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A Calamity!

Socialists and organized workers of the country are urged by the Socialist Party national executive committee to give expression to their support of Congressman Meyer London's food bill, thru public demonstrations and appropriate resolutions.

In a manifesto calling for this support the executive committee also calls upon the workers to force a steady raise of their wages so as to at least keep pace with the increasing cost of living, and to rally to the support of the Socialist Party in its struggles against the barbarous system of wages and profits.

The manifesto adopted on this important question now agitating the minds of the workers is as follows:

THE growing cost of living, which for years has been a grave problem for the people of this country, is now fast assuming the dimensions of a national calamity.

Within recent times particularly all the sordid powers of our vicious economic system seem to have conspired to put the most essential necessities of life beyond the reach of the poor.

The unprecedented increase of the world's supply of gold has naturally resulted in a steady depreciation of money values and a corresponding increase in prices of commodities.

The insatiable demand of the war-crazed countries of Europe for the means of sustaining life and inflicting death has opened the way for the profit-crazed American capitalists to drain this country of its life resources; to take the very bread from the mouths of the American workers and to sell it abroad for exorbitant prices.

The artificial scarcity thus created is furnishing our industrial and commercial autocrats a plausible pretext for extracting usurious prices for the remaining supplies, while the horde of parasitic middle-men add an additional heavy tax on the helpless consumer. The capitalist classes find easy compensation for the rising cost of living in the enormous increase of their revenues and profits. The burdens and miseries of the high cost of living fall almost wholly on the working classes.

For them, in the last analysis, the "high cost of living" is but another name for low wages. The fact that the dollar purchases much less now than it did one year ago, means that the (?) worker's wage, even where it has nominally been increased, has actually been reduced. The higher cost of living means a lower standard of life to the worker: less food, scantier clothes, a poorer home, a drearier life. The Socialist Party calls upon the workers of the United States and upon all progressive elements of the country to combat this terrible menace of popular degeneration by radical, energetic and immediate action in the political and economic fields.

It demands that the government assume direct supervision and control of the production and supply of necessities in order to put an end to the shameful speculation and profiteering in the means of the people's life at home or abroad.

It calls attention to the Bill embodying concrete measures in that direction, which was introduced in the House of Representatives by the Socialist Representative, Meyer London, and appeals to the Socialists and organized workers of the country to give expression to their support of the measure thru public demonstrations and appropriate resolutions. But above all the Socialist Party calls upon the workers to force a steady raise of their wages so as to at least keep pace with the increasing cost of living, and to rally to the support of the Socialist Party in its struggles against the barbarous system of wages and profits, of trafficking in human needs and human lives, and in its efforts to rebuild the industrial system of the world on the basis of collective ownership, co-operative labor and common enjoyment.

Big Problems Taken Up By The Party N. E. C.

Big problems before the American Socialist Party were considered and acted upon by the National Executive Committee at its meeting just held in Chicago.

It stepped forward as the spokesman for the Socialist Party in the most prominent neutral nation in the world and offered its services in reviving the strength and influence of the International Socialist movement.

It urged the calling of an international congress on June 3, at The Hague, and issued the manifesto appearing on this page to the Socialists of America and the world.

Rally In H. C. of L. Campaign.

It called upon the Socialists and organized workers of the United States to rally behind Congressman Meyer London in his campaign to nationalize the supply and distribution of food as the only real remedy for the increasing cost of living.

It called upon the party membership in joining in raising an organization fund of \$50,000 to build up a party that will be able to press forward to new conquests in 1918 and 1920. This call is also published in another column.

It also took up and considered the strengthening of every other phase of party activity. Provisions were made for aiding the woman's suffrage campaign in New York state this fall and in increasing the effectiveness of the Socialist propaganda among women generally. It voted to issue a monthly publication, to be called "The Socialist Party Bulletin," in place of the twice-a-month supplement now appearing as a part of The American Socialist. This monthly will be twice as large as the present supplement.

Get In Touch With Europe.

Greatest interest of all was attached to the plan launched by the committee to revive "The Internationale," Adolph Germer, national secretary, and Morris Hillquit, international secretary, of the American Socialist Party, signed the cablegram that was sent to Camille Huysmans, secretary of the International Socialist Bureau, now located at Theresia straat, 19, The Hague, Holland. It was formerly located at Brussels but was removed to The Hague incidentally to the German occupation of Belgium.

National Secretary Germer and International Secretary Hillquit also signed the cablegrams that were sent to the International Bureau delegates or National Secretaries of the various national parties. These were as follows:

GERMANY.—Wilhelm Pfannkuch, Berlin, S.W. 68, Lindenstrasse 3.

FRANCE.—Louis Dubreuilh, 37 rue Sainte Croix-de-la-Bretonnerie, Paris.

RUSSIA.—E. Roubanitch, 238 Boulevard Raspail, Paris, France.

DENMARK.—Theodore Stauning, Romersgade 22, Copenhagen.

AUSTRIA.—Ferdinand Skaret, Rechte Wienzeile 97, Vienna, V.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Ramsey McDonald, 3 Lincoln Inn Fields, London, England.

ITALY.—C. Lazzari, via del Seminario, 87, Rome.

BELGIUM.—Emile Vandervelde, Belgian minister of state, Havre, France.

SWITZERLAND.—M. Fahndrich, Birmensdorfstrasse 15, Zurich.

ARGENTINE.—Antonio de Tomasco, Reconquista 675, Buenos Ayres.

SPAIN.—Daniel Anguiano, Calle de la Fuentes 4, Madrid.

NORWAY.—Magnus Nilssen, Folkets Hus, Christiania.

