the Socialist national delegation when it comes to Wash-Ida Crouch-Hazlett, Socialist lecturer

AWAIT WHITE HOUSE DECISION. chief of police in arresting the Social-By Lucien Saint.

WASHINGTON. — Will President mg her permission to speak m the Woodrow Wilson receive Eugene V. Debs, Morris Hillquit and James H. Maurer who, with Representative ed a letter from the city clerk of Meyer London of New York, have easked for a conference for the purpose city council in adopting a report of securing support for the idea of a letter from the city clerk of Palatka, announcing the action of the gency. Preparation for war therefore these thin true to the city clerk of the police committee declaring, "That call overthrow of our institutions."

Then there will come a demand for a military dictator to take charge of this country and save us in at emergency. Preparation for war therefore means war and also means a practical control of the city clerk of the city clerk of the city clerk of the country and save us in at emergency. They have the city clerk of the

see the war stopped, but he wants, strange as it may seem, more than that. He wants to see secret diplomacy that. He wants to see secret diplomacy and to assure Mrs. at the behest of a small obligarchy—whether German. Austrian, British, which said instructions we have been unable to verify, owing to an act of the warts to see secret diplomacy that that is alwanced that that is alwanced in the past two years than it advanced in the past two years than it advanced in the past fifty. Ten years more of the same progress towards barbarism, and there will be no one who can be trutted while anyone who protests which said instructions we have been unable to verify, owing to an act of the world has degenerated more in the purpose of converting the people in the past two years than it advanced in the past two years than it advanced in the past fifty. Ten years more of the unearned income on his money, so operation and protection of our police whether would take of "simple uniforms and equipment". We may wonder why the uniforms, and there will be no one who can be trusted while anyone who protests while anyone who protests while anyone who protests.

What else could he do?

But he world has degenerated more in the purpose of converting the people would take the purpose of converting to people would use the purpose of converting to people would use the purpose of converting to people would use the purpose of co French or American. He believes with all the constitutional rights of Amer- will be silenced by force. the time has come for the people to declare themselves on policies of state. He wants to get the people into the habit of formulating their own diplo-

Crouch-Hazlett which begins this For these reasons London is going The Socialist movement has invaded power in his hands than any one man the country—Woodrow Wilson. If the and a newspaper called the Path-wilson says the word, Congress will pass the resolution without debate. The socialist movement has lovener and the same retro-larger to the population, they constitute a pression that has come, not to Europe, larger unable to do much more than countries in order to increase complete to do much more than contained in the offer. First, the countries in order to increase complete to do much more than contained in the offer. First, the protest, as the government troops on pass the resolution without debate. The point are lovelists are the population, they contained in the offer. First, the protest, as the government troops or gurls, the press wages.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1916.

NEWSOFTHEWEEK

Here is all the week's news worth time to read the daily capitalist papers.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 Reports from London say Russians have ptured Varna, Bulgaria's chief Black Sea ert. Revolution in Ireland is hinted in British ouse of commons if conscription is resorted

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22. Japanese liner Yazaka Maru sunk in Mediterranean by submarine. All escape. Ship and cargo valued at \$5,000,000. British bankers and financiers tell English money will win war. Illness of German Kaiser prevents visit to western front.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23. Austrian aeroplanes hurl bombs on Saloniki, dispose of some of the short cuts that view in the San Francisco Bulletin. In this interview Russell not only large training are offered to save us from militarism are offered to save us from militarism and which often entrench the jingoes' prophesies an early conflict between position more firmly.

For example, we are told that "if advocates conscription as a necessary of the short cuts that view in the San Francisco Bulletin. In this interview Russell not only prophesies an early conflict between position more firmly.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24. o holiday truce for soldiers in the trenches warring nations plan to continue struggle. lenry Ford sails from Bergen, Norway, for ited States, leaving other pence pilgrims continue trip without him.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25. Securities in DuPont, Hercuies and Atlas Powder Companies, General Motors and rainfrom wagon in transit from Wilmington, Del., postoffice to Pennsylvania railroad station.

Transactions of postal service during fiscal year totals \$2,000,000,000, doubling in last 12

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26.

EDOUARD VAILLANT DIES. Edouard Vaillant, Socialist member preparedness. of the French chamber of deputies from the Department of the Seine, is dead at the age of 76 years. He was carries with it the notion—a!together first elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 1893.

Commune. He was born in 1840, was to identify themselves with the misa doctor of science, and studied meditaken notion that putting the governcine both in France and Germany.

T IS TRUE, to some extent, that the forces which threw Europe into the seething fire of war are not within the control of the rulers of the several countries. In some measure it was beyond their regal power to check the great catastrophe. And possibly they will not have most to say about the terms of peace—the people may have the last word.

We cannot help but notice, then, how seriously some of our friends in America take themselves. We mean, of course, the preparedness crowd. It would seem as tho mother nature had entrusted these of our friends with the guiding of evolution and that we must rely upon them to steer our

Nor does it seem to matter that tion is whether America's place shall there are almost as many opinions be in the blood-red sun of war, or in with regard to our fate as there are the lasting peace that only Socialism gentlemen who cry for preparedness. can bring. It does not seem to disturb their self-

them is that we prepare. So long as we divert as much money as possible

protect ourselves, and at present it looks as if this matter is receiving Official Organ of the Socialist Party of the United States.

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supplying industries."

It would mean a waste of words to call attention to the many astute observations contained in the above. The only point we need to make here is that this statement appeared a long while ago.

THE REST hardly requires to be mentioned—that it was the leaders in business who first discovered the defenselessness of the country, and their patriotic impulses were stirred to the quick when they further drew the conclusion that it would be money in their pocketbooks if the industries ly find much to support their theory tarted by the European war should be kept going by making capital out of the country's distress.

To gentlemen who are in the habit,

There is not the slightest doubt that

and whose principal business asset the great majority of American Soconsists, of disposing of fancied cialists are opposed to preparedness, values for real money, who appear to create values where there are none or description. The vote on our

campaign started—the reader will ob- for the Socialist Party in 1916, shall serve that the bankers used the very be an unqualified supporter of a

President Wilson is again studying question of nonpartisan tariff commission.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Lloyd-George threatens to quit cabinet unless Premier Asquith forces all unarried men to foin army.

Cardinal Gibbons says he has no objection to Catholic clergy of Baltimore cooperating in Bill Zunday revivals.

Denmark plans to prevent Ford peace pilgrims bolding meetings.

President Wilson is again studying question of the same money. If the the the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen and constructive mind and that he bellish philosophy of FORCE in these really believes that our only salvation of times. Nevertheless, the generally, then the money we are now spending would give us double our present militarism, if the government convictions as their presidential can-pilgrims bolding meetings.

