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FINANCIER PREDICTS CIVIL WAR IN GERMANY

England Quits Fighting Soviet Russia

CIVIL WAR IN GERMANY IS SEEN BY FINANCIER AS RESULT OF TREATY

People Will Fight Rather Than Starve, Says
Arthur von Gwinner — Declares "Bolshe-
vism" Will Sweep Europe — Only Quick
Help Can Save World.

By RAYMOND SWING.
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Berlin, Jan. 30. Delayed. — The gloomiest statement of Germany's future was given to The Sun and New York Herald by Arthur von Gwinner, Germany's most prominent financier, a director of the Deutsche Bank and one of the promoters of the Bagdad railway scheme, which helped to precipitate the war. He referred to Newton's theory of gravitation and compared the decline in the price of the mark to the same law.

"Why has the mark declined practically to zero?" I asked him.

"Because of the law which Newton discovered 300 years ago — that a body falls with greater acceleration the nearer it comes to the ground," he said.

"Another reason is that your President was not able to say at Versailles, 'We have a contract with the Germans, and unless we can keep this contract, we must retire; for without redeeming our pledge civilization cannot be rebuilt.'"

"The fires of Bolshevism now are ready to incinerate Poland. They will sweep all Europe. Right now, you in America are, perhaps, safely guarded by the Atlantic, but you will have your day with the Bolsheviks later."

"Who is going to hold off the Bolsheviks in Europe?" he asked. The Poles? That rabble! The Poles have not been capable of organized effort for years — for centuries. Here in Germany it is proverbial. When there are three men in a discussion and all of them try to talk at the same time it is called a 'Polish Reichstag.'"

"The Poles led by a music master—Ignace Jan Paderewski — have amassed a national debt in astronomical proportions like the German debt. Two hundred millions of marks, isn't it? And they had no part of the Russian debt nor any indemnity to pay. "The Polish fabric will be torn until there will be nothing left of it."

"There is no government to replace the present German government. The Right wing is incapable of taking charge and the Left stands for Bolshevism. What else can come but civil war? And all this is because your President, with his knowledge of Europe and geography, was content to make on the continent a Balkan peninsula."

"Frank Vanderlip of New York City spoke the truth in his book, on what was happening in Europe, although he had not been in the Central Empires nor in Russia. An Englishman, Mr. Keynes, saw it coming and retired from a position with the peace mission."

"If a man tears your coat do you knock him down and beat him to within an inch of his life?"

How Do the Poor Live?

"Here we sit in a room none too warm. If coal be too expensive to be purchased in unlimited quantities by the wealthy, how must it be with the middle class? A few years ago they enjoyed comfort and plenty on incomes ranging from six to 12 thousand marks. How do they exist now? What does the official who has a few hundred marks a month do when he goes to buy a shirt and finds that it cost an hundred and eighty marks? He goes without the shirt."

"Today the streets in Berlin are filled with men in uniform because it is the only clothing they possess. When these uniforms are worn out what will these men do — what will happen?"

"They will stop you and me in the street and take our clothing and our shoes."

Mr. Gwinner spoke of the effects of poverty in Germany on the public health.

Will Fight Rather Than Starve.

"The infant mortality in Berlin has increased 50 per cent because babies, when born, are wrapped in paper, there being no clothing for them. Only wealthy Germans can afford linen today."

"Men do not die of starvation (Continued on Page 2)

BRITISH SOLDIERS FIRE ON STRIKERS IN BOMBAY, INDIA

Many Casualties Caused by Attacks on Cotton Mill Hands.

By The Federated Press.
Bombay, India. — British troops in India called into service to break the strike of 200,000 Indian cotton workers in Bombay, have fired upon peaceful gathering of workers, causing many casualties.

The strike started the first of January and has continued unabated. All the mills in the city are closed. The strikers demand an increase in wages. The average wage of skilled workers in the cotton mills of Bombay range from \$4.40 a month. Unskilled workers receive still less.

In cotton mills the workers are often employed as many as 17 an 18 hours a day. In Bombay the workers work for 14 hours or more.

The factories in which the millhands work are without any sanitary or health provisions. There is no ventilation.

The present Bombay strike is a repetition of a strike which occurred six months ago, the characteristic of which was passive resistance. It was only when British troops fired upon the meeting, killing and wounding large numbers, that any disturbances occurred.

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---Jack London

ALLIES WOULD RESTORE KAISER?

Wise Ones of Washington Say Entente Wants
William Safely Back in Unter den Linden,
Crushing Revolution for Them.

By Staff Correspondent.
Washington. — Are the allied powers attempting to bolster up the reactionary movement in Germany with a view to putting an end to the radical and liberal elements for all time? This is the question which has been suggested by the "insistent" demands of the allied powers for the delivery of former Kaiser Wilhelm and other German leaders for trial under the peace treaty.

Among the wise ones in Washington the demands are regarded as a shrewd move to bring about not only the fall of the Ebert government, but to restore safe and sane monarchy on the throne in Germany.

No one here who is at all posted on the inside methods of international diplomacy believes for a single moment that the allied powers intend anything more than "gestures" with reference to the former kaiser, Holloway, and others.

By the formal demands made with so much emphasis, the allied powers apparently hope to create

sympathy for Wilhelm and his clan to such an extent that it may take the form of an open monarchial revolution.

LABOR DELEGATES OF JAPANESE SEVERELY CRITICIZED AT HOME

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 7. — Japan's labor delegation to the first international labor conference at Washington recently, was severely criticised on its return home, according to Tokyo advices to the Hawaii Hochi, a local Japanese newspaper.

M. Masumoto, member of the delegation representing labor, was charged by members of workers' organizations with being a capitalist tool. The delegation, said the laborers, had accomplished nothing of benefit to the working class.

The members of the delegation to the Washington conference were: Y. Kamada and Dr. M. Oka, representing the government, S. Muto, representing capital; U. Masumoto, representing labor.

PARIS MATERNITY HOSPITALS CROWDED IN WAKE OF WAR

13431 More Cases in 1919 Than
in 1913 — Women Sleep
on Mattresses.

Paris. — In an effort to prevent the opponents of war from securing further indictments against the recent struggle, the French press is now attempting to explain the increase of 13,431 maternity cases in Paris hospitals. This increase is for the year just concluded, contrasted with 1913 before two million French citizens were slaughtered.

The truth of the matter, as it is being shown here with every poor little waif born into a country that faces hunger, is that one year ago Paris was teeming with American, English, Canadian and other Allied soldiers on furlough. Due credit for what the French Junker press calls "the instinct of duty among our women" is given to the American doughboy who came into Paris following the armistice with his pockets lined with money.

The American soldier, paid 20 times as much as the French or British, literally had his pick of the poor girls whom hunger and

poverty threw upon Paris for a livelihood.

That is the true situation in this city today and thousands of young girls are becoming mothers with no one to support their children. The hospitals here are taxed. Railways are being used as wards, women are sleeping with their newborn babies upon mattresses placed upon floors, and there is a scarcity of nurses.

Martens Doesn't Fear Deportation; To Show Up Bakhmetieff Group

Soviet Envoy Prepares Testimony
for Senate Sub-Committee
Hearing.

Washington. — Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Soviet representative to the United States, is not apprehensive of arrest and deportation by immigration authorities.