SWEDEN.—Fredrik Strom, Folketshus, Banhusgaten 17, Stockholm.

Made First Peace Effort.

It was the American Socialist Party that made the first attempt to call an international Socialist gathering immediately following the opening of the war. This attempt proved futile. It is felt that the time is now opportune for the holding of an International Socialist Congress and that there will be a quick and favorable response from both neutral and belligerent countries.

Total 1916 Vote Is 597,864.

In his report to the executive committee, Secretary Germer stated that the 1916 national Socialist vote had finally been secured for all of the states and that it totaled 597,864 compared to 901,000 in 1912. He assigns several reasons to account for the falling off in the vote. They are as follows:

First—The general apathy that has prevailed in the party for the past three or four years and from which we have only in a measure recovered.

Second—The conflicting elements over the question of militarism and war which grew out of the European disaster. Under the slogan adopted by the democratic party, "He kept us out of war!" many, who in 1912 voted the Socialist ticket, as well as some who in the past have called themselves the "real Marxian revolutionary Socialists," went over to the Wilson camp, while in some instances those who charged Wilson with being pro-ally, voted for Hughes.

Third—In addition to the war propaganda, the Adamson eight-hour law and a few other so-called labor laws were instrumental in befuddling the workers.

Interesting reports were submitted to the executive committee by all of the foreign federations, most of these reports showing these organizations to be stronger than ever.

Revive The Internationale!

Call Issued For World Congress, June 3, At The Hague

HOPE OF reviving the Socialist Internationale has been given a new birth by the action of the American Socialist Party national executive committee, in session in Chicago, in calling upon the International Socialist Bureau to provide for an international congress to be held June 3, 1917, at The Hague.

It is urged that the Bureau take steps to call such a congress by March 1. If this is not done the American Socialist Party will take the initiative.

The cablegram sent to Camille Huysmans, secretary of the International Socialist Bureau, at The Hague, was as follows:

"Convinced that the time is ripe for a revival of the Socialist Internationale on the basis of a concerted working class movement for an immediate, just and lasting peace, the Socialist Party of the United States requests that an International Congress be called June 3, 1917, at The Hague. Unless by March 1, the Bureau takes steps to call such a congress, our party will consider itself justified in taking direct initiative."

This message to the Bureau has also been sent to the Socialist Parties in Germany, Austria, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, England, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Russia, Belgium and the Argentine with the request that the support of the various affiliated parties be given to this measure. It is urged that any action taken be immediately cabled to the American Socialist Party headquarters in Chicago.

In this way it is hoped to gather up the loose threads now binding the Socialist Parties of the various countries and revive the International Socialist movement to greater effort. The members of the American Socialist Party national executive committee are confident that their appeal will meet with an immediate and favorable response by the Socialists of the belligerent and neutral countries.

In announcing its action to the Socialists of the United States the national executive committee issued a stirring manifesto as follows:

To the Comrades of the Socialist Party.

Comrades: Thirty terrible months have elapsed since the outbreak of the world war. Never in the history of the world has so much carnage, devastation and frightfulness been encompassed within such a space of time. As the twentieth century with its science and invention, its economic organization and achievements dwarfs all the previous history of mankind, so the war excels all previous wars of human history in magnitude, horror, destruction and deadliness. All the inventive genius and creative power of many of the greatest modern nations, in neutral as well as in belligerent countries have been prostituted to the lust of war. Now that millions of lives have been sacrificed, and millions of other lives broken and ruined, while all civilization has been imperilled, the war-weary world cries with agonizing voice for peace. Even the ruling classes are at last realizing its unspeakable horror and futility and are beginning to speak openly of their desire for peace.

The Socialist movement ought to be and can be the greatest force for peace in the world. The Socialists of the world can do more to bring about a just, conclusive and enduring peace than all the world's diplomats and statesmen combined. Even amid the hellish hate and brute passions of the war, often at great peril to themselves, loyal comrades in all the belligerent countries, true to the principles of internationalism, have consistently opposed the resort to barbarous methods of warfare, and bravely urged the cause of international solidarity and peace.

It would be a calamity only comparable to the war itself if the organized Socialist movement of the world should fail to exert its great influence and power to bring about a speedy termination to the war madness. Further, International Socialism would lose its great opportunity and betray its trust if it should fail to make all possible efforts to safeguard the interests of the working class of the world in the adjustments that are to come.

Far more important than any or all of the questions of indemnification and territorial re-arrangements, is the assurance which must be obtained by the proletariat that the settlement of the war shall be just and lasting; that it shall not contain the germs of future wars. Every capitalist device or measure which may contain the potential provocative of future wars must be stoutly resisted by a united international social democracy.

It is in a special sense the task of the Socialist parties, to create the necessary working class sentiment and rally the forces to insure the adoption of means to prevent future wars. All that imperils the fraternity of peoples must be swept into oblivion. Disarmament, both military and naval, is essential to an assured and permanent peace. To the rulers and war lords who have caused the implements of industry to be transformed into imple-

Peace Is Coming Because People Are Demanding It

By LUCIEN SAINT.
(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Peace is in the air and peace is coming. It is coming for the reason that the common people of the nations are demanding it in terms which their censors do not allow to reach the newspapers. Take one rather important example: In England, since the outbreak of hostilities there has been formed a "Union for Democratic Control," an organization of radicals seeking to cut under the old-fashioned sort of diplomacy which helped to make the war possible. This union has a branch in Germany, and the two branches are at this moment discussing common problems almost as if the war did not exist!