And that is not a naticularly more recent events in Europe have some what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced an otherwise keen that the profit in powder what unbalanced took over the war material industries, didate
And that is not a particularly The

there will be less of it. There will not. MES, San Francisco. Vaillant was a member of the Paris On the other hand, for the Socialists ment more deeply into the war game

Communists was suppressed in 1871, vaillant was obliged to fee to English of the Community of the Community

argument for the necessity of more military and naval outlay.

If this war has taught nothing else it has taught the fact that only the Socialists were sound in refusing to spend a penny for militarism. It may be said this is only negative. True enough. But it is equally true that the Socialists were also doing the only

positive thing to stop war—organizing the forces of labor.
In time of war there is no quarter for the advocates of peace. The way lo stop war is to prevent it; not by hunting for short cuts that lead back into the reactionary camp, but by frankly taking and fighting for the position that we shall have war so long as we have capitalism and our

purpose is to end war.

To put it very definitely, the ques-

It does not seem to disturb their self-sufficiency to din into our ears that we must prepare to meet the victor of the present war,—that war is sure to come—and that preparedness will guarantee us peace.

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THE THING of first importance to them is that we prepare So long as

from useful channels into the stupendous waste of militarism, they are within will be tried at an unamed amount, of actual socialists in the which will be tried at an unamed amount, of actual socialists in the district and amount, of actual socialists in the which will be tried at an unamed amount, of actual socialists in the district and amount, of actual socialists in the graph and amount, of actual socialists in the district and amount, of actual socialists in the district and amount, of actual socialists in the graph and amount, of actual socialists in the district and amount, of actual socialists in the district and amount, of actual socialists in the district and amount, of actual socialists in the graph and amount, of actual socialists in the district and

Letters from "American Socialist" Readers

RULES FOR THIS DEPARTMENT. The National Committee of the Socialist Party in providing for an Open Forum in The American Socialist ruled that: "Recommendation No. 6.—An open forum to contain communications from party members or organizations on disputed points of party policy, views and tack. No personal attacks or abuse or intemperate language shall be allowed. No communication in the Open Forum shall exceed 500 words." Contributors to this department will fa-

ly find much to support their theory in the present referendum vote for

cilitate matters considerably by carefully observing this rule.

and pocket the difference—it is but national declaration on the subject child's play to stir the nation into proves as much. But in spite of this, thinking it is defenseless when it never was more secure.

Metallic and the subject proves as much. But in spite of this, a plurality, at least, of the Party members have just voted that the That was how the preparedness man who shall act as standard bearer

Question of conscription again brings crisis in Ettich cabinet.

Taking the private profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of meaning people, it is possible that the profit out of mean

And that is not a particularly leasant prospect to contemplate in our half billion dollar expenditure for Socialist Party will be the only

FROM THE SOUTH.—The State
Executive Committee, on behalf of the
Socialists of Georgia, in meeting
assembled November 30th, 1915, te-

dispose of this referendum.

In voicing the sentiment of the local here I wish to state that we feel twenty five thousand dollars can be spent to better advantage than in the

holding of a convention.

This amount would put a good many actual workers in the field, help flood the country with literature and purchase cars for conveyance of speakers.

We have spent too much time now agitating and discussing hair splitting theories, which is to some extent what a gathering of this

of human emancipation.
It pays to advertise. We ought to

have a mailing list of every adult or person old enough to understand, and their occupation and they should be circularized with literature suitable according to their environment which to some extent makes their concept-ion of things, at least twice a year. Educational matter during odd years and political matter during election

national office with an average of importance of paying off the National four hundred names each, that would Office debt at once. we divert as much money as possible from useful channels into the stupendous waste of militarism, they are satisfied.

London daily newspapers describe put on your mailing list two million names which is about the same as the which will be tried at an unnamed amount, of actual socialists in the

ment and with their own well equipped abilities draw up a platform that will express the economic interests on the producers and satisfy us all. Fraternally, W. G. Johnson, Fargo, N. D.

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CAN'T AGREE WITH RUSSELL

so able and clearheaded a socialist as Wanhope does not agree with the "negative mood" of Russell nor endorse his "pessimism". he scouts the folly of immediately flying off the handle in a wild frenzy to "expel" and place the brand of "traitor" on the handle in a wild frenzy to "expel" and place the brand of "traitor" on the handle in a wild frenzy to "expel" and place the brand of "traitor" on the handle in a wild frenzy to "expel" and place the brand of "traitor" on the handle in a wild frenzy to "expel" and place the brand of "traitor" on the handle in a wild frenzy to "expel" and place the brand of "traitor" on the lace will be the work of th language which has now become a larger army and navy. Are we bested mutts or are we just asleep?

During his recent visit to San Francisco, Charles Edward Russell was given a full-page, feature interview in the San Francisco Bulletin. The moment, SEEM to reflect that are offered to save us from militarism and which often entrench the jimpoes position more firmly.

For example, we are told that "if the profit is taken out of preparedness" militarism will die down. It will not.

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mancious materialistic "class-war" propaganda. Nine-tenths of our orthodox "leaders" and still a greater proportion of red card fanatics think they can "FIGHT" their way into the Democracy of Human Fellowship. Ninety-nine out of a hundred are ready to "take up arms" against a specific to the Denartment was a specific to the Denartmen

and navy. He is not wise enough to propose the abolition of Capitalism. Even such a brilliant man as Comrade Russell is seeing "German Ghosts". It seems to me that the wise and the Information Department?

nature amounts to.

We need more doers in the future, men and women who will and can get out on the firing line with the message out on the firing line with the message of this vention.

Comrade Russell has been tinctured with "impossiblism" which was not my idea, but now since so able a man as he has come out for militarism I as he has come out for militarism I think we should have a full Convention and settle definitely the position of the Socialist Party on "Pre-paredness". I feel this so strong that I would pledge in advance to per-sonally take up the prorata expenses for 100 party members.—CALEB LIPSCOMB, Springfield, Mo.

NATIONAL OFFICE FINANCES. his years.

The entire nation should be touched report appearing in a late issue of with our message in this way. This with our message in the wear of course can not do yet, but if the self thoroughly impress upon the six thousand locals would furnish the -It seems to me that the financial

Many comrades paid the twentyfive cent voluntary assessment, while the lion.

Where the lion.

Work to abolish the Information vote to abolish the Information was a some money.

who did buy a special assessment stamp, contribute what they can to pay off the debt? Let us begin the year 1916 with all bills paid and a small surplus in the treasury. I am

Higgins League", intended to be a sort of subsidiary financial adjunct to Before what I anticipate will be a deluge of twaddle in this column, (demanding the expulsion of Charles Edward Russell from the Socialist Party for his "preparedness" views).

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I. L. BURGESS, National Committee-

Executive Secretary after the "Department" is abolished.

man, Newport News, Virginia.

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boasted over 100,000 English speaking members in good standing. After four years of emphasizing Carl D. and Information, we have less than 90,000 left. 90,000 left.

