eath, the hand maiden of war, is coming closer. The government has ordered 200,000 coffins to be used as re-

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Registration Day Shows Overwhelming Vote Against War By Men Of Draft Age; Help Repeal The Conscription Law Now!

■ registered for army service, Tuesday, June 5, claimed exemption. This constitutes an overwhelming vote against war, by those who must do the fighting.

Ten million have registered. Six million five hundred thousand have voted against war. A bare three million five hundred thousand favor our entrance into and continuance in the world slaughter.

"Two-thirds of the men registering under the draft act claimed exemption", is the statement given out from the office of Provost Marshal General Crowder in Washington, D. C.

"Practically two-thirds have claimtion, is the statement given out from that Arthur Sears Henning, Washington correspondent, telegraphed to his paper, The Chicago Tribune, the world's greatest jingo.

The cannon fodder has spoken.

URGE CURB ON EXEMPTIONS.

SERIOUSLY disturbed by this determined voice of the vast multitudes destined for the slaughter pens of Europe, the government officials are announcing that "exemption claims must be curbed". All sorts of measures are being taken to conceal and minimize the fact, looming bigger and bigger as the returns are tabulated, that twothirds of the men who will have to do the fighting are opposed to it.

BIG MAJORITY OPPOSES WAR.

A REFERENDUM vote on war was refused us. The effort to secure this vote was stamped under foot in the senate and buried in the house of representatives. Any sort of a popular decision on the question of war was prevented.

It was thought that Registration Day would show a nation which had been convinced by the wild appeals of the paid press and the makers of munitions, and was ready to rush into the conflict.

But Registration Day showed the opposite. It showed that while this nation is absolutely law-abiding, and without the slightest disturbance—much less disturbance than occurs on any national election day-had conformed to the registration law, it is by an overwhelming majority opposed to the war.

REFUSAL UNDERSTOOD NOW.

THIS was the vote of the young and the thoughtless, the hardly more than boys between the ages of 21 and 31.

If this is their verdict, how much more overwhelming would have been the opposition of the fathers and mothers, the older brothers and sisters, above the age of 31 more thoughtful on and more experienced in the great problems of life—and death.

No wonder the referendum vote on war was refused by the congress at Washington. But the decision has been rendered just the

WASHINGTON PAUSES.

AND this gives pause to the men at Washington. For if those two-thirds who are opposed to the war are compelled to serve against their will, THE DAY OF RECKON-ING FOR THOSE WHO SEND THEM IS COMING.

Both the republican and democratic parties are concerned in this thing. There is but one effective and lasting way in which those who have registered their opposition to being sent to war can make good their opposition. That is by voting the Socialist ticket at the next election, which is the Congressional Election, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1918.

This day is too far away to get effective results NOW. We must work with the material at hand.

COFFINS MADE READY.

AMERICAN torpedo boat destroyers have been sent to European waters to hunt German submarines.

American warships has convoyed food and supply ships to France. A number of bases are being established to await the coming of American troops.

General Pershing and his staff have arrived in London. Ships laden with their human freight are on the high seas, on the way to the great human slaughter house. The censor will soon tell us that the troopships have touched shore, "Somewhere in

Europe". The government has ordered 200,000 cof-

WO-THIRDS of the men who | fins made ready for the beginning of the endless funeral march soon to start. Prussianizing America has set its great

war machine gone icanizing Prussia. war machine going with the intent of Amer-

WANT TWO MILLIONS

"TWO million Yankees!" is the demand of the warmakers, "to take the places of the Russian soldiers who have their own situation well in hand and refuse to fight" after three years of fighting.

"Two million men of America to take the places of the Russian soldiers who cannot be held up to the butchery of the war", is the

excuse. When the day of registration was set it was 500,000 that were to be called. Now 2,000,000 are demanded. And those who are

to be conscripted have voted against it all. REPEAL CONSCRIPTION!

OUT of the pall of darkness that covers America there comes a voice from a sickbed. We have heard this voice before in congress warring against conscription, proclaiming the right to freedom of press, speech and assemblage. It is the voice of Representative William E. Mason, of Illinois, and it says:

"As soon as I am able to take my place again in the House, I intend my first official business will be the introduction of a bill to repeal every vestige of conscript legislation on the statute

He believes it can be done, for he continues:

"Of course, such a bill will not pass right away, but I am reckless enough to predict that it will pass, and ultimately pass, by an overwhelming majority. Nor will I be in the least surprised if this should happen before the present congress completes its labors."

MAKE WAY FOR LIBERTY.

THEN he continues:

"They say the war will last six years. Possibly, but if young Russia keeps up the pace she is making and has been going ever since she shoved Mr. Nicholas Romanoff off the throne into his garden patch, the fighting will all be over in less than six months, the I suppose we shall then continue to enjoy the monopoly of paying the war bills of our allied friends, with at \$4 a bushel.

"I want also to see the whole world made 'safe for democracy,' but I do not see how this desirable end will be accomplished by prussianizing America with such cast-off rags of old Russia as the espionage bill and conscription the enactment of which I have fought and will continue to fight along constitutional lines as long as they and I are in congressional life. I say all this in perfect confidence that on a referendum vote 90 per cent of the American people would say what I have said, and say it with such emphasis that a new birth would be given to American democracy, sending such an impetus across the sea as to make the Hohenzollerns, the Guelphs and the Hapsburgs tremble on their tottering thrones.

"No king, nor clown, can rule your town, mine or any other on the American continent for any length of time. The question of personal freedom is not debatable. Make way for liberty."

OUR GREATEST GRIEVANCE.

THE American Socialist speaks for the entire Socialist Party when it says, we, too, want to fight along constitutional lines. The constitution of the United States expressly declares that the people have the right "to petition congress for a redress of grievances".

The American people have never had a greater grievance than that voiced by its young men between the ages of 21 and 31, Tuesday, June 5, when they asked to be exempted from being shipped to Europe and to death. We feel that every one of those six million five hundred thousand young men is thoroly in favor of the more to repeal the conscription act.

* * * * WAR MANIA SUBSIDING.

CONSCRIPTION legislation will be wiped from our statute books at the command of the American people and in spite of the jingo mania that has passed its high tide and is now on the ebb.

Down in Kansas the war spirit of crush and kill is seeking to get Joseph L. Bristow, former United States senator, because he also is opposed to Prussianizing America. He has turned on Representative Guy T. Helvering, chief among those attacking him, with a blistering article making specific charges of graft in the war department and lobbying by capitalist interests to escape war taxation. The article, which is stirring

up the country, is as follows: "You know, or ought to know, that it is common rumor in Washington that congressmen and other influential men have obtained commissions in the army for relatives; said commissions have been dated before the parties were sent to the training camps or had taken

any examination.
"You know, or ought to know, that at hearings of the House and Senate committees char-

paid a per cent of the cost for construction of

"You know, or ought to know, that it is openly alleged that such methods and blunderings have resulted in an increase in the estimated cost of these cantonments from \$75,000,000 to \$150,000,000.

"You know, or ought to know, that the lobby of the munition makers was strong enough with the Senate committee on finance to have the tax on munitions removed.

"You know, or ought to know, that the lobbies that now swarm the corridors of the Capitol have induced the Senate committee on finance to remove from the revenue bill the increased surtax on excessive incomes of more than \$40,-000 a year.

"You know, or ought to know, that under pressure from innumerable lobbyists this revenue bill is being so shaped that great corporations with watered stock will practically escape taxation.

"You do know that thousands of men have flocked to Washington and are using every device known to the ingenuity of man to obtain and are obtaining soft berths for themselves, their relatives and political friends.

"You may think it patriotic to draw the youth of this land to die in the trenches of Europe and to permit the bloated munitions makers to escape proper taxation and keep his blood-stained gold, but we do not. And, regardless of the brazen effrontery with which you seek to intimidate men from the expression of facts, we propose to continue to portray the conditions as they are. Not as a traitor to his country, but as a patriot who has contempt for a congressional trimmer and hatred for a public thief."

SOAKING THE PEOPLE.

WHICH inspires us to publish a recent unmuzzled article by Gilson Gardner, a Washington corespondent who has a peculiar ability for overcoming his gag. He writes from the nation's capital as follows:

"Here for the first time are the big facts on how the Senate finance committee is throwing the hooks into the plain people to make them

If this committee is let alone two weeks more, it will slam the whole burden on to the poor and let the rich out almost scot free. Why the finance committee is running the

game this way is simple. Reason No. 1-When special interests are taxed they howl; when the poor are soaked they

Reason No. 2-These nine have a majority of votes in the committee: Simmons, Penrose, Lodge, Gallinger, Smoot, Townsend, Williams, Hoke Smith and Stone. Their records are so well known they require no Who's-Whoeing here.

These legislative buccaneers have gone so far in the process of ramming the gouge into the poor that they have even voted to tax the water that puts the fizz in your ice cream soda—and that's next to taxing the air you breathe.

A complete list of what this Senate committee has done to pick the pockets of the poor would fill a newspaper page, but here are a few choice samples:

Knocked out 25 per cent increase in rates on incomes over \$40,000 adopted by the House. This increase made the rate on incomes over a million dollars 45 per cent.

Killed increase in inheritance tax, which had passed the House without protest.

Struck out retroactive income tax, which vould have collected additional taxes on basis of this year's returns.

Killed tax on automobile manufacturers and transferred it to automobile owner. Rescinded tax on munitions manufacturers,

which has been in effect more than a year and produced \$25,000,000 revenue. Now, see what has been done to the mild and

inoffensive consumer: His sugar is to pay a tax of half a cent a pound when it leaves the manufacturer. Experience shows by the time the tax is transferred to you the price will be raised at least a cent a pound. This will yield the government \$45,000,000 and will cost the consumer \$90,-

Coffee is to pay 1 cent a pound tax, which will be doubled or trebled by the time the consumer pays it.

Tea is to pay 2 cents a pound tax, which will likewise increase in transfer. Cocoa, food for the sick and for children, is

to pay 3 cents a pound, and the price increase will be not less than 6 cents. Candy is to pay a heavy tax. All soft drinks and soda fountain syrups are

Every substitute for John Barleycorn except water is to be taxed, and it is suspected that was merely overlooked.

IT'S ALL SUPPRESSED.

YOU find very little about this in your daily newspaper. If anything does manage

By JOHN D. WORKS Former California U. S. Senator.

War With Dishonor!

We dishonored ourselves by declaring war without adequate or reasonable cause. We should do the country the honor of correcting that fatal mistake as soon as possible. The people of this country do not want war. If the issue had been left to them we would be at peace now. Having been brought into this war against their will, they should stand firmly for peace and use every proper means to bring it about.

to slip in it is lost somewhere in a pageful of pleas to buy Liberty Bonds.

The rich plutocrats are fighting for their interests in this war just as they have fought for their own interests in all previous wars.

In order to secure the things they want, to repeal the conscription act, to maintain the liberties guaranteed by the constitution, to make the money monarchs who brought on this war pay the cost of the war, in order to win these things, the people must stick together and fight together.

To accomplish this we present again our progra m of action, that is arousing a new hope thruout the nation.. It is as follows:

Our Big Fight NOW!

FIRST-Liberty Mass Meetings have been called for every city, town and hamlet in the nation, to be held Independence Day, July 4, to urge the repeal of the Conscription Law and protest against the abolition of our basic liberties, the right to freedom of speech, press and assemblage. Petitions will also be circulated at these meetings demanding a referendum on the conscription law. The national government will also be called upon to issue a clear statement of what we are fighting for and the terms on which peace will be made. It is felt that all statements heretofore issued by President Wilson have been evasive, dealing in glittering generalities that mean nothing.

Are you helping to arrange for one of these mass meetings in your town?

SECOND—The publication of the Liberty Defense Edition of The American Socialist, dated Saturday, June 30th, for distribution on and previous to July 4. This record breaking issue will be "A Call To Halt the Prussianization of America". Have you ordered a bundle? The price is 75 cents per 100; \$7.50 per 1,000. If you have not sent in your order for a bundle, do so NOW to The American Socialist, 803 West Madison St., Chi-

THIRD—Devote part of this day to increasing the Liberty Defense Fund. now being raised by the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill., to defend those who are fighting along constitutional lines to make this country safe for

democracy.
"DO YOUR BIT!"

The Joke's On You

What are you kicking about? Charges that the administration has "broken faith" and that it forgot its pre-election campaign of "he kept us out of war" are flying thickly

Now as you march up to be recruited, you ten millions of men of fighting age, you feel that you have been hardly dealt with.

Don't blame the President. Don't call him a

"political crook." He is not to blame.

Call yourselves political fools. The fault is yours.

We told you last fall that there was no perceptible difference between the two old parties; that their pre-election promises were made for breaking. You did not believe us. The joke is on you. Now

Had whiskers adorned the White House, you could not possibly have been at war any sooner. The joke is on you. Laugh!
Laugh you will many thousands of you, with per-

petual grins up to the sunny skies of France. Many thousands of you will bare your teeth for years and years in a great silent guffaw at the folly of believing pre-election pledges made by any political party that is not anchored on the bed rock of so-

But remember this; there are ten million men registered, but only half a million to be drafted. That leaves nineteen men at home for every one

Nineteen men have laid upon them the duty of seeing that these who lay down their lives are not cheated out of their manhood; that that for which they die will surely be won by their death. Help win a glorious victory for the cause

National guardsmen have decided to drop their libel suit against Editor H. W. Watts, of the Northwest Worker, Everett, Wash., who referred to their recruiting station as an employment agency for "gunmen and legalized murderers." They say they have not been "in any wise injured."

democracy at home.

"At that Socialism may not be so bad," admits the editor of the Lewiston, Neb., Post. Not so, Otto H. Kahn, however. He is a New York banker and in arguing against taxing wealth to pay for the war assumes, "That it is not the purpose and intent of congress, under the guise of the necessities of the war situation, to embrace the doctrines of Socialism." The people are daily getting a more intelligent understanding of Socialism and when they are ready they will embrace it in spite of editors and bankers.

Murray Shipley, first vice president of the National Metal Trades Association, whose members are getting the big profits out of this war, says he wishes that all "labor agitators" might be made to fight in the front ranks. His ambition is to in-cite the exploiters of labor to wipe out all trade unions during the war, abolish the eight hour day and put women to work in place of men. This is the employers' program that will be put over unless all labor stands together and fights together.

EXTRA!

Michigan Court **Indicts Germer**

S WE go to press, a telegram arrives from Grand Rapids, Michigan, stating that Adolph Germer, national secretary of the Socialist Party, has been indicted by the federal courts in that city on a charge of conspiracy to prevent conscrip

The telegram, which is from Attorney S. Wesslius, states that 12 others, whose names are not given, have also been indicted but that they have been released on bail. No additional information has been received. Full details will be given next week.

MANY ARRESTED IN DETROIT. This is the first information that has come to The American Socialist that anyone has been arrested or indicted in Grand Rapids.

The authorities have been especially active in Detroit, however, where Nathan L. Welch, editor of The Michigan Socialist, has been under arrest since May 21, most of that time incommunicado. The court demands \$10,000 bail and efforts to raise this sum have so far been fruitless. Fifteen others have been arrested during the past two weeks.

"The one great comfort is that our party is growiny in membership," writes Welch. "Reports from everywhere indicate that now is our time to get those into the party whom our enemies are making into Socialists. Here in Detroit we are bending every effort to that end."

DILLON OUT ON BAIL.

Walter B. Dillon, state secretary of New Mexico, writes that he has been reeased on bail, and the indications are that the charge of conspiracy against him will be dropped.

Local federal officials, he writes, state that "Socialists are exempt under the clause in the d-aft act referring to members of organizations whose tenets will not allow them to go to war." This statement was made especially by the Department of Justice official who arrested Dillon. He is a lawyer and claims that any federal court would enforce the act in this respect in Habeas Corpus proceedings.

SPARGO CHARGE AIDS COURT.

Judge Hollister, in Cincinnati, Ohio, uses the statement issued by John Spargo, when he resigned from the party, especially the charge that the party is "pro-German" as his excuse for imposing bail amounting to \$15,000 against Philip Rothenbusch and Arthur Tiedtke, charged with distribution artists. and Arthur Tiedtke, charged with distributing antidraft literature.

The Socialists in Seattle are rallying to the defense of Hulet Wells, former president of the Seattle Central Labor Union, and others charged with circulating anti-conscription literature. Well's bond has been raised from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and that of others from \$500 to \$1,000, the court evidently hoping that they will be unable to raise it.

Sixty of those who gave themselves up voluntarily at Rockford, Ill., after having refused to register pleaded guilty when brought into court and were held in bonds of \$1,000. It is stated they will be sentenced the latter part of the month. The penalty is one year's imprisonment. Then the men are liable to compulsory registration.

INTIMIDATION CAMPAIGN CONTINUES.

Altho the federal secret service continues its campaign of intimidation in Chicago, no one is now under arrest. All those held have been released.

The government seems especially anxious to persuade editors of foreign language Socialist publica-tions that they are "anarchists." Their definition of an "anarchist" seems to be anyone who criticises the government, even in the mildest terms.

Theodor Svetkow, editor of the Croatian Socialist weekly, Radnica Straza, after sessions with the secret service lasting two days, feels he succeeded in persuading the federal authorities that they, in upholding the present war, were the only real physical force anarchists.

The secret service used the physical force methods popular under the Czar in invading Svetkow's home and the offices of the Radnica Straza. They entered without warrant and helped themseves to all literature and records they thought might prove incriminating. Their efforts in this as in all preceding cases

proved fruitless. SLEUTHS GET CLEW FROM DRUNK.

That the secret service is hot on the trail of every clue they can get in the hope of placing some charge against Socialists or the Socialist Party, is seen in the recent visit of three government sleuths to the national and local offices in Chicago.

Thursday, June 7, during the afternoon, a very much intoxicated person came to the national office his chief aim seeming to be to get a Socialist Party button to wear in the lapel of his coat. No one paid any serious attention to him.

In the evening he returned with three sleuths in tow and with the story that he had been offered \$100 by Socialists to do a dynamite job at Fort Sheridan, the big army training camp north of Chicago. The sleuths and their would-be-drunken informer did not leave until they had satisfied themselves that there was no dynamite in the national and local offices of the party. The following day the sleuths paid the national office another visit. Then, as on previous occasions, they left and nothing further

has been heard of them. NEED BIG DEFENSE FUND.

There is only one way in which our liberties can be maintained during this crisis, when every possible effort is being made to fasten baseless charges upon the Socialist Party and its members. This is to have a Liberty Defense Fund that will make it impossible to send innocent comrades to jail or prison. Many contributions have already been received, both from Socialis's and non-Socialists. Those who have not alread contributed should do so at once by sending their ions to the National Office, Socialist Parladison St., Chicago, Ill.

The Garden Of Eden

HIS is the story of how the Garden of Eden made the world swim in blood.

The Garden of Eden lay near the confluence of the rivers Tigris and Euphrates, in the valley of Mesopotamia. Along that valley empires rose and fell thru hot centuries. Chaldaea, Assyria and Babylon reared their splendid palaces above the ruins of the still more ancient kingdoms of the Sumerians and Akkadians.
For the valley of Mesopotamia,

which lay between the Great Rivers. was the most fertile of all the valleys of the world, save that of the Nile. Century after century its harvests waved in the bright sunlight, and millions of men toiled in the busy markets which dealt in the products of Mesopotamia.

Then the Tartars came out of the northeast, and made of the Garden of Eden a desolation. Babylon the Great became the home of satyrs and wild foxes; and the desert covered the palaces of Nineveh fathoms deep ith drifting sand.

The canals of the Tigris and the Euphrates were clogged with sand; desert dust covered the ancient gardens; and men digging in the midst of wide plains of ashen solitude marvelled to come upon shattered frag-ments and tokens of former glory.

Far to the north and west was great land, overcrowded because of its prosperity. The land of the Rhine bred quickly; and the families of the Germans became so numerous that they pressed upon the borders of their

country for subsistence.

Then said they, "We will rebuild the waste places, and make this ancient desert to blossom as the rose. Canals and waterways shall be built, and railroads shall tie the land together. We will recover the ancient empire of the kings of Babylon and the kings of Assyria, so that the most fertile of the world's valleys shall again be prosperous, harvests shall cover its face, and busy caravans bear away the produce of it."

So the railroad was begun; and it stretched from Constantinople on the straits of the Bosphorus, across the Taurus mountains and across the plains of Syria; it was nearing the ancient city of Bagdad, the capital of Haroun al Raschid.

THEN a hand was stretched out, and the voice of an empire said Danube ran with blood; the Mazurian never come, until Socialism is es"Halt!"

"The land of Egypt is England's; and the Ypres canal ran with blood; the empire of India is England's; the Marne, the Somme, the Aisne Mediterranean sea is an English lake, for by possession of Gibraltar to the west and Suez to the east England controls the waters of the great Mid-

"There shall no other nation make the valleys of Mesopotamia to blossom as the rose; for that would dis-turb our control of the world's trade, and then we should lose money.

"A railroad to Bagdad would shake our hold on the markets of India for the people of India could buy wares shipped by railroad more cheaply than wares sent by ships around the world, and then we should lose money.

"A railroad to Bagdad would cross the Straits of Bosphorus, and would pass near Egypt. Such a crime would blacken the sun with shame, for by divine decree the Bank of England must rule the ends of the earth."

A secret commissioner was sent by Lord Curzon of Kedlestone, viceroy of India, to the Sheikh of Koweit, which lies at the mouth of the river which lies at the mouth of the river dence?

The Persian Gulf; ers for defending their laws.

"Why is it right to sing 'Columbia to exist, there were not even supposed to exist, there were in each town societies for the aid of political societies for the aid of political societies."

Mal railroad of the Germans might not holm Socialist Peace Conference in estable.

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forbade it. Hence these two nations ises and laws is a traitor thereto. went to war; and all the world went in after them. For the quarrel of the

By IRWIN ST. JOHN TUCKER. | Tunis and Morocco, and the trading stations of interior Africa.

And all together were lumped under one head; it was a war of

civilization against barbarism.

The Russians, French, English, Sikhs, Hindus, Gurkhas, Morroccans, Senegambians, Italians, Serbians, Montenegrins and Roumanians were defending civilization against barbarism. barism.

The Germans, Austrians, Bulgarians, Turks were also defending civilization against barbarism.

The Poles and Jews also fought to

protection of the British; and this was regrettable, but unavoidable.
But when the Armenians are massacred by the Turks under the pro-tection of the Germans this was enough to blacken the sun.

upon earth are guilty of massacre, of pledge breaking, of robbery, of destruction of small nations. Germany has sinned most abominably; so has France; so has Eng-

land; so have we. They have all sinned and come defend civilization against barbarism; for they fought under both flags, and slew their brethren in Moloch they sacrifice their victims

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By LUCIEN SAINT. ASHINGTON.—To make THIS is written to strip certain burden of taxes imposed by the Dembruths bare; namely that all nations ocratic revenue bill, a radical group discovered by the farm laborer after It is proposed that the amendment vested all he has in securing a job, proposing this tax be offered as a subicals and first class mail matter.

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capital invested in farms, in grain elevators, in freight cars, and in fat Save Backs Of The Poor contracts to the Allies—and these capitalists are not overlooking any bet just now. They will get their labor or bust.

wealth pay for the war and to At present farm labor is paid about has got behind a movement to pay a he has invested in carfare and reachheavy Federal tax on land which is ed his destination. The chances are not raising food or other products. that it is not good, but, having in stitute for the unjust raising of the the job whether he likes it or not. postal rates on second class period- Next year, having learned his lesson, cals and first class mail matter.

No revenue bill was ever more badwork more reasonable hours and for

I'M THE

By VICTOR L. BERGER. E MUST help all in order to help one. That is our aim. That is the aim of Socialism. And if we cannot get all of it at once, we want to get as much of it

WE Socialists protest against deifying cash and demonizing man. We fight against exalting the products of labor and degrading the laborer. We insist that a brave, in-dustrious man, factory worker or farmer, who lives and loves, is worth infinitely more than a pile of gold or

a package of greenbacks, We demand that even today in

By Ryan Walker.

ceny in Boston led up to the Declara-Make The Most Of It! tion of Independenc The blood of history and nobles washed away feudalism in France. And John Brown's lawless raid freed the negro

And last but not least: Are the capitalists of our country not also lawless whenever it suits their purpose?

WE SHOULD be grateful if the social revolution, if the freeing of seventy-five million whites, would not cost more blood than the freeing of four million negroes in 1861.

And the better we are organized, the more political power and economic and social strength we obtainthe better the people are armed in every respect—the less bloody the

revolution will be.

Therefore, workingmen of America, organize in your unions. Join the Socialist party. Think of the tremendous duty before you toward your family, your class and your nation.



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Strange Things Are Happening These Days, Henry

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hood of nations without king, with-eut slaves; with only brethren. SPEED THE DAY!

BUT some one will ask, "Why is it such a crime to cultivate the valley of Mesopotamia, and such a boon to civilization to cultivate the valley of the Nile?

and the Ypres canal ran with blood:

"Why is it right and just to destroy Persia, Morocco, and the South African republics, to subjugate India and Ireland and dismember China; but wrong and unhely to seize and subjugate other lands?"

And the reply is, "You are a criminal for asking such questions; this fund was also elected.
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istence of a democracy depends. It minimum wage? There is no reason raises the price of sugar, tea, coffee, in the world except one fact: amusements, foods, advertising, transportation, and every other normal function of life.

For The Defense Fund

By M. A. STOLAR.

At the regular meeting of the conference of Russian Socialist Organ-izations for the Aid of the Russian Revolution, Sunday, June 3, it was decided to donate \$50 to the Defense Fund of the Socialist Party of the United States. An Emergency Committee to work with the party for

a Liberty Bond in each hand, or we and fastening itself on this country, will imprison you for twenty years we feel that the workers of the United and deprive you of the right to vote." States should get some benefit out of Some one else will ask, "It is undue to massacre Belgians rades. Working under worse condi-

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was sign by a devoted head; for this is the land of over certain pigs.

The young man was the Archduke of Austria; and the quarrel was concerning the question whether the pigs of Serbia might be shipped to the world thru the port of Durazzo, which opens upon the Adriatic sea. Serbia desired this; but Austria forbade it. Hence these two nations

Was sign by a domb, in a quarrel devoted head; for this is the land of the free and the home of the brave; used to prohibit reprints from the country should not feel that it will not be any worse. In France they into the any worse in the formation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation they dealth the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation they dealth the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation they dealth the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation they dealth the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation they dealth the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of big fortunes are preparing to transformation showing that the owners of the fertile money for the period of the war to the "Liberty L

of a wage-slave should join it and plenty of it." help bear its banner to victory.

Revolution Impends.

It taxes business, and business, as per usual, will pass on the taxes to the consumer, howling feebly in the meantime. And as business hands on the taxes, it will add to them. Revolution impends.

No man knows how much unused, that land pay for the war. A senator of this drama, it is now too late to —Kenyon of Iowa—has already been censor the play, for soon the curtain, picked to start the fight in the Senate. will be carried to the House and

will be the slogan.

How Rich Escape Taxes.

IN A FAR off land a young man was slain by a bomb, in a quarrel over certain pigs.

Here in the United States we are taxes. But there is a joker in this, ly futile until we find the cause and the home of the ho

The Socialist party stands squarely before the world as the party of the working class and every worker who has interest enough in himself as a prices as good as those paid by the prices as good as the paid by the prices as go man to desire to BE a man instead munition factories and they will get

This, however, was unofficial and The inquisition yet would serve the law, of men to harvest the crops is severe interferes with conscription, and unless the situation clears up the The few who dare must speak and speak again, conscriptionists will have their way Te right the wrongs of many.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcax. after all. There are yest amounts of American plutocracy?

-the man should be considered the more important of the two. That the farmers are organized and that the farm laborers are not. that excuses enforced idleness and its concomitant evils—misery, star-

That's the story in a nutshell.
Wake up, you boobs, and organize.

War And Its Remedy

By WILLIS ANDREWS.

The whole earth seems to have been converted into one vast stage valuable land is being held out of use for speculative purposes. It is the plan of this radical group to make stand aghast at the appalling realism

another scene of carnage.

Theatrical simile aside, war will to the country.

Such a tax will benefit legitimate industry—will help the farmers who derlying causes are still operative the such that would be such as the such that would be such as the such as t blacken the sun with sname, for by divine decree the Bank of England livine decree the Bank of Mark livine the sacrifice of war may seem, it can not be wished or prayed or resoluted low of existence. For thousands of the latter way until the former has better with living better livine the sacrifice of war may seem, it can not be wished or prayed or resoluted low of existence. For thousands of the latter way until the former has better livine th for wars to cease. But their prayers Side by side with this campaign hygiene, medication and sanitation parties can help us. goes a campaign for increasing the were discovered and applied. So will Capitalism has no

rer, they will crush the spirit of Socialism and liberty faster than any down in the machine of the they should not content themselves with merely protestion of the content themselves with merely protestion of the content themselves with merely protestion also decided to donate to the Defense Fund 310 and elected an emergency committee. If this can be done by a small branch with about 45 members, how about the big branches?

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Do your duty! Help the political prisoners of Americal There are no more political prisoners of Americal There are no more political prisoners in Russia, but we have them here, and we are going to have more. Help the Socialist Red That is sold under a guarantee of castisfaction of the uniteral revery country—the consumers, the money, the commerce, the transportation lines, the commerce, the transpore

to have more. Help the Socialist Red Cross and swell the Defense Fund of the Party. Send all contributions to the Party. Send all contributions to the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Never while the workers give their votes to capitalist parties and allow themselves to be led by the nose by capitalist politicians will they be other than wage-slaves, the "lower class" of capitalist society, which the rich idlers, loafers and dead-beats in the so-called "upper" class look down upon with scorn and contempt. Stand up, Mr. Workingman, and resolve to join the party and the union of your class and do your share to put your class in power and to drive slaves. The same wages that prevides to put your class in power and to drive slaves. The socialist to have country and the union of your class in power and to drive slaves. The socialist to have country and the union of your class in power and to drive slaves. The socialist tree was the mene Instructive country is induced to shoulder guns and fight the exploited class of another country, and the exploiting class of another country, and the exploiting class of another country is induced to shoulder guns and fight the exploited class of another country is induced to shoulder guns and fight the exploited class of another country is induced to shoulder guns and fight the exploited class of another country is induced to shoulder guns and fight the exploited class of another country is induced to shoulder guns and fight the exploited class of another country is induced to shoulder guns and fight the exploited class of another country is induced to shoulder guns and fight the exploited class of another country may find a market for the exploiting class of another country may find a market for the exploiting class of another country and the workers give that the exploiting class of another country is induced to shoulder guns and fight the exploiting class of another country and market for the exploiting class of interesting class of another co class and do your share to put your in 1917 the same wages that prevailed mourn," and as long as this remains class in power and to drive slavery in 1856. It is a wage question. The true as descriptive of the commer-from the earth!

Free speech, a free press, and the private. For reasons that can easily right of free assemblage are guaran-To sin by silence when we should protest be guessed, there is not much frank makes cowards out of men. The human race open talking in Washington about the farm labor situation. The necessity raised raised of men to harvest the crops is severe of men to harvest and unless the situation clears up the paredness and other items of Prus-

the "price of labor is to be regulated by the law of supply and demand." If labor is to be regulated by the law of supply and demand, then we, the producers—want to have control of the supply and demand. And there is only one way to do it

THERE ARE two ways of effecting great social changes in a republicthe ballot and the bullet. If our people are not wise—if they are otherwise-then we may have use for both of them. But no one but a fool will consider

-i. e., by public ownership.

WE RESENT refined brutality

vation and shame-by arguing that

pestilence as we now abhor the havor of war. They prayed for the eradication of physical ills, as we now pray must be used in the right way. If you FOR THAT purpose the ballot want Socialism you must have a So were all in vain until the laws of cialist party. None of the capitalist ALUMINUM WORK SHOES Capitalism has no special politics.

It simply wants to perpetuate its GUARANTEED -- Breek-proof metal bottoms. Water-proof-rust-proof--noiseless--comfortable--fine fits--beay walking

X RAYS

By JOHN M. WORK.

OULD you like to know the cause and cure of war? I will try to tell you.

HERE are various contributing and precipitating causes of war, but the basic cause is commercial competition among

In each nation, the capitalists, and groups of capitalists government ought to be fully apcalled corporations, own the industries and also most of the preciated. buildings in which the masses of the people live. Because of this private ownership, the capitalists take to themselves, in the form of profits, dividends, interest, and rent, most of the earnings of the rest of the people. The masses of the people are therefore able to buy only a fraction of the product of the industries, altho they could easily consume the whole of it if they could get it. The capitalists are consequently under the necessity of seeking foreign markets for the remainder of the product, and also foreign opportunities for the investment of surplus capital. To assist in securing these foreign markets and opportunities for investment, each nation tries to establish colonies. To back up liege of paying 75 per cent of the these commercial conquests, each nation has a large navy. And to back up the navy, each nation has a standing army.

This commercial rivalry is the cause of modern wars. * * * *

AR and imperialism are therefore the direct results of capitalism. So likewise are so-called preparedness, universal military service, and the military training of school children.

Logically, anyone who upholds the capitalist system of industry must also favor imperialism, war, and preparedness for

When confronted with this fact, our friends, the pure and simple pacifists, are dumb. They are in the unenviable position of favoring peace, and at the same time favoring the cause of war.

We are glad they have come so far with us as to favor peace. and we most earnestly invite and urge them to come the rest of the way and join us in the struggle for the abolition of the cause

OW for the cure of war.

The way to abolish the cause of war is by the collective ownership and operation of the manufacturing, transporting and mercantile industries, and also the rented land and buildings.

With such ownership established, naturally there will no longer be any profit going to private owners, because the capitalists will no longer own the industries. The workers will receive the full value of their labor. The products will be sold at the actual cost of production. The land and buildings will be rented at the actual cost of upkeep and depreciation.

Hence, the people will have the wherewithal to purchase the entire product of the nation. They will exchange products with many". other nations where mutually agreeable, but will have no incentive whatever to enter into a struggle for foreign markets and investments. On the contrary, instead of doing without the things they need, and shipping the products away, as is the case now, they will consume the products themselves, which they would do now if they could get them. In case they are unable to consume all of the products, after accumulating as much as they choose for the future, they will shorten their hours of labor and not produce so much. By so doing, they will give themselves more time for such circumstances. recreation, for social intercourse, and for higher development.

Thus the cause of war will be removed. Any single nation can free itself from the danger of war by this means. And, by all the nations taking the same course, competition between nations will be abolished. No nation will be at enmity with any other na-

N EACH nation, the Socialists have for many years taught the the suffrage association ten bushels people these principles, and have gained constantly increasing of potato parings saved by the hotels and restaurants were given away to numbers of adherents to them.

Had the nations now at war in Europe adopted these principles and put them into practice, the causes making for war would have dissolved and disappeared, and there would not be any war today.

N THE United States, we Socialists have for years aggressively are responsible for the military and persistently expended our time, energy and money in teaching the people these principles, and we have gained the adherence of hundreds of thousands of the people.

We have thus given the people as a whole an opportunity to ful of potato peelings saved from the free themselves from the cause of war, and, at the same time and White House garbage can. by the same means, to free themselves from poverty and all the other social evils.

The majority of the people have thus far failed to heed our advice. They have, by voting the republican and democratic tickets, allowed the industries and most of the homes of the nation to remain the property of the parasites, continuing the profit ington Socialist Party wire The system, and, as a result, continuing the struggle for foreign markets in order to dispose of the surplus product and to secure opportunities for the investment of surplus capital.

They have thereby placed the nation in the situation of inviting war in order to dispose of the surplus product legally stolen from the people.

The calamity of war having befallen the nation, it has therefore come because the people failed to heed our warning and adfore come because the people failed to need our warning and advice. The coming of the war is due to the stupidity of the profit duly convicted, shall exist within the system which we have constantly worked against.

NDER these circumstances, only those who have upheld the posed to conscription. We refuse to vicious capitalist system can be expected to fight for it. We Socialists are utterly opposed to the capitalist system. and we are conscientiously opposed to fighting for it.

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LL THE United States has to do in order to entirely free it- ments to that end." A self from all danger of war from any source is to begin to do right—and then keep on doing right.

Cease competing for foreign markets. Give the Philippine people, who were handed "from sovereignty to sovereignty as if they were property," their complete independence. Make the manufacturing, transporting and mercantile industries of the United States, and the rented land and buildings, collective property. Guarantee every willing worker, man or woman, an opportun-

ity to earn a living. Pay the workers the full value of their labor. Then, there will be no incentive for any nation to become hostile to us, and none of them will do so.

This will remove the cause of war. The same course pursued by other nations will open the way for a federation of the world which will not need any force to coerce any of its constituent parts, because the causes of war will be gone.

O THIS end, we earnestly invite the cooperation of all well meaning people. We call upon the Christian church, of all denominations, to shake off the financial parasites who now control it, and return to the principles of its courageous and exalted come from surrounding cities. In ad-Founder, who said "Blessed are the peacemakers." We urge all dition to Van Lear, Ald. Kennedy, sincere men and women to join us in the great work of abolishing the cause of war and establishing a social system which will insure permanent peace. sure permanent peace.

Cheer Up!

By CARY E. NORRIS. HEER UP, BOYS! Wave your caps and shout for For a kind, beneficent government has bought 200,000 coffins for you.

It is not customary to purchase the coffin until after death;
Therefore, such thoughtfulness
and consideration on the part of the

Just think of the sad condition of

the poor French and German boys; Shot to death, torn into shreds, broken and mangled past all recogni

tion, and no coffin.

Boys, resist conscription no longer;
Go joyfully on your way to the

What if you do fail to return? Your wives will be given a small pension and your children the priv-

And you will have been provided with a coffin; Unless you are too badly blown to

Fathers and mothers!

tered.

Why look on the dark side of war? Cheer up! Of course, it is hard to see the boys march into the whirlpool

But some of them may possibly eturn; And you will always have the consolation of knowing that the ones who fell had a coffin; Unless they were too badly scat-

So, cheer up! Don't be pessimistic and unpatri-

Girl, say, "Good bye", to your sweetheart with a smile on your

Part of him may come back; But if you never see him again try not to think of him with his arms and legs blown off;

With great holes torn in his body; With his face crushed beyond all resemblance to a human; Just think of him peacefully sleep

ing in the coffin provided for him by the benevolent government and imagine that his last words were: "We are taking Democracy to Ger-

Then, cheer up! And then cheer up some more!

NOTE.—In addition to the coffin. widows of enlisted men will get \$12 per month pension, with \$2 additional for each child under 16. If she can't take care of herself and children on this she can starve. No provisions are made for coffins under

Parings For Worthy Poor

The following example of sweet charity is taken from a clipping from

session. Thru the instrumentality of the poor of the city.'

The article winds up with

Bill of Fare. The gentlemen in Washington who slavery into which this country has been plunged will perhaps follow this splendid example of thrift, and solace the widows and orphans created by the war of their making with a hand-

WASHINGTON SOCIALISTS IN FIGHT ON CONSCRIPTION.

Adam H. Barth, chairman, and Emil Herman, state secretary, Wash "Resolved by the state executive

committee of the Socialist Party of Washington in session, June 3 1917. "First: We are opposed to involuntary servitude as being contrary to the 13th amendment of the United States constitution which reads, 'Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime, United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.'

sanction the mass murder of the workers in the interests of the capitalist class. We pledge ourselves to continued efforts for the repeal of the conscription law and pending such repeal will support all mass move-

Jingoes in Mobile, Ala., tried to stop the circulation of the fourpage leaflet, "The Price We Pay' urging the arrest of the distributors. Assistant District Attorney H. D. Pegues, after reading the leaslet, said the contents did not justify arrest. The circulation of this leaflet has already reached 600,000. Order a bundle for distribution in your town. The price is 20 cents per 100; \$1.50 per 1,000. Send all orders to The National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chi-

Thomas Van Lear, socialist mayor of Minneapolis will address the big socialist picnic at Riverview Park June 17. The Chicago party is figurdress the g. thering.

All America Is NOW Hungry For Socialism

ET US take a look at just a few facts.

Monday, June 4, the day before Registration Day, was the biggest day
in the history of The American Socialist in receipts received for sub-

scriptions. The total received on that day was \$199.28. The total receipts for subscriptions for the first eight days of June was \$817.88. Compare this with the \$660.78 received during the entire month of April when the nation still remained stunned following the declaration of war

by this country on Germany.

During the month of May, while the nation was awakening, The American Socialist receipts mounted to \$1,844.30 doubling April's record; and if June keeps going at the present rate it will double May's record. IT OUGHT TO DO BETTER!

EVERY letter coming to the editor of The American Socialist tells of the awakening of the masses everywhere. All America is NOW hungry for

the awakening of the masses everywhere. All America is now nungry to the inspiring message of Socialism!

The American Socialist in the big days now ahead depends on its growing army of volunteer workers to roll up a subscription list that will startle the war makers and bid them pause. We can do it!

The time is here to make The American Socialist the powerful factor it ought to be in the working class struggle for emancipation.

THE DAY'S mail brings a letter from Comrade H. E. Keas, of Dubuque, Iowa, in which he tells of his plans to put out 1,000 more copies of The American Socialist each week in his town. He writes:

"Would you be able to ship me 1,000 or more copies of The American Socialist per week so as to reach me by Saturday each week in order that I could get them on sale on the streets Saturday and Sunday. Figure on putting on five boys with 200 papers each Saturday and Sunday, charging two cents per copy to the public, the boy getting one cent and myself retaining one cent per copy. This would allow enough profit to build up the business if it takes well as it should if properly

"Think that you would be able to work up a general street sale of this kind within a 'reach by Saturday' radius of Chicago, branching out in all directions. The paper should be sold on current date to be most effective. Work it out. It's worth trying."

WE URGE this suggestion upon Socialists in every city, town and hamlet in the nation. It is already being worked successfully in the 9th Ward, Chicago, recently carried for Socialism with the election of Comrade

hamlet in the nation. It is already being worked successfully in the 9th Ward, Chicago, recently carried for Socialism with the election of Comrade Charles V. Johnson to the City Council.

We stand ready to furnish The American Socialist at bundle rates of 75 cents per 100; \$7.50 per 1,000. This allows a margin of 25 cents on each 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each the first the every socialist that every socialist the every socialist the every socialist the every socialist the every 100 copies, if they are sold by boys at 2 cents each, the boys retaining one cent on each copy sold.

The American Socialist goes to press Monday night of each week. The mailers begin sending out the paper on Tuesday morning, so that bundles ought to reach the Pacific Coast by Saturday morning. The plan presented

by Comrade Keas ought, therefore, to apply to the entire nation. All of the papers are sent thru the U. S. mails under second class postage.

Get interested in this plan and write your decision to J. L. Engdahl, Editor, The American Socialist, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

This plan alone ought to double the circulation of The American Socialist within the next week or 10 days.

What are they saying about The American Socialist, nowadays?

WELL, JUST READ!

This Week's Record

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WILLIAM F. KRUSE - - Director

To reach the nation's youth with the message of Socialism and to bring them into the organized Socialist movement through Young People's Socialist Leagues.

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CONNECTICUT.

Hartford ran a very successful package party as its first summer affair and realized a handy sum for the benefit of Fall educa-

MASSACHUSETTS.

Terre Haute, reports some interesting ectures and plans for fine out-door sports.

Richmond, has organized a base-ball team,

and is getting in quite a few new girl mem-

NEW YORK.

Queens County No. 1, reports two more
Yipsels graduating into the S. P.

Buffalo No. 1, ran a box social and hike
into the country to raise funds and distribute
500 war leaflets to farmers. Adopted strong

MINNESOTA.

St. Paul opposing conscription strongly and hope to get in quite a number of new mem-

ILLINOIS.

Chicago league movement now booming. A large permanent camp on shore of Fox Lake the biggest summer event. Represented on Conference for Terms of Peace and had

on Conference for Terms of Peace and had charge of all arrangements on great Auditorium meeting. Base-ball and tennis league for summer. Thirteen leagues running hikes, excursions, garden socials all the time—something doing every minute. About a dozen of our officials were haled before the local head of the U. S. Secret Service here and were questioned as to the activity of the league in anti-conscription work. The period for which they were detained varied from a couple of hours to a week. All were released, however, without charges being presented, presumably for lack of evidence.

NOTICE.

All leagues are hereby notified to imme-

"Things are booming! The slaves are eager to listen! Now is the time to build up our organization! Let us all pull together!" That is the message that comes from Comrade Clyde Higgins, of Indianapolis, Ind., with a bunch of 13 subs. Comrade Joe Davis, a coal miner of Trenton, Ill., sends in the big-Comrade Andrew Hanson says that the 10th ward branch in Minneapolis, Minn., took in 35 members at the last two meetings and he is going to get them all to read The American Socialist. He says, "If all locals would see to it that new members received The American Socialist we would have less difficulty in keeping the members after they have joined us". gest list of subs this week. He got 96 farmers, coal miners and other industrial workers, and profession al men to subscribe for The Ameri can Socialist, without any difficul-ty at all. Who can beat this record next week?

"Someone sent me a copy of your paper and as I want to read up on So-cialism I herewith subscribe for one year", writes a new recruit from Henderson, Ky. "Every little bit helps to bring about the Co-operative Commonwealth", writes Mrs. M. W. Miller, of New Orleans, La., and her bit consists of sending in a few

on the people's nerves", writes a comrade at Augusta, Maine. So he sends in a bunch of subs and orders a lot of literature to quiet the people's nerves. Socialism is the world's tonic these days. "The people feel as if they have been betrayed and they don't know what to do", writes a Comrade at Pittsfield, Ill., who is teaching them to read The American Socialist.

"A Friend Of The Paper" sends in a club of four from Louisville, Ky. One of our hustlers at Combs, Ark., writes that two-thirds of the voters are signing the petition for a referendum on the draft law. He is trying to get as many to subscribe for The American So-cialist and to join the party.

a club of four "to do my bit, to help movement and combat militarism". "We got to keep the good work going. The Henry Dubbs are waking up now", says Comrade Frank Weiss, of Ashland, Wis., who sends in a bunch of subs with more to follow.

Comrade M. H. Brown, of Elkhart, Ind., sends in a list of six to help Comrade Morris K. Friedman win a scholarship in the Rand School.

A well wisher in Liberty Center, Ohio, digs into his own pocket and pays for sending the paper to six names, "As I feel the terribe misstice of some of the recent acts of our government".

"We are going to help The American Socialist to help the American people", writes Comrade J. D. Halsted, of Vine-burg, Cal., as he sends in a club of four. Comrade W. D. Johnson, of Cherokee, Okla., sends in a list of six "For the party's 42-centimeter—The American So-cialist".

"You will hear from me again", is the message from Comrade James F. Lee, of Banning, Pa., that accompanies a list of 20 subs. Comrade Ernest Malott, of Marion, Ind., sends in a list of 20 subs to help Com-rade Friedman win that Rand School Scholerbland

"These war days are opening the eyes of the sheep", is the message that accompanies a good looking bunch of new recruits from Gridley, Kans.

Comrade Herbert Stolz has rounded up a list of 11 new Recruits at Mystic, Iowa, and hustled them to Chicago. Secretary John E. Broshar, of Local Lebanon, Ind., registers five more on his American Socialist subscription list.

Comrade Frank L. Springer, of Aberdeen, S. D., rounds up a list of nine volunteer subs in the war against ignor-"I am interested in the Socialist Party and its principles", says a Newcomer from Buffalo, N. Y., who enlists in The Amer-ican Socialist's reading army for six

one of our hustlers at Byrant, Ark., thought that No. 239 was so good that he ordered a bunch of sample copies of this issue sent to a list of names. We can do this for \$1.25 a 100, or 1½ cents apiece. This is a good way to get sympathizers in your neighborhood started as readers of The American Socialist.

readers of The American Socialist.

Comrade R. P. Conkling, of Lima, Ohio, has signed up two recruits for one year each. They qualify as follows: "Both were rank republicans till war was declared. Both declared they will never vote either old party ticket again". "Now is the time to give the Henry Dubbs an eye-opener", says one of our recruiting officers at Alice, Pa. who orders a bunch of sub cards.

"These are the years in which we live, and learn and Civilization shows signs of coming into its own", says Comrade E. C. Adams, of Battle Creek, Mich., as he rders some ammunition to round up the lenry Dubbs. AMMUNITION-SUB

Henry CARDS! "Our local thinks The American Socialist is fine", writes Mrs. A. C. Werkheiser, financial secretary of Local Nevada, Mo., who sends in a list of five and an order for literature.

"I must say that now that the fight is en, I will try and fire a few shots with the sub cards", writes Comrade J. G. Senger, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and he orders 12 cards as a starter. Comrade Robert Graf, of Celina, Ohio, makes an excellent recruiti z officer for the army of the Social Revolution. He rounds up and sends in a bunch of 28.

All Work Together

Atty. Nicholas Klein, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who says that 13 Cincinnati Socialists are being held by the federal authorities on charges of treason, urges that attorneys thruout the nation who are retained for similar defenses accommunication. ed for similar defenses, communicate with him so that a uniform plan of action may be adopted.

H. M. Sinclair writes as follows:

"The jingoes have been working overtime here in this state arresting over

For Majority Report

The action of Simons, Gaylord, Spargo, Russell, Walling, Stokes and others in charging that the Socialist party is pro-German and the fact

with the many Comrades who are going to jail at this time for the sake of a great principle and to counter-act any effect that the appearance of our names on the referendum panel on war in connection with the minority report may have had. Realizing that those so-called Socialists who have allied themselves with a caphage allied themselves with a caphage with a caphage allied themselves with a caphage wi italistic government to make war on fer. It would never do. the Socialist party are making use of these sixty names to show that the and possibly die any sonner than that convention was almost evenly divided on the question of a true internationBut, let that pass—how about the

We both, in common with many carry on the war? other Comrades whose names are Mil.—"Well, no; there are so many signed to the minority petition, voted opportunities for better investments. for the majority report, as the records of the convention will show. We signed the petition asking for the submission of a minority necessary opportunities for better investments. I can't afford to miss the gains I have planned.

Jones "Oh majority and the petition of a minority petition, voted opportunities for better investments." submission of a minority report to a referendum vote, with the understanding that by so doing we were merely allowing the minority a fair hearing before the membership and with the belief that a referendum the belief that a referendum foreign land. You are sending US to ballot is not complete unless it provides an alternative on each question protect YOUR ships at sea, but you submitted ubmitted

When the referendum ballot was ubmitted later we both voted for the majority report, as did every mem-ber of Local Salt Lake who voted. We hope for the sake of giving in-GENERAL NOTES.

New leagues were organized at Fall River.

Mass., and Jacobsen, Minn. Peoria, Ill., had suspended activities temporarily.

Attention is called to the fact that nominations for National Secretary of the Y. P. S.

L. must be in this office not later than June

Sake of those Comrades who are going to jail for this great Cause, that every one of the sixty who have been placed in the same position in which we have found ourselves, will send to The American Socialist a similar statement.

CONNECTIONS.

C. T. STONEY, State Secretary, and MURRAY E. KING, Utáh.

Another much-needed fighter for the benefit of Fall educational work.

New British had a highly interesting mock trial and raffled off a barrel of flour for the good of the cause. Lectures and debates still prove good drawing cards.

New Haven reports a successful masquerade social and is plannig many hikes and other outdoor affairs. The third issue of their local paper "The Young Rebel' is reported to have gone to press, interensed in size and also in price. A session of Congress was held at one ingeting, Roosevelt, Taft, Root, etc., representing the plutes, and Detz, London, Hillquit and other Socialists the workers. After a spirited debate the Congress and highly interesting the plutes, and Detz, London, Hillquit and other Socialists the workers. After a spirited debate the Congress authorized the election of an Industrial Relations Commissian, a hearing of which took up the next meeting. At this hearing Willie Hearst, Gompers, Morgan, and others were put on the grill and the report recommended the workers to bring about their own emancipation.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Beston is averaging for the Schot and Schot and singular and shighly interesting mock trial with the ranks of the nation's press will soon be enrolled with the appearance of The Paladin, edited by Walter Hurt, and to be published by Phil. Wagner, \$1 a year, at 703 Pontiac Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. Its salutations. Jones—"Even so. Your taxes might be much higher and you could pay still more than that for the bonds, and yet the end of the war would leave you more property than all your any individual or any interest; wherever is much higher for a much higher and you could pay still more than that for the bonds, and yet the end of the war would leave you more property than all your can also for resistance or repeal; to wherever tyrannical statute or ordinance, either enacted or impending, the much higher and you could pay still more than that for the bonds, and yet the end of the war would leave you more property than all your can be much higher and you coul Another much-needed fighter for

Oklahoma Fights Attempt To Stop Draft Petition

That the petition to congress to grant a referendum on the conscription law is having a powerful effect is shown by the efforts being made to suppress it.

The jingoes seem to be especially active in Oklahoma. State Secretary H. M. Sinclair writes as follows:

"The jingoes have been working overtime here in this state arresting

les. Any number of these petitions may be secured from the National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Plute Patriotism

Millionaire-"Good morning, Mr. that this statement and others have Jones. I notice that you are always placed the party in a false light, put prompt and faithful in your work. weapons in the hands of the enemy, Jones—"Sure, sir, I must be faithprecipitated police and secret service ful, to hold my job and get a little persecution and made the position of ahead for building a house. You see, all sincere internationalists extremely I am engaged to be married—have difficult in the midst of the greatest been for some time—but we are waitcrises the party has ever faced, make ing for the home we have planned to

Mil.—"That's good, and I am glad you are so patriotic. To tell the truth, have promised the government our names on the referendum ballot would send a number of my men to

al position, we hasten to correct this Liberty Loan? Have you purchased impression, at least so far as we are any of the bonds so the government can have CASH as well as men to

millions, by purchasing government bonds to help do the protecting. It

is not fair nor patriotic.

Mil.—"Oh, it is not so bad as all that. The government will give penternationalism its real strength in sions to all disabled men and to the America at this time, and for the families of all who are killed. I will sake of those Comrades who are do something myself. You know it is

slight compared with what you might

have saved, but our total would be

to GO. Well, I must go to work."-

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston is arranging for g big State picnic to be held late in the summer, and will also entertain the delegates to the S. P. Convention with a banquet and entertainment. They have their own orchestra.

State Office is somewhat shaken up, due to the resignation of both State Sec'y and State Fin. Sec'y. All Yipsels are notified that hereafter Comrade Benj. Carmen, State Organizer, 89 Brunswick St., Roxbury, will take the place of Comrade Dozenberg as State Secretary, while Elsie M. Royce, State Treas., will also take over the duties of Fin. Sec'y.

Get stamps from her.

State Office will henceforth be run under the direction of the State Secretary, Helen Manfreda, P. O. Box 164, Wallingford.

INDIANA.

Terre Haute, reports some interesting lectures and place for fine outdoor sports.

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A member of the Socialist Party, Miss Anne Brilliant, of Hamilton, O., won the Th is to GO. Well, I must go to work."—

R. M. D.

The President is elected to execute the will of the people. Yet the people are compelled to execute the will of the president.

What Did You Do Yesterday?

What did you do with the spare time you had yesterday? Have you gained anything for today from your spare time yesterday? Comrade, do you know that in thirty weeks you can complete the Peoples College Plain Inspirator, and only the people of the Socialist Party, and the control of the State Secretary will also the over the duties of Fin. Sec'y.

What did you do with the spare time you had yesterday? Comrade, do you know that in thirty weeks you can complete the Peoples College Plain Secretary and plane for fine outdoor sports. English Course?

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struction, suggestions, and helpful criticism of all your work. This is the course you have been looking for. It is simple, plain, clear, interesting from start to finish. If you had to leave school early, this is the course you want. If you are foreign-born, and just picked up your English, this is the course you need to give you a thoro understanding

of our language. You will be surprised to find how simple, how fascinating the study of words and their uses can be made. We do not teach arbitrary rules. We teach the reasons for rules. If you found grammar a dry uninteresting

study at school, try our method of teaching language and how to use it.
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•		Dear Comrades: Please send me full information concerning your Course in Plain English.
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THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE, Fort Scott, Kansas.

All leagues are hereby notified to immediately put this office in touch with every effort on the part of authorities to interfere with our organization or members. Where newspaper publicity is obtained, send copies of the clippings, stating whether or not the reports are much garbled. A LETTER FROM PITTSBURGH.

Dear Comrade: No doubt you are informed that the headquarters of the Socialist Parry of Pittsburgh was raided on May 22 and that eleven of our members were arrested. Among these were three active members of the Y. P. S. L.: Edward C. Mueller, our Lermer secretary, Walter G. Hodge, a good

There is one sound louder than the sound of battle lines 1,000 miles in length, roaring and flaming with volcanic fury and casting forth a lava composed of scorching human flesh; and that sound is the voice of the united workers of the world, crying, "LET THERE BE PEACE!"

European Governments Understand The Nature Of Russian Revolution

Workingmen's Delegates has set July o, as the date, and Stockholm, Sweden, as the place to "organize a world union to of its peace conference to "organize a world union to consider means to end war and eliminate imperial-

It will thus be held the week preceding the International Socialist Conference called for July 15. Representatives of Socialist Party and trade union organizations will attend.

"PEACE without annexation or indemnities, on the basis of rights of nations to decide their own destiny," is the renewed demand of the Council of Workers and Soldiers sent out to the Socialist party and federations of trade unions of the world.

The appeal is practically identical with the statement issued by the council March 28, in which a "resolute move for peace" was urged.

THE statement says the Russian democracy forced the first provisional government to accept this program, and, "as the event of May 3-4 clearly showed, it did not tolerate any departure on the part of the first provisional government from that program. 'The second provisional government, under pre

sure of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, put forward the same program as the foremost article of its declarations.' The statement then refers to the decision of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates to

take the initiative in summoning an international conference, and continues: "The Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates is of the opinion that the speedy termination of the war and the restoration of international peace on the basis required by the general interests of labor, as well as of mankind, can be achieved only if the Socialist parties and trade unions in all countries, belligerent and neutral, will unite their efforts in a stub-

born and energetic fight against this universal "THE first important step in that direction is the summoning of an international conference, the main object of which should be to arrive at an agreement between the representatives of the Socialist proletariat in regard to the termination of the 'party truce' with imperialistic governments and classes, which makes nugatory the real struggle for peace,

as well as to carry this endeavor into practical effect.
"An international agreement upon such a policy is the main preliminary condition for placing the struggle for peace upon a broad international footing. This road is indicated to the proletariat by all circular just issued by this coal corporation. Here its international treaties.

"At the same time the summoning of the con ference is strongly dictated by the most vital interests of the proletariat and all peoples. All parties and organizations representing the working classes which share these views and opinions and are prepared to unite their efforts to carry them into operation are cordially invited by the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates to take part in the proposed conference.

The council begs to express its conviction that the parties and organizations which accept this invitation will, by doing so, accept the obligations to carry out unfailingly all decisions adopted by the

IN spite of their pretensions to the contrary, European governments well understand the nature of the Russian revolution and the meaning of the call for this Stockholm conference.

That the United States government has still much to learn is shown by the fact that it failed, unlike European governments, promptly to dispatch real representatives of the Socialist Party to take action with their Russian comrades.

As we go to press, Root, Russell, and the remainder of the American Commission are nearing Petrograd and the reception they will receive is in question. On the other hand Socialists from all the parliaments of Europe have already been in Petrograd and received a warm and hearty greeting.

"I HAVE been disillusioned," declared President Tscheidze, of the soldiers' and workmen's council, when told the American delegates had been denied passports to Stockholm.

If the Russians had any illusions about the brand of plutocracy that abides in the United States they have been thoroly disillusioned.