This fact is not in the papers, but it is a fact of the most enormous import. It means that there is a popular movement in both Germany and England which realizes that the interests of the working people everywhere are essentially the same.

Force End Of Fighting.

Peace is coming at that time when public opinion shall force governments to call off the fighting.

The list of those in the United States who want the war to continue is long and appalling. It includes the majority of the big men in the banking world, for international loans are highly profitable undertakings. It includes the producers of munitions and of hundreds of commodities which go either into munitions or else into the maintenance of the belligerent nations—steel, copper, flour, leather, animals, canned goods, all kinds of clothing, and so on. It includes, of course, stock brokers and gamblers on the markets. It includes the well-paid accelerators of public opinion who are employed in this country to stimulate enthusiasm for one belligerent as against another, or as against all the rest. It includes almost automatically all Republicans and Republican papers, because for the most part they can not admit, for obvious political reasons, that Wilson can do anything right. It includes the unthinking and prejudiced public which is ever led astray from the truth by the advertisements and press agents. It is a large and immensely powerful body of corruptionists.

These hidden influences howled as if hit in the belt when the peace proposals were first mentioned. They paid heavy tolls so that the American public might read whatever any Britisher or Frenchman said against the proposals. They failed to relate, as I have hinted above, who were really working for peace on a common basis in both camps. Two days after the peace story first came out, it was declared to be already dead and gone. It is not dead and gone yet. It will not be dead and gone till peace shall have arrived.

Fight For Peace.

Now is the time for all socialists, all labor forces, all forward looking folk to throw their weight into the balance. Talk peace. Urge peace. Declare peace. Write peace to your local newspapers. Realize that way down at the bottom, underneath all the scum of diplomacy and militarism, the peoples want peace—as the people here want peace. And realize that the people can only get what they want by demanding it.

Wilson had his politician's ear close to the ground before he got out his peace note. He knew what the people wanted. But if the people remain silent while the enemies of civilization howl on for more blood and murder—why, there'll be more blood and murder.

UNCLE SAM CUTS PRICES AND MAKES MONEY IN CANAL ZONE

Washington.—Government sale of coal is a success—in the Panama Canal Zone. Last year the commercial price for coal in and around the Canal was \$24 a ton. But Uncle Sam sold it at \$6.50 a ton and made a profit of over \$360,000 on the number of tons thus disposed of.

Government sale of oil is also a success—in the same place. So is the government commissariat, which provides supplies of all kinds for a working force at times as large as 60,000.

Government ownership of the Canal is also profitable—in a period of nearly a year, revenues exceeded operating expenses by \$350,000.

The Government, when it wants to be and when private capital leaves it alone, is a very efficient business man. It does not go out after profit—it goes out after results: the greatest good to the greatest number at the least possible expense.

If anybody criticizes government ownership refer him to the last report of the Isthmian Canal Commission, obtainable at Washington, D. C., and there he will learn some truths not published in the daily newspapers.

Notice!

After Feb. 1, the twice-a-month supplement will be converted into a regular monthly publication to be called "The Socialist Party Bulletin." This action was taken by the recent meeting of the national executive committee. The price will be 25 cents a year. All those now subscribing to the supplement will receive "The Bulletin" instead. New subscribers should send their subs immediately to the National Office, Socialist Party, 893 W. Madison St., Chicago.

Organization!

Fifty thousand dollars for an "Organization Fund" that will build up an invincible party—that is the call issued by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party as a result of its meeting in Chicago, when the situation confronting the Socialist movement at the present time was thoroughly canvassed.

This call will be sent broadcast to every Socialist local in the nation and it will appear in every Socialist publication in the land.

The call issued by the National Executive Committee is as follows:

OUR GREATEST NEED!

Comrades: Now that the results of the late national campaign are before us, it is more than ever evident that our greatest need is intensive organization and education of our membership.

The National Executive Committee has decided to make special efforts to stimulate organization work in all parts of the country. We have called in to service practically all our experienced organizers, and, as rapidly as funds permit, they will be placed in the field to do intensive work. Each organizer will remain in a given district long enough to place the organization on a sound basis. All the experience and organizing ability at our command are thus to be placed at the disposal of the locals which most need the assistance.

Among those who will carry on this work are the following:

George H. Goebel,
Lewis J. Duncan,
Maynard Shipley,
Anna A. Maley,
Paul Michaelson,
George Ross,
Thos. L. Buie,
Walter Cook,
Theresa S. Malkiel,
Mary L. Geffs,
S. E. Beardsley,
O. C. Wilson,
Florence Wattles,
Wm. L. Garver,
W. A. Jacobs.

In addition it is proposed to route the following lecturers to stimulate the party propaganda:

Eugene V. Debs,
Patrick Quinlan,
Meyer London,
Stephen Mahoney,
John Spargo,
Walter Thomas Mills,
Walter Millard,
Duncan McDonald,
Ben Wilson,
James H. Maurer,
Oscar Ameringer,
Algeron Lee,
Emil Seidel,
Morris Hillquit,
Dan W. Hoan,
Ralph Korngold,
Jeanette Korngold,
Thomas Van Lear,
Joe Cannon,
John C. Kennedy,
Gustaf Strebel,
Carl D. Thompson,
Wm. E. Rodriguez.

To meet the expenditure which this work necessarily involves, a special effort must be made. The campaign just closed left us with a deficit of between four and five thousand dollars. To cancel this deficit is an immediate obligation. With our present membership this will not be a difficult matter. Ten cents per member would not only cancel the debt, it would, in addition, provide us with over three thousand dollars toward the cost of the new organization work already described.

