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AMERICANS! YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU!

HESE ARE sad and dark days in the history of the Republic of the United

Americans! If there ever was a time when your country needed YOU that time is NOW! The greatest crime committed against the United States since war was declared is the conspiracy to prevent the holding of the National Constituent Assembly of the People's Council.

No greater violation of our national constitution has taken place since that document was brought into life 130 years ago this

Free press, free speech, free assembly is being strangled. But it will not be strangled to death. There are too many men and women in this broad land who love liberty to permit

AS WE go to press word comes from Hudson, Wis., that the local "Black Hundreds" after threatening to tar, feather and hang the representatives of the People's Council, had them deported-driven out of town.

It had been planned to hold the People's Council peace conference in Hudson, Wis. following the startling proclamation of Gov. Burnquist, of Minnesota, the governor who helped break the strike of Minnesota's cruelly exploited iron miners, that the gathering must not assemble in Minneapolis or anywhere else in that state.

WE CANNOT now prove that the national democratic administration is behind this very evident conspiracy to suppress the People's Council. But it is not lifting a finger to prevent this rending to pieces and desecration of our constitutional rights. It is just as silent now as it has been during the past two months when the right of free press has become a sham and mockery.

AMERICA'S greatest discussion of the rights of the masses during war time had been planned for Minneapolis, Sept. 1-6.

From coast to coast, following conferences in New York City, Chicago and San Francisco, the People's Council suddenly leaped from nothing into a national organization of threatening power for good.

It receives the support of Socialists, trade unionists, farmers, single taxers, pacifists, members of the United States senate and house of representatives. Behind it stand all who wish to struggle for democracy in the United States while we are being told that the nation's armies are carrying democracy to Europe.

ALMOST on the day of the gathering, while the delegates were speeding to Minneapolis from every corner of the land, Minnesota's governor struck from behind.

Governor Burnquist, ruthless as any German junker ever professed to be, telegraphed to the sheriff of Hennepin County (which includes Minneapolis) to prevent the meeting of the People's Peace Council, if the meeting will in any way tend to injure the government in the prosecution of the war. The governor's telegram follows:

"My attention has been directed to a so-called peace council to be held in Minneapolis beginning September 1, 1917. If the said meeting will in any way tend to injure the government in the prosecution of thewar or disturb the peace within the city of Minneapolis, you are hereby ordered to prevent the holding thereof. Intentional or unintentional arousing of anti-American sentiment or the dividing of our forces thru ill-advised and futile peace talk at this time will only

aid and assist the enemy.
"Summon to your assistance such forces as you may need to execute the laws herein ordered. Advise me at once whether you will have sufficient facilities to cope with the situation."

THE SHERIFF of Hennepin County could hardly have read this telegram when he wired back to Governor Burnquist that, "after a thoro investigation he believed the proposed meeting would result in bloodshed, rioting and loss of life".

No statement could be more untrue. Socialist Mayor Van Lear, of Minneapolis, is in control of the police force of that city and could easily maintain order. There has not yet been a semblance of disorder, bloodshed. rioting, nor has a single life been lost at any of the peaceful conferences already held by the People's Council.

On the strength of the Sheriff's telegram the Governor issued a proclamation prohibiting the holding of the proposed meeting "in Minneapolis or elsewhere in Minnesota." In order to strengthen his position he added that "the meeting could only aid and abet enemies of the United States.'

IMMEDIATELY he heard of the position taken by Governor Burnquist, in Minnesota, Governor Frazier, North Dakota's executive, elected by the Nonpartisan League, wired the officials of the People's Council as fol-

"The People's Council of America for democracy and peace will be guaranteed their consti-lutional rights in North Dakota. We are loyal and patriotic and believe in freedom of speech

Socialist Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, of Mil- | wrongs that are being inflicted upon a patient waukee, Wis., extended an invitation to the People's Council to meet in that city. He

"If the principles of the bill of rights and the Constitution of the United States which guarantee liberty of speech and the right of the people peaceably to assemble to consult for the common good have been suspended in the State of Minnesota Lideins to information the them. Minnesota, I desire to inform you that both are living realities in the City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin. I can assure you that should your organization desire to meet in this city it will be welcome.'

ACCORDING to information received by The American Socialist, it was decided that it would be impractical to go to North Dakota. The choice finally fell on Hudson, Wis., only a short distance from Minneapolis.

Immediately the local and state Prussians in Wisconsin got busy and began stirring into flames every smouldering ember of chauvinism in Hudson. Speeches were made by the Kaisers of the municipality from the steps of the local armory with the result that Secretary Louis P. Lochner of the People's Council and his staff did not receive a very cordial reception. Reports from the Wisconsin city declare that the officials of the People's Council were deported to the tune of, "Get a rope!" "Get the tar and feathers!" "Hang 'em!", noble sentiments in a land said to be struggling for democracy.

The riot of lawlessness at Hudson evidently had the endorsement of Governor Phillipp of Wisconsin. The peace pilgrims, after their return to Minneapolis, Minn., following their deportation from Hudson, Wis., continued to make plans for the holding of the conference.

Our latest information is that an effort may be made to hold it in Washington, D. C.

THUS is another crime added to the multiplying attacks on American institutions. The tyranny of Minnesota's czar, the Hudson deportation and the conspiracy to suppress the People's Council; all these now are enrolled with the deportation of 1,100 working men from Bisbee, Ariz.; the martyrdom of Frank Hill, at Butte, Mont.; the race riots at East St. Louis, Mo.; Houston, Tex, and many other cities; the driving of women and children into industry under the pretext that it is a war necessity; the breaking up of peaceful parades and demonstrations in Boston, Mass., Seattle, Wash., and elsewhere; the suppression of our press and the wholesale arresting and imprisonment of those who advocate peace and abhor war.

IT WILL be a difficult task to right the lines tighter. We thought it had gone to ex- to make the people pay for the war but to

people by the brutal and arrogant industrial autocracy that now has the nation in its grip. But these wrongs must be righted. And soon!

IT IS now more than two weeks since The American Socialist ft' its application to ng privilege restorhave its second class. ontrol of the post ed. The despots now office at Washington 1. se to act on our ap-

plication. We are doing our best in this crisis. Only 30,000 copies of our August 18th issue were printed and sent out to the larger cities by express. The following week we did a little better; 35,000 copies of the August 25th issue going out by express to be distributed by

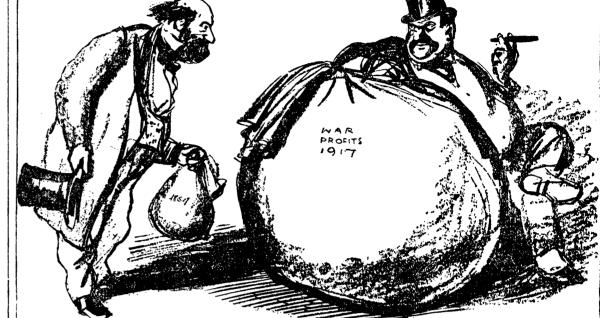
carriers in the larger cities. This week we are printing 80,000 copies and we feel confident that every one of them will be distributed by "The Red Express", now in good working order.

IN THE meantime we have also turned our subscription list over to a weekly called "The Eye-Opener", which has a second class mailing privilege and which will seek to serve our readers in addition to its own as long as it is permitted to do so. This explains why our readers are getting "The Eye-Opener" instead of The American Socialist, while many are getting both.

OUR greatest hope and inspiration is found in the spirited and growing response to our appeal for the raising of a huge "Free Press Defense Fund", to help get back The American Socialist's second class mailing privilege, to oppose with all the power that we possess the conspiracy to deprive other publications of this privilege, and to struggle as best we can against the crushing of the rights of free speech, free press and free assemblage.

THERE IS much and important work to be done. The press is our last refuge. They can break up our meetings, they can stop us from talking in public places; but they will have a hard time to stop us from writing and printing our ideas, our hopes, our aspira-

Our press must be saved and strengthened at all costs. The living word, as it appears in our papers and in our literature, must not be permitted to die.



Boardman Robinson in The New York Call.

Civil War Profiteer: "What A Piker I Was."

tremes when it denied The American Socialist the right to publish news and articles relating and discussing the activities of the International Socialist movement. International Socialism, the hope of the world, in the eyes of the post office autocracy, is a crime, because the capitalist politicians fear t repudiates national governments.

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New comes the censor and declares that plans are under way to forbid the discussion of the financing of this war by the conscription of wealth, because this might discourage the masses of the people from investing their savings in war bonds.

The demand is daily growing louder in congress for drafting war profits and huge incomes to pay the cost of war. The attack is made on taxing the necessities of life and floating huge bond issues to be burdened upon the shoulders of future generations.

The censor is planning to throw his support to the war profiteers, the looters of the nation's wealth, by silencing every protest-THE post office censorship is drawing the ing voice. The scheme seems to be not only

make them like it. No greater curb was ever placed upon free discussion.

EVERY liberty-loving American is called to the colors in this hour of trial to defend free American institutions now in danger of being crucified.

Americans! Your country needs you! It needs you now! We must resist to the last the invasion of our shores by despotic European institutions. We need no Kaisers, no Junkers, no Prussians to rule over us, to tell us what to think.

America must be the land of the free!

What Two Congressmen Think.

U. S. Senator Asle J. Gronna, N. Dak., writes: "I am very sorry indeed, to learn that the Post-master General should see fit to exclude from the mails The American Socialist. While I am not a member of your party, I want to assure you that I want to see fair play. More than that, I believe that if the administration shall continue to exclude from the mails newspapers which may differ and also criticize the administration, it will be the means of creating dissatisfaction, and will ultimately

"It is not necessary for me to call your attention to the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States. That provision is so plain that no American citizen can fail to understand it, and I am sure it was the intention of the fathers who made the Constitution, that we should enjoy free speech, and freedom of the press.

"In my judgment, no government can continue to be a free democracy, if the cherished principles of free speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of conscience and religion, are to be hampered and discriminated against by official censorship."

Representative Stuart F. Reed, West Va. 3d dissire to see every American institution and interest

"I want to assure you that I most earnestly degiven a square deal, and cannot tolerate tyranny over any class or classes of people."

Gaining The Light

Senator Gore, Oklahoma, in telling the U.S. senate why he is opposed to sending conscripts to Europe, took occasion to have inserted in the Congressional Record the complete decision of Judge Rose, of Baltimore, Md., holding that a leaflet issued by the national office of the Socialist Party was not seditious and treasonable in spite of the fact that it had been so declared by the tyrannical

censorship of the post office.

Judge Rose's decision, with Senator Gore's speech, was recently published in Hearst's Chicago American, several weeks after it had appeared in The American Socialist. We are forcing our fight upon the attention of the nation and if the people do not put an end to the outrages perpetrated by the postal department during the reign of Czar Burleson it will not be because of their ignorance as to prevailing conditions.

