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The War in the U. S. A.

There are two nations in this land. One is composed of the employers. The other is composed of the workers. THE PURPOSE TO MAINTAIN ITSELF IN THAT POSITION. The national capital is in Wall Street; the parliament, at the general offices of the National Merchants and Manufacturers Association. State and local branches correspond to state capital and city halls. It is there where the laws governing the industrial activities of the land are framed and enforced. Interpretation and enforcement directed at the discretion of the capitalists of industry.

This is in reality the government of the U. S. A., Washington, judges and police act only to many countries in behalf of the government behind the screen. The ideal of Wall Street is cold; its motto, "Profit forevermore." The flag bears the insignia of the "American flag" as circumstances will permit it to be. Its mainstay lies in the pervasion of ideas regarding liberty and the rights of the individual belonging to the nation. All agencies of human endeavor that permit it are made subservient to the nation. The chief of Wall Street government, chief of which is the sacredness of private property and the life of the human life of the nation.

At the bottom the law-enforcement rests upon the government of the cave man-brute force, the club. The "neutrality" of every "law" and "right" are ruthlessly violated whenever the rule of the lords of the workshops of the land is disputed.

You, Mr. Workington, are a soldier of that numerous army composing the other nation—the working class. You, too, are engaged in a war, the fight or lose. Your enemy is the employing class. The battlefield is in the possession of man to secure and improve the means of life on the earth. The contest of the same by the other, form the basic cause of this class war. Its victims are many thousands of workers. Tens of thousands are killed yearly, with hundreds of thousands wounded and disabled, while millions are deprived of the opportunity to maintain the normal way of life, by working for it. Those millions of our own nation of workers in turn are used by the nation of exploiters in its warfare against ours, in undermining the standard of living of workers are not so particular when seeking employment.

While it is obvious that the employers stand united as purpose, agreed upon methods and determined to stay on the job as rulers to the last ditch, the final victory of the working class of workers is, up to date, not equal in making a united effort against the attacking and unyielding, much less to play the aggressive. Only when the workers are organized and equipped with an arsenal of modern artillery of war on the industrial front, possessed of knowledge technical and otherwise to know definitely how and where to strike, and imbued with an indomitable spirit of solidarity with an unconquerable faith in the final victory of their cause—can the enemy be successfully routed out of its position of vantage.

Mr. Workington, unorganized you are every day at the mercy of your enemy. His law in the shop governs your existence the year around. Your manner of living is cheap from beginning to end. Poor education in general knowledge, art and literature. Cheap food, clothing and housing, mostly "canned" amusements nowadays. Furniture on the installment plan. A married life of worry about the insecure job. As advertised, to rotify and funeral when death collects his mortgage.

It is of no use to enter into a tirade against the atrocities committed by our enemy, or to shed manly tears of condolence, or to plead for mercy and peace. There can be but one alternative—fight like men for bread and culture; the means of production to get the one and the other value of our labor to achieve the other.

Mr. Workington, if unemployed, it is a consequence of capitalist class rule, as well as YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY. We are calling for THE CALL OF ORGANIZATION, EDUCATION AND EMANCIPATION FROM WAGE SLAVERY. Now you are reaping the fruits of your previous inactivity, unpreparedness and general acquiescence in this cursed system of labor skinning. We ask you to seek more information; to think seriously about the situation with a thought of your own future; to discuss matters with your fellow workers. Are you satisfied to live the life of a wage-slave and to beasmuch the same to your children? To the unemployed we will give no advice how to relieve the immediate condition of present needs and of those that might depend upon their earnings.

However, however, that there are laws which take precedence over Wall Street made law, customs and Continued On Page Six

"The Judge" In A Hell of a Fix



Can America Keep Out Of The War?

By Harrison George.

A terrible war involving the United States impends. Why? I give below the reasons why. If wrong, I desire to be shown, when they are so. If not fundamentally wrong it would seem incumbent upon the revolutionary bodies and all lovers of humanity, to consider PRACTICAL TACTICS for preventing or stopping any war forced by capital upon us.

It seems that the "intellectuals," even of the socialist movement, have been so engrossed with Europe that they have failed to note the connection of the situation at home with these basic economic factors that rule all nations in this age of developing Capitalism.

One thing that I hate more than war is the system that causes war; that is the life and tap-root of the imperialism that so plainly drove Europe to war; the system that, in my opinion, is now pushing America's workers toward the battlefield with a like operation of the same economic law. Investigation of the past events and the present situation, I believe, will justify this.

The United States is a capital country, private ownership of the means of production is in vogue; a system of industry whose chief attribute is the separation of the products of social labor into two unequal parts, the first and smallest being wages, upon which labor in some miscellaneous manner exists; the second and largest portion, which allows the capitalist class to live in luxury and accumulate enormous fortunes besides. This SECOND part is SURPLUS VALUE, is the base of revolutionary philosophy. If we desire to have no revolution, no industrial labor movements.

When Capitalism develops within a nation to a point where little room is left for the investment of capital and sale of commodities which comprises the surplus value, a period of hard times and of war. War for the reason that less developed nations are marks for exploitation by our capital if we can force a revolution upon the undeveloped heathen. Says C. E. Russell in the Inter. Soc. Rev., "For the high purpose of finding a dumping ground for surplus domestic product, capitalists force war."

The present hard times, the vast army of dis-employed threatening immediate incipient revolt, and the recalled "over-production," betray the existence of a huge surplus value which is repressed by our capital, until it is consumed or sold abroad in this country in idle. But, as Russell says, "Sometimes, until all the resources of managerial skill, this cannot be accomplished."

When the Manchu dynasty was overthrown, it was the result of a peasant revolt which had the revolt. Not for the sake of freedom in the East, but for the sake of the material they had an eye for the field of exploitation that would result from the overthrow of the Manchu government. It was a "good" revolt and our capitalist press gave it sanction and moral support. This does our capital have any right to be so inhuman? Its political agent is Yuan Shi Kai, the president-elect.

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The war is connected with the interests of Japan, which has at stake the marketing of manufactured commodities and the source of raw material as well. The domination of the Chinese government by American capital endangers Japan's independent commercial status, therefore her independent revictal, etc.

That is why Japan financed the new rebellion, giving it arms and lending Japanese officers to aid Dr. Sun Yat Sen, its popular leader; while American capital condemns the second revolt and the press censures or ignores it. Both capitalist groups have inflamed the people of their nations against the other. There is good reason to think that Great Britain, for trade reasons, lacks Japan's aggressive Asiatic policy. British interests, by the way, have been clashing with American interests in Mexico. It is well known that England backed the Huerta faction, and America the constitutional group. If the peons fire of fighting, under bribed leaders, for "land and liberty," which seems very elusive, and American domination must be enforced, then "watchful waiting" will end and the workers of the U. S. will be calling on to uphold the flag and force the rule of Rockefeller from Canada to Panama.

