

That World - Wide Famine.

The rule press is publishing columns daily about the danger of a world wide famine. We are told about gathering of chambers of commerce, commercial and educational bodies, real estate boards, retail merchants associations, civic bodies, women's clubs and state and national legislatures and diverse and sundry, and other institutions that are making a breaking ring with dire prophecies to the horrible fate that awaits us if all farm labor is not completely instantly and compellingly "raise large feed crops." We are even told that the "man with the plow is greater than the man with the gun." Also we are told this Morgantie "war with wheat instead of lead bullets."

To a man even slightly acquainted with the national and international situation these gatherings and the mournful yelps of the sob sisters is enough to make anyone laugh like a mockingbird. And then again it is enough to make a man cry with rage because he has not enough wit else he goes around and lambastes the Jingo editors and the sob sisters that pretend to fear their families' that is coming upon us.

We say pretend advisedly because it is known to all men with a lick of sense and whose minds are not poisoned by the muzzled press and politicians in state and nation that there is held out to us enough land in the U. S. alone to feed all the world, even though the world's population were 10 times that it is at present.

Let us see about this: In Texas we have more land; black and gray sandy and red loamy land for irrigation purposes, than held out of use by enemies of the nation, than the Kaiser of Germany rules over. California has one-half of its imperial domain locked up. Every state in the South has as much tillable land in virgin shape as has Texas proportionate to size. In another column we publish the statement

Commissioner Dillon of New York City stating that two-thirds of the lands of New York is held out of cultivation. Frank P. Walsh of Kansas City tells us that about 14,000,000 acres of country that 14,000,000 acres of country is locked up in Missouri, that the richest agricultural valleys of Missouri have steadily increased population since 1900 and the big cities of Kansas City and St. Louis have increased 200,000 people. The population, thus the bread-bakers who produced food by the light of the stars are now living in the big cities in the glare of the electric lights.

And so it goes in every state in the Union, land locked up by speculative speculators who can only hold on to their more than Kaiser power because they own the national government, body, boots and breeches, which is a very com-

ing thought for the young man who is going to fight for "his" country.

Let us look at the matter more roughly:

About 500,000,000 acres are cut out of use in North America W. Divided by 640 we have approximately 1,600,000 sections of idle land which is equal to 3,000,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ sections or 6,000,000 sections, or 12,800,000 plots of 2 acres each, or enough to give 500,000 families 20 acres of arable land. And then we are told that there is danger of a famine! — what poppycock, this idleness what rot.

look at this question of "family" from another angle:

C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan League, at headquarters at St. Paul, Minn., points out in a letter to the president that we can produce as much food as last year if the proper steps are taken. He says:

WHAT'S U. S. FIGHTING FOR?

(Covington Ami.)
Press dispatches of even date (5/13/7) quote President Wilson as speaking thus in an address to the Red Cross Society:

"I am the heart of the country is in the war because it would not have gone into it if its heart had not been prepared for it. It would not have gone into it if it had not believed that it was an opportunity to expend the power of the United States. We have gone in with no special grievance of our own, because we have always said that we were the friends and servants of mankind. We look for no profit. We look for no advantage." We will accept no advantage out of this war. We have been told that the very principles upon which the American republic was founded are now at stake and must be vindicated. In such a contest, therefore, we shall not fail to respond to the call to service that comes through the instrumentality of this particular

From which it looks as if the purpose for which millions of lives and billions of treasure are to be spent are getting more and more hazy every hour and that the Russian Revolution had shaken the World's Plutocracy to its utmost soul, if it ever possessed such a thing.

In the beginning, the President was elected on the cry, "He kept us out of the war!" Then he had hardly been inaugurated before WE were in it, and WE were told that WE were to die for the "Freedom of the seas," but the fact that the freedom immediately involved was the right of the Plutocracy's munition ships to land their cargoes safely in British ports made this cry extremely unpopular and hence a new cry was immediately raised, and then it was: "This is a War for Democracy!" Then came the Rev-

democracy. Such came the Russian upheaval and Russia's declaration against Imperial and Militarism and her demand for outright DEMOCRACY with a United States of Europe, so the DEMOCRATIC WAR CRY began to look dangerous; especially to "dear old England," and now the American Plutocracy having gotten in a hole, facing strong and ever growing demand for the CONSCRIPTION of RENTS and DOLLARS, a cry for the independence of Ireland and India, is fast beginning to fear the cries it ITSELF raised.

