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# CONSCRIPT LOOT OF BLOOD PROFITEERS! Socialist demand sways congress!

HE VERY DAY that Congress declared war against Germany the Socialist Party met in an emergency national convention at St. Louis to consider war problems and the position which the Socialist Party should take regarding them.

The method for raising the vast revenues necessary to prosecute the war was one of the most vital questions considered by the convention.

The convention believed that the capitalist class thru its capitalist congress would undertake to exempt the rich from adequate taxation and throw the war burdens upon the working people by taxing the necessaries of life and by borrowing money from the money lords to be repaid with interest. Confronted with the war revenue problem, the Socialist convention adopted this declaration:

"We pledge ourselves to oppose with all our strength any attempt to raise money for payment of war expense by taxing the necessaries of life or issuing bonds which will put the burden upon future generations.

"We demand that the capitalist class, which is responsible for the war, pay its cost.

"Let those who kindled the fire furnish the fuel."

This declaration was overwhelmingly approved by a referendum vote of the Socialist party membership. It thus became the Party's official declaration regarding the method by which it believed Congress should raise the revenue to prosecute the war against Germany.

The Socialist demand that wealth be conscripted to pay for the war received large support in the United States Senate during the past week.

The war revenue bill as reported to the Senate by the majority of the finance committee tiptoed up to taking a paltry 27 per cent of the war profits which the war profiteers have extracted from the people, but hesitated to go further for fear increased tax exactions would "disturb business," The bill left the profiteers 73 per cent of their war profits on top of the normal profits, which are exceedingly large.

As soon as the bill approved by the majority of the finance committee came before the Senate, Senators La Follette of Wisconsin, Gronna of North Dakota, and Thomas of Colorado, submitted a minority report which insisted that the major part of the funds required for war purposes should be secured thru the conscription of war profits.

The Socialist demand as interpreted by La Follette, Gronna and Thomas immediately rallied strong support in the Senate. Johnson of California, Hollis of New Hampshire and Townsend of Michigan, made strong speeches in its favor.

Senator La Follette, who prepared the minority report recommending conscripting at least 80 per cent of the war profits, made the keynote speech in support of making the rich pay for the war. He said:

# Blood Profiteers Reaped \$730,983,235 Harvest

**During 1916; Outlook Even Better This Year** Figures shown are the net profits earned for the "blood profiteers" after deducting cost of materials, labor, depreciation, overhead, interest, reserve, amortization, and all other charges. All figures are official, having been taken from the companies' annual reports.

the companies' annual reports.			
1916	1915	1914	1913
American Can Co \$ 7.962.982	\$ 5,029,273	\$ 2,916,339,	\$ 4,376,173
American Smelting and Refining. 23,252,248	14,402,732	9,271,565	9,756,540
American Beet Sugar Company 2.445,189	1,424,654	452,074	881,055
American Hide and Leather 1.643.266	959,974	107,205	475,518
American Locomotive Company 10.769.429	*1.491.980	2,076,127	6,185,306
American Steel Foundries	*219,574	*231,481	1,033,592
American Woolen Company 5.863.819	4.080.865	2,788,602	*1,179,791
American Writing Paper Company, 2.524.378	*126,956	*108,310	*229,190
<b>ARMOUR &amp; COMPANY</b>	11,000,000	7,509,908	6,028,197
Atlas Powder Company 2.939.790	1,671,762	294,150	322,838
Baldwin Locomotive	2,827,816	350,230	4,017,800
BETHLEHEM STEEL CORP'T'N 43.593.968	17,762,813	5,590,020	5,122,703
Barret Co. (Amer. Coal Prod. Co.) 4.247.858	2,482,236	1,280,476	1,835,811
Brown Shoe Company 1.467.757	240,322	495,890	710,464
Central Leather Company	5,626,897	4,876,924	4,386,345
Colorado Fuel and Iron	*334,611	*905,968	1,727,192
Crucible Steel Company 13.223.655	3,073,750	1,015,039	4,905,886
Cuban-American Sugar Company. 8.235.113	5,594,048	2,705,723	356,887
E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS	, ,	, ,	
<b>POWDER CO 82.107.693</b>	57,257,308	4,831,793	4,582,075
General Chemical Company 12.286.826	5,958,746	2,857,898	2,809,442
Hercules Powder Company 16.658.873	4,886,102	1,247,255	1,017,212
International Agricultural Corp't'n 1.279.832	*160,022	84,980	*161,493
International Nickel 11.748.279	5,598,072	4,792,665	5,009,120
Lackawanna Steel Company 12.218.234	2,409,108	*1,652,444	2,755,883
MORRIS & COMPANY (packers). 3,832,213	2,321,415	2,205,672	1,916,997
National Enameling & Stamping Co. 2,417,803	913,742	548,756	761,274
New York Air Brake Company 8,214,962	1,343,285	641,046	654,512
PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION. 21.974.263	9,720,475	6,664,839	7,907,710
Pittsburgh Steel Company 4,564,068	858,160	416,551	1,193,669
Railway Steel Spring Company 3,710,805	1,363,229	374,454	1,121,660
Republic Iron and Steel Company. 14,789,163	3,515,819	1,028,748	3,101,300
Sloss-Sheffield Iron and Steel Co 1,912,624	522,388	490,139	678,466
SWIFT & COMPANY 20,465,000	14,087,500	9,450,000	9,250,000
Texas Oil Company 13,898,861	6,393,327	6,185,974	6,663,123
U. S. STEEL CORPORATION 271,531,730	75,833,833	23,496,768	81,216,985
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe 1,308,641	**381,387	*59,868	564,427
United Fruit Company 11,943,151	5,900,522	2,264,911	5,315,631
U. S. Industrial Alcohol 4,884,587	2,172,013	653,264	652,358
U. S. Smelt. Refining & Mining Co. 8,898,464	6,592,324	2,265,641	3,585,588
Westinghouse Air-Brake Co 9,396,103	1,575,839	3,482,994	5,255,259
Westinghouse Elec. & Man. Co 9,666,789	2,009,744	4,058,809	3,164,032
WILSON & CO. (packers) 4,913,873	2,463,732	<b>†1,511,528</b>	1,364,245
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amounting to several times \$400,000,000 every month in the increase of prices of everything they buy, which has resulted from this war.

"It makes little difference to a man with an income of \$25,000 or \$50,000 a year or more whether the prices of the necessaries of life are doubled or trebled, for but a small part of his income goes for the necessaries of life. But it is very different with the man whose income is a thousand or two or three thousand dollars a year. In either case his income is substantially all expended for necessaries according to his station in life.

"Double what he must pay for his necessaries, with no corresponding increase in his earnings, whether wages or salary, and he cannot meet his expenses. In most cases he was not able to buy more food or clothing before the war than was necessary for himself and his family according to his position in life, but if the prices of necessaries are doubled he cannot buy enough of even the plainest food and clothing, pay the rent and support his family in the station of life he occupied before.

"His whole manner of living is disorganized, his production decreased, and the government, in consequence, becomes the loser. Here is where the individual is called on for sacrifice, and it is precisely at this point that the government, not for philanthropic reasons, but to keep unimpaired its own strength and vigor, must see to it that the burden is made as light as possible.

# "Apply Conscription To Money", Urges La Follette

"Conscription is applied to men. Let it be applied to money. We owe it to the men marked for slaughter, to the homes already draped with the shadows of death, to take wealth as mercilessly by the power of taxation as we take men by the force of the draft.

"It is the history of all great wars that wealth has demanded the minimum of taxation and the maximum of loans, while the poorer classes have desired the maximum of taxation and the minimum of loans.

"The rich slackers prate of patriotism and democracy. Wealth is not volunteering its wealth to any extent, and the men who own it have been engaged for 20 years in destroying democracy from one end of the United States to the other.

"Wealth has never sacrificed itself on the altar of patriotism in this or any other war. On the contrary, it has shown itself eager to take advantage of the misfortunes which war always brings to the masses of the people."

La Follette was especially severe in his arraignment of the money capitalists for foisting heavy bond issues upon the people to raise war revenue.

"Every bond that is issued must sometime be redeemed with interest, out of the taxes that the people must pay," he said.

"Nothing is gained by borrowing except that the money for immediate use is obtained from those who have it to loan, to be repaid to them in the future with interest out of the taxes largely exacted from those who can ill afford to pay them.

# Shows Wealth Fattens On War Loans and War Contracts

"But wealth is ever potential in government. It fattens on war loans and war contracts and the speculation with which war times are rife.

"Hence wealth is always for war. And when it is successful, in bringing on a war it is often powerful enough with war ministers and congresses and parliaments to force war loans to the maximum, and by every precious device and argument force taxation to the minimum.

"Within 30 days from the date of the war declaration we had plunged into bond issues on an unheard of scale. Morgan came to town. The press urged, the administration recommended, and Congress authorized the issue of \$5,000,000,0000 non-taxable government bonds and \$2,000,000,000 interest bearing treasury notes."

