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"WAR AGAINST WAR"

A STINGING INDICTMENT OF CAPITALISM

Conventional Wars Phases of the Class War Says George R. Kirkpatrick

When comrade George R. Kirkpatrick, author of "War—What For?" the world's greatest book on the evils of militarism, made his appearance on the stage of the People's theatre Sunday, February 21, very few of his big audience suspected that they were about to hear a speech that would later serve to measure time by—"it was the week we heard Kirkpatrick's great anti-war speech." Kirkpatrick had not come to Everett heralded as one of the world's greatest orators. Many who came to hear him did not know that he was an orator at all. They came to see and hear the famous author of "War—What For?" And so no one sat on the chair's edge as Kirkpatrick began in a low, scarcely audible voice to state his thesis, and explain what points he hoped to be able to elucidate. As he progressed in the development of his theme, it became apparent that George R. Kirkpatrick was a master not only of his subject, but also of the orator's art and power. Finally, it began to dawn upon most of us that we were listening to the greatest speech we had ever heard. Now let us attempt to convey some idea to our readers as to—

WHAT KIRKPATRICK SAID

After pointing out that modern wars, such as the present struggle in Europe, or our own Spanish-American war, and, in fact, all wars in the conventional sense, are but the aged class war, as it manifest itself in the guise of political warfare and militarism, the lecturer explained the following social phenomena:

- The origin of the ruling class.
- The origin of the working class.
- The origin of the struggle between these two classes.

Kirkpatrick's explanation of these origins did not differ from the conventional teaching of all Socialist teachers who thoroughly understand these phases of human history; but he handled his theme in a more interesting way than it has ever before been our good fortune to hear.

After showing how impossible it is, by the very nature of the case, for a ruling class to give freedom and justice to a subject class, the working class, or even to think freedom and justice for them, comrade Kirkpatrick proceeded to illustrate the inevitable limitations that mark the capitalists' idea of justice, and of freedom. Never before had we heard such a powerful stimulus to class-consciousness on the part of the workers as was this part of the speech. It was terrific in its graphic eloquence! His every word penetrated to the very marrow of his listeners. No wage-slave could ever forget such a lesson, burned, as it were, into every fibre of his being. The liberal applause that, at brief intervals, broke the tense stillness of the theatre—save for Kirkpatrick's own voice—showed that the vulnerable spots were being struck in each and every man, woman, and child present. Yes, even the young folks present seemed to feel the sting, and often the humor, of the lecturer's words, or his apt illustrations.

After presenting most startling examples of what could be accomplished in constructive work,—i. e., the building of homes for the workers, increasing the number and the pay of school teachers, founding of libraries and establishments and maintenance of universities, etc.—with the money now spent on war and preparation for war,

comrade Kirkpatrick took up the question of—

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

Under this topic the speaker offered no minutely elaborated, carefully punctuated program for preventing wars. But he proposed as a prerequisite to solving the problem the necessity for educating the working-class in such a way that they will understand fully the origin of wars, the cause of wars, the horrors of militarism, and the still greater horrors of actual warfare. To this end, the false teachings and the petty, false "patriotism" engendered by the ruling class in the minds of the workers,—who must do all the fighting and receive none of the fruits of victory,—must be counter-acted by true education, from the enlightened workers' point of view. The workers must themselves carry on the peaceful battle of light against darkness, of truth against falsehood and prevarication, of education against miseducation.

Finally, as preliminary to abolition of wars and militarism, the lecturer urged that the workers, first of all, make an energetic and persistent campaign for the enfranchisement of women; that an international passport be established calling for a universal strike against war should hostilities be declared; that any statesman who should vote for war should thereupon be unseated, or recalled; that the financiers, kings, and plutocrats, and their sons, should be forced to go to the front first, before the workers are called.

IF SOCIALISTS FAILED— to prevent the present European conflict, we may find consolation in the reflection that so did all other organizations that are opposed to warfare. The Socialist movement is very young; the Socialists of Europe are very much in the minority, and could hardly be expected to have outgrown the evil influences of their capitalist miseducation in "patriotism," nationalism, "defense of home and country," etc.; when the so-called Christians, vastly in the majority, after nearly 2000 years of teaching and organization, were also unequal to the task of averting this horrible fratricidal strife. After all, even a Socialist is human, and subject to the limitations imposed upon him by the capitalist environment and training—and most of them were caught young.

Have Done Their Best

The Socialists of the United States have done much good educational work since the outbreak of hostilities seven months ago, said Kirkpatrick, not the least of which was the distribution of over ten million pieces of literature against war and militarism. Against this noble effort of the Socialists to prevent wars is the capitalists' teaching of petty, ignorant, arrogant, local nationalism.

THE PLEDGE
As one measure in the "War Against War," every one in the audience was asked to take the following pledge, given by the speaker himself, on page 11, of his "War—What For?"

I refuse to kill your father. I refuse to slay your mother's son. I refuse to plunge a bayonet into the breast of your sister's brother. I refuse to slaughter your sweetheart's lover. I refuse to murder your wife's husband. I refuse to murder your little child's father. I refuse to wet the earth with blood and blind kind eyes with tears. I refuse to assassinate you and then hide my stained fists in the folds of ANY flag.

I refuse to be flattered into hell's nightmare by a class of well-fed snobs, crooks, and cowards who despise our class socially, rob our class economically and betray our class politically.

Crushing Reply to Advocates of Capital Punishment

Authoritative Data from State Penitentiary Honorable Newspaper-Headline-Statesmen Please Note

MURDER HAS DECREASED IN WASHINGTON SINCE ABOLITION OF THE GALLOWES

Proportion of Convictions to Trials Has Increased—Life-Term Prisoners the Best Behaved, Says Warden Henry Drum.

