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# Socialist Party Facing Serious Task And Test In St. Louis Emergency Convention

By J. L. ENGDAHL.

That is what confronts the American Socialist Party here in the semergency convention assembled as the war clouds grow thicker and blacker and the demand for conscription follows quick had been fooled into thinking they were attacked, and on the declaration of a state of war with Germany.

came to that conclusion soon after reaching the city. This feeling became more pronounced as the work of this sixth national question. Socialist Party convention got under way.

## Party Will Weather Storm.

There was no doubt in the minds of any of the delegates that speeches", declared Delegate Solomon, New York. "I want to see comrades the party would successfully accomplish its great task and pass on the committee of different views. I don't want this to be a rubber stamp thru the test with the highest

Urges Teeth In Declaration.

possible credit to itself. Early indications were that a united, decisive and determined united, decisive and determined determined decisive and determined det position on the question of war the spirit already displayed by the and Engels could not answer that would be taken by the conven- assembled delegates.

chosen as chairman for the first day's proceedings, was enthusiastically applauded as he deliviastically applauded as he delivin it."

Berger. "This party will be the greatmovement that has developed in that
country. If we had a Socialist repucountry we would fight
it in on war and militarism with teeth
in it."

"Intolerance hurts the party," de-

The delegates listened with keen interest as Hillquit outlined and the world following the 1912
national convention in this country and leading up to the propose try and try and leading up to the propose try and try a national convention in this country and leading up to the proposed International Socialist Congress to be held in Vienna, Austria, in August, 1914.

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contradictory platform. The platform Delegate Germer, Illinois, spreading against Katterfeld's motion, cla

quit. "Now out International lies bleeding at the feet of the all-devouring Moloch of war".

He then traced the depression that had crossed the ocean and taken possession of the compages of the American Socialist. To all a communication asking the compages of the American Socialist. To all socialist as a communication asking. The committee was finally saved.

Greetings were received and read from the 21st Assembly District, Kings County, N. Y., declaring its opposition to all wars; from the Rock Island, Ill., County Committee, declaring we have no country for or against which to fight; eight comrades of the American Socialist.

taken possession of the comrades of the American Socialist movement.

"We have been violently, needlessly. criminally drawn into this conflict", he continued, and then showed that the Socialist Real Debate Starts.

The convention cheered again as Hillquit declared that, "The American people are opposed to this war", and again when he was a coording to Kattang III. as Hillquit declared that, "The American people are opposed to this war", and again when he demanded that the predatory interests that profit from war terests the war posed to all wars—that's why I want a big navy."

The Katterfeld motion was finally defeated by a vote of 66 for and 96 against. After some business was transacted a delegate from Michigan suddenly wanted to have a roll call.

terests that profit from war must pay the cost of the war.

Cheer Russian Revolt.

There were cheers when Hillquit referred to the successful quit referred to the successful quit referred to the successful referred to the successful quit referred to the in the overthrow of the Romanoutburst of enthusiasm when he predicted the overthrow of the Hohenzollerns in Germany and the Hapsburgs in Austria.

front to the predatory interests after it had been appointed. of the country. This convention will make or unmake the Socialmovement in America bigger without being conservative". and stronger, the pride and hope cialist movement.

full on this page. It came after Na- extreme views, he declared that tional Secretary Adolph Germer had fundamentally the members of called the national convention to orread the convention call. Hillquit was one view. nominated for chairman by Victor L Berger, of Wisconsin, and unanimous

# Perfect Organization.

the work of organization. George E. secretaries. Duncan McDonald, of Il-

ern the work of the convention, especially over the proposed rule increasing the strength of the proposed committee on war and militarism ger of making general state-

convention. If you adopt this motion you will make a laughing stock of this from nine members to 15 members.

question in the affirmative. Nor could the younger Liebknecht answer that This became very evident as Morris Hillquit, of New York, chosen as chairman for the first

ered the keynote address during the opening hours of the convention on the committee on war and militarin it."

It was decided to put 15 members clared Delegate Anna A. Maley, Minnesota. "The putting of this question is the essence of all intolerance." John M. Work, Chicago, member of I hope that the motion to put the

Delegate Germer, Illinois, spoke

Delegate C. E. Ruthenberg, Ohio claimed that the putting of this question would facilitate the work of the convention, in that it would enable the delegates to know beforehand for

Party was the only considerable organized force opposed to war. The convention then rose to its feet and cheered as Hillquit declared, "It falls to us to continue our opposition to this war and militarism to answer. Here is the question:

"Are you opposed to all wars, offensive and defensive, except the wars a big army and a big navy."

The first real debate of the convention would be closed the discussion, claiming it was impossible to tell where anyone stood on this question by just getting a "yes" or "no" answer. He said that even Roosevelt could answer "yes" to this question, that he could say, "I am opposed to all wars—that's why I want a big army and a big navy."

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The wanted to take every precaution against the Socialists of this country being similarly misled.

# Attacks Heroic Speeches. "This is not a time to make heroic

the national executive committee, took up the cudgels in favor of a revised national platform when it was prothe brilliant future that seemed to confront the Socialist

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form is intense.

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whom they were voting. He argued that the committee thus elected could draft a report in which the conven-

# Delegate Koppnagle, Illinois, upheld Katterfeld's stand, declaring that Katterfeld had taken a stand beside Karl (We Are Charged With Great Trust," Hillquit Tells 200 Delegates In Keynote Áddress

■ ERE IS the keynote address delivered by Morris Hillquit in opening Emergency National Convention of Socialist Party in St. Louis. Mo.:

Comrades, I thank you most heartily for the honor you have conferred on me in choosing me as Chairman of this Sixth' National Convention of the Socialist Party. At no time has the national council of our party met under as critical conditions or faced as serious a task and test as those we are facing here today.

When the chairman's gavel fell upon our last convention on May 18, 1912, our organization was flushed and conscious of youthful vigor. Our movement was bouyant with enthusiasm, and the men and women in it were joyous with struggle, conscious of conquest. Within a few years, we had increased our membership to over 125,000, represented by about 5,000 live and active locals. We had increased our press to about 300 different organs. We had just had our first great electoral victories in various cities of the country and in legislative bodies, and we had just opened the doors of the National Congress to a representative of our party. Socialism seemed to be in the air. The Socialist movement was militant and triumphant. We saw nothing but growth and victory ahead of us.

# WORLD FACTOR.

And the triumphant march of the Socialist proletariat was by no means confined to the United States along. All over the civilized world, the Socialist movement had become the most significant factor, the most propelling course in public life. In 1913 a number of the leading countries of Europe seemed definitely to move toward Socialism at such a rate of speed that it seemed to all of us that within a few years, a very few years, Socialism would conquer and dominate those countries. The hosts of Socialist men and women in Europe alone numbered between 30 and 40 millions, and it was one great ardent body knitted together by solidarity of feeling and action, inspired by the same idea, working for the same common cause, working as one great universal force regardless of national boundaries, regardless of racial distinctions. We were proud of our International of which we formed a part. We were expecting the next joyful occasion, the great review of Socialist forces of the world which was scheduled to be held in the month of August, 1914, at the proposed International Socialist Congress in Vien-

## \* \* \* \* COLLAPSE COMES.

And then suddenly, unexpectedly, disastrously, the accumulated forces of capitalist misrule broke lose. Europe found itself in the throes of war. Everything that civilization had been laboriously building up in the course of generations collapsed, collapsed suddenly and lamentably, and our proud Socialist Internation-

al upon which two generations of men and women had been laboring incessantly at the greatest sacrifice—our International collapsed with every institution of modern civilization.

We are not here, comrades, to judge the conduct of the Socialists and workers of Europe. What elemental force stronger than reason, stronger than principle, stronger even than class loyalty, actuated them in those dark days of the beginning of the war, what force it was that drove this body of workers who only twenty-four hours before had presented one organization, knitted together by the most intimate ties of working class solidarity—what had driven them at each others throats, only history in the future will show.

## REACTION REACHES US.

But the fact is that for

the time being at least, it tore the proud edifice of the Socialist\_International to pieces. For the time being International wounded and bleeding at the feet of the all-devouring Moloch of militarism and war. It may take years, it may take an indefinite time before we will recover. But there is no doubt whatsoever but that for the time being the war and the participation of Socialists in the war in Europe was a most vital stab in the heart of the International Socialist movement. The reaction spread over the ocean and reached us. It had taken the heart out of a great many of our comrades. It created a moral atmosphere of depression which hung over us like a dark, heavy cloud for years. And then came the even indirect effects of this war as influencing the course of our own movement. War in Europe created that spirit so fatal to all democratic and progressive movementsthe spirit of militarism, founded upon an appeal to the lowest conception of the vulgar patriotism which permeated our country, which was fostered artificially, which grew from day to day to the exclusion practically of all other movements of the people.

And with that came this era of prosperity; a prosperity builded upon the death and destruction of our fellowmen in Europe; a prosperity to which our people unthinkingly and unfeelingly were inclined to cling.

# HYPOCRITE EXPOSED.

The administration of President Wilson, hypocritical as it turns out now to be, as the Socialists knew it to be all the time, by making an appeal to the unthinking masses, an appeal in behalf of the cause of labor and progress, an appeal -the irony of it all-an appeal to the sentiments of the people in favor of peace, in favor of being kept out of the war.

And with these various discouraging elements came the unfortunate growing laxity in our own organization. It was a fatal blunder, I believe, on our part to abandon those National gatherings which we should normally have had, our National Committee meeting, our convention scheduled for last year, just at the time of all times when most necessary for the welfare of our party, for the gathering of whatever forces there were; so that after the lapse of five years we find ourselves as the Socialist movement in a period of depres-

Comrades, it will serve no good purpose to close our eyes to the fact that our party and our movement have gone backward since 1912. We have lost members. Our membership has been reduced to about 80,-000 from 125,000. We have lost several organs of publicity. We have lost votes in the last election. And worst of all, we have lost some of our spirit, some of our bouyant, enthusiastic, militant spirit which is so very essential, so very vital for the success of any movement like ours. (Applause.)

# WAR IS UPON US.

And now, on top of it all comes this war. Our country, which seemed so very safe from the European insanity 3,000 miles removed from the seat of conflict, our country has been violently, needlessly, criminally drawn into this European conflict. (Great applause.) War is upon us, with all its horrors. It may be that there is time. The vast majority of the unthinking crowds consider our declaration of war a mere manifestation, a mere game. But the time may come, the time probably will come, when war will become as grim, as hideous a reality for the American people as it has become for the peoples of Europe. (Applause.) Millions of our boys will be sent to the trenches to murder millions of other boys in foreign countries, and they will be for the most part boys of the working class on both sides. War means more than a state of mind. War means the horribly mingled bodies of hundreds of thousands of innocent boys. It means the groans, the agonies of the battlefield. It means desolation, privation, suffering at home, and all of it or most of it will fall upon

the working class. We, the Socialist Party of the United States, are today the only considerable organized force which has still retained a clear vision, an unclouded mind, in this general din of confusion, passion and unreason; and it falls to us to continue our opposition to this criminal war, even now after it has been declared. (Applause, cries of "Good".)

## PEOPLE OPPOSE WAR. The favorite phrase now-

adays is, "Stand by our President." We Socialists, so long as we remain Socialists, will never subscribe to so meaningless, so undemocratic a phrase by which the people of the United States surrender their sole birthright. (Great applause.) In his speech before congress, smooth and well turned as usual, President Wilson calls attention to the fact that in the autocracies of Europe this war, the most vital to all the peoples of Europe, was declared by the powers that govern, without consulting the people of the respective countries. And that comes from the mouth of the man who never consulted the American people as such, for the American peo-

ple-I say boldly-even today the vast majority are opposed to this war. (Great applause.) If ever a great people has allowed itself to be stampeded into death and destruction it is this great democratic people of the United States. And we Socialists have a task before us. We have the task, first and foremost, to continue preaching reason and humanity to the people of this country, continuing our opposition to war. And more that that, war having been declared, it becomes our duty and the duty of all progressive, thinking men'and women of this country to begin at once laying the foundation of a speedy peace, and one that will make future wars impossible forever and ever. (Applause.)

Nor is that all. War means more than conflicts on the battlefield. War means reaction at home. War creates a mob spirit of unreason. War creates conditions under which all the powers of reaction, all the predatory powers of the country, can satisfy their desires, and accomplish their attacks upon popular liberty, upon popular rights, with absolute impunity. Not a voice in this country will be raised against these attacks upon popular liberty that are sure to come; not a strong voice unless it be the voice of the Socialist Party of the United States. (Ap-

# FIGHT WAR PROFITS.

Nor does this exhaust our task. This war will consume not merely the lives and the blood of the people. but also the wealth of the people, millions and billions of dollars. And as usual, the working class which will furnish the fodder for cannons will also be called upon to furnish the sinews of

It devolves upon us to proclaim to the working class of this country, to the whole people of this country, that those powers and interests who have made the war. that those powers and interests who can best stand the war, who expect to profit by it, shall be made to bear the tremendous cost of this war. (Applause.) No individual profit shall be made. No individual advantages shall be gained by the predatory classes of our country, out of the misfortunes, out of the calamities, out of the lives of their fellow men; that we, the Socialist Party, can awaken the people of this country to a realization of the enormity of the situa-

Comrades, there are dire days ahead of us. There are critical days ahead of us. Do not be despondent; do not be discouraged; for after all, the Socialist movement never had smooth sailing; for after all, when you men and women gave yourselves to the Socialist movement you must have known that it was a great, a hard, a difficult struggle which you undertook, a struggle which has its ups and downs, its victories, as well as its defeats, its defeats as well as its victories.

There remains but one thing for us, the faith in the ultimate victory, the inevitable victory of our cause

# offs. There was another fresh War Crisis Offers Great **Opportunity, Says Hillquit**

onenzollerns in Germany and le Hapsburgs in Austria.

"Every man and woman at his said Morris Hillquit, of New York, in the opening discussion or her post", he concluded. "We of the convention committee on war and militarism, which began must organize a strong, militant its sessions on the second day of the convention here, immediately

"If we take the proper stand", said Hillquit, "we can bring ist movement in the United considerable clarity on this question to the entire international States", and as he finished movement. We can rally to us powerful forces to support our every delegate resolved to do his position. Our declaration should be vigorous, definite and sane. best to MAKE the Socialist and by sane I do not mean conservative. We can have sanity

Hillquit urged that if the committee showed fundamental of the entire International So- differences he did not think it ought to compromise on the question of war and militarism. But he felt, that while the early discussions

Hillquit's address is published in of the committee showed three the committee represented but

# Socialists Not Pacifists.

"The question that confronts us is not one of nationalism The convention then proceeded with versus internationalism", he Roewer, of Massachusetts, was made said. "We are not pacifists. Ours secretary, and Miss Elizabeth Goldistein, of Massachusetts, and A. Wa-ganization. We all fight within genknecht, of Ohio, the two assistant the nation for the interests of the working class. We will delinois, was made vice-chairman. the working class. We will de-There was little work for the credentials committee, the two contests in the Michigan and South Dakota delegations being settled without much difficulty.

Wherever an attack is made. If we are ready to fight the ruling to take such abstract positions as the workers have no

# The April Leaflet!

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Some spirited debate developed cally, within the nation, do we country, and they will not deover the adoption of the rules to govthe work of the convention are the work of the convention are the work of the convention. cited the case of the Russians, Hillquit pointed out the dan- under their present government.

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thru all hardships and all difficulties. (Applause.)

# FOE NEAR COLLAPSE.

Already we begin to see the signs of the arrival of our movement; the unmistakable signs of the collapse of our inveterate foe, the capitalist system, the great social revolution in Russia was an indication of it. (Applause.) Our short sighted press and our short sighted statesmen may console themselves with the theory that this was a revolution created by the liberal minded Bourgeoisie. We know better. We know that the revolution in Russia was forced on the streets of Petrograd by the working men in uniform and out of uniform, in protest against the horrors of war in Russia. (Applause.)

And what has happened in Russia is bound to happen and bound to happen within a short time, in Germany and Austria as well. (Applause.) Already from all indications. the throne of the Hohenzollerns is tottering. That of the Hapsburgs may follow. This war will be ended not by diplomacy, not around the table by representatives of the powers, monarchies and governments of Europe. This war will be ended by the rebellious working class of Europe. (Applause.) And when the hour comes, comrades, when the proletariat of the world finds itself, when it renews its struggles for liberty, its struggles for social justice, let us see to it that the new movement finds us in a condition where we can proudly take our place in the ranks of the rejuvenated International to continue our struggles for the emancipation of the working class of the world. (Applause.)

# TIME OF GREAT TEST.

Comrades, just in these critical times it becomes more than ever our duty to preserve, to strengthen, to build up our organization. It is times like these that and of men. It is easy to go with the Socialist movement when it has almost become fashionable to be a socialist. It is harder to stick to the movement, to give it the best that is in you, at a time when the movement has experienced set-backs, at a time when an artificially infuriated and incited mob has set upon the Socialist movement, at a time when the entire press of the country is up in arms against it. (Applause.) It is at a time like this, comrades, when each true soldier in the Socialist revolution, man and woman, must be at his or her post and stick to it. (Applause.) It is for the purpose, comrades, of gathering our forces, of solidifying our forces; it is for the purpose of organizing a strong, militant, powerful front against all the predatory powers-thatbe, that we have gathered here today. (Applause.)

rades, will make or unmake the Socialist movement in the United States. (Applause.) Let us hope, then, that our deliberations will be conducted with faith, wisdom and courage. Let us remember that a small band of two hundred of us are charged with a tremendous trust, not merely in behalf of our immediate constituents, but in behalf of the entire working class of this country, in behalf, perhaps, of the International working class, Socialist movement of the world. I thank you, comrades. (Applause.)

This convention, com-

# War Crisis Offers Great **Opportunity, Says Hillquit**

any attempt on the part of the tion is its language. German ruling class to restore Mexicans, struggling for more wards", declared Boudin. fortify the interests of the cap- of nationalism". italists in that country.

"Our country is a certain political and economic organization within which we live and act", said Hillquit. "Our very object of seeking to conquer the political powers of this country shows we are trying to make this nation ours. It would be silly on our part to say that under no circumstances would we defend ourselves or our countrv".

## Members Of Committee.

Kate Richards O'Hare, Mis-tions. souri: Morris Hillquit, Algerand George Spiess, of Connecti- philosophy of despair.

to confine the discussion to committee, declaring for uni- Baltimore; S. L. V. Young, Hagers three points as follows:

First:—The position on war and militarism generally.

Second:—The present war. (a) European war. (b) Entrance of United States into it.

Third:—Concrete or constructive program stating our position and outlining our activity during the war.

In addition it was felt that the question of issuing a declaration to the Socialists of the warring countries should also be taken up.

## Berger Gives Views.

Berger, of Wisconsin, giving his other column. position on the question of na-

not believe in nations", he said. holding of an International "For myself, I want it under-| Socialist Congress. preferably stood that I believe in nations. in one of the Scandinavian I feel that they are just as countries. necessary as families. Without nationalism I am both an gram, which also appears in an-American and a Socialist at the other column. He declared he gren, same time. If I didn't believe in was opposed to throwing anyone nations, I wouldn't be a member out of the party for believing seph Cannon, Julius Gerber, Morris out of the party for believing the Socialist Party and I the present was in the inof the Socialist Party and I the present war was in the inwouldn't vote. Anti-nationalism terests of the working class. is anarchism. It makes a great difference to me whether I am an American or a Chinaman."

urged the uniting of all the forces opposed to war. He said these were to be found in the sas, gave his opinion that there American Federation of Labor, farmers' organizations, in addition to the Socialist Party.

George Spiess, Connecticut, said that while he recognized to subjugate us to conditions national boundaries as being over which we have no demonecessary, he declared we could cratic control, then we will fight not compromise with class gov- the invaders", he said. "We want ernments.

clared that our purpose is to tion" create a spirit within the nation Delegate John Spargo, Verthat will transcend nationalism. mont, who leans toward the

over. We must draw the line of States entering the war. class distinctions and no com- "From the first day of the maintained for the purpose of powers was essential to the prokeeping us in subjection.

Instructed To Go Limit. Walter Dillon, New Mexico, national Socialist movement, he Reading.
RHODE ISLAND.—J. M. Caldwell, said his instructions were to go said. the absolute limit against war, Before the committee adeven to the point of rebellion. journed Sunday night, a sub-He said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the said this was the position of committee was appointed to the sub-the subthe farmers in the Socialist draw up a statement covering Party in New Mexico.

