

The Crisis

By RALPH KORNGOLD. THIS IS a time for clear thinking and plain, deliberate speaking. We must not allow ourselves to become excited or confused. We are now confronted with the same kind of situation that the Socialists of Europe were confronted with some two and a half years ago. There is no denying the fact that the Socialists of Europe failed to meet expectations.

Cost of Investigating High Cost Of Living Comes High

By LUCIEN SAINT. WASHINGTON—Now along come the Democrats and want \$200,000—only \$200,000—to investigate the High Cost of Living! When the Democrats came into power four years ago, they promised to reduce the H. C. of L. by reducing the tariff. They reduced the tariff exactly as they desired—but the cost of living did not come down with it. Instead, it rose. It has risen. It is rising.

Socialists At Work

NOTE—What are the Socialists doing in your city county or state? The editor of this column wants to know. Send in the news about your activities. Send in a made-up column to local secretaries, state secretaries and other officials of the party. Send all communications to the Editor, "Socialists At Work" Column, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Navalists Has Cost Us 3 Billions In 34 Years

When the current naval appropriation bill passed Congress, the United States will have spent more than three billion dollars on its navy during the thirty-four years ending with 1917. The exact figures, including the year 1916, are \$2,737,324,695.02. The bill now before Congress carries \$351,453,245.07, making a grand total of \$3,088,777,940.09.

War Madness

By JOSEPH E. COHEN. War madness is not a simple thing. It is madness indeed among those who, having all to lose and nothing to gain, go off to kill or be killed, at the behest of others who do none of the fighting but remain behind to glean the profits from war loans, contracts and commercial expansion.

A Clean Knockout

By JOHN M. WORK. SO MANY things stop short of the whole truth. For instance, a novel tells you that they got married, but it does not tell you that they fought like cats and dogs ever after.

MAURER CHAMPIONS BILL TO PENON PERSONS OVER 60

James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor and Socialist member of the Legislature, has introduced an old age assistance bill, giving \$5 weekly to all persons more than 60 years of age who are unable to work and without means to live.

DEMAND CONVICT MADE GOODS IN WISCONSIN BE LABELLED.

Despise opposition by the Socialist members, the county board of supervisors voted for a resolution putting the demand on record against all pending in the Legislature requiring that all goods manufactured in State prisons bear the label "Convict made".

THE ACTION OF PRESIDENT WILSON IN BRINGING THE COUNTRY TO THE VERGE OF WAR ON THIS ISSUE IS, THEREFORE, NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, BUT IN THE INTEREST OF A SMALL GROUP OF POWERFUL CAPITALISTS WHO ARE THE WORST ENEMIES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I DO not mean that the president is knowingly working against the best interests of the people. I have a high regard for Woodrow Wilson as a man. The United States has had a few presidents who were more essentially democratic, whose sympathies have been more strongly with the underdog.

YIPSEL NEWS.

An immediate result of the enthusiasm stirred up by the National Socialist League is that great volume of news sent into this office by the contestants. It's a good thing, but if the craze of leaving out something in the name of the league has not yet been committed we ask that the Yipsels be indulgent.

ACTIVE AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

Reports come from Kansas City, Mo., that the local there is running on high speed—more activity than for 10 years past. Lectures are held every Sunday in the party hall, with a special lecture once a month in one of the largest auditoriums in the city.

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