Motherland Socialism By Frederick James Gould

NOTE.—This is the third article by Frederick J. Gould, member of the British Socialist Party and Independent Labor Party, to appear in The American Socialist. In his previous articles he showed the great struggle that will confront the labor movement when the war ends, pointing out that the present war is the beginning of the rule of the workers. In this article he takes up the question of nationalism and Socialism.

HE name "American Socialist

exactly indicates my view of the chief political need of the United Edward Russell from the Socialist Party for his "preparedness" views), gets too overwhelming for any sane thinking about the matter, let us stop long enough to consider what Russell DID say and weigh the logic of his position.

Immediately after his Philadelphia speech, Comrade Joshua Wanhope analyzed the Russell version in an excellent paper printed in the New York Call, which carried Russell's address in full, in parallel columns. This was and is the only rational view of the issue. I carnestly wish every socialist paper will reprint it. While so able and clearheaded a socialist as the social ed have for their guidance the extensive experience of all the countless plans tried in both Europe and America. This knowledge has been accumulated during the latest statement of the world's capitalism, but by each nationality evolving its own native form of ownership. It is my conviction that Socialism wil form of ownership and control, while maintaining practical and energetic sympathy with the like efforts in sister nationalities. As a matter of fact this is what is now being done, but the process is hindered by confusion of thought among many comrades, and by open opposition from small but noisy sections.

All countries cannot proceed at the same pace. Speaking broadly, Britain is the country most ripe for Socialism in the world; and this is due to its long industrial history and to its com-pact geographical character, which renders political action comparatively prompt. France follows next, and This plan will be organized after the German and Finnish method of "appalling" thoroughness in every detalism does not exist in India, except in certain industrial and factory cen-ters like Bombay. The cry, "Workters like Bombay. The cry, "Workers of all countries, unite!" means nothing at all in some quarters of the befitting its importance may get in touch by addressing the writer.

I. L. BURGESS. National Committee-

THE PRESENT European war is Socialist Party will be the only political expression of pacifist principles. Our opportunity and duty is clear. Are we going to betray our selves through sheer carelessness and stupidity?—LILLIAN BISHOP SY-bushood of the heart and soul out of the socialist principles. Our opportunity and duty is selves through sheer carelessness and stupidity?—LILLIAN BISHOP SY-bushood of the socialist principles. Our opportunity and duty is ready to "take up arms" against a bedeviled "capitalist class" and shoot stupidity?—LILLIAN BISHOP SY-bushood of destruction has eaten the heart and soul out of the socialist principles. National Secretary satisfactorily before the Department was organized. Gathering and giving information are willing to relinquish nationality. It is stupid to say that nationality is a bourgeois idea. We might as well continue under the direction of our fexecutive Secretary after the "Delay handed down to us mainly by the socialist minorities fore the Department was organized. Gathering and giving information are willing to relinquish nationality. It is stupid to say that nationality is a bourgeois idea. We might as well continue under the direction of our fexecutive Secretary after the "Delay handed down to us mainly by the socialist minorities fore the Department was organized. Gathering and giving information are willing to relinquish nationality. It is stupid to say that nationality. It is stupid to say that nationality is a bourgeois idea. We might as well continue under the direction of our fexecutive Secretary after the "Delay handed" down to us mainly by a complete proof that neither great partment" is abolished.

The Information "Department" was conceived in iniquity. At least part of the reason for organizing it was the desire of Berger and Co. to chastise John M. Work. Work had shown a surprising amount of backbone. He was the first National Secretary to force Berger's Wisconsin Social-Democracy to comply with our National Constitution and send their list of Secretaries to the National American position, and it did right. been handed down to us mainly by American position, and it did right. Thus in the newest of all the great nations the Motherland temper serted itself as strongly as in the

late its program; and it does right.
In the same way I wish the British rade Russell is seeing "German Ghosts". It seems to me that the wise thing to do is to go at it at once and arrange for a full National Convention. Our finances in State and Nation hove been handled unwisely, caused by lack of forethought, hence no one is to blame. This I assume is the main reason for the agitation for the main reason for the agitation for the main reason for the agitation for the main reason for the National Control of the National Control

Thompson's 57 varieties of Municipal
"Reform."

What would you think of a hunter who is out after lions, if he stops to catch butterflies.

We are after BIG GAME. We are organized to abolish WAGE SLAVE-RY. Yet we sport an Information Department that uses up \$20,000 running footraces with the Bull-moosers for Municipal Ownership butterflies.

When Thompson started on his "Information" career, our Party boasted over 100,000 English speaking members in good standing. After four years of embhasizing Carl Proceedings of the progress of the British commonwealth?

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During the war the British empire thas experienced some difficulty owing to the fact that German capitalists have secured control over important supplies of metal, especially in Australia. Suppose the British empire were run by Socialists (as some day it will be). Would the Socialists of the vast British federation be wise to permit foreign bondholders and financiers to keep a grip on the metal business of the British commonwealth?

Would that assist the progress of the British workers?

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Let's quit chasing butterflies. Hunt be lion.

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of the United States will necessarily influence the special American evolu-tion toward the Socialist common-wealth; and here again I speak as a

well-wisher of these people.

When Socialists meet in an international congress it is vital that the American delegates, or the Geman, or the British, or the Japanese, etc., should be not simply Socialists who reside in this or that country, but Socialists who love, serve and understand their Motherlands. Along that we shall arrive at efficient international federation.

SAVING TIME.—The Wabash rail-

road proposes to replace its anti-quated and obsolete hand cars with modern gasoline cars. According to the proposition the railroad offered its trackmen, the "under-dogs" of labor, who have been left out in the cold by the numerous craft unions in the railway service, the company is to furnish the car, gasoline, repairs, etc., but the men, receiving the magnificent "salary" of \$1.50 a day, are to buy the engine on the installment plan, by a 75 cent monthly assessment until paid for. The motor car, by shortening the America. It is very much easier for Russian Socialists to form Socialist groups than for the peasants of the Russian steppes and of Siberia.

THE RUSSIAN THE RUSSIAN THE RUSSIAN STATE PROPERTY OF THE RUSSIAN STATE PR meager wages, that lengthens instead of shortens their workday. There are five section gangs operating out of this town (Staunton, Ill.) and only one, the "North End Gang" of the Wabash, has fallen for this scheme. And the rest of us have been "bawling" them out about it so much that they are ashamed to tell anybody how much they are paying for the engine. A man after paying out \$10 or \$12 as his share might quit or get "fired". Would the company then buy out his share in the "time saver"? He is not supposed to quit. He, with his "engine", belong to the Wabash Railroad Co. Yours for light,

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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Proposed National Referendum.
Locals Elizabeth and Huntington, W. Va.
Whereas, The militaristic schemes and
mpaigns of the capitalist classes of the
rious nations of the world has divided the
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Whereas, The form of this militarism
hich is so detrimental to all the best
terests of the working class is now seriously
enacing the working class of the United
ates, therefore be it
Resolved, That the Socialist Party of
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1'ublished for seconds, Jan. 1, 1916.