Louis B. Boudin, New York, position of the Socialist Party Stated his stand on internation- toward war and militarism. It Stoney, Salt Lake City. VERMONT.—John Spargo, alism, declaring that cities, was decided to continue the states and nations were merely committee hearings and discuspassing forms of civilization, sions Monday morning and if Then followed a discussion on possible report to the conven-

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# (Continued From Page One.) the basis of a nation, Berger protecting themselves against claiming that the basis of a na-

"The International comes the Romanoffs; and of the first and the nation after-"The democracy, fighting any at-second international has been tempt of American troops to wrecked on this very question

> Delegate Hillquit broke in with, "Not at all!"

Where Germans Went Wrong. "The German comrades and the comrades elsewhere went wrong by placing the national struggle ahead of the class struggle", continued Boudin, declaring that the struggle of class should be the fundamental

Algernon Lee, New York, said that while the question of The committee on war and we must not necessarily be inmilitarism as elected consists of different to all national ques-

non Lee and Louis B. Boudin, of declared that it didn't make New York; Kate Sadler, of much difference whether the Washington; Patrick Quinlan, workers lived under an autocraof New Jersey; C. E. Ruthen- cv or a democracy. He declared berg and Frank Midney, of the Socialist Party should be Ohio; Dan Hogan, of Arkansas; chiefly concerned with educat-Job Harriman, of California; ing the workers and said he be-Victor L. Berger, of Wisconsin; lieved that the spirit of revolt John Spargo, of Vermont; May- grows better under an autocracy nard Shipley, of Maryland; than in a democracy. He denied, Walter Dillon, of New Mexico, however, that he believed in the

Delegate Spiess presented

Immediately the committee short program that he thought short program that he thought met the problem before the MAINE.—Desire Baker, Fairnera, H. Jacob P. Enemark, Portland.

MAINE.—Desire Baker, Fairnera, MARYLAND.—Maynard Shipley, MAY went into session it was decided met the problem before the versal disarmament after the town. war and denying membership in the party to anyone supporting

## war or preparation for war. For Workingclass Wars.

Delegate Ruthenberg pointed out the efforts of the Socialist movement to create a class psychology in place of a national psychology. He declared that we fight in any war, except in Detroit.

The committee then went in- chusetts, then presented the to a discussion of the first point, program which appears in an-

"More can be done than we tionalism and internationalism. in our hesitation think can be nalism and internationalism. In our nestation that are are are concord. "Some of our comrades do done", he said, in urging the ard, Concord.

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NEW JERSEY.—Valentine Bausch, The Cooked Hopey.

After listening to a score of statements made by various delegates to the convention, the Job Harriman, California, committee members resumed their discussion.

Delegate Dan Hogan, Arkanmight be wars of invasion M. Sheldon, Williston. the Progressive Party and the which the workers should op-

Would Oppose Invasion. "If the invaders should seek Kate Sadler. Washington, de- Let us not go wild en this ques-

"While we recognize the position that the present war is existence of the nation", she a war of democracy against said, "our purpose is to create a Prussian autocracy and militar- Portland; realization of the interdepentime, denied however that he dence of all humans the world was in favor of the United

the first proposition, the general Louis B. Boudin, New York, position of the Socialist Party tion Tuesday morning.

# FEARED EMBARRASSMENT.

Declaring that recent utterings of Dr. Scott Nearing, Toledo university's sociologist and political economist, who had been invited to speak before the Kansas City, Mo., City Club, might be embarrassing under the cir cumstances of present foreign relatious, the executive committee of the Gerrit Thorn, Oshkosh. club abruptly cancelled the arrange ments for the address.

# Here Are The Anti-War

The revised list of delegates attending the Emergency National Socialist Convention is as fellows:

ARIZONA .- J. R. Barnette, Chander, and Cory Davenport, Miami. Hogan, Huntington.

CALIFORNIA. - Job Harriman, Cameron H. King, Harry McKee, W T. Mills and Thos. W. Williams. COLORADO .- W. P. Collins, Boulder, Jennie McGehe, Denver.

CONNECTICUT .- Martin F. Plun kett, P. H. Shea and Geo. Spiess, Jr. DELAWARE .- L. P. McGuigan, Wilmington.

FLORIDA. - Franklin Pimbley, Geo. White.

Atlanta.

ILLINOIS.—John Berg, Moline;
Bernard Berlyn, Chicago; Paul Castle, West Frankfort; Clarence Diehl,
Chicago; Adolph Dreifuss, Chicago;
Sping to substitute one privileged

Kokomo; Joe Zimmerman, Marion. IOWA.-C. T. Bowman, Cedar Rapids; I. S. McCrillis, Des Moines;

Harold Metcalf, Davenport.

MASSACHUSETTS .- Victor Annala, Fitchburg; Abraham Bloom, Brockton; Charles E. Fenner, Worcester; Eugene Hough, Newton; George Makela, Fitchburg; Louis Marcus, Bos-

psychology. He declared that under no circumstances should Renner, M. Sugar, Robt. Westfall,

MINNESOTA .- F. W. Adams, B

MONTANA.-A. F. Meissner, But-

te; McElroy, Dubuque.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.—P. J. Leon

Yoners; Axel W. Berg- lows: son. Jamestown; York City; Albert Pauly, Brooklyn; late news from St. Croix has caused John C. Rowitch, Bronx; Fred Sander, Syracuse; James C. Sheahan, Alsit up and adjust their spectacles. any; U. Solomon, New York City.
NORTH DAKOTA.—C. C. Loomis,

OHIO .- Chas. Baker, Hamilton Wm. Barnard, Tom Clifford, Jos. Jodlbauer, Cleveland; Frank Midney; Wm. Paterson, Toledo; Marguerite Prevey, Akron; C. E. Ruthenberg, Cleveland Wagenknecht, Lakewood; Scott

Wilkins, Wapakoneta.
OKLAHOMA.—W. H. Conley, Al-Houchin; E. L. Moore, Wagoner; Wm. W. Terry, Ringwood; S. C. Thompson, tions and socialize the islands accord-Roll; R. L. Thurmond, Caney; Eugene Tuttle, Tulsa; S. C. Stair, Walters.

OREGON. — Victor J. McCone, Portland; W. N. Reivou, Albert only succeeded in raising wages from the stands according to the Jackson plan.

"To buttress Jackson's dictum for reform it is shown that labor has only succeeded in raising wages from

Streiff, Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA, -- Wm. Adams,
Pittsburgh; J. Mahlon Barnes, Phila-

delphia; Dalton T. Clarke, Washingciass distinctions and no com-promise with any class govern-war I have believed and said Ed. Hayden, Mineral Point; Wm. J. ment. All governments are that the defeat of the central Higgins, Philadelphia; John R. Mo powers was essential to the progress of democracy and the Stump, Jane Tate, Pittsburgh; C. W. future welfare of the inter- Thompson, York; Birch L. Wilson

> Providence; Kleinert, Albion. SOUTH DAKOTA.—E. F. Atwood phis; S. G. Gregory, Nashville. TEXAS.—Wm. D. Simpson.

VIRGINIA .- Jesse C. Duke, Rich-

WASHINGTON.—Sophus Bonne-Kate Sadler, Seattle; Joseph Thomas, Aberdeen.

WEST VIRGINIA .- G. W. Gilles-

WYOMING.—Geo. E. Bateman, dominant issue. The Ackme; W. W. Paterson, Rock Spgs. waged at fever heat.

The only thing that prevents Dr. Convention Delegates William T. Vlymen, principal of the Eastern District high school, Brooklyn, N. Y., from suspending Jessie Wallace Hughan, a Socialist and pacifist, who is an English teacher Y., from suspending Jessie Hughan, a Socialist and that high school, is the lack of a by-law which would give him the authority to do so. He denounced her views and her activities as an anti-ARKANSAS.—Clay Fulks and Dan war speaker on public platforms However, the New York board education is taking steps which will enable it to take action about any teachers who at any time, whether within the school or out of it, speak against war and militarism.

# Fight Rule Of Bankers

By DANTE BARTON.

Have you noticed that the Russian GEORGIA.—Mary Raoul Millis, Revolutionists, who have taken over the Russian Empire for the Russian people, have denounced "government IDAHO.—Elda B. Conly, Chicago; by bankers" in the same breath in which they denounced government by

INDIANA.—Wm. H. Farmer, Anderson; Wm. H. Henry, Wm. F. Jackwill ride the workers and the common man, Indianapolis; Florence Wattles, people—if the people will let them as hard as grand dukes ride them.

So they are going to make a clean sweep of this business of getting rid of rulers. Just as the French in their matter with whom, and bubbling over bough lodge. Like giants they toiled, great Revolution of 1789 to 1794 in a general incoherent babel. KANSAS.—Ida A. Beloof, Winfield; Phil Callery, Pittsburg; G. W. Kleihege, Lawrence; Milo Mitchell, Simply the name of a republic but

> of America, you may hear that "the bankers" and the trusts and monopolists propose to "run the government" and to "advise how the war shall be financed," remember what the Russian democrats have said about government by bankers.

Nobody is safe to sit in "the seats of the mighty" in America, any more than in Russia, who does not believe that the taxes should be taken off labor and the natural resources of the people be free to the people; who does there must be war) must be borne by the wealth, produced by all but largely monopolized by the few. No one can safely be an authoritative adviser or counselor for the nation who will not a war of the working class, except in a war started by the working class and carried on by the working class and carried on by the working class.

Delegate Nuorteva, Massa-chusetts, then presented the chusetts, then presented the chusetts, then presented the chusetts, then presented the chusetts and carried on by the working class.

MINNESOTA.—F. W. Adams, B. J. Locher, Anna A. Maley, Chas. Rastedt, Minneapolis; Geo. Sahlman, Cloquet; W. A. Stafford, L. Vanderberg, W. O. Wassing, Minneapolis.

Missouri.—W. M. Brandt, St. Louis.

NERRASKA.—K. C. Porter, Oma-nation and who does not believe that the people should be free, and not censored, in their expressions of opinion, and who does not believe that the people should be free, and not censored, in their expressions of opinion, and who does not believe that labor has at least as good a right history of the country. Many men the history of the country. Many men oppose to the last extremity war and organization.

# Our New Possession

York City; Ludwig Lore, Brooklyn; Max Lulow, New York City; S. J. Max Lulow, New York City; S. J. Max Lulow, New York City; S. J. May Lore, Buffalo; Chas. W. Noonan, limited. However, we are getting Schenectady; Moses Oppenheim, New acquainted rapidly, and some of the

"For instance, Mr. Frederic J. Has-NORTH DAKOTA.—C. C. Loomis, kins writes from Christiansted, St. Maxbass; H. R. Martinson, Minot; L. Croix island: 'This island could probably muster a heavier socialist vote in proportion to its population than other part of the world.' Very surprising news, indeed, from a community that we had conceived to be controversial questions.