Martens read with interest reports in today's papers that he would be taken to Baltimore, given a hearing, and deported as soon as he has finished his testimony before the Foreign Relations Sub-Committee.

He continued preparations of his testimony for Tuesday, when his next hearing will probably

ENGLAND ASSERTS SHE IS THROUGH FIGHTING SOVIETS

"If You Can't Beat 'Em, Join
'Em," Her Policy, Some Say.

London. — Poland has been advised to make the best possible peace with the Bolsheviks, officials in the foreign office said unofficially Thursday.

Great Britain has informed the Polish government, officials said, that she cannot give further military or financial aid to nations fighting the Russian soviet armies.

"Refusal of the United States, Italy and France to assist materially in efforts to crush soviet forces has resulted in Britain's decision to resort to a masterly retreat," it was explained.

Some observers attributed the new British attitude to the pressure of British labor and the economic situation rather than failure of the other allies to come to her aid in assisting the anti-Bolshevik forces. The press, they noted, has stopped its anti-Bolshevik campaign. Lloyd George, they said, in his new tack is only clinging to the political axiom — "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

These Be Ye 100 Per Cents Americans, O Americans!

John Brown's Body Lies in Timber
Land; Is Sold
for \$60,000.

Troy, N. Y. — The grave of John Brown, of slavery abolition fame, a place of pilgrimage for thousands of tourists annually, is included in the sale of 1,200 acres of land in Essex County, near Lake Placid. This farm was obtained by John Brown as a refuge for fugitive slaves and after his execution in 1859 his body was brought here for burial.

The place has been bought by James Hurley, a director of the Bank of Lake Placid, for \$60,000. It is heavily timbered and lumbering operations will be carried on. A monument stands over the grave because of the efforts of the late Col. Legrand B. Cannon.

GET THE SHOVEL!

Palmer To Polish Off Profiteer;
Since When?

CHICAGO — Atty. Gen. Palmer is "in the hands of his friends," as a presidential candidate. This was his announcement here.

"There is plenty of time to talk politics after we polish off the profiteer and get rid of the undesirable aliens," Palmer said. "I'm not a good hat thrower, but my friends are becoming more insistent every day."

held. Martens maintained that peace with Russia is imminent.

Martens expects to show at early hearing that the Russian diplomatic representatives recognized by the State Department are not the bona fide envoys of the Russian people.

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CIVIL WAR IN GERMANY

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without a fight. They will fight. Do not be deceived by the gayety you see here. During the French Revolution they danced every night, and so they are dancing here.

"All this is because we Germans allowed ourselves to be badly governed, and our bad government made one great error. It did not tell Russia that we would do nothing to obstruct her work in achieving her aspirations in connection with Constantinople. Had that one word been spoken the mobilization of Russia would have been against Turkey — not against us."

Herr von Gwinner was asked if he did not think that the problem could be solved through a foreign loan.

"Whatever negotiations hitherto have been begun showed not only the wrong basis but the wrong spirit," he said. "You cannot deprive a nation of the fruit of its work and then feed it temporarily as an act of philanthropy. The world cannot be rebuilt in such a way."

Milk for German Babies.

"A few days ago I received a cable dispatch from James W. Gerard, formerly your ambassador to Germany. He said that there was some money left from a movement started before America entered the war and designed to relieve suffering in Germany. He said it now could be used for the purpose originally intended. I suggested that he buy milk in America and send it to German babies in the name of charity. While the peace treaty takes away 150,000 German milkcows! It is all sheer hypocrisy!"

"Once there was a Russian who kept bees. He bought a new hive, but made the entry slits so small that the bees could not enter it. Then, when they would not, and could not, enter the hive he took his knout and struck them, killing many of them. Some of the bees stung him, but none of them went into the hive because the slits were too small for them to pass through."

"So it is with Europe today. Germany cannot live without her coal, her food, her raw materials. He only way that civilization and Europe can be redeemed is for America to come quickly with help and with a spirit she has not yet shown—a spirit to help us and to help all Europe."

"And then the Entente must accept us as co-workers reconstructing the devastated regions on terms which are feasible and tolerable. Right now I do not see that this help will come."

Herr von Gwinner shrugged his shoulder; impulsively.

"Do you know Goethe's 'Faust'?" he asked.

"That which I receive, that must I faithfully report," he quoted.

PROGRAM OF THE GERMAN INDEPENDENT SOCIALISTS

The program adopted by the Congress of the Independent Socialist party of Germany held in Leipzig the early part of December has been published in Freiheit, the organ of the Independent Socialists.

It reads as follows:

"There are two great epochs in the proletarian revolution; the struggle for the conquest of the political power, and its maintenance during the period of transition from capitalism to socialism."

"The liberation of the working class can only be the work of the working class itself, because all other classes, despite the conflicting interests existing among them, stand for the private ownership of the means of production and have the common aim of preserving the principles of capitalist society."

"The interests of the working class are the same in all countries. With the extension of the capitalist economic system of over the world the position of the workers of each and every country is constantly becoming more dependent upon that of the workers in other countries. Therefore, the work of freeing the working class requires international union and a common struggle by the workers of the whole world. In the recognition of this the Independent Social Democratic party of Germany feels and declares itself one with the class-conscious workers of all countries. The class-conscious proletariat of all countries opposes imperialist capitalism with international Socialism."

To Combine for Revolution.

"The conquest of the political power by the proletariat ushers in the liberation of the working class. For the carrying through of this struggle the working class has need of the Independent Social Democracy, which unreservedly stands on the basis of revolutionary Socialism; of the unions, which recognize the real proletarian class struggle and are to be changed into fighting organizations of the social revolution, and of the revolutionary system of councils, which combined the workers for revolutionary action."

"The Independent Social Democracy stands for the council system. It supports every effort to develop the council organization for socialism, already before the conquest of the political power, and to unite all the hand and brain workers in it and train them for the dictatorship of the proletariat."

"The political ruling organization of the capitalist State is destroyed through the conquest of the political power by the proletariat. In its place come the political workers' councils as the ruling organization of the proletariat. They unite in themselves legislation and administration. Their effect signifies the transforming and shaping anew of capitalist governmental administration apparatus, including the communities; but it also signifies the realization of the right of self-determination of the working class and its unification for the purpose of doing away with every kind of class rule. The Independent Social

Democratic party opposes the ruling organization of the capitalist state with the proletarian ruling organization based on the principle of the political council system; it opposes the bourgeois Parliament, as the expression of the bourgeoisie's will for power, with the revolutionary congress of councils. The transformation of capitalist economic anarchy into a definite Socialist economic system is effected through the economic system of councils."

Independents' Fourteen Points.
"For the purpose of overcoming capitalism and realizing the Socialist society the following measures are to be taken:

1. The disbanding of all counter-revolutionary mercenary armies; the disbanding of all military and police units, civic guards in city and country, technical emergency aids and police troops; the disarming of the bourgeoisie and of the landowners. A revolutionary military force must be organized.

2. Private property in the means of production is to be made public property. There must be immediate socialization of the banking and insurance businesses, of mining and power production — coal, water power, and electricity — of the concentrated iron and steel production, of the means of transportation and communication, as well as of other highly developed industries.

3. Large landed estates and forests are to be at once turned into public property. The whole agricultural industry is to be brought to the highest state of productivity through the use of every kind of technical and economic help, and through the promotion of the co-operative idea. Waste land is to be made tillable.