In ringing words the Senator from Wisconsin indicted the policy of the war revenue bill for limiting its tax levy on war profits to 27 per cent, GRAND TOTALS....\$730,983,235 287,922,069 \*Deficit. \*\*Nineteen months. †Fifteen months. The profits during 1917 will surpass those of 1916.

leaving untouched enough billions of war profits to pay for the war from day to day, and then mulcting the working people, already sorely oppressed with the constantly increasing cost of living, with a \$400,000,000 tax on the necessaries of life. He declared:

# Take All The War Profits And Peace Profits Remain

"It is monstrously unfair to tax the everyday necessaries of the average man and woman to pay the expenses of the war, in addition to commanding their services, and the lives of many of them and their children, so long as the swollen and abnormal war profits are not taken—profits which the war has created and which will disappear as soon as the war ends.

"Every dollar of the war profits can be taken and still the enormous peace time profits of the great corporations will be untouched. Every stockholder will still receive his handsome peace time dividend, every officer his princely salary, if the war profits are all taken.

"Will anyone contend that the food and the medicine and the most absolute necessaries of the poor shall be taxed as long as these enormous war profits remain as a source of revenue?"

Opposing the \$400,000,000 tax levied upon the necessaries of life of the poor in the form of consumption taxes as absolutely unnecessary and a wrong to the working people, La Follette said:

"This war already has laid a tax of 50 to 100 per cent upon every man, woman and child in the higher cost of war prices for all the necessaries of life. The poor and moderately well to do are paying war taxes "That is precisely what the majority bill does not do. I know of nothing that will more certainly destroy confidence in this war, in its aims and in its purposes, than to attempt to assess a large proportion of the cost upon those for whom the struggle is already too hard, while the possessors of surplus incomes and war profits escape by paying a tax so small as not to deprive them of a single luxury, much less a single comfort. So long as there is an income to be found in the country so large that it yields to its possessor a surplus over and above what he needs for the comfort or even luxuries of life for himself and family I am in favor of taking such proportion of that surplus income by taxation as the government needs for war purposes, and, if it needs it all, I am in favor of taking it all before we take one penny from the slender income of the man who receives only enough to provide himself and family with the bare necessaries of life.

# Points Out How The Masses Pay Cost Of War

"So long as a man can be found who is making 'war profits'—that is, profits due to war in excess of normal profits, I am in favor of taking such portion of these profits by taxation as the government needs for war purposes, and if it needs them all I am in favor of taking them all before one penny is added by taxation to the burden of the man already staggering under the load of high prices caused by the war.

"This may not be a principle new in war finance, but it is the very  $s_i$  that the masses of the people should be asked to accept, and is much less than even-handed justice would demand for them.

"They pay the cost of war, tho not directly taxed a dollar for it. They pay it in increased prices and in excessive hours of labor.

"They pay it in service not only on the battlefields, but wherever men and women toil in the dreary occupations of life.

"More than all, they pay it with their blood and their lives, and, the greatest sacrifice of all—with the blood and the life of their loved ones. Surely, sir, it is not too much to ask that they be relieved of the burdens of war taxation until those who profit by the war and those who live in luxury and security in spite of the war have contributed a substantial portion of their surplus.

"That, sir, is what the minority of this committee demands. It is all that they demand. I am no prophet, but I am greatly mistaken if the people accept this majority bill.

- "Consumption taxes upon the necessaries of the people will be no longer tolerated in war. That'primitive and savage form of taxation is as much out of date as are the primitive weapons of warfare."

EDITOR'S NOTE:--Extracts from speeches on the conscription of wealth by Senators Johnson, Hollis and Townsend will be found on Page Two. In next week's issue there will appear speeches by Senators Borah, Gore and Thomas. Order a bundle for distribution in your town. Prices \$1 per 100; \$10 per 1,000. Send all orders to The American Socialist, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

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Literature Department, Socialist Party.

The Red Express

NDER the above title the following letter was sent out to a large number of locals and sub-hustlers last week. The response has already been most gratifying and the indications are that the comrades thruout the country will take hold of this plan with such vim and enthusiasm that our temporary defeat by and sent that youth forth to fight upon that ordinary man every parthe postal authorities will be turned into the greatest victory ever won by a socialist paper in America.

Last week we shipped out an edition of 25,000, practically all of which was delivered by the RED EXPRESS. This week we the lads that have gone forth to fight are sending out a full edition, SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND our battle over the seas. COPIES COPIES.

We are sending a bundle to every town in America where we have as many as FIVE subscribers. If you have not already organized for the distribution in your city, do so AT ONCE. The following is the letter with which we opened the campaign to sisted when you told us that every lar under this bill may be raised by make THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST independent of the Post boy in this land should be immediate. **Office Department:** 

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DEAR COMRADES:—The Postmaster General has with-drawn from THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST the privilege of the second-class moline rates within the privilege of the profits, and I ask a response as reached or one class or second-class mailing rates, which is practically equivalent to sup- as you gave in conscripting our be eliminated, and we take the money pressing the paper. We therefore face the necessity of organizing youth. our own system of distribution. We have worked out a plan called are the ones best able to pay the ex-THE RED EXPRESS, and we ask-and urge-your immediate, pense of war. Those who make swollen hearty, and continued cooperation with us; otherwise your na- exigency are those who ought to pay tional paper is in grave danger of losing its life.

Will you summon together IMMEDIATELY all the members from the swollen fortunes that have of your local, at a SPECIAL MEETING, unless your regular come from war in the last couple of meeting occurs within a few days after receipt of this appeal, years the little moity that this bill, and lay our plan before them? Unloss we at at the state of this appeal, by the majority report, takes. and lay our plan before them? Unless you act at once, and can stir up the members of your local also to act at once, we might fashion in which we are proceeding that a year hence the liability of the as well quit trying. Unless we can depend upon YOUR loyalty United States will exceed the liability and YOUR earnestness at this time, we are indeed in evil case. possibly incurred in this war by any contending nation. All this we are This is our plan:

1. Organize a Station of THE RED EXPRESS in your local, cepting not alone the burden placed designating some one member as Station Agent. Papers for all upon them, a burden greater than the subscribers to The American Socialist in your city will be be but also in responding with their be taken by the Government to foot this country that were not devoted this country that were not devoted the government to foot this country that were not devoted the government to foot the governme

home, office or store of some comrade who is centrally located.

3. Enlist as many volunteer workers as possible, who will of this crisis. agree to distribute the papers to the proper addresses, not for one week or two but, UNTIL THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST RE-GAINS ITS MAILING PRIVILEGES. A Here the Station Agent with the advise and ac expection

4. Have the Station Agent, with the advice and co-operation of the distributors, divide the subscribers according to wards, precincts, streets or neighborhoods and assign each distributor to the territory which he can most conveniently cover. Where-to the territory which he can most conveniently cover the same territory. ever possible the same comrade should cover the same territory the war has ceased and there are no each week. war profits, to tax these particular

CALIFORNIA.

the conflict. "With boundless enthusiasm," said corporation. Johnson, "we conscripted, in a very

brief period the youth of this land. opinion, for returning two billions or "With an enthusiasm that would more of war profits and taking only brook no delay on the part of any an additional half billion than there Senator upon the floor or any man in all this Nation we took our youth upon the ordinary man and putting for this Nation, and to die, if neces- ticle of the expenses of government sary, upon a foreign soil.

I ask that you have the same enof the Nation to-day to stand behind the Steel Corporation, the Bethlehem

ur battle over the seas. Doesn't Hit Legitimate Enterprise. In asking this of you I ask naught that interferes with legitimate enterprise or with going business concerns. I ask that you do that upon y drafted and sent forth to fight for and

war profits out of this particular this great conflict!

I doubt not if we proceed in the

willing to do. But in doing it, in ac-

In the portion of the

quoted, the Senator, who is chairman

of the Finance Committee, was speak-

Can you justify it particularly at this time, when you demand the maximum of human sacrifice?

Senator Johnson of California was equally insistent that the swollen profits of the war profiteers should profits of the war profiteers should be drafted to foot the cost of the war, and charged that the war touch the war profits of those who revenue bill barely touches the loot have grown wealthy out of the conof the capitalists who precipitated flict. It is but the shadow and the shade of taxation, with profits undreamed of still remaining with the the contrary, business in England has never been so good as it is now.

There is no justification, in my

SENATOR TOWNSEND FOR THE WAR. But more than two billions, under

the statement of the chairman of the thusiasm for conscripting the wealth the Starl Committee, are returned to Steel Co., the Du Pont Powder Works, and the rest-more than two billions

the war.

Don't Be Timid About It.

which in your enthusiasm you in- raised so that practically every dolhis country-follow the example and beverages and the like, and that ready to the experience of Britain or one class or another class, shall

from where we ought to take it, from Those who coin the blood of war the very place where these people it-from the war profits made out of

> PAYING FOR THE WAR fits and incomes than this bill pro-fits and incomes than this bill pro-BY CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH, DECLARES SENATOR HOLLIS SENATOR HOLLIS.