"A young negro named Hamilton Jackson edits a newspaper at Chrisin favor of socialism, and his friends G. Russell, Elk City; A. G. Sechrist, Lawton; L. A. Stanwood, Stroud; W. Tarry, Pinguage S. C. Stroud; W. Stroud, Pinguage S. C. Stroud; W. Stroud, Pinguage S. C. Stroud; W. Stroud, Pinguage S. C. S

only succeeded in raising wages from 25 cents per day to 40 cents per day by two successive strikes. In the islanders it is stated that most of them have a common school education, do not get drunk, and are frugal and thrifty.

PREPARING CANNON FODDER. As an illustration of the importance of the moving picture as a means according to the abundance of game of education and miseducation it is and the fortune of nunting. Summer well to note that the "Evergreen arrived, and dogs and men packed on Theatre" of New York City recently their backs, rafted across blue moungave a free matinee performance to children only at which blood-and- unknown rivers in slender boats thunder war pictures were shown to youngsters between the ages of six the movies as a keen weapon to prepare future cannon fodder.

A late dispatch from Australia says that a double dissolution of Parliament has taken place, which means that instead of electing only one-half vie. Emil Herman, Everett; Laura M. the Senators all will be required to House, Spokane; L. E. Katterfeld, contest for seats in the upper house as Seattle; Ed. Maurer, North Yakima; well as the lower body. This is the first time that such a dissolution has occurred since the commonwealth was inaugurated, and it gives the Liberal pie, M. S. Holt, Weston.

WISCONSIN.—Victor L. Berger,
Labor renegades a decided advantage, John Doerfler, Jr., W. R. Gaylord, as all the hold-over Senators but two Leo. Krzycki, Milwaukee; N. P. Nicl- were Labor men and opposed to conson, Racine; Emil Seidel, Milwaukee; scription, which has again been thrust forward by the plute crowd as the The contest is being

# THE CALL OF THE WILD

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(Continued from last week.)

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

The gold rush for Alaska is on. Dogs are needed to haul the sleds over the northern snows. Buck, king among dogs, is stolen from his home in the Santa Clara Valley, in California, shipped to Seattle, beaten into submission and sold to Perault, agent for the Canadian government. Then he is taken aboard a steamer bound for the Northland. As the boat arrives at its destination, he is brought on deck and experiences his first snow. He is soon put ashore and to work with other dogs where he soon learns the law of club and fang. He is suddenly jerked from the heart of civilization into the heart of things primordial. Life becomes a struggle for life and mastership. The dominant primordial beast gradually asserts itself in Buck and he makes his first kill in a death struggle with Spitz, the leader of the team. Buck is sold several times, finally becoming the property of John Thornton, whose life he saves on two different occasions. He performed another exploit that put his name several notches higher on the totem pole of fame by starting a sled carrying one thousand pound and incidentally winning a \$1,000 bet for his owner. Now go on with the story.

Men gasped and began to breathe (Continued from last week.)

Men gasped and began to breathe gun among the blankets.

again, unaware that for a moment Chicago; Adolph Dreifuss, Chicago; Sanual Holland, Robt. H. Howe, Chicago; Tolstoy, who said "the rich will do anything for the poor except to get off their backs."

But the people of Russia do not want anybody on their backs. They had ceased to breathe. Thorn-class for another. It was the Russian, Tolstoy, who said "the rich will do anything for the poor except to get off their backs."

But the people of Russia do not want anybody on their backs. They was running behind, encouraging Buck with short, cheery words. The distance had been measured off, and anything for the poor except to get off their backs.

But the people of Russia do not want anybody on their backs. They was anything for the poor except to get off the poor except to get o they had ceased to breathe. Thorngrow, which burst into a roar as he passed the firewood and halted command. Every man was tearing and so dollars in clean dust and nug-himself loose, even Matthewson. Hats gold was seeked in moose hide have himself loose, even Matthewson. Hats gold was sacked in moose-hide bags, and mittens were flying in the air. fifty pounds to the bag, and piled like

But Thornton fell on his knees beeld; Phil Callery, Filtsburg,
Leihege, Lawrence; Milo Mitchell,
Simply the name of a republic, but insisted on the real thing, which must always include economic freedom as nothing in of meat now and again that Thornton killed, and long and fervently, and softly and Buck spent long hours musing by the short-legged

"Gad, sir! Gad, sir!" spluttered the Skookum Bench king. "I'll give you a thousand for him, sir, a thousand, sir - twelve hundred,

Thornton rose to his feet. His yes were wet. The tears were eyes were wet. streaming frankly down his cheeks. 'Sir," he said to the Skookum Bench king, "no, sir. You can go to hell, sir. It's the best I can do for you, sir." Buck seized Thornton's hand his teeth, Thornton shook him back not believe that the cost of war (if and forth. As the animated by a common impulse, the onlookers drew back to a respectful distance; nor were they again indiscreet enough to interrupt.

# CHAPTER VII.

in war time as in peace time to labor history of the country. Many men union standards of wages and work had sought it; few had found it; and more than a few there were who had never returned from the quest. This lost mine was steeped in tragedy and shrouded in mystery. No one knew holding of an International Socialist Congress. preferably in one of the Scandinavian countries.

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John M. Work then presented Socialist Congress. preferably Green, Milo C. Jones, Newark; Frederik Krafft, Ridgefield; Patrick L. Quinlan, Hoboken; Geo. Stroebel, Neuroland Opinion of the first man. The oldest tradition stopped before it got back to him. From the beginning there had been an ancient and ramshackle cabin. Danish West Indies, just purchased from Denmark. The Seattle, Wash., Newark.

Newark. nations you cannot have international and economic pronational synchronic matters and economic pronational synchronic matters and economic proNewark.
NEW YORK.— Allen L. BenPost Intelligencer comments as following their testimony with nug-"The people of the United States gets that were unlike any known grade of gold in the Northland.

But no living man had looted this treasure house, and the dead were dead; wherefore John Thornton and Pete and Hans, with Buck and half a dozen other dogs, faced into the East on an unknown trail to achieve where men and dogs as good as themselves miles up the Yukon, swung to the left into the Stewart River, passed the Mayo and the McQuestion, and held on until the Stewart itself became a streamlet, threading the up-standing peaks which marked the backbone of the continent. John Thornton asked little of man

or nature. He was unafraid of the wild. With a handful of salt and a rifle he could plunge into the wilderlolling in tropic comfort, oblivious to ness and fare wherever he pleased and as long as he pleased. Being in no haste, Indian fashion, he hunted his dinner in the course of the day travel; and if he failed to find it, like the Indian, he kept on travelling secure in the knowledge that sooner or later he would come to it. So, on this great journey into the East, straight meat was the bill of fare, ammunition and tools principally made up the load on the sled, and the time-card was drawn upon the limitless future.

To Buck it was boundless delight, this hunting, fishing, and indefinite wandering thru strange places. For weeks at a time they would hold on steadily, day after day; and for weeks upon end they would camp, here and there, the dogs loating and the men burning holes thru frozen muck and gravel and washing countless pans of dirt by the heat of the fire. Sometimes they went hungry, sometimes they feasted riotously, all tain lakes, and descended or ascended whipsawed from the standing forest The months came and went,

and sixteen. The plutes are evidently back and forth they twisted thru the intending to use the child's love of uncharted vastness, where no men were and yet where men had been if the Lost Cabin were true. They went across divides in summer blizzards, shivered under the midnight sun on naked mountains between the timber line and the eternal snows, dropped into summer valleys amid swarming gnats and flies, and in the shadows of glaciers picked strawberries and flowers as ripe and fair as any the flowers as ripe and fair as any the SEX KNOWLEDGE. The kind that everybody wants, but that few possess. Particulars free.

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Southland could boast. In the fall of the year they penetrated a weird lake country, sad and silent, where wildfowl had been, but where then there was no life nor sign of life—only the blowing of chill winds, the forming of ice in sheltered places, and the melancholy rippling of waves on lonely beaches.

And thru another winter they wandered on the obliterated trails of men who had gone before. Once, they came upon a path blazed thru forest, an ancient path, and the Lost Cabin seemed very near. But the path began nowhere and ended nowhere, and it remained mystery, as the man who made it and the reason he made it remained mystery. Another time they chanced upon the time-graven wreckage of a hunting lodge, and amid the shreds of rotted blankets John Thornton found a long-barrelled flint-lock. He knew it for a Hudson Bay Company gun of the young days in the Northwest, when such a gun was worth its height in beaver skins packed flat. And that was all - no hint as to the man who in an early day had reared the lodge and left the

Earn Thousands Each Day.

Spring came on once more, and at the end of all their wandering they found, not the Lost Cabin, but a shallow placer in a broad valley where the gold showed like yellow butter across the bottom of the washingpan. They sought no farther. Each s he day they worked earned them thous-at ands of dollars in clean dust and nugdays flashing on the heels of days like dreams as they heaped the treas-

fire. The vision of the short-legged hairy man came to him more frequently, now that there was little work to be done; and often, blinking by the fire, Buck wandered with him in that other world which he remem-

The salient thing of this other world seemed fear. When he watched the hairy man sleeping by the fire, head between his knees and hands clasped above, Buck saw that he slept restlessly, with many starts and awakenings, at which times he would peer fearfully into the darkness and fling more wood upon the fire. Did they walk by the beach of a sea, where the hairy man gathered should fish and ate them as he gathered, it was with eyes that roved everywhere for hidden danger and with legs prepared to run like the wind at its first appearance. Thru the forest they crept noiselessly, Buck at the hairv man's heels; and they were alert and vigilant, the pair of them, ears twitching and moving and nostrils quivering, for the man heard and smelled as keenly as Buck. The hairy man could spring up into the trees and travel ahead as fast as on the ground, swinging by the arms from limb to limb, sometimes a dozen feet apart, letting go and catching, never falling, never missing his grip. In fact, he seemed as much at home among the trees as on the ground; and Buck had memories of nights of vigil spent beneath trees wherein the hairy man roosted, holding on tightly as he slept.

