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WAR! WHAT FOR?

WHO WANTS WAR?

A mass meeting was held in Kansas City recently to publicly thank Senator Wm. J. Stone for his stand against the Armed Non-Resistance bill. 20,000 people packed the hall and it is said more than 20,000 were unable to gain entrance as they proceeded to a vast lot where extemporaneous speakers made anti-war speeches to the cheering multitude.

The same night that the Kansas City mass meeting was held March 25; a peace meeting was held in New York City. Madison Square Garden was taxed to its capacity with people who were so much in favor of peace they were willing to fight for it, as was evidenced by a free for all fight between those conducting the meeting and the jingo agents who had been sent to the behoof of the armament makers to break up the peace meeting. A resolution was adopted demanding a referendum vote before declaring war.

So confident is Senator Norris of Nebraska, that it is in the people of his state that war, that he is willing to place his resignation in their hands and allow them to say whether or not he valued their sentiments when he opposed an act that would have soured or later involved this country in war.

Nowhere do we hear the working people clamoring for war. Then who is it that wants war? The plutocrats will please answer.

SERMON ON WAR.

By Dad Ketchum.

We cry Peace! Peace! Peace! when there is no Peace. As a so-called Christian nation we pray for Peace while we prepare for "War." (HILL).

We spend millions of dollars to send missionaries to foreign lands to teach the heathens Christianity while we are making guns to shoot it out of them.

We are a nation of hypocritical spendthrifts; we spend billions of dollars for death-dealing "war" machines to murder our fellow man that never did us any harm, and then pray to God for a victory bought with the blood of our brothers and widows' and orphans' tears.

We are a nation of hypocritical blood-sucking vampires that for the sake of commercial PROFIT would raise the food grades of "HELL," and sacrifice the lives of millions of the best blood of our race and dread old Mother Earth with innocent blood to avenge the life of one adventurous speculator, one grafter, one pirate, or one blood-sucking vampire who knows no God or Mercy, but PROFIT. If we spent as much money to teach brotherly love and peace, as we do to build battle ships and other implements of murder, we would not need so many battle ships and other death-dealing machines and preparation to murder our fellow man.

If we were as patriotic to God, that made us in his own likeness and image, as we are to the bloody God of "War" of Com-

mmercial PROFIT, we could lay the cornerstone of Brotherly Love and Peace by the plumb line of Eternal Justice, then we could pray in truth thy Kingdom Come will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We hypocritically pray for peace and least of our charity to the brethren of other nations, and neglect the poverty-stricken, freezing, starving heathens of our own country.

For I was hungered and ye gave me no meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink, I was a stranger and ye took me not in, naked and ye clothed me not; sick and ye visited me not; verily I say unto you inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me. If we say we love God and keep his commandments and stand for "War," under any circumstance we are liars.

If we say we are Christians and stand for "War," and yet we stand for our country right or wrong, we are hypocrites and liars and the truth is not in us.

Then said Jesus to them: Put up again thy sword unto its place; for they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Matt. 26:52.

Thou Shalt Not Kill.

Thou shalt beat thy sword into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they know "war." Jer. 4:3.

Jesus said unto him: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy might. Matt. 22:37.

And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matt. 22:39. Do you do it when you murder your neighbor? Nay, verily, Peace, there can be no Peace, as long as such Pole and China stick as Bill Taft roams at large organizing Peace Leagues one day, and next day recommends Compulsory Military Service and Conscription, and Red Jersey preachers that get down on their marrow bones and pray for Peace, and then organize innocent children and boy Scouts and teach them the military arts and science of murder.

You can't serve God and the Devil at the same time, come out of here my people that ye be not partakers of her sin and that ye receive not her plagues. Rev. 18:4. For her sin has reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Rev. 18:5.

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings (presidents and grafters) of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the corporations trusts and combines of earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies (corruption). Rev. 18:3.