Probably the most significant thing about the peace proposal from the Vatican is that it suggests peace on the Socialist basis of "no annexations, no indemnities." Certainly, it is not often that the Vatican and Socialism are in substantial agreement, but it would be difficult, indeed, to maintain, at least in this matter, that we "are opposed to religion."-The New York Call.

The junkers are on the job strong in Kenosha, Wis. When George Fischer, Jr., member of the city council, protested against the arrest of Ira V. Yingst, Socialist, on a trumped up carge of "disloyalty", he, too, was ordered to appear before the federal officials. When a member of the local board of education tried to intercede, he was kicked out of the federal building.

Dispatches from London state that the British government has sent lecturers among the soldiers on the western front to tell them about America's ideals, aspirations and endeavors in the war. Wonder what they are saying about the crushing of a free press, free speech and free assemblage in United States.

Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin, in a speech to striking coal miners at Roundup, Mont., urged them "hang together" to get their demands. If they don't they'll hang separately, a la Frank Hill; or get deported, after the fashion of Bisbee, Ariz.

Yes, wage slaves, it is even pro-German to demand that the rich pay some of the cost of this war.

People's Council May Not Hear Maurer Make This Speech - We Print It Anyway

NOTE:-James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, and Socialist member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, was scheduled to make the accompanying speech as temporary chairman at the opening of the Peo-ple's Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., Saturday, Sept. 1. This speech may never be made, but we publish it anyway. Maurer was last week prevented from delivering the substance of this address at Buffalo, N. Y., Gary, Ind., and other centers of super-jingoism. So here it is:

The subject of my address is, as the chairman has announced, Democracy and Terms of Peace. . If a majority of the people agree with my views on this subject, or not, is indeed of little consequence. If my views are right then those who oppose me are wrong; if I am wrong, then my opponents are right. Right or wrong, if the United States is really what it claims to be—the defender of democracy, then we are

all entitled to an expression of our opinions. Any government that denies its people the right to express, freely and unrestricted, its views on questions of public policy is autocratic and despotic, and in such a country, democracy either never lived, or it has died. Autocracy and democracy cannot exist at the same place at the same time; the

birth of either means the death of the other. We are told that our entrance into the World War was to make the World safe for Democracy. But it seems that there are certain interests in this country, who seem to think that the only way to democratize Europe is to prussianize the United States. Immediately following our government's declaration of war against Germany, these interests using the war as a pretext demanded that all labor standards and laws be repealed or suspended; that our constitutional rights of free speech and public assemblage be suspended; that the press, not owned or controlled by those favorable to the war program be suspended; and anyone who holds views contrary to them, are branded as pro-Germans, and their views as treasonable.

THEY ARE THE SAME INTERESTS.

The same interests responsible for the deportation of American citizens in Arizona, the roasting to death of women and children in Ludlow, the horrors of Calumet, the recent murder of Frank Little in Butte, the massacre of workers in the State of Washington, Pittsburgh, Bayonne, West Virginia and in fact every other industrial center in the country, are trying to arouse our patriotic spirit by pointing to the outrages committed against the Belgians.

Knowing these people and the interests they represent we are justified in suspecting that their chatter about democracy, and their tears for poor Belgium are but hypocritical snares of pretense. Belgium are but hypocritical snares of pretense. I have lately travelled across this continent, from coast to coast, and all along the line an official spirit of intolerance has prevailed. Halls that had been and the Socialist movement were opposed and fought vigorously by the very interests now gulity of the outrages I have just briefly enumerated, and the socialist movement were opposed and fought vigorously by the very interests now gulity of the outrages I have just briefly enumerated, and the socialist movement were opposed and fought vigorously by the very interests now gulity of the outrages I have just briefly enumerated, and the socialist movement were opposed and fought vigorously by the very interests now gulity of the outrages I have just briefly enumerated, and the socialist movement were opposed and fought vigorously by the very interests now gulity of the outrages I have just briefly enumerated, and the socialist movement were opposed and fought vigorously by the very interests now gulity of the outrages I have just briefly enumerated, and the socialist movement were opposed and fought vigorously by the very interests now gulity of the outrages I have just briefly enumerated, and the social state of the outrages I have just briefly enumerated.

rented and paid for have been at the last minute locked against us, public parks closed against us, our right to free public assemblage on the public highway refused, and if permitted, broken up by the soldiers or police.

The independent press is being denied the use of the mails, even petitions to Congress have been declared unmailable.

THERE IS CAUSE FOR SUSPICION.

These constitutional rights and liberties of ours are being denied us by the very officials whose oath of office demands that these rights and liberties be protected. Any wonder that many of us look with suspicion upon the newspaper noise about the war making the World safe for Democracy?

Because the People's Council of America aims to defend our constitutional rights, and preserve every inch of democracy we ever had in the United States, we are denounced as being un-American, pro-German and traitors, by the very people who never in all their lives said or did a single thing for

human happiness or democracy.

The saddest of all, lately certain so-called Socialists and organized labor men have cast their lot with

these opponents of real democracy.

The very same interests which in the past corrupted our courts, denuded our forests, polluted our streams, robbed us of our lands and mineral deposits, exploited, oppressed, deported, imprisoned, starved and in industrial disputes, unhesitatingly murdered the toilers, these are the people opposing the Peo-ple's and Workmen's Council, democracy and our constitutional rights.

Whether conscious of it or not, these are the interests these so-called Socialists and labor men, who are now organizing a dual organization are serving. The People's Council of America never pretended to represent labor alone, organized or unorganized. The high handed methods used in denying the citizens of the United States, their constitutional rights, made it imperative that someone defends these rights. An organization, big enough and broad enough to admit all lovers of peace and democracy was organized and very appropriately named the People's Council of America; published its adopted program to the world, and invited all who wished to subscribe to its principles to join.

MORE THAN MILLION JOIN MOVEMENT.

More than a million people of all walks of life have already joined. It in no way comes in conflict with organized labor or any other organization, political, religious or industrial. Therefore, why a dual organization. While I do not wish to be understood as minimizing the importance of our entrance into the war, what I fear, however, far more than the war is this: for many years organized labor

for Democracy.

The war is being used as a pretext to build up a powerful military machine. The radical, labor, Socialist and peace press is being outlawed and destroyed. The excuse offered, is that the war makes this necessary.

Free speech and public assemblage is suppressed as a necessary war measure, they say. The powers that be are determined that only one side of the question shall be heard, and that side shall be their

SEES DANGER OF MILITARY MACHINE. I predict that by the time the war is over, unless all lovers of real democracy stay everlastingly on the job, we will find ourselves tied hand and foot

with a powerful military machine.

Civil government will be suspended, and a military government established. Our constitutional rights of free speech and free

press taken from us, and with no means of communication between us our labor unions will be outlawed and the citizens disfranchised. At spots there may be a display of opposition to this program. If so, it will be easily crushed by the

military machine then at the command of those who have been convincing for years to crush the rising giant of labor.

This is the real danger that confronts us, as I see it. If they succeed, it means that all that we have struggled for and secured during the past century, aiming toward a higher standard of living and safeguarding the health and lives of the workers will be swept aside, the forward march toward a higher civilization stopped and labor will find it-self where it was centuries ago. But you say, the people will never stand for any such arrangement. I hope not, but I fear if they stand for what is being put over on them now when there is still a fighting chance, they will stand for anything when that fighting chance is gone.

The People's and Workmen's Council demands that the powers that be, obey and respect our constitu-tional rights, that they tell the world what we are fighting for, and at what terms we will make peace, that we favor such peace terms as laid down by new Russia, that to send a conscript out of this country is unconstitutional.

NOT TREASONABLE OR UN-AMERICAN.

Is there anything un-American or treasonable about these demands? Certainly not! No real liberty-loving American will contend that there is anything un-American or treasonable about such demands. Any wonder, then, that I am suspicious of all those who oppose us.

Come friends, we need every man and woman that loves humanity above dollars, join the People's Council and help us do in a perfectly lawful manner whatever is necessary to preserve our rights and establish real democracy.

HANKS to the greed of business men who should be ashamed to call themselves American citizens, our population from coast to coast is being bled white of its money and health by the food grafters and profiteers. The only way to meet this situation is to meet it practically, by common sense methods, organizing and getting food from the producer to the consumer without any taint of illegitimate war profit between".-From speech of Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

We Violate No Law! But Our **Power Grows! No Wonder They**

meetings held in Chicago since the opening of the war took place Sunday, August 19, under the joint auspices of the People's Council and the Progressive Cigar Makers' Union at Riverview Park. The capitalist dailies were unusually bitter in their denunciations of this popular gathering. Among the speakers was J. L. Engdahl editor of The American Socialist.

on to something more effective. I that the administration in power goes islative enactment. Rather will it be ing policy wh know it will result in action to enforce the rights of free speech, of a long being speech, of a long series of public meeting places to forbid us the political and industrial reforms of a paltry \$562,00 socialistic nature. free press and free assembly, rights baseball parks, or any other spot varied in character and scope. Some guaranteed the American people where people might gather to talk of them will have to be dealt with by our forefathers more than 130 years over the affairs of the day?

During the week just past we had of Dayton Ohio. After an exciting campaign, with the questions of international peace, free speech, a free press and free assemblage the great,

The majority of those voters, under of the nation. dom of the people to gather in mass on charges of

Roll Up Big Victory.

in this country that stands squarely

of the nation were given an oppor- ter. tunity to voice their sentiments on the problems confronting us. The fact that they have not been given their pals rake in a few millions more inconsistent and meaningless, and are

capitalist dailies, did not send one line over its wires about the magnificent victory scored by the people at with disloyalty and treason; while all with disloyalty and treason; while all with disloyalty and treason; while all with verying degrees of emphasis.

Armour, Swift, Morgan, Rockeleiler, versa. Very often it is a lated interest.

"Bonds mean that wealth will buy them, hold them, collect interest, and with disloyalty and treason; while all with verying degrees of emphasis."

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at Dayton. They say that isn't the and hamlet in the nation. That is why the latter more directly in the hands kind of news we ought to read, and they hate us, fear us, persecute us. of the people-all with the ultimate so, in order to excuse themselves, they lie, and they know they lie, mittee of prominent men sent to industrial and political system into a

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people's victories, why is it that the administration in power is so anxious to suppress the Socialist, labor, radical and pacifist publications that tell cial and political progress.

If the people do not want to hear the truth, why is it that the administration in power is so anxious to intimidate and imprison the speakers but that is obviously not the "first dark days?

Why is it that they break up our parades and demonstrations with cial instruments of wealth production out of its way to force the owners of the culmination of a long series of use of their halls, their auditoriums, socialistic nature.

that is that the Constitution today is or local political units. the wide awake, forward looking city or even think the truth has become present themselves always and evprison or a \$20,000 fine or both.