Not wishing to follow the example of the honorables who pose as "statesmen" down in Olympia, and attempt to base arguments for restoration of the gallows in Washington on newspaper headlines (especially from the Seattle Crimes!) the editor of The Washington Socialist took the only proper course in such matters, and applied to the warden of the Washington State Penitentiary for authoritative data on which to base his argument against restoration of capital punishment in this state.

HERE ARE THE FACTS IN THE CASE

Number of prisoners received at the Walla Walla state penitentiary during the biennial periods beginning October 1, 1904, and ending September 30, 1914, for the crimes of murder and manslaughter:

	Murder 1st Degree	Murder 2nd Degree	Manslaughter	Executed
October 1, 1904, to September 30, 1906	8	13	12	6
October 1, 1906, to September 30, 1908	2	16	18	1
October 1, 1908, to September 30, 1910	10	13	16	5
October 1, 1910, to September 30, 1912	9	36	8	1
October 1, 1912, to September 30, 1914	*11	14	17	

* In three of these cases the crime was committed before April, 1913, when the new law went into effect.

STATE PENITENTIARY

Walla Walla, Wash., February 17, 1915.

Mr. Maynard Shipley,
1612 California Street,
Everett, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, I am enclosing herein a table prepared covering your request, in re-commitments to this institution for the last ten years, for the crimes of murder and manslaughter. I think you will find these tables interesting to sustain the points you are desiring to maintain as against the re-enactment of capital punishment in this state. You will note that the number of commitments for first degree murder during the years 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911 and 1912 were as many as during like proportional period since the repeal of the capital punishment act, which repeal became effective in April 1913. The table further shows that in both the second degree murder cases and manslaughter cases, the earlier records show more commitments proportionately than the last two years; in other words, the statistical tables do not afford any reason why the law should be re-enacted. Attention might also be directed to the fact that the population of the State is very much larger during the past two years than in the preceding years. If the commitment cases for first degree murder was figured against population on a percentage basis, it would show a decrease since the repeal of the capital punishment act.

My observation has been that a law authorizing capital punishment exercises no particular restraining effect, while on the other hand, it very often results in a miscarriage of justice by reason of juries failing to convict where such verdict means the execution of the defendant. I have no sentimental scruples against the death penalty, and have known many cases where I would even favor it, but we cannot have a law that will apply only to such cases as meets individual ideas of when it should be exercised. I agree with the statement made in your letter, that a law authorizing capital punishment so far as my observation has gone, has not proven necessary, or even conducive, to public safety. My objection to the capital punishment act is, that it is exceedingly expensive to the counties; too many results of mistrial; too many cases where the accused is entirely freed, where if it had not been for the proposed capital punishment, would have received some punishment; and that its presence on the statutes books has not proven itself to be a restraining influence superior to that of life imprisonment.

Answering your question as to whether or not convicts serving life sentences are less controllable than others, will say that the general opinion expressed at all penitentiaries is that life prisoners are, generally speaking, their best prisoners. It is fair to say, however, that there will always be found a small percentage of them who are vicious, desperate and dangerous, but a display of this attitude always brings them solitary confinement, which is so horrible in itself, that for their own comfort, they are thus restrained. If this was the main purpose of the law it could be enacted to apply to these specific cases.

I am, yours very truly,
HENRY DRUM,
Superintendent.

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SOCIALIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS, MARCH 7
8 P. M.—WELCOME.

STATE SENATE VOTES FOR GALLOWES
Bill Will Now Go to House
By a vote of 28 to 14 the state senate, last Monday (March 1) passed a bill repealing the anti-hangings law enacted by the 1913 legislature. The bill now goes to the house. It provides that the court be empowered to decide whether a convicted murderer be imprisoned for life or sentenced to

STRONG STAND TAKEN

THE SOCIALIST VIEW

INCREASED WORKERS' PAY

Plank 3 of the Socialist municipal platform demanded "abolition of the contract system on all public work." The idea in view was to gain higher pay for the wage-workers employed on public works. This has been accomplished by comrade Salter. Under the old contract system, day laborers were paid from \$2 to \$2.25 per day. Under the Socialist regime, the wage scale was raised to \$2.65, for an eight-hour day.

Incidentally, it so happens that this increase of wages was effected without any extra expense to Mr. Taxpayer. It was derived from what would have been paid by the city as profits to Mr. Contractor. Also incidentally, the quality of the work done has been pronounced by experts as superior to any done under the old plan.

While the Socialist commissioner of public works is not out to "save money for the taxpayers," it is nevertheless gratifying to be able to prove that when a Socialist is elected to office, he will see to it that a dollar spent for public improvements brings the desired results; by the elimination of waste, graft, or incompetency, rather than by forcing down wages to the minimum. Salter raised the wages, and still the "taxpayer" has no ground for complaint. But even if he had, what of it, so that we raise the wages? The Socialist party represents the wage earners; and their interests, under any circumstances, must be looked after first by any Socialist official.

PRaises Work Done BY DAY LABOR PLAN

(From Evening Herald)
According to the expert opinion of City Engineer Hoover a good day labor contract has been performed by Commissioner of Public Works Salter in grading and concreting the alley between Wetmore and Rockefeller avenues and from Hewitt avenue to California street.

Money has been saved taxpayers by Commissioner Salter's day labor paying job, for his figures, placed before the council today show that the work cost \$183 less than the one bidder offered and \$200 under the engineer's estimate.

The work was completed several days ago and was formally accepted by the city today. Commissioner Salter's report explained that the total cost of the grading and surfacing reached \$1,401.10; that the labor cost amounted to \$694.93 and work to the extent of \$324.25 was done by men regularly employed by the street department, "consequently," said Commissioner Salter's report, "the department should be credited with \$324.25."

the gallows. The bill provides that the death penalty be limited to murder in the first degree.

The present legislature being particularly reactionary, it will cause no surprise if the house also vote for restoration of capital punishment. In such an event, The Washington Socialist will see to it that the question be submitted to a referendum of "the people" at the next general election. As proved by the prison statistics published in this issue of the W. S., there is no reason why the gallows should be restored in Washington excepting Hon. Sharpstein's shears and his want of wisdom. The rack, the thumbscrew, the gallows, and Hon. Sharpstein should be relegated to the State University's museum of antiquities.

LOCAL EVERETT NO. 1 ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

Will Refuse to Fight Brother Workers Anywhere At Behest of Capitalists

WANT NATIONAL REFERENDUM ON THIS RESOLUTION

The One Way to End Wars

Adopting the suggestion made in the editorial columns of The Washington Socialist of February 4, the comrades of Local Everett No. 1 last Sunday evening unanimously adopted the resolution printed below. A motion to call for a national referendum on a similar resolution was also unanimously approved. It is hoped that every local in this state will second such a national resolution and also adopt the one below at their next meeting. This is the resolution that was unanimously adopted by the state convention of Michigan Socialists last week. Let not the radicals of Washington fall behind Michigan, or any other state, on this question of abolishing war without appeal to the master-class or their representatives in their congress!

THE RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Socialists of Europe are at this moment busily engaged in murdering one another for the benefit of their capitalist masters, with no possibility of gain to themselves; and

Whereas, This slaughtering of the workers by the workers for their masters is largely due to the lack of international solidarity and preparedness; and

Whereas, The Socialists of the United States may at any time be called upon to slaughter their brother wage-slaves elsewhere for the advancement of capitalist interests; therefore be it

Resolved by the members of Local Everett No. 1, Socialist party of Washington, that

In case of war between the capitalists of the United States and the capitalists of some other profit-mongering nation, we, the Socialists of Local Everett No. 1, do hereby agree: that we shall allow the said capitalists to patriotically do all the fighting and dying for THEIR country; and we do hereby offer this pledge to them, and to one another, as Socialists, that we will under no circumstances take up arms in defense of THEIR country, nor will we bear arms in an aggressive move on the country of any of their fellow capitalists, of Europe or elsewhere, leaving the defense of all privately-owned land, buildings and machinery to their patriotic owners, who have "a legal right to do what they please with their own property."

Furthermore, be it resolved, that in case we, the Socialists, are forced to take up arms, WE HEREBY AGREE TO USE SAID ARMS WHOLLY IN SELF-DEFENSE, CONSIDERING AS OUR ENEMIES ONLY THOSE WHO ROB US OF THE PRODUCTS OF OUR TOIL, OR WHO ATTACK US PERSONALLY TO DO US BODILY HARM OR TO DEPRIVE US OF LIBERTY.

We stand too much in awe of forms. As man was not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath for man, so we were not made for our form of government, but our form of government for us. If we change, it must be changed to fit us.

The cause combated for is yours; the efforts and sacrifices made to win it ought, therefore, to be yours.—Mazzini.

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

NORTH YAKIMA NEWS

Editor Washington Socialist:
Our Kirkpatrick meeting was a great success, excepting that our hall proved to be too small, and we had to turn many people away.

An effort to entice young men to join the state militia here is proving very disappointing to the employing class. They are advertising in papers, stores and street cars; also they are proposing to give credits for militia work in the high school.

A real estate man has a sign in his window here reading: Wanted, ranch help, \$15 per month, but for goodness sake don't tell any of the slaves in Everett about it.

Petitioning congress (American Socialist style) to do anything for the working people is about as inconsistent as President Wilson's prayer for peace.

Yours in revolt,
ED. MAURER.

26 NEW MEMBERS!

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 26, 1915.

Dear Editor:
Our local met at comrade Squire's home last Sunday, and admitted 26 new members. This is the work of our lady comrades, Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Ronald and Mrs. Sulak. The comrades all thank them many times for their good and faithful work. We expect many more new members at our next meeting. Now if this local can make a gain like this in less than two weeks, why can't others do the same? So get busy, comrades, and watch our party grow. We are all doing our best to make Kirkpatrick's meeting a grand success. We expect a good turnout, and to derive much benefit out of this meeting.

We have decided to enter the school election here, and have nominated Mrs. Lee Squires for director. Now, comrades, may I make one suggestion: if any of you are so afflicted (which I hope you are not), as to be so childish, and so jealous, that you are afraid some comrade will hand another a bouquet, or mention his name in some way, for God's sake get rid of such an idea. For you can never get any place with an idea like that in your head.

Remember, we are all working for each other's good, and should always practice brotherly love to its fullest extent. Don't ever hold malice against a comrade; and if you have any little thing against him, forget it, and whatever you do, don't bring it to the local with you. Do your part as a comrade should, and don't complain to others about it. Remember, we are all of the same class, and should help each other all we can. Let us forget our little differences and unite as one, for "United we stand, divided we fall."
Yours for Socialism,
O. E. DYE, Secy.

HUSTLERS FOR THE PAPER

The following sent in subscriptions last week to The Washington Socialist. The figures at head of columns represent the number of months for which the subscriptions are paid, and the figures in the columns are the number of subs. for that period:

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EVERETT Y. P. S. L. NOTES

Comrade Ellen Moore invited the league members to a house party last Saturday. About 60 attended and they had an enjoyable time.

Comrade Wilford Dougherty has been appointed financial treasurer in the place of Frank Roeder, who resigned because his boss needed most of his time.

Young ladies! Please show up at the meetings. We would so much enjoy your company.

As soon as the Shipley lectures are over we are going to have a "mock trial" and a "mock marriage." Lots of fun.

The members of the study class are to hold a debate next Monday. On the following subject, "Resolved, That Militarism Is Necessary Under the Present System."

The Y. P. S. L. of Sweden gained 1,500 new members during the past year and now numbers over 8,000.

A full line of staple groceries and Scandinavian specialties, new goods just arrived, at Eidem's Grocery, 270 Lombard. Phone 477X.