4. In the cities and the pre-dominant industrial communities private property in real estate is to be made public property and a sufficient number of houses is to be erected by the community.

5. Systematic regulation of food supplies.

6. Socialization of the entire public sanitary and health system.

7. Socialization of all public educational institutions. There is to be a uniform public school, of a secular character. The school is to be developed along Socialist pedagogic lines, so as to combine education with material production.

8. Religion is to be declared a private affair. Complete separation of church and state. Church and religious bodies are to be declared private associations which manage their own affairs independently.

9. Socialist tax policy, calculated to meet through progressive income, property, and inheritance taxes all public expenses, in so far as they are to be met by taxes. Abolition of all indirect taxes, tariffs, and other economic measures which sacrifice the interests of the community to the interests of a favored minority.

10. Abolition of all laws which are prejudicial to women as compared with men in public and private legal relations.

11. Institution of a public-legal monopoly of advertising and soliciting, and its turning over to the communal associations.

12. Transformation of the whole system of administration of justice, according to Socialist principles.

13. All those able to work to have the duty of doing so. Labor power to be protected.

14. Establishment of friendly relations with all nations. Immediate action toward forming alliances with Socialist republics.

Socialist Democracy the Aim.
"The dictatorship of the proletariat is a revolutionary means for the abolition of all classes and the doing away with all class rule, a means for winning the Socialist democracy. With the firm establishment of the Socialist society the dictatorship of the proletariat ceases and Socialist democracy will be fully developed. "The organization of the Socialist society will be effected according to the council system. And in the Socialist society the council system attains the greatest value in its deepest sense."

"The basic idea of the council system is that the workers, the upholders of industry, the producers of social wealth, the promoters of civilization, must also be the responsible supporters of all legal institutions and political powers."

"In order to attain this aim, the Independent Social Democratic party makes use of all political parliamentary and economic weapons, regularly and systematically and in common with the revolutionary unions and the proletarian organization of councils. The most important and the decisive weapon is action by the masses. The party repudiates violent acts by individuals and single groups. Its aim is not the destruction of instruments of production, but the abolition of the capitalist system."

ENERGY AND COURAGE COMRADES!

("London Call")

However promising the situation may appear, peace and trading relations with the Russian Socialist Republic have not yet been secured.

The ruling class is still grimly fighting its war on Socialism.

And the ruling class in the economic field, is slowly, deliberately, by insidious moves, by lock-outs here, by forced strikes there, by the stopping of the unemployment pay—wearing down the fighting morale of the workers, opening before their eyes abysses of beggary and privation, compelling them to fall back, frightened and demoralized, into the old pre-war slough of despond and wage-slavery.

Obviously, since the armistice, the working-class of this country has got the worst in the class struggle.

The capitalists do not mind resolutions of protest, they do not mind Labor "leaders" in Parliament, mouthy fierce platitudes, if, by so doing, they can coddle the workers into the belief that "something is being done"—in this way transforming the lightning of revolt into Parliamentary gas—so long as their power over the machinery of production and the machinery of Government is not interfered with.

The workers can only secure improvements in their condition, can only curtail the power of the capitalists to rob, exploit, and depress them, by securing more and more control of the means of life, and breaking down the capitalists' organ of suppression—the capitalist State. There is no other way. We wish there were.

To escape from wage-slavery the workers must organize their might: concentrate all the power of their political, industrial, and co-operative organizations, build up forces able to overcome and vanquish the forces of the ruling class, and boldly, consciously enter into the class war—the war with capitalism.

It is no light task. It is a grim, dangerous, deadly task. But not more so than the struggles the workers freely indulge in for the benefit of their masters. Many workers, every day of their lives, working at their prosaic jobs, are in the danger zone. It is amazing to think that millions of workers fight so well, so bravely, so carelessly of risks, for those who live upon them, rob them and crush them, yet seem afraid to fight on their own behalf, and on behalf of their wives and children. If they would only display the same courage and audacity in ending unemployment as they do in subjugating "niggers"; if they would only conquer their own country as well as they conquer other people's; if they would only work for themselves as hard as they work for the parasites who batten and fatten on their toil—all would be well.

So let us have energy and courage, comrades, and fearlessly face the issue. Peace with Russia can only come that way. The provision of work or proper maintenance for the unemployed can only come that way. The end of capitalism can only come that way. If we desire an end of wage-slavery then we—you and I—the class-conscious workers, everywhere—must work and strive and fight for it, with ceaseless energy and the courage born of determination and consciousness of purpose. Let us, by insistent propaganda in the workshops and factories, in the Trade Union branches, in the Trades Councils, and in the co-operative organizations, aim at welding the movement together, making it responsive to the immediate needs of the workers, and conscious of the revolutionary Socialist objective, and possessed of that splendid energy and courage which has so distinguished our Russian comrades. Let us locally solidify the working-class—not merely to capture the municipal administrative organs—but to take over the localities.

Everywhere, let us concentrate working-class political and industrial pressure on the rotten superstructure of capitalism.

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Group in Italy's Parliament Hears of Raids and Imprisonments.

Rome. — The Italian Socialist parliamentary group voted late Wednesday to interpellate the government concerning the persecution inflicted by the American government on the Italian Socialists living in America. This action was decided upon following the receipt of reports that Italian Socialists in America are being arrested in government raids, imprisoned or held for deportation.

Parliamentary President Orlando was obliged to suspend the sitting of the chamber, owing to clashes between the Socialists and the Popular party.

The Socialist program presented to the chamber, condemned, first, the financial measures, asking that the burdens of the war be not supported by the working classes; second, measures respecting the high cost of living and urging the prevention of speculation; third, the economic and political relations with the vanquished countries and with Russia, and demanding the cessation of the policy of territorial conquest and the avoidance of future wars — which mean complete demobilization, and, fourth, the proposed solution of problems regarding land which must be socialized.

Peasants Sack Ducal Palace.

Palermo.—Peasants at Ribera, province of Giganti, lying to the south of Palermo, attacked the residence of the duke of Bivona, disarmed the soldiers, wounded a carabinieri, and invaded the ducal palace and sacked it.

The duke was compelled to sign a paper ceding his land to the peasants. The duke, who is a grandee of Spain, was then allowed to leave.

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250 Organizations Appoint Committee to Ask Blockade Lift—Court Action Threatened.

Permanent Body to Insist Upon Soviet Recognition and Opening of Business Is Formed.

NEW YORK—American business threw down the gauntlet to the State Department to the subject of trade with the Soviet republic. At a meeting at the Hotel Knickerbocker, where more than 250 firms were represented, it was demanded in unequivocal terms that trade relations with Russia be re-established at once. If that necessitates recognition of the Soviet government, then the United States should recognize the Soviet government at once, those present declared.

A committee of six was appointed to call on Secretary Lansing and inform him that if clearance papers for ships to Russia are not granted at once, the American Commercial Association will go to the Federal courts and obtain an order of mandamus, compelling the Department of State to grant permission for trade with the Soviet republic.

A permanent organization to be known as the American Commercial Association to Promote Trade with Russia was established. E. P. Jennings of the Lehigh Machine Company of Lehigh, Pa., was elected president.

Russia Can't be Ignored.