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militarism and jingoism in this munition makers was urged to country must quickly organize its effort because they were following a flag and a foolish pollowing a flag and a floolish pollowing a flag and a foolish pollowing a flag and a floolish pollowing a flag right of free speech and free as- iceman tried to pull it down.... sed to take the Tribune's call too ser

day of the "War Congress". He sees more danger in the violent intolerance, the ruthless passion of the militarists to prevent free discussion of national policy, than in any other of the present crisis.

intolerant.... Let pacifies said they would wait until the second or third call for volunteers, or until this country were actually invaded, knowing full well that this contingency rests far off in the "sweet bye and bye".

Seldom has a more important admission of the utter uselessness of mission of the utter uselessness of our present ruling class youth been present crisis.

"Above all things else", says London, "we must assert and maintain the right to free discussion of every phase of national and international policy. We have fought against entran- European slaughter. ce into war. Even today I cannot bring myself to believe that drawn in. Some turn of political fortune in Germany may yet fortune in Germany may yet tional Women's Party resumed that by going to war in the spirit of problem and keep us out of the the White House on Monday, will wipe out their debts and wrongs conflict. But if we do enter, then we who are against absolutism must maintain our right to express our opinions on the events press our opinions on the events press our opinions on the events of the war and the policies to be followed in continuing and in with lead as a result of the war and the policies to be the women who are seeking for our objection does not lie on personal the public treasury all estates except of the war of the public treasury all estates except of the war of the public treasury all estates except of the war of the public treasury all estates except of the war of the public treasury all estates except of the war of the war

assembly and free press.

torial now appearing", he point-free of suspicion of this "fatuducers. ed out, "in which pacifists and ous folly". the anti-war element thruout the United States are virtually nation, is ominous of the mob-spirit which the war party has declared to be enemies of the

tion. The power of the federal pending war. Government is sufficient, if defense.'

Nor was the Socialist con- plead for humanity. gressman over-stating the condition of intolerance in the minds of politicians and prowar editors and their following. thruout the munitions belt along the Atlantic seaboard. For the Chicago Tribune delivers itself every pacifist who came to thusly: Washington on the opening day vocates sneering at the "white feather brigade" and hoping that some general melee would "We have no aristocracy, but we press gallery this savage eager- of this class the favors have

# Munsey Airs Views.

militarist agitation has been understand why they should make built up gradually in the public mind by the munitions the little they have.

"For any self-respecting person the "For any self-respecting person the" announces: "A man like David Starr Jordan, at least, should not be ignorant of the plainest teachings of history. The Baltimore incident should teach him and all his kind that this country; is in no humor to tolerate any sign of division in its fast shenceforth reckon on the intolerance of patriotism as a fixed of orce in the United States.... Let pacifists henceforth reckon on the intolerance of patriotism as a fixed of orce in the United States.... of the Baltimore mob that burst into the peace meeting and the big owners of steel stocks, announces: "A man like David favorable circumstances imaginable.

Washington. — Opponents of Jordan about the interests of none of their doing. This is the message that Representative Meyer London sends to the Socialists on the opening war, patriotism is right to be admitted several days ago. Many to the Socialists on the opening intolerant.... Let pacifists admitted several days ago. Many of the "War Congress" He

> ness. This from Munsey, who is

are turning their guns. The Na- soldiers.

national government.

London had not on the opening day of the session made up his mind as to the details of the fight he would make on this is—

Interior and the enemies of life of mankind depends. As long as judgment of the suffrage movement only increased when the militant wing of the suffrage movement of the workers. Once that ownership is they are allowed to continue in this ownership there will always be the danger of war to haunt the lives of the workers. Once that ownership is they are allowed to continue in this ownership there will always be the danger of war to haunt the lives of the workers. Once that ownership is shall be maintained.

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## Flag Protects Scabs.

A street railway strike on spirit which the war party has created and is now seeking to inflame. One New York paper has just published a picture labelled as a 'remedy for pacifism', in the form of a rope and noose, twisted to spell out the word PEACE. Last night Dr. David Starr Jordan's anti-war word PEACE. Last night Dr. David Starr Jordan's anti-war meeting in Baltimore was broken up by a mob. Other incidents of the sort are likely to occur in all parts of the country if this spirit of ruthless repression of the opponents of war shall continue.

Contract first used to break the street car strike in New York last year, has been brought here. Attempts are being made to get a Congressional investigation. Already the indications are spirit of ruthless repression of the opponents of war shall continue.

Contract first used to break the street car strike in New York introduced a tend many below Rochester.

Three people were killed and more than a score were injured in the work. The accident occurred at tend minutes past midnight, Thursday, and was caused by the obscuring of the signal lights by the blinding snow storm and smoke thrown off by other storm and smoke thrown off by other train ran full speed into the rear end of a freight train. killing the rear resolution in the House calling upon offer peace to the people of the world. ne opponents of war shall connue.

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Business and such assistants as may be necessary, who may be chosen from outside the body of delegates, shall be ger train. the spokesmen of minorities, in for any body of workers in the

promptly invoked, to give a can help to keep the nation compared through the convention and will remain through the convention. guarantee that traditional paratively sane in these days. American rights still be presAmerican rights still be pres
American rights still be preserved. I am going to raise that Representatives in Washington, overturned locomotive. They immeissue in the House. It is time to the members of the farthest diately put in a call for volunteers that those who care for free- local in Alaska, the opportunity and all of the delegates dressed and did what they could to help matters. dom of speech in America real- is open for a determined and The engineer was found pinned under ize their need to organize for its continued refusal to surrender the telescoped remains of the locothe right to think and speak and motive, and was crushed beyond all motive, and was crushed beyond all whereas the ideals of true dem-

# No Classes But

By WM. F. KRUSE.

In an editorial calling upon young

"Americans who have had favored of the session, to plead with lives will be asked to meet their oblimembers of the House and Senate to "Keep Us Out Of War", there were half a dozen war adther war adther war adther were half a dozen war adther war adther war adther were half a dozen war adther war

result from their visit. In the have a favored class. For the youth ness to "run these bugs out of without effort and they now stand in town" was worthy of the best to the nation. Times have been very Prussian militarist propaganda. hard for people of poor and even moderate circumstances. If such people of poor and even moderate circumstances. If such people of poor and even moderate circumstances. ple see that the sons of the rich men This lawless phase of the are slackers, the people will fail to

press, and with every fresh ag- law of compensations will now oper-gression by the Prussian mil- ate. Americans who have had much owned by Frank Munsey, one of leave hard won positions. They are

blood feast the making of which was

We understand, of course, that the

outraged people is forgetful-ness" our present ruling class youth been made. "For the youth of this class the favors have come without effort"righto! Without effort to the ruling drawing fabulous returns from class but with much sweat and blood the "warbrides" in which he in- from the poor workers who have had vested at the outbreak of the to produce those "favors". They are not asked to ruin their families or even to leave hard won positions.—
in other words they are good for nothing the property of the passenger and freight vessels shall be taken over and oper-Nor are the anti-war advo- in other words they are good for nothcates the only ones against ing but tango teas and home break- ated by the government. we are absolutely certain to be whom the stock-market patriots ing so they might as well become

It is a mistake, tho, to imagine of the war and the policies to be followed in continuing and in ending it. We must maintain the democratic character of our the democratic character of our the democratic character of our the discharged at the enemies of life of mankind depends. As long as they are allowed to continue in this they are allowed to continue they are the treatment that they are th

# Special Socialist Train

Practically all of the Socialist delctimes like these, from mob ac- national capital in time of im- gates were thrown from their berths and injured, none of them very ser-Every Socialist in America lously, however. All are in attendance in the Reichstag against the kaiser's

> Comrades George Spiess and Julius out of the wreckage by the delegates, one of his legs was completely cut off and he was otherwise so badly injured that he died as soon as he was face smashed in and died about twenty mintues later.

The accident caused a delay ed with plenty of time for the openwould be called upon to face, when relations; and the time for this came, however, the delegates were still too unstrung by

The situation, serious tho it was, Other delegates however insisted that tion had been placed on the track by the "wilful nine", Walling, Stokes, et al, to show their loyalty to the RESOLVED. by the President and his humanity.

# that those most favored shall be called upon to give the most to aid Here Are Two War Programs

Being Noticed At St. Louis

Numerous resolutions and verbal statements were presented to the emergency convention committee on war and militarism.

Interest seemed to content agreeiches about the statement of the priest and his crescent banner.

All these wretched victims went forth to meet the "infidels" assured by masters and priests that in event Interest seemed to center especially about the statements presented by S. Nuorteva, delegate of the Finnish Federation, and by John M. Work, member of the national executive committee. Here they are:

## By JOHN M. WORK.

The nation having become involved in the war, the Socialist Party pled- in the war. ges itself to put forth every effort to secure the adoption of the following program.

1. That the railroad, express, telegraph and interstate telephone lines shall be taken over and operated by the public.

2. That the coal and metalliferous mines shall be taken over and operated by the government. 3. That the cold storage plants and

grain elevators shall be taken over and operated by the government.

4. That the entire food supply shall

6. That all other monopolized or ex-

and operated by the public. 7. That all willing workers, both men and women, shall be guaranteed s picketing of Congress and "noblesse oblige" these modern drones an opportunity to earn a living and to will not evoke a belief in the liberating receive their full earnings.
8. That all incomes above ten thou-

sand dollars per year shall be taxed one hundred per cent.

proportional representation; by the abolition of the United States Senate; the president, by the abolition of secret direct vote of the people; by making the United States constitution amendable by the majority vote of those voting thereon; by the abolition of the usurped power of the courts to pass Wrecked in York State upon the constitutionality of laws of co-ordinate legislative bodies; by the election of all federal judges for short terms; and by the establishment of industrial democracy.

13. That when the peace conference comes the nation shall stand unswervingly for the federation of the world: with universal disarmament and a world congress to settle International

European nations at war.

Representative London believes that

the revolution in Russia and the solid a revolutionary peace.

5. An appeal for a revolutionary vote of the German Social Democrats ments concerned more enthusiastic for peace than they manifested themselves to be when the president made

WHEREAS the revolution in Russia has liberated new democratic forces which promise to extend beyond the boundaries of rejuvenated Russia and over the entire continent of Europe

ocracy and international peace are inseparable, and

new wave of democracy and the uni- that the master classes have used to raised up into the Pullman. The versally growing demand for interbrakeman had the whole side of his national peace, the German Social and their interests. Let me call atface smashed in and died about twenDemocracy in the German Reichstag tention to a few of these methods. has, for the first time since the be-

Comrade Moses Oppenhiemer, when asked what had happened declared that the train had my life to the limited States had been asked what had happened declared that the train had my life to the limited States had been as promulgated by the his slaves." timents and principles of the Amerasked what had happened declared that the train had run into Article 2, Section 6 of the Party constitution. Other delegates however insisted that a more favorable hearing and would this was not so, but that an obstruc-strike a responsive chord with all elements thruout the

RESOLVED, by the Senate and resident and his humanity.