To meet the cost of this organization work and the other heavy expenditures to be met in the current year a fund of at least fifty thousand dollars is necessary. It is impossible to carry on the work outlined without the funds to pay for it. We have no doubt that the comrades will gladly make any necessary sacrifices to insure the earnest and energetic prosecution of this great work.

We appeal to every member of the party, and every sympathizer, to contribute as liberally as possible. Send in your dollars and your dimes, comrades, so that we may be able to make effective use of the opportunities which lie open before us.

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For further information, Workmen's Sick & Death Benefit Fund, 110 N. Third Ave., New York.

An Appeal From Ireland!

James Larkin, representing the Socialist and Labor forces of Ireland, appeared before the recent meeting of the party national executive committee...

Comrades:—Thanks to the goodwill and fellowship of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party...

The Irish rebellion was brought to birth by men and women who had given service to the workingclass in all parts of the globe.

Admitting that we were identified to some extent with a section of our people, whose protest was more of an emotional, spiritual, and nationalistic character...

The Citizen Army was organized in Cork city in 1908, it never at any time received money or other assistance from any person, group or movement...

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Financially the local is doing well. The cost of maintaining the headquarters which averages \$100 a month...

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IN THE WORLD OF LAZOR.

LABOR is becoming too prosperous and is in danger of growing too fat to work and perhaps will cultivate the gout.

That, in substance, is the warning of Ex-President Taft. Speaking at a banquet of the St. Andrew's Society in New York, Taft declared that high wages are making the worker in this country extravagant...

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Socialists At Work

NOTE.—What are the Socialists doing in your city or state? The editor of this column wants to know...

HARTFORD, CONN., COMRADES ARE MORE ACTIVE THAN EVER. While generally after an election there is a let-up of activities in most Socialist locals...

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THE CALL OF THE WILD

By JACK LONDON. Copyright By Jack London.

(Continued from last week.) Day after day, for days unending, Buck toiled in the traces. Always, they broke camp in the dark...

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THIS MAN WON—SO CAN YOU!

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Dear Comrades: I successfully passed the State Bar examination, with the good fortune to make the highest grade of the entire class: 1611 points, out of a possible 1800.

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They are preparing for ten thousand settlers in a few years. Thousands are making plans to join their comrades in the community.

Will you be one of them? Write today for full information. LLANO DEL RIO COLONY, LLANO, CALIFORNIA.

"New Lamps For Old"

By WILLIAM F. KRUSE.

THERE IS an old-time fairy tale that dates back to our nursery times... the story of the "New Lamps For Old"...

With an exhibition of power almost on a par with that imparted by magic to Aladdin... Labor Shows Strength.

How was it done? Simply by making use of that inherent power which has always been in the hands of labor... "Hard Luck"

By WILLIS ANDREWS. A Socialist lecturer had just finished an address when he was approached by a man who declared that Socialism was all right in theory but impractical.

"Tell me, John," said the Socialist, "how has the world been using you all these years?" "Well, I'll have to admit that things haven't turned out as I had hoped on the day we graduated," answered John.

There is nothing to be afraid of in this, in fact it is a most happy sign that at last Labor has managed to throw a bit of fear into the hearts of the master class.

Here is their program. First scare the people into believing that militarism is necessary to preserve their "liberties" from an outside invader.

Having put militarism into effect, the next step will be to hammer the back-bone out of the children. They'll be "men" soon enough, it won't take long, and when they have been properly "disciplined" it will be easier to put across the rest of the program.

The program is only beginning now. Some months ago only the Socialists' voices could be heard to proclaim that Congress had enacted a draft law, to-day the kept press is proclaiming it on its head-lines, and is asking for more. To-day a lot of good men and women all over the country are clamoring for more.

and worthless. New ones are needed—"Compulsory Arbitration", "Universal Democratic" (!) Militarism, "Moral Pressure" etc., etc.

REICHSSTAG CANDIDATE CHOSEN TO SUCCEED LIEBKNECHT.

There was a considerable searching of hearts among the Socialists of Potsdam-Spandau, Germany, as to the candidate who should contest the seat, which is vacant now that the Supreme Military Court, the "Reichsmilitaergericht," has confirmed the conviction of Karl Liebknecht.

When it came to the selection of the candidate, Stahl was proposed by the "majority" Stab by the "minority" (Arbeitsgemeinschaft), and Mehring by Liebknecht's supporters, the "Spartacus" group, with the result that the chairman declared Mehring to have been nominated.

Those who reject the invitation stand on the side of capitalism, with all its fraud and deceit and infinite crimes against mothers and potential mothers of men.

SHORT CUT TO REVOLUTION.

Some of my friends urge me to give a short reply to James O'neal's "Short Cut to the Revolution". Comrade O'neal does not even pretend to give any argument against the conceptions as stated in the Manifesto of the Left Wing Socialists of the American Propaganda League.

Because all Socialists strongly believe in organization, it always makes some impression to suggest that certain groups disrupt the existing organization. Under present conditions in the Socialist Party of the United States, however, it almost sounds like humor to make us believe that unfavorable conditions in the party in Massachusetts should be due to the activities of a group or club.

When I decided to turn my college education to account and was persuaded to accept the pastorate of a church, that "call" lasted just two weeks. My second sermon was aimed against the practice of usury.

My experience as editor of the college publication now stood me in good stead and I secured a position as reporter on a daily newspaper, and was soon promoted to editor-in-chief.

When we first announced our offer of Jack London's books and Bellamy's "Looking Backward," we had assurance from the New York publisher that the books we had ordered would be shipped to us promptly.

Capitalism Condemned

By EDMUND R. BRUMBAUGH.

Several days ago an Omaha judge announced that he had in his possession evidence showing immoral relations of certain Omaha business men with a number of young girls of the community.

Capitalism is the same in Omaha and Philadelphia and every other city. Individual capitalists may be blameless in their private lives; capitalism, however, produces parasites, and rewards them, or some of them, with riches; and unearned riches will form a moral cess-pool, a source of contagion that spreads and intensifies with the lapse of time.

An industrial system that produces parasites is full of peril, whether the parasites be clothed in overalls or broadcloth. An industrial system under which the natural, girlish longing for beauty and pleasure and affection is turned into sin presents too great a menace to the fairest and finest and most vital things of life to be tolerated another hour.

Those who reject the invitation stand on the side of capitalism, with all its fraud and deceit and infinite crimes against mothers and potential mothers of men.

Those who accept the invitation pay their part for the good great souls have given in the past, and the course they take will brighten their lives and make beautiful their memory.

YOU WANT TO SEE A final report on the Dime Fund, don't you?

YOU WANT TO SEE A final report on the Dime Fund, don't you? This cannot be done until all outstanding banks are in. Return yours today and ask hat friend of your to return his.

LIEBKNECHT TELLS GERMAN LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED

The following translation is from the Tagwacht, the organ of the Swiss Social Democracy, printed at Berne, Switzerland. Karl Liebknecht, the noted German Socialist, addressed all his manifestos since the beginning of the war thru this paper.

All To Be Conscripted. "All those rejected from military service—cripples, children, and old-age pensioners—are to be put under the military law. The wages question is to be settled by the sword, and woe to those who, like the Hamburg workmen, cross their arms to show that they are of the state of siege."

Big Protests By Workers. "In the first number of Spartacus, the illegal organ of the international group, which appeared in September, accounts were given of a demonstration strike of 60,000 workmen in Berlin in July, of a demonstration strike in Brunswick on the occasion of the Liebknecht trial, of a great street demonstration of August 16 in Essen, of a simultaneous demonstration in Duisburg."

On November 2 a great demonstration took place in Dresden, and next day another in Berlin on the occasion of the revision of the Liebknecht trial.

In Hamburg 30,000 dockers went on strike and compelled the dock owners and the military authorities to wild concessions.

These are proofs of a deep fermentation; indications that the tide is rising. To attempt to fetter the masses with chains in this state of affairs is a gambler's last trick.

Unity Conference At New York Fails To Get Unity

After charging one another with the responsibility for the failure to arrive at some basis for unity, the representatives of the Socialist party and the Socialist Labor party yesterday ended their deliberations, says the New York Call, in its issue of Monday, Jan. 8. They will report back to their respective organizations their failure.

After pointing out that it was not the business of the conference to discuss the question whether industrial unionism was a superior form of economic organization to trade unionism, a position which was constantly pressed by the S. L. P. delegates, L. B. Boudin stated that the problem was rather one of tactics to be pursued. It was the old question of boring from within the unions or boring from without or doing both.

Boudin's Contention. He contended that the policy of the S. L. P. was in perfect accord with the spirit of the trade union resolution passed by International Socialist Congress at Stuttgart in 1907, which was the substitute proposition offered by the S. L. P. delegation for that of the S. L. P., which was an out and out declaration for the principle "that the proposed united party condemn generally craft unionism as a form of labor organization which defeats the very objects that the workers, consciously or otherwise, strive to attain" and for the organization of the working class "in the economic arena of the lines of what is known in this country as pro-political or Socialist industrial unionism."

Boudin further contended, as did Beardsley, that the S. P.'s policy of neutrality toward labor organization did not mean a policy of indifference, but one of constant aid and struggle with all labor organizations for their ultimate victory in times of struggle with the capitalist class.

Beardsley further contended that it was not the function of a Socialist party to wish to impose upon a labor organization the form it shall assume, but that the unions must be allowed to work out for themselves their form of organization in the light of their experience in their struggles with the capitalist class.

In his contention he asserted that it was such bitter experience that had made the United Mine Workers, the Garment Workers, the International Machinists and the four brotherhoods of railroad workers adopt a form of industrial unionism, and not the dogmatic preachment of S. L. P. propagandists.

The S. L. P. delegates in the printed comment on their proposition, quoted in support of it extracts of the same Stuttgart resolution which had been offered as a substitute by

the S. P. delegates. The battle then resolved itself into an interpretation of the meaning of that resolution. Harrison on both days and Reimer at the last session claimed in behalf of the S. L. P. that the Stuttgart resolution does not apply to the American labor movement; that it was not specific; that the European labor movement is more or less permeated with the Socialist spirit, and that was not the case with the A. F. of L.

This to Reimer appeared to be the burning question. The position of the S. L. P. was that without a class-conscious, industrial revolutionary labor organization socialism would never come, and that the Socialist republic to come must rest on an industrial organization of labor within the shell of capitalism.

James O'neal for the S. P. declared that this interpretation was different from that of the Socialist movement of the world. He then gave a brief summary of industrial unionism as advocated by the S. L. P., tracing its origin to the discredited policy among the workers of the French anarchists and the anarchists of the Latin countries idea of the propaganda of the deed.

Becoming impotent and bankrupt because they could not get the confidence of the working class of their respective countries, the anarchists entered the trade unions and transformed the idea of the propaganda of the deed into that of sabotage, and still ignoring the use of political action.

"The S. L. P.," the speaker continued, "has taken over most of these ideas. There is not a line in Marx or Engels that will justify the position that the unions seize and take over the industrial unions within the capitalist shell as were the cooperative colonies of Fourier and Owen."