From the trend of events, I can form no other conclusion but that our capitalists, no less greedy than those of Europe, forced by ECONOMIC LAWS OF THE SYSTEM, aided by the secret diplomacy of their politicians, with militarism a feature as with Europe; are as the others, soon or last bound to plunge America into war. Even though my surmise as to the particular nation to be totally wrong, war remains constant threat as long as Capitalism lives.

Watchful-waiting is hot air, treaties are "scraps of paper," civilization a sham, Christianity a jest, and the false security of our people a delusion and a snare. Are not the laws of economics operative here? Is capitalism in America materially less provocative of war than capitalism in Europe? Is not our surplus value, with the backing of our army and navy, fighting fiercely for mastery of the world market? And you who are complacently gazing across the Atlantic, some encourage European comrades for not preventing war; what are you doing to prevent Practical Tactics to use in America in a like crisis?

A. L. Bancroft suggests a petition to congress for a constitutional amendment allowing a popular vote on declarations of war. Personally, I cannot imagine a capitalist congress doing anything of the kind, saying nothing about its ratification by the state legislatures. You may delude yourself if you like. Divine providence is said to look after people, thus afflicted. And, shall we do it war be forced upon an unwilling people?

Should we like sheep be driven to the general strike. Martial law, shoot down workers whom we recognize as brothers! Shall we, like slaves, be scheduled to follow certain capitalists whom we know are our enemies?

Arrangement must be made for the general strike. Martial law will not do foolish if it does not mean of doubt, yet certain action can be scheduled to follow certain moves on the part of authorities. The real enemies are not in foreign lands, but here at home in easy reach, and the proletariat would be torn upon them and break such vengeance upon their persons and their private fortunes as will be most practical under varying circumstances. Troops will be moved over the trans-continental lines, but they are not in destructible. Armies must eat, but the workers can refuse to feed them.

Desperate remedies for a desperate disease; but if the capitalist thinks there is even five per cent of the workers going to be enthusiastically after him, he will be a trifle less keen for war.

Will we face the issue and disregard personal danger in an effort to minimize the danger of a terrible war? Will political bodies, which have a humanitarian standard and revolutionary ideal stop "paper-chaunting" long enough to do anything practical and less visionary than flying ticks around the Capitol? Will they advance any better methods of avoiding the evils of capitalism?

To be true to the interests of my class is my desire, and I welcome correction and honest criticism. The lesson of Europe is that making anti-military speeches and passing resolutions will not do anything. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

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He speak of these consacs being old time members of the once revolutionary union to show how we in the last and the wilkening spirit and rebellion of the One Big Union against these heathen capitalist tools. They are sure of making a good stand here, and the boys are all confident. Will send news every few days.

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THE TONOPAH FREE SPEECH FIGHT

(Special to Solidarity)

Times are hard and the harvest is waiting. By the time you have received this, the free speech fight will be in full swing. Rebels are drifting in and are full of ambition for another tilt with their old enemy. Desert and hunger and thirst have not held them back. Some of them had walked over two hundred miles, footsore and weary, but undaunted.

The masters are up in the air and do not know what to do. The governor of this state was here looking for his old job back again and say, he surely was in a devil of a stew when asked by some of these wicked Wobblies why he turned the unemployed army back last year when they were so ready to march against the weary, hungry and footsore men who only wanted the right to talk to their fellow slaves under the blue skies.

Another dirty trick done by these horrible Wobblies, was when one of the masters' mental profitties, by name Booth, editor of the Tonopah Bonanza, was going to organize a scissorable alliance, his little meeting was swamped by comrades and fellow workers and he had to see there was no propaganda meeting for the I. W. W. A rumor has it that he was under a doctor's care since after he had an attack and saw red wherever he looked.

Another hot and Tonopah can be made a stronghold for industrial unionism. We get the streets. It is up to all friends to see to it that the commissariat is well provided with food. We are on an empty stomach! It is our intention not to rest until Nevada has no more unemployed men. We are going to do our duty. Are you going to do yours?

By the time you receive this, we shall be well on the way to victory, or the jail of Nye county will be filled with the generals of the New Order, if they are not killed by the brutal tactics of the police and hired thugs.

The boys tonight started the free speech fight. They had been singing and talking for 30 minutes and finished and were selling books and Solidarity like water, when the police and the class boss from under the boys, using guns on their heads and beating them up generally. They did not attempt to arrest them; just tried to start a riot, but failed utterly.

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Wage Slave's View of War

The cause of the European war is economic, inasmuch as it is a quarrel of different groups of national capitalists for markets for the surplus products taken from labor. The little, so-called royalty was the opportunity to start the murder, and it has been more and more counter move to block each other's road to market. It is now a question what group will become the dominant one. And this is all in death with future capitalistic concentration of wealth and must make just such moves, and under goes the weaker, war or no war.

Consequently slaves, should condemn all militarism, irrespective of its national label, and we should organize to combat it. We have all seen column upon column as they who are busy with starting the murderfest. It looks as though they can all point their fingers at one another and truthfully say, "You did it." With a world-wide military and industrial and its consequent social unrest and revolutionary manifestations, its "re-adjustment" of international capitalists' interests, was this not an opportune time to provide an objection to the ever-growing military slaughter and main a fornically, they would more readily exploit those surviving?

National groups of capitalists, like individual ones in the ever-present class war, will violate all treaties or contracts, and will do anything in their interest to do so. This shows us the hypocrisy of their pretended morals and how quickly they can discard them when there is profit in sight. What is a contract worth in sight?

According to despatches, this war is the great simulation of the petty bourgeoisie, and through it capitalism removes a bulwark that has always been a dirty wall as proven at Aberdeen, Spokane, San Diego, Lawrence, Little Falls, Tallroon, and other places. The removal helps to clear the field for the final conflict between labor and capital.

As was in the greatest atrocity perpetrated in the history of man by the master class, past and present, don't allow the servile press to grossly mislead you. They are misled by the hue and cry, that one nation is more guilty than another in it. Do not believe the lies of the Empire, just remember Lawrence with his death speech; Calumet with its Christmas tragedy; Ludlow with its Rocky Mountain holocaust and innocent children. Think of the thousands killed by unmade machines; the women and children brutally tortured to death at the looms, and the great army of unemployed dying the most terrible death of all, slow starvation.

All governments are equally bad and coercive with their military arm, or become so in due time, unless there is a strong and effective organization to combat them. So this should make clear to every wage slave that the real cause of the war is the international character of the production.