CORDIAL INVITATION!

Will Dedicate New Hall At Lakewood

Arlington, Feb. 25, 1915.

Local Everett, Comrades:

You are cordially invited to assist Local Lakewood in dedicating their new hall, at Lakewood, Sunday, March 14, 1915. Take the 9:10 o'clock a. m. train on the Great Northern to English. You can return at 4:50 p. m. The hall is only a few feet from the station.

We have secured comrade L. E. Katterfeld as one of the speakers. Arlington, Trafton, Sylvana and Bryant have been invited.

We are only 13 members, but will do all we can to have a good time.

Hoping to meet you, one and all, we remain, yours for the Socialist revolution,
CHAS. ROTH,
Secy. Local Lakewood.

GOING SOME!

Local Otalla's Dance of February 20 resulted as follows: Gross receipts \$98.50 net \$39.20. This sum will be used mostly for flooding the community with Socialist papers. By this means we hope to keep this banner Socialist precinct in the state, besides it is quite a scheme for making Mr. Henry Dubb pay for his own economic education. J. C. MCKEE.

W. S. APPROVED

Outlook, Wash., Feb. 21, 1915.

Editor Washington Socialist:
You are saying so many good things lately I can't refrain from writing you a few lines.

Right you are in your refusal to petition President Wilson or any one else in power to lighten the burdens of labor. Neither he or any one else in power was elected for any such purpose. Neither are the members of the Washington legislature "traitors." Fools they may be, elected by those who are venal or ignorant. Not one of them has any brief to defend the working class. All the working class candidates were defeated at the last election in this state.

A good many reformers are setting up a howl because the legislators are reactionary.

For my part I say go to it and repeal all so-called reform measures, cripple the primary law and the initiative and referendum law if you dare, or so please, the people have so voted at the last election. I want to see the powers that be do something which will compel the working class to unite on a radical platform knowing no religion, color or nativity—knowing only Socialism and solidarity. Yours for a revolution,
WALTER PRICE,
Farmer and Agitator.

NEWS FROM EDMONDS

Edmonds, Wn., Feb. 23, 1915.

Dear comrades and readers of The Washington Socialist:

Politics are taking on new life in Edmonds, and vicinity with the coming of school election. Parties and factions seem to be filled with the spirit of spring; judging by the keen interest and enthusiasm of each.

There are two factions known as the Dorgan and anti-Dorgan, of which the superintendent is the bone of contention.

The former argue that the district cannot get along without him (the present superintendent) and the latter seem to think that he has outlived his usefulness.

With the district laboring under a \$27,000 debt both factions are asking for votes on the platform of "honesty and efficiency."

Last, but we hope not least, comes that ever growing Socialist party that has for its slogan the World for the Workers and as one of the campaign commitments said: "We do not care for capitalistic honesty and efficiency, we want something that is good for the people that work. We want real education by teachers that are educated."

WALTER RRECE,
Press Com. Local Edmonds.

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"HAS TRUE RING OF SCIENTIFIC ECONOMICS"

Charleston, Wn., Feb. 21, 1915.

Maynard Shipley, Editor Washington Socialist, Everett, Wash.

Comrade: Have noted the analysis you gave on the farmer's connection with the working class movement. It has the true ring of scientific economics, and the courage to state the truth in these times of political degeneracy is certainly admirable. If we ever get free it will be through the truth. Not likely otherwise.

There are indications that this country expects that it may become involved in the European slaughter. If some handy man will only touch a match,—that is about all that is necessary now. There are powerful forces in this country that want to get into the mix up. There would be big money in it for them.

Yours in revolt,
PROLETARIA BILL.

ARLINGTON COMRADES NOTICE!

Local Arlington now meets Wednesday evening instead of Monday evening.
MRS. F. L. PINETTE,
Secretary.

CROWDED OUT!

County secretary's report will appear in next week's issue. Conditions unfavorable for publication this week.
EDITOR.

ENDORSES VIEW OF WASHINGTON SOCIALIST

The (Marxian) Santa Cruz Free Press joins the Washington Socialist in protesting against the reform dope sent out by our national office's "Party Press Service." In the current issue, our southern contemporary quotes the Washington Socialist editorially in full, declaring that it "voices our views exactly."

With a few more such protests from the "Party Press," the "Service" of brother Engdahl and comrade Thompson will become more Socialist.

THEY SHOT AT YOU!

(Soc. Party Press Service)
Every shot fired at workers on strike is a shot fired at you. Every drop of blood shed in the cause of labor is blood shed for you. Every life lost in the struggle of toil has been martyred that you and yours might live.

It was thought that capitalism had done its worst at the massacre of the women and babes at Ludlow, Colo. The conservative, capitalist New York Tribune tells us that we are mistaken. The Tribune declares that the slaughter of the striking fertilizer workers at Chrome, N. J., just a few days ago was "Worse than the Ludlow battle in the Colorado strike."

But a few hours after the Chicago police had turned their guns on a parade of jobless men and women, protesting against their hunger and nakedness, a gang of hired gunmen, assassins no less legalized, turn loose a hail of deadly bullets on a gathering of striking workers at Chrome, New Jersey.

All escaped bodily injury in the murderous attack at Chicago. But 22 were sent to jail. Not so easily did the workers escape the penalty for asserting their rights at Chrome, N. J. There one striker fell martyr to the cause of Labor, four were fatally wounded, 11 others less seriously injured.

The ink had hardly dried on the United States Supreme Court decision upholding the assessing of \$252,130 in damages against the 200 Danbury, Conn., members of the Hatter's Union, when the courts of Arkansas levied fines of \$500 and \$1,000 and jail sentences against seven members of the United Mine Workers of America, growing out of the miners' strike in that state. Among the Arkansas miners who thus suffered the wrath of capitalist law was Fred Holt, recent Socialist candidate for governor of Oklahoma. In the meantime the struggle in eastern Ohio rages on.

