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FROM WAR TO PEACE!

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The entrance of the United States into the World War has long been expected by every student of social science. It was inevitable.

Up to the Baling Case of the United States the declaration of war on August first 1914, was for an innumerable year, for the reason that it stemmed the tide of financial depression and averted what would have been the worst panic in our history.

The economic law of surplus value operates so that the Worker receives but a tithe of his work and works as miserably as the law of gravitation had upon the products of labor to the point that a collapse of the economic structure was imminent.

The war changed all this. Billions of dollars were unloaded upon the manufacturers of munitions and war supplies of all descriptions, and thus the clouds of panic were rolled backward.

However it is a law of this system that when once great economic depression has been averted, certain direction they continue until they reach their maximum development, then comes exhaustion and reaction.

And so the entrance of the United States into this war. The maximum development of war-trafficking could not be reached without our entrance into the European conflict and how stupendous this development will be is plain to be gathered from the fact that the first war loan calls for Five Billion Dollars.

It is known to all students of government that a people never declare war but war is already in their veins. They are the agents of those who privately own and control the social necessities of the nation. Morgan and Rockefeller have more influence in Washington than all the people of Illinois. As of old it is true that, "Government is nothing but the executive committee of the class that war for their personal profit and aggrandizement. Hence Washington answers the call of Wall Street, the people are denied a referendum vote although they will pay the bills and shed their blood.

The Oligarchy's Choice.

No more than the execution of John Brown caused the war between the North and the South did the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria cause the present configuration. War is so foolish as to believe that the killing of one individual could plunge practically all the nations of Earth into war!

It is a grave mistake to say that either of the two exphillies first cousins, Nick B. Hill and George, plus Victor Emmanuel of Italy and the senile Franz Joseph of Austria, are responsible for it. The Rebel will go even further and say that not the military class or the multiplied millions of cannon-fodder that make up their armies are responsible. All students of economics know that the real function of armies is to guard the loot of the Bulling class or that they have no more to say about government than the

millions of civilians that make up the industrial armies of the nation.

Again we may observe that the war is of innumerable benefit to the Rockefeller and the Morgans and all their ilk in this, that it has for the first time in a generation inflamed the minds of the people with a war-spirit behind which will come the vast standard-bearer of the masses and prayed for and heretofore in vain; that army to be used to shoot down their fellow-citizens and protect their ill-gotten gains. And so the plutocracy was warmed. A Caesar's dream shone them. What wreck they of human life and the peaceful pursuit of life, liberty and happiness that our forefathers dreamed of—dreamed they, the plutocracy was shattered because of their nefarious practices indulged in for that their inordinate greed might approach satisfaction.

So it can be observed that the cause that led to Germany, England, France, Prussia, Italy and Austria that has led the United States into this world-wide debacle, viz—The World War broke when Capitalist Society had reached that stage of economic development wherein the Bulling Oligarchs of land, finance and industry directly perceived that they had to plunge the race into a sort of blood-bath to be followed by revolutions within their separate borders.

Do you doubt this? Then look at Austria with her industries running on quarters time, look at Britain with its millions of unemployed, look at Germany with more than a million idle men, look at France with its millions gathering round the Syndicalist movement and crying for bread, look at the United States seeking to give answer to West Virginia, Michigan, Colorado, California, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts everywhere the millions crying for bread in the midst of boundless wealth and this at the moment when the shadows of panic lay thick upon the land, a panic it was impossible to avert or to forestall of course, or the introduction of Industrial Democracy.

This was the condition the world was facing when the assassination of the Archduke Ferdinand gave Austria its cause for war.

The Failure of Labor.

Not since Spartacus and his legions went down to death after winning nine great battles against the Enemy Within his own country has the democracy suffered such a defeat as when the workers of the World rushed to the battle lines and unlearned the system that had chained them with their own bodies piled millions deep.

Once again the "dark black ages" seemed to stalk the World. Once again the Roman Caesars seemed to scourge their slaves to battle, only now there was no "Burr of Gold". It seemed to those who had given their lives to labor that they were standing on a Hymanian Golgotha and pa-

ving down upon endless Gethsemanes.

Why should the Working Class of all the nations organized and drilled in economic organizations and partly drilled in political organizations respond in such large numbers to the Masters' trumpet-call is one of the big questions before us now.

To the Rebel the answer is simple. The organizations of labor were structurally defective in that they believed that the Oligarchs had some rights that a civilized man would be bound to respect, such as the right to private property in the means of life, from which came such infamous slogans as, "A fair day's wages for a fair day's work" and, "Join the Union of your craft and the party of your class." Inasmuch as these slogans are contradictory for the reason that there is no such thing as a "fair day's wages", for the reason that in the very nature of things labor is entitled to the full product of its toil, for the reason that the Union is the utterance of class unity, hence nothing but confusion could abound and thus nothing could be expected but that the millions would march to the trenches, for they were not "Rewarding their friends and punishing their enemies!" For who dares to say that the German Oligarchy has not been "fairer" to its wage-slaves than any other Oligarchy on Earth?

It was for the reason that the working class had no international economic organization and, therefore, no international consciousness, the Nation became divided instead of the Race, the State instead of the Common wealth.

For this reason it became easy for the Oligarchs of the World to organize 10,000,000 of Europe lie dead on the fields of Europe or, mangled for life, are dragging their broken bodies through the slums of her cities.

Centralized to the last degree the Nations and the States found themselves at the mercy of a handful of Executives and Overlords and helpless at the moment to resist their orders. The World of Labor had practically denied democracy. It is paying the penalty.

In all lands and continents and on the Seven Seas the Oligarchs seemed to be triumphant and secure and, then—Conqually and suddenly in Ireland and Liechtenstein stood up in Berlin and hurried the defiance of democracy straight into the faces of the War Lords; the guns of the Irish mingled with the voices of the Russian Revolution around the World and its echo was heard in the Antipodes and the people of Australia overwhelmingly voted down conscription; the Russians revolted, the Czarism fell and the Russian nation stepped into the war, men and women in every part of the Union stood up and denounced the crime against humanity.

That is gone. The Czar is gone. The Hohenzollerns are gone. The Hapsburgs are going. The King of Britain and Emperor of India is going. The Mikado is going.

The House of Rockefeller and Morgan is going.

In the midst of all this changing of empire The Rebel wishes to say that, when all this tumult and shouting has died the Industrial Democracy will live because the Rebels have kept the faith.

Consideration of the World.

Peace by force is impossible. In dressing this President Wilson and all who agree with him commit a stupendous error. The Spirit of the Race is against them.

Capitalism is on the rocks. In every nation the Ship of State is wrecked. Materially, morally and everywhere the Race has outgrown capitalist society. Therefore, the troops who are now warring under the flags of the different nations are actually fighting to say that the old shall not die, the new shall not be born. Nonetheless it is being born. Capitalism is its own grave-digger.

Ultimately the day will dawn when the cheap commodities of Manchester will batter down Chinese walls," declared Karl Marx in 1848. The event has occurred, the prophecy has been fulfilled. For it seems but yesterday that American, German, British, France and Japanese sailed side by side the walls of Peking and smoke China from her sleep of four thousand years. This was yesterday. Tomorrow, let us hope they will come back from the battlefields and side by side go over the prison walls of Capitalism. In this hour the Race is free.

Out of the welter of the present, beyond the red ocean of war, they who know economic and social conditions and who really think can see but one hope for the future and progress, the replacement of Industrial Democracy throughout the World and the CONFEDERATION of the World into a FREE COMMON WEALTH.

Up with Land and Liberty! Down with conscription and the Servile State! Long live Industrial Democracy!

"GUSTAIN FIRE."

(By Covington Hall.)

It was treason for Pearson and Comly to stand against the British government and for his treason for Debs and Lafollette to stand against the United States government and for humanity, then I say—GOD BLESS THE THAIATORS!

NO POEM AT ALL.

As we read the reading has come up out of any of the nations in glorification of the World War. This one fact proves this was a Servile war—That the Heart and Soul of the Race—The backbone of the world's hands are doing. Slaves do not write poetry. The servile never sing in on freedom's fields alone that the Spirit of Man breaks into music. Let us arise and sing no more.

"Joy is not in things—it is in us."—Wagner.

Socialist Victories

Two Harbors, Minn.—The three aldermen and city treasurer elected by the Socialist party in the municipal election here. The Socialist candidates for mayor was defeated, 442 to 495. Four aldermen were elected by the "Citizens' movement, taking control of the city government for the Socialists. The city went dry, 615 to 330.

Shelbytown, Wis.—Shelbytown Socialists re-elected all their former city officials and elected three more aldermen, one school commissioner and one supervisor in Tuesday's election. The party now is represented by five aldermen, two supervisors, the city assessor, one school commissioner and one member of the water commission.