We are told that the militarism of Europe is the cause of the war, and "humanity" and "necessary to civilization." Red Sunday, the South African war, the Russian war, the Paris Commune are shining examples of that humanity and necessity—to the workers.

This war should teach very forcibly the international character of modern production, and how it affects the industries of all countries. And you wage slaves, who are hunting another master because a closed industry has put you on the tramp, should begin to see the necessity for organizing internationally and industrially. So join the One Big Union of your class, which knows neither race, creed, color, sex, handicraft, or skill, and the only thing coming solidarity will abolish the cause of all national and race wars, and finally the class boss from under the boys, using guns on their heads and beating them up generally. They did not attempt to arrest them; just tried to start a riot, but failed utterly.

Working class, consider the necessity of getting rid of the misadventure of the ruling class. The ruling class are shining examples of that humanity and necessity—to the workers.

Don't forget that the buzzards of the church expect to find picking up the bones of the war.

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Snap Shot From the Class War In America



Solving the Problem of Unemployment

FREE SPEECH COMMITTEE.

THE CAUSES OF THE EUROPEAN WAR

American Geographer Agrees With German Socialist In Saying That They Are Largely Economic—What Are The Workers To Do?

IF YOU ASK the average man, "What is the cause of the European war?" he will answer without hesitation, "German militarism." If he has been reading the pro-English press diligently enough, he will tell you that German militarism is a life and death struggle with French republicanism and Anglo-Saxon civilization, which, until the sixteenth century, either in origin or ideals. Nor is the average man alone in this viewpoint. This viewpoint is essentially the same as that held by certain Marxists, or socialists of the League of Nations. They too see in this great social cataclysm the result of a military caste that is feudalistic and with peculiar interests of its own that can only be promoted and perpetuated by militaristic aggression, fraud and force. With them, the war is primarily a struggle between political institutions—on the one side those of medieval character, on the other those of modern origin.

To the student of sociology and economics, this standpoint is decidedly unsatisfactory. It bears the impress of superficiality and is inconsistent with the great mass of facts concerning the commercial origin of modern wars. It fails to note especially the simultaneous development of German industry and commerce with that of German militarism. It fails also to note that this German development, in both fields, has proceeded with that of imperialism in all political forms. The United States, for instance, no less than militaristic Germany, or the more feudalistic capitalist Japan, has waged wars of expansion, as in Cuba and the Philippines, or fomented and aided internal strife tending to securing new fields of investment and influence, as in the present Mexican revolution. Under the imperialistic policy, militaristic tendencies, has been compelled to devote increasing attention and funds to military needs. The American army and navy increase in size and expenditure and a naval and military caste with a viewpoint peculiarly its own, is developing, as witness the writings of Capt. Mahan, for instance. "Our" diplomatic service becomes ever more conspicuous in international affairs, as presently is the case now in London, Paris, Berlin and Mexico; and "we" are accordingly getting nearer the danger of "diplomatic wars," too. In brief, this country is developing all the

essentials of imperialistic militarism, despite its different political structure and because of the essentially capitalist nature of its civilization, a civilization that is presently the same as that of the advanced European nations involved in the war now raging among them.

German Socialist's View Of The War.

In the midst of this apparent failure to recognize the real causes of this war, it is refreshing to read in an American socialist magazine, an article which exposes the absurdities of not only the average man and the non-Marxist socialist, but also the ideologist of all schools, who see in this war the destruction of their own peculiar doctrine and dreams. We refer to the October International Socialist Review and "The Great European War and Socialism," written by Anton Pannekoek, of Bremen, who has already attracted considerable attention as a member of the revolutionary leadership of the German social democracy, and as an

advocate of "mass action," which is a near approach of the general strike and direct action.

Regarding the cause of this war, Pannekoek rightly says at the outset of his article, "No one thought of war on one really wanted it, princes and cabinet members were traveling or at bathing places—out came the ultimatum of Austria to the Serbian government, and after a week of strenuous efforts to preserve peace the nations one after the other slid down into the abyss as if drawn by an irresistible force."

"Never before was it made so plain that mankind does not make history according to his own free will, but is driven by external social forces more powerful than itself. . . . Good-hearted ideologists are astonished that on the high plane of human culture such a senseless butchery of human beings can take place.

"They are all ignorant of the real world; they are now just learning that the essence of capitalist society is oppression, hate, world competition, enmity and the rule of force."

How different and how true is all this compared to the writings of the American "Marxians" . . .

Pannekoek then refers to an article of his, "War against War," in the I. S. R. for February, 1915, in which the real cause of war was discussed at length and in connection with which he says: "The economic source of imperialism was there laid bare, and it was shown why the states of Europe have formed themselves into two triple alliances; the mighty industrial development of Germany forces it to acquire more world power, more colonies; how in this attempt it always found England its chief enemy; and how the revolutions in the Balkan peninsula gave the start from which anew a European war threatened to develop."

Here, in 1915, a Marxian applying the Marxian method, was already able to forecast the present war and to accentuate its economic origin at the present time.

Continuing, Pannekoek connects with his former article and takes up the thread where he had then dropped it. The Balkan revolutions increased Serbian self-respect and created Austrian fear of a Serbian union with Bulgaria. The ruling clique at Vienna, instead of winning Serbia by granting it democratic autonomy, preferred to wage the Serbian question by war. The assassination of the crown prince served as a pretext for the solution of the difficulty. This attack however served to bring

"Not yet. It still pays!"



Austria in conflict with Russia, which poses as the protector of the Balkan Slavs; though she "always leaves them in the lurch when it suits her; but she will not permit an extension of power in the Balkans by Austria, for behind Austria stands Germany."

Thus does Pannekoek bring us nearer to the heart of the matter. This nearness is increased in the next paragraph, wherein he says:

"Austria is the advance guard which opens the way for Germany into Asia, where Germany on account of the Bagdad railroad has large capitalist interests. In Asia Minor and Armenia, Germany and Russian expansion came into contact with each other. It was only by the threats of Germany that the Czar was forced a year ago to desist from a plan to conquer Armenia.

"Africa, should Germany hold firmly established in it, practically all of Central Africa between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans would pass allegiance to the German emperor. The identity of Belgian and British policies to prevent such an eventuality is plain. A solid block

WAR JOKE NO. 5701



BREED BEFORE YOU DIE

ENGLAND is encouraging the marriage of recruits soon to go on service. So says a dispatch from London. Germany and Austria have already taken steps to "guard against a falling birth rate." In some cases marriages have been performed en masse. "What do these euphemisms about "encouraging marriages," providing "against a falling birth rate" and the like mean? They mean "Breed before you die!"