Need Man Power Interpretation. We need a change. We need a new and places. interpretation of the constitution. dominating issues, the voters walked We need an interpretation of the conup to the ballot boxes and cast their stitution by the man power of the decision.

We need an interpretation of the consuccession of proposed Socialist respectively. Succession of proposed Socialist respectively. In a succession of proposed Socialist respectively. nation and not by the money power The test of practicability of Socialist imposed upon us as if by fate?

the standard of the Socialist Party, If the people today had the intertion, in favor of peace, in favor of power, members of the Socialist itical program comprehensive enough free speech, in favor of a free and Party and of the People's Council outspoken press, in favor of the free- would not be arrested and imprisoned of the day. They do. "breeding disloyalty meetings to discuss the big, funda- and tending to discourage volunteer mental issues of the day and hour. ing, recruiting and disobedience to the administration in power".

The Socialist Party and the Peo-The candidates of the Socialist ple's Council are the two greatest Party the only great political party patriotic organizations in the United structure and contents. States today. They are the only two upon the constitution of the United big bodies of thinking men and parties are built largely on the same and the wisdom to raise all we can start.

This election in Dayton, Ohio, is an to these all the other big profiteers pledges or compliments. indication of what the verdict would that are coining hundreds of millions be if the great masses of the people in profits out of this terrible slaugh- ed to the minor "issues" of the hour

Urges Prison For Profiteers.

this power is added evidence that in profit out of the suffering of the never cemented by a cohesive social those in power fear the thoughts that people, a million more men and philosophy. are now uppermost in the minds of women give up hope and faith in the

Why? Let Melville E. with disloyalty and treason; while an with varying degrees of emphasis. voted medals of honor.

resentative Mason, of Illinois, made power because we have committed his never-to-be-forgotten speech in any crime. I have already pointed out 1912. his never-to-be-forgotten speech in any crime. I have already pointed out

We are being victimized because Stone and asked him why his news we really speak what is in the minds cialist Party, on the other hand, is agency had failed to send an account of the people, and the organization based on a definite social conception of this speech over its wires. Mr. that gives voice to what the masses and on a dominant and consistent Stone replied that he didn't think think is feared and hated because of political purpose.

started. The People's Council is be- extend the social and industrial func-It is the same way with our victory coming a power in every city, town tions of the government and to place when they say that the people do not Washington to protest against the social democracy. autocratic power being exercised by These aims are formulated in conthe mails.

to be gained either from the depart- drafted periodically and greater destroy productive efficiency? ment of justice or the post office de- prominence may be given to the ispartment we called on members of the sues surging to the foreground at a crease of the cost of living, instead United States' senate and the house particular time, but on the whole of representatives.

protested that it was never intended The Socialist Party was organized axioms of war that, do the best we revenue?" that the now infamous censorship for the accomplishment of a definite may, it is impossible to distribute provisions of the espionage law social and political purpose. Its plat- its burdens, its sufferings, and sacrishould be used to suppress thinking form is but the expression of that newspapers. This power had been as- purpose and a statement of the steps sumed by the post office entirely upon by which it is expected to be realiz-

We learned incidentally that the unaccomplished and so long as the laws which can be passed. The fear of Socialism was big in the party adheres to its main aim, prin-most of the fighting is done by the fear of Socialism was big in the hearts of the democratic and republicans politicians.

laws which can be passed. The most of the fighting is done by the humbler or less well-to-do people—if the entire political and economical substance of its platform remain in
for no other reason because there are lican politicians.

The democrats said there would be tact. only two parties in the field in the congressional elections in November next year-the democratic and Socialist parties.

be only two parties in the field in the jury trial, the judge sentenced them next national election—the republican to "twenty-five dollars or 30 days." and Socialist parties.

bye!" to the republicans, and the keep out of the record the fact that republicans were saying "Good Bye!" they had asked for a jury. to the democrats.

And they were both shaking hands and saying, "How do you do!" to the for conscientious objectors to war un-children kept out of school, handicap-foreground of public discussion. Socialists.

on the Socialist ticket in the next national campaign, because, he declared,

The Political Program

If the Socialists were in control of Congress, what would be the first Borah Insists That Conscrip- Surplus Wealth, Excessive thing they would do?

propagandist. On the surface the the truth, the good news about the question seems perfectly legitimate but on closer analysis it will be found to be based on a misconception of the Socialist philosophy and a wrong notion of the established course of so-

Socialization Not "First Thing." is the socialization of the industries who dare tell the truth during these thing" that Socialists in office could

their "Black Hundreds"; why is it cannot be established by a single leg-

The measures will probably not crywhere in the identical form and Borah. sequence. Accidental occurrences and

are agreed on a "first" practical measto meet all important social problems loans and taxes.

Political Program Definite.

The Socialist Party has a very definite political program, which differs radically from the platforms of all other political parties in scope,

The political platforms of the old candidates put together. The candidates on the citizen's ticket, representing the good people of Dayton, Ohio, who are making money out of this war—these candidates ran second. The candidates of the demo-cratic party—the party that kept us out of war—ran a poor third. They are framed to endeavor to pay as we go, in so to endeavor States—the candidates of this party women who are preaching loyalty to received more votes than all the other the great masses of the people.

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The platforms are mainly adjust-

women give up nope and latter in the people.

The Associated Press, the worldwide newsgathering agency of the Armour, Swift, Morgan, Rockefeller,

The Associated Press, the worldwide newsgathering agency of the people today, this afternoon, had the power to enforce their will, Armour, Swift, Morgan, Rockefeller,

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The Socialist Party has gained better the lot of the workers, to curb the kind of stuff they ought to read. 25,000 new members since the war the power of the capitalist classes, to I recently accompanied the com- object of transforming the present

> the post office to crush our newspapers and bar our literature from mands," which constitute the invariable political platform of Socialism.

ed. So long as that purpose remains

After each of the six suffrage petitioners of the president at Washington had stood up before Police Judge The republicans said there would Pugh last Friday and had demanded a He not only refused to let them face The democrats were saying "Good a jury trial, but he tried at first to

···················Plan To Draft War Profits Now Before U. S. Senate

tion Of War Profits Will Profits, And Large Incomes Profits is as follows: Fix War's Cost On The Rich -- Where It Belongs

The past week has witnessed an historic debate in congress on the question of conscripting wealth for war purposes. herewith reproduce extracts from the speeches of Senators Borah, Gore and Thomas on this great question.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, supporta vigorous atta out of an admitted six billions.

"Raising the money to carry on this war means business worry, count-Congress, others by state legislatures less hours of grinding toil, means sacrifice, means children deprived of education, means families deprived of the necessaries of life," said

"When we think of the deprivation, local conditions may force different is- the hours and weeks and months and sues to the front at different times years of drudgery to meet these obligations, we realize that the suffering and the agony of the battlefield are

"But how shall we meet the situa-There are three ways to meet tion? cast their ballots against conscript pretation of the constitution in their ure, but whether they present a polit, one by loans, the other by taxes, and another by a combination of

will pursue. It is extremely important to my mind, however, that we make taxation the fundamental principle of our revenue-raising policy and loans the incident.

Raise All Possible By Taxes.

from some \$6,000,000,000 of war prof-

"How shall we face our constituencies and what answer shall we make to posterity in leaving these accumulated profits practically un-touched and unscathed, while we im-There is hardly a pledge in the pose upon the common people of this

necessaries of life will be taxed to

of the Bryan platform of 1908 from have been sent here? Is this our time. To do less than that is to portion of the task?

Weeks For Blood Profiteers.

Mr. Weeks, said that we should not indefensible from every point of view. so tax the business of the country as to destroy its productive efficiency "We are all agreed to that. Cerwould injure the whole country-la- erage man and woman to pay the

efficiency of the country?

efficiency of the country?

"If you should take, in addition to \$562,000,000 another \$562,000,000 from the six billions of war profits, do you think you would have reached the point where you need discuss the productive efficiency of the business of the country?

"If you should in this great ex
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which the war has created, and which will disappear as soon as the war has created, and which of the will disappear as soon as the war has created, and which still in the violated Article 1 of the Constitution, Section 8, Subdivision 15 and 16, which only gives the United States the right to call forth the militia in the case of invasion or a rebellion, and that neither an invasion or a rebellion is taking place.

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"If you should in this great exigency take all the war profits, leav-After we had found that little was The Socialist platform may be religious the normal profits, would it dends, every officer his princely sally be religious than from the dends of the profits were taken.

"Instead of conniving at this init is practically unchangeable. It to exert every energy along opposite Both senators and representatives could not consistently be otherwise. It is one of the remorseless war profits remain as a source of fices equally among the people.

"The poor will grow poorer and often the rich are made richer even under the most equitable and just more of them and they make up the fighting forces. They make the supreme sacrifice. When they leave their homes to go to the front those they leave behind are less equipped, less fitted to meet the struggle for existence.

"The rise in prices which always stop. accompanies war and which is aggravated, as I have said, by bond issues, pinches with more poignant effect those who were but poorly living upon their means.

"To thousands and hundreds of tion of this view that the "social ques-

Pay Far Too Little, Say

In a joint criticism of the war revenue bill, Senator Gore and Senator sentenced to serve a year in Canton tempt to saddle the cost of the war on the poor while resorting to whole-

"By the method of taxation proposed in the bill and the report of the majority of the members of the Committee on finance," declares the ed the conscription of war profits in statement of the senators from Oklahoma and Colorado, "the tax burden is unjustly distributed in that it will revenue bill, espe-it for taking but least able to bear it, while surplus a paltry \$562,000,000 of war profits wealth, excessive profits, and large incomes pay far too little.

interest comes to equal and exceeds the principal.

proportion to their ability to pay. In- repeal. come or profits constitute, if not the best, at least one of the best stand- principles of fraternity and brother- of course, that the press may learn ards by which to measure ability to

"Nothing can more certainly vite disaster to our arms by destroy-"The latter is of course the one we life of the poor while lightly touch-

"We ought to have the courage ing men into the army from the very and the wisdom to raise all we can start.

out of war—ran a poor third. They were at the bottom of the heap.

Of the Oil Trust, and J. Pierpont foreign-born citizens and the negroes whose public opinion this war must yield \$2,300,000,000 in revenue if democracy. based upon war profits for the calendar year 1917.

"From these two sources alone, the strain and without depriving the Constitution of the United States in reorganization, wealthy of even the luxuries of life, the following particulars:

"Is this the purpose for which we taxation from these sources at this enter upon a course that is bound to be ruinous to the country on account of the excessive bond issues that will "The Senator from Massachusetts, be required, and which is unjust and

tainly that would be disastrous. It the everyday necessaries of the avexpenses of this war, in addition to tablish a religion, in that it gives a gestion of added restrictions is re-"But do you think when you take commanding their service, and the special privilege to members of any garded with dark suspicion and brings \$562,000,000 out of some six billion lives of many of them, and of their well-recognized sect and does not dollars of war profits that you are children, so long as the swollen and give the privilege to anyone who does fidence. destroying, or touching the line where abnormal war profits of the big not belong to any well-recognized you would destroy, the productive corporations are not taken—profits religious sect. or those woh have no which the war has created, and which religion at all.