The aldermen elected are: Jos. Staumgarther, Fourth ward; J. Meyer, Sixth ward; J. DeWane, Seventh ward; and William Brockman, Eighth ward. Other candidates elected are: Henry Knoke, assessor; J. A. Mueller, supervisor, Seventh ward; Mrs. E. Deane, school commissioner, third ward; Albert Krieger, supervisor Eighth ward. In the First ward the Socialist candidate for alderman was defeated by 2 votes. A recount will be made.

Kenosha, Wis.—Two members of the Socialist party were arrested and fined \$7 each for distributing a leaflet entitled, "Down With War!"

Martin Schmitt, Socialist, was elected school commissioner from the Seventh ward, Tuesday giving the party three members of the school board.

W. F. Goodman, Socialist, was defeated for alderman by 27 votes. The party has all but 200 alderman.

COWARDLY COLLINS CORRECTION.

Pete Collins, the self appointed apostle of labor, and savior of the world, who is paid by the Knights of Columbus to fight Socialism, was advertised for a lecture at the Yookum Opera House on April 9. Yookum is just 18 miles from Hallettsville where live a young Rebel who decided to go to war with this chimney sweep of the parastatic class who (as Collins) had deliberately laid with E. R. Meitzen at Yookum about a year ago. Telling his audience after he had finished his lecture that he was in other parts of the country "How he wallowed the Socialist candidate for governor of Texas in a joint debate at Yookum," when as a matter of fact Collins did not debate with Meitzen—he only granted Meitzen 15 minutes to answer the scandalous charges he made in an hour and a half tirade about Socialism breaking up the home. The 15 minutes Meitzen was on the floor might have seemed longer to Collins.

At this meeting Collins referred to the short time allotted the Socialist as a courtesy on his part and after jumping to another section of the country began to boast of what he had done to the "Little Socialist" in a "joint debate." But to his amazement Pithy Peter found that he could

Frontenac, Kansas. Socialists elected John Schilknecht, mayor; Wayne Neer, city treasurer, and Jos. Botter member of the city council. Mr. Schilknecht published a positive refusal to make the race and in refusal to qualify if he was elected, because of objections filed by his employers.

He was voted for by the Socialists and his many friends in the city. Robert Bell, mayor, by a majority of 38 votes over John Haderlin, the present mayor. The Socialists also elected the city treasurer and one councilman. The following is the vote of the city:

Mayor—Schilknecht, Soc.; 460; Jno. Haderlin, Ind., 422. Police judge—John Norris, Ind., 475; Harry Davis, Soc., 371. City treasurer—Robert Bell, Ind., 410; Wayne Neer, Soc., 445. Treasurer school board—J. S. Patton, Ind., 454; Jacko Fenilo, Soc., 368. Councilmen—First ward, Martin Knott, Ind., 181; John Irwin, Soc., 158. Second ward, Thomas Elliott, Ind., 160; Fred Longman, Soc., 167. Third ward, George Bascia, Ind., 77; Tony Rat, Soc., 71. Fourth ward, Henry Aschbacher, Ind., 69; Jos. Botter, Soc., 128. For members school board—W. J. Lark, Ind., 499; M. K. Scott Ind., 491; Anthony Neary, Ind., 414; Lizzie Early, Soc., 410; Louis Hart, Soc., 407; E. Shipley, Soc., 367.

Duluth—P. G. Phillips, Socialist, candidate for city commissioner, was elected by a great majority.

Mason, Wis.—Socialists elected Ole B. Olsson, supervisor, and Arthur F. Anderson, assessor, in the town of Mason, Bayfield county, Tuesday.

not get by with his lies. Everywhere he spoke and live comrades called his name until Apostle Peter decided to be good at least when in Rebel territory.

Peter was to tell the people at Yookum meeting "What's Wrong With the World" and all about "Socialism—The Workingman's Greatest Enemy." But alas, the sick and slimy Pete did not mention Socialism at all, and devoted an hour and a half to how Capital and Labor should lie down together under the watchful care of the Roman Catholic church.

History will repeat itself when the millions of slaves are to be hoisted as he probably will say, when he goes to another place, that no Socialist would meet him in debate at Yookum. "There's a reason," he did not do it was not any of the comrades elsewhere will tell him so when he begins to boast and has. Yes, Pete can be good when he has to, and the boys of Texas will see to it that he behaves himself well here.

Vote Against War.

Seattle, April 10.—The Central Labor Council of Seattle, composed of 250 labor unions, representing 25,000 trade unionists, today unanimously approved a resolution protesting against the entry of the United States into war with Germany.