The naked truth of it. That is the demand the nations at war are making.

They marry. The husband marches away. The young woman remains drudge as usual. For months she is a prey to suspense, anxiety and fear. She may never hear from her husband again—She may hear at any moment the news that he is dead or wounded on the field of battle.

When the young mother staggers down the valley of the shadow of death to open the door that brings life into the world, staggers along without the encircling, comforting arm of her man, alone in her hour of greatest stress, waiting for her child as she waits for news from the battlefield, is there consolation and comfort

in the thought that she is "keeping up the birth rate?"

What sort of offspring will she bring forth under these circumstances? What sort of offspring do women torn with fear and anxiety during that most critical period tend to bring forth? The child may be sound physically and mentally. The chances are it won't. This is how the unborn generation will pay the price of war madness and the bill will be a heavy one.

The child comes. She is its sole protector. It is the state's child; but the state surrenders to her the main burden of support. She must drudge in order to gain the money to keep them both. In Europe life is hard for the poor. It is more than hard for young women with young babes.

Do you know the slums of London, the sordid parts of Paris, the stricken quarters of the cities, towns and countryside of Europe? It is amid such haunts of misery that many of these state-encouraged children will be reared. To such environment will the wisest policy of the state devote them in advance.

The strain may be too great for the young mother. She may not have the will to resist "the easier way." She may go to swell the vast army of women who are more sinned against than sinning. She may walk the streets at night, slipping along in the shadows of a great city, a terrible memento of the breed-and-die policy.

The child grows up. The state which provided such magnificent auspices for its creation has quite forgotten it. It may become a good citizen. If so, it will overcome tremendous obstacles. If it does not, if it, too, yields to its sordid surroundings, then an all-wise and forgetful state will punish it.

Geographer Confirms Pannekoek

The above view is the correct one, as is ably substantiated by Leon Dominian of the American Geographical Society, in an article appearing in the Hearst Sunday papers. Britain one reads the following:

"The work of linking Arabia to the Persian Gulf. They dread finding a solid British draw from Egypt to India at the end of their imperial flight."

"Mesopotamia has hence become in recent years the field of the fiercest German rivalry. Teutons and Britons are each striving to acquire economic preponderance in the historic valley of the Tigris and Euphrates. A railway construction, due to German capitalists is speedily followed by a demand for irrigation privileges on the part of Englishmen. Its award is the signal for renewed German reclamations, which is again followed by English claims. A wheel of incessant pretensions is set in motion. The outward appearance is that of ordinary business competition. The real significance is often of deeper import."

Thus does the American geographer ably substantiate the views of the German socialist on the economic causes of this great European war. This he does even more specifically and precisely in the following paragraphs:

"The Belgians have shouldered their guns not only to resist the invasion of their country, the neutrality of which has been solemnly granted by treaties to which Germany has been a signatory power, but also because they do not want their role to be supplanted by Germany in the Belgian Congo. They, the French, believe that in striking the Congo, Germany is aiming at their colonial domain.

"From an economic and political standpoint, possession of the Belgian Congo would be of inestimable value to Germany. The little kingdom's sole colony is the connecting link between Kamerun and German East Africa. Should Germany hold firmly established in it, practically all of Central Africa between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans would pass allegiance to the German emperor. The identity of Belgian and British policies to prevent such an eventuality is plain. A solid block

AN APPEARANCE ONLY; NOT AN ESSENTIAL FACT.

Pannekoek urges the things which his misleaders opposed, viz: real socialism and the enlightenment regarding the nature and significance of imperialism and mass action.

It is to be hoped that his article will bear fruit in this country. Here too socialism is only an appearance, without essence. Here too the "Marxians" substitute cheap reform for aggressive revolution. Here too the political effects of war are touched on more than its economic causes are exposed. Here too the "socialists" substitute cheap reform for aggressive revolution. Here too the political effects of war are touched on more than its economic causes are exposed. Here too the "socialists" substitute cheap reform for aggressive revolution. Here too the political effects of war are touched on more than its economic causes are exposed.

It is this cry of "Give us children or we perish!" They may not be happy children. Many will never see their fathers, or seeing them loathe them for crippled incubus upon self or nation. The mothers of many will die a death of grief, bedewed with suspense and fear and want. Many will go through life in physical and mental weakness. Many will live and die in sordid ignorance.

But they will be children! They will be of national honor, patriotism, all the rest! The supreme necessity of a nation is children. Without children a nation can not hope. They are body of its body, soul of its soul. They are its existence, thirty, fifty, seventy years hence.

"Breed before you die!" the nations urge. "We have glimpsed the future and we stand appalled. It is our strength and vigor that must be to the field. It is our weakness that remains behind. Give us of that strength soon to be no more."

"Breed before you die!" It is our future that must give it that name and regiments of eager men so soon to know the freezing trench, the death rattle, and all the horrors of the war. Leave us our future ere ye go.

"Breed ere ye die!" We might have thought of this before we drew the sword. We did not. We might have stopped to consider the thousands and thousands of unborn babes we were about to slay before we entered upon this enterprise. We could not take our time.

"But now we see, we understand. It is not too late. The time for battle is not here for thousands. The season of delay is not yet finished.

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WAR AND AFTER

The Proletariat Helpless in the Whirlpool of Militarism--The One Hope of the Future.

BY ODON POR

IT IS useless to subtilize. Political-Socialism has gone bankrupt. It has failed as a movement, as a method of organization and action. As an ideal it is still persisting, and after this world-war it will most probably spring into renewed life.

One cannot say that Political-Socialism has failed because it was unprepared. The four million and more German Socialist electors had been representing a population of at least ten million people, almost three the size of the German army for foot-slog. As it had been evident for a long time that the German military caste, preparing itself tenaciously for attack, would be directly responsible for the outbreak of a world war, so had the Socialists of the other countries justly expected the first hint at active resistance would come from the tremendous army of German Socialism; its mere number, its material means and organs of propaganda had selected it naturally for leadership in a universal insurrection against militarism.

German Socialists Failed.

Instead of acting, however, the German Socialists were merely protesting, and this, too, only while they were "permitted" to speak, to write and to vote resolutions, until the military law was proclaimed the supreme law of the country. No active resistance, neither before nor after the declaration of war. And the Socialist German initiative failing, the Socialists of the other nations were compelled to remain inactive.

French Syndicalism has failed likewise. It has failed not so much as a method of action than as a method of organization. The French Syndicalists have not even attempted to pass into operation the far-drawn "sabotage of war," which was to be the task of the revolutionary minority.