"A government that has existed for over two years, with 180,000,000 people, cannot be ignored," Jennings said in answer to a question whether trading with Russia necessarily meant official recognition of the Soviet government.

"England and France will recognize Russia within the next 30 or 60 days," Jennings added.

While the vast majority of American business men are keenly anxious to resume trade with Russia on any terms, it was said that powerful interests are for various private reasons attempting to block re-establishment of such relations and the accompanying recognition of the Soviet government.

Among these, it was stated, are the American Manufacturers' Export Association, the National Foreign Trade Council, the National Association of Manufacturers and the Russian and American Chamber of Commerce.

In answering attacks made by spokesmen of such organizations, J. B. Fox, an exporter and importer of San Francisco, declared that American business must have the best markets for its surplus capital and emphasized the fact that Russia offers the most advantageous commercial field today. "The country which is greatest in natural resources, man-power, and gold has been permitted to fall into the hands of America's commercial rivals," he protested.

The meeting expressed the sense of the members in the following resolutions:

"The American Commercial Association to Promote Trade With Russia has been organized by American business men for the purpose of re-establishing friendly trade relations with Russia, a country with which we are not and have never been at war, and against which we have not participated in any blockade.

Insist on Trade Right.

"It has always been a recognized policy of the United States government that its citizens have the right to travel in and trade with all countries with which we are not at war and that the government facilitate this right.

"It has always been a well-known American principle that we do not interfere in the internal affairs of other peoples.

"In accord with these traditional American doctrines, the members of this association insist that American business men who desire to trade with Russia be given every opportunity and facility for opening and pursuing trade with Russia. All the other great nations of Europe are already completing these commercial relations, and it is ridiculous that American business men be forced to stand aside impotently while their European rivals skim the cream of this tremendous market."

The meeting was a development of the preliminary gatherings held in Washington last week, whereat Durdley Field Malone reported that Secretary Lansing informed him that no war had been declared on Russia and that America was not participating in the blockade.

Malone asked why, if the United States is not at war with Russia, and if we are not participating in the blockade, American firms may not get export licenses.

Lansing, he reported, answered that if an export license was granted, and an American ship tried to get through the zone which is blockaded, it might raise complications for the State Department.

Taking up this point, M. M. Fishman, of Fishman & Co., exporters, said:

"Is our State Department in the employ of English or American business?"

"I know that our Department of Commerce is spending thousands of dollars annually to keep foreign trade," he continued, "and I know from my own experience in shipping to the countries of Europe that the future American market in Europe will be Russia, and only Russia," he said. If we do not get Russia for our future trade, we lose out entirely in Europe."

IRISH SOCIALISTS PROTEST ARREST OF JIM LARKIN

Send Greetings to Working Class of America.

By The Federated Press.

Dublin. — A vigorous protest against the arrest of Jim Larkin and Jack Carney, Irish radicals in America, was voted unanimously at the congress of the Socialist party of Ireland.

Denouncing the arrest, of the Larkin "by the heresy-hunting Lusk committee" the resolution urges Irishmen in the United States to take steps for the release of Larkin, "the man whose personality, courage and devotion to the working class ideals raised the Irish workers from the abyss into which alien and domestic capitalism had plunged them."

After similar praise of the high ideals of Jack Carney, the resolution concludes:

"We, living under the heel of a foreign military dictatorship, send our fraternal greetings to the I. W. W., the Communist Labor party and all our

FIT TO GOVERN.

ANISE, in Seattle Union Record.

Over in England.

Winston Churchill

Was getting WORRIED.

For district after district.

In little by elections

Was choosing

LABOR MEN!

And even the big newspapers

With their keen noses

For POWER

Were swinging round to Labor

So Winston

Thought it his DUTY

To WARN the nation;

"Beware," said he;

"Be not stamped

Into a Labor dictatorship,

Now at the moment when Labor

Is LEAST FITTED

For the responsibilities

Of government!"

Well, it seems that Winston

Wasn't exactly the person

To make that little speech,

For a bitter cry arose

From the Labor journals;

'WHO it this VETERAN

Of GALLIPOLI

And Antwerp

And Cambrai,

To talk of FITNESS

To Govern?"

And at those words

The hearts of women

All over the land

Called out

For their LOST SONS,

And the cold anger of men

Who has seen comrades

On the hot, pest-ridden coast

Slaughtered USELESSLY

For a mistake—

Turned against Churchill

For the BLUNDERING

And the MUDDLING

That wasted the youth

Of England.

And thus

Are men's hearts turning

All over the world,

Not against ONE

Mistaken battle,

But against a whole

Mistaken SYSTEM

Of MANY battles;

Not against Churchill only,

But against ALL

Of Churchill's Breed,

The statesmen of earth

Sitting in high places

Playing their game of power,

They who have WRECKED

A civilization

And BANKRUPTED a continent

They who plunged into hell

Whole PEOPLES,

By their ambition

And brainless muddling,

But who still have the nerve

To talk loftily

Of fitness to GOVERN,

Instead of slinking away.

And hiding in shame

At the DESOLATION

They have made on the earth!

French Ban On Serrati Arouses Indignation

By The Federated Press.
Paris. — Great indignation has been aroused in France over the refusal by frontier authorities to permit Serrati, famous Socialist leader of Italy, to enter the country. Serrati and Deputy Graziadei, planning to visit the French Socialists, went to the French consulate at Rome, and had their passports promptly issued. They were halted at the border, however, and Serrati sent back.

U. S. Trade Balance Is Over Four Billions

Increase During 1919 Only —
United Kingdom Among the
Debtors to This Country.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—America's trade balance against Europe increased by \$4,435,410,566 in 1919, figures issued today by the Department of Commerce showing that exports from the United States were \$5,185,980,350, while imports were \$750,569,784.

The trade balance in favor of the United States over the United Kingdom piled up during the year was \$1,969,938,733, that over France \$769,497,587, and that over Italy \$383,628,396. A trade balance of \$82,127,085 also was registered over Germany.

Exports to the United Kingdom in 1919 were valued at \$2,279,178,048, and imports from the United Kingdom were valued at \$309,139,265. The figures for France were \$893,368,996 in exports and \$123,871,409 in imports, while for Italy they were \$442,676,842 in exports and \$59,048,446 in imports. Exports to Germany were valued at \$92,761,314, and imports were valued at \$10,624,229.

The year's results compare as follows with preceding years:

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Exports	\$5,185,980,350	\$3,558,705,149	\$2,490,572,864
Imports	\$750,569,784	\$181,127,884	\$271,964,732
Exc. exp.	\$4,435,410,566	\$2,377,577,265	\$2,218,608,132
Imports	\$750,569,784	\$181,127,884	\$271,964,732
Exc. exp.	\$1,969,938,733	\$1,196,449,381	\$1,946,643,400
Imports	\$769,497,587	\$383,628,396	\$383,628,396
Exc. exp.	\$383,628,396	\$802,820,985	\$1,563,015,014
Imports	\$82,127,085	\$10,624,229	\$10,624,229
Exc. exp.	\$741,501,311	\$692,206,756	\$1,552,390,785

There was practically no trade with Germany during 1918.

Norwegian Soldiers Form Soviet Council

Finnish Communists Organise Independent Party.