Reimer Takes Exception.

Exception was taken by Reimer to O'neal's exposition of S. L. P. industrial unionism. He met the former's argument by a complete denial that it was an outgrowth of French Syndicalism. He further declared that the Socialist industrial unions of the S. L. P. are not required to vote for S. L. P. candidates in time of political elections. "The issue," he added, "is for Socialists to teach the workers to accept the principle of the class struggle as the basis for their economic organization and of international working class solidarity."

It was at this juncture that Reimer offered the following amendment to the Stuttgart resolution: "In line with the above (Stuttgart) resolution, and carrying out the spirit and applying the principles expressed therein, the United party declares that the

proper application of it to American conditions call for the party's pointing out the fallacies and shortcomings of the craft union form of organization and the necessity for adopting the Socialist industrial union form of economic organization."

In an earlier part of the session, Reimer had offered another amendment to the S. L. P.'s original resolution quoted above, substituting for the words "condemns generally craft unionism as a form of labor organization," the words "condemns the principle of craft unionism."

It being apparent that a deadlock was about to ensue, Reimer inquired of the S. P. delegation whether they would be willing to consider the plan of the structure of the united organization, intimating that if that were satisfactorily settled, the S. L. P. delegates might reconsider its vote on the union question. This being answered in the affirmative, a roll call was asked and both of the delegations voted as a unit on the opposite sides of each of the three propositions before them.

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Comrade Secretary: We want to ask you to do one thing which will mean as much—if not more—to your Local, than anything else which you could possibly do: Cut out this ad, take it to the next Local Meeting, and read it aloud, as a communication of deep interest to every member. Organize a study class of the Local. Spend an hour, each week, in the study of American History, in the Local meeting. It will give life, fire, and back-bone to your work. It will do you more good than a half-dozen lectures. It will lead, naturally, to the discussion of present-day events, from the working-class point of view. It will give the historic background to these events. Get your Local to take action for the organization of a class in the study of American History, under the leadership of A. M. Simons. Have them instruct you to write for catalog and full particulars for class-work. Cut out useless discussion in the Local meeting, and use this time for REAL study and worth-while discussions.

THE USURPER.

Another shaft of denunciation has been hurled at the "sacred" United States supreme court.

This latest assault was not made by a Socialist, so it received a little more attention from the capitalist press.

Senator Owen declared it was "unparalleled impudence for the Supreme Court to declare unconstitutional any act of congress"

After he had finished speaking the frightened newspaper reporters immediately got hold of Senator Owen and wanted to know whether his remarks might not cause him to be called before the supreme court for contempt.

"I don't believe they will do anything of the kind," said Owen. "If they do subpoena me they will start something that will shake the country to its foundation."

Senator Owen's attack on the supreme court was uttered at the conclusion of a speech made by Judge Wanamaker of the Ohio Supreme Court.

It was Victor L. Berger, the first Socialist congressman, who pointed out the way to limit the power of the Supreme Court.

The precedent referred to was a case relative to certain of the reconstruction laws which grew out of the Civil War.

Thus an entirely new principle is established. The power of the supreme court to annul legislation exists only so long as Congress consents to or permits it.

MORE MARTYRS IN PORTO RICO.

The Porto Rican workers are persistent and courageous. They are showing no letup in their long struggle to protect their industrial and political rights.

Additional martyrs to Porto Rican freedom have just been thrust into the prisons of the island at the behest of Governor Yager and Attorney General Kern.

It has already been shown that the island is in the grip of a Russian censorship of the press and speech. It has been pointed out that the sugar trust, which has already illegally absorbed thousands of acres of land belonging to Porto Rico, is the power now backing the Jones bill and seeking to suppress Porto Rican liberties.

Our congressman, Meyer London, has exerted himself to the limit in behalf of the Porto Rican workers. He will continue to do so.

The growing sentiment in favor of a national convention of the party this year to take up the great questions now confronting our organization, will no doubt soon result in the holding of the most epoch making gathering of Socialists ever called together in the United States.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMING!

We can all add to the success of this convention by joining in the great national organization campaign just started by the national executive committee; getting all delinquent members back into the ranks; and by seeing to it that every party member pays the assessment of 25 cents to defray the expense of the gathering.

All the farmers of America, with all their work, last year produced less than eight billion dollars worth of property.

So far the war has put the nations of Europe in debt fifty billion dollars, and destroyed fifty billions of property, beside creating indebtedness in neutral countries of ten billions, and butchering twelve million workers.

But the plutes are not yet satisfied. It all means prosperity—for them.

I See By Th' Papers

The Federal Reserve Board estimates that the national debt of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, and Austria-Hungary was increased from the beginning of the war to the end of 1916 by about fifty billion dollars.

But Swift & Co., Chicago meat packers, declare that they have made a profit of 27 per cent on all their stock during the fiscal year.

A daily paper reports as follows: "Reflecting the sharp advance in the price of wheat since the beginning of the week, the retail price of flour has been advanced fifty cents a barrel.

Is your pay three times what it was in 1907?

J. Pierpont Morgan, whose unofficial title is "Czar of America," is patted on the back for making a present of \$150,000 toward the million dollar endowment fund of Trinity College to increase the salaries of the professors there, and to erect a new chapel.

The common people of this country are richer than they were a year ago. So says the Department of the Treasury in its annual statement.

Professor Thomas Shaw, hiring of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads says that the reason people are poor is because "they waste more food than they eat. They order about twice as much as they need when they go into a restaurant.

Now you have it, the real reason for the H. C. L. Remember it when you go to the lunch counter and order the "coffee and ——" You only need half-a-portion, but don't forget that it costs ten cents more when served on two plates.