And the kings (presidents and grafters) and "war lords" of earth who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament

for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning. Rev. 18:19. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more. Rev. 18:11.

For by their fruits ye shall know THEM. Matt. 12:33.

Oh Consistency thou art a Jew.

Mangum, Okla.

INVESTIGATING AGAIN.

Congress has decided to again investigate the high cost of food stuff. A commission to investigate the reason for the high cost of living including its laborers and quit drawing pay a little over from age and nothing has resulted from this, but a steady increase in the cost of foodstuffs is noticeable everywhere. And now, an other bunch of mis-representatives will kill time and draw some extra expense money out of the treasury with about the same result.

If congress does not know by now what is the cause it had better adjourn sine die. We overheard a citizen the other day say: "Why Old Uncle Zabo, the colored journalist, would know the cause. If for instance I would give him a horse to stay in and then furnish him with all kinds and plenty of good things to eat. For ten days and then transfer nearly all the eatables to another house, then after a few days some one would ask him why he was complaining of food shortage, he would naturally say, 'Why boys I am done out and most of the food away to another house.'"

The war lords have moved our foodstuffs out to feed the war and consequently are starving America, while an investigation goes merrily on at so much per day investigator.

It would not be at all out of the ordinary to find these same fellows investigating the Niggers. Falls to ascertain why the water does not flow up instead of down. Probably they will take this step when they have exhausted themselves investigating the H. C. L. again to find that it is all the fault the chicken has in not laying enough eggs to supply the demand, and thus causing a food famine.

Hats off to the statesmen! "Rah for 'poitry' powder," that will save a nation from starvation.

PAYING FOR THE WAR.

By Scott Nearing.

"Europe must pay for this war!" is a sentiment as frequently met with as it is unintelligent. Europe will have to pay for the war, of course, but the burden will rest very heavily upon the people of the United States.

The American people are telling themselves that they are peopoles because wages are high and work is steady. As a matter of fact there has not been a time in years when the average American has been compelled to work as hard for the simple necessities of life as during this present winter.

Some Americans are prosper-

ing, the real-estate owners, the bankers, the merchants, and the manufacturers are making money hand over fist. They have something to sell, prices are high, and they reap their reward. Unfortunately for the country, the property owners and industrial leaders are in the minority. The great majority of people in the country are wage earners and clerks, the bulk of that vast body of workers "who make the mistake of having the demand instead of supply." For them the present situation is full of peril.

The latest monthly review of the United States Bureau of Labor and Statistics reports upon the advance in food prices from November 15, 1915, to November 15, 1916. Of the 27 articles listed all but two—coffee and tea—have advanced 2 to 10 times. The increase is shown by potatoes which have more than doubled. The next most rapid increase is shown by beans, which are three-fourths again as high as they were a year ago. The price of most meats have risen greatly, and there has been a considerable advance in the price of cereals. The increase in the price of all articles combined is about 25 per cent.

There is no way in which the food bill of the United States may be computed accurately, but roughly the 20 million families in the country probably spend on an average \$8 a week for food. The increase of 25 per cent in the cost of food would therefore add \$2 a week per family: 40 million families a week for all the food in the country. The price of the food in the United States during 1916 if continued for one year amounts to a like amount. In other words, the increase in food costs, paid by the American people, would be \$400,000,000 in the total interest on the European war debt—must be carried by 100 millions of people.

If it is true that "Europe must pay for this war," what are we paying for here in America? True, and the prices of food are still going up. The American people are under another disadvantage. The European war debt must be carried by a population of about 400 millions. The increase in food costs of the United States—an amount equal to the interest on the European war debt—must be carried by 100 millions of people.

"But," you say, "the war is still going on."

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THE PATRIOT.

Aside from our regular Patriots for Profit and worshippers at the shrine of the true profit. Let us consider the whole thing calmly.