"The real objection to taxation instead of bond issues to pay for the war," said Senator Hollis of New Hampshire, in explaining his position was ever placed upon any other peoto him each week by express. 2. Establish a Station at Socialist Headquarters or at the e, office or store of some comrade who is centrally located. make profit out of this war and out upon the self-interest of those who have funds. about the matter.

FOULTION IS ASSURED For The People's Council SEES SUFFRAGISTS JAILED

THOSE WHO COIN THE BLOOD OF WAR ARE THE ONES BEST ABLE TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF WAR, DECLARES SENATOR JOHNSON OF CALIFORNIA. (000,000 war profits for this year; not of ordinary profits, mind you, but of of ordinary profits, mind you, but of of ordinary profits, computed under the terms of this bill. Congress hands to the Steel Cor-poration, because, forsooth, it has the sinew of the land into dollars SENATOR JOHNSON OF Government and permit them to re-tain, as a commission for collecting, and that there will be no interference a reasonable fee of 10 or 20 per cent. from outsiders.

In his communication Mayor Var Lear directs attention to the fact that the council is only exercising its con

stitutional rights. cent on war profits. Last year she Copies of the statement have been collected 60 per cent and the year besent to President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker and are being mailed fore that 50 per cent. From her experience we learn that the levy of to members of Congress. a large war-profits tax does not affect business at all unfavorably. On

### **Minority Blocks Peace**

H. G. Wells, in an article in the London Daily News, entitled "A Reasonable Man's Peace," says: "The conditions of peace now can

ADVOCATES TAKING be stated in general terms that are as acceptable to a reasonable man in Berlin as they are to a reason-EVERY DOLLAR OF WAR PROFITS TO PAY able man in Paris, London, Petrograd or Constantinople. There are to be no conquests, no domination of recalcitrant populations, no bit-"Now is the time to impose the ter insistence upon vindictive penlargest tax consistent with going business upon those who hold and alties, and there must be something in the nature of a world-wide league of nations to keep peace secontrol surplus wealth," said Senator Townsend of Michigan, in support of curely in the future, to make the the pay as you go method of financing

world safe for democracy and to maintain international justice. To that the general mind of the world "The war revenue bill proposes that these war profits which exist at has come today. "Why, then, does waste and kill-ing go on? Why is not a peace conference sitting now? Manifestly

because a small minority of people in positions of peculiar advantage, in positions of trust and authority, prevent or delay its assembling.

### Hear Them Howl

It is very interesting to hear the coal barons, swollen with profits, howl because President Wilson put a little nick in the high fuel prices.

Said one profiteer: "No, I have no criticism to make,

to me quite a trivial thing to take from the swollen fortunes that have come from war in the last couple of years the little moity that this bill poses to do. If the war shall fort-

> we need to have paid the debts of this year, and to have made our ac-Robotnichesko-Proseveta, published at Granite City, Ill., has been added to the list of publications that has counts as nearly current as it is had editions held up by the post office.

> "I am for freedom of the press, and against all violations of the constitution to silence by force and not by to the war expenses of the Govern-ment. We can without shock to reason the complaints or criticism business raise \$3,000,000,000 by taxation. That is my honest opinion

Under the approving eye of Jo-seph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, and Postmaster General

Burleson, who together viewed the affair from an open carriage, six more suffrage pickets were arrest-ed August 23, at the White House gate and carted to police head-quarters, charged with blocking the sidewalk.

# Demand For Early Peace

# **Grows In Power In Italy**

The Socialist deputies in the Italian parliament have bluntly informed the government the war must end before Winter and that another Winter it the trenches is out of the question The public is watching to see how and when the Socialists will carry out their threat to make continuation of the war impossible.

Socialist leaders declare their belief a continuance of the war for another year will not place the allies in a position to dictate terms of peace either to Berlin or Vienna and that much can be accomplished instead thru a peace conference. Dr. Trever, one of the ablest So-

cialist speakers, maintains the war's lesson is that the belligerent nations' governments are no longer able to control events.

Dr. Trever added:

"The Russian revolution, the downfall of despotism, the advent of democracy to power, is one of the events caused by Russia's meager successes in the battlefield. Had Russia won the war and Galicia and German and Austrian Poland been added to the empire of the Czar, despotism would have received a new lease of life.

"Likewise, reforms granted by the Kaiser to feudal Prussia corroborate my contention.

"Austria is passing thru the worst crisis in her history. When the emperor begins by granting a pardon to 20,000 Czechs serving long terms for political offenses, we can affirm the government is seeking to quiet agita-

Wonder what these coal barons ends. England's failure to win the war will do when Socialist agitation forces also is responsible for autonomy

will not leave questions of life and death of their children in the hands of a restricted caste. They will demand the right to pass directly on every question affecting Italy's welfare and its future and secret diplomacy and dynastic prerogatives are destined to go forever."

The Socialist Party national executive committee will meet in Minneapolts, Minn., Friday, August 31. It is hoped to finish all business in one day and then attend the Na-tional Constituent Assembly of the People's Council. The committee of the second class mailing privilego to interfered with in the least. One instance is the Republican calls President Wilson a "monarch in fact, whether he be design

I insist that these rates should be raised so that practically every dol-greatest in the history of the world, profits taxes, by income taxes, year, or the year after. I say they by the taxes upon alcoholic cannot be reached at that time without much greater difficulty than two years of the greatest profits this country has ever known, to make a levy of 75 cr 80 per cent upon war

profits and still leave to their owners greater profits than the average mind can comprehend untouched by this particular clause of the bill.

5. In communities where the subscribers are widely scatswollen fortunes? tered, on rural routes, etc, it will be possible, in many instances, with the assistance of comrades or sympathizers in the country, to deliver the papers as easily and as regularly as in the cities. Where this is impossible the Station should be managed and locat, with the exigency with the strife bonds. It is from these bond advo-Where this is impossible the Station should be managed and locat- with the exigency, with the strife, ed so that rural subscribers could call and get their papers when- and with the conflict, ceasing the chapt "passing a part of the burden ever they happened to be in town.

he should also be the Station Agent. Wherever there is already an organization for the distribution of literature, that organization should be used for the distribution of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST. You should not needlessly multiply offices or duplicate work and efforts.

AMERICAN SOCIALISTS should also handle such leaflets, advertising, or other matter as the local may have for distribution.

work. WE SHOULD GLORY IN THIS CHANCE TO PROVE OUR POWERS OF CO-OPERATION The people are more eager than ever before for THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST. Join THE amount that it raises will be attacked and will be questioned—justly at-RED EXPRESS; organize a Station; begin the work of distribu- tacked, legitimately questioned-by tion right away.

### Fraternally yours, THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST.

THE Socialist, labor, radical and pacifist press is standing staunchly behind The American Socialist in its fight.

Each week they publish the developments in this struggle, these particular corporations keeping their readers informed of the heroic efforts being put have profited by the war. forth to maintain the constitutional right of a free press.

But, above all, your help is needed. Use this blank, NOW

Fill This Out A The American Socialist, 803 RED EXPRES	W. Madison St., Chicago.	ing of the figures of the great Steel Corporation, and I refer to this cor- poration not in an invidious sense at all, but because it has been used by way of example upon this floor again and again in this debate.	
Ci Agent		Just imagine what we do. We give to the Steel Corporation a dividend first upon its preferred stock. Then I use the language of the distinguished Senator who is the chairman of the Finance	
Distribu	Committee; we permit it to pay all its expenses and all its taxes		
Name	Address	of every kind and every nature, and then we give to this Steel Corporation, in our time of stress and in our time of dire need.	
		when every man's heart is bleed- ing for his loved ones that go beyond the sea, a dividend equal	
		to more than has been paid in upon its capital stock. People Laugh At Congress.	
		How the people must laugh to scorn a Congress that deals thus tenderly with war profits while deal- ing with such severity with the com-	
	••••••	mon human clay to be put up against	

Exposes Opposition.

We should naturally expect to find capitalists, their friends, agents,

I submit to you there can be no and political satellites producing a large bunch of specious reasons to future as to these war profits, because they are fleeting, ephemeral at prove that heavy taxation is unwise

deliver the papers as easily and as regularly as in the cities. here this is impossible the Station should be managed and locat-so that rural subscribers could call and get their papers when-r they happened to be in town. 6. Whenever a local has a live and efficient literature agent, should also be the Station Agent. Wherever there is already organization for the distribution of literature, that organiza-n should be used for the distribution of THE AMERICAN CIALIST. You should not needlessly multiply offices or dupli-e work and efforts. The same workers and organization which delivers the tising, or other matter as the local may have for distribution. 7. This is a test of our ability to do constructive, original k. WE SHOULD GLORY IN THIS CHANCE TO PROVE dependents in good health and effidous profits in this war, but the wis-

cient condition. When, however, we permit a cor-poration to make a normal profit and on top of that retain one-half of its war profit, when we permit every man to keep at least half of his in-come, imposing a low tax on small incomes, it is ridiculous to say that American business men will lie down the men and the women who give their sons to the cause, and the men and the women who have put upon them a tax on their tea and coffee American business men will lie down and their postage and their little in the harness. No one believes it. things of everyday life, taxed in Merely Following England. order that a sum shall be raised that

nearing.