That Norwegian soldiers have organized a soldiers' council on the orders of the Russian soviet and that the Socialist parties of Estland, Lapland, Lithuania, Poland and Finland will hold a congress during the latter part of February, was the information contained in a cable from a special correspondent to The Jewish Daily Forward Thursday. The Finnish Communists have organized an independent party

Soviets and Religion

Russian Bishop's Admission.

Bishop Nestor, of Kamchatka and Petropavlovsk, a leader of the Russian Church Council and anti-Bolshevik, in an interview which appeared in the September issue of "Sibirskaya Zhizn," admits that the Soviet Government does not interfere with religious ceremonies.

He says: "Patriarch Tykhon daily performs divine services in the churches of Moscow and vicinity. ... Processions of the Cross, in which masses of the people participate, are held constantly. In the fall of 1918 the Patriarch performed a service with a general Procession of the Cross, in which about 6,000 worshippers participated. On the same day I (Bishop Nestor) served a liturgy in which more than 10,000 workers participated."

THE LITERATURE TRAIN.

On November 1st last Lenin inaugurated the first "Red Train," which will tour the towns and villages of Soviet Russia. From this "Red Train" of Propaganda over 20,000 pamphlets and books were sold for ready cash in the first seven days, and 60,000 educational books were distributed freely to various local Soviets. The weekly sale of the "Isvestia," also carried on from this train, increased during the same period by 10,000 copies. Twelve mass meetings were held at various stopping places. Travelling with the train are cinematograph operators taking films and painters making sketches of the life of each town visited. The films and sketches are exchanged in order to acquaint the people of the various districts with each other's mode of life, habits, and dress.

Soviet Armies Called Mightiest In World

New Forces Are Well Equipped,
Says Bessarabian Official
After Tour.

Paris. — The armies of Soviet Russia are the best equipped and most powerful in the world declared M. Gingureau, Bessarabian secretary of state, who has just returned from a visit to all the fronts occupied by the Soviet forces.

Gingureau was given a safe conduct pass by Lenin and Trotsky and closely inspected the forces.

"The new Soviet armies," he declared, "bear no resemblance to the disorganized Russian hordes of a few years ago. The new armies are commanded by experienced and able generals and armed with the most modern munitions and artillery."

"If they want to invade Poland or any other country, there is nothing to stop them. Any power who may attempt to fight them he concluded, will find itself face to face with 1,500,000 well-equipped, well-read and disciplined troops supported by powerful artillery. Part of this artillery was captured from the Germans, while the rest was forged at the huge Pitloft arsenals, he asserted."

Definition of Bolsheiki in the War Encyclopedia

For the benefit of editors of the kept press and scissor-bills in general we publish the definition of Bolsheiki, taken from the War Encyclopedia, issued by the Federal Committee on Public Information:

"Bolsheiki: A Russian word meaning 'belonging to the majority'; originally the left or radical wing of the Russian Social Democratic party. In 1905, at the time when the split in the party occurred, the radicals, led by Nicolai Lenin, were in the majority faction. The moderates, similarly, are called Minimalists or Mensheviks. The Social Democratic party is composed mainly of industrial workers. The other great Socialist party of Russia, the Social Revolutionary party, is made up chiefly of peasants. In this party also a division occurred into a more or less radical wing, and in the summer of 1917 the more radical factions, finding themselves in agreement with Lenin on all points except agrarian policy, adopted the name Bolsheiki, and began to work for the most part in alliance with their radical brethren of the Social Democratic party against the moderates, or Minimalists, or both old parties."

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A knowledge of the correct meaning of the word will come in very handy when the press begins to explain—as it is going to do soon—why it has become necessary to open trade relations with Soviet Russia. —Butte Bulletin.

British Won't Aid Poles in Warfare on Soviet Russia

LONDON.—Great Britain has refused to support the Polish armies in their further efforts against the Soviet forces, Prince Sapieha, the Polish Minister to England, notified his home government, according to the Morning Post.

Lloyd George is not averse to Poland making peace with the Soviet government, Warsaw was notified

Lenin Congratulates Italian Party's Success

(The following letter, which has been addressed to our Italian comrades by Lenin on the occasion of their Parliamentary success. It appeared in Avanti of December 6.—Ed. Truth.)

To Comrade Serrati and to the Italian Communists.

Dear Friends.

The news coming to me from Italy is very hearty and is not supplied to us except by foreign non-Communist papers. We learnt of the meeting of your congress at Bologna, and of the great victory of Communism. I congratulate you and all the Italian Communists with all my heart, and I wish you the best of success.

The example of the Italian Socialist Party will exercise an immense influence throughout the world, and I consider particularly happy your decision concerning your participation in the elections to the bourgeois Parliament.

I hope that it will contribute towards allaying the conflict which has just made itself apparent amidst the German Communists concerning this question.

Doubtless the opportunists, declared or otherwise, who abound in the Socialist Parliamentary group, will attempt to render ineffective the decisions of your congress.

The struggle against these "democrats" is not yet concluded, but the victory of Bologna will help you to gain other victories.

On account of the international situation of Italy there remain some very difficult tasks for the Italian proletariat ... censored.

Communist Greetings.

Lenin.

Moscow, October 29, 1919.

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Third International

The following statement has been sent out by the Executive Committee of the Third International, sitting at Moscow. We trust that all Communists will carefully study it and make themselves thoroughly acquainted with its contents.

The one pleasing feature about the statement is its frankness. It is a decided contrast to the attitude of the New York Socialists and "their" five Assemblymen. It is a sickening sight to see professed Socialists avoiding every issue, that is of vital importance to the working-class movement, in order that they may retain office. Why should we apologise for our actions, in order to assist the capitalist class in the clearing up of its own dirty work? Let the capitalist class expel every revolutionary working-class representative, who is elected either to State Legislatures or Congress. Let them do their damdest and we will take the issue to the working-class and expose their bourgeois "democracy." We have nothing to be afraid of. The loss of seats cannot hurt us. Because expulsion gives us a far greater audience, than we can ever hope to attain in assemblies. The Communist ethic has nothing to conceal and nothing to be afraid of. It is the capitalist ethic that will NOT stand the light of investigation. Nothing will hurt the capitalist class more, than to throw the limelight upon their doings and expose them to the gaze of the working-class. You have never yet discovered ONE capitalist who would dare to sit down and go over deliberately the field of capitalist morality. Catch him in a corner and he will plead that he is so much concerned with the "real" things of life, such as sweating children and young girls, that he has no time to discuss academic questions.

Attorney-general Palmer and the rest of his merry crew, who sit with him at the political pie-counter have expressed fears as to what the Communists might do. When a person expresses fear, it is because they realize their own position is unsound; and as a consequence they have lost confidence in their power to convince people that they are right. Therefore they resort to the weapons of the man without an argument, F-O-R-C-E. But the claim is made that if the working-class are not allowed to proceed peacefully they will resort to force. In reply to that argument let us quote the rallying cry of the REPUBLICAN Party, during the days when it was fighting negro slavery. The cry was, "ANYTHING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS CONSTITUTIONAL." Why not adapt that cry to the new situation that has arisen, when the workers of America are fighting for the abolition of wage-slavery? Let the rallying-cry of the working-class be, "ANYTHING FOR WORKING-CLASS FREEDOM IS CONSTITUTIONAL." In conclusion, we advise all workers to stand up at this hour and organize themselves. Capitalism is reeling upon the brink of the social abyss. In its last moments, it has become hysterical and is giving utterance to the mad shrieks, that so often re-

To be continued.