Why? Certainly not because of lack of faith, courage and revolutionary conscience in the individual workers. The workmen of the various countries at war with each other do not go to war with the desire of exterminating their brethren beyond the frontiers of their mother country. The mass does not differentiate between a war of aggression and a defensive war, so do their so-called leaders in want of other arguments and in order to cover up their weakness. It cannot be admitted that modern revolutionists should make a distinction between offensive and defensive wars.

The Masses Not Fooled.

Though hurled into war, the masses cannot be fooled. They well know that the causes of a war do not reside in the events of the last days preceding a declaration of war. The light of the revolutionary viewpoint has been illuminating for more than a generation the causes of a war, hidden on the back-stage of drama, dynastic and capitalistic intrigues, in the inter-play of the interests of the dominating and parasitic minorities, in the continuous and reciprocal provocation seething in the standing armies which, urged by the very fact of their existence, had ever been anxious to exercise their pre-eminence at any cost.

Then why should the proletariat not unfold an active resistance? The reasons for it are fatally simple. Any political party, even if it could embrace all elements likely to adhere to its principles, is organically incapable of withstanding the impact of the military organization. Even if in all countries at war today the Socialist parties would have been as strong and as numerous as in Ger-

many, they would not have resisted actively the military organization. The revolutionary ideology and discipline are, unless supported by comprehensive organs, holding, so to say, man's body and soul, over-ruled by the military discipline and ideology which issues from a perfectly organized mechanism.

Resourceless in Crisis.

In last analysis, the revolutionary problem reduces itself to a problem of organization. Political parties had never been and never will be homogeneous organisms of independent existence, capable of exercising direct and productive functions. Being loosely agglomerated bodies they are, in critical situations, resourceless and can provide neither protection nor activity for their members, consequently they must degenerate and cease in at the first impact, relegating their members who then flow toward some more impact and stronger organizations as have vital and particular functions, and assign them beforehand to the individuals within their range. Parties do not link, do not unite their members together organically; they are not created for and consequently cannot assign to their members direct functions; consequently they are not followed at critical times and their members are absorbed by organisms in action.

At the present stage of social development the revolt of single individuals or the insurrection of single groups do not serve the scope of a revolution and are doomed to failure beforehand. It is the direct function, the profession, the position occupied and exercised by every individual in an active body that constitutes the force which draws him relentlessly with the fatality of living organisms.

These are, roughly traced, the basic facts in the present situation. By giving another interpretation to the events we would only fool ourselves and deprive ourselves of most vital lessons. We must repeat it insistently that the proletariat does not go to war in order to defend itself from aggression or to conquest new territories, but that it is captured by militarism, for the sole reason that the armies are today the sole organisms functioning and assigning to every individual his place and compelling him to occupy it.

Whereas Socialism as a political movement has entirely failed, inasmuch as it cannot claim absolute of the strength of its unpreparedness. Syndicalism, or the trade union movement in general, can plausibly explain its inaction on the hand of the evident fact that the unfolding of all their natural organs of resistance has not even started yet, that their growth has gone only, in a few scattered instances, beyond a primitive stage. A primitive union organism, not even started yet, that their growth has gone only, in a few scattered instances, beyond a primitive stage. A primitive union organism, not even started yet, that their growth has gone only, in a few scattered instances, beyond a primitive stage.

In other words, there is no such organism in existence which could match the military organizations. National unions are wanted, which beyond being ready to stop the nation's work were also capable of assuming the functions of production. Only national unions, well organized and blackleg proof, at least in those industries which occupy strategic positions, could have a higher degree of cohesion and homogeneity, a stronger

life and more vital functions than the army. Only with such organs as its disposal would and could revert the proletariat, by the force of social gravitation, from the organization prepared for destruction to those ready for creation.

An organism which is functioning and may put, at a precise task, each of its members has its proper and organic discipline; it gives structure and substance to its ideology and can align it, it has a collective task which it may realize just by virtue of the discipline its engenders. A fully developed union, capable of stopping and taking up the nation's work at will, contains all vital functions of society and creates a discipline that maintains and protects it jealously.

Engulfed in Whirlpool.

We must neither blame nor accuse the Socialists and Syndicalists for not having refused to join the armies. The formidable military machine which began functioning suddenly, leaving no time for preparation, has swallowed them. They have tried all that was in their reach. A revolt would have been certainly crushed, and with their parties swept away they were engulfed by the whirlpool of the armies. Not having a more potent and vital organism than the army to revert to, the revolutionists following their instinct of self-preservation, took the lesser risk of not being shot at once, but only perhaps in battle.

Many Socialist parties had been urging the proclamation of the insurrectional general strike, in case of war. Only the German Socialists and trade unionists would not consent to this form of action. Fearing that German Socialism's ambiguous attitude in this matter would forestall international action, the French Socialist party decided, only a few weeks before the outbreak of the present war, to induce the German Socialists, at the next International Socialist Congress, to define their position and responsibilities in clear-cut terms.

All-Comprehensive Action.

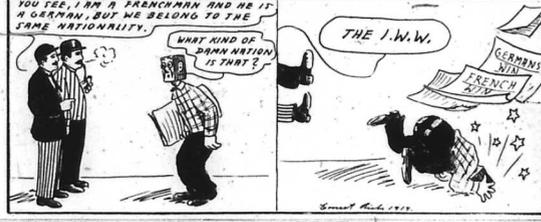
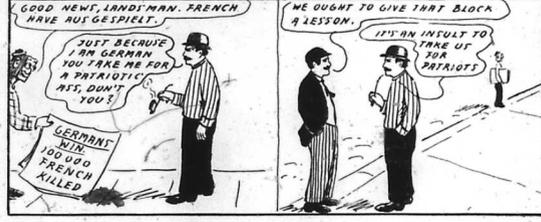
However, it has been more than proved that the vision of an insurrectional general strike projects a limited and confused vision and is void of organizational elements, that it contains in itself and in its methods of action a dissolving factor. An insurrectional general strike, even if it were realized, could last but a very short period of time. And after its breakdown, reaction would reign unchallenged.

In order to achieve any permanent success at all, it is necessary to give a revolutionary tendency, aiming at the reorganization of economic relations to all insurrectional movements. The organizing vision, emanating from a living organism, comes into play only when the insurrectional tendency is accompanied by an active tendency for expropriation. The union becomes alive only when it passes from passive resistance to attack; only then may it release a penetrating vision of all-comprehensive action.

Only such a dynamic vision could

Mr. Block.

Insults Members of the I. W. W.



swing the balance of the conscience of the soldier-workmen in favor of unilateral action; only such a vast scope could immediately offer and guarantee vital and productive functions and create a sense of the safety of existence. Only through such a complete and vast program could the union gain the confidence of the soldier-proletariat and reabsorb him from the vortex of the army; suggesting mutual confidence, security, solidarity, it would tempt the resistance of the individuals and give them an irresistible faith in common action and common work.