So far as war profits are conmay eke out the great sum from cerned, no man ought to be allowed that to retain even one-half. Whatever a remarks



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### Official Business.

The Russian provisional governthe elections to the constituent assembly. The first meeting of the assembly will not be held until December 11.

splendid record of their summer's work for 1917. Considering the general depression caused by the war and the drouth, the response has been gratifying and the results encourag-ing," says Flora M. Beals organizer. bia, who recently voted 5 to 1 in favor of a general strike if the gov-

### Other News Notes.

ernment should enforce conscription, will meet on Labor Day in response to a call by the Federation of Labor to discuss putting into effect the policy decided upon by its members.

Massachusetts holds its state convention on Sept. 2nd, at 184 Broadway, Lawrence, Mass., near North Station. Business sessions morning, afternoon and night, picnic following day. Syracuse, N. Y., runs beach parties and hikes quite often to South Bay, and reports

organization. Jewish Federation, putting out 20,000 leaf-lets by Dr. Hoffman, and will send out an or-ganizer soon. English publisher, representing an English capitalist syndicate, is buy-ing up a string of American news-

conservatives of every stripe) 34. It will thus be seen that in the Russian Another lesson in the new democin the old-line political elements. The police prevented the holding of a meeting arranged by the Socialist Party to protest against the depor-

In the new Russian Cabinet the folwell as outrages committed on memlowing portfolios are held by Social- bers of the working class in Michiists: Premier and Minister of War gan and the lynching of Frank Little has changed his mind in regard to the and Marine, Minister of Foreign Af- in Butte. fairs, Minister of Interior, Minister of Labor, Minister of Trade and Indus-try, Minister of Supplies, Minister of of food have led to a cabinet crisis Justice, Minister of Communications, Minister of Postoffice and Telegraphs, in Finland. The senators asked the governor-general to transmit their and Minister of Agriculture. Other resignation to the provisional govparties have been given the porternment. The governor-general has asked M. Tokoi, vice-president of the department of economics and folios of Vice-President and Minister of Finance, Minister of Social Tutelage. Procurator of the Holy Synod former president of the Diet, form a Socialist cabinet. He has

People's Council

People's Council. The primary election at Dayton, Ohio, resulted in the Socialist Party, on a peace and reform platform, poll-ing more votes than the other par-ties combined. The republicans and democrats are real flustered about it. The Bussion provisional govern. The Bussion provisional govern. The Bussion provisional govern. The Socialist Party, issue the Republican calls President Wilson a "monarch in fact, whether he be designated and president, king or emperor." The present government is referred to as "this virtual aristocracy". The Socialist News, of Cleveland, Ohio, was suppressed because it toward autocracy". Why is that the So-cialist publications are being suppressed and other erpublican organ? Even the Chicago Tribune might also have its Aug. 19th issue declared unmailable for republishing part of the contents of the Republican. The Tribune <sup>SAYS</sup>:

tation of miners in Bisbee, Ariz., as

Disorders because of the scarcity

accepted.

to

says: ment has postponed until Nov. 25 (From The Chicago Tribune, August 19) Mayor Thompson's official organ, the Republican, in its issue of yester-

day calls President Wilson a monarch who might as well have the title of

king or emperor. The "pro-American" mouthpiece of Chicago's "pro-American" mayor "Louisana Socialists have made a makes this assertion in a two page article discussing the pope's peace proposals and "the new American autocracy.'

It attempts to prove that President Wilson has concentrated in himself

all the powers of government. "It is indisputable," it says, "that the presi-dent might in sober truth utter the Union workers of British Columhistoric dictum of the Bourbon king, 'L'etat, c'est moi.'" (I am the state.)

"Virtual Dictatorship."

To prove the extent of "the virtual dictatorship which has appeared in the person of the president," it refers The Amalgamated Clothing Work-"a rather obsolescent document," to ers' Union has started a campaign the national constitution, which it against the making of uniforms for points out, confers upon congress the United States government in alone the responsibility to declare sweat shops. Workers conscripted war, to raise and support armies, etc. into the army and navy should at It declares "it is evident congress has nkes quite often to South Bay, and reports ig success. Queens Co. No. 1 has collected \$10.75 for the Y. P. S. L. Defense Fund, and subscribed \$5 to the Rand School Building Fund. They are unning mass meetings together with the party harbor sweat shops. Harbor and units, and subscribed \$5 harbor sweat shops. Harbor sweat shops.

as a rubber stamp in the hands; of The Milwaukee Federated Trades the president. The "sinister features" the interview of the base of the second seco Council has unanimously adopted re-of "this virtual autocracy" it lists in solutions calling for an investigation of this way: "The abdication by con-of the report that Lord Northcliffe, gress of its public duties is not only unconstitutional but sets a dangerous precedent.

"It intrusts the future destiny of the United States to one man, who thus becomes a monarch in fact, whether he be designated as president, king, or emperor.

"It makes the safety of the nation racy was taught Detroiters, when the dependent upon the decisions of a single man.

### Quotes Wilson's Books.

The article goes on in an attempt to prove by quotations from President Wilson's books and speeches that he powers which the president may exercise in foreign relations and war emergencies.

"The present peace proposals sug-gested by the pope," it says, "gives to congress the opportunity to resume its proper authoritative position in the government."

Erie, Pa., Socialists have demanded a hearing on the bill introduced in the city council directed at the distribution of Socialist literature.

# themselves to enliven matters.

and State Comptroller—10 Socialist and 5 non-Socialist Ministers.

recent election for members of the City Council in Moscow the Revolutionary Socialists secured 116 seats, the two other Socialist organizations

cities there is hardly a good fight left Socialists have got to scrap among

24 each, and the Cadets composed of

in favor of war interests.

papers to aid in moulding public opinion against organized labor and

Official returns show that at the

Keep Up The Fight

We have been very much en-

couraged, here in the office of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST

in Chicago, by the fighting spirit

of the comrades on "The Firing Line." Keep up the fight!

er need of subscribers than now

and every effort should be made

to roll in the subs in greater

We are going to do our best to

see that every subscriber gets every issue. Don't take subs, however, on the promise that ev-

ery subscriber will get every

from "Somewhere in Escanaba, Mich.," a sample of the many that

"I now drop you these few lines to ask you what is the matter

with the paper. I have not re-ceived last week's copy and want

to know if we are going to re-ceive it any more or not. I walk

2½ miles every week to get it,

as we think we cannot get along

without it, as we want to know

the truth about the news, and we

know we get it when we get The American Socialist. I wanted to send another sub and renew our own paper, but will wait until I hear from you. Hop-ing you will have no further

trouble and that we may always

get The American Socialist, as

The American Socialist is going

to do its part. Our power to do

good increases with the size of

our subscription list. What are you going to do today to increase

the number of our subscribers?

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From The Firing Line

"Just heard The American Socialist was suppressed but am risking the 50 cents any-way," is the spirit in which E. F. Everitt, California, sends in his subscription. W. Koepke, Iowa, sends in an even dozen, in celebration of Birthday Week.

Comrade A. W. Fowler, Illinois, sends in a list of 14 new ones without a word of comment except, "I will send more soon".

"Our motto should be, A free press, free speech and a free people," says J. H. Masterson, Arkansas, in forwarding a list

"I am going to land a sub every chance I get", is the determined stand taken by

long as we live, we remain, ----

come every day, as follows:

We have just received a letter

numbers than ever.

issue of the paper.

Your paper was never in great-

What is Your Answer?

out of democracy."

only logical methods and the principal stock in trade of such "statesmen.

### Hit Politics For Profit.

Not so long ago, Mr. David M. Parry, one-time president of the Na-Socialized industries would exclude tional Manufacturers' Association, wrote a novel entitled "The Scarlet all large private business interests, and thus strike at the very root of Empire" and mainly centering around professional politics for private gain a description of "the Socialist state' and the main fountain-head of wholesale graft and corruption.

It was a horrible state. Govern-The Socialist program is thus mental regulation was the rule in all primarily one of economic reform. It private and public pursuits of the is not directly concerned with religious or domestic institutions, moral conceptions or intellectaul problems. occupation of each person, prepared a uniform menu for all inhabitants It does not "threaten the home" or from day to day, prescribed the fash-"attack religion," and is not hostile to true modern culture. It adyocates ion, cut and pattern of their dress, and regulated their routine of daily a definite plan of industrial reorganization and is chargeable with all that is fairly inferable from that plan,

hut no more. It was a reign of relentless tyranny, a life of insufferable uniformity Socialism has for that reason sometimes been characterized as a grossly materialistic movement. It is anything but that. The Socialists aptrue of an order of society even more preciate very keenly all efficient political, social and moral reforms. But they expect such reforms to follow Satire On Socialist Critics. economic improvements as the effect

The book was intended as a satire follows the cause. on the Socialist ideal. If the genial author could only appreciate what a The common ownership of the delightful satire he had unconsciously sources and instruments of wealth produced on the mental caliber of a production would necessarily mean a certain class of critics of the Social- more equitable distribution of wealth

among the people and greater econ-Public ownership does not neces-sarily mean government ownership, It would thus do away with the and government ownership does not mad competitive struggle for indivimply centralized administration. dual gain, and would remove the In the practical application of the principal cause of civic and political imply centralized administration. Socialist scheme of industrial or- corruption, crime, vice, brutality and ganization, it is giute conceivable ignorance.