Proposed National Referendum.

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RESOLVED, That the Socialist party of the
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ction of the International Socialist Conference
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That the Committee created by the Zimmerwald Conference be temporary and has not ther purpose but to help bring unity among he Socialist parties of all countries and to trengthen the International, the committee ocease its activity and be dissolved as its aurpose is accomplished.

425 members in good standing.
Published for seconds, Jan. 1, 1916.

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Proposed National Referendum.

By Local LaCrosse, Wis.

RESOLVED, That Section 6, Article 2, vational Constitution of the Socialist Party hould be annulled; and that we hereby submit this for seconds to the end that the subect may be brought before the party membership for referendum.

"The control of the Socialist Party by the cactionary element has resulted in a condition of inertia. The Socialist Party should be the organized expression of the revolutionary socialist movement, based solely on the lass struggle. To make of a revolutionary any a pink tea affair, and to exclude from its ouncils and from participation in its efforts all live-wire revolutionary Socialists, is party suicide. As long as we retain in our constitution the section named, we are a legitimate subject for ridicule."

41 members in good standing. 41 members in good standing. Submitted for Seconds, Jan. 1, 1916.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS.
Report on National Committee Motion No. 32.
"That the following be added to the rules of the National Committee: "All motions submitted to a vote of the National Committee, when not in session shall worker.

lise, Bell, Rampier, Maccella, Zer. Total, 24.
2t. voting: Connolly, Wilk, Brewer, rteva, Roewer, Keracher, Kissanen, LatiRaymond, Whaley, Strebel, Lunn, Holt, isner, Suitor, Berger, Total Not Voting,

COMMENT BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE.
On Motion No. 32.
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Allen: Not being able to determine whether German Socialist murder is any more helpful to Socialism than English Socialist murder, or vice versa, and not knowing whether Comrade Kollantay supports either the one brand or the other, or whether she talks Socialism leaving out all brands of the murder fest, renders it impossible for me to vote intelligently on the question. I therefore deciine.

Robertson: I vote "NO" on Motion 33, because I do not think it wise to set the precedent of the National Committee taking the selection and touring of speakers out of the hands of the National Executive Committee. It is bound to lead to confusion.

KATTERIFELD: I vote "NO" on this motion because to vote for it would be to endorse the terms upon which the National Office is touring speakers and acainst which there has been considerable protest in this state, those terms being considered too high.

On Motion No. 34.

That the National Committee go on record as being considered too high.

That the National Committee go on record as being opposed to "Prepreduess", and the plans to increase the U. S. Navy, and that we call upon all labor, fraternal, suffracist and religious societies to hold protest neetings and send resolutions to the President of the U. S. Congress and the press, and that we open the campaign of 1916 with jount meetings on the same date with this protest.

Sadler: Tho I vote "Yes" on No. 34, being opposed to preparedness I realize that the capitalist class are going to prepare in spite of any protest from us. Furthermore, I oppose working in conjunction with religious bodies, knowing that if the working class, thru their own organizations, cannot prevent the masters in this preparation, what hope can we have from the natural enemies of the workers?

Allen: I am opposed to the United States preparedness inviting anyone to nurder us, but I hold that it is the function of the membership and not of the National Committee to determine the party policy on this issue. I therefore decline to vote and ask how the National Committee can legally fix the party policy if it is illegal for the National Committee to find out what the purty policy on the Issue is to be?

KATTERFELD: Right at this time when fasue is to be?
KATTERFELD: Right at this time when

even some from our own ranks have been swel. Si their feet by the wave of jingoism that is overwhelming this rountry, this motion is peculiarly appropriate. We must stand like a rock against Militarism and "preparedness" for it. It may seem useless to ask organizations to co-operate with us that are financed by the master class, yet even that should be good propaganda. The difference between ther pretensions and their actions will become apparent to an increasing number of workers. Let us make "Preparedness" an issue until the workingclass understands.

Comment on Motion No. 35:
(LeSueur's Amendment to Motion 2:1)
STARK: I am so well pleased with Comrace
LeSueur's amendment to my motion on the
National Committee taking a stand on the
question of preparedness that I voted for the
amendment instead of my motion, and hope
the amendment will carry as it makes the
proposition clear as to the position of the
Socialist Party on the one issue that will be
foremost in the 1916 campaign, and conveys
more fully the ideas that inspired me to make
the motion.

Seventh Ballot, Committee en Constitution:
Ringler: Beardsley, Norton, Richman,
Rodriguez, Wattles, Stark, Irish, Roewer,
Duncan, Goebel, Demarest, Hillquit, Wilkins,
Ruthenberg, Hamilton, Allen, Maurer, Slayton, Reid. Total, 19.
Williams: Robertson, Fiake, Williams, McKee, Griffiths, Des Rocher, Clark, Kirkpatrick,
McCrillis, Jones, Neistadt, Keracher, Canright, Metcalf, Tiller, LeSueur, Sinciar,
Streiff, Leeland, Bell, Ambler, Buryess, Katterfeld, Sadler, Kintzer, Gilleard, Total, 2e.
Not Voting: Connolly, Wilk, Stedman,
Frewer, Nuorteva, Rissanen, Latiner, Raymond, Garver, Whaley, Nichols, Lunn, Boudin,
Strebel, Holt, Revelise, Terlisner, Snitor, Berger, Seidel. Total, 20.
Neither candidate heaving received a majority
of the committee, I am submitting herewith
the eighth ballot for Committee on Constituion.

Vote closes January 17, 1916. NAT'L COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28, 1915. To the National Committee.

Fraternally submitted,
WALTER LANFERSIEK, Executive Secretary.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27, 1915.
To the National Committee.

Dear Comrades:
I submit for vote of your committee, the following:

National Committee Motion No. 36.

By Goebel of New Jersey.

"That Motion No. 30, providing for the susrission of alternative propositions on the
question of holding or not holding a national
convention, be re-considered, and another vote
taken on it." taken on it."

Seconded by: Hillquit of New York, Slayton of Pennsylvania, Maurer of Pennsylvania, Demarest of New Jersey, Streiff of Oregon.

Vote closes January 17, 1916. Ballot is In-

titted to a then not in session, shan tender the not in session, shan tender then not in session, shan tender the not included in the notice in order that the not in session in the state of the not in the notice in order that the noti ABOUT THE JUNGLE.—I have purchased the negative of the motion picture of "The Jungle" and I intend before long to offer this film to Socialist locals for use at entertainments and in other ways. Before doing so I wish to collect some facts as to the many cases in which this film was many cases in which was many cases whic many cases in which this film was shown before socialist audiences. I would like to know the impression made by it and also the financial results. I would be obliged if you would publish this notice in order that any of your readers who know about any of your readers who know any of your readers who know any of your readers who have any of your re

No Action.