"Every stockholder would still receive his handsome peace time divi- |2. ary, if all the war profits were taken. "Will anyone contend that the food

and the medicine and most of the abof conspiring to aid inflation we ought of conspiring to aid inflation we ought be taxed so long as the enormous all male citizens between the ages of the poor shall agricultural or industrial service on the incompetent are working at cut to every energy along opposite

Cannot Escape Socialism By VICTOR L. BERGER.

With or without social reform we cannot escape Socialism. The cosubstance of its platform remain in- for no other reason because there are development of modern times is moving.

> tion. And not by any means a far which is the reserve force of the distant goal. Nor is it the last sta- United States, cannot be sent abroad. tion on the road which humanity will The Constitution provides: have to follow. Progress will never Socialism is the next station. We

are speeding toward it with the accelerating velocity of a locomotive on the road. It is only a convincing confirma-

Guilty? Of What?

NOTE:—Cleveland Socialists have issued a little pamphlet entitled "Guilty? Of What?" containing the speeches of C. E. Ruthenerg, Alfred Wagenknecht and Charles Baker before the jury that sentenced them to one

C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist Candi-Senators Gore And Thomas

date for Mayor, Alfred Wagenknecht,
State Secretary of the Socialist Party and Charles Baker, State Organ-Thomas indict it for its evident attempt to saddle the cost of the war on the poor while resorting to wholethe profit system, they dared show by criticism.

declare that the claim that we are fighting for "democracy" was mere patriotic. Under such a law as the hypocrisy used to trick and delude the Myers bill suggests, however, any

ent administration had secured reelection by appealing for support be- American rights and would so opercause it had (a war for democracy it now calls it) every such bill introduced, and to be and after its re-election had hurled on its guard against any slightest us into the war against our will to tampering with the constitutional fight for the profits of the capitalist guarantees of free speech and free

They dared denounce the conscription law as the rape of democracy numberless subjects which need full apportioned among the taxpayers in in this country and to demand its publicity, but we have ample laws

They dared pledge themselves to the pledge themselves to refuse to mur-der their fellow human beings to failure at Gallipoli, and forced the ing popular confidence in the pur- preserve the profits and investments government to repair the damage as

Schue failed to register for conscrip- ing reins on the field marshal. In-"We claim to have profited by the tion and when caught, in order to efficient cabinet ministers have gone military experiences and mistakes of the other warring countries, particularly Great Britain, and therefore three men and on account of these ly. to have adopted the policy of draft- speeches had not registered, C. E. a year in Canton jail.

Pettigrew Gives Views

R. F. Pettigrew, former U. S.

as follows: "From these two sources alone, the income tax and the war profits tax, Congress is in violation of the spirit ducing our freedom below the minere can be raised, without subjecting the country to serious financial dition, is in direct violation of the reached in these days of stern war

That the conscription law imposes the laws already on the statute military, agricultural or industrial books. We need not another line of That the conscription law imposes service under any conditions deter- law on that subject. mined by the military or Congress as to hours conditions and pay.

SECOND: That it violated Article I of the is now open to suspicion. The coun-

That the conscription law does es- nervous days even the faintest sug-

That the law imposes military, agricultural or industrial service on work people go unemployed 21 and 30 years, inclusive, with cer- rate prices. tain exceptions, and excluding the ex-

FIFTH: It violates Article 5 of the amend lows:
"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

It may be that the regular army munition makers and Wall Street manipulators,-the regular army a volunteer force and can be recruit-

suppress insurrection and repel in- of the union, then there must be fair But in no place does the Constitu-

forth of the militia to a foreign land and another for the North, will not or engage in foreign service. The fit in with the constitution of the Courts have passed upon this question United States. repeatedly so that the doctrine is will be discharged by any United a writ of Habeas Corpus

Boston Journal Champoin Of Free Press and Speech

Montana prescribes jail terms for persons who speak disrespectfully of the president, the government or the congress of the United States. The Myers bill, broadly speaking, is aimed to penalize sedition but within the interpretation of any petty official it izer of the Socialist Party, have been might punish an ordinary criticism. Certainly no person or paper need

beginning of the present war, that government, in its honesty and frankall modern wars are the product of ness, fear disrespectful or disloyal facts and argument that the war this A criticism of any given official

property rights of the capitalist class. calling attention to an evil, it cannot They dared speak the truth and be disloyal, contemptuous, etc., but criticism might be interpreted as dis-

"kept us out of war" ate. We advise the public to study

In this country we not only have

toward all people no matter things for itself; and we do not want what their race or nationality and to that chance destroyed. The British poses of the war than to pass a bill of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the Cornwallister of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the Cornwallister of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the Cornwallister of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the Cornwallister of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the Cornwallister of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of this countained for itself of the capitalist class of which heavily taxes the necessaries of try.

West scandal, a society woman holding of the poor while lightly touch.

And because a certain Alphonse ing reins on the field marshal. In-

And in this country shall we blind

present make-up of this government. But is it not their own government, born in revolution and builded make men free? Surely the Myers bill could not be

passed with the consent of the peo-

offering a million of our sons on the altar of liberty? It speaks ill indeed numbers. On the British basis similar income tax rates in the United States would yield about two and onesurance that he will ne mer support

the seditious to jail. But do so under Any proposed law bearing upon

Congress should know that in these

FOURTH: That it violates Article 4, Section 2, Subdivision 1 of the Constitution which reads as follows:

"The citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states."

The citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens of citizens in the several states."

The citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states." ized shops lie idle and competent

Frequent inspection is absolutely necessary. Without it conditions cannot measure up to just requirements. In questions that react on policy, no inquiry can be too inti-

If the government would retain public respect, if there is not to be a gigantic show-up of inefficiency, then there must be proper inspection of contractors' workshops. necessary that working conditions be above reproach. Unless the govern-ment is prepared to be arraigned be-"The militia may be called forth fore the bar of outraged public opinto execute the laws of the Union, ion for slurring the rights of citizens

One law for the rich and one for tion permit or allow the sending the poor, one standard for the South

Rumor persists about the national

Hate, Jail And Persecute Us One of the most successful | want to read the news of their vic tories. If the people do not want to read

the truth?

E come here to discuss our constitutional rights during war time. I here this discussion war time. I hope this discus-

Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of this news trust, and the Socialists and members of the Stone, head of the St You all remember how silent all Our people today are not suffering that of the Roosevelt platform of the daily newspapers were when Representative Meson of Illinois made the wrath of the administration in

congress on the repeal of the con- who the real criminals are. scription law. Someone wrote to Mr. that was the kind of news the people its power. wanted to read; at least that was not

By Robert Tressall.
An Epic of British Labor
PRICE, \$1.25. JACK LONDON'S NOVELS

Socialism Summed Up

gle for Independence

By MORRIS HILLQUIT.

This is one of the questions most frequently addressed to the Socialist

The one great aim of all Socialists attempt to bring about.

To determine in advance the exact politics is not whether the Socialists

and usually fight shy of the more vital and permanent social problems

Socialists Have Definite Aims.

The Socialist aim in politics is to

sale exemptions of the rich.

an the bond issuominates the ad-

be fought: "Do you think you are meeting the situation when you take \$562,000,000

bor even as much as capital.

Police stopped a projected meeting thousands the rise of prices means tion" now stands everywhere in the der the direction of the Philadelphia ped in the battle of life; means less

Bond Issues Denounced "Of all forms of taxation, that involved in bond issues is the worst. The people must redeem the bonds, principal and interest, and in a comparatively short space of time the

"The burden of taxation should be

ing the luxuries of the rich.

"The Britain income tax last year yielded one billion dollars in round half billion dollars.

more than double the amount proposed in the bill submitted by the majority of the finance committed.

"This is the minimum amount which we can afford to provide by taxation from these sources at this time. To do less than that it is subject to their jurisdiction."

"The doctor of the finance committed in the first state of the first subject to their jurisdiction."

FIRST: It violated Section 13. Subdivision fit to fight for democracy as a great and democratic nation there is not the slightest danger that they will be swayed by shrill-voiced nobodies condemning the government. Hang spies and the traitors; send

Unfair To Tax Necessities.

"It is monstrously unfair to tax he everyday necessaries of the average of the everyday necessaries of the average of the averag Unfair To Tax Necessities.

Socialism is the goal of the evoluted in no other way, but the militia,

We all know from history that an well established and I am of the By it shall it ultimately stand or fall. In fact, one republican of national renown, claimed he would rather run was to have been held in the Arch ed and broken plans and ambitions. ed, when its appointed guardians and will be discharged by any United street theater. The action of the If in addition to all this we lay on supporters felt called upon to make States Court from the service of the capitol at Washington, D. C., that officials came after a crowd estimateven a slight additional tax, while it the demands of the adherents of the United States whenever any effort President Wilson will address Conhe would stand a better chance of ed at 10,000 had packed the neighborelection.

(To be concluded east week.)

The would stand a better chance of ed at 10,000 had packed the neighborhood of the theater waiting to be admay seem slight to us, it falls with
new order their own—when they tried
is made to transport the abroad, gress on peace in the near future,
to steal the revolutionist thunder, as
if such conscripted man applies for
presumably at the time he replies to
the saying is.

From The Boston Journal (Aug. 16)
A bill offered by Senator Myers of

country is engaged in is a struggle may be in either bitter or mild terms. over the commercial interests and If it is offered for the purpose of

eople.

They dared point out that the pres- loyal.

* * The bill is a plain denial of

for the protection of military secrets.

* * There is always the chance,

free press?

* * * Many people dislike the

ple. And the consent of the people never will be obtained for any such piece of autocratic savagery while the press remains free. But why, people are asking, must this sinister effort to stifle free speech recur so persistently when we are

If the American people are

the rights of the people and the press

sharp decline in the public con-

For Better Conditions From The Free Press (Milwaukee)

It is a matter for the councils of cepted class and older and younger defense to intervene where government contracts are undertaken, for labor conditions must be perfect.

By it shall the executive be judged.

The Mexican People; Their Strug

National Office, Socialist Party 803 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Who Shall Protect The Workers If Their Press Is Strangled?

THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST, SEPTEMBER 8, 1917.

DANGER threatens you and your fam-A ily. A greater peril than has ever before confronted our Republic, is upon us now. It is not invasion from without, it is destruction from within.

