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# SEATTLE STRIKERS FRIGHTEN CAPITALIST CLASS

#### See in Uprising in Northwest First Blow of Industrial Workers Seeking to Destroy Profit System

The general strike of thirty thousand Seattle workers in support of a like number of workers employed in the ship yards of that city has shaken the centers of capitalism from the Atlantic

to the Pacific. For the first time in the history of this country federal troops face striking workers within a few days after the beginning of the industrial struggle and capitalist newspapers from coast to coast are loudly shouting that "the time to hit Bolshevism in this

coast are loudly shouting that "the time to hit Bolshevism in this country is when Bolshevism first rears its head.

A few short months ago the 30,000 ship builders at Seattle were being appealed to daily to work with all their strength and energy to support American soldiers in France and turn out ships faster in order to send more troops to win the war. They were told that they were as much on the firing line as the soldiers in the army. Today these workers find that the rulers of this country have sent the very soldiers whom they were urged so strenuously to back up to back up their employers in a refusal to grant them to back up, to back up their employers in a refusal to grant them higher wages, and the soldiers stand opposite them with fixed bay-

What is there about this strike that has frightened the capitalist class to such an extent that it has prepared for the immediate use of force to suppress it?

The unions involved are all part of the American Federation of labor. It is not an I.W.W. strike, but a strike by a part of Mr. of labor. It is not an I.W.W. strike, but a strike by a part of Mr. Gompers' organization. Mr. Gompers, who has the unanimous support of the capitalist press in keeping the workers in leading-strings for the class this press serves and whose organization has won high praise because of its patriotic attitude during the war. Yet these unions of the A. F. of L. are threatened by the fixed bayonets of the government that Mr. Gompers has served so loyally that one is almost tempted to say that he is part of it. What

bayonets of the government that Mr. Gompers has served so loyally that one is almost tempted to say that he is part of it. What have they done to have directed against them the full force of malignant denunciation of the capitalist press of the country?

The general strike originated in the demand of the shipyard workers for an increase in wages. Last fall the government handed down the so-called Macey award. This award did not fulfill the demands of the shipyard workers for better wages, in fact, it was charged at the time that some of them were left worse off than before the award was made. than before the award was made.

There were threats of a strike in the Pacific Coast shipyards as a result of this award even before the signing of the armistice. The workers were discontented and dissatisfied. They found that in spite of the signing of the armistice the cost of living did not come down, but went still higher, and that with the end of the emergency the bosses were assuming a more arbitrary and autocratic aftitude toward them.

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This situation finally culminated in a strike of the shippard workers, which began on Jan. 21.

Up to this point there was not difference between the struggle in Seattle and hundreds of other strike

But the workers of Seattle have advanced farther in establishing the solidarity of the workers as a whole than elsewhere. Seattle is a hundred per cent. union town. The workers in practically every kind of work are organized. They publish their own

daily paper, the Seattle Union-Record. A referendum was taken on the question of backing up the ship builders through a general strike, which was carried almost unanimously, and thirty thousand miscellaneous workers joined the shippard workers in an effort to force the employers to grant

the demand of the latter. Although this was a splendid demonstration of solidarity, even thus far the strike did not contain any features to arouse the universal alarm of the capitalist class. But the strikers took a

They and their families composed the great majority of the population of Seattle. Why, they argued, should they, the great majority, suffer the hardships resulting from a general stoppage of work, because a small group of profiteers refused to grant a measure of industrial justice to part of their organization? In answering that question they took a step never before taken in a strike in this country. They re-opened some of the industries of Seattle under the direction of the organized workers and threatened if the strike continued to extend this action and to gradually re-open the industries of that city in order to take care of the needs of the people.

This is a phase of the Seattle strike that has inspired fear in the hearts of the American capitalist class. The capitalist press is right, the Seattle workers have learned the lesson of Bolshevism. They are challenging the conception of industry which makes it a profit-taking machine for the benefit of a few capitalists and setting over against this the new idea that industry exists to supply the needs of the people and that in order to attain this end the workers should, if need be, simply ignore the rights and titles of the capitalists who for generations have been sucking their very life-blood, and take charge of industry, themselves.

The capitalist class may put down by force this first manifestation in action of the new doctrine of the workers. It will not for four years have been driven to the help them much. The new idea is in the air—Bolshevism, to use the pet phrase which the capitalists use to frighten little children—is sweeping the world. The victorious Russian workers are inspiring the workers the world over to try to attain their own rible tool of oppression, Prussian milifreedom. Germany is on the road; England is shaking under the tarism, lies broken upon the ground impact of the demand for industrial democracy; in Seattle we have hence the most notable instigators of the first great manifestation that the workers of the United States this war, the kaiser and the crown

are not to be left behind. The capitalists may well tremble. The workers of the world are preparing to smash the shell which must be broken before the industrial republic of the work-

ers comes into the world. Seattle is the first blow. Life of Man Who Exposed Mooney Frame-up in Danger



Get in before I -

-Without Apology to the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Spartacans Make Appeal International Solidarity of Working Class

from eighty to one hundred delegates rendered our most precious heritage, Workers Bore Brunt of War. from eighty to one hundred delegates from all parts of Germany. This conference adopted a manifesto, which has just reached this country, in which the position of the Spartacus in regard to the situation in Germany. The still in the government.

"But we also know something else. We know that in your countries, too, the proletariat bore the most frightful sacrifices in flesh and blood, that it is tired of the horