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WAR OR PEACE?

By TOM QUELCH.
(Reprinted from London Call.)

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It has been said that the soldiers of the Red Army fight with the ferocious fanatics. Certainly they have performed marvellous feats, comparable only to the wonders achieved by the revolutionary armies of France, inspired by the noble conception of "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity" during the French Revolution.

In considering the achievements of the Red Army, it must always be borne in mind that the old Russian Army broke from sheer excess of demoralisation, suffering, hunger and misery; that millions had been killed and wounded in the capitalist-imperialist war—in 1916 it was reported that in Moscow alone there were three-quarters of a million wounded—and that only a tremendously powerful moral impulse could have brought order out of the warring chaos.

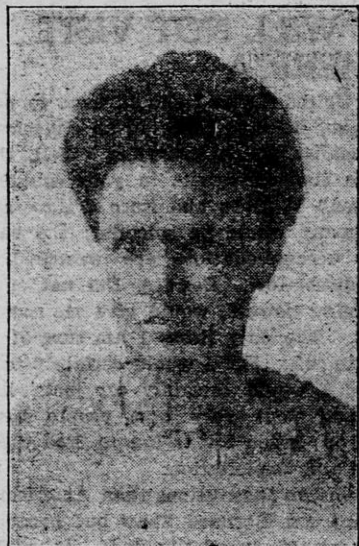
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It is said that war is more than anything else of contest of wills. It is those armies most possessed to the will to win, the will to conquer, the strongest fixed determination, that vanquish their enemies. As with armies so with nations. And to-day history presents us for the first time, with a people with one will, with a people of one mind, with a people really united in purpose. That stupendous fact will, sooner or later, soak into the mentality of the rulers of the capitalist world.

Russia represents one concentrated will. It is winning everywhere, in every way. The keenest minds in the world are rendering enthusiastic, devoted service. The intellectuals in every department of science, art and literature are not only being won over to Bolshevism, but are quick and eager to give of their best to the Socialist Republic.

To the old capitalist world Russia, with its Socialist purpose, its new thought, its international proletarian urge, its vital 'elan, is like a blazing volcano, full of combustible material, seething with a lava that, at the present, is only just percolating into the countries of capitalism.



Elsa Meyer

No longer can the Churchills and Clemenceaus make jolly war—presently they will realise that they cannot make peace. It no longer rests with them. The initiative is no longer in their hands! They no longer decide.

It is now not so much a question of the capitalist League of Nations waging war on Russia, as of Russia allied with the proletarian hosts of all countries waging war on the cynical and brutal capitalists.

Bolshevism spreads. Everywhere the workers are massing under the banners of the Third International. Everywhere the organised proletarian parties orientate towards the Left.

Certainly it is war. The class war. The war to end wage-slavery, to end capitalism with its evils of misery and degradation, prostitution and crime. The war to end war.

And until war is ended we do not want peace—because such peace will be the peace of the beggar and the slave.

ROCKFORD COMMUNISTS AGAIN INDICTED

By The Federated Press.

Rockford, Ill. — Nine alleged Communists have been arraigned in the circuit court here, under indictments returned by the county grand jury. All pleaded not guilty to the charge of violation of the Illinois anti-sedition law. Each furnished bonds of \$5,000.

Three weeks ago the county grand jury indicted 12 persons for alleged violation of the state anti-sedition law. The case of Arthur Person, one of the dozen indicted, came to trial in the circuit court here about two days ago. Upon motion of Clarence Darrow, chief of counsel for the defense, the indictment was quashed because it had been faultily drawn. The indictments against the other 11 were similar to the one drawn against Person. They were reindicted Tuesday, the list including Arthur Person, Mrs. Christina Person, Oscar Wahlström, Mrs. Alice Beale Parsons, Emil G. Peterson, William Steintorf, Arthur Nelson, Emil G. Peterson, Dr. Olaf Olson, Wassalik Talernek, Carl Lind and Peter Anderson. Dr. Olsen and Talernek, when arraigned shortly after indictments were returned against them, pleaded guilty.

The grand jury also returned an indictment against another alleged Communist, Joseph Raskewich, a Rockford barber. Raskewich was formerly secretary of a local organization of the Socialist party here. He is a property owner and has been a citizen of the United States six years.

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By The Federated Press.

Mulhausen, Alsace-Lorraine—The delegates from Alsace-Lorraine to the French Socialist convention, to be held at Strasbourg Feb. 26, have been instructed to vote for affiliation with the Third (Moscow) International.

The party statement declares: "While we are not intimately informed as to the Russian experiment, nevertheless it is evident and the principles of the Moscow International are not essentially a contradiction of Socialist principles. The party declares that the dictatorship of the proletariat is at the basis of revolutionary thought and that the soviet system constitutes a sure and efficacious means of establishing the new order.

Seattle Labor Active

By The Federated Press.

Seattle. — The local metal trades council has voted to refuse to complete work on goods partly manufactured by non-union labor. This ruling refers particularly to unfinished work sent to Seattle from the strike-bound California Bay district.

"Captain, what of the night? It rains outside overhead Always, a rain that is red, And our faces are soiled with the rain. Here in the season's despite, Day-time and night-time are one, Till the curse of the kings and the chain Break, and their toils be undone."

ADDING INSULT TO INJURY.

BY SCOTT NEARING.
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THE FEDERATED PRESS.

Conservative Canadians are making discoveries. Here is the editor of The Montreal Star writing on the cost of trading with the United States under the present rate of exchange. He says:

"Any rank examination of the cost of trading in the United States under present circumstances should have a sobering effect upon Canadians. Every month we buy goods in that country to an aggregate value of between \$60,000,000 and \$75,000,000. We pay an additional 8 or 10 per cent on account of exchange, and also toll to the American railways. *** On the average, every family in the dominion is paying \$1.50 for every working day to the United States capitalists and workers for American products."

The worthy editor is only skimming the surface. He is taking the gross cost of the goods shipped into Canada as the amount of "toll" that the Canadians are paying to the people across the border. If he were to dig a little deeper into the situation, he would find that every family in the United States pays somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,000 each year in the form of rent, interest, dividends and profits, as a net return to the landlords and profiteers. The cross charge to which he objects is a mere bagatelle when compared with the huge net cost to the American people of carrying the capitalist system.

Look behind exchange rates; search under railroad tolls, and you discover the real costs of carrying a parasitic system that loads upon the worker's family the necessity of producing — in addition to the things required for the support of that family — a huge burden of excess charges — the costs of capitalism.

The editor of The Star has discovered the insult. The injury lies farther down.

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MORE DEMOCRACY?

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Cologne, Germany—It was the British army of occupation that broke the strike of the railway workers here. The British commander-in-chief ordered the men back to work when they were about to strike. The 100 men who disobeyed this order and went on strike were arrested and brought before the British summary court. They were forced to go back to work.

Lansing, Mich. — The Secretary of State's office here has received sufficient petitions to place the name of Eugene Victor Debs on the presidential preference primary ballot as the Socialist candidate for the presidential nomination.

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