The rights, the liberties of the American working class have been threatened with extinction. The Constitution has been rendered out of force, and the Bill of Rights, guaranteeing freedom of speech, of press and of assemblage, has been struck down by the hand of autocracy.

Clothed in the mantle of irresponsible authority, a subordinate law clerk of the Postoffice Department in Washington has suddenly assumed the powers of a THOUGHT-CONTROLLER of the nation.

At a time when the price of food goes higher and higher; when tremendous war loans are piled up mountainlike upon us. when every attempt on the part of workers to secure improvement in their condition is met with deportation, intimidation, threats and violence;

At a time when the Council of National Defense has turned Labor over, bound and gagged, into the hands of its enemies, to be dealth with as they will;

Cuban Workers Building Strong Socialist Party

Antonio Correa, secretary of the Socialist Party of Cuba, fraternal delegate of the Cuban labor movement to the Pan-American Federation of Labor Conference Committee, reached Washington this week. Correa is also the secretary of the

International Retail Clerks Union of uba, which has a membership of 30.000. Correa's special work will be to study the American labor movement great part of the press fails to deal in both its political and industrial fairly towards labor, in the publica-

forms and make a report to Cuba in tion of news, and that news articles forms and make a report to Cuba in particular, and Latin America in protect the employing interests. "It The Socialist Party of Cuba pub- is true that we do not always under-

The Socialist Party of Cuba publishes a bi-monthly paper called "The Class Struggle." Correa was formerly the business manager of the paper.

"The Socialist Party is rapidly ingreasing in membership in Cuba," The Socialist Party is rapidly ingreasing in membership in Cuba," The Socialist Party is rapidly ingreased Correa "Formerly our second in the East St. Louis press that part of the East St. Louis grand jury report which condemned Md join in sonding of the Md join in sonding of Correa. "Formerly our so- grand jury report which condemned

cialist organizers and lecturers were almost exclusively Spaniards. The terests? Every newspaper in Chicago almost exclusively Spaniards. The terests? Every newspaper in Chicago Cuban government compelled them cut it from its columns. One mornto leave Cuba. It has taken us some ing paper carried the full report in time to develop Cuban Socialists to take the place of the exiled Spanish Socialists. We have accomplished the Socialists. task, however, and are now well to the employers' responsibility had started toward a bona-fide class-conscious nation-wide Cuban Socialist

Correa holds the Cuban workers of shielding the employers? The must be thoroly organized, politically full report was sent over the wires and industrially, in order to eman- by the press associations. The part cipate the Cuban workers from Amer- suppressed by the editors refers to ican capitalism which now dominates the labor situation and then con-

Private Ownership Folly Exposed in San Francisco assure good living conditions to all

and one operated primarily for the penefit of stockholders is being glaringly demonstrated in San Francisco, Cal., during the United railway employes' strike.

The situation in San Francisco to- is the custom at the large industrial ment for publicly owned traction a so-called employment gate, where

When the United railway platform men, numbering about 2,000, refused longer to operate the cars unless they were paid \$3.50 for an 8-hour day the company said it was an im-

possible demand. But in the same city, on the same streets virtually, and under identical the negro no less than the white man, conditions, the San Francisco Mun- for it is predicated on racial indiffericipal railway is paying its men \$3.50 ences." per day for eight hours work.

And the city is making money on ts railway.

Hits Gompers' Attitude

Paul Scharrenberg, editor of the Coast Seamen's Journal, speaking for the International Seamen's Journal, state out the remaining sections of the two paragraphs quoted above! for the International Seamen's Union of America, takes exception to Gompers' attitude on the aims and efforts Are We Fighting For?

cil of the American Federation of vocates of the present industrial sys-Labor to doing what no other natem fear. The greed of the profiteers able to get more later". tional labor organization in Europe is forcing the masses of mankind to has dared to do, by putting the ban combine for self protection and on the Stockholm conference proposed will not be surprising if out of the by the Russian council.

Scharrenberg reminds Gompers of government founded upon the at at the last convention of the principles advocated by the more nerican Federation of Labor the legates did not mince words in the solution they adopted in opposition the officials on war and militarism, d he says that the coming convenn in Buffalo will give a hearty elcome to efforts being made to ing about peace by working class

OUR BOOK SHOP.

Socialism For The Farmer; by Oscar Ameringer. Price 10 cents. (Admirable for getting farmers into the Socialist Party.)

General Bankruptcy or Socialism; by Lucien Sanial. Price 5 cents.
(A prophecy of the conditions which now confront us, written just prior to the outbreak of the war.)

Public Ownership of Railways by Carl D. Thompson. Price 10 cts. (An illuminating discussion of the big problem now confronting the American people.)

National Office, Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

right of labor, the right to ask better things, the right of a free press, is stript away.

THE THOUGHT-CONTROLLER has stricken down at one blow more than a score of labor, Socialist and radical periodicals, who speak with the voice of labor. At one blow, a blow from behind, a stroke in the dark, more than a million readers of labor papers have been forbidden to know facts or to think thoughts that their press would give

What protection have you or your children against oppression, if your press is stran-

What safeguard is there for any freeman's rights, when the right of free press is taken

ARTICLE I of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows:

"Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Unfair!

NOTE.—The Illinois Federation

of Labor denounces the so-called

"fairness" of the capitalist news-

papers in a scathing attack on the manner in which they reported the

findings of the grand jury that in-

vestigated the East St. Louis, Ill.,

race riot. The statement prepared

Newspaper editors frequently re-

"That employers abused this situa-

tion seems to us to be a warranted

charge Every community should

"Of the many instances where this

has been done we cite one form. It

men, white and colored, assemble each

from among the negroes. This open

flaunting along racial lines injures

Some editors, by the way, made the peculiar "mistake" of using the

words "ar unwarranted charge" in-stead of "a warranted charge," and

then, to make the lie plausible, cut

Forcing Socialism

and natural resources are rapidly

present war emerges a new system

The kind of socialism that is rep-

resented by government control over

the production, sale and distribution of the necessaries of life will become

increasingly popular as the war forces

the necessity therefor upon our attention, and we are not likely to give up the benefits to be expected, once

we have tasted of them. Few will

quarrel with anything that tends to

make the cost of living less.—From The Record (Fort Smith, Ark.)

conservative Socialists .-

Union (Sacramento, Calif.)

down condemnation.

sent the charge, often made, that a

on this question declares that:

Without this addition, the Constitution

to its mandates, Congress struck from the espionage bill as first introduced, a provision placing the press of the United States under a strict censorship.

In the last days of the debate, after the censorship provision had been struck out in response to an overwhelming demand from

the whole country, a clause was surreptitiously slipped in at the insistence of Postmaster General Burleson, authorizing him to stop any publication which might "obstruct recruiting.

Under cover of this surreptitious amendment. W. H. Lamar, solicitor of the Post Office Department, has struck. He has become plaintiff, prosecutor, judge, jury, executioner and court of appeal; he is in absolute control of the press of the nation, and thru the press, of the thoughts and ideas of one hundred million people.

And he has promised to use this power ruthlessly against labor's press.

WHO SHALL present the arguments for a peaceable change, if the Socialist papers

What shall prevent the ever spreading discontent and murmuring of defrauded work-

At this moment that last and most sacred | would never have been adopted. In obedience | ers from breaking out into disorder, if So- | criminal negligence, and is to be debarred cialism, which seeks to prevent violence, is not allowed to show the peaceful way toward change?

Acting on instructions from the National Executive Committee of the Socialist party, a committee went to Washington to investigate and protest.

And this is what they found:

The Department's position is that if a single issue of any paper is excluded from the mails for containing non-mailable matter, this destroys the continuity of the paper. Even tho the decision may not be reached for several weeks after the paper has been mailed, the theory is that if it is decided to be unmailable, it has in fact not been printed.

ACCORDING to the law, if any paper enjoying the privilege of second-class rates misses even one issue without valid excuse, it forfeits the right to the second-class rate.

Therefore; if even weeks after a single issue has been presented to go thru the mails. some clerk in Washington decides that it contains a sentence, a paragraph or even a word that this clerk does not like, that issue has never been printed: the paper is guilty of | THE RULE OF GREED?

from the mails.

Even the Department of Justice, the official legal department of the government, is unable to discover what is unmailable in the issues of The American Socialist which have been barred from the mails.

No answer is given to inquiries. We are not told what was wrong. We are given no guidance as to the future issues. We are told we ought to have known. But even the Governmental Department of Justice does not know. Only Lamar knows, and he won't tell. * * * *

WHAT is wrong? Is it that Socialism is spreading like wildfire, and Big Business everywhere is afraid.

What is wrong is that Socialism is gaining the upper hand thruout the United States. The world-catastrophe shows the breakdown of the capitalist system, so long foretold, so long prophesied by Socialists. We are getting ready in this country to take over the reins of government; and the Plutocracy fears us!

Who shall protect the workingmen from robbery, if their press is strangled, WILL YOU HELP US PUT AN END TO

Here Is The Nation's Answer

ing \$7.25 and trusts that the comrades all over the country will respond liberally.

A money order for \$2 comes from "Somewhere in Highland, Ill." to help out in the present crisis.

Comrade T. J. Eiler, of Defiance, Ohio dropped into the office for a visit while in Chicago the other day. Before he left he had contributed \$1 to the Free Press Defense

sends in a record contribution list

Comrade C. S. Haskin, Indiana,

Four contributors in Hagerstown, Md., join in sending \$1.25 to help

swell the Free Press Defense Fund. Comrade Ellen Persons, Dowagiac, Mich., sends in \$5 as, "A little donation to help in the censorship

Comrade C. H. Bloom, our hustler at Rockford, Ill., sends in his contribution and asks for a bundle of The streets in this coming Socialist city. holding information for the purpose

"I am with you until we win!" accompanies a \$1 bill from New Baden, Ill. "I am very sorry to hear that our

paper has been suppressed", says a Kansas City, Mo., comrade in send-ing in \$1, because he says "I believe that we should do everything in our power to get a new second class mailing permit and keep The Amer-Exposed in Jan Franciscu assure good living conditions to an mailing permit and keep The American Socialist alive. Yours for Socialist alive. Yours for Socialist alive and a more civilized world."

The difference between a street railway system run as a public utility disadvantage by notoriously favoring disadvantage by notoriously favoring rade, but we have not yet been "supworkers of another race must draw pressed."

"Will send more later to help along", says a letter from West Union, Ind., that contains five contributions amounting to \$1.25. The letday is the strongest possible argu- plants in East St. Louis to maintain ter also states that the sender, "Will send more subs if the paper gets started again". Comrade! The paper has not stopped. The post office censorship merely caused us to hesitate for a minute or two. That's all! Send in the subs!

"I miss The American Socialist in my post office box badly. Get , writes one of our subscribers busy in Oatman, Ariz., and sends \$5 to help us get busy.