COMMENT BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE.
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The Socialists in the State Legislature of Saxony, Germany, held a caucups and demanded that the government call the elections for the A. Kollantay:
Salder: I vote "NO". I have no desire to go on record instructing the National Executive Committee or secretary to use any commands whom they might not consider suitable material, next year being our national campainy year. A certain amount of latitude must be allowed them.

Allen: Not being able to determine whether German Socialist murder is any more helpful to Socialist murder, or to Socialist murder is any more helpful to Socialist murder, or to Socialist murde

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

DEC. 18, 1915.

Meeting called to order 10:30, a.m.

Present, Goebel, Maurer, Germer and seidel.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Present, Goebel, Maurer, Germer and Seidel.
Seidel cleeted chairman for the day.
Bertha Hale Brown elected secretary for the tession.

That we take up the Polish controversy and hear the comrades who are present at 2:00 p.m. Carried.
Pending the arrival of LeSueur, the committee agreed to consider the communications before them.

COMMUNICATIONS.
From W. A. Stafford, State Secretary of Minnesota, in reply to appeal of the National Executive Committee to the State Committee of Minnesota, in re-complaint of Finnish Socialist organizations that charters had been

denied them.

Motion by Germer.

That the Executive Secretary be instructed to write W. A. Stafford and state that the letter does not furnish the information we seek, and that we desire a specific statement why members were expelled and charters refusd.

Substitute by Goebel.

(1) In view of the fact that a number of comrades in Minnesota seem to have at least some cause for grievance, the Executive Secretary be directed to write State Secretary Stafford that his reply seems hardly as explicit as the circumstances and Socialist ethics would require.

plicit as the circumstances and Socialist ethics would require.

(2) That the National Executive Committee take no further action, both from a wish to avoid even the appearance of assuming the functions of a supreme court, and particularly from a conviction born of experience, that active interference by the National Executive Committee cannot heal, but may rather increase the deplorable factional feeling.

Substitute lost, Goebel voting yes.

Original motion carried, Maurer and Germer voting yes.

Chicago, III., Dec. 20, To the National Committee.

Dear Commades:

I submit to you herewith for vote of your committee, the following:

National Committee Motion No. 37.

By Katterfeld of Washington.

"That the following be added to the rules of the National Committee:

"A motion to reconsider shall be submitted for seconds only if made by a National Committee re-considered."

Seconded by: Sadler of Washincton, Kintzer if West Virginia, Canright of Nebraska, Tiller of North Carolina, Slayton of Pennsylvania.

Comment.

Sadler: It is acarcely necessary to point out that in all deliberative bodies the parliamentary rule is: only those voting in the affirmative have the privilege of moving to the following the voting in the affirmative have the privilege of moving to the closes, January 18, 1916. Ballot inspect.

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Motion by Germer.

That the State of So. Dakota be allowed \$50.00—\$25.00 in literature and \$50.00 in sub-Substitute by Goebel.

That he be allowed \$50 in literature to be selected by the Executive Secretary.

Substitute carried.

From M. A. Smith, announcing the result of a referendum to elect party officials of the state of Texas. In this connection, a petition from Texas socialists was considered.

Discussion.

Motion by Germer.

That the secretary reply by stating that the only request for the sale of dues stamps that an be recognized is set forth in Section 11 of Article X of the National Constitution.

Carried From John M. Work, asking whether the National Organization would care to have the publication of his book, "What's So and What Isn't."

The secretary was instructed to inform Comrade Work that circumstances do not be secretary to effect at present.

Carried.

It was stated that the specific charge against the federation was that it was conducting propaganda for the Polish Legions.

The entire afternoon session was devoted to the Polish controversy, the committee adjourning at 6:30 without having taken any action.

Adjourned to 9:30 Sunday morning.

8UNDAY MORNING.
Dec. 19, 1915.
Meeting called to order at 10:00 o'clock.
Present, Le Sueur, Goebel, Germer, Maurer and Seidel. er. ir elected chairman for the day. eration of the Polish controversy re-

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The question of the National Office arranging a tour for Comrade Koilantay was brought before the meeting, but in view of the fact that the National Committee was acting (N. C. Motion No. 33) no action was taken by the National Executive Committee.

Motion by Goebel.

That the Secretary be instructed to place the name of Walter J. Millard on the list of available National speakers. Carried.

Letter from Homer C. Alldredge, requesting that the National Executive Committee issue to him a commission permitting him to lecture

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them introduce similar resolutions in the parliaments of their respective countries.

(3) That the National Executive Committee elect a committee of three to request immediately a public hearing of the President at which said committee shall urge the President to give the resolution his support as a matter of common decency and humanity. Our committee is further instructed that at this hearing, if granted, it shall voice the emphatic protest of the million Socialist voters against the entire so-called preparedness program of the administration as being in the interests of the munition manufacturers, bankers, certain business interests and other exploiters of labor, and which inevitably leads along the bloody path now being trod by our

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 8:30. All members present.

In the absence of Comrade Lanfersiek, Adolph Germer was selected to act as secretary for the session.

The session was called to hear the result of the negotiations between the two factions of the Polish comrades.

Both factions submitted propositions in writing. In addition to these propositions and counter-propositions, verbal statements were made by Comrades Zmijewelki for the Polish Federation and Comrade Eibaum for the faction which withtrew from the Federation. SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION. tion.

The entire session was consumed in discussion of the Polish controversy.

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Motion by Germer.

That Seidel and Goebel constitute a committee to draft specific propositions and recommendations to the representations of both factions and they in turn submit them to their constituents as a settlement of their differences. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at midnight, to meet at 10:00 Monday morning.

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MONDAY MORNING.
Dec. 20, 1915.

Meeting called to order at 10:00.
Present as before.
Maurer elected chairman for the day.
A letter was read from the Executive Committee of the Italian Socialist Federation, protesting against the published statement of Charles Edward Russell.

Motion by Seidel.
That this communication be received and filed. Carried.
Communication from Local Kokomo, Ind., suggesting that leading articles published in The American Socialist be reprinted in leaflet form.

form.

Motion by Germer.

That the Executive Secretary be instructed to advise the comrades of the impracticability of the plan they propose, and that plans are under way to have articles of special value, ecvering the subject mentioned, printed for the campaign. Carried.

Election of committee to request a public hearing of the President.

Motion by LeSueur: '
That we elect by ballot and vote for three. Carried.

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Carried.
On ballot, Eugene V. Debs, Morris Hillquit
and James H. Maurer were elected.
Motion by Seidel.
That the nominations be made unanimous.
Carried.
Motion by German

That the nominations be made unanimous. Carried.