It may be your turn. You may be the next victim. When the public would-be murderers of Chicago shot at the parading jobless they shot at you. When the private murderers of Chrome, N. J., did their work of death the blood spilled was not the blood alone of a few workers. It was the blood of the entire working class.

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Militia have been sent into the mining district of Farmington, W. Va., where a strike is on. The whole mining population of West Virginia is on the verge of revolt.

Bradstreet reports 538 failures in the United States last week, 435 the previous week and 316 a year ago.

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The state government of Denmark has confiscated every sack of imported flour in the country.

The opposition to the war within the German social democracy is growing and the anti-war party is gaining control of the official papers, according to Socialist papers now arriving in this country.

The Socialist party of Paris have been demanding "the complete expropriation of the rent of all persons mobilized, unemployed or partially unemployed during the war and for the year following the signing of the treaty of peace, and that all other rents be reduced 50 per cent during the war and 33 per cent for the year following the war."

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We were not only instructed, but sent away with a better appreciation of the Almighty God, who is the maker of it all. The views were excellent and helped to a longer memory of so pleasant an evening. Any organization looking for a novel and helpful, instructive entertainment, will make no mistake in giving Professor Shipley a hearing.

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F. H. MAAR, Pastor,
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SHOULD SHOOT THEIR OFFICERS AND GO HOME

BERNARD SHAW PROPOSES THIS TO END WAR

By CARL ULONSKA
England's war promoters have become alarmed at George Bernard Shaw's writings regarding England's position in the present war. The British press has given prominent space to his unique proposals to end the war and in one of London's leading dailies he writes: "The junker caste of Germany is no better, no worse, than the junker caste of England. Commanding troops is the only aristocratic profession. The German people hate the military caste as do the English people—and for the same reasons. In both armies the soldiers should shoot their officers and go home, the agriculturist to his land and the townsman to his painting and glazing! England and Germany are a couple of extremely quarrelsome dogs gripped in a bitter determination to do a rival incurable mischief. Each has the same pretension to naval or military supremacy, the same instinct for empire, the same creed of force and of arrogant hypocrisy."

Government Officials in Awkward Position.

In his volleys of ridicule and sarcasm against his government and her position in the war the famous dramatist is quite safe. The government has so long looked upon the author of Fanny's First Play as a mere joke and has attempted to heap ridicule upon him by ignoring his scathing criticism of the British government and now, in times when the war spirit must be kept at its highest pitch, the government cannot well afford to have even the man whom she has regarded a harmless iconoclast heap his ridicule and satire upon her efforts and so is placed in an extremely awkward position. Government officials will either continue to allow Shaw to write his anti-war articles and pretend to regard them as jokes or suppress them as reasonable but if it considers his writings seriously at this time then the greater part of George's sarcastic schrapnel against his government will have to be taken in the same light.

Shaw Courageous, Says New Republic.

"Bernard Shaw's comments on the war may be wrong, his proposals inadvisable, his judgment inadequate, but their value is unimpeachable," so says the New Republic in a recent issue. While not exactly approving the feasibility of Shaw's proposals and even hints that they may be impracticable the Republican adds: "Surely he is possessed of a remarkable courage—few understand what it means to write as he has written. After years of ridicule he has won real fame."

SOCIALISTS OF MICHIGAN TAKE ANTI-WAR PLEDGE

They Move to Refuse to Take Arms in Event of Capitalistic War.

(From The New York Call)
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 21.—At the state convention of the party here Saturday, Michigan Socialists pledged themselves in no case to take up arms in the event of war "between the capitalists of the United States and the capitalists of any other profit-mongering nation."

According to the resolutions, the Socialists refuse to participate in any aggressive attack upon any other nation and assert that only those who "rob us of the products of our toil, who attack us personally or seek to deprive us of our liberty," are to be considered enemies.

The following slate was named: Supreme court justices, James McFarland, Flint and John Alexander, Kalamazoo; regents of the university, M. V. Breitmeyer, Jackson, and Mrs. Anna Lockwood, Kalamazoo; superintendent of public instruction, William G. Witt, Detroit; member state board of education, J. M. Carrier, Petoskey; members state board of agriculture, J. J. Palmer, Traverse City, and George W. Eldridge, Cadillac.

About 100 Socialists from all over Michigan were present.

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THE PLANET MARS AND ITS CANALS

Is This Star Inhabited?

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"STATE SOCIALISM" A MISNOMER

BEYOND THE STATE

By GEO. D. HERRON
Nor is it correct to speak of these extensions of governmental centralization and control as State Socialism. There is—there can be—no such thing. There can be a state capitalism; and, through the use of the state organ, there can be a Capitalist Absolutism, harsher and more destructive to the total man than any political or military despotism of the past. But a state socialism cannot be, any more than there can be a black whiteness or a white blackness. And when of State Socialism we speak, we utter a contradiction of terms. Socialism, by its very establishment, is the negation of the capitalist state. Socialism is the mutual participation of all, not only in labor and its fruits, but in the organization and direction of society. It reaches beyond anything contemplated by even political democracy; and the name of democracy itself may have to be abandoned, because of the debased and banal usage to which it has been subjected.

Regardless of whether its forms and phrases be monarchical or democratic, the capitalist political state is the organized violence of the possessing class toward the dispossessed proletariat. Its governments, under whatever name they govern, are the organization of political and economic crime. Its wars are the sanctioned murder of the body; its peace is the murder of the soul. The capitalist state exists for the repression and vilification of man, and for the protection and glorification of property. And when the capitalist form of property is ended, when the private appropriation of social production is no more, then the thing for which the capitalist state exists is ended also; and the conception of society as a political organization is relegated to the rubbish heap of history. For the world ceases to be political as fast as it becomes social; as mankind becomes co-operative, it ceases to govern, to be governed, or to need governing; as fellowship prevails, coercive powers of every kind pass away. Under Socialism, the state, as we know it, will be out of employment; there will be nothing for it to do; most of its functions will no longer exist; its offices will have atrophied from disuse; its police powers will have become a pestilence of the past.