TRUTH--Duluth, Minn.

EDITORIALS

AGAIN???

We have again been arrested. We are again charged with conspiring to overthrow the United States Government by force

*"City of power and city of might,
Of plunder and passion and woe and delight,
The sound of your voice is a trumpeter's blare,
A challenge that's flung on the palpable air,
A paen of battle, a taunt and a call,
To oin in the conflict and conquer—or fall,
To thrust and to parry, to feint and to lunge;
So — into the tumult I plunge.*

*I fear you? — the city of opulent dreams —
Because of your vastness that pulses and teems?
Why, here are my hands, they are young, they
are strong*

*As any two hands in the thick of the throng; ...
And here are my eyes and my body and brain
Alert for the glory and gold I shall gain.
So — fearless I face you, O huge roaring, brute,
Besotted with splendor and glutted with loot!*

*What peril of jungle or desert or sea
Has more of a thrill than your dangers to me,
Or greater romance than the conflict that rolls
On your vast battlefields of a myriad souls?*

*I cry you defiance? You masters and slaves,
Your masters and delvers and dreamers and
kanves,
I war for your palaces, pleasures and pelf;
I fear you no whit — for I fear not myself;
I face you and fight you, nor whimper for aid,
SINCE YOU CRAWL TO THE FEET OF THE
MAN UNAFRAID!*

Next Tuesday, we appear before Judge Morris at the Duluth Federal Court, charged with the terrible crime of urging the working-class not to go to Russia. If we succeed in winning that case, we then journey on to Chicago and face Judge Landis. If we succeed in beating the Judge Landis, (you must appreciate our optimism) then we stand face to face with a deportation order. It is a long lane that has not got a turning.

Russia 1825

Let us take your minds back to close upon one hundred years ago. It was in the year 1825, when the first attempt was made, in Russia, to overthrow Czarism. This attempt was made on December 26, with the result that those who engaged in it, were called "Decembrists". But the attempt was unsuccessful. It was crushed by the brutal Nicholas I. But the spirit of liberty was not crushed. Liberty can never die, it may endure a lethargic sleep, but die N-E-V-E-R! Tyrants and autocrats may believe that by imprisoning men and women, and even going so far as to kill them, they can kill liberty, but time and history have proved the reverse.

The movement in Russia was forced underground, Mr. Palmer, and in 1877, two famous political trials took place, known as the trial of the fifty and the trial of the one hundred ninety three. The trial of the fifty was especially remarkable for the number of women who were amongst those arrested. These women are an inspiration to all lovers of liberty. Listen to this wonderful speech from the dock, delivered by Sophia Badine:—

"The group of which I am a member, is a group of peaceful propagandists. To help the people see the ideal of a better social order, an order based on justice, or rather to awaken the dim ideal that slumbers in the brain of the people, to point out the faults of the present state of society and by this avoid falling into the same errors in the future, this is our ideal. When the good hour of this beautiful time will strike, we know not, it does not depend upon us.

"Whatever may be my fate, I do not ask any mercy from you. Strike as hard as you please. I am convinced that all your drastic measures to hinder our work will not be able to kill a movement that is caused by the spirit of the time. To be sure that you can hinder its growth for a moment, but it will grow stronger. The day will come I am certain, when society will awaken from its lethargic sleep, and it will blush with shame because it had allowed its brothers, sisters, children, in fine that it had allowed the sacrifice of these people whose only crime was that they spoke out frankly their convictions. All our suffering will then be avenged. Strike ye judges; you have the brute force, we have the moral rights, the law of historic progress, the irresistible power of the ideal, but know ye, that this power cannot be conquered by bayonets."

Remember that this speech was made over forty years ago, in darkest Russia. Turn back the pages of history, masters of America, glance over them carefully and read, mark, learn and inwardly digest. In 1877, the capitalist class of Russia struck down over one hundred brave Russian men and women. They compelled wives to witness the hanging of their husbands and children to watch the execution of their own fathers. In 1877, tyrants struck, but in 1917 the working-class struck. What would the Czar or the Kaiser give, if they could but turn back the hands of time and start anew? Do you think that they would imprison or shoot the working-class? We think not!

The Russian people started their propaganda in a peaceful manner. They strove, by peaceful means, to educate the working-class, but the men and women who began to propagate peacefully the ideal of liberty and justice, saw that naught but violence was left. It was the brutal hanging of brave liberty-loving men and women that inspired Vera Sasulitch to ask for an audience with General Trepooff. Vera Sasulitch knew that when she entered the headquarters of the Military Staff of the Russian Government, that she could never hope to escape, because she was surrounded on all sides with soldiers. Tyrants always live in fear of their lives. She talked with Trepooff and Trepooff, the blind and brutal fool that he was, laughed. He made fun of the movement, whose ideals had gripped the very soul of Vera Sasulitch. In that hour, Vera Sasulitch watched the panorama on life unfold before her very eyes. She could see her comrades hanging from the gallows; she could hear the whish of the knout, as it came through the air and fell upon the back of some girl student; she could hear the groans of her comrades, as they lay dying in the cells of Siberia. If you know what it is to have your soul on fire, fired by an ideal, then you can appreciate the feelings of Vera Sasulitch. In that hour Trepooff died. Died at the hands of a young girl, who in all the bloom of her youth had given everything, even life itself, in order that the common people might be freed from their self-dom. Trepooff created the very weapon for his own destruction that he had

used on others. On March 1, 1881, Alexander the Second met his death, at the hands of a member of the same party, to which Vera Sasulitch belonged. Upon the accession of Alexander the Third to the throne, the revolutionary movement presented the following manifesto to him, for his consideration. They wanted him to know how it was possible to prevent violence.

"If the supreme power ceases to be arbitrary; if it honestly resolves to be the organ of the nation's will, your majesty may then without fear dismiss the spies that dishonor the government, send back the soldiers to the barracks and burn the gallows. The Executive Committee will of itself renounce its role, and the forces grouped around it will scatter to work for the welfare of the people and the furtherance of civilization. A peaceful propaganda will take the place of the violent strife—a strife that displaces your servants, but to which the conditions only impell us. We hope that the desire for revenge will not overpower in you, Sire, the voice of duty, the desire to listen to truth. Desire of revenge! Have we not also the right to feel it? You have lost a father, we have lost not only our parents, we have lost brothers, wives, children, our dearest friends. But despite this, if Russia's salvation demands it, we are ready to lay aside every personal passion. That much we expect from your highness."

The above is a story of the past, to-day we live in the present. Witness the present in Russia and judge it by the past. Oppression breeds discontent, discontent breeds revolution. They who take upon themselves the power to oppress, must bear the responsibility for the acts that result from their acts of oppression.

America 1920.