Motion by Germer.
That the Executive Secretary be instructed to communicate with President Wilson, asking him when he can give this committee an interview, and requesting that it be given at the earliest possible date. Carried.

Motion by Goebel.
That the report of the Executive Secretary be taken up as the first order of business after dinner. Carried.
Jack Robbins, of Chicago, was given the floor to present a request tor the publication of literature especially adapted to boys of 16 and 17 years of age.
Motion by LeSucur.
That Comrade Robbins be requested to cooperate with Comrade Kruse as a committee of two to report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee a concrete, definite plan, together with such material as they are able to gather that they recommend for publication. Carried.

Motion by LeSucur.
That all candidates for President and Vice-President whose names are to go upon the referendum ballot for nominations shall each be requested to furnish a statement of not more than 200 words defining the personal attitude of such candidates on militarism and preparedness. Carried.
Adjourned to 2:00 p.m.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Dec. 20, 1915.

Meeting called to order at 3:00.

Present as before.

Report of the Executive Secretary.

Motion by Germer:

That the personal membership campaign rom the National Office be continued and necuraged. Carried.

rom the National Once of Secretary be instructed to communicate with the state secretaries and secure information for the use of the Executive Committee at the next meeting concerning the number of states willing to use the automobile campaign plan also the suggesting the number of states willing to use the automobile campaign plan: also the Presidential Special, and any other suggestions concerning the Presidential campaign. Carried.

In connection with the report of the secretary, LeSueur brought up the matter of cooperation with Frank P. Walsh in giving publicity to the work of the Industrial Commission.

mission.

It was agreed that LeSueur should raft an answer to the letter from Walsh, presented for the consideration of the committee, and report to the Executive Committee at the Tuesday morning session.

Motion by LeSueur:

That the Executive Secretary be instructed to send to those names on cards secured by Comrade Lehane, three months subscriptions to The American Socialist, as fast as organization funds will permit. Carried.

Motion by LeSueur:
That report of the Executive Secretary be received and filed. Carried.

Mution by Goehe!

Consideration of the Polish controversy resumed.

Motion by Seidel.

That this committee meet this evening in special session at 8 o'clock and then take up the demands of the comrades one by one and see how they can be conciliated. Carried unanimously.

Consideration of Communications Resumed.

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Resolved, That the National Executive Committee convey to Comrade Pat Quinlan, now in the file of the leader of the control of feet his release that the particular circumstances permit.

Comrade Quinlan was convicted of making a speech inciting to riot in a meeting that almost forty witnesses swore he did not address at all; and is now serving a term of seven years and a fine of five hundred dollars. We urge the comrades throughout the country to co-operate financially or otherwise as incumstances permit, with any plans the New Jersey State Committee may have toward succuring justice in this case. Carried.

The continuation of the work of the lecture bureau after January first was considered.

Motion by LeSueur:

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Motion by LeSueur:
That the Secretary be instructed to retain Thompson as long as he can stay, and in the meantime effect the best arrangements that can be made. Carried.

can be made. Carried.

Lehane Lecture Tour:

Motion by LeSueur:

That the Secretary be authorized to proceed with the tour, providing no expense to the National Office is involved. Carried.

Adjourned to 9:30 Tuesday morning.

THESDAY MORNING.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 o'clock.

Motion by Seidel:

That \$25.00 be set aside and that we get in touch with Conrade Huggins and see which way the money can be made to go furthest. Carried.

A telegram was read from Hernan Schlueter and Ludwig Lore, editors of the Volksteinne, requesting the Executive Committee to decide that not only Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, but those for the Executive Committee and for Executive Secretary should file statement giving views on war and preparedness.

Motion by Maurer:

To reconsider the motion requiring the candidates for President and Vice-President and Motion by Maurer:

That we request all candidates for President, Vice-President, Executive Committee and Executive Secretary, to express their views on militarism and preparedness in a 150-word article, to be filed in the National Office not later than January 7, and to be printed in The American Socialist in the following issue. Carried.

The question of co-operating with the Industrial Commission was again brought before the committee.

Motion by Germer.

the seceding branches and the Poljsh Federation. Carried.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Motion by Maurer:

That we instruct our Secretary to arrange affairs in the office so that he can, if possible, get along on one-half the floor space that he has now and if this can be done, to make a new lease with the landlord with the understanding that we only pay in proportion for the space used.

If this cannot be done, then he shall look around for headquarters elsewhere that will meet these requirements, and submit to the National Executive Committee for final decision the best terms he is able to secure. Carried. non the nest terms he is and to secure. Carried.

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST.
By J. L. Engdahl, Editor and Circulation
Manager.

REPORT ON THE PARTY PRESS SERVICE
AND PLATE SERVICE
By J. L. Engdahl, Editor.

Adjourned to 2:30.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON. Dec. 21, 1915.

accordance with the request of the National Committee. Carried.

Seidel submits report on Polish Controversy.

Discussion.

Motion by LeSueur:

To adopt the report of the committee as amended. Carried.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

By Wm. F. Kruse, Secretary.

Recommendations: (1) The establishment of a Y. P. S. L. paper. No action. (2) To arrange a lecture tour.

Motion by LeSueur:

That comrande Kruse be allowed to make an effort to secure twenty-five dates, according to recommendation. Carried.

Motion by LeSueur:

That the report of the Secretary of the Young People's Beautrant of Carried.

The question of co-operating with the industrial commission was again brought before the committee.

Motion by Germer.

That the secretary be instructed to write a letter to Frank P. Walsh extending the co-operation of the Executive Committee to the Industrial Commission in their work of publicity, and their efforts to bring about co-operation between the industrial and political forces of Labor. Carried.

POLISH CONTROVERSY.

Motion by LeSueur:

That without finally determining the question of the ownership of "The Polish Miner", the Pittsburgh newspaper, and realizing that we have no jurisdiction to determine the ownership, but for the purpose of making a temporary settlement pending the final adjustment of the controversy between the seceding Polish branches and the Polish Federation, it is the opinion of the Executive Committee that the old paper is entitled to the mailing privileges and management of the paper, bending the final adjustment of the paper. the mailing privileges and management of the paper, pending the final adjustment between the seceding branches and the Poljsh Federa-

Meeting called to order 2:30.
Present as before.
Discussion on report of The American Socialist and the party plate and press service.

Motion by Germer:
That the Editor of The American Socialist be authorized to continue his negotiations with the American Press Association in an effort to establish a rlate service. Carried.

Motion by LeSacur:
That the Executive Secretary be authorized to negotiate with the New York Call and other Socialist papers to arrange a news service at a cost to the National Office not to exceed \$10 per week. Carried.

Motion by Germer:
That the Secretary be instructed to write Comrade Meyer London stating that the National Office would like to know the names of the advisory committee selected by him in accordance with the request of the National Committee. Carried.