1st. A patriot is a snigger. A Revolutionary, if he fails to be a traitor, renegade and an apostate. It is illustrated by one of our countrymen of the Declaration of Independence who is not signed, remarked: "Gentlemen, we must hang together, if we do not, we have separately." Walpole, who knows the British "Patriot" as having frequently to purchase a few rows of pon-

derous fattened English squires who adorned the benches of Parliament, in order to carry out every the most necessary measures of government, said Patriotism is the last refuge of a wounded man. Our own great Wendell Phillips said he wanted the word "traitor" placed on his tomb. Had Washington, Simon Bolivar, O. Higgins and Garibaldi failed they would have been hanged or shot. Our own great Septimus Severus, who under a harsh but just administration of the Province of Pannonia, conceded an uprising last for power that was never turned aside by the apprehension of danger, the allurements of pleasure or the feelings of humanity, after killing to a sense of security his great rivals.

Codrus Albinus and Paeonius Niger, by treachery, were murdered forty miles a day at the head of his seasoned veterans who for a decade had stemmed the barbaric tide against Rome on the frozen banks of the Danube and then the Roman Empire and by conquest and slaughter destroyed her Government and ruled with a prodigality of insolence toward the right of a Roman citizen that almost equalled the prodigality of his professions of patriotism and would credit to our modern usurpers of power.

He was hailed by the rabble as ninth founder of Rome. His name was a talisman that yielded for the free distribution of corn in the streets of Rome, were the same as yesterday cried for food in the streets of New York. In Rome's early stern old days, the centurion, greatly respected the fact that it was a "short walk from the Senate to the Tarpian Rock."

A real Patriot is one who would die with a smile for justice, but not for the right to be a man and always first to fight a corrupt government. They have always been in the minority but the earth's chosen heroes have also been there, and it is by reason of them that we have known ages of club, emeral from the jungle and fabled with unflinching eyes the sunlight.

The most vital part of our own Declaration of Independence says: "It is not only the right but the duty of a citizen to oppose a corrupt government."

Wm. D. Simpson.

"CURTAIN FIRE."

By Covington Ami.

Plute Patriot's war motto: They also serve who only stand and TAKE.

To the free and the brave
 Earth belongs to the slave—
 To the fighters the soil—
 To the victors the spoils—
 To the thinkers the light—
 To the rebels the right—
 There is nothing O slave
 For your share but the grave

"Extry! Extry! Sub sinit
 Standard Oil tank! 13 American
 people's" affix killed! Aggressive
 war declared on Germany! To arms!
 To arms, ye workers! RE-
 MEMBER LUDLOW!

"Mobilize The Farms!" cries the Houston Post. "There must be food enough to feed the American people at reasonable rates and a surplus to share with the remote allies at 'reasonable rates.'" It also demands "rationing" in greater quantities than ever. Considering that the British-American Plutocracy has stolen somewhere around two billion dollars from the farmers of Dixie on the last three cotton crops, this demand is the limit of subsidized gall. Well, as Judd Mortimer Lewis says in the same paper: "Bring the next revolution on and let it do its utmost!"

Reverend "it is so ridiculous to lead an American division on the French front." A division is commanded, I believe, by a major general. Being a General makes a man's life exceptionally valuable to society (1), hence he stations himself from 25 to 50 miles behind the death-line. Some "lead." Put 'em up to PROFIT—make the Masters and the Marching HEAD LEAD—and which how fast the wars will end!

"Expropriate the Expropriators." Conscript HOBBS along with men and—O my countrymen! how the Plutocrats and Pimps will howl peace. "Peace at any price!"

Dr. David Starr Jordan, according to the Houston Chronicle, "has become too much of a partisan to deal with the present situation rationally." Paranoia is insanity caused by the germs of syphilis lodged in and rotting out the brain. No one could possibly conceive of Marcellus E. Putnam ever suffering from paranoia—he is so virtuous and patriotic the syphilis germs would be poisoned even if they found emf brains inside his hat-back to turn a chigger pink.