"Best wishes for the future of The American Socialist", says "A Friend", in Galesburg, Ill., as he sends in \$1. "Good luck to you in your fight against the tryranny of "our postal authorities", writes Dr. Frederick A. Blossom, of New York City, treasurer of the Birth Control League of New York, as he sends in his check for \$1.

"It sure is an inspiration to see how some of the old time workers of the People's council. He says the labor press can ill afford to be silent threatens to materialize and the tactor the important questions of What tics of the owners of public utilities crisis big enough to be called one', declares Comrade Bessie E. Davis He also scores the executive coun- bringing about a condition which ad- Michigan, as she sends in \$2.32 collected on a list. She says, "I may be

"I read in The New York Call of your need for funds to recover second class mailing privileges for The American Socialist", writes Comrade Caroline E. Nichols, Connecticut, enclosing \$1.

"Hope to see The American Social-

The secretary of the Carpenters' Union in an Indiana town sends in \$3.80, "To help get The American Socialist back in the mails. This is a small amount", he says, "but I think if every hustler will do as well we will get thru all right". You bet we will.

Comrade O. S. Watkins, "Some where in Minnesota", the state that put the lid on the People's Council Peace Conference, sends in his check for \$2, to help us get back our second class mailing privilege from those who have taken an oath to safetion of the United States gave us".

Comrade J. B. Byrnes, Washington, sends in his contribution and suggests we increase the subscription price of The American Socialist.

to what is going on in the United States of Siberia", writes a Montana contributor, as he also incloses a nice big list of subs.

American Socialist to sell on the ductor who is doing his best to sup-streets in this coming Socialist city. port a wife and four children on 25 cents an hour wages, sends in his contribution to defend the right of a free press.

"I am sorry that the government has taken the stand it has toward The American Socialist", writes one of our New Jersey woman comrades. She sends in \$1 to help carry on this fight "for the good of all".

From The Firing Line

"We are still working for Socialism here,

"If you will send me the names of all subs in my town, and send the papers by express, I will pay express charges and deliver them until better times", says another subscriber in Iowa, who sends a list of subs and a substantial contribution to help get back our second class mailing privilege.

"We have just organized another Socialist Local. We mean to take advantage of the present grave crisis and furnish the workers with all the literature our limited funds will buy. Another comrade and myself went out doing the work of Uncle Sam, that is, delivering literature, especially The American Socialist. We secured nine applications for membership in the party, several subs to The American Socialist and the Appeal to Reason. As Czar Burleson has placed the ban on The American Socialist, I suppose you will be obliged to send the papers by express," writes a comrade in Lansing, Mich.

"Send me 200 copies of the Labor Day edition. I am making the most of this thing while the war lasts for it may not last forever", writes a comrade from Muscatine,

Comrade Erik L. Nylund, sends a contribution to assist The American Socialist in its struggle for "right and justice."

A comrade in Transfer, Pa., sends in a list of subs and says, "There are two new ones in this list who have become disgusted with the old parties and have deserted them foreyx."

A comrade in Three Forks, Michigan, sends in her subscription and says, "I have often thought that as soon as I could afford it I would take as many Socialist papers as possible, for I think it is every true Socialist's duty to do that 'little bit' for the publishers of Socialist papers in return for the fight you are waging for us."

"We will not do without The American Socialist even if it must cost one dollar per year. If we cannot obtain second class mailing privileges within six months, we will again forward extra postage money." writes a comrade in Highland, Ill., who sends extra postage for his paper.

"Sorry I cannot send more", ac-Somewhere in Newburg, N. Y.

Social Revolution".

"Hope this will help you keep the paper in circulation", is the message In Canada, where the labor that accompanies a contribution of made heroic efforts to stave off comthree comrades in Norfolk, Va.

"I am sending you my widow's mite", accompanies a \$2 contribution from Roanoke, Va. "Trust it will help. A comrade down in Mobile, Ala., guard and protect our personal rights sends in \$1 and wishes he could make and privileges, "which the constitugated to help in its present trouble." May the Henry Dubbs awake to their interests.'

> hope that accompanies a list of five contributions amounting to \$2.25 from Bemidji, Minn.

cialist until now", writes a contribu-tor from East Pittsburgh, Pa. "I think I shall vote from now on as it seems to me it is the only party for the people and by the people.

"I feel lost without The American Socialist", accompanies a contribution from Columbus, Ohio. Win we must, for our cause is just. The Socialists will have five candidates on the ticket here this fall, AND BELIEVE ME THEY WILL BE ELECTED."

"After reading the first page of The Eye-Opener at our local meeting a collection was taken up and we got \$3.30 to help our paper in its time of need", comes from the local secretary at Woonsocket, R. I.

Sauk Rapids, Minn., comes in with a contribution of \$2.75 for the FREE PRESS DEFENSE FUND and a promise to get busy organizing a

local station of "The Red Express." "We trust that intelligence and humanity may soon triumph over the hosts of tyranny", accompanies

Two friends of honest government at Bainbridge, Ohio, send in \$2.

"I will help more next pay day" writes a comrade in Albion, Pa., as he sends in \$1.

"Let each one of us do likewise must fight our eenmy-the capitalist system".

"I hope to collect more in a few days", says a note attached to a \$2.50 contribution list from Friend, Nebr.

"I wish you a world of luck", writes n Arkansas mother, sending 50 cts. "I wish you the greatest success

in the great fight before you", accompanies \$1 from Logansport, La. Butte, Mont., comes to the front

"I hope you will be successful in your fight", drops in with 50 cents

We must have The American Socialist at all hazards", writes a contributor from Albany, New York, sending in \$1.

cities thruout the state are being cov-ered with Socialist literature, the wages. This was made known when kind the people like to read.

had a bad setback when an agree- and discuss the proposition. ment was signed to insure labor standards in American shipyards for the period of the war.

The movement to import Chinese coolie labor to take the jobs of the men who go to war is gaining ground. pulsory servitude, including conscription, the issue will first have to be officials.

Brunswick, Md., Socialists have elected another councilman. They getting one at a time", writes the local secretary. "We will soon catch the entire roost. The boys here are imbued with a new spirit since our victory at the polls."

The Petrograd Utro Rossijo confirms the recently reported execution of thirty-two Socialists in Jassy, the provisional capital of Roumania One of the executed men was S Wechsler, the leader of the Roumanian Socialist Party, who was accused of having aided the well known revo-lutionist Rakowsky to escape from prison.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST. Entertainment question: "How to put on

First Prize, 10 points, won by Tom Matthews, Omaha, Nebr. Second Prize, 7 points each, won by Florence Johanteges, Queens No. 1, N. Y.; Simon Warshofsky, Rochester, N. Y.

Third Prize, 4 points each, won by Rutl Elson, West Side, Chicago, Ill.; Rose L. Ber ry, Fellowship, Chicago, Ill. Educational question: "How to run

First Prize, 10 points, won by Samuel Kraner, Bronx, N. Y.

Second Prize, 7 points each, won by Samuel Blauner, Northwest, Chicago, Ill.; Louis Josephson, Trenton, N. J. Third Prize, 4 points each, won by Louis Sherman, Fellowship, Chicago, Ill.; Edmund R. Brumbaugh, Omaha, Nebr.; Darwin B. Sher-nan, Rochester, N. Y.

Organizer's Question: "How to 'take up' First Prize, 10 points, won by Leon Josephon, Trenton, N. J. Second Prize, 7 points each, won by J. Gold, Fellowship, Chicago, Ill.; Abe Lunde, Paterson, N. J.

Third Prize, 4 points each, won by Aug. get an automobile.

Marshalsky, Rochester, N. Y.: Paul Shogren,
Newark, N. J.: Charles Karlik, Jr., Syracuse,

Y. P. S. L. NOTES. San Francisco, Cal., reports complete re-organization meeting with 60 new members

Terre Haute, Ind., is continuing its goo Terre Haute, Ind., is continuing its good work, having run a great river boat party with \$40 profit, a successful lawn fete, and with the proceeds printed 12,000 leaflets explaining constitutional rights of the people. These were distributed and drew the fire of the local plute sheets. The league members will attend the Richmond State Convention in a body and expect to capture next year's convention for their own city.

Buffalo, N. Y., has secured permission to run a special corner in the party paper there, known as "Yipsel Yarns" and is conducting the column in a bright and breezy style. It tells of the leagues' interesting doings in

It tells of the leagues' interesting doings in an interesting way.

Y. P. S. L. Defense Fund is gradually growing, and some of the leagues have responded nobly to the appeal for assistance. Every league ought to contribute something toward the fund. A list of contributions thus far received is appended hereto, if your league is not on the list, it ought to be. Y. P. S. L. Defense Fund.

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Jan. 1-Brought forward	\$31.4
Jan. 2St. Louis, Mo	7.2
Jan. 7-Philadelphia, Pa	2.0
Jan. 13-Seattle, Wash	5
Feb. 13-Cleveland, O. (Eng.)	3.2
Feb. 23-North Side Pittsburgh, Pa	14.0
June 9-Peoria, Ill	5.0
June 15-Morgantown, W. Va	25.0
June 19-Arlington, N. J	
June 23-Newark No. 3	
July 6-Douglas Park, Chicago, Ill.	4.0
July 18-Peoria, Ill	
July 21-Northwest, Chicago, Ill	7.2
July 21-Watertown, N. Y	5.0
Aug. 2-Ansonia, Conn	
Aug. 6-Bronx, New York	5.5
Aug. 6-Brooklyn, New York	
Aug. 7-Rochester, N. Y	4.0
Aug. 15-Rochester, N. Y	7.6
Aug. 18- Baltimore, Md	4.5
Aug. 24-McKeesport, Pa	1.4
Aug. 29-West Side Chicago	8.0
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The jingo sheets down in Indiana Coal miners of Illinois, Indiana are getting excited because many Ohio and Western Pennsylvania are the United Mine Workers of America invited coal operators of the central War by the profiteers upon the la-bor movement of the United States at Indianapolis, Ind., September 6

> One of the latest anti-Socialist raids took place in Philadelphia, Pa., when the Socialist Party book store was invaded by government agents and the local secretary and one member of the executive committee and two employes of the store were haled before the local department of justice

Defendant (in a loud voice)—Justice! Justice! I demand justice! Judge-Silence! The defendant will please remember that he is in a court room.—Ex.

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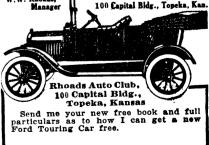
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With best wishes, Name

CityState.....

-From

THE SUPPRESSED PRESS.

louder than when allowed to speak freely. The Masses and The American Socialist seem to be the special targets at which the post office cen-

The suppressed press is speaking

sors are directing their attacks. Both papers are being bought by the public.
The International Socialist Review also seems to come in for its due share of boost by Mr. Lamar. Like

Madden who made The Appeal To

Reason famous, Lamar seems deter-

mined to boost all the Socialist press.