While running thru Buffalo at 2 United States, in Congress assembled, itarist autocrats against American commercial interests it has advanced another step. Thus on April 2, the Washington Times, owned by Frenk Munsey one of laws head wor positions. They are not asked to remark that the president of the United that the Unit seeing off their two Yipsel Delegates renew his suggestion to the belligerBerggren and Mahoney, and the ents for a termination of the war, to yipsel yells rang thru the big station the end that, as declared by the presilizenship, all three. This method worked efficiently for centuries in one land or another. Yet it was in the very sions. No delegate shall speak a secdent, "there should be an organized peace," and "that no nation should

By S. NUORTEVA. 1. The entrance of the United States (a) A vigorous protest against the

entrance of the U.S. in the war.

(b) A repudiation of the assump tion that our government is waging a war in defense of democracy; pointing out the fact that a government which itself represents such autocratic powers as for example the absolutism sessed by anyone else in Europe, a government which represents the supremacy of property rights as against human rights by making modern social legislation already existing in the be taken over and operated by the most backward countries of the world (as in Colorado, Michigan, Everett 6. That all other monopolized or exploiting industries shall be taken over such a government only proves its hypocracy and insincerity by preaching principles of humanity and de-mocracy to other nations. Its appeal mission by which the imperialistic designs of our rulers are cloaked.

(c) Pointing out of the fact that the entrance of the U. S. in the war, instead of, as claimed—shortening the war and furthering the interests of democracy will strenghten the back-bone of the war and incite a fight to the bitter end and also, by establish danger is that the United States will become a reactionary factor in the interests of the dying class autocracy. (d) Protest against conscription, censorship, and other reactionary measures.

(e) No civil peace; repudiation and expulsion of those proclaiming it and offering co-operation to our ruling

2. General principles as to the war. We are not pacifists. While denouncing all wars conducted and controlled by capitalist classes against other capitalist classes or nations, we reserve the right of the working men to ses. use all means, even war, in defense of revolutionary social and political achievements against reaction from within or without the country.

Proclamation of the supremacy of international interests over national. 3. An appeal to the workers of Ger-

shaken class solidarity with the Ger- sion. At the opening session of the present war congress, Monday, April 2, Meyer London, Socialist representative from New York interiors.

peace to working men of all the world, the action to pick its form in an immediate convocation of the International, with the specific provision that countries in which the International has been split, all factions formerly belonging to the International should have the right to represen-

# The Call To Arms

By J. Covington Coleman.

One of the most interesting studies and vital facts of history is the evolu-WHEREAS, in consonance with the tion of the methods of appeal to arms

First was the method used by the of ginning of the war, unanimously vot- ancient Persians and other peoples nine-and-one-half hours in getting in-to St. Louis, but the delegates arriv-Austrian Reichsrat has unanimously gether and driven into battle by their measure of the people's participation method has been resorted to more or committee on that question. The coming the determining of international less in coercing the illiterate masses mittee on platform shall confine its even down to the modern era. John WHEREAS these changes have oc- Haynes Holmes recently called attencurred since the severance of diplom- tion to the use of this method in the their experience, so it had to be called atic relations between the United war between Russia and Japan. The States and Germany, and justify the peasants had to be driven to the re-hope that the declaration of the sen-cruiting stations at the point of the cruiting stations at the point of the

> mose crude and inefficient. So as civilization advanced it gradually gave way to another and more efficient the cost of this convention.
>
> method. Hence, the master classes All resolutions dealing began to use material rewards-an inducive rather than coercive method of appeal. In Greece, in Rome and in other ancient nations, and even tee on resolutions. down to our own revolutionary war, have mercenary soldiers been obtained to more subtle appeals.

one religious group or people. Witness the Mohammedans as they have

f death they would immediately be shered into the courts of paradiseinto eternal bliss.

This method worked magnificently for ages, as history bears immortal witness. Only within the last two years was it found, in the "near East" to be impotent in its appeal.

The "Holy Wars" are for ever gone The process of evolution has made it for ever a relic of a superstitious past.

In the meantime, however, the master classes hit upon a marvelously more efficient method. One that has outclassed all the others beyond compare. This appeal is not backed by the uncertainty of either material or imof the Supreme Court and which gives material reward. It has no offer of the president more power than is posperity or happiness for this world or the one to come. Yet never have men flocked to the standards of their masters in such numbers and suffered and died for so little a cause or thought of self, as has been witnes-sed on the fields of Europe during the Oklahoma; Mahoney, N. Y.; Caldwell practically impossible in the United States; a government under which the most vile crimes against humanity preachers been more lavish in Tuttle, Okla.; Meisner, Mont.; Sugar preachers been more lavish in their prayers and blessing in comforting the suffering and innocent victims Baker, Ohio; Holland, Illinois; Beloof, who were left in the "wake of the Kansas. storm.

What, you ask, is this appeal which has outstripped all others in its effectiveness. I answer it is the appeal to "Patriotism." What patriot ism is, what it embodies, the average man does not know or care. Certain crude and high-sounding phrases fall with magic meaning upon his ears, "Kultur", "Civilization", 'National honor", "Vital interest", "Sacred rights", "Humanity", etc.—to enlist men to vindicate these things. The clarion calls of the patriotic master lasses have gone forth and the response has indeed been unthinkable In their ignorance and superstition, youth and age, Slav and Teuton, peasant and serf, craftsmen and artisan, have left all to go forth to battle and to their graves. No magic under heaven, known among men could have driven men more readily and freely to the standards of their masters and to their doom.

What will be the next step in this process of evolution? I cannot sur-

Suffice it to say that the present "Call to Arms" has proven the most successful and efficient means that the have ever devised to entrap and en-slave the mute and misguided mas-

# Working Rules Of Big Anti-War Convention

1.—A chairman and a vice-chairmany. man shall be elected by show of hands ing of Proclamation should express our unat the beginning of each day's sestion.

> 2.-A permanent secretary and two assistants who may be chosen from outside the body of delegates, shall be elected by show of hands for the entire convention.

3.—A reading clerk shall be appointed by the chairman; also as many assistants as shall be necescary. 4.—A permanent sergeant-at-arms Report of American Socialist.

Report of Foreign Speaking Feder-

5.—The sergeant-at-arms shall appoint a sufficient number of messen- Report of Committee on Platform. gers to assist him. Report of Committee on Organization.

-Four permanent tellers and such additional tellers as may be needed shall be appointed by the chairman.

7.—The Executive Secretary and members of the National Executive Committee who are not delegates, shall have a voice and no vote in the

convention 8.—The following committees of nine members (except that the com

mittee on war and militarism shall consist of 15 members) each shall be elected: (a)-Committee on War and Mil-

tarism:

(b)-Committee on Constitution; (c)—Committee on Platform; (d)—Committee on Resolutions: (e-Committee on Organization; (f)—Committee on Means. No delegate shall serve on more

han one of the committees provided for in the rules.

All subjects pertaining to war and militarism shall be dealt with by the work to a general declaration of Socialist principles and of the economics and political program of the Par-

The committee on organization shall deal with methods and plans of organization, propaganda and field work.

The committee on ways and means shall devise and recommend methods of raising funds for Party work including the necessary funds to cover

All resolutions dealing with subjects which do not come within the specific province of the other committees shall be referred to the commit-

9.—Discussion shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker. Chairor another. Yet it was in the very sions. No delegate shall speak a seconature of things doomed to give away ond time on any question until al those desiring to use their time shall

# Convention Committees

Members of the various commit-tees chosen by the Emergency Nafollows:

CONSTITUTION:—Maley, Minnesota; Kennedy, Illinois; Solomon, N. Y.; Mills, California; Williams, California; Katterfeld, Washington; Mc-Crillis, Iowa; Goebel, New Jersey; Gaylord, Wisc.

RESOLUTIONS:—Noonan, N. Y.; Prevey, Ohio; Pierce, D. C.; Clifford, Ohio; Zimmerman, Indiana; Wilson, Pa; Maurer, Washington; Gregory, Tenn; Oder, Oklahoma.

PLATFORM: \_Oneal, Mass.; Millard, Kentucky; Barnard, Ohio; Stan-wood, Oklahoma; Lore, N. Y.; Thomas, Washington; Cameron King, Cali-fornia; Patterson, Ohio; Murray King

ORGANIZATION:-McDonald, Illinois; McGee, Colorado; Wagen-knecht, Ohio; Conly, Idaho; Willis,

on the matter upon which vote is being taken.

14.—Each delegation shall designate, in the absence of any delegate, the alternate who shall fill such vac-

ancy if there are any duly elected alternates present from the state. 15.—Neither contesting nor contested delegates shall vote on any question relating to their right to be  ${f seated.}$ 

16.-A roll call shall be had when demanded by at least 25 delegates. 17.-All resolutions offered from the floor of the Convention shall be referred by the Chairman, to the pro-

per committee without discussion. 18.-Immediately before the adjournment of each afternoon session, resolutions offered by delegates shall be received and referred.

19.—The rules may be suspended at any time by a majority of the dele gates voting.

## Order Of Business.

The order of business for each day of the Convention shall be as follows: 1.—The Convention shall be called to order by the Chairman of the preceding day, or in his absence, by the Vice-Chairman or the Executive Secretary, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected for

2.—Roll call of delegates unless dispensed with by motion. 3.—Reading of minutes of preceding day unless dispensed with by mo-

4.-Communications.

5.—Report on credentials. 6.-Unfinished business of the pre-

ceding day. 7.—Reports of officers and commitees in the following order: Report of Executive Secretary. Report of National Executive Com-

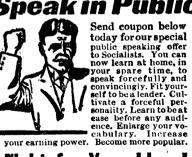
Report of Committee on Constitution.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Report of Committee on Ways and Means.

8.-New business. 9.—Receiving and referring of resolutions. 10.—Adjournment.

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## Unique Methods Used By Socialist Police Chief

EDITOR'S NOTE .- Written by Louis Harthill, Chief of Polce of Minneapolis. He is member of the Machinists' Union and of the Socialist Party.