"You Pacifists are responsible for the war!" shriek the Jungsos and Militants. "Why do you mean by muddying my water!" howled the wolf to the lamb down the stream. Death to the death-makers!

To Woodrow Wilson and Lloyd George:

There is an ancient saying. Forever true:

"Not by your words shall you be judged, but by your deeds." But by the WORKS ye do. ** You lip-serv the Democracy. You prelate of "freedom men." You menace links to liberty. In all the works ye do.

Down with the Servile State! Long live Industrial Democracy!

Here's hoping England's start-of-conscience in Russia they won't be able to stop!

Let the priests and the preachers have heaven, give Plutocrats and Politicians hell, and take the world for the workers! Amen. You said it!

Industrial Democracy is the only hope of the human race. C.

REBEL HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS

Men to be Whipped to the Gallows.

Throughout the frame-up of the five Labor Unionists in San Francisco, the defense has been conspicuously killed in the face of the position whippersnips. Unable to bring these absurd falsehoods in to court and having no honest evidence, the prosecutors have literally whispered one defendant in to the prosecutory and another to the shadow of the gallows.

When the men were first arrested, the prosecutor WHISPERED to San Francisco Labor: "Shh! lay off. These fellows are guilty; don't get labor mixed up in defending them. We've got the goods on them."

When Billings was tried and proved, beyond honest dispute, to be absolutely innocent, the United States district attorney WHISPERED to grumbling Labor: "Shh! Be quiet. It's true that he didn't do what our witnesses swore he did, but Billings intended to do it and backed out at the last minute. Leave him alone; he knows all about it and will tell. We don't hang the boy anyway, so what you kicking about? We only sent him to prison for life. Be quiet and watch the Money trial, there we'll have the real goods."

When Carpenters' Union 483 began to use the light and appointed a committee to demand why Weinberg was being held on a murder charge, the prosecutor PICKED up the telephone and WHISPERED to a committee of lies about Weinberg: "not being guilty, but going to confess." He then went through the wild stunt of kidnapping Weinberg and taking him to a modest jail, where he gave him a free room in the hospital, with every hotel convenience, fried chicken to eat, and a stool-pigman to talk to. Slowly and steadily the whippersnips worked their way through the city and all the way to the East, and they were only stopped by Weinberg's getting a chance to be heard and telling about the whole fraud, of how he had been offered \$5000 and his life for being to perjure away the life of Money; and how the prosecutor had told him that he knew he was not guilty.

Then Tom Mooney came to trial, and the defense produced the photographs that Fickert had falsified to convict Billings proved Mooney innocent beyond the shadow of doubt. By having their cocaine sniffer change his testimony, and bringing a drunk on from Dan Drake, Ore., the prosecutors brazenly changed the whole face of his case, had their witnesses prove themselves perjurers, dropped a half-dozen of the worst of their convicts and perjurors, and convinced Mooney on a story so distastefully impossible that it couldn't be believed by a sane man, even if he hadn't been disproven by several photographs and many witnesses.

And here did the prosecution manage to give its false jurymen conscience salve for the job! Unable to produce anything for court, the district attorney, as admitted by a jurymen, went behind the back of the court and WHISPERED TO THE JURYMEN a lot of stuff about Mooney's past record as a labor organizer! Not only was this stuff a lie, but they could not even introduce it in court. So they WHISPERED TO THE JURYMEN.

When this lynching was pulled off through the collusion of anti-labor business men jurors, the anger of Labor was thunderous. The Labor Council and fifty

locals voiced their wrath. What did the district attorney do to escape his blame for this lynching the street-car organizer, HE WHISPERED:

"Now, don't get angry; it's true that we did make a kind of a contradictory case, but don't think about it. — Shh! — inside tip: we got it straight that Money is going to confess." But Fickert had laid a little "too" often; the rising storm of anger could not be whispered down. Throughout the trial, the East and the South, the rumble of organized labor's anger is heard. Desperately the vermin of the "Frame-up System" are scurrying about, whispering again. A stool-pigman from the district attorney's office told a man the other day, when he did not know that this man was a friend of the defense: "Yes, I got a straight tip that Money is going to confess about the case. If you tell anybody, we don't want to let out. Mooney, you know, is a bad fellow; he is lots worse than he seemed to be in court. I put him in there the one time he had a drink with a beer about ten cents, and Money got thru with his shave and got up and walked outside and took out some dynamite from his pocket — you know we carried dynamite in our pockets all the time — and blew up the barber pole!"