The first charge against us, is that we urged the working-class NOT to go to Russia. The President of this country is just as much bound by the laws of the land, as the poorest person. The laws of this country do not allow any official to send troops to any foreign land, unless war has been declared upon that land. We have not yet declared war upon Russia and from all appearances we shall soon remove the blockade and open up negotiations with Russia. Russia is the ONLY European country that can offer C-A-S-H for goods received. The rest of the European countries are asking for long credits and furthermore are even asking for a huge loan. The American business man is a business man before he is an American and consequently he is always prepared to deal with a cash customer first. Hence the demands of the business elements of this country for permission to trade with Russia. Now how can any person make himself believe that we were committing a crime, by advising the working-class to refuse to be participants in an illegal and unconstitutional act? Surely we should have been thanked for drawing the attention of the people to the unconstitutional war that was being carried on by this country! Where are the Americans of yesterday? Have we lost them all? To-day all the old traditional love for liberty has disappeared from this country. Men have been cowed by the industrial oligarchy that reigns supreme in these United States. The old time spirit of Lincoln has been crushed beneath the heavy weight of imperialism. It behooves the people of this country to assert themselves and not allow pea-nut politicians to drag the name of America into the dust in order that THEY might obtain political office.

It is urged by others, that our crime was due to the fact that we are an "alien". Let us reply to this argument by quoting the Constitution of these United States. Article XIV states:—

Section I. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State where in they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or the property, without due process of the law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

You will note the part of section, that we have underlined. So far not one of our opponents has admitted that we were not human, therefore we are a person, within the meaning of the section. Now that we have established the fact that we are a person and also that we are entitled to "equal protection of the laws", let us call to your attention, ARTICLE I of the United States Constitution:—

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The above extract is taken from the Constitution of the United States. Now if an "alien" cannot look upon the Constitution of this country as a guide to set him right in matters of legal character, to what shall he turn to? Lawyers may argue about license and liberty, but liberty if it means one thing more than another, it means the right to be in the wrong. The American people have been lulled to sleep by the hypocritical phraseology of a pseudopatriotism. If the arrest and imprisonment of an "alien" will be the means of arousing them from their slumbers, then we shall rest content and accept the sentence that the Court might inflict, feeling satisfied that we have done something that will make people think of us, when they have relegated those who sentence us, to the limbo of political obscurity.

The next charge against us, is that we sought to overthrow the United States with force. The intelligence of the law officers of the Government, if we may be permitted to style it intelligence, is below that of the average school child. No sane person believes in calling upon the working-class to use force to overthrow the Government. If the working-class attempted tomorrow to storm the Court-house they would find themselves helpless before the organized power of the Government. Fools are they who believe that Communists believe in the use of force to overthrow governments. But cunning politicians are they, who arrest them on that pretext. To the cunning politician, whose mind is warped and degraded by his personal ambitions, the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and all the laws of the country count for nothing. He will march over the imprisoned bodies of the working-class in order to curry favor with those that are able to finance his political campaign. What does he care when ambition has gripped his soul! What does it matter to him that men and women rot in prison cells, so long as he climbs to the top of the hill. Well might we enthuse over the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday! We want to remind the Government of the words of Frederick the Great of Russia, "Catastrophes arise, not because the masses but the rulers make them." Even the Catholic Echo, a Continental paper, a few years ago, found itself compelled to state; "Revolutions only occur when the historical conditions have arisen, and be successful only when the evils exist that bear heavily upon the mass of the people." Any chaos or trouble that may arise is due to the cursed stupidity of the ruling class. In every decisive moment of their own history they have never possessed the right insight and consequently before they would submit to the reasonable demands of the subject class, they have had to be forced and taught a lesson, sometimes at the cost of thousands of lives and the shedding of blood.

The capitalist class to-day finds itself in a veritable

dilemma. It cannot even settle its own quarrels, much less attend to the troubles of the working-class. After a world-war, which we were told was for the purpose of making the world safe for democracy, what do we find? Every country, in Europe, starving and bankrupt, with the exception of one country—Russia—and they are developing their industries and placing their country upon a sound social foundation. In this country the financiers do not know what to do. They must have foreign markets and if they desire foreign markets they must be prepared to float a huge loan and rehabilitate the European countries. But this sounds like too much for nothing and consequently here again, the short-sightedness of the ruling-class brings with it universal disaster. The European countries find that it does not pay them to purchase goods in America, on account of the low rate of international exchange. Therefore they are creating a boycott of American goods. These American goods will be left on the hands of the American manufacturers. Consequently the American workers will be thrown out of work, due to the falling off of the demand for American goods. Will you then blame the Communists, masters of America, if your own working-class refuses to starve? You may for a time fix the blame upon the Communists, but that will not fill the empty stomachs of your workers. After you have arrested, deported or jailed the "reds", what next are you going to do? You cannot jail the whole working-class!

The truth of the matter is this, that the "reds" find themselves in a very promising position. Every day you hear some worker say that he is a Bolshevik. Not because he has been taught something by a "red", simply because he has felt a pain in his stomach. A pain in the stomach acts as a wireless to the brain. The working-class are becoming "reds" due to the pressure of social conditions. The only way in which you masters of America, can prevent them from becoming "reds", is not by deportations or imprisonment, but by changing the social conditions. But that means less profits and that is one thing you will not stand for. In your blind greed you create the social conditions that compel starving men and women to resort to desperate remedies. What you desire is violence and so you endeavor by wholesale raids to create the atmosphere in which violence thrives. But the "red" is not fooled. We realize that a spirit of discontent, that is not organized and educated, is a hindrance and not an asset. That is why we are organizing the working-class into the One Big Union, so that by the systematic and conscious organization of their labor-power they can build the new society. The future belongs to the working-class. It is the historic mission of that class to build a new society upon the ruins of capitalism. Capitalism today stands upon the brink of ruin. But the ruling-class with its mind immersed in the hunt and scramble for dollars, cannot detach its mind from business and look facts square in the face. So it falls upon the working class the task of organizing and educating the working-class. To that task we shall bend to. We shall not be afraid, because "you crawl at the feet of the man unafraid." The working-class will triumph. It cannot be prevented from marching ahead to the goal of its attainment. All the facts of history stand solid behind it and numbers with it. The capitalist class have the wealth, but we have the numbers and the gods are always on the side of the big battalions. So let us march ahead, with heads erect, chests out, the future is ours.

Does it make you mad when you read about
Some poor, starved devil who flickered out
Because he never had a decent chance
In the tangled meshes of circumstance?
If it makes you burn like the fires of sin,
Comrade, you're fit for the ranks—fall in!

Does it make rage when you come to learn
Of a clean souled woman who could not earn
Enough to live and who fought, but fell
In the bitter struggle and went to hell?
Does it make you see—the with an anger hos?
Comrade, we welcome you, share our lot!

Whoever has blood that will flood his face
At the sight of the Beast in the holy place;
Whoever has rage for tyrants' might,
For the powers that prey in the day and night;
Whoever has hate for the ravening brute,
That strips the tree of its goodly fruit;
Whoever knows wrath at the sight of pain,
Of needless sorrow and heedless gain;
Whoever knows bitterness, shame and gall
At the thought of the trampled ones doomed to fall;
Comrade-in-blood, we know,
With brain afire and with heart aglow;
By the light in his eyes we sense our kin,
Comrade, you battle with us—fall in!

DEAR FOLKS AT HOME!—Do not worry, "the darkest hour is before the dawn."

OUT EAST!

A business man from Cleveland, according to the "Cleveland News", Feb. 3rd, 1920, paid a visit to Duluth. We are not aware of the nature of the place that he stayed at, but from all accounts it must have been a "dope" joint.