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SOMEWHAT PEEVED

Discussion of National Issues Prerogative of Eastern "Leaders"

LEAVE IT TO SUPPORTERS OF NATIONAL OFFICE

"Ambitious amateurs should remember that great journalists begin as cub reporters writing society notes and other local 'stuff' and so worked their way up to the big questions by degrees. . . . It would really be laughable, were it not so serious, to see how local writers attack national questions through the columns of their local weekly AS THOUGH THEY WERE THE COURT OF LAST APPEAL. (Italics ours, Editor.) . . . It would seem that they are trying to put the Appeal, the American Socialist and our other national publications in the shade."

—Wilbur Sheron, in Socialist Party Weekly Press Service, for the national office. The article was marked "Not for publication."

No, brother Sheron's contribution to the weekly Press Service,—it never contains any "news,"—was "not for publication." It was intended as a slap on the wrist for editors who dared to raise a voice on "national issues" in opposition to the "great journalists" of the East—"great journalists" like Carl D. Thompson, J. L. Engdahl, Wilbur Sheron, and recognized authorities and leaders, such as they who rushed into the lime light the second week of their entry into the party, and have been graciously bathed therein ever since, until these self-advertisers have come to believe that their "leadership" is synonymous with Socialist success—at the polls. And maybe it is. If so, let us have less of such "success"—at the polls, and more strength in our party councils and in our party press.

"COURT OF LAST APPEAL"

And did you notice, patient reader, that reference to the "court of last appeal?" Get this; how laughable it is; that any editor not under the domination of the national office (holders) should presume to question the wisdom of our professional Socialists in the East, and offer a comment or recommendation of his own,—get this,—"as though THEY (the "ambitious amateurs") were the court of last appeal." It is laughable. We "cub reporters" of the West should leave it to the reverends and esquires of the East—leave it to the National Office News (?) Service; and ALSO a proposed "holier-plate" service prepared by the "great journalists" of the get-the-votes variety, under supervision of the honorable statesman aforementioned. And let us have the honorable reverend ex-Mayor Lunn on the staff, so that we may become imbued with and inured to "The new and more exalted uses that are to be developed for the national spirit, and the more adequate appreciation of American tradition by the Socialists of America." (Maybe that wond land a few Bull Moose votes within the columns of the Socialist party election returns!)

UMBRAGEOUS

"In other words it would seem that they are trying to put the Appeal, the American Socialist and our other national publications in the shade."—Sheron. Now, brother Sheron, we unadvised editors who have not been approved and labeled by the "leaders" East really do not wish to cast any umbrage on the National Socialist, nor have the Appeal put in the shadow of The Washington Socialist. We were simply naively, cubly, ignorant of the fact that the "great journalists" of these publications were the "court of last appeal" on party tactics and Socialist principles. Now that you have shown us our place in the movement, we will humbly limit our editorial pages of The Washington Socialist to cubly writing up "society news," "local stuff," censored boiler plate, etc. As you say, it is "laughable" to see "how local writers attack national questions through the columns of their local weekly as though they were the court of last appeal," when the American Socialist and the Appeal constitute the said court.

MICHIGAN SOCIALISTS NEED CALLING DOWN

State Convention Indorses Proposal of Washington Socialist Editorial

Unmindful of the "great journalists" of the East, not knowing, apparently, who constitute the "court of last appeal," the Socialist party of Michigan, in convention assembled, drew up resolutions last week, based upon an editorial in The Washington Socialist of February 4, pledging themselves in no case to take up arms in the event of war "between the capitalists of the United States and the capitalists of any other profit-mongering nation."

The editorial referred to, headed "Disarmament Bunk," was written in opposition to the report of the peace committee of the Socialist party, recommending partial disarmament, a la Roosevelt; also we took exception to the minority report of May Wood-Simons, in which Socialists are to urge the capitalist-class to abolish armament entirely.

We called attention to the fact that the only "disarmament" that real Socialists could be interested in was abolition of nationalism and petty bourgeois patriotism in the brain of the worker—the only real citadel of capitalism that needs to be disarmed. Arms are useless without an army—the army of the workers to kill and be killed—for the capitalist class of the world. There is but one impregnable fortress—CLASS-CONSCIOUS INTERNATIONALISM! There is but one kind of patriotism that can help the workers—but one effective weapon of defense and offense—CLASS-CONSCIOUS SOLIDARITY!

THE ONE GREAT ISSUE

The one supreme issue before the Socialists of the world today is Nationalism versus Internationalism, National Democratization of Industries and International Democratization of Industries. The Washington Socialist is for INTERNATIONALISM from start to finish, knowing full well that there can be no end of wars so long as the workers are divided by national patriotism, national industrial competition, or anything that puts country before class.

OUR RESOLUTION

We reprint below the resolution offered in these columns on February 4, and which was adopted by the Socialists of Michigan February 20, at their state convention, met in Grand Rapids:

In case of war between the capitalists of the United States and the capitalists of some other profit-mongering nation, we, the Socialists of the United States, do hereby agree: that we shall allow the said capitalists to patriotically do all the fighting and dying for THEIR country; and we do hereby offer this pledge to them, and to one another, as Socialists, that we will under no circumstances take up arms in defense of THEIR country, nor will we bear arms in an aggressive move on the country of any of their fellow capitalists, of Europe or elsewhere, leaving the defense of all privately-owned land, buildings and machinery to their patriotic owners, who have "a legal right to do what they please with their own property."