These fellows are bent on slaughtering Labor Unionists in the dark. We have nothing to conceal. If you know it, if you hear any whippersnips about these cases, about them at the top of your lungs; we want to know them, and as surely as any one of these fifty lies gets out we will clear it up for you. If you see it is left underneath the surface to face to feater and not in the alms whippersnips of the scab district attorney's stool-pigmen, and these four innocent men and the innocent people teacher will be whippersnips the gallows by the poisonous line of the spies.

Detroit Employers Endorse Fickert and Koster.

Henry M. Leland, President of the Detroit Employers' Association, and also President of the Cadillac Automobile Company, is not withholding his opinion of labor unionism and the fight in San Francisco. "Labor Unionists are Crime Unions," said Leland at an address before the Chamber of Commerce club. The San Francisco bomb case is no exceptional one. It is the most recent outbreak of criminal unionism. San Francisco goes on since last July and said to unionism. "We will purge this city. You must go!" San Francisco knows that labor unionism has been a viper in its bosom. A trail of bribery, blackmail, slugging, kidnapping, and murder follows the wild-goose-labor unionists everywhere. Detroit is the only large city in the country that has shut its doors against that terrible menace to society — labor unionism.

The Industrial Conference Board, representing \$9,000,000 of San Francisco's "Scab Book" everywhere in an effort to uphold the Fickert-Battle Smith system of whippersnips in their wholesale slaughter of unionists. Let it be no delusion. This is a nation-wide fight and Organized Labor must act as one unit or five lives will be snuffed out in San Francisco.

Wednesday Trial on 26th March.

With the Defense League treasury empty, and no competent lawyer to defend him, Israel Weinberg Trial on 26th March. His brother, Samuel Weinberg, of Cleveland, Ohio, visited him some time ago and then returned East to raise funds for the employment of a competent attorney. When the case was called

on the 13th, Weinberg was refused a continuance to give him time to get an attorney. Judge Frank Dunne said that his request was "impudent." Further, he appointed a practically unknown attorney to defend Weinberg. Weinberg refused to accept the "new counsel," and he is in the position at present of having no attorney.

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These three more trials must be faced, one of them in less than two weeks. **WE MUST DEFEND WEINBERG, ED. NOLAN AND RENA MOONEY. WE CANNOT ALLOW THE FRAME-UP GANG TO BUSH THEM TO THE GALLOWS WITHIN A FIFTEEN MINUTE. THEIR LIVES ARE IN YOUR HANDS. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO!**

Mrs. La Posse Announces Oxnman Perjury.

Mrs. Charlotte La Posse gave her evidence in a special hearing of court, proving conclusively that Oxnman lied when he said that he saw Tom Mooney at the some fifteen minutes before the bomb explosion. She swore positively that Oxnman was watching the parade at her side over a mile from the scene of the explosion, at the very time that he was seen by Mooney at Market and Stewart streets. Prosecutors Fickert and Cunha tried to shake her testimony, but she stood firm. They questioned her at length as to the "entertainment" in a Portland, Ore. restaurant. She explained how Oxnman's woman companion in Portland told her that he was "live one," and how she saw him raising his five fingers twice in succession to a "live one" "entertainment" in a Portland cafe. The "entertainment" accepted the "live one" as "live one" in the witness stand! Prosecutor Cunha asked her to swear that she "acted like a dead drunken man."

Mrs. La Posse answered, "he acted like a dead drunken man."