When, on January 1, I assumed the duties of Chief of Police of Minneapolis, a certain class of crime was prevalent in the city. Hardly a week passed that the police were not called on to apprehend some fiend who had committed a criminal assault on young school girls. The number of carnal knowledge cases in Minnea-polis was appealing. Little girls were afflicted with diseases, and ruined for life; one fourteen-year-old girl had become a mother: two others, scarcely in their teens, were found in a disorderly house.

One of the first things I decided must be accomplished was to secure hetter cooperation between the police department and the citizens of Min-

To properly police and safeguard the interests of a city of the size of Minneapolis to me means not merely to apply the iron hand of the law which means to make arrests and bring about convictions of those who have become a menace to the public, but to throw the cloak of protection around the public, especially the chil-dren thruout the entire city, and to do those things that prevent people committing crime as well as to arrest those who have committed crime.

In fact, to me the use of the police department in applying the big human side of this question is of great importance because to save one girl from falling is of greater value than arresting twenty who have already fallen. As soon as I took office, I started to make an investigation, not only as to the class of crimes being committed in the city, but as to the reasons and causes which led people to commit these crimes, and I found upon personal investigation and by personal cross questioning that a very personal cross questioning that a very large portion of carnal knowledge were made possible on account of children being afraid of the police.

licemen then it was my duty to change this feeling by lecturing thruout the schools to the teachers and the schools to the teachers and the school to the s

them this lesson that when they are is. at home they are in the care of their parents and they can have no better bad thing; but when it is given and school they are in the care of their It is simular to the Socialist enthusischool they are in the care of the policeman. That they should not cross the street when trucks, automobiles, street cars, all his knowledge second-hand from

girls instructing the older girls not to take any automobile rides without the consent of their parents or teachers, and that when men drove up to the curb and invited them not to accept a ride, to take the number of their machine and refer the matter to the police department. That they should not accept gifts or money and should at all times advise with parents or their teachers. I tell them that as they get older they will un-derstand why I am carrying on this campaign.

The older boys I advised to stay away from pool halls where they learn to smoke cigarettes and where they find associates who are not the best and will eventually lead them into doing acts that will bring them into contact with the police department and also eventually lead them into being "dope" fiends.

While it is true that this campaign is unique and has never been carried on in any city of the Urited States. to my knowledge, still I feel that it is a campaign that is absolutely necessary, for we are not accepting the traditions of the past, but introducing into the department our ideas and ideals that we believe will give the city of Minenapolis the best police department in the United States.

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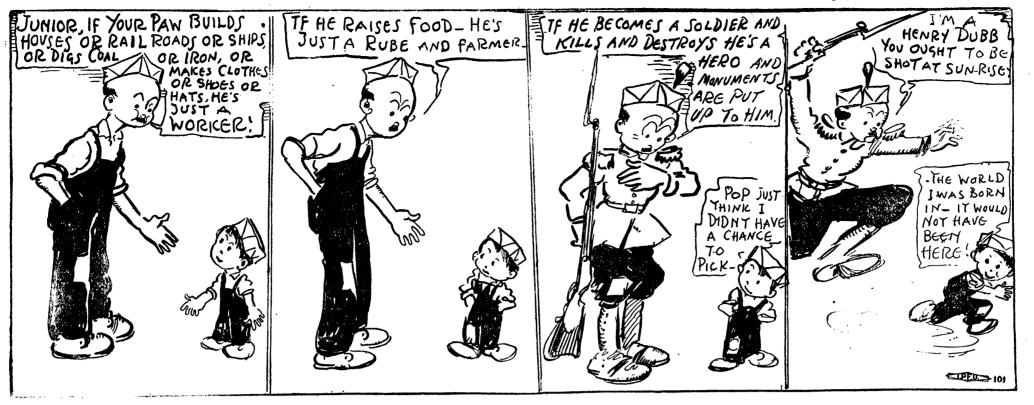
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# Junior Would Have Picked Another World



# By HARRY D. SMITH.

I. A Word To Party Members.

Republican and Democratic politicases and assaults on little children had Socialist parents. Many others of cians numbering more than a few have Socialist parentage have become the most hidebound of conservatives. In

the children, that the patroiman was not their enemy but their friend, one whom they should put confidence in and not one whom they should fear.

First, I talked to the little children of the kindergarten classes and I talked to them in a childish way, which is the only language they understnd, explaining to them that the policeman is their friend, that he must be kind and patroit the first by the advice givers. It is the continually handed our which is not practiced first by the advice givers. It is the attitude of "Don't do as I do, but do as I say." Furthermore, there are too many "Don't do this" and "Don't do this" and "Don't do that" edicts. Continual commanding is not teaching; neither is continual advice-giving, but proper and patient guidance in the right direction is.

noticeable that the question of the education of the Socialist membership itself has become one big vital topic.

pose that outsiders can have respect for persons whose ideas have apparently failed with the members of their own families? Then, consequently, a problem presents itself. And yet it is not such a difficult one to solve if Socialist parents would but think seriously of their children's and their party's welfare.

The older Socialists have much to learn that is practical from the Catholic Church and the capitalist political parties. If the details of these organizations are looked into carefully, it is noted that the social feature stands out conspicuously. The old and the young are led to become intensively interested even in the bulk of a politic al party because of the big social element involved. The young develop into first voters very quickly. Politicians may be uncouth and ofttimes uneducated, but they are astute judges of human nature; they are natural-born psychologists. They know the value of appealing to the young, of gaining their good favor and of hold-ing on to them. Results indicate that Socialists appear to be mere novices in the game, even so far as their own children are concerned

Small children should attend Socialist Sunday schools; larger ones of adolescent age should become members of the Young People's Socialist the five months between September League. They cannot be commanded to do so, neither should they be coerced. They should be led there naturally. There is so much good in the same months last year. Outlook is that the present pace of growth will continue for some time to come. children into them. Even conservative parents can be induced to send their children to the schools and clubs if they can be convinced that the youngsters would be in the company of other good youngsters under proper and efficient guidance. Such is the call of responsible parenthood. Such is the big background upon which a great Young People's Socialist League can

be built.
The Young People's Socialist leagues are doing well, thank you. Can they do better? Yes, my good Comrades, much better. But, just so long as greenbacks do not grow on trees coins on rose bushes, just so long will there not be a thoroly efficient Young People's organization until you put your individual and collective shoulder to the wheel. Snoozing and dreaming are good only in moments of rare relaxation. Action alone can accomplish results.

Do you think your sons and daughters are entitled to associate with other good boys and girls possessed of high ideals and fine characters? Do you believe your children should grow up to think and act for themselves and thereby become more useful cit-

# Making Young Socialists. Some Things Well To Know If We Would Not Starve

(Special Correspondence.)

ASHINGTON.—The entrance of the United States into the war is about to bring on an unparalleled fo od situation.

In ordinary times an analysis of the contract of the united States into the war is about to bring on an unparalleled fo od situation. In ordinary times we produce more than enough food to supply our own wants and the needs of the export trade. But these are not or-dinary times. Vast millions of the world's producers have been drawn into the armies, and the harvests of the world are short.

The world wheat is about 80 per cent of what it should be. The world sugar cane crop this year is about 70 per cent of what it

should be. The world potato crop is 25 per cent at least of what it should be. There is a scarcity of meats.

These are not the figures of an alarmist. They are conservative figures behooves the workers to take them to heart.

The United States completely lacks a system of food distribution. Its short, many children of Socialists do transportation facilities have been on the verge of breaking down for not follow the noble ideals and princi-So I decided that if the children were being sent to their destruction because they were afraid of the potential of the poten food cars would be sidetracked and the people would go hungry, even were there enough food for them to get.

This time the cry of the stimulators of production is no joke. We need more food, and part of the need is the lack of food, not only the faulty system of distribution.

Those who cannot buy potatoes should remember that corn meal, which costs one-fifth as much, is an almost perfect substitute. So is hominy. So is rice. Wheat bought at a feed store can be ground at home-cracked-and cooked as a breakfast food, costing far less than the cheapest patent break- altogether perfect. fast foods. Bread can also be made of it. Soy or togo beans cost less than navy beans and have more food value in them. These things are well to

# Freedom To Talk And Think

NIVERSAL military service and perhaps conscription is coming. I have information from sources of such responsibility that I feel warranted in predicting absolutely that the Congress now sitting will enact legislation along this line far more drastic than any dreamed of a year

But there is still a possibility of successfully fighting any attempt to CONSCRIPT OR PROSCRIBE THOUGHT AND SPEECH.

Every country attempts suppression of speech in times of peace, and in and other vehicles are passing up and lecturers and speakers at public meet-down the street, unless they have lings. Such a person becomes a veri-plenty of time to reach the other side in safety and that if there is a no-thinking and connect the other side in safety and that if there is a notime of war these attempts generally succeed. Already the militarists have

down the street, unless they have plenty of time to reach the other side in safety and that if there is a policeman there to take his hand and have him take them across.

I then talked to the older boys and I t

The March Of The Exiles

bodies broken, and their heads bloody

and retold for centuries to come.

whose freedom they helped win.

From The New York Call

izens? Are you anxious that the Of what use is the Socialist party membership if it cannot keep its children within the fold? Do you supparents, you would encourage the development of Young People's Socialist league and Socialist Sunday schools, wherein the big social element is strong and the co-operative spirit

# New Yipsel Song.

Comrade Joseph M. Coldwell, State Organizer of the Socialist Party of Rhode Island, is one of those Socialists who sees the need of reaching the young in our fight for freedom. He sends in the following adaptation of an old song that will surely appeal to many of our Yipsel comrades: "COMRADES' GOOD NIGHT SONG"

(Tune: Good Night Ladies) Good Night, Comrades, Good Night, Comrades, Good Night, Comrades, the time has come to

Cheerily we'll do our best, do our best, do our best, Cheerily we'll do our best, to win the victory.

Farewell, Comrades, Farewell, Comrades, Farewell, Comrades, till we meet you again. Courage, Comrades; Courage, Comrades; Courage, Comrades; our victory is sure. (Chorus)

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raised their voices for freedom in Russia; they profited by the friendship of the old ruling class, and they used to say that a government other than a despotism was impossible in that country. And now they eat their

But we of the revolutionary movement, we who helped the Russian workers for freedom in all the years of the past, we who hailed every sign of a break for freedom among the Russian people—we see in this grim to the czarism that they were sworn

Seldom has there been such a dramatic scene; both sides live to see it. The revolutionists to rejoice at the big overthrow; the bureaucrats to suffer the agonies of the damned.