Furthermore, be it resolved, that in case we, the Socialists, are forced to take up arms, WE HEREBY AGREE TO USE SAID ARMS WHOLLY IN SELF-DEFENSE, CONSIDERING AS OUR ENEMIES ONLY THOSE WHO ROB US OF THE PRODUCTS OF OUR TOIL, OR WHO ATTACK US PERSONALLY TO DO US BODILY HARM OR TO DEPRIVE US OF LIBERTY.

If the Reds of Michigan preferred to accept the proposal of The Washington Socialist, regarding militarism instead of the Bull Moose resolution of the national office, or the "peace plans" of the "great journalists" of the American Socialist, or the Appeal, "and other national papers," it is no fault of our cubness.

THE SOCIAL CONCEPT AND SOCIAL CONSCIENCE

Comrade W. H. Stackhouse, of Centralia, wants to know what we can make out of the bourgeois phrases "social concept" and "social conscience." He can't see why they should be employed by Socialists.

No well-grounded Socialist uses such misleading terms. They go with "the people," and they go down with "Socialists" who are keen for "our American traditions," and "the principles of our forefathers," etc.

There can be no "social conscience," or "social concept" in a class-divided society, such as ours. The "social conscience" of "the better class" does not hurt them when they rob the workers of their products, and their "social concept" sweepingly and graciously includes wage-slavery and capitalist-class rule, tempered with charity and shrapnel. Such terms are useful to the ruling-class in their work of obscuring the horrors of the ever-present class struggle.

HOW GERMAN COMRADES ARE HYPNOTIZED

Letter Which Explains Many Things

There is much difference of opinion among the more studious and thoughtful comrades, both in this country and elsewhere, as to how much excuse there is for Socialists murdering one another at the behests of their capitalist masters—"for the flag."

It has been said that the Socialists of Germany were forced into the fray, and that the comrades of Belgium and France can not be blamed for resisting the invasion of "the German horde"—whatever that is. We shall not attempt to settle this question by argumentation in these columns. Our space is as limited as is the average reader's patience with "long articles."

What we wish to do now is merely to introduce a most illuminating letter, written by a "comrade" in Los Angeles. It is more instructive in itself, to one who reads it thoughtfully, than several volumes of learned discussion. It is a living document, furnishing, as we see it, proof positive of the utter folly of trying to organize a real Socialist organization on an opportunistic, vote-catching, number-increasing basis.

The letter following was written by a Red Card man who is no more of a Socialist than is Colonel Roosevelt, or Mr. Henry Ford. And our party is full of "Socialists" of his kind. Imagine, then, what manner of "Socialists" constitute the four and a half millions of German Social-Democrats! Can we wonder, after reading such a letter, why comrades Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxembourg stand alone out of the "great German movement?"

And, comrades, we have thousands of such patriots within our ranks, counted as "Socialists," who would turn on us at a moment's notice, in defense of their imaginary fatherland, or "the flag." All of which emphasizes the necessity for a radical reorganization of the national,—as well as the international,—Socialist movement, on a class basis. Here is the aforementioned, self-explanatory letter:

MORE EXALTED USES FOR NATIONAL SPIRIT

Theme of Ex-Mayor Lunn

Predicts New Vision for American Socialists When Big War Is Ended

In a "special" to The New York Call, from Boston, ex-Mayor George R. Lunn, of Schenectady, is quoted as saying, in an interview, that "the lesson the European war would undoubtedly bring for American Socialists would be the new and more exalted uses that were to be developed for the national spirit, and the more adequate appreciation of American tradition by the Socialists of America."

He spoke especially of the change of emphasis that would, in all probability, characterize Socialist doctrine in consequence.

The Socialist ex-mayor of Schenectady had been addressing the Boston School of Social Science on "Socialism and the New Patriotism." Also, the Rev. Lunn spoke at Harvard university, before the Socialist club, the subject of Socialism's stand on militarism was discussed. And at the Institute of Technology, where a thriving chapter is springing into prominence, he gave a telling address on the relation of the technical expert upon his own experience as a mediator in labor conflicts in the skilled industries of Schenectady.

No doubt this "special" to the Call was eagerly read by comrade Morris Hillquit, who is reported to have stated that "a man has a nationality before he has a class."

Are we to have, in the near future, a division of the sheep from the goats on this promised "change of emphasis" that will "characterize Socialist doctrine?" If a clear-cut division of the Socialist party shall take place on the "uses" that are "to be developed for the national spirit," and "the more adequate appreciation of American tradition," the great European catastrophe will not, after all, have been wholly in vain. We shall then learn, at least, how few real, class-conscious, internationalists there are among "the leaders" of the Socialist party in this country.

The need for a closer solidarity of real Reds in this country was never more apparent than right now. Let us see to it that the genuine "international" does not "collapse."

The American "patriot" wage-slave has no rights which the police department, or the masters' private gun-men, are bound to respect.

The United States postmaster general, or one of his subordinates, has as much power over the American press as has the Tzar of Russia over his subjects.

EXPLAINING WHY WORKERS WAGE WAR ON ONE ANOTHER

And Why Closer Organization Is Now Imperative

"UNCALLED-FOR CRITICISM" SAYS ENGELDRUM

To the Editor:

Much unjust and uncalled-for criticism is made of the German Socialists, because, contrary to the anti-military principle of their political party, the Socialists of Germany are today, to a man, fighting in the armies of their country for their fatherland. Invariably, this adverse criticism comes from two sources—the ignorant and unthinking and the pro-allied sentimentalists.

On the moment's intelligent reflection, without bias or prejudice, it must be seen that not only is criticism of the military activity of the German Socialists, unjust and unfair, but that, on the contrary, such activity is both commendable, patriotic and heroic. Under the existing conditions in which their country—"their fatherland"—is placed, I submit that, first and above all, in the estimation of every thinking and worth-while man—and for that matter, woman also—comes the consideration of race; secondly, that of nation; third and last in relative importance, enters the question of political party. From this, the natural and logical point of view, have the German Socialists acted, promptly and vigorously, so that today, every mother's son of those who subscribe and believe in the Socialists' economic principles, is vigorously defending his race, his nation and his political institution; to the end that he, the painstaking and thoroughgoing German may solve, in his own way, and in his own time, work out for himself his political and industrial problems.