Defense Forces Nationally Organized.

The adverse verdicts in the Billings and Mooney cases have thoroughly aroused labor all over the country. Here in San Francisco the accredited Union Labor delegates to the Defense League have increased 100 per cent.

The Central Federal Union of New York has demanded a Federal investigation of the bogus plot, mouthed about in the Mooney trial by Prosecutor Cunha.

Such representative labor men as Daniel J. Murphy, President of the California State Federation of Labor, Paul Scharenberg, Secretary of the same organization, and John J. O'Connell, Editor of the Coast Seaman's Journal; George Tracy, President of the San Francisco Typographical Union; and Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the Industrial Relations Committee, have given their support to the Defense League theory of innocence of the defendants.

Hon. W. Bourke Cockran addressed a huge public meeting in Carnegie Hall, New York, Wednesday, March 14th. He will speak at another meeting in Chicago on Sunday, the 25th inst. — wherever labor meetings are held in large numbers, the brilliant attorney will be the center of attraction.

The verdict passed upon Tom Mooney has stirred every drop of fighting Celtic blood in his veins, and he is not rest content until it has been reversed.

By a vote of forty to four, the Salt Lake City Federation of Labor has endorsed the principle of a national strike, as a protest against the convictions of Billings and Mooney.

Many central labor bodies have

approved the suggestion of the Alameda Labor Council and the Building Trades Council, that a Labor JURY be in in the Weinberg and remaining trials.

These are a few of the activities of Organized Labor all over the country.

THE FRAMING UP.

Just Out! — The New Edition of The Frame-Up Booklet.

One hundred thousand copies of the second edition of the Frame-Up System Booklet have just come out of the press. The full story of the Mooney trial is added to a summary of the Billings case. Many interesting details suppressed by the prosecution and the daily press. The booklet contains over twenty photographs. The defendants, prominent witnesses in both trials, actual scenes of the explosion, the street-car strike scenes at the Mooney trial, and the Boston strike scenes, where the prosecution "star witnesses" graduated. The price is ten cents a copy. **THE PROFITS MAY SAVE FIVE LIVES FROM THE GALLOWS.** Write for one and send your name and address to: **THEATRE YOUR ORGANIZER GETS ONE FOR EACH OF ITS MEMBERS!** Write International Workers' Defense League, 210 Russ Building, San Francisco, Calif.

A REASON FOR RAPID INCREASE IN LAND VALUES.

Land values of farm lands have for some time increased faster than the value of the products. Why is this? Two things have caused it.

First, The price of the farm land has not till recently been up to its full commercial value, which is capitalized net income.

While there was yet free or cheap land to be had, the owner of farm land could not get all of the net income from a renter. But now since the disappearance of free homesteads for everybody, and cheap unused lands have held out for use for speculation, the landowner can't get the full net income from a renter. Therefore, if the land owner is to sell the land he wants as much for it as the average net income from it will pay its interest.

This is one way with the exception of a few, minor new sections of the country. From now on land values will not increase faster than the value of the products from this cause. Incidentally it shows why a worker with little or no capital cannot now make as good a living from farming as a few years ago. It is the fruit of private ownership of land.

The other reason is lower interest. Farm loans have come to be considered safe and desirable investments and so the interest has come down a little. While the farm inventor wanted, let us say, 10 per cent. for his investment, a farmer who worked the average net income was \$4.00 per acre, was worth \$40.00 per acre. But after the interest came down to 8 per cent, the price (value) would be \$50.00 per acre, for \$4.00, the net income, pays 8 per cent on \$50.00.

N. M. Grefshelm, Wildrose, N. Dak.

The ole jackrabbits sure kin hike. He harnes the breeze, belimed me. He's not Mikansia, believe me. When he lays out ter really run.

The greyhound expy must be some pup. Which overtakes an' trips him high. He goes so blankety-blank fas' You can't tell head from heels and — Oh —

How ole jackrabbits, Bo, kin go! **Cov. Ark.**

Two million men killed on the battle fields of Europe and not a millionaire in the bunch.