"OLD time diplomacy has taken a second place; a new era demands new methods and other men," writes a prominent correspondent from Bern, Switzerland, in telling how all Europe is watching every move made by the Socialists.

This is something that Elihu Root will not understand, and the failure that will attend his mission may wake up the government at Washington.

CAMILLE Huysmans, secretary of the International Socialist Bureau, in voicing his hope that American Socialist delegates would be permitted to attend the Stockholm Conference, said:

"It will be a great pity if America does not take any cases or grievances. part in the conference. It will surely cause misunderstanding and resentment among the European labor socialists. We were expecting Morris Hill-quit. I cannot thing that President Wilson, as the head of the great democratic republic, will be so unwise as to refuse passports to American socialists wishing to come to Stockholm."

IT IS laughable to read the repeated charges of the hysterical jingo press of all nations against the

Stockholm Socialist peace conference.

Thus the Austrian press fears that, "The Austrian Socialists are certainly only serving entente inter-And the German press charges that, "Under the

cloak of democratic principles England's interests are being served."

While every day the editors of American publica-tions grow more frantic in their claims that the Stockholm conference is German inspired and manipulated.

The charges against the gathering of Socialists at Stockholm is the best evidence of its international

"INTERNATIONAL Socialism seems to have a growing tendency to escape the control of the leaders of the world war," continues this correspondent. "It is visible that the minority Socialist Party which is opposed to the continuation of the war and partisan to the resumption of international relations,

is daily gaining ground. "The recent vote of the French Socialist congress that decided to send delegates to attend the Stockholm congress is also significant. The pacifist action of minority Socialists thruout the world had but slight effect until the Russian revolution; this revolution, however, appars to have given it an aston-

ishing impulsion. "He who today desires to have an influence on the opponents of war in Russia must be able to prove

THE writer then denies that Socialist efforts are to secure a separate peace between Russia and Germany, but "the object in view is that of a 'general

USSIA'S Socialist Council of Soldiers' and deny the importance of the meeting which representatives of International Socialism are about to hold in

"That all belligerent countries are interested in it is proved by the numerous articles devoted to the subject by the press everywhere.

"Every force of mind and matter has been thrown successively into the present conflict, which has no precedent under the sun. Art, science, religion, philosophy and ethics, have gradually become a means of combat. The very current of prayer has been turned to irrigate the new ideal.

"Socialism is to become a great power, a power with which it will be well to reckon hereafter. It is but natural to see each group of the adversaries seeking to secure this factor for its own.

UPON returning to Milwaukee from the East where he made a final effort to secure passports from Secretary of State Lansing, Victor L. Berger, denied the conference was pro-German, saying:

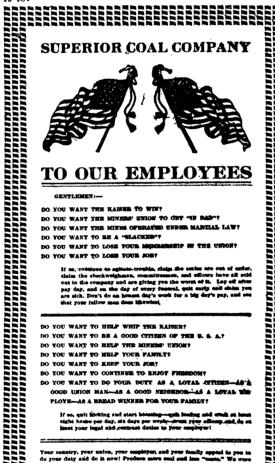
"We want to bring a general and lasting peace to the world. It is queer—and yet easily understood by the observer—that the Socialists in every country, including Germany, England and America are denounced as traitors to their country by their own government, while on the other hand these Socialsts are at the same time considered patriots and tools of their own government by the foreign governments. The solution to this riddle is easy—we stand for peace and for world peace in every country.

"But especially in our country—in America—it has become almost a felony to stand for peace. The term 'peace' itself is considered not only as Socialistic but even as anarchistic. The Socialists of the world will force peace, however, and if Morgan and his sattellites should want to continue the war, they may have to fight the Socialist republics of the world, including France, Russia, England and Geroperation, this getting the robbers off the backs of

"Let us hope that Mr. Woodrow Wilson, who has changed his opinion so often and so fundamentally during the last few years, will understand the signs of the times and change his policy once more. Let us hope that he will break away from war and Wall street and ally himself with the Social-Democracy of the world and of America."

Hiding Behind 812 Flags

It takes just 812 American flags to cover up the infamy of the Superior Coal Co., of Gillespie, Ill., as shown in the accompanying reproduction of a



"Produce more coal and less 'cases'", is the plea of this corporation, meaning that the miners should shut up, work hard and not complain. Don't report

John P. Remar V. D. & G. M. Lespie, Ill., May 17, 1947.

Only the other day an explosion took place in an Illinois coal mine carrying a dozen workers to death. No doubt, the miners had reported the presence of gas in the mine, but the officials, yelling for "more coal", neglected to look after the welfare of

their underground slaves. All the flags in the world didn't stop the Russian German officials have been training the Chinese workers getting the six hour day. Even at that the robbers continue to exact their huge toll of profits. better time than now to demand a full day's pay for

six hour day.

NOTE .- On Saturday, June 9, one of the most horible of mine holocausts known to Butte, Mont., entombed 175 miners; 50 bodies charred beyond recognition having been taken out as we go to press. Defective wiring, overlooked in the rush of the mine owners to "produce more," resulted in a fire that brought on the disaster. Profits first! Life last!

Street bucaneers think this war will make the United States safe for plutocracy.

to lower the standards of life and labor during the war will meet with its just desserts.

Samuel Gompers has invested \$10,000 of the funds of the American Federation of Labor in the "Liberty Loan". Wonder how soon the master class will pay him interest with another Ludlow massacre?

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the author, attacks the granting of suffrage to women in Great Britain because she sees the spectre of England ruled by women. Well, we rise to repeat, they couldn't possibly make a worse job of it than the men have.

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Six Hour Workday Fact In Russia! **Movement Spreads Over Nation**

"THE six hour working day" is a fact in Russia. It has already been won by the workers in 140 factories in Petrograd engaged in metal manufactures and other war work. This movement is spreading all over the nation. The threat to strike seems to

bring the employers to speedy terms.

That the six hour day will not be accompanied by any decrease in wages is shown by the determination of the workers for increased pay. In South Russia an offer of 50 per cent increased wages was rejected. The Russian worker seems determined and able to get the full product of his labor. No wonder exploiters from other lands visiting in Russia shake their heads and fear for the future. It is a serious

A CABLE to the New York Jewish Daily Forward, which receives by long odds the best reports from Russia of any newspaper in the country, says that the people are rapidly preparing for the forthcoming general elections, in which State as well as National officials will be chosen.

The Forward's Petrograd correspondent makes the astonishing announcement that actually only two parties will have candidates in the field, the Liberals and the Socialist, altho at present there are about a dozen political parties in Russia. This shows that all the anti-Socialist parties will rally behind the Liberal party including the old reactionists, into whose hands, we were told by our smart Alec edi-torial writers and "authorities" on Russia, the So-

cialists were playing! It is quite sure a certain Mr. N. Romanoff will not vote the Socialist ticket. Maybe he will qualify as a liberal wardheeler.

ANOTHER upheaval of labor in Europe was the mass demonstration of 100,000 workers, who quit work for the occasion before the Riksdag buildings in Stockholm, Sweden, Tuesday, June 5, when the Socialist interpellations regarding revision of the constitution, shorter work days and higher wages were to come up.

Hjalmar Branting, Socialist spokesman, asked whether the government was prepared to proceed with the revision of the constitution, abolishing the graded franchise in municipalities and giving women the parliamentary franchise.

Wennerstrom, another Socialist, asked whether the government would enforce payment of higher wages, a shorter workday and a political reorientation, including thoro constitutional reforms by which the people's demands for democratic reforms shall be granted as soon as possible.

The government was evasive in answering both questioners, declaring that all of its time was taken up with foreign affair to internal reforms. There will be a new election of members to the second chamber shortly when the people will be given an opportunity to have their say. Indications are that the stand taken by the Socialists will result in an overwhelming victory for

NO LESS impressive were the demonstrations thruout Norway on Wednesday, June 6, against the high cost of living. In Christiana, the capital city, no less than 10,000 persons joined in the street parade. A deputation of the paraders was received by the president of the national parliament. All stores closed for the day, the entire city taking a noliday.

The Outlook is Dark

Japan and Britain have threatened Russia that unless she continues the war to their satisfaction, they will "take measures" against her.

Which being interpreted, means that Japan will wrest Manchuria from Russia, and Great Britain will seize the whole of Persia. Persia was one of the "small nations" which England and Russia strangled for commercial reasons, before they discovered that the rights of small nations are sacred.

If this is done, and if the Russians and the Germans continue their fraternizing, Germany will offer to help Russia against England and Japan; and Rus-

sia will in high probability accept.

This will mean that China, which is turning every way to avoid the absolute domination of Japan, will enter into a compact with Germany and Russia; for

army for years. The coal barons of America have always received will day's work for a starvation wage. There is no full day's work for a starvation wage. There is no chief the full day's work for a starvation wage. There is no chief the full day's work for a starvation wage. There is no chief the full day's work for a starvation wage. There is no chief the full day's work for a starvation wage. There is no chief the full day's work for a starvation wage. There is no chief the full day's work for a starvation wage. There is no chief the full day's work for a starvation wage. There is no chief the full day's work for a starvation wage. There is no chief the full day's work for a starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. There is no chief the full day is not starvation wage. Teutonic allies, practically alone. For France is bled white and England is keeping her man power at home, while the submarine makes her navy practically useless.

As against this possibility, the German Socialists are saying; "If Great Britain and France will renounce annexations and punitive indemnities, we will see that our government does likewise, or we

will start a revolution at home." Thus, if Great Britain and France will consent to Morgan, Rockefeller and the rest of the Wall treet bucaneers think this war will make the brought to an end immediately, with a peace concluded States are after a later will consent the forego the seizing of new lands, the war can be brought to an end immediately, with a peace concluded States are a few plants.

ernment or upon its ruins.

But Great Britain and France would rather take Take heed, all you exploiters of toil, any attempt this tremendous chance of setting the world still farther ablaze, than let loose the territory their hands have closed upon.

Shall we not demand that our government force its allies to renounce the sordid grab of territory, in order that there may be peace?

Rebellious slaves are being made every day by the efforts of big corporations to lash their subjects into the service of the war machine. Failure to show a registration card, since June 5, means instant dismissal in the big industries that profit from war.