Being in this position, and knowing that an immense number of men in the United States are bitterly opposed to the war, the Plutocracy is, or so the signs indicate, getting desperate and will resort to force. The President is approved by the masses, and will undoubtedly in his nature that he will be bound to balk at facing the measures necessary to their attempted enforcement; hence he is beginning to more and more generalize his utterances, and to become more hazy in his definitions. How can one square these two statements in the same paragraph? "We have gone in with no special grievance of our own," and "The war is going on because we believe the very principles upon which the American republic was founded are now at stake and must be vindicated?" It is impossible by any law of logic to square two such sentences.

Then the President has still further obscured the situation, as far as democratic principles are concerned, by appointing that evil genius Elihu Root to head the Commission to Russia and has insulted all true American Socialists by naming the skate Charles Edward Russell as the Socialist member of that Commission. It is needless for me to say the American Democracy and Socialists absolutely repudiate both Root and Russell as representing anything for which we stand and that

we warn the Russians against both.

In witness of the fact that the Photocopy is fast losing its head this threat from the "Wall Street Journal" of April 6th tells more than I ever can, viz.: We are at war, and pacifists are earnestly reminded that there's no shortage of hemp or lamp posts. "If Wall Street is so fool enough to believe that all the men in this country opposed to this war are pacifists," they had better get acquainted with the facts before they use such language, for neither is there a scarcity of "hemp and lamp posts" in New York City and, next to the German War Lords, I don't believe there is anybody of men on Earth more bitterly hated by the Common People of the World than is "Wall Street," unless it be the rotten British Oligarchy.

But however this may be, YOU have raised the cry of "DEMOCRACY is at stake!" and we are taking YOU at your WORD, and don't waver when it is demanded that YOU come off YOUR THRONES along with the German Kaiser, the British King and the rest of the Enemies Within. MAKE GOOD! PROVE this is a DEMOCRATIC war and this nation won't be able to equip all the soldiers who will rush to the colors!

What is the real democracy of this nation wants to KNOW right NOW is— 'What are the peace terms? Democracies don't deal in "secret diplomacy."'

Mr. President, many Socialists and liberals voted for you because they believed you with the Libertarians against the Autocrats, and it is up to you to define what the United States is FIGHTING FOR.

Once armed, the American people are not going to consent to a peace dictated by either Germany or England or WALL STREET. Like the Russians, WE want the Democracy to be WORLD-WIDE and on INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY.

THAT is why WE are today
demanding that the American
Government immediately CON-
SCRIPT RENTS AND DOLLARS
and, likewise, opposing conscrip-
tion of LIVES. And this, Mr.
President, is no more than a fair
and democratic demand on the
part of the people. DON'T let
Wall Street wallahs—CONSCRIPT
THEIR DOLLARS!
MAKE IT A REAL DEMO-
CRATIC WAR!
MAKE WALL STREET MAKE
GOOD!!!
SHOOT THE PLUTES IN THE
POCKETBOOK!!!
LONG LIVE INDUSTRIAL
DEMOCRACY!!!!

From the tone of a flood of letters received at this office daily it looks as if the spirit of '76 still

Many say they will never be conscripted, hundreds will refuse to register, others will register with a protest, stating that they are willing to fight in defense of their country but not for Moroccan's millions; or for Britain's spoils. Still others will say they believe like the Quakers that war is mass murder; that no man has the right to take the life of others and they will lay down their lives rather than fight in such unholly cause. A spirit of resentment is steadily rising against this Kaiser-like form of militarism that has been unwillingly thrust upon the American people.

One young man asks for **Fifty Thousand Volunteers** who are willing to sacrifice their life by refusing to enlist. He argues that the blood of 50,000 martyred volunteers of peace would save 50,000,000 lives in the future.

J. R.S.

Put the idle men on the idle
acres.

THE KINGDOM OF KING.

The editor of this great religious weekly is at present piously meditating on the iniquity of mankind in general and the landlord slackers in particular while on a bountiful farm in Stonewall county. Love is the open sesame to the home and all nature is exceedingly beautiful around me—not even man is vile.

This county of Stonewall is bounded on the west by Kent county, on the east by Haskel, on the south by Fisher and on the north by King. It is the latter county that I would like to point out as a moral.

King county is the most law abiding and thoroughly religious topographical division in all the world. Even the uncivilized portion of the earth that we pioneer people are peering hopefully at under Uncle Sam went to war has nothing on King county.

The population of King is approximately 1,000 souls who have never listened to the bold blasphemous of Hilly Sunday. There has not

been one misdemeanor in King for the past 5 years, the sheriff gets no salary and has thrown away the key to the \$15,000 jail. The philosopher of King county attributes this remarkable state of armlessness to the absolute fact that there is not one preacher or lawyer in Kindly King. The Rebel depreciates such utterances and wishes to deny the false statement that if a preacher or lawyer come into this West Texas Utopia he would be tarred and feathered. Knowing the peace loving disposition of the 1,000 residents of whom 132 are poll tax payers, we can positively say that they would not do anything worse than duck them in the nearest horse pond.