SOCIALIZE THE SCHOOL.

Breville, Tex. March '2. The Rebel.

Hallettsville, Tex. Dear Hickey: —

The trustees' election all over the state of Texas will be this year April 1st.

It behooves every Socialist and radical progressive man to go to the election and cast his vote for progressive men both for district and county trustees.

Someone must nominate these men, so do not one wait for another. Be sure the right men are nominated and elected.

Please report to me every Socialist elected.

Keeping schools out of politics is a great thing for our masters. Of about one hundred city schools examined lately, they were all under the direct rule of the political party in power. There is no such thing as keeping schools out of politics. If schools are to be the arsenals and forts of a Republic, they must not be controlled by the enemies to free government.

The Socialist Campaign Committee is nearer at hand than some believe and the schools are the greatest factor to bring it about.

Some of the institutions of higher learning are making an effort to be progressive. The public schools should do so.

The village schools are nearly all under the control of the capitalist class. The country schools should be controlled by Socialists as they are usually the most progressive men in the country districts.

Inasmuch as the voters of Texas are killed the constitutional amendment to raise school tax from 50 cents to one dollar, we must consolidate the country schools and raise the value of property. More money must be raised. Better teachers must be secured. Higher salaries must be paid in country schools. The children of laboring people, even cotton choppers and pickers, must have not only a common school education, but high school advantages. This must come.

Many teachers are socialists and would be true Socialists if it were not for losing their jobs. The Socialist Teachers' Agency has served the best school for three years and is still serving them.

The principles of Socialism are being taught, but it would be much more effective if taught by Socialists. These Socialists teachers are, as a rule, better teachers than non-Socialist and much better for laboring children than anti-Socialist teachers.

Do not fail to employ a Socialist teacher.

W. O. Brannen.

RAIL REVOLUTION!

By Covington Ark.

They are trying them in Russia, the Bureaucrats and Czar! They have started there the end of all Russian rule. The Autocrats of Britain, of America and France, Unusually are watching as the People's troops advance!

The War Lords of the Germans, the Austrians and the Turks, Are trembling as the levin thrus the mass of mankind works! From China comes the challenge and from India the cry. The Rebels are firing the banner of Democracy on high!

Lo! the Homes of Mary's falling and the Sons of Martha rise, Their souls aflame with freedom and its glory in their eyes! The prison doors are cracking and the light is streaming in! Hail! Hail the Revolution! Hail the end of death and sin!

ALL THE RAIL MAGNATES are strong for "Compulsory Arbitration." Well, You cannot compel MEN to anything. They will see in steel first. **C. H.**

OUR REBS.

W. L. Allen of Comanche country, is the first to permit this with a club.

W. O. Brannen reports for six and carls. He's loaded for six M. Lellan county Dubbs.

J. A. Peterson succeeds in getting five Arkansians into the Rebel army.

A. H. Wedding orders the tea week course for twenty Live Oak county Dubbs and predicts that they will become as strong in the case of justice as the sturdy case that has made his country famous. He also tells of a strong cooperative colony move that is being started in his section.

Space forbid us giving mention to all the gallant captains and their achievements this week however, we give below the names of those reporting with clubs of four and more: T. S. Henderson, O. B. Shinkle, W. T. Weaver, J. W. Brown, W. C. Camden, John R. Peet, C. M. Tidwell, W. W. Slater, J. H. Jacobs, T. B. Robinson, J. W. Stevens, John Hix, M. A. Groom, D. O. Jones, H. C. Fisher, W. H. D. Jones, W. D. Green, K. Davis, C. T. M. M. King, J. F. Woods, Ames Lugin, C. P. Lacker, O. J. Atkinson.

President Willson, in a speech at Chicago recently said, "Russia, not public opinion, brought the present war in Europe." And it will be the same way in America. Woodie, if war is declared.

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