Seidel submits report on Polish Controversy. Meeting called to order 2:30.

Twelve massive volumes—8000 pages—standard haize—bound in X Law Sheep. The only great work on its page of the correspondence of the

ing, and that the members had been cations printed in the Lithuanian language.

Motion by LeSueur:

That Comrade Maurer's report be accepted.
Carried.

Discussion of 1916 Campaign funds.
National Platform.

Motion by LeSueur:

That each member of the committee submit

nediately to the Federation.

(2) That under no condition the Federation fifters are to solicit of coerce members into endering aid or assistance to military organizations.

in extending the work was decided upon, namely that of reaching all the socialist voters in the state and entire the social section. omers are to solicit of coerce members into rendering aid or assistance to military organizations.

(3) Comrades, in view of the fact that we are facing the most important presidential campaign in which many issues of vital importance for the people of the United States are to be decided, the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party appeals to the membership of the Polish Alliance so the membership of the Polish Alliance and concentrate all efforts toward building up a strong organization. As necessary to that end, we strongly recommend to the membership of the Federation to initiate and decide favorably to eliminate from the preamble of their constitution the following words:

"The Polish Alliance of the Socialist

Socialist voters in the state and enlisting their assistance as far as gossible, in distributing literature, getting signatures to petitions and carrying on the work of advancing the cause generally, and at the same trime urging them to become full fledged socialists by becoming Red Card Members, following the example of Oklahoma in achieving its remarkation the following words:

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Motion by LeSueur:
That the report of the Secretary of the Young People's Department he secretary of the Commission on Industrial Relations, the sale price to left in the hands of the secretary Carried.

Motion by Germer:
That the Executive Secretary be authorized to handle the Digest of the Manley Report of the Commission on Industrial Relations, the sale price to left in the hands of the secretary Carried.

Motion by Germer:
That the secretary be instructed to committee with Upton Sinclair to see what arrangements can be made to handle his book, "King Coal". Carried.

Maturer reported that he had investigated the complaint of Local Cook County that the members of the Lithuanian Federation had not made individual application for membership, which was brought before the committee that the September meeting. He stated that the dissatisfaction was due to misunderstanding, and that the members had signed applications printed in the Lithuanian language.

Motion by LeSueur:

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KANSAS STATE CONVENTION. The Socialists of Kansas have just closed one of the most successful and National Platform.

Motion by LeSneur:

That each member of the committee submit draft of platform at next meeting. Carried.

To reconsider action just taken on the Pobish Controversy, as one member of the subcommittee was not present when the Fepfort was adopted. Carried.

After some discussion, the following report was adopted:

"After hearing the points in dispute between the contestants in the Polish controversy, the National Executive Committee recommends as the best way to an understanding the following: ng:
(1) That the seceding comrades return imand thoroness. A new plan of attack of Oklahoma in achieving its remarkable results. This is to be undertaken immediately.

the Federation to initiate and decide favorably to eliminate from the preamble of their constitution the following words:

"The Polish Alliance of the Socialist Party acknowledges in reference to the choice of methods of struggle in the old country the democratic principles of referendum and acknowledges therefore the Executive Committee of the Polish Social as a legal representation of Polish workingclass in Austrian Poland and the similar body of the Folish Socialist Party in Prussian Poland. As to the Russian Poland. The superior forces of the tsarism and of the lack of any legal political life in that part of Poland...."

Let us consider all other problems, comrades, however vital, as subservient to the main issue and bend alt our efforts toward the victorious campaign in 1916."

Resolved, that after the reconciliation of Gornik Polski (Polish Miner) be restablished as provided for by the constitution of Gornik Polski (Polish Miner) be restablished as provided for by the constitution of the Federation, and all previous and temporary arrangements by the National Executive Committee concerning that paper to case. Carried.

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inder their direction. It will be remembered that the headquarters of the International Socialist Bureau, Camille Huysmans, secretary, was transferred from Brussels to The Hague, shortly after the Germans captured the Belgian capital. This is the first time that So-cialists from belligerent countries have met at the headquarters of the bureau. News of what really transpired at this meeting will be awaited

with interest. That a serious break has finally come in the Socialist delegation in the German reichstag is shown by the vote on war credit of \$2,500,000,000 requested by the government. Nineteen Socialists voted against the war credits. Before the vote was taken Friedrich August Karl Geyer read a brief statement on behalf of the Socialist minority explaining their negative vote, while Friedrich Ebert spoke in behalf of the Socialist majority, which voted for the war credits. In

A district convention of Socialist delegates was held in Paris in which it was demanded that the government withdraw the censorship against the press and speech, deal with the high cost of living by establishing maximum prices for necessaries of life and suspend the right of landlord to collect rents during the war.

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"May The American Socialist and its buosters prosper during 1916" writes Frederick G. Swanson, our faithful worker at Balbos, on the Canal Zone at Panama. He sent a beautiful card wishing all The American Socialist boosters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE HENRY DURBS. By HARRY JAMES STUTZLEN.

The Henry Dubbs of our fair land,
As Ryan Walker ably shows.

Have not enough of sense to stand
Up for their rights, which "goodness knows"

Are just as plain as "plain can be",
If they had brains enough to see.

To rouse them needs a stick or axe.

And wise men's patience sorely tax, Their "holding out" keeps

span
That Socialism spreads across;
And causes needless time be lost.

Oh Henry Dubbs you are so dense, Your ignorance is "most immense", You think your friend is "Capital", And over you they've cast a spell That time alone will rouse; and when You do awake, then act like "Men.

The Nashville Tenn., police chief differs from the usual run of his colleagues. One Sunday the Socialist local was surprised to receive a visit my, had a very wide circulation.

Needless to say, the Socialism distort attend the meeting to read the riot act or to search the premises for concealed bombs. Instead, the chief mounted the platform and gave quite mounted the platform and gave quite a lengthy talk to the audience. He leagues. One Sunday the Socialist local was surprised to receive a visit

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Socialism In Canada, Hit by War Madness, Is Fighting On With one or two exceptions our prominent Canadian Socialists have

NOTE .- The Socialist movement in Canada has almost been smothered by the war craze. It is an indication of what may happen to the Socialist movement in the United States if the insane militarists are not met and routed. The Forward, official organ of the Canadian Socialists, is having a hard time weathering the storm. In this article, A. W. Mance, editor of The Forward, tells what is going on across our northern border.

By A. W. MANCE. This week we start another year.

This is going to be the biggest year for Socialism in the United States and thruout the world. It is going to be a big year for The American Socialist.

EOGRAPHICALLY, Canada extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, and from the northern border of the United States to the North Pole. The St. Lawrence River and chain of Great Lakes give big year for The American Socialist. Saturday, Jan. 1, greets us with Superior, a distance of over 2,000 miles. Besides this Canada is now crossed another increase in the circulation from east to west by three great transcontinental railway systems, which have

the big gains are coming soon.