GOING DOWN.

W. L. Douglas, millionaire shoe manufacturer, says he has discovered a good cheap substitute for leather, out of which shoes can be made for about \$3.00 hereafter.

A coal operator does not agree with Prof. Shaw. This operator was quizzed by a committee representing the city Council of Princeton, Ind., and this is what he said: "If the people of Princeton spent less money going to moving picture shows they would have more money to buy coal."

Governors PROPOSE COSSACKS Governor-elect Henry Wilder Keyes of New Hampshire, in his inaugural speech proposed the establishment of a State Constabulary similar to the Pennsylvania Black Cossacks that have proved so valuable for strike-breaking purposes.

Governor Whitman of New York also advocated the same measure, and in addition suggested a military training system for school-children, prison condition based on "iron discipline" (a name-gone institution that Warden Osborne has been trying to break away from), and a lot of other reactionary measures.

HIGH COST OF LIVING ON THE CANAL ZONE.

W. J. Donaldson, Bellaire, Texas, who was for seven years a foreman on the Panama Canal, has had printed a pamphlet on the Subsistence Department of the Panama Canal, and the High Cost of Living.

"The State is Dead—But Its Ghost Appears," is the title of the leading article in The New World, Lincoln Plifer's Paper Magazine, for February. Fred Warren writes of the effects of the war, a "Scientist" presents an entirely new contribution to the thought of evolution while this, the most virile of modern publications, has a hot one purporting to be by the spirit of W. C. Brann, a short story supposedly put over by the spirit of "O. Henry," and a stirring appeal claiming to be from the living soul of J. A. Wayland.

REVIVE "THE INTERNATIONALE"!

As this is being written the cablegrams of the American Socialist Party national executive committee are speeding on their way to the Socialists across the Atlantic urging the calling of an International Socialist Congress, June 3, at The Hague.

There should be an early response. That response should be favorable from the majority of countries. The plans for holding this congress can be successfully carried out and great and immediate good can be accomplished.

The war may not end in a few months. It may drag on for another year or more than a year. A hunger for peace, however, is growing in all of the belligerent nations and it will ultimately conquer all demands that the war continue and the strife will end.

Even now, before the war ends, and more so when the slaughter finally ceases, the International Socialist movement must be in a position to throw its entire strength into the struggle for world social democracy and world peace.

The paths we are to follow must be decided upon at a gathering of representative Socialists from all nations. The present conflict of thought in the various nations must be welded into a definite policy and a settled program. Prejudice and national feeling must be swept aside in order to permit the workers of all nations to make the most of the lessons the war has taught us.

HIT WAGE BONUSES AGAIN.

Wage bonuses were struck another blow, this time by the coal miners when the general executive board of the United Mine Workers of America went on record against the voluntary wage bonus system, and issued a statement reiterating the policy of the organization in favor of collective bargaining between employers and their employees.

The board calls attention to the fact that many employers have given voluntary wage bonuses as a result of abnormal industrial conditions.

"We believe the principle of collective bargaining between employers and employees to be fundamentally sound, and the only just and equitable method for the permanent adjustment of wages and conditions," the statement reads.

"We regard with disfavor any effort that would tend to jeopard the stability and permanency of our present joint wage contract system, by seeking to substitute in its place a wage bonus system based upon the fluctuation of the coal market."

The exploiters of labor became very philanthropic around Christmas time and distributed some of their vast profits among their discontented slaves. The coal miners, like other enlightened workers, are out to completely abolish the profit system, and they know this cannot be done by receiving Christmas presents.

Yes, the war has been a success. It has killed more than a million Socialists in Europe, and caused American Socialists to vote for the fakir who "kept us out of war." What more could the plutes wish?

The back to the land movement is a great success in Europe, where it is estimated that five million workers have gone back—dust to dust.

You bet your sabots, congress will not conscript wealth. The plutes won't stand for it, and the fool workers will vote for the traitors in anyhow.

Will some fellow please tell us whether or not the United States has just been licked by Mexico?

The proposed decrease in letter rates is probably due to a desire to give the farmers who have profited from the farm loan measure a chance to write their papers telling of their good luck. If it cost two cents to send the letter, they couldn't afford it.

The plutes are in the saddle and are riding hard. They who vote them in will get the spurs as well as others.

Congress evidently figures that it can continue the "investigations" until the food pirates get their's, and then it won't matter.

Government ownership with the plutes as the government will be hell.

Perhaps the people that wouldn't enlist will not fight when they are conscripted.

Now that congress is ruled by committees that are appointed, and cities by commissions that are appointed, democracy is well-nigh dead in America.

Perhaps we cannot legislate people into wealth, but we might at least stop legislating the workers out of what they produce.

The masses of the people who work are poor merely because the governments, which were supposed to stand for their protection, have given their heritage to special privilege and licensed corporations to exploit them.

You will notice that the threats to stop the usurpations of the supreme court never materialize. Congress is in with the court in the robbery of the people.

There is a good reason why the war does not end now. Isn't Morgan making good money selling munitions to the allies?

No wonder congress ordered that the evidence submitted by Lawson of leaks for the stock jobbers be stricken from the records. It was getting too close home.

And the President's secretary and his wife's brother profited by their knowledge of the "notes" he was going to write. Remember, you Dubbs, that he "kept us out of war."

Pershing's expedition was a brilliant thing. But it answered its purpose; it helped the munition makers and the food trust and put the people on the blink.

Evidently the army does need salvation, General Funston. Perhaps from tools like yourself.