Just because the Socialist movethat certain industries would be operated by the national government. ment is based on a solid and sound economic foundation, it holds out a Railroad systems, telegraph and telephone lines are inherently na- true social ideal. tional in their functions, and many

other industries are already organ-August 13 marked the forty-sixth ized on a country-wide scale and adbirthday of Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the justed to centralized operations. To Socialist member of the Reichstag, the latter class belong all great whose unswerving loyalty to his principles is responsible for his present On the other hand, other important imprisonment in Germany, an experindustries are purely local in their ience which is not new to him. The character, and can best be adminisfirst important occasion on which he tered by local governmental agencies. went to jail was when he published his book, MILITARISM which the Street railways, water and gas works, for instance, must logically come German government suppressed. An within the purview of municipal govauthorized translation of that work ernments and numerous smaller inis announced for early publication by dustries may be conducted by local B. W. Huebsch. Nothing reveals so co-operative groups under appropriclearly and distinctly the implications of military rule and a large standing army as this volume, one of the greatest pleas for democracy that has come out of Germany.



I have given nice new cars to one hundred people. Not one of them paid me a nickel. They were actually amazed to think how little they did for the cars they got. You just ought to see the let-ters of thanks I get from them.

### By taking over the fish business of It's A Very Long Wait Before You Can step in the advance toward absolute Get Any Results From Washington, D. C. government control of the food supply.

Detroit, Mich., Socialists are planning a big picnic for Sunday, Sept. 9, at Campbell's Grove, to help raise funds to defend the comrades who have not yet been freed from the grip **v v** to take prompt action on the application of The American Social-

T. H. Robertson heads the Socialist ticket in the municipal campaign now on at Canton, Ohio. There is one woman on the ticket, Mrs. Sarah K. Meredith, candidate for the board of determined in its conspiracy to kill

Arthur J. Breckinridge for mayor and a complete city and county ticket in the field, is the start that the Binghampton, N. Y., Socialists have made to capture this part of the nation for Socialism this fall.

Mrs. Kate Sadler, Socialist speaker, ing privileges enjoyed by socialist papers and employ every possible was released by the police after being arrested for alleged seditious utterances only because her audience the papers from again securing the demanded that either she be freed or use of the mails under the favorable that everybody in the audience be arpostage rates accorded to second class rested. matter.

Second class mailing privileges have been denied to the Obrana, "Defense," the weekly publication of the New York Bohemian Socialists. Another nail in the coffin of the national democratic party.

The acquittal of five ,Socialists The writer evidently is not a Socialist. Like many other charged with "conspiracy" to obstruct registration by distributing copies of non-Socialists the writer has sub-scribed for The American Sothe Michigan Socialist is the first viccialist to get the truth. It is more necessary than ever that the truth be spread broadcast over the land. With or without war on the party. a second class mailing privilege,

of the powers that be.

education.

Outspoken opposition to the conscription law is voiced in a series of During the pendency of the applicaanti-draft meetings which are being held thruout Canada. The radical and independent element of the country is If the department finally grants the denouncing the proposed measure and application, the publishers are given urging all the radical elements of the a rebate of the difference between the country to oppose it to the end.

There are more than 15,000 copper miners out on strike in the city of Butte, Mont. These men have laid down their tools as a protest against the bad conditions prevailing in the mining camps and also against the ever rising cost of living.

"Put me on the list as soon as possible as I don't like to miss one issue of your worderful educator", says Comrade McCor-mick, Ohio, who seems to know a good thing when he sees it. Despite the fact that the United States government refrained from taking any action against Alderman "Hope you continue the good work. I like your paper fine", is the word of encourage-ment dropped in, with two new subs, by C. L. Haskins, Colorado. George Fischer, Jr., Socialist, for alleged disloyal utterances, the Kenosha, itself that the requirements of the Wis., city council voted to have a postal law had been required with, "I have been getting your paper from another reader and now want it regularly for myself', writes a new subscriber from Milwaukee. Somebody there knows the value of passing his paper on. formal complaint lodged against him.

Schenectady, N. Y., Socialists have applicat nominated Herbert M. Merrill, former diately. Socialist member of the state legis-"For the enclosed amount send me The Amorican Socialist very regularly," urges G. Zilius, Wisconsin. We will SEND it regularly, if he doesn't GET it regularly he will know who is responsible. lature, as their candidate for mayor. He is supported by a strong ticket and a united movement and the prospects are big for the return of Schenectady as the second class of mail matter Charles Pogarelee attended the annual convention of the Colorado State Federation of Labor and in his spare moments picked up 76 subscriptions to the greatest American labor paper—The American Socialist. to the Socialist fold.

Power fattens upon what it feeds on.... And it makes its advances so insidiously that all freedom of opinion is throttled by censors before the people realize that it has been assailed.-Louis F. Post, Assistant Secretary of Labor.

screaming at the top of its voice, "So-cialism is flourishing on the Nile!" The capitalist press is beginning to see Socialism everywhere. Well, we don't blame it. We are having visions application for the second class privalong that line ourselves. The Socialists of Cleveland, Ohio, sponse. are proud of the fight they are making against autocracy and militarism, application for ten weeks if he so de-and are becoming the dominant politi-sires?" was the next question. and are becoming the dominant political factor in this radical city. The trials of C. E. Ruthenberg, Alfred Wagenknecht, and Charles Baker, application for ten weeks or for ten the trials of C. E. Ruthenberg, Alfred application for ten weeks or for ten prominent Socialists, their conviction and the appeal taken to the supreme rows' retort. court have brought every active, radical to the colors.

By JULIAN PIERCE. demands, on the other hand, that the | laws depriving it of the power it now government should make the rich enjoys, contemplates duplicating in pay for the war by heavy in- the United States a prohibition of so-(Staff Correspondent) ASHINGTON .- The Post Ofcome taxes and the conscription of cialist periodicals unequalled except war profits. Are we to understand during the twelve years in which fice Department has refused that the department holds that pa-pers advocating the tax method in preference to the bonds method will man Socialist movement by interdict-

ist to be readmitted to the mails as second class matter. Statements made by Acting Third Assistant Postmaster Gen. Barrows indicate that the administration is

the Socialist movement by denying Socialist papers the right to be transmitted thru the mails. In the prosecution of this conspira-

cy Postmaster General Burleson and Solicitor William H. Lamar, the law, officer of the department, will make use of every technicality of the postal laws to revoke the second class mailspecies of legal sabotage to prevent

Prepare 'To Start Blacklist. The Burleson-Lamar combination

has even gone so far in their abolition of the liberty of the press as to intimate that Socialist papers which contain matter construed by Solicitor Lamar as making it more difficult for the government to raise money for war

purposes by the sale of bonds will be blacklisted and denied the benefits of the second class privilege. The postal law contains no time tory won by the Socialists of Michigan since the federal authorities declared limit 'at the expiration of which the post office department is compelled to post office department is compelled to

loads of luck.' lishers of a paper that it be classified as mail matter of the second class. tion the publishers are required to make a deposit of one cent per copy.

pound and the third class rate of one cent per copy. If the application is not granted the department keeps the I am enclosing \$1. I wish it was entire deposit. The department revoked The Amer-

One of our Missouri comrades sends in \$1 and pays his respects to Ex-

application would be acted on imme-

No Hurry In Washington.

Solicitor Lamar," continued Barrows. "Solicitor Lamar will not only sub-

# m't with the Chicago post office which forwarded the application to Washington. Believing that time enough hall elapsed for the department to satisfy

retary of Labor. The Egyptian government has pur-chased the entire cotton seed crop which results in the laborstown Pro-ter in will to rigid scrutiny to determine whether it contains mat-ter in will to rigid scrutiny to determine of any of the provi-ter in will not only sub-ican Socialist to rigid scrutiny to determine of any of the provi-

ican Socialist's second class privilege on August 11. The paper immediately filed an application for a new per-

Postmaster General Barrows if the United States, who has in charge the

"The application of The American

act on an application of the pub-

second class rate of one cent per

The American Socialist's representative asked Acting Third Assistant

Socialist to be admitted to the mails

will not be acted upon immediately."

came Barrow's reply, "nor will the American Socialist." This same com-application be acted on in the immediate future."

"The application is in the hands of way for years."

be denied the second class mailing ing all socialist publications. Socialist newspapers and magazines were citizens. The government fixed the "The department has not promul- suppressed thruout the empire with the same brutal methods now used gated such an order as yet," continued Barrows. "But speaking unoffi-cially I would suggest the inadvisabilby the Burleson-Lamar combination of labor hating politicians. Bismarck and the Hohenzollerns ty of papers opposing the bonds meth-

od after Congress has enacted a law authorizing the sale of bonds. You can criticize a law before it is pass die. In 1878, when the Socialist pa-But after Congress has passed pers were suppressed, the socialist law, Americans stop their criti-vote was 450,000. In 1890, when the a law, Americans stop their criti-cism and obey it." socialist newspaper suppression law and monotony. Mr. Parry had set was repealed, the socialist vote had himself the task of conjuring a pic-The statement given by Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General soared to 1,427,000.

WHAT BISMARCK AND HIS oppressive than our present regime, Barrows, who is thoroly conversant with Postmaster General Burleson's MINIONS COULD NOT DO IN GER- and he almost succeeded. censorship policy, can have but one meaning. That meaning is that the democratic administration, unless checked in its madness by Federal STATES. MANY. THE BURLESON-LAMAR COMBINATION IMAGINES IT CAN ACCOMPLISH IN THE UNITED

> class mailing privilege for The American Socialist.

Here Are Only A Few From somewhere in Ohio:---I just received a copy of The Eye-Opener From somewhere in Kenosha, Wis. and it just made my blood boil to the -"I am sending \$2 as my bit in re- tune of \$1 in response to the call sponse to your call for help. I don't for funds. I read in the Eye-Opener know what we would do without our of the rotten-egged suffragists. This crowd of supposed loyal Americans paper now as we need it more and more every day. I admire its pernever had brains enough to even sistence and courage to make such a know they were rotten-egging each others mothers; and the officials struggle for existence and wish it whose duty it is to protect the people

are no better, and have less sense. From somewhere in Chicago.-"While I am opposed to the policy From somewhere in Illinois:---"I of The American Sociaist in regard to received the Eye-Opener today. I the present status of the war. I take am glad to learn that you are making every possible effort to secure an-other second class mailing permit for peasure in handing you my check for \$5 to help our paper out of a hole." The American Socialist, Find en-closed \$1. I will send more later." From somewhere in Pittsburgh, Pa. -"Not having received my American From somewhere in Indiana:-There comes \$1 from three comrades who write they hope we'll win out against the autocratic ruling of the more. It would be if I could spare it. Will send \$1 per month until you get would be if I could spare it. Will send \$1 per month until you get "We miss the paper."

your mailing rights again. Am will-ing to do all I can to take the 'mock' From somewhere in Louisiana:but of democracy." Local Elizabeth, N. J., sends in \$2 Did the postal authorities suppress Local Elizabeth, N. J., sends in en file the postal authorities suppress and offers to distribute The American Socialist until our mailing privilege is restored. ate rules and regulations. same.'

Use the blank at the bottom of

a red card Socialist and says, "If Dockery is that narrow it doesn't look as if there is much hope for The American Socialist." This same com-rade hopes our application for a sec-barbartities were carried out under the masses in trial exploitation of one man by an-other; what it advocates is social and democratic production rationally organized and conducted. Explains "The Government." A very illuminating analogy of such

Of the various refinements of bru- hands of one central authority? By which results in the Johnstown, Pa., ter in violation of any of the provi-Democrat getting very excited and sions of the espionage law, but he will dropped." tion in these columns from time to tutes, our state laws, municipal time ,the most revolting is that which ordinances and rules and regulations Mr. T. E. Harvey raised in the House of subordinate local bodies, such as of commons last Wednesday. It is the health boards, fire and police de-case of James Brightmore, who, after partments, etc. Each class of laws having been eight month in prison, operates within its own proper was returned to the army, and on still sphere, and is administered by execurefusing to serve, was sentenced to 28 tive bodies or individuals elected or days' confinement and placed in a pit. appointed and classified and graded ten foot deep, the bottom of which according to their functions and places in the general administrative scheme. The political functions of the country are not exercised by a power but the clay walls. above the people and independent of

Conscientious Objectors farm.

What Socialism opposes is indus-Nothing rallied the masses in this trial exploitation of one man by an-

A very illuminating analogy of such treatment meted out to conscientious Our laws are made and administered objectors in this country shows that by the "government," but does that the brutality denounced with such mean that the political administraunctious wrath in the Prussian is not tion of the country in all its divisions and subdivisions is lodged in the

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as the author conceived it.

The Socialist Aim

By MORRIS HILLQUIT.

It is even conceivable that some callings may continue to be exercised in a purely individual way under a Socialist regime. There is no reason why the state should interfere with individual pursuits of arts and handicraft or with the farmer personally cultivating his

ist philosophy!

trustified industries.

class mailing privileges. Our com-rade writes that Dockery had him "fired" from his job because he was

ond class mailing privilege will be the deliberate orders of German offi-"May we be informed regarding the cause of the delay?" asked The American Socialist's representative. "I want to have The American So

absent from British militarism.

Governor Dockery who is now third this page! assistant post master general of the **How Britain Tortures** 

granting and taking away of second

I get", is the determined stand taken by Comrade L. M. Dennis, Idaho. Comrade Peter F. Reding, Washington, sends in a bunch of subs and writes: "As I understand the daily papers, The Amer-ican Socialist has been denied the second class mailing privilege. If you have sus-pended, then hold this money until I see pended, then hold this money until I see what can be done to satisfy these sub-scribers. Let he know if I may continue to take subs, or if I should stop for awhile until you have things straightened out". Keep right on getting subs, Comrade. The American Socialist has no intention of quitting. Keep right on getting the subs. Help wake up the Henry Dubbs. We'll get the neares to them some way: even if we the paper to them some way; even if w have to make the editor deliver the papers himself.

"I saw a copy of your paper the other day it was the Liberty Edition", writes a new subscriber from North Dakota. "I am sure that North Dakota will go Socialist at the next election".

Civil War veteran sends in 10 cents, all he can spare, to apply on a sub to The American Socialist. He says he is very much opposed to the present war.

Comrade J. E. Edwards, Oklahoma, sends a bunch of new subs along with his own renewal. He hopes to make Socialists out of the new ones. Remember: Readers for The American Socialist NOW means mem-bers for the party later on.

One of the new ones comes in from Big Lake, Washington. He says The American Socialist is just what he has been looking

for. "I hope the paper will soon be out of its difficulties", writes the Zanesville, Ohio, local secretary, as he orders 100 copies per week for four weeks. Orders like that help us to forget our troubles.

"I have been taking the paper for four or five months", writes an Illinois hustler. "After I have read it I pass it on to some one else to read. Now everyone is begin-nig to wake up", and now he is sending in a list of new subs, from democrats and republicans who want to get out of the Henry Dubb class.

"I understand you have lost your mailing privileges; so if you can't deliver the paper regularly I shall offer no objection", says a new subscriber from Iowa.

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Seventy-three alleged anti-draft rioters from Seminole county were held to the federal grand jury in bonds aggregating almost half a million dollars at the completion of their preliminary hearings before United States Commissioner R. P. McMillen at McAlester, Oklahoma. Twenty-seven prisoners were liberated by the court but held on \$10,-000 bonds as witnesses.

for member of the city council at cult for the government to sell bonds Columbus, Ohio, received more than to carry on the war would be re-,760 votes in the primary elections garded by Lamar as sufficient violahere, just falling short of being nom- tion of the espionage law to warrant inated. The big vote for Southard is the department in denying the paper an indication of the growth of the the second class privilege. Socialist party. As compared with "But it is the position of the So-Socialist party. As compared with the results of elections in former the results of elections in former cialist Party," it was shown, "that years the entire Socialist vote shows the government should not raise a gain-a gain that is making Ohio money for payment of war expenses Republicans and Democrats uneasy.

In England they used to fasten an iron collar around the slaves so as to identify them, but in Butte, Mont., they give the copper miners a card. It is not so cumbersome. This card is known as the rustling card, on it is written the pedigree of the miner. All his actions and records for the last five years are contained thereon, and woe to the miner who has rebelled against rotten mine conditions, he is blacklisted and cannot get a job in Butte and so another hobo is created.

Declaring that the organized worker and the organized farmer must get together to solve the problem of high prices or be driven below the poverty line by food speculators middlemen and land monopolists, Arthur E. Holder, member of the Machinists' union, who has been appointed on the federal commission that will direct vocational training in states which receive federal aid for vocational schools, in an address before a meeting of the committee on the high cost of living, urged the workers in all fields to unite to control the machin-& ..... ery of production.

ilege?" was asked.

"Not a word." was the prompt rein \$1 on the Free Press Defense Fund "Solicitor Lamar can hold up the and ordes a bunch of sub cards.

months if he so desires," came Bar-

"The Socialist Party's deposit with the Chicago postmaster for the ten months at the third class rate would

amount to \$27,000," continued the party's representative. "If the application is then denied, the post office department retains the \$27,000?" "Yes, sir!" came Barrows reply, with an incisiveness which indicated an impression that Socialist money looks good to the Burleson administra-

tion Barrows explained, further, that in his opinion the publication of articles in The American Socialist which in

T. C. Southard, Socialist candidate Lamar's opinion make it more diffi-

"I am glad to do this to push the Cause," accompanies a contribution from "Somewhere in Illinois."