The "ons" this week outnumber the "offs" to the tune of 114 strong and lusty new subs. That carries our Northwest Territories) of about three and one-half million square miles, and Northwest Territories in comfort a population of one hundred milis easily capable of supporting in comfort a population of one hundred mil-

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The present population is about seven and one-half million. Of this number, nearly two million are Canadian French, located mostly in the Province of Quebec where they continue to speak the French language and live under religious and political institutions of French origin. Besides this French-speaking population, there are some six hundred thousand recently arrived emigrants from other European countries than the British Isles. These emigrants have been attracted to Canada by the large demand for common labor, during the past years, owing to the unprecedented railroad construction and development, and the opportunity to get free or cheap lands along the new lines. The halance of the lof the Marxian Scientific School, with

in most localities in Canada

F. A. LAMBRECH, Erie, Pa., sends in a club of four and says it is the duty of all Socialists to do the same.

W. S. CRATER announces that he is planning to open the Progressive News and Book Store at 405 E. 12th St., Kansas City, More and the composition open the progressive News and Book Store at 405 E. 12th St., Kansas City, More and that he will have Socialist sperson and literature for sale. We hope he works up a big business.

Historically, Canada, since it was ceded to the English by the French in 1763, has developed from a few scattered crown colonies into the "grand Dominion," consisting of nine granty of Canada is numerically the provinces and the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Since 1861 it has been the most important of Britain's great self-govern govern government consists of a governor-general, appointed by the British gov

cities and towns. A weekly news-ent time our membership is badly being evinced in the report and conpaper, called "City and Country," scattered and many local organiza-clusions of the Commission on Inwhich advocated the ideas of Bella-tions have ceased to exist and many dustrial Relations, of which Frank P.

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courageously defied the beast of war and militarism and continued to spread the Socialist propaganda and educational message in the midst of the beating of drums and the tramp of war-mad hosts.

After the War.

cial and industrial ground will be so when the committee got together plowed and harrowed that it will be to settle up they found on their hands socialist message. It is now generally conceded by students of political, economic and social conditions, that State "Socialism" in some form is the only thing that can save the country from a condition of financial and the officer yet they had not been to settle up they found on their hands with a tangled thread of accounts, some bills to pay, quite a little money with which to pay them, and even more standing out. Some effort had been made to get all people to settle for their tickets on or before the night of the officer wat they had not been

of blood and "patriotism."

Thinly scattered thruout cities and towns and in the mining camps and on the prairie farms there are a few thousand Socialists intelligently watching the melting process, who can be depended on to arouse the exploited toilers to take advantage of every opportunity to enlighten and strengthen the political and economic position of the Canadian wage workers and working farmers, whom modern the collecting squad and, by dividing up the work in this way, in charge of responsible comrades, the task became far smaller that had at first been imagined.

A letter requesting settlement was first sent to each person who had received tickets and who had not paid for them. In this letter was also the suggestion that a Comrade would call during the following week, and a request that the money or tickets be settled before the collecting squad and, by dividing up the work in this way, in charge of responsible comrades, the task became far smaller that had at first been magined.

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concealed bombs. Instead, the chief mounted the platform and gave quite a lengthy talk to the audience. He said his opinions concerning Socialism that materially changed since giving had materially changed since giving some serious study to the subject. The more he learned of Socialism the more favorably impressed he became. The chief said he had never heard of any voluted by the Socialist.

Here and there from time to time a few men with a queer Socialist doctrine from the United States or the British Isles appeared. They spoke to first in the Socialists scattered through the socialists.

H. Scott Bennett, the well known Socialist from Australia who met with a big reception on the Pacific Coast, is now ready to fill dates in states between Chicago and New York and the said this opinions concerning Socialist Leagues, inspired by their splendid Utopian vision, thous had to suspend publication until the war is over and times over and times of Canadians now of middle class Socialism.

Here and there from time to time a few men with a queer Socialist doctrine from the United States or the British Isles appeared. They spoke of Scientific Socialism, Economic Determinism, the Class Struggle, Working Class Mission, Internationalism, etc., etc., in ad infinitum. Thus the peaceful, beautiful atmosphere of the middle-class Socialist dreamers who states between Chicago and New York

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It is too early to attempt to predict what will be the ultimate effect of the war on the Canadian Socialist movement, but everything now indicates that when it is over the social and industrial ground will be so

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Effects of the War.

When the present industrial crisis and war broke out, the Social Democratic party of Canada had 170 organizations with a total dues-paying membership of about 4,000. Several

Socialism in Canada.

About thirty years ago the modern capitalist world awoke to the fact that Canada offered a most promising field for the operation of high finance and up-to-date capitalist exploitation. Up to that period the ideas and aspirations born in an agricultural country predominated both politically and socially. Since 1880, the first period of great industrial expansion, the capitalist and industrial expansion, the conditions which cause Socialist the conditions which cause Socialist the conditions which cause Socialist the solutions which cause Socialist the socialist philosophy may be depended upon to contribute our best to the cause of Socialism, which were fall of the capitalist world and the date set about three weeks ahead. The Y. P. S. L. or chestra to the cause of Socialism, which were fall question to the cause of Socialism, which were flully realize is destined in the againzations with a total dues-paying to the cause of Socialism, which were flully realize is destined in the membership of about 4,000. Several weekly and monthly papers in the English and other languages, one daily published in the Finnish language, which were pushing the propaganda vigorously when the cyclone struck.

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By Max S. Hayes.

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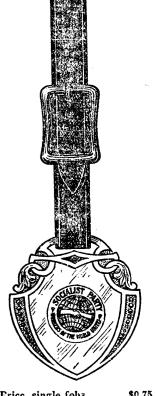
Western Federation of Miners have sent out an appeal for financial assistance to help them in defeating the attempt of the operators' combine in Arizona to destroy their local unions. There are 5,000 men battling for the right to organize. Governor Hunt is in sympathy with the men and the A. F. of L. has endorsed the request By Ryan Walker of the miners for aid. Send all contributions to F. B. Hocker, treasurer of the committee, Box 511, Clifton, Ariz.

FRIENDS AND fellow-countrymen get ready for another stiff boost in the high cost of living. President
Wilson's "preparedness" campaign
will have to be paid. True, the bankers and manufacturers will probably
turn the hundreds of millions over to
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From the SOCIALIST PARTY Platform adopted by membership referendum, May, 1908:

"The Government shall also loan money to states and municipalities without

to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works."

From the SOCIALIST PARTY Platform adopted by membership referendum, May, 1912:

No. 6. The collective ownership and democratic management of the banking, and currency system."

"The government also to establish employment bureaus; TO LENI MONEY TO STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHOUT INTEREST FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING ON PUBLIC WORKS, and to take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class."

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