Class in primary arithmetic will please stand up. Answer this one: If we build two battleships a year, and one U-boat can sink fifteen a year, who, beside the munition makers, profits from the building of battleships?

Have you noticed how glad the people are when congress threatens socialistic measures to relieve them from the pirates? And have you noticed how none of the provisions are enforced? Good. It is a sign that you may have sense enough yet to vote for Socialism.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

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Address all communications to: Socialist Party Young People's Dept., 808 W. Madison St., Chicago.

Settle Y. P. S. L. Controversy.

Upon consideration of the report of the Young People's Department by the National Executive Committee the Jewish Translator presented a complaint on the manner in which stamps were sold to the Jewish-speaking Y. P. S. L. Comrade Kruse, Director of the Young People's Dept., explained that they were being sold just as all other due stamps were handled, thru the regular state and county officers of the league. In this way the Jewish-speaking organizations remained an integral part of the rest of the young socialist movement.

LEAGUE DOINGS.

Toledo, Ohio, is the first league to enter that great National Championship Contest. A dance on New Year's Eve for the benefit of the telephone girls netted a \$200 profit. The lunch boxes brought by the ladies were raffled off, and experiment lasted far into the night.

The New Jersey State League has elected Comrade Abe Lunde, of Paterson to fill the vacancy of State Organizer. Howard who resigned. There are good prospects for advance in the state and they claim to be the busiest in State affairs of any in the country.

Comrade Jane Tait, Financial Sec'y of Local Pittsburgh, Pa., Socialists Party writes as follows in acknowledging the receipt of \$125.00 as a donation on the Blum Defense Fund: "The Y. P. S. L. did nobly for their Yipsel Comrade, As Secretary-Treasurer of the committee that is raising funds for the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and their children, I will help materially in the defense. We are still awaiting the decision of the Superior Court as to whether or not those convicted will get a new trial."

The Hartford, Conn., Yipsels have reorganized a league at New Britain and say that they are sure to elect your contest officers, send in your list of members' names, addresses and standing, and let'er rip. The race is open to all, go to it, NOW.

National Champion Contest.

There is no time like the present to get in on the National Championship Contest. All that you have to do now is to select your contest officers, send in your list of members' names, addresses and standing, and let'er rip. The race is open to all, go to it, NOW.

By WILLIAM F. KRUSE.

The members of the league are proud of their organization. They have a right to be so, for when we consider the short space of time that they have been organized and the great difficulties of reaching and holding the American youth, they have made very substantial progress in the past few years.

There are two reasons for wanting to find this out. One is a personal one, the other for the good of the organization. The first need be treated only in passing. Young people are ambitious, they aim for nothing short of perfection, and they want the things that they are connected with to be, if not exactly perfect, at least the best thing of their kind that can be found. There is nothing harmful in that, and it contributes mightily to our progress. But there is something harmful in letting anyone brag of being "the best and only" when as a matter of fact he is no such thing. The purpose here is to find out just what is the best league and why.

That last word tells the story. If we find out the good things about each organization it will help them all in adapting these good things to their own uses. And if, in the course of this find out just which league is the best of the whole movement.

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How The Contest Will Be Run.

There will be two general ways of scoring points in this contest: by the ability of the officers and by the work of the membership. This will put all leagues, large and small, city and country, on the same footing. It is not mere numbers that make a good league—it is the brains and ability of the officers plus the good qualities of the members. The entry can be either a single circle or a whole city move-

Leaflet Demand Increasing!

There is an increasing demand for the monthly leaflets. As a result there are only a few left of "Organize Or Pay" by Adolph Germer. This is the January leaflet. Get busy. Order a bunch of these leaflets and distribute them before the end of the month.

The February leaflet is called "The Recent Election" and is written by John M. Work. It is now on the press and orders will be filled just as soon as received.

The new prices for this monthly leaflet are 10 cents per 100 and 75 cents per 1,000. Order now from the National Office, Socialist Party, 808 West Madison St., Chicago.

Each league is to elect four officers. They are: 1. An Organizer; 2. An Entertainment Manager; 3. An Educational Director; 4. A Press Agent and Correspondent.

The duties of the first three are to answer one question each per month. That isn't much. The questions will refer to their line of work, and are to be answered in essays of 200 words.

The way that the general membership can win for the league is by getting subscriptions to Socialist papers, getting and holding members, helping in the work of the Socialist Party, and doing other special work to bring the league into prominence.

Administration And Prizes.

The board of administration of this contest is recruited from among our best known comrades. On the board will be Adolph Germer, Executive Secretary of the Socialist Party and a former prominent official of the United Mine Workers; John C. Kennedy, Socialist Alderman and State Secretary; Adolf Dreifuss, of the German Socialist Federation and dean of the Translator Secretaries; J. Louis Engdahl, Editor of the American Socialist; and the writer of this article.

The prices will consist of gold and silver medals to the officers in charge of each division who receive the highest number of points during the year. For the league making the highest score there will be a handsome red silk banner conferring the national championship. It will be a worthy honor for any league to be able to carry this flag on parade, or to display it in their headquarters.

There will be a "Certificate of Good Service" issued to every league staying in the race until the end. But above all, there will be a great deal of activity and good suggestions coming from the leagues and in turn going out to the leagues—it will cause thought on organization subjects and this in turn will do us all a great deal of good.

All leagues are requested to get busy at once to select their officers, and to have them enter upon their duties. Help them all you can, and urge them to do their best in co-operation with the National Office. Then let's go to it, and may the best man win.

BARGAIN BULLETIN

(Watch this space every week. Book, Jewelry, and supplies Bargains will be announced here.)

\$1.00 SALE

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