From The World (Oakland, Cal.)

Comrade Z. L. Bailey, Indiana, ist win out", accompanies a \$1 con-rushes in a contribution list contain-tribution from A. J. McGregor, companies a 50 cent contribution from Michigan. We know it will!

"The people must be informed as

A Louisville, Ky., street car con-

"I can not get along without the paper," writes a comrade who sends in a renewal.

Local Duval, Fla., sends in \$3.30.

The local secretary writes, "We sincerely hope The American Socialist will overcome the resistance. offered by the postal autocracy, and that it will become a greater factor than ever in hastening the

"May the good work go on and may our Cause triumph", is the

"My politics have never been So

a list of contributions amounting to \$2.25 from Palestine, Texas.

or better", accompanies a \$1 contribution from Tampa, Fla. "We

with a contribution list containing

from Martin's Ferry, Ohio. "I will pay for mine at any cost.

CONGRESS ASKED TO HALT SENDING TROOPS TO EUROPE

All of the capitalist dailies, so far as we have been able to discover, have completely ignored this important item of news. Representative Lundeen sits in Congress from the fifth Minnesota district, which includes Minneapolis. In a referendum of his constituents he got results as follows: for war, 2,033; against war, 16,822; for conscription, 3,198; against conscription, 15,831.

(BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

WASHINGTON, D. C.-Representative Lundeen, of Minnesota, introduced a joint resolution in the House today (Thursday, August 30), seeking to repeal the conscription law in so far as it applies to service over

The resolution charges that conscription for foreign service is un-American and undemocratic and is a violation of the letter and spirit of the army-raising provisions of the constitution.

The text of Lundeen's resolution follows:

"WHEREAS, 'An act to authorize the president to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States' is also known as the 'Selective Draft' or 'Selective Conscription' act; and

"WHEREAS, It is officially announced that American citizens, conscripted under said act, are to be transported to foreign countries to fight on foreign soil, against the true meaning and intent of the provisions of the constitution under which congress raises armies; and

"WHEREAS, the constitution provides, Article 1, Section 8, that the militia can only be used to execute the laws of the union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions; therefore be it

"RESOLVED, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled that an 'Act Public, No. 12. 65th Congress, approved May 18, 1917, entitled an act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States', be, and the same is hereby, repealed."

Representative Lundeen issued the following statement in explanation of his resolution for the repeal of the conscription law for foreign

"We favor the repeal of an un-American statute, forcing the best blood of America to fight abroad. We cannot, we will not yield our right to discuss the conduct of war.

"Our forefathers left Europe to escape militarism, conscription and

oppression. They came for larger opportunity. They sought refuge here. We do not hold lightly the liberties they secured.

"No one disputes the right of any government to conscript for home defense when necessary. It is, however, officially announced that the socalled 'selective draft' is conscription for foreign service. No other nation has ever conscripted for service overseas. Many of America's greatest men fought every attempt at foreign conscription. Perhaps the greatest among these stands Daniel Webster, who made a powerful speech against conscription during our second war with Great Britain, 1812 to 1814, and that was war on a foreign and adjoining nation.

"We have now been at war five months and not one conscript is in camp. Yet these untrained men, raw levies who have never handled a military rifle, who are wholly unused to war-these are the men we intend to send against the veterans of Europe. It is nothing short of murder. Lord Kitchener refused to send his raw volunteers to France until fully trained, but we proceed to force millions of our own men, who know nothing of war, into the battle lines of France.

"Had we called for volunteers on April sixth instead of inflicting conscription, we would now have hundreds of thousands of American soldiers where not one man appears today. It may be said that the regular army called for voluntary enlistments. This was indeed done with conscription staring them in the face and often accompanied by the taunt that unless they did so enlist, they would be conscripted. Even printed posters to that effect were seen about the city of Washington. The American people showed plainly their resentment at such tactics.

Today Great Britain holds nearly three million armed men within its island empire for home defense while we strip our nation of its defenders. The emperor of Japan wisely holds his vast and highly trained army at home for home defense. And yet Japan entered the war in its early stages

"This resolution has been introduced because of an insistent and persistent demand that our troops be not sent to Europe. These are the armies of the American people and they have a right to be heard. Congress faced the conscription bill without any mandate from the people, we were not elected on that issue.

"If you want any further evidence, look at the exemptions claimed, running very high, more than 50 per cent. Yes, often they are reported as being between 80 and 90 per cent of the total accepted.

"Military training is a necessity in these evil days. We favor an adequate, a sane and sensible program of preparedness for home defense. Minneapolis and Minnesota have never yet failed the nation in time of war. Remember, we are Americans, we are not dumb driven cattle. We prefer to be free and untramelled. Believing that I represent the majority

of my fellow citizens, I will continue to fight against conscription for

foreign service and I will press it in every legitimate way." The repeal of the conscription law is before the Senate in Senator Hardwick's bill, which reaches the end sought by Lundeen in a different

Hardwick's Bill is as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, that for and during the period of the present war with the Imperial Government of Germany the following rules and regulations for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces of the United States shall be followed and observed:

"No person heretofore or hereafter drafted into the military service of the United States pursuant to any law thereof shall be ordered or required by the commander-in-chief of the army and navy, or by the military or naval authority, to render military service over the seas except in the territories or insular possession of the United States, unless and until such person shall have first voluntarily consented to such foreign service."

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs refused to give Senator Hardwick a public hearing on his resolution on the ground that the hearing would be embarrassing to the government in its war plans. The Senator from Georgia will have one hour to present his argument to an executive session of the committee.

Public opinion in favor of the repeal of the conscription law is strong in North Dakota. The repeal of the conscription law was not demanded in the National Non-Partisan League platform on which John M. Baer was recently elected to Congress from the first congressional district of that state. Nevertheless, Baer is receiving many petitions urging him to use his influence for the repeal of the law.

One petition, signed by names filling several pages, reads as follows: "We, the undersigned, loyal citizens of the State of North Dakota, having in mind the welfare of our beloved country and believing that it is for the best interest of the American people to defend our country against invasion by any foreign power by keeping our army and navy within the territorial limits of the United States, instead of sending our army and navy across the sea and into foreign countries, respectfully ask you, as our representative in Congress to use your influence against the transfer of our sons and brothers (who are now, or in the near future, may be serving in said forces) across the sea or into foreign countries".

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Ask your local editors why they didn't publish the fact that this important resolution was presented to

Socialists Of Allied Countries Hold Peace Conference In London

OCIALIST efforts toward peace have again taken the center of the word-stage with the assembling of the inter-allied Socialist and Labor Conference in London.

Announcement is also made of the proposed International Socialist Conference of Women from both belligerent and neutral countries to be held in Stockholm, Sept. 16-18, immediately following the International Socialist and Labor Peace Conference scheduled for Sept. 9-16.

Among the questions that will be discussed are the conditions of women's work and wages, the economic position of women who are the sole support of families, votes for women and their influence in preventing future wars, woman's ethical claim on public life.

THE London conference began Tuesday morning, August 28, under the presidency of Arthur Henderson, secretary of the British Labor Party, member of the British parliament, and former minister of the British cabinet without portfolio.

It was Henderson who made the British cabinet turn somersaults recently and nearly forced a parliamentary election. He, more than any one else, caused the British Labor Party to vote to send delegates to the Stockholm conference.

Some 70 delegates, representing Great Britain, Belgium, Russia, France, Portugal, Greece South Africa and Italy are present. The purpose of the conference is to consult, and if possible agree on the policy to be followed in regard to the international Socialist Conference at Stockholm.

It is declared, however, that the chief subject for consideration by the conference is the war aims of the allies. A report on this subject has been drawn up by the executive committee of the British Labor Party, as well as by the French Socialist Party, and an effort will be made to reach an agreement.

IN OPENING the conference, Henderson, according to the official rep rt, said:

mine as impartially and justly as possible the future erate campaign to promote war fever the nation attitude of labor and socialism in the allied countries over. to war and peace. The main issues involved in the world conflict are so fundamental, far reaching, and vital to the future of the human race as to demand dispassionate and faithful consideration both by the majority and minority sections of all the countries represented.

"The better course is to begin by a clear recognition of their differences in an endeavor to reach by mutual agreement a basis for war aims calculated to provide a lasting, honorable and democratic

The British Socialist party presented a statement declaring there is common responsibility for the war and that reparation must be from a common fund contributed by all the belligerents.

Other conditions laid down are that the German colonies must be returned; there must be no action on the part of other countries to capture German trade; the people of Alsace-Lorraine shall decide their own government, and a similar course be applied to Poland, India, Egypt, Ireland and Algeria.

The commission appointed to consider the Stockholm conference decided by a majority vote to/recommend that all sections of the Socialist labor organizations should be represented at this gathering and voiced a protest against the decision of the British government to refuse passports to delegates.

VORWAERTS, the German Socialist daily published at Berlin, sees competition between the Pope's peace efforts and the hopes of the Stockholm

Socialist conference. It says:
"The pope's note would lead to the conciliatory peace desired by the partisans of the Stockholm conference—that is to say, the lame peace which the French socialist minister, Albert Thomas, rejects. Thus between Rome and Stockholm there is competition-honorable competition. The Catholic in the midst of innumerable difficulties the task undertaken by socialism."

THE central committee of the international socialist bureau has issued the following as the basis of representation at the coming socialist congress to be held at Stockholm:

Allies: United States, 20; England, 20; France, 20; Russia, 20; Belgium, 12; Italy, 10; Australia, 6; South Africa, 6; Serbia, 4; Canada, 2, and Rouman-

Central Powers: Germany, 20; Austria, 20; Hungary, 8, and Bulgaria, 4. Neutrals: Sweden, 12; Poland, 10; Denmark 10;

Finland, 8; Norway, 6; Switzerland, 4; Greece, 4; Argentina, 4; Spain, 2; Portugal, 2, and Armenia, 2.

permanently divided, as follows:

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Russia: Social revolutionists, 7; Mensheviki, 5; Bolsheviki, 5, and Jeursk Bund, 3.

United States: Socialist party, 15; socialist labor party, 1, and trades unions, 4.

The German delegation, it is stated, represents the majority and minority socialists in the proportion respectively of 12 to 8.

No explanation is given in the Stockholm dispatch for the inclusion of Portugal, Greece, Poland and Finland in the category of neutrals.

How About It, Northcliffe?

Some day the curtain will be swept aside, and we will get an inside view of the reasons for the unanimity among the great capitalist dailies in resent important public opinion, has come at last helping to bring on this war and ruthlessly forcing t down the throats of an unwilling people.