"Keep the fires of democracy burning. There are millions behind you," writes a Chicago comrade, who sends

"Hold the fort for we are coming," was filled with water. For eleven says a Civil War veteran, "Some-where in Michigan," as he sends in a deep in mud, with the sun beating list of contributions from among his down on him and nothing to look at comrades.

"Make it a daily paper—unat is significant in surpass it? Mr. Macpuerson the way to pay this bill of irony." significant surpass it? Mr. Macpuerson is the suggestion that accompanies \$2 admitted the facts and expressed his deep regret. He places the blame on deep regret. He places the blame on the officer general and the officer

One comrade "Somewhere in Mas- commanding the battalion. sachusetts" saw our Free Press Defense Fund Appeal in The New York Call and rushes in with \$1.

"You can have more if necessary," writes a comrade in sending in \$3 from "Somewhere in Pennsylvania."

says an Illinois comrade sending in carrying out of such policy, natur-\$1. thing for The American Socialist,"

"Best I can do at present," is the revealed in the case of James Brightmessage that accompanies \$1 from more. 'Somewhere in Steubenville, Ohio."

"I want The American Socialist," writes Comrade Scott Wilkins, Ohio, sending in \$1. He writes that he was mobbed at a County Fair, kicked, knocked down and driven from the grounds by a gang of 15 soldiers.

money for payment of war expenses by issuing bonds, which will put the burden upon future generations. It From somewhere in Indiana:—"I for their immediate release?—The burden upon future generations. It Fund" to help get the new second Socialist party.

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them, nor are they regulated in all particulars and at all times by the direct action of all the people.

Our government is neither the brigadier general and the officer bureaucracy nor a system of mob But as the Manchester Guardian rule. In its purest form it is a rati-points out, if the government really onal democracy, which allows its afrule. In its purest form it is a ratifairs to be administered by approdesired to put a stop to the torture

of conscientious objectors it could priate general and local agencies, very easily do so. We are inevitably led to the concluderiving their powers from the people and exercising them in conformity

"I hope every reader will do some policy of the war office to break the Our official spirit of these young men, and the more is supplemented by a number of voluntary "quasi-official" institutions, philanthropic, educational, political, etc., whose powers and ally results in such atrocities as that

Time and again instances of cruelty law. have been brought to the notice of the war office. Promiser have been made to prevent them, but they keep

institutions to exercise vital political powers affecting the rights of the on recurring. Is it not about time orcitizens, but we do not interfere with ganized labor took up the case of these victims of British militarism their self-imposed social talks so long and put forward a determined demand as they only concern those who

reorganized on practically the same general principles as our political

system. It is quite conceivable and even probable that our present machinery of government, devised for purely political purposes, would prove inadequate for the discharge of large economic functions. In that case it would either gradually modify its forms to meet the requirements of the new tasks or be supplemented by co-ordinate system of industrial administration.

"But then the industries of the country would be controlled by the politicians and infested with graft and corruption," objects the ever ready critic. The Socialists see no ground for such apprehension. The "professional politician," in the op-

probrious sense of the term, as we know him to-day, is a person who seeks private economic advantages in public life, and uses his political office or influence for the promotion of his own pecuniary profits or those

of his own pecuniary profits or those of certain business interests behind him. Graft and corruption are the H. SAWDON, ST. ELMO, TENN.

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# Let Us Make A Constitution To **Provide Industrial Democracy**

A Possible Plan Of Action For to the existence or welfare of a smaller commun-The People's Council Suggested By Irwin St. John Tucker.

■ ROM many governmental sources we have been informed latterly, that the provisions of the constitution are inapplicable to the pres-

ent. "What is the constitution in case of war?" is the question, open or implied, that meets our arguments for free press, free speech, free assemblage, free petition, legislative authority, and so on, while Socialists and radicals have been rushing manfully to the defense of that same constitution which for many years they have been criticizing as out of date and insufficient.

This seems inconsistent. More than that, it seems a throwing away of the biggest chance we have ever had. We have been clamoring for a new order, a new system, a new deal. The Consti-tution has stood in the way. Now comes executive authority and declares by manifold acts that the Constitution is inoperative. Constitution is inoperative.

Instead of breaking out into wailing and lamentations we should throw our hats into the air and yell with glee. "The Old Constitution is scrapped? All right-let us make a new one!"

THE OUTLOOK for August 22, points out that the Constitution itself, in Article V, provides for the assembling of a national constitutional convention, to frame a New Constitution, at any time the people or two-thirds of the states decide it to be necessary. The Constitution reads thus:

"The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the sev-eral states. SHALL CALL A CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the constitution when ratified by the legis-latures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress."

Here lies the way for the Social Revolution to take effect. There is widespread unrest and dis-satisfaction over the misfits in our industrial fabric. Our system of government, admirably adapted as it may have been to a nation of three million farmers scattered along the Atlantic seaboard, does not meet the needs, or anywhere near meet the needs, of a nation of one hundred million people, largely industrial city dwellers, inhabiting a continent.

Just consider, at the time this constitution was framed, there was no city larger than 8,000 population on this continent. Practically the whole population were farmers; such industries as existed outside of the plantations were carried on in homes. There were no railroads, telegraphs or telephone connections; no great interstate highways except the Boston post road; gas, electric-ity and steam were unknown; no factories in our modern sense scarred the earth and darkened the heavens.

It is all but impossible for us to imagine what the conditions were under which our forefathers lived when this constitution was framed. It was far more impossible for them to imagine the con-ditions under which we are living today. Wise,

lowed, in all lesser industries, which are necessary

"All officers of the President's Cabinet, of interstate commissions and of other bodies of nation-al importance shall be responsible to Congress. Cabinet officers shall be required to attend weekly the sessions of both houses sitting jointly, in order to answer questions, make explanations, and revote of no-confidence passed on any Cabinet officer shall be equivalent to dismissal from office; but shall not be construed as impeachment or disqualification from subsequent holding of the same

or any other office. Officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission or any other national body shall likewise be responsible to the political congress. "Women shall be granted the suffrage on equal terms with men in every state of the union.

cept that a Federal Court may declare a state law in conflict."

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HERE is a program and a platform worthy the supreme energies of the People's Council. It fol-lows the present manifest tendency of evolution. puts into effect most of the recommendations of the Industrial Relations Commission. It offers the solution of our industrial ills. Of course other planks must be discussed and added. But the main ling is this;

If the People's Council scatters to the several states to start active agitation for the election of delegates to the state legislatures on the platform of a New Federal Constitution. the same to provide for Industrial Democracy, it will have taken up a task worthy of its mettle.

The time is ripe, and the people are ready for it. Within the past four years ninety-nine amendments to the Constitution have been proposed on the floor of Congress. The old instrument is evidently out of date.

LET US MAKE A NEW CONSTITUTION!

Two Canadian firms, handling over half the bacon exported from Canada made profits last year amounting to 5.05 and 5.35 cents per pound respectively on 140,000,000 pounds exported, whereas the profits for the year 1913 were 3.6 and 1.2 cents. That' a fairly good hold up.

# Ain't It Fierce?

# By JOHN M. WORK.

HE ji...goes are hunting for a slogan. Worse than that. They are wailing for a slogan.

And I don't blame them. They have a nice big war and no fetching slogan. That is, no slogan that fetches the enthusiasm of the people. As one of them says, "Make the world safe for democracy" lacks 'kick'".

I might add that it also lacks truth. But that makes no difference to the jingoes.

It reminds me of an incident Jane Addams tells about.

The little folks at Hull House wrote a play and staged it all by themselves. When the curtain went up on the first act, George Washington and a captain ditions under which we are living today. Wise, far seeing, prudent, sagacious as they were, no human being could possibly have imagined the present civilization, had his experience been limit-ed to the conditions which prevailed in the United offer, replied, "Yes, general, ain't it fierce?" And the curtain went down. At the opening of the second the curtain went down. At the opening of the second ed to the conditions which prevaled in the original formation of the second states of America in 1787. Why continue trying to fit the clothes of a child on an adult's body? Why not have a grown-up suit of clothes? The People's Council is to meet in Minneapolis on September 1. The biggest task it could pos-on September 1. The biggest task it could pos-



No! We Are Not Yet Ready For This Graveyard!

sibly set itself; the worthiest of the endeavors of such a group of men and women; the greatest possible contribution to the cause of democracy in this country and peace thruout the world, would be for the People's Council of America to inaugurate a nationwide campaign in each of the states, for the summoning by Congress of a Constitutional Convention to make a new Constitution for the United States of America.

Fundamental in this instrument should be a provision absolutely prohibiting the recurrence such a condition as we have faced during the present few months in relation to coal and steel, copper, lead and zinc; when a small group of impudent traitors, holding in their private possession a supreme necessity of public life, defied and flouted the government and the people. Some of the out-standing provisions in the Constitution of the In-dustrial Democracy should be as follows:

"THE LAND OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALL ITS NATURAL RESOURCES BELONG INALIENABLY TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

"USE AND OCCUPANCY SHALL BE THE SOLE TITLE TO LAND: AND SUCH TITLE SHALL BE INDEFEASIBLE.

