A strong and brutal power, organizing for the last 50 years, is now threatening the world. This power has crushed Belgium and Serbia and has split up and dishonored Russia, which only recently freed itself from the yoke of its own tyrants through a bloody struggle, and which finds itself now in the poisoned clutches of Prussian militarism.

France, England, and our own country, the freest countries in the world, are now also threatened by the danger of the same infernal lust of the Kaiser for world domination.

As Socialists, we should be among the first ones to support our country in the fight for the idealistic peace program proposed by President Wilson, a peace program that was adopted by all liberty loving people of the world.

A year ago when I sent a cable to Russia warning against a separate peace with Germany, my district on the East Side considered my action as one of treason to Socialism. Now, however, everybody realizes what the separate peace led to.

I hope that before another year passes the world will be at peace, based on the principles formulated by President Wilson.