King county does not lay its claim to greatness on treating the preachers and lawyers as St. Patrick treated the snakes. Far greater wonders has this proud principality of the Star State accomplished.

Doubt this you modern Thomases and you will find that though you traverse the broad bosom of King county from Dickens on the west to Stonewall on the south, from Cottle on the north to Knox county on the east, you will not find one doctor, justice of the peace, store or saloon keeper. The owner, Mr. S. B. Burnett, is monarch of all he surveys. Yet, me thinks the people in this modern Arcadia would be happier if they owned the land instead of paying vassals to a feudal landlord.

IN THE HOLY NAME OF TRADE.

(By Covington Ami.)
 Can ye tell me, O ye workers, why the
 money-demon gleats,
 Why the rulers never stop ye when ye
 tear each others throats?
 Can ye tell me, O ye toilers, why the
 young are stopp'd and old,
 Why so many walk a-hungred when
 the land is filled with gold?
 Yes! For profit, profit, all these
 broken hearts are made—
 In the holy name of trade!

Can ye tell me, lords of commerce, when
machines should then wait,
Why the burden bears the hardest on
the weakest in the State?
Can ye tell me, O my masters, why in-
vention's mighty breath
only fills the sail that hastens with
the children on to death?
Yes! For profit, profit, all these
broken hearts are made—
In the holy name of trade!
In the holy name of trade!"

an ye tell me, laureled statesmen,
why around so many hearts
broods a shadow and a terror that is
not our mother earth's?
an ye tell me, O ye teachers, why,
with all the wealth we find,
why the rare in sorrow's mothered and
the love-night's going blind?
Yea! For profit, profit, all these

broken hearts are made—
in the holy name of trade!
In the holy name of trade!"

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Show me the man or class that
was the land of a nation and I
will show you the ruler or rulers

Put the landless man on the
landless land.

A DEMOCRATIC RESOLUTION.

Olney, Tex., May 6, 1917.

At the meeting of the F. O. C. of America, held at the Hotel Hamilton, New York, on Monday, June 18, 1918, all working men, met in regular session last night and passed a resolution unanimously condemning the conscription program of the parasites. Some of us have been in the regular army since all of us are satisfied with the American majority of the army. For Wilson's Prosperity, Preparedness and Peace, and we object to being paid off in Blood, Bull and Bullets. We know that the army of this country is one of the most atrocious organizations on the face of the earth. We are the bosses for big salaries and the boxing class do the trench digging and fighting for a pittance. We are willing to fight to the last ditch for the protection of our foreign commerce when we are not willing to fight for our own homes, lands and hands. We are willing to fight for foreign commerce, pests in the name of Wall Street we insist that Wall Street furnish the blood and gold to protect it.

We demand that if we have conscription forced upon us that wealth be conscripted, that foreign commerce be taken charge of by the government, that all war profits be abolished and that, as large a percentage of the rich man's capital be confiscated as there is of the workingman's life. We demand that the rank and file have a right to elect the officers they serve under, that privates draw the same wages as officers, and have a right to recall any officer who doesn't give satisfaction.

We have been taught from childhood that this was a land of equal opportunity and we demand that we have an equal voice in the management of our army with the pampered sons of the well to do. The overwhelming majority of the working class in this community is opposed to conscription, but it we are forced to stand for it, let the God of 10 percent beware lest the worm turn. eth which he is sometimes wont to do.

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J. B. Lasater, Secretary.

IF JESUS CAME TO AMERICA

If Jesus came to America he would be promptly denounced by all "respectable" "Christian" ministers as a "traitor," a "slacker" and an enemy of "the true profit." Why not? Just think of what that man, who was indicted and crucified because he "stirreth up the people," said nearly two thousand years ago:

"Beloved, a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: love your enemies, do good to them who spitefully use you, return good for evil. Verily, I say unto you who unto ye scribes, pharisees, hypocrites, for ye devour widows' homes and for pretence make long prayers therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Even so, ye outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity: ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell! If ye say ye love God whom ye have not seen, and hate your brethren, whom ye have seen, ye are liars and the truth is not in you."

SPEAKING DATES.
The editor of The Rebel will be able to fill a few speaking appointments within a radius of 50 miles of Dallas, on Fridays Saturdays and Sundays. He has prepared a new land lecture entitled

"The Great Adventure," dealing with ways and means to secure the freedom of the land. For full particulars address him at State Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

If all men are entitled, as the Declaration of Independence declares; to life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness, how then does conscription strike you?