Reorganized Operation Necessary.

Assuredly, the success of all revolutions in the past had been dependent from the way production had been reorganized the day after the revolutions. Ultimately, not always those classes had been revolutions which had launched the revolutions and fought for them, but those which had been the most capable of re-establishing the normal functioning

of society. To paralyze and overturn society is relatively easy. The difficult work begins there where society is to be put into operation, reorganized, and conforming to the criteria for the realization of which the revolutions had been started.

If the proletariat should rebel today, stopping the work of society only for the scope of foregoing some military adventures, it would not realize, even if it were successful asserting its opposition, any substantial, therefore economic, modification in the existing relations of the classes; its point of view, even if victorious in this special case, would not assert itself definitely.

Value Of Insurrectional Capacity.

The insurrectional capacity alone has only a transitory value and a very problematic value at that. The union, which is merging the technical and productive capacity of the proletariat, becomes really revolutionary and its action becomes conquering when it passes from resistance to attack, from

insurrection to the consumption of the productive functions of society and is never revolutionary when serves the two functions.

Only the union may today stop production and take it up again, dictating the terms of reprisal.

The historical moment of the proletariat is drawing near because only their organizations tend to unite the two functions that make the history of the world; the creative and destructive functions.

The New Illusion.

Already many Socialists and Syndicalists are attempting to dispel their own illusion and that of the masses by prospecting a new illusion, the illusion that after this "unavoidable" world-war socialists will "inevitably" follow. They will not see that this war was unavoidable solely because the organizations preparing for it were never blocked or interrupted; they will not see, whoever, that this war, though it may bring changes in the political and geographical configuration

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THE I.W.W. BUG OR MICROBUS REBELLICUS.



WHAT SHOULD THE UNEMPLOYED DO?

(International Socialist Review)

While the newspapers and magazines are filled with shrieking headlines about the Great War in Europe and the sufferings of the armies there, the vast Army of Unemployed, a large portion of which has been thrown out of work on account of the cessation of imports to Europe, are facing an equally important problem at our very doors. They are facing the problem that the survivors of the European war are going to face after the war is over.

We have to remember that our friends in the Unemployed Army are in the same boat we may occupy next week or next month. They are the men and women who have produced the houses, the clothing, the railroads, the food in America and who are "laid off" because the employing class does not pay them enough in wages to enable them to BUY or USE the very things they have MADE. The employers say they have no "markets" and are closing down the shops and factories because the shops and mills and factories are FILLED with the NECESSITIES of LIFE which have been PRODUCED by the workers but which these workers have no money to BUY.

And now comes these "laid off" men and women demanding that these full granaries be opened to satisfy their needs; that the clothing and shoes on the shelves which they have made be brought forth to shield them from the cold. That the houses which they have built, and which are now standing empty, be opened to protect them from the winds and snows of winter.

WHAT SHALL THE UNEMPLOYED DO?

At the national convention of the I. W. W. held in Chicago this month, William D. Haywood presented the following practical program for the Unemployed which was adopted by the delegates:

"Vigorous plans must be adopted to ward off the impending suffering (of the unemployed) during the coming winter. Industrial conditions indicate an approaching crisis unparalleled in this country. The workers here cannot escape the back-wash of all the horrors of the European war. Already the economic effects are being felt. The capitalists are curtailing production in many different branches. Thousands of men have been discharged in the textile, steel, transportation, mining and lumber industries. These numbers will soon be augmented by the harvest and other migratory workers whose work for the season is over.

While the Army of the Unemployed is growing by legions, the Masters of Bread are preparing to ship to the murderous hordes of Europe the foodstuffs that the workers have produced, and with this with the commodities of the United States Government, which has under way plans to subsidize ships for that purpose. No single thought is given to the peaceful, industrial Army of Production. Millions are appropriated for the militia, the army of destruction, and not a cent to provide work or care for the wealth producers.

"It is up to the workers to meet with grim determination the situation that presents itself. Food, clothing, shelter, are essential to life. Let the message of the I. W. W. be GET THEM! if you have to take pickaxes and crowbars, and go to the granaries and warehouses and help yourselves. Rather than congregate around City Halls, Capitols and empty squares, go to the market places and waterfronts where food is abundant. If food is being shipped, confiscate it, if you have the power. Where houses are vacant occupy them. If machinery is idle use it if practical to your purpose.

"Results can only be achieved through organized effort.

Banded together and co-operating for mutual welfare the unemployed will get by the hard winter.

"I suggest that some provision be made for the Industrial Workers of the World to organize the unemployed, that a program card be issued to such new members, said cards to be deposited in the industrial union when the person gets work.

"If some such plan can be inaugurated the unemployed, as soon as industries resume operation, will become an integral part of One Big Union and through organization will be in a position to levy tribute on the prosperity that the privileged class is anticipating and the newspapers are promising as a result of the devastation of war."

On the subject of the work of organization in general, Haywood said:

"One I. W. W. on the job is worth two in the jungle. To know the work in hand is the duty of every member. Efficiency of labor need not be used to increase profits. It can be applied to a counter purpose. But it must be recognized that efficiency and ability are required to operate industry. By learning how to apply labor power in the most scientific way suggest means of withholding and preserving labor power.

"It should be the ambition of every industrial worker to possess a technical and practical knowledge of industry. At least this knowledge must be concentrated in the group with the conscious organized purpose of using it for all society rather than for a privileged class of idle stockholders. The closer we can establish relations between the workers who produce the raw material and the workers who finish the products, the better will be the understanding of our class interests.

"The \$1.50 and twelve-hour man has a big gap to close. Improvement in the standard of the CLASS is our object. The common laborer at the meanest work is entitled to the same standard of life as the most skilled artisan. The chief work of the I. W. W. is to organize the unskilled and the unorganized. It is upon this great mass of humanity that life depends. The skilled worker is comparatively a small faction and will be forced to join the branch of his industry in One Big Union."

The tendency is for labor organizations to grow conservative as they grow older. Time and again we have seen labor organizers and new unions start out with broad and revolutionary aims, but we have usually found these same organizers and these same unions becoming fixed and conservative or reactionary within a few years.

The last convention of the I. W. W. has proven that this union is an exception to the general rule. As of yore we found our old friends voicing the needs of the dispossessed, the unskilled, unorganized, and even opening its doors to the Unemployed. At last we have found a group of workers who really intend to co-operate and organize with all workers, who are actually urging the workers of the world to unite, and who are endeavoring to make it practicable for them to do so. They have let down the bars to the unemployed outcast. And we believe that the labor world will ultimately come to realize that it has been the men on the job and the men who are "laid off" that will ultimately control the labor power of the world. It will cement the men on the job to the men "out of work," and make class consciousness a more vital force in the world.