You realize that Duluth is an I. W. W. centre, and that the I. W. W. run a daily paper here, with a ten thousand daily circulation and also in Superior they transact over a thousand dollars' worth of business every week. Well this business man states that all this has been stopped. The I. W. W. spirit has all been killed. Miss Murphy, the Little teacher in the little house on the Point, has abolished all class war in our midst. It appears that the Trustees of the school on the Point, at first objected to dancing in evenings, but Miss Murphy told them of the wonderful effects of music and dancing. If we can only bring the rich and the poor together and have them dancing together, why we shall stop all strikes. For by the aid of the magic power of dancing, we have only to put on another record and we can kill any strike. (Try my other arm doctor)

Read this remarkable extract:—

"But the funny part is that the rest of the town has horned in on those Finnish dances. Some of the wealthiest men and their wives are going down there and mixing in and enjoying themselves. The whole school board goes down there now and is learning how to dance Finnish.

"I could tell you the names of some men and women nationally known who are contributing to those Finnish dances in person and in money. Mrs. Julius Barnes is one of the most interested, and I hear that Julius Barnes himself has capered in when he's in town. The whole Finnish colony has been up to the Barnes' place, and they didn't find any patronage there, either, but a simple, good time.

"When one of the wealthy residents of the town mingles in with the bunch and asks to be taught the Finnish schottische, there are plenty willing to teach him. And I want to tell you that the I. W. W. spirit soon disappears when a buxom Finnish girl is guiding a prosperous American through the steps of one of her native dances. And the tall Fin who is teaching Madame on the Hill to step high in a Finnish folk dance, isn't going to hold against her because she lives on the hill and he lives down near the harbor.

"You see, they've been finding each other out. They've discovered that everybody is a human being, no matter

what kind of a shell he wears. Some of those wealthy people up there have made the wonderful discovery that they're real human themselves, and can actually take more pleasure in the natural common joys than in the artificial ones. Those dances have been just as good for the walled-in rich as they have been for the Fins, and it would be pretty hard now for either class to wage war against the other. They've met, danced together, visited with each other, got acquainted, understand each other and are friends."

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Many of our middle-class friends, and "Truth" has a few on its mailing list, still possess some hope of the League of Nations being turned into an instrument of democracy. We hate to disagree with them, but any person who still cherishes the hope that there can come some good out of the League of Nations, is either an idealist, without a knowledge of the economic facts, or else he is possessed of a brain steeped with Wilsonian phraseology.

Let us suppose for one moment, that the objects of the League, were as President Wilson stated them to be, namely, to make the world safe for democracy. One would naturally expect that ALL peoples of ALL nations would be welcomed into the League. Yet the Supreme Council of the League was composed of ONLY five powers. Why were these powers placed in control of the League? Was it because they possessed some brand of democracy, that the excluded nations did NOT possess, or what was the real reason for delegating the powers of the League to these five Powers? The reason is not far to seek, the Five Powers who control and dominate the League, are the Five "Great" Powers of the world. They possess the necessary force to enforce their edicts and commands. The mere fact that these nations are placed in control, is one crushing argument against the argument of those who support the League, because they believe that the League makes for more democracy.

Let us draw your attention to the first demand put forward by France, through her Minister of Finance, M. Klotz:—"To demand from the enemy payment for the whole of his debt, and require guarantees for its payment and to create a permanent section of the League of Nations so as to carry out an Inter-Allied Entente policy." The League will be the debt-collector for all those nations who feel that other nations owe them something. This debt will be collected in a democratic manner, via the mouth of the cannon. The working-class will sacrifice their lives to obtain payment and then return home, those who are fortunate enough to escape, to eke out their miserable existence and work on for the next international picnic of the League. Its a great life!

Why pursue the argument further? There can be no genuine League of Nations, that does not admit the peoples of ALL nations. That League has its headquarters at Moscow and is known as the Third International. It will be a league of the workers, organized in their international Red Army, opposing the League of capitalists, organized in the White Army.

WHICH ARMY IS YOURS?

THE MIDDLE-CLASS.

John Spargo and others are endeavoring to soothe the troubled minds of the bourgeoisie, by pointing out to them that the workingclass cannot hope to bring about a successful social revolution, because of the middle-class that stands in its way. In a word the workingclass can never hope to be free, because of the increasing middle-class. Any person who seriously believes that this is so, is like the small boy who whistles when he walks up a dark street. The small boy whistles in order to deceive himself into a belief that he is not afraid. Similarly any comfort of mind that may be obtained from Spargo's statements are nothing more nor less than self-deception.

In the first place, Spargo quotes figures to prove that his contention is correct. Where Spargo makes the mistake is by quoting incomes, implying that the larger incomes that are received by this middle-class prove that they are increasing and that they are bound to increase in strength. The communist do not deal in relative incomes, they deal with social classes and their economic functions. The class war theory has no more to do with rich people and poor people, than the religion of Theosophy has. What we are concerned with, is classes and the part they play in the sphere of production. Spargo on the ground of exact science is lost, so like all those that seek to stem the tide of Communism he resorts to figures. Is there any person will dispute the fact, that the small producers are being crushed out every year? Will not a study of the trusts prove that it is well nigh impossible to start in business, in opposition to them? Every editor, writer, Government official and publicist knows that this is so. Yet this middle-class is amongst us. Why is it?

There is a fundamental difference between the middle-class of yesterday and the middle-class of today. The middle-class of yesterday lived by virtue of its possession of the means of production, whilst on the other hand, the middle-class of today exists by the virtue of the fact that it sells its labor-power to the trusts. True it is they receive higher wages than the average workers, but nevertheless they are just as much workers as the men who receive smaller wages. It does not matter how many years they went to college etc. in order to educate themselves, the fact remains that they are NOW workers and NOT employers. In modern industry they come under same r.o.s as the common worker. They are compelled to give of their intellectual ability to their masters, in return for wages, just the same as the common workers are compelled to give of their manual labor, in return for wages.

The old middle-class by reason of its economic status took the side of the capitalist class. But the new middle-class has no reason to side with the capitalist class, because it has lost its hold upon the means of life. They no longer dream of being Henry Fords, Morgans, Garys' etc. Consequently any change in the economic status of society would be welcomed by them, because they feel the oppressive hand of capitalism, just as much as the working class. Study the middle-class of Duluth and you will discover how hard they feel the oppression of capitalism. They crave for intellectual enjoyment, but they dare not let their employers know in which way their thoughts lie. Our recent calls for bondsmen proved to us how hard the lot of the middle-class is. Men afraid to stand bond for another man, simply because they fear the wrath of those who own and control their lives. Ask yourself the question, do you really think that these men are afraid of the future? Absolutely NO!

Let it not be assumed that we entertain any hope of action by this middle-class we speak of. Far from it. But what we do maintain is this, that when the great mass of the workers succeed in overthrowing capitalism, that this middle-class will lend its support to the workingclass. The task of today and the future, namely that of bringing about an Industrial Republic of the world, is the task set for the working class and can only be achieved by that class. Let us bear this in mind, but let us also bear in mind that despite the vaporings of a Spargo, the middle-class is powerless to prevent the successful carrying on of the workers' fight. The workingclass by virtue of its position in society is re-organizing society on a basis of industrial democracy. The working class is responsible for the carrying on of industry and that same workingclass, the moment it realises its own powers can just as well run industry for the good of all, as for the good of the parasites who now own it.

ALL POWER TO THE WORKINGCLASS!