The munition's trust influence over the public press was laid bare some time ago in congress; it being shown that influential dailies, covering every "The conference has met to consider and deter- section of the country, had been lined up in a delib-

Now comes Senator Stone, Missouri, and charges that Lord Northcliffe the official representative of Great Britain in the United States, is responsible for the scurrilous newspaper campaign being waged against anti-administration members of congress. Stone declares:

"I have been grossly assailed.

"The newspapers assumed I intended to do and say things I never dreamed of.

"Some editors denounced me in the most libelous way and caricatured me in the most venomous to the only kultur nation in which this feudal status form. Epithets and cartoons were employed to put me before the readers as a slacker, traitor, German sympathizer and even a German spy.

"Is there not some sinister influence behind these hings? The editor of the London Times and other British publications is honoring the United States by temporary residence. He is here with some sort of official sanction.

"But it is said his principal mission is to influence the American press. If that is so, his efforts so far have been crowned with marked success

"Car it be that a public man will be pilloried if he dees not pass the exacting test of my Lord Northcliffe's censorship?"

It is Lord Northcliffe's move! What has he got to say for himself?

We're Being Investigated

Now comes the American Bar Association, the union of highbrow lawyers, which convenes in national conclave at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., this week, and promises an investigation into the spread of Socialist propaganda in the United States. It has been given out that these corporation

lawyers fear that Socialist propaganda is "an aton the tenure and functions of the judicial departments of the various states and the nation. No, the bar association will not invite a Socialist

speaker to tell them how the rights guaranteed by the constitution are now being trampled under foot: how free speech, a free press and free assemblage are being assassinated on the altar of Mars.

Still, the fact that we are being investigated, ndicates that these upholders of the present system have opened their eyes at least a little to what is going on right under their noses.

"These fellows in congress-Sherman and La Follette-I say, to h- with them!" vociferously declares James A. Patten, the Chicago wheat king. No wonder, he has many millions that he doesn't Some of the national delegates are more or less ermanently divided, as follows:

England: Labor party, 10; British socialist party, millions and take them now; the government needs 4; independent labor party, 4, and Fabian Society, 2. them." Wouldn't that make him howl.

Storm Signals In Germany

More and more the Socialists are winning the masses in Germany to their standards and away from the dominating influence of the Junkers. Robert Grimm, in his Socialist Berner (Switzerland)

"After three years of war we see semi-absolutist Germany cracking in all its members. This event will not surprise those who have even a superficial knowledge of the regime under which the German people suffer."

The paper then speaks of the resistance of the unkers who have neglected nothing to maintain their supremacy.

"The fall of the gods is inevitable now the strategy of Hindenburg has not succeeded in insuring the ictory of German imperialism over Britain's world power, and Germany's colossal sacrifice has proved in vain. The junkers have never been small and they will continue to struggle until the last drop of oil in their lamps is consumed."

The Bund of Berne writes: "It is hardly probable that a proposition such as

the transformation of the present regime in Germany to a ministry responsible to parliament will meet with the approval of the majority, but it indicates the future.

"The way is to the left (the socialists), and not to the right (the conservatives). It is a lesson of the present world war and he who does not know how to correct his text-book according to it runs the risk of not needing a text-book.

Cyril Brown, in a cable to the New York World,

"Storm signs indicate the fiercest inner-political struggle of the war is approaching between the champions and the foes of democratization in Germany. A sufficiently large body of men, who repto realize that democratization is an inevitable prerequisite to peace, with the result that a huge propaganda for 'parliamentarianism and peace' is being carried on with typically ruthless Teuton thoroness

"The most significant development is that the National Liberals, who heretofore have played dog n the manger politics, have hastened to climb into the band wagon of parliamentarianism. So there is now a solid political block in the reichstag, backed by a still more impressive majority of German peo ple in favor of iron clad effective guarantees that the imperial government no longer shall make vital decisions without the full knowledge, advice and consent of the people's representatives.

"At no time during this correspondent's long war residence in Germany has there been such a measure of real freedom of speech and of the press. Thus Theodore Wolff dares to tell German people that they are not free citizens, but subjects and belong still is maintained."

Porto Rico Going Socialist

Big financial interests, that have reaped untold profits out of pitiless exploitation of the submerged workers of Porto Rico, are still trying to explain the huge Socialist vote rolled up in the recent elections.

Our vote increased from 4,000 to 25,000 while that of the capitalist parties fell off enormously. It is gradually being realized that the conditions that made the Socialist Party the only hope of the Porto Ricans are fundamental and world-widethe demand of labor for an ever larger share of the product of its labor.

The Socialists of Porto Rico demanded the control of the department of agriculture and labor by or ganized labor; the establishment of a people's bank to reduce prevailing high rates of interest; opening up of public lands for development into small farms by workers, assisted by government loans if necessary; provision of more public schools, so that the compulsory school law may be enforced; free schools and books and food and clothing for needy children; contracts for public works to be handled co-operatively by working organizations; an eighthour day; equal pay for men and women for equal work; abolition of labor of childen under 16 years; midweek day of rest; penitentiary and prisons to be replaced by model state farms and payment of segregated workers; exemption from taxation of property not exceeding \$500 in value; freedom of speech, press and public assembly; universal secret suffrage; establishment of the initiative, referendum and recall; proportional representation in national congress and insular legislature; abolition of veto by insular senate and the governor; and the abolition of capital punishment.

The workers of Porto Rico, citizens of the United States, will win under the Socialist standards in the next election.

Finances and the fear of Socialism and revolution in Europe may bring the war to an end more sud-denly than has been dreamed of lately with all the outward prospects of a war to a finish, to complete exhaustion.-From The Allentown, Pa., News.

EAR COMRADE:—Did you get a package of papers addressed to the subscribers in your community? If so, please see that they are delivered!

The American Socialist has been denied second class mailing privileges. You know what this means—it means the death of the paper unless some means can be found to circumvent its ene-

The death of The American Socialist, while a great loss to the party and the organization, might not be so serious if all the other Socialist and radical publications were allowed to continue using the mails. The agitation and the movement would still continue. But this is not the case. Other publications

are being suppressed daily. Presently there will be not a single Socialist paper of national circulation left to rally the workers and encorage them in the fight for freedom. We must not, we DARE NOT let this situation develop. We must rally to the defense of our paper. We

MUST see that, in spite of the denied second class privileges, it still goes regularly to its subscribers. Read the article in the last issue headed, "The Red Express," which outlines a plan for keeping the paper alive and growing. The details can b worked out in each community by the comrades who are acquainted with local conditions. DON'T FAIL YOUR PARTY AND YOUR PAPER IN THIS GREAT CRISIS. OTHER COM-

RADES ARE GOING TO JAIL. SOME OF THEM, PERHAPS, WILL GIVE THEIR LIVES BEFORE THIS FIGHT IS WON. WE ARE ASK-ING YOU TO GIVE ONLY A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME EACH WEEK TO THIS IMPERA-TIVELY NECESSARY WORK.

IN THIS CRISIS THAT TRIES MEN'S SOULS WE ARE DEPENDING NOT ON CONSCRIPTS BUT ON VOLUNTEERS. WRITE US THAT YOU ARE ONE UPON WHOM WE CAN DE-PEND-THAT YOU HAVE ENLISTED UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR TO MAKE AMER-ICA SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY.

Some Of The Volunteers:

A FEW OF THOSE WHO DIDN'T WAIT TO BE DRAFTED WERE HEARD FROM AS FOL-

"For the last two weeks no one in Omaha got The American Socialist. The reason is well known to us. Send all the American Socialists for Omaha to the Local. We will elect a committee that will distribute the paper to the subscribers. Do not delay. The people are anxious for the paper."-Secretary, Local Omaha, Nebr.

"The Bronx Yipsels will voluntarily distribute American Socialist. Notify immediately number of Bronx subscribers, dates of shipment and possible arrival. Ship to party headquarters."—Secretary, Y. P. S. L., Bronx, N. Y. City.

"Send the papers and the mailing list to me. I and other comrades are willing to distribute them every week."-Racine, Wis.

"I see by the capitalist sheets that The American Socialist is cut out of the mails. I will rush a letter to the Locals of the state, telling them to get ready to distribute the paper if it becomes necessary. Let me and others know."-State Secretary, Indiana.

"To meet the emergency in delivering The American Socialists, we have organized a Com-

this city. Kindly advise when the papers will reach here, so that our Committee will be ready.

-Local Organizer, Davenport, Ia. "The Macon Local instructs me to advise you that they will distribute The American Socialist.'

-Secretary, Local Macon, Ga. "Your communication at hand, asking me to co-operate with you in the Red Express. I say 'Sure'. We must fight a good fight and we are bound to win. Send the papers to the address below, and I will see that they are distributed

every week."-Barberton, O. "This Local promises to distribute any and all copies of The American Socialist sent to us, for subscribers in this city."—Secretary Local, Clif-

ton, Ariz. "We have noticed in the daily papers that The American Socialist has been suppressed. The Local instructs me to have you send Sedalia's mailing list and papers by express and we will deliver them ourselves. Please let me know by return mail, so that we can be ready to get on the job."—Literature Agent, Local Sedalia, Mo.

"Realizing that The American Socialist must continue to be published, we, the Jamestown Y. P. S. L. assembled last Wednesday evening, decided to distribute The American Socialist in the City of Jamestown and the towns of Falconer and Celaran. Send the mailing list and the papers, and we will take care of the distribution."—
Secretary Y. P. S. L., Jamestown, N. Y.

"Have just heard that you have been again barred from the mails. We MUST have the paper. Send me a list of subscribers and the papers and will see that they reach their destination."-Secretary, Local Bartlesville, Okla.

"Will you print The American Socialist any more? If so, send all papers for Aberdeen to me, and I will see that they are delivered."—Secretary, Local Aberdeen, S. D. "We have badly missed the last week's issue of

your paper, and hope you can arrange to send us the papers addressed so that we can deliver them. We will continue to boost The American Socialist."-Secretary, Local Meadsville, Pa. "The Local wants to know if the National Headquarters is still issuing The American Socialist.

If you are, Local instructs me to say that it is willing to help you keep it going by distributing it to all the readers in Moline."—Secretary, Local "Resolved, Local Newport Socialist Party will

act as a distributing agent for Campbell County, Ky., for all Socialist publications denied the use of the mails."—Secretary, Local Newport, Ky. "In case bundles are sent here by express or otherwise, we will see that they are distributed."

Secretary, Local Salt Lake City, Utah. "I am instructed by Elwood Local to inquire of you if you are still printing The American Socialist. If so, we want the papers for Elwood subscribers sent to us, and we will deliver them."-

Secretary, Local Elwood, Ind. "Has The American Socialist been excluded from the mails? I ask because I have failed to receive the last three issues. I for one am willing to pay my part of the extra cost of expressing it in bundles, and am willing to take upon myself the job of distributing them to the subscribers."—Dallas, Texas.

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