The French took the head of the But the minister was not there to see, even if the people saw.

But, when the exiles come home, poor, doddering Nikolas will be there, and his anguish at the procession, while he shovels snow, will be the final dramatic touch to make this

It is good to feel that we have worked so hard for Russian freedom, and that we live to see this in our day.

## **Wrecking Democracy** By GEORGE W. NASMYTH Author of "Social Progress and The

Darwinian Theory".

A much deeper principle is involved vice, it must be logically accepted for dustrial and economic life upon which where Johnson is employed. He has are women's hearts and and our country must be "Prussian-ized" from within. Freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of the press are all opposed to military The newspapers report the story of by step if freedom of conscience, the the exodus of 100,000 political exiles advance trench of democracy, is carfrom Siberia on the overthrow of the ried by the militarists; for in the last power of czarism. The tale is graphically told how the thousands of men means conscription of conscience.

and women who gave their all to the The new political persecution repcause of Russian freedom have been resented by the adoption of conscriprushing back, on sledges, on foot, in tion differs from the old religious perrags, in the uniforms of their keep-ers, with chains and balls; with their dle Ages the heretic could save his life by keeping his mouth closed and but unbowed, but with unquenchable his opinions to himself, in the modern spirit, with joy and with enthusiasm. political persecution of Twentieth And from town to town they have been hailed as conquerors.

Century militarism, the heretic who may believe that an aggressive for-It is a page of the story of the re- eign policy is unjust, or a war which volution that will live with the spec- his country has declared is unprovoktacular scenes of the French Revolu-tion. It is a story that will be told opinions to himself, but is forced to go out and kill his fellowmen against These heroes and heroines-Bresh- whom he may have no cause for enkovskaya, Marie Spiridovna and the mity whatever.

countless nameless and obscure re- America is the only great nation left volutionists—are those who made the in the world in which militarism is revolution possible. The story of not enthroned and the principle of Breshkovskaya, the grandmother, who conscription established. gave all of a wonderful life to "a defend our institutions and our democause that lay still-born when she cracy from imaginary dangers from gave her all to it, is well enough without, we are urged to surrender to this much more real and formidable But the story of Spiridovna is not so well known, and the details of the stories of the thousands of others are great debate on 'Conscription vs. practically unknown. Marie Sukloff, Democracy' depends the question of the young girl who killed a brutal whether the last fortress of demogovernor, and who escaped to this cracy in the world and the greatest machine, which has plunged the city country, has told in her life story how adventure in human history shall go she was first arrested because some down in failure. All patriotic Amer-type was found in the pocket of her icans, all who believe that America dress when she was a 16-year-old school girl. Many of the stories began from small germs like that. Many of them began their agrees beautiful themselves in defense of America's freedom and democracy to give to the world should enroll themselves in defense of America's freedom and democracy indicates the stories of the s of them began their careers because ica's freedom and democratic instituprotest against some little thing tions presenting a united front brought cruel and stupid punishment. against this attempt to militarize the

But there they were, in Kara's whole American people.

sines, in the towns beyond the Arctic Sometime in the future, if Europe mines, in the towns beyond the Arctic remains an armed camp after this circle, dreaming of free Russia, re-signed to death before that great war, and if militarism is enthroped in thing was accomplished, weak in all the world, it may become inevitable but grief and wrong.

And now they come home to their and, in Jefferson's words "to perpetufor America to adopt conscription, Russia, the country they loved, the ate the crimes and follies of Europe," country for which they dreamed such "to indulge in the miserable ambitions beautiful things, and which dreams that had made the old world a hell they helped turn to a reality. They and frustrated the hopes of humancome as conquering heroes, as the ity". But if conscription ever does bespecial guests of the new government, come inevitable let us not add blas-And the exiles in this country, too, are phemy to our other crimes by adoptinvited to return at the expense of ing militarism in the name of demothe new government. And they are cracy. No, let us do it with the clear coming home; they are coming to the knowledge that we are dealing a death Russia for which they suffered and blow to the greatest experiment in democracy the human race has ever The capitalist press, the mouth- tried. Let us do it with the consciouspieces of the ruling class, even the mess that we have participated in a monthly bulletin of the National City Bank, representing the ultimate inthe triumph of militarism in the New terests of capitalism, hail the Russian work as well as the Old, we shall spring elections. The party now is revolution and cheer the return of the exiles. But with them it is the sheer-by the people and for the people, per-by the people and for the people and est hypocrisy, because they never ish from the earth.

# In Chicago City Counci

By RYAN WALKER.

On Monday evening, April 23rd, when the roll of the new city council is called in the city of Chicago, three the Ninth Ward; William E. Rodriguez, of the Fifteenth Ward, and John C. Kennedy, of the Twentyseventh Ward.

Kennedy has just been re-elected while Johnson has been elected for the first time and Rodriguez holds over for another year.

The Chicago Socialists therefore, in this year's election, one of the most spectacular ever held in the city from the Socialist standpoint, increase

Fought By Capitalist Press.
Early in the campaign the capitalist press turned loose on the Socialist candidates generally because of their "unsatisfactory stand on the question of national preparedness". The fight was especially bitter on the part of the jingo Chicago Tribune against Kennedy because of his active part in fighting the militarists and ings in Chicago. The Tribune kept up a continuous attack on Kennedy, with other daily papers joining in the despicable in his eyes.

Johnson Climbs To Victory.

Johnson has been the candidate for

Ward, where Ald. Rodriguez is the well as eloquent wooing and big bank hold-over Socialist alderman, while accounts. An effective peace propa-J. Louis Engdahl, editor of The ganda, therefore, must be conducted American Socialist, was the party with a view to paying particular atcandidate for the other seat in the tention to the women. council, two aldermen being elected from each ward in Chicago.

The forces of the Roger Sullivan democratic machine centered their efforts in this ward and money was poured out lavishly. As Engdahl began to show increased strength with the progress of the campaign, the republicans were persuaded to knife their own candidate and switch their support to the democratic candidate with the result that the democrat was elected

In this ward the Socialist strength lies mainly in the Jewish precincts When the strike of the women against the kosher butcher shops started, in the heat of the campaign, the crafty democratic politicians charged that Engdahl started the meat strike and incited the riots that ensued, with the result that the kosher butchers delicatessen store proprietors and bakery owners in the Jewish precincts joined hands with the democrats to defeat the Socialist candidate. Wave The Flag.

The republicans, on the other hand, began waving the flag lustily and shouting for votes against the "bloody revolutionists". On top of "bloody this the bi-partisan alliance of the Mayor Thompson-republican machine and the Reger Sullivan-democratic into bankruptcy and made it impossible to carry on the work of garbage and ashes collection, charged that the failure to collect ashes and garbage in the Fifteenth Ward was entirely the fault of the Socialist alderman, Rodriguez, with the result that the voters were misled into voting against their own interests. This shows the methods resorted to by the old party politicians in their efforts to fool the people.

In the 22nd Ward, Andrew Lafin, one of the veterans of the Chicago Socialist Party, polled 2,352 votes and came within a few hundred votes of victory. With their strength in the city council increased from two to three aldermen, with the movement considerably strengthened, and with increasing enthusiasm, the Chicago Socialists are going ahead in their fight to build up a bigger and stronger organization to win new victories in the future.

WORKERS INCREASE POWER IN SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN Sheboygan Socialists re-elected all

their former city officials and elected three more aldermen, one school commissioner and one supervisor in the school commissioner and one member

of the water commission. The aldermen elected are: Joseph Baumgart-ner, Fourth ward; J. Meyer, Sixth ward; J. De Zwarte, Seventh ward; and William Brockman, Eighth ward.

ARREST AND FINE TWO FOR

SEEKING DOWNFALL OF WAR Kenosha, Wis.-Two members of the Socialist party were arrested and fined \$7 each for distributing the na-tional Socialist leaflet entitled, "Down

With War."

Martin Schmidt, Socialist, was elected school commissioner from the Seventh ward, giving the party three members of the school board. W. F. Goodman, Socialist was defeated for alderman by 27 votes. The party has one holdover alderman.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FACTOR IN

MIWAUKEE SCHOOL ELECTION Milwaukee, Wis.—Thru the com-bined influence of the combined capitalistic press, big business and the Catholic church, the Socialist candidates for school directors and judges were defeated in the recent spring elections.

The total vote for school directors was approximately 38,000 in comparison with 35,000 two years ago. The increase is believed to be due largely to votes of Catholic women. The political complexion of the school board remains practically unchanged. The five Socialist directors hold over, the term of one expiring in 1919 and of the other four in 1921.

FIRST SOCIALIST ELECTED
ALDERMAN AT OTTUMWA, IA.
Ottumwa, Ia.—S. S. Menefee, Socialist, was elected councilman at the municipal election here, the first Socialist ever chosen to this position in Ottumwa. Menefee received 2,253 out Socialists will answer to their names. of 5,024 votes cast for mayor under They will be Charles V. Johnson, of the nonpartisan commission plan. A mayor and two councilmen were chosen, his vote giving Menefee the second place as councilman.

GREAT MAJORITY ELECTS
DULUTH CITY COMMISSIONER
Duluth, Minn.—P. G. Philips, Socialist, candidate for city commissioner, was elected by a great major-

ELECT TWO SOCIALISTS. Mason, Wis.—Socialists elected Ole B. Oleson, supervisor, and Arthur F. Anderson, assessor, in the town of Mason, Bayfield county.

# **Women And War**

By EDMUND R. BRUMBAUGH. A kindly, learned gentleman of "Old Virginia" saw two women trying to induce a young lad to enlist. "I don't the part of the jingo Chicago Tribune against Kennedy because of his active part in fighting the militarists and addressing numerous anti-war meetings in Chicago. The Tribune kent up knew what war was. An ardent pa-cifist, the action of the women seemed

chorus.

Kennedy, who has already served in the council two years, met the issue squarely and when the votes were counted he had received a majority counted he had received a majority. than is usually discussed in connection with universal military service. What kind of a society do we wish to live in? For, if the principle of compulsion is accepted in the case of military service, it must be logically accepted for function of motherhood. Theirs are service in munition factories, on the several years in the Ninth Ward, railroads, in coal mines and in all in- which includes the Pullman Shops ical possibilities, but lacking in them

Something in military display seems to appeal with particular force

"Lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine" is the burden of an old temperance song. "Hands that hold temperance song. "Hands that hold guns shall never hold mine" should be

was the new version.

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