Now comes the Standard Oil Co. with a threat to its employes to buy Liberty Bonds or "get out". Remembering that Standard Oil raised the price has never sustained the imperialistic activities of his government, which has stirred up one people against another.

"The governments of all belligerent states are giving their close attention to present even's in Russia."

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"Japan is going into the insurance business claiming the industrial population should be spared from captured in the industrial population in the industrial population should be spared from captured in the industrial population should be spared from captured in the industri

Socialism and Peace go hand in hand.

International Socialism is going to end this war and all wars forevermore.

These are exciting days for the profit takers in Russia; why not in the United States?

Let there be peace—even if it does mean the overthrow of the present brutal capitalist system. What is being done in your town to arrange for a mass meeting, July 4, to help repeal the draft law.

Help double the circulation of The American Socialist in your town. Look over our plan on page

day; why shouldn't the workers of America do the

Have you ordered your bundle of the Liberty Edition of The American Socialist, for distribution In-dependence Day, July 4?

The warmakers at Washington had their say on Registration Day. Let the people have their say in a Referendum Day on the conscription law.

Illinois doesn't have enough funds to meet the de-

mands under the mothers' pension law. But it has millions to make more mothers widows. New Zealand's supply of single men has been exhausted and it is now planned to send married men to the front to feed the cannon. America next!

Congratulations to organized labor in New York state. It forced Gov. Whitman to veto the ban proposed by employers on labor laws during the war.

European Socialists who support war are conlemned; American Socialists who oppose war are lenounced; great is the logic of the capitalist press.

It was easy enough to have a registration of canthe repeal of the draft law.

Rubinovitch, leader of Russian social revolutionaries, who has just escaped to Holland from a German civil prisoners' camp, declares that a revolution in Germany is not far distant. It can't come to soon

Eighteen carloads of potatoes were left to spoil on a railroad sidetrack near Chicago in order to maintain high prices. That is an example of the kind of protection the people are getting against the food "The soldiers have the situation in their own

hands and they refuse to fight", is the way a writer in the London Times sizes up the situation in the Russian army. Let us hope this situation spreads to all the armies. "For cold-blooded profiteering it would be hard to

beat the present manipulation in coal prices", comments The Organized Farmer, of Wausau, Wis. "It is the first big scandal of the war", and more arriving every day. "It is quite clear that the spirit of Romanovism

has not died. Having been expelled from Russia, it took refuge in the United States."—THE AD-Workers of America.

Under the Milwaukee Socialist administration the local municipally owned water works turned \$200, 000 into the general fund in profits. The workers are lining up behind the Socialist Party to municipalize

all the other public utilities in Milwaukee.

"The rift in the Socialist Party of Wisconsin widuses three-quarters of a column to tell how one party member has resigned because Gaylord and freedom of the seas no nation is safe. Simons were expelled. The rift is so wide that no

are trying to hide their fears by denying it.

Wisc., Record-Herald.

Spring vegetables, 800,000 pounds of them, have been allowed to rot on the wharves in New York City to keep up prices, while thousands of children have gone hungry to school. Isn't this an awfully sianism is abolished the government officials are democratic profit system that allows us to starve in the midst of plenty?

The entire police force of Toronto, Ontario, Cana-Navy to catching smelts. Not even a socialist would democracy in Germany will unselfishly devote the begrudge them their pretty uniforms if they were of their lives establishing it in this country. some use in the world.

A newspaper dispatch reports that officials in high political circles of Hungary are indignant at the peace terms expressed by the Hungarian Socialist delegates to the Stockholm conference. The interests of the workers and masters have never been identical it is rather too much to expect that in peace terms they could stand on the same footing.

If they could all be brought together, those who have quit and those who have been expelled from the party since the war started, together with those who threaten to resign after the adoption of the Majority Report on War, perhaps there will be enough for the money left after you have bought pour potatoes, buy making of one Socialist local. It takes five members liberty bonds. If you can't buy liberty bonds, praise for a local to get a charter in the Socialist Party.

Out of the agony of the slave pens of Pittsburgh, for those who have not accumulated wealth and had Pa., comes the following: "The 'Liberty Bond' is one the benefit of a University education should not of the most diabolical schemes that ever eminated from the brain of a fiend. Its sole purpose is to make it to the interest of as many as possible to keep the war going, no matter how great the slaughter, until the bondholders are sure of the safety of their blood

P. S.—The Mikado of Japan, our ally, also says

Everybody Should Join Great Fight For World Democracy

By JOHN C. KENNEDY.

OVERNMENT officials, leading business men and the metropolitan press are doing their utmost to arouse a spirit of patriotism in the American people so that everybody will be ready to do his part toward "making the world safe for democracy'

In some quarters there is great enthusiasm for the war already. It is reported that John D. Rocke-feller has bought \$10,000,000 worth of "liberty bonds" and that he stands ready to invest \$100,-000,000 in the future. The United States Steel Trust has bought \$25,000,000 worth of liberty bonds and Ogden Armour and other leading members of and Ogden Armour and other leading members of Russian workers are now agitating for the six hour the beef trust have bought large blocks of these bonds and are ready to sell them on the installment plan to their employes.

The Wall Street bankers and the La Salle Street bankers have united with the big corporations, trusts July 4 is a good day to declare our independence of and munition manufacturers to make the liberty the capitalist system by distributing a bundle of loan a great success. Their action speaks for itself.

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Nobody can question their patriotism. They are in-Russia is retting ready to conscript all war profits. Another indication that revolutionary events are going in the right direction.

BUT WHILE the millionaires are making every sacrifice and spending their money freely in order to defeat the Kaiser, crush Prussianism and win the world for democracy, strange to say, the very people who need freedom and democracy most seem to be cold and indifferent. In fact, millions of the working men and women of America seem to be absolutely opposed to the war,—especially those who will soon be called upon to send their sons to the European

Many of the working men and women are complaining because the conscription act was not snb mitted to a referendum vote of the people in the United States, the same as it was in Australia. They contend that the American Republic should be just as democratic as any part of the British Empire, and that if we are going to fight for democracy in Europe we should be ready to practice it first here

in America. Those who make such complaints do not understand the unusual conditions with which this country is now confronted. If the conscription act had been submitted to a referendum vote of the people, it might have been defeated here just the same as it was in Australia. Then how would it have been possible to raise the large army which will be necesnon fodder in every voting precinct in the land. It ought to be just as easy to hold a referendum on if there had been a vote on the conscription bill. it if there had been a vote on the conscription bill, it would have shown that the American people were not united in favor of the war, and this probably would have encouraged the Germans. Every fair-minded working man should bear this in mind, for it may be necessary to abolish democracy temporarily in the United States in order to establish it in Germany. We should be ready to follow the example of such patriots as Rockefeller and Morgan and stand by the President.

It may be necessary before the war is over to suspend the Constitution and pass censorship bills suppressing freedom of speech, freedom of press and any activity whatever which would indicate that the United States is not absolutely united to push this war to the bitter end.

HIGH COST OF LIVING UNAVOIDABLE. WE CANNOT impress upon our readers too

strongly the idea that at this time when we are engaged in a holy war for democracy, the nation must be absolutely united. Therefore, there should be no further complaints about the high cost of living. There are great risks involved in industry at the present time. Hence, the corporations, trusts and speculators feel that it is only fair that they should be allowed at least 100 per cent profit. On perishable goods many feel that 300 per cent profit is not excessive. A good standard has been set by the United States Steel Corporation which made clear profits during the year 1916 of \$294,000,000. For the first VANCE, official organ of the Amalgamated Clothing \$118,000,000. This shows that the bankers are right when they say that the war will not hurt business and that if everything is managed properly, patriotic business men will be well rewarded for their ser-"If capital has had reason to be alarmed used cialism in the past, it will have ten times more reason in the future—for Socialism has come to have all been making huge profits, part of which they are patriotically investing in liberty bonds.

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FOR FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

MANY workingmen are asking the question,—
"What Are We Fighting For"? "Why should we send our sons to the bloody battlefields of Europe?" This question has been answered again and again, and those who cannot understand it now, probably never will. In brief, we are fighting to establish freedom of the seas and to make the world safe for "That Socialism is bound to speedily become the greatest economic force in Europe, it is idle to deny", confesses the Peoria, Ill., Star. Yet many insist on our rights and not permit any power to interfere with that ship. If the steel trust wants to editors in support of the present capitalist system send munitions of war to Europe we should insist upon our right to the freedom of the seas and do all in our power to see that those shipe arrive, and ens", says the Christian Science Monitor, and then every intelligent working man should be ready to lay down his life in such a holy cause. Without the

We hear working men muttering about freedom at home, that they want to be sure of a job and the full product of their labor. Some of them say that "The refusal of the state department to give pass-ports to the Socialist delegates to the Stockholm enables the multi-millionaires to push up prices and ports to the Socialist delegates to the Socialis starve, but what they want is the freedom to live. The trouble with such agitators is that they are not looking far enough ahead to see that all of these matters will be properly adjusted.

Just as soon as the Kaiser is defeated and Prus-

going to take steps to see that democracy is established in all departments of American life. Such political democracy as we have lost during the war will be restored. Industrial democracy will be esda, is to assist in the production of food, giving one tablished, and the extremes of wealth will be abolday out of each seven to farm labor. Good stuff! ished. Rockefeller, Morgan and others who have Now put the U. S. Army to digging potatoes and the The crushing of labor organizations will be a thing of the past, and the trusts will no longer charge extortionate prices for, strange to say, there will be no more trusts. Realizing that in order to establish industrial democracy it is necessary for the people to own colectively the natural resources and industries on which we all depend for our living, the President's davisory council consisting of patriotic men such as Julius Rosenwald, Samuel Insull, Ogden Armour and others of that type will take the necessary steps to establish public ownership and democratic control of all the industries in America.

OUR DUTY IS CLEAR. THE DUTY of the workers in America in these critical days is perfectly clear. If you have any money left after you have bought pour potatoes, buy those who can and give them your moral support. Above all else, do not criticise anybody or anything, criticise their superiors. Remember everything will

he will help to make the world safe for der ocracy.