SHALL BE INDEFEASIBLE. "MINERAL WEALTH AND NATURAL RE-SOURCES WITHIN THE BORDERS OF ANY STATE SHALL BE HELD IN TRUST FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNION BY THE PEOPLE OF THAT STATE. ALL PROFITS CLEARED IN THE OPERATION OF SUCH RESOURCES SHALL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE WHOLE UNION AND THE PEOPLE SHALL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE WHOLE UNION AND THE PEOPLE OF THAT STATE, AND DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO PUBLIC EDUCATION, SECONDLY, TO DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE; THIRD-LY, TO OLD AGE, UNEMPLOYMENT, SICK-NESS AND ACCIDENT PENSIONS, and similar while prograficat and the residue shall be used public necessities; and the residue shall be used for the defraying of taxes.

"Publicly necessary interstate means of transportation and communication shall be owned by the people of the union. Publicly necessary means of transportation and communication within the borders of any state shall be owned by the people of that state. Public utilities within the borders of a county shall be owned by the people of that county, and such public utilities as are entirely within the borders of a municipality shall be

owned by the people of said municipality. "In the conduct and operation of any public util-ity, all workers actually employed in said industry shall be entitled to the franchise concerning the officials, conditions and conduct of the industry, in like

manner as if they were stockholders. "Each national industry shall elect delegates proportionate to the whole number of workers to a National Industrial Congress who shall govern the national public utilities in trust for the whole

"Each state industry shall elect delegates to a ple of the state, and similar methods shall be fol- see it.

act, Betsy hoss was sitting on the stage with a baby in her arms. George Washington came in and said, "Betsy, ain't it fierce that we ain't got no flag to fight this here revolution?" Betsy replied, "Yes, general, you hold the baby and I'll make one!" Ain't it fierce to have a pice big was and no along Ain't it fierce to have a nice big war and no slogan

to fight it with? It is plain that I shall have to come to the rescue, like Betsy. You hold the baby, jingoes, and I'll make

one. I'm long on slogans. Down with democracy, up with autocracy! Remember the price of coal! He kept us out of potatoes!

There you are, jingoes. Take your choice. If none of these are suitable, I have lots more in my nut.

### A Little Confusing

The Pekin (China) Gazette, accuses the Allies as being responsible for the attempt to abolish the Republic and establish an Emperor in China. "A great struggle has been going on between

autocracy and democracy in China for three and a half months," says the Gazette, "and in this instance the Allies have been on the side of the autocratic forces, because one man rule is infinitely more agreeable to traditional diplomacy than any well

gian king on his throne, take the Berlin to Bagdad railroad away from the people who built it, keep Persia, Ireland, Egypt and India from rebelling, and wrest the Austrians away from alliance with their neighbor power, we embark upon a war for democracy fought with conscripts and suppress the press in our own land.

Help! We feel dizzy.

The U.S. senate has decided to call upon the 48 states of the nation to settle the question whether the nation shall prohibit the liquor traffic. Now let the senate submit to the states the question of abolishing the profit system.

The Socialist party organ at Vienna, the Arbeiter Zeitung, argues not only that the German campaign of submarine ruthlessness will not hasten the end of the war, but was not undertaken to that end, but to give the Germans a shipping advantage in the after-the-war competition.

The Columbus, Ohio, Journal, uses up some space telling about U. S. Senator Harding's views that the present political situation shows a tendency

toward social democracy. The senator's apprehen-sions are by no means fanciful", says The Journal. 'We have in these columns given repeatedly expressions of similar ideas". The drift toward Social-

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### Big Newspaper Scores Censorship

From the New York Evening Post.

A strong protest should be lodged against the abuse by Post Office officials of their wide powers under the Espionage bill to forbid the free use of mails to various publications. Up to date, this indirect form of suppression has not been used against any large or powerful members of the press, but only against small and feeble periodicals. The ground for withholding the privilege of the mails was that the suppressed publications printed articles calculated to discourage recruiting. This is an

indictment of very broad scope and endless elasticity. It is an indictment typical of the bureau-cratic frame of mind, leaving plenty of room for bureaucratic discretion, a discretion which has been carefully exercised in favor of the big sinner. There are a number of the great dailies, backed by in-fluence and power, which have freely and openly said things much more discouraging to recruiting than the worst that has appeared in the pages o the suppressed periodicals. Perhaps, in time, this indirect censorship thru the Post Office will feel itself strong enough to attack bigger game. That

is a good reason why right-thinking men should join now in nipping the tendency in the bud. "We are fighting to win", says the Sigourney, Iowa, Herald. "We demanded nothing of Germany

except the rights of a free people to be respected upon the seas. Every civilized nation protested, but

none dared to fight except Uncle Sam." Having entered the fight, Uncle Sam, as the first step in this warfare for the rights of commerce proceeds to deny to Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Norway the rights he is fighting for, for himself. State Industrial Congress, which shall govern the state in trust for the public industries of the state in trust for the peo-public industries of the state in trust for the peo-daily newspaper editor or a college professor, can rights of all other for a policy of war to the extreme and that is why soon enough and strong enough—and the war is neutrals

NOW IS THE TIME for all socialists to put in their best licks for education and organization. Prevail upon that socialist neighbor to join the Socialist Party. Set a good example for other Socialists by doing something worth while yourself.

The Organized Farmer figures out that the Liberty Loan was a failure because the 2,000,000 individuals who subscribed for it probably represent the 2 per cent of the population who own 60 per cent of the wealth. It shows that the 98 per cent who own 40 per cent of the wealth of the land were not back of the loan.

"Business as Usual," is the slogan of the exploiters. J. Ogden Armour voices it in the N. Y. Than his own share from generous nature's store. Fimes. Sure, don't let a little thing like war, ten million lives, and a violation of the United States Constitution bother you. The workers will have to pay the price anyhow, why worry?

Charges that the British ambassador, Buchanan, at Petrograd, has been using his influence to restore the old Russian regime are contained in an article n Socialist prime minister Kerensky's paper, the "Djen". It is stated that Kerensky called Buchanan on the carpet and told him to stop his efforts to restore the czar to this throne.

Edwin Blank, a Socialist, has refused to accept the invitation of the Lima, Ohio, Trades and Labor Council to represent it on the Allen County Con-scription Board because he "would not assist in forcing members of the working class into a war to further the interests of the capitalist class, and in which war I could not conscientiously participate." He gives seven other reasons just as good.

"It is our duty and our right to carry forward our campaign for freedom thru organization. We shall not halt or falter," declares the United Mine Workers' Journal, organ of the coal miners, in replying to the haughty coal barons on President Wilson's coal production committee, who would have organized lapor cease all activities during the present war.

refuses to leave the trains," were the orders given o a militiaman stationed at the railroad bridge at

Covington, Ky. This order had hardly been put into force when a militiaman's bullet claimed its first grip the nation.

The New Republic joins its protest against the denial of passports to the Socialist delegates to Stockholm as follows: "Our action in refusing passports and threatening criminal action against Amerit is averse to having peace discussed.

# A Socialist

### By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Who is a Socialist? It is a man Who strives to formulate or aid a plan To better earth's conditions. It is he Who, having ears to hear and eyes to see, Is neither deaf nor blind when might, roughsho Treads down the privileges and right which God Means for all men, the privilege to toil, To breathe pure air; to till the fertile soil— The right to live, to love, to woo, to wed And earn for hungry mouths their meed of break The Socialist is he who claims no more

But that he asks, and asks, too that no other Shall claim the share of any weaker brother, And brand him beggar in his own domain To glut a mad, inordinate lust for gain. The Socialist is one who holds the best Of all God's gifts is toil, the second rest He asks that all men learn the sweets of labor And that no idler fatten on his neighbor That all men be allowed their share of leisure, Nor thousands slave that one may seek his pleasure. Who on the Golden Rule shall dare insist-Behold in him the modern Socialist.

All war and no play makes Jack a dead boy.

Where there is war there can be no real liberty.

The League of Democracy with offices at 120 Boylston St., Boston, Mass., Robert W. Dunn, executive secretary, has sent a protest to Postmaster General Burleson, Solicitor of the Postoffice Department William H. Lamar, and Attorney General Gregory, against the ruthless suppression of the outspoken press in this country.

Fred G. Smith, Minneapolis, Minn., in addressing the National Association of Real Estate Boards in session at Milwaukee, Wis., on "A Practical Housing Law" pointed out that the Socialists were conspicuous among the few people who are vitally and As the war mania grows stronger life becomes intensely interested in the problem of housing. He cheaper in these United States. "Shoot anyone who pointed out that the Socialists are pushing housing legislation in many states.

"It is not improbable, much as the Socialists dislike war, that the war will really bring about the innocent victim. This brand of murder will assert trying out of Socialistic ideals in many particulars itself more and more as Prussianism tightens its by the governments of the world to a greater extent than would have been probable in a century ef peace", says the Forum, of Fargo, N. D.

One of the reasons for the sudden precipitation of the war was the steady gain of power by Social-ists in all the countries of the world. Ten years more and Socialism would have come about peaceican citizens who attend the conference will suggest fully, without the terrific waste of life and wealth the price we pay for your stupidity.