I want to ask why is it, that those who criticize the German Socialists for their military activity, do not likewise, criticize the Socialists who are fighting in the ranks of the allies? For there are many of that political faith in England, in France, in Belgium, and even a few in Russia. Is such partisan criticism due to the thoughtlessness, ignorance, or hatred? Let those who are so sensed, answer the question.

No, indeed. The position taken by the Socialists of Germany is unassailable. "Blood is thicker than water," and there are some things even worse than war. In proof thereof, let me ask another question: What would the Socialists or the members of any political party here in the United States, do, if our country, their country, were engaged in war with a foreign nation? To even ask the question, is, I take it, a reflection on every man in the United States. The answer to the question in regard to this country, is the answer to the position taken by the Socialists of Germany.

Those who are imbued with the cause of Socialism, need not worry, for, as soon as the war is over and Germany is successful, the Socialists there will again take up the political industrial problems in their own way, and will be heard from in no uncertain manner. It is not a far-fetched thought to predict that in a few years after the close of the war, in the event that Germany is successful, that that country will be a republic—not in name only, but in fact and in truth, and should the German emperor live to that day, he will, in all probability, be elected the first president of the United States of Germany.

Unstinted credit and support should be given by the Germans everywhere, to the German nation, which is so sorely pressed at this time, by enemies on all sides; for the reason that the stigma of defeat may not be theirs or their descendants, for it is a matter of recorded history that the Teuton race, of which every German is a descendant, never was conquered.

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OUR ANSWER TO "COMRADE" ENGLERDUM

In answer to "comrade" Engledrum's question as to "What would the Socialists (of the United States) do if our country, their country (?) were engaged in war with a foreign nation?" we call his attention to our editorial of February 4th, and its adoption by the Socialist party of Michigan in convention assembled; also its adoption by our own Local, Everett No. 1.

It may be, as brother Engledrum asserts, that "the Teuton race" has never been conquered; but there is one thing indisputable, and that is that "every German" wage-slave who whoops it up for his Teutonic masters, and kills his brother wage-slave of any other "race," is mentally, if not racially, "conquered" by his own Teutonic bosses. The same holds true, of course, with reference to "patriot" wage-slaves among the allies. And we do not expect the Belgians.

What difference does it make to

HERE IS THE ISSUE; WHAT HILLQUIT SAID

(From the New Review.) SOME NEW "SOCIALIST" PRINCIPLES

The representative of the American Socialist party to the International Socialist Bureau, Morris Hillquit, has formulated and published some new principles that are worthy of attention:

1. The recent history of Socialist parties is not to be discussed; it is our duty to keep the curtain down on these chapters. Authority: lecture in Cooper Union on November 19th reported by the friendly New York Call as follows:

"To call the stand of the German or any other Socialist cowardly or unwise," Hillquit said, "or to discuss what they did do is as silly as to discuss what might have happened if Napoleon had been born a hunchback. We are standing in the presence of history. Such speculations may be interesting to indulge in, but they are without basis and lead nowhere."

2. Socialists should be proud of the fact that they can no longer be called unpatriotic. Authority: lecture in Cooper Union on November 23rd, as follows:

"The German Socialists were designated by the kaiser himself as Vaterlandslose Gesellen. And the French rulers made the same complaint against the French Socialists. Our European comrades have at last shown conclusively that they have fatherlands."

3. The struggle between nations has an even more solid foundation than the struggle between classes, and the struggle between nations should and must be given the right of way. Authority: The first lecture quoted, as follows:

"If there is anything the war can teach us," the speaker went on. "It is that when national interest comes into conflict with any other, even class interest, it will be the stronger. National feeling stands for existence primarily, for the chance to earn a livelihood. It stands for everything we hold dear—homes, language, family and friends. The workman has a country as well as a class. Even before he has a class."

The Washington Socialist holds just the opposite opinion; namely, that class feeling is essential to the workman's progress and safety, to the preservation of his home, and the chance to earn a living; and that the workman has a class and no country. All "civilized" countries belong to and are ruled by the ruling class at the expense of the working class. The workman has his country yet to win. He can do this only through his class.

WORKING-CLASS PATRIOTISM

I make no war upon patriotism. But against the patriotism of capitalism—the patriotism which makes the interest of the capitalist class the supreme test of duty and right—I place the patriotism of the working class, the patriotism which judges every public act by its effect upon the fortunes of those who toil. That which is good for the working class I esteem patriotic, but that party or movement is the most perfect embodiment of patriotism which most successfully works for the conquest by the working class of the control of the destinies of the land wherein they labor.

To me, therefore, the Socialist of another country is a fellow patriot, as the capitalist of my own country is a natural enemy. I regard each nation as the possessor of a definite contribution to the common stock of civilization, and I regard the capitalist class of each nation as being the logical and natural enemy of the national culture which constitutes that definite contribution.

Therefore, the stronger I am in my affection for national tradition, literature, language and sympathies, the more firmly rooted I am in my opposition to that capitalist class which in its soulless lust for power and gold would braze the nations as in a mortar.—James Conolly.

The American working-class are treated with more contempt, brutality and cold-blooded heartlessness than is any other wage-slave element in the world, when the boundless natural resources of the United States and the colossal national wealth are considered. And they gratefully and patriotically stand for it!

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the wage-slave, anywhere, as to whether he is ruled and robbed (and police-clubbed if the bosses so decide) by a German exploiter, a French bourgeois, a Belgian wage-slave driver, a good old Ludlow Yankee, or a Home-stead "patriot"? "THE war is the class war!"

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