For the first time in the labor movement a union has given free opportunity for all men to come into their organization. We believe this will prove to be the basis for a future union between the men on the job and the men who are "laid off" that will ultimately control the labor power of the world. It will cement the men on the job to the men "out of work," and make class consciousness a more vital force in the world.

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ON THE FIELD OF HONOR

Karl Roth was a workman, and after a hard week's work celebrated the Sunday afternoon in the park as usual. The weather was fine and his girl was there. Concerts and moving pictures were taken in, and Karl Roth almost forgot that he was only a poor workman. Something happened to refresh his memory. At a turn of the road he ran accidentally against a lieutenant who came strolling along with some companions. There was no damage done and the apologies of the humble workman should have settled the matter. A man would have been satisfied, but the feudal lords had just taken a number of "hordeas"



and their enthusiasm about the stalled station of the nobility ran high. Insults came thick and fast. Karl Roth was quick to answer back. The girl feared the lords would make use of their privilege and at-

tack the plebeian with swords. She persuaded her sweetheart to come along. Hitting scream and sneer accompanied the retreat.

Karl Roth never forgot. What might have taken years of agitation and perhaps carloads of radical literature was accomplished in that Sunday afternoon. He had become a rebel. He hated the plotters; he hated the nobles; he hated the Time passed. The summer of 1914 came, the mobilization, the declaration of war. The wave of insanity called patriotism swept over the country.

Karl Roth had to go to war and soon found himself in the midst of the fight. His regiment was spread out on the side of a hill, one firing line above the other. The fighting



ants were in front according to German tradition. Karl saw them; he remembered that Sunday after-

noon. Those outers in front of him belonged to that hated class; now they were at his mercy. He fired many a shot, and as the position of the lines always changed it happened that always new victims were brought in front of his rifle. Later when he read the account of the battle he found the following about his regiment: "Our officers as usual distinguished themselves in the most heroic manner. Living up to their heroic tradition, all of them fell on the field of honor." E. R.

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Breed Before You Die

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"When peace comes we shall perhaps forget the national importance of the children of the poor. We shall perhaps treat them as carelessly as ever. We shall perhaps let them grow up in ignorance when we could teach, in poverty when we could aid, in the waste of their lives."

"We may even send them forth to war some day, as we are sending men at present. Perhaps we shall then call on them in our bitter need to leave us children and so help make

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SOCIETY NOTES



Mr. and Mrs. Van Snub made their appearance today in Apeport, and created quite a sensation on the boulevard. Mrs. Van Snub was dressed in latest Parisian fashion. Her gown was a semi-blue anthracite creation with Mayonnaise trimmings. Brussels sprouts with a shade of chiffoniere a la mignon in front, and shredded pompadour cotelettes in the rear flanks, gave the whole affair something divine. It is super-stylish and will be the talk of society for months to come. The display of jewels showed rare taste and the estimated value of subnubstrs and pearls alone is \$2,000,000.

The wonderful black turtle suit of Mr. Van Snub is talked about in salons and clubs; it will give Mr. Van Snub the undisputed place as leader in the world of dash. Mr. V. S. is the well-known author of the famous book, "Why the I. W. W. Should be Abolished." Mrs. V. S. has won undying fame through her brilliant articles in the Saturday Evening Post on "Working Women and Wages." She proved conclusively that working women can and should live extremely well on Six Dollars a Week.

It should also be mentioned that both the Snubs are untiring workers for universal peace. It is whispered that Mrs. Van Snub is a candidate for the Nobel peace prize.

THE WAR IN THE U.S.A.

(Continued From Page One) usages promulgated for the freedom and conduct of the workers. These laws are the natural laws of self-preservation, self-defense and the will to live. There are no species of animal life that quit making a struggle for existence; then why should man lie down in the gutter and die without an effort to make life worth while the living without losing his self-respect and personal pride, that accompanies the acceptance of charity from the enemy? It's far better a terrible ending than a terror without an end.

Mr. Unemployed, we leave it to your discretion as to the method of tiding yourself over the present predicament; but as soon as you secure employment, organize right and fight with the spirit expressed in these lines: "Tax on McDuff, and damned be he who first cries, 'Hold! Enough!'" Then unemployment and its attendant suffering will be a thing of the past.

Mr. Worker on the Job! Organize! Your turn to join the Army of Un-

ed, the fact, namely, that without professional organizations capable of reabsorbing the soldier-proletariat, chiefly because they are prepared for assuming the productive functions of society, every insurrectional attempt and every aspiration for a new society will remain futile.

After this war, unless those who desire a social society will sink their tactical differences and set about scientifically to organize the proletariat in national guilds—the common work and the communal spirit of which alone can change the armies of destruction into armies of creation—society will fall into prepetual barbarism.

DOINGS IN NEW YORK CITY

On August 21st, a few members of the I. W. W. in New York City met in the Headquarters to discuss some means of reviving interest and activity among the membership. We organized an "INDUSTRIAL PROPAGANDA LEAGUE" to propagate the principles of revolutionary industrial unionism, as advocated by the I. W. W. What we have accomplished in two months can be duplicated by fellow workers elsewhere, and we ask "Solidarity" to print this brief report not in the spirit of boasting, but merely as a suggestion for possibly inspiration for lagging spirits elsewhere.

We held an entertainment on Sept. 20th in our Headquarters, which netted us \$61.78. We are holding another on Oct. 31st for the benefit of the Waterston local, which is hard hit by the unemployment resultant from the war. We are also possibly inspired by a lecture from Auburn Prison, where he served fifteen months, will play on that occasion. We hold an average of five street meetings a week, with Michaelson, Swasey, Lippert, Vaughn and E. C. Flynn as speakers, paying the speaker \$1.00 for expenses, for each meeting he or she addresses. We have 100 Solidarity's a week now, and have bought altogether bundles, sub cards and books to the amount of \$31.00; Joe Hill with more to go, and \$15.00 to Paterson I. W. W. We are starting a course of indoor Sunday night lectures on Nov. 1st with Renj. Legare on the topic: "PRISON: CAPITALISM'S REPLY TO REBELLION," to be followed by not only our own good speakers but other lecturers on interesting labor topics, such as English Walling, Prof. Hourwich, Louis Levine, Margaret Sanger, etc.

To fellow workers in other burghs—just as pessimistic as we used to be—we suggest "Go thou and do likewise." SECRETARY.

WAR AND AFTER

(Continued From Page Three) urations, will leave the essential relations between the classes unchanged, that, though an era of greater liberty may come as likely as an era of greater reaction, the strategic position of the proletariat will remain fundamentally the same. They will not learn that unless the proletariat will create or consolidate its economic organizations, which by the very pressure of their accumulated energies will have to act in a revolutionary sense, no social change is inevitable. Today of all our revolutionary facts, institutions, traditions, principles and tactics only one remains unchalleng-

A WAGE SLAVE'S VIEW OF WAR

(Continued From Page One) These carrion-birds who fatten on human misery will give the "dead nuts" a grand (?) hero's funeral and proceed to rob the widows and orphans by fake prayers. Millions of prayers, and not a cannon ceased its roar—of death to our class. Christianity, what a humbug! Civilization, what a sham! Profit and honor today you might as well. Lastly, remember that your class does all the fighting, fills all the graves, leaves all the widows and orphans to suffer poverty and degradation, and what do you receive in return? Today you might as well be a "nut," a bronze medal, poverty, a dogswagan, the poohouse, and the potter's field; and you deserve less for being a traitor to your class. "War! What for?" That an idle parasite class may live in luxury on the product of your toil, while you slowly starve in a world of plenty.

What are you doing to stop this? F. L. RHODA.

ITALIAN WORKERS, STAND AGAINST WAR

At the opening of the great European war, the militant portion of the working class of Italy took a decided stand against the country's being drawn into the conflict. The "Unione Sindacale," the direct action organization of Italian workers, issued a manifesto, which was distributed to all union halls, posted on doors, streets, etc., throughout Italy. It has this stirring conclusion:

We notify the predatory band who desire more butchery of the people, if the blood of the working class must dye the land, we prefer to give this blood for liberation, not to rivet more chains on the necks of the proletarians. "Workers! Keep your heads and your hearts high! We are not preaching a stupid, futile, whining pacifism. We tell you rather to prepare yourselves to transform the odious war between nations into a redeeming civil war; to use the army, that your enemy has raised in your hands to kill your masters for the liberation of your class.

"To you—citizens on the streets and soldiers in the armories and camps—you are not sheep-like slaves, but a conscious, human collectivity determined to conquer equality and liberty.

The government has put fire to the powder! The explosion will destroy only themselves! Down with war! Long live the revolution!" Up to date, Italy has remained neutral. No doubt, this militant attitude of a considerable body of Italian workers, has had something to do with it. A year before this, the Italian government had a trying experience with a general strike, and realized as a consequence, that the Italian workers meant business. Real solidarity of the working class is the only force that will prevent wars.

The \$1,000 Fund

Total October 24th.	\$547.53
Adolph Leasing	1.00
John Macy	75.00
J. C. Wagner	1.00
Jane A. Routston	3.00
—Cleveland	1.00
A. Reel	.88
F. L. Rhoda	.60
W. A. Selinski	1.00
F. Kock	5.00
Sol Bromberg	.60
Wm. Linn	1.00
A. Lindstrom	2.00
A. Crummett	.60
Henry Rochstetter, Sec'y	5.00
Textile Local 527	5.00
Total October 28th.	\$645.01

The \$76.00 contribution of John Macy and the unusually large number of smaller amounts this week puts the \$1,000 column well past the half way mark and on the home stretch. This is well, for besides the number of bills past due which must be met, we have also the stock for a new edition of the Song Books on the road; this must be paid for in a short time. With a few more weeks showing like this week the \$1,000 will be completed, leaving Solidarity and the Bureau to start the new year with a clean slate. Then more new pamphlets and other literature. Those who have not sent in a contribution to this fund are urged to send in any amount possible without delay. Rather than feel that you can not spare a little money for this purpose, you should realize that you can not afford to withhold the little support necessary to carry on the propaganda which alone holds any hope for you and your families' future. Send in a dime, quarter, half, or a dollar.

This brings to our mind a letter just received, which is only one of many sent us with the same story, only with a few variations as to the number of the skinning. A fellow worker with a large family saves every possible cent of a menager wage over the bare necessities of life, against some emergency of the future, such as finding himself on the scrap pile, or perhaps, give his children a start in life. What is the result? The bank calmly closes its doors and his few hundred go to join the larger share of wealth which he helped create, but was robbed of before receiving his pay envelope on which appeared the bank's advertisement.

The amounts differ, sometimes it is the savings of an individual, again it represents the scimping and scraggling together of the whole family. A home is wanted, shelter for the declining years, then come unemployment, sickness or any of the other multitude of reverses which continually confront the workers, and all is lost. What is the use? THERE IS NO USE! A WORKER CAN INSURE HIMSELF OR FAMILY EITHER FOR THE PRESENT OR FUTURE, ONLY THROUGH

THE INTELLIGENT AND ORGANIZED SOLIDARITY OF THE CLASS AS A WHOLE. As an individual trying to solve the problem alone, the result is hopeless. The game is lost before the first move is made. Think what could be accomplished with these countless thousands of dollars lost by the working class in this manner, if they had been used to further the work of the I. W. W., then decide whether you can afford NOT TO invest a few cents, and a few hours of your time in building up this movement. Let us have your answer listed in this column next week.

Circulation Statement

A Gain Of	
One Thousand new subscriptions between now and January 1st 1915 will mean a Six Page SOLIDARITY.	
Previous loss reported	177
Subs going on	39
Subs going off	35
Gain for week	—
Total loss to date	173

The circulation statement for the last two weeks shows a slight gain for both weeks. Although this gain is very small, we hope it indicates a turn of the tide towards a steady increase rather than the loss of a few subs each week as previously. There is now only two months time in which to secure the one thousand new subscribers for Solidarity possible by the first of the year. Readers who have never before tried their hand at securing subscriptions are now setting on the job, and some have sent in an average of one yearly a week since this campaign was started. This shows what can be done. The subs can be rapt up by trying. If each reader would send in only one new subscription during this time we would have many times the number of required subscriptions and possibilities for a much greater circulation due to the increased size and the added new features. Will you not send in your boost to the one thousand mark this week?

THE ADVANCING PROLETARIAT

Our new pamphlet just issued, entitled, "The Advancing Proletariat," by Albert E. Woodruff, is having a large sale and meeting with much approval of those who have read it. Quite a few have written to us, stating that it is in their opinion the best pamphlet yet published. The chapters on "The Proletariat and Politics" and "Proletarian Organization" are particularly good. The splendid cover design gives the pamphlet an interesting touch which makes the sale of it easy when shown.

All mail for J. W. W. Local 26, Denver, Colo., should be addressed to Pat Noonan, Sec'y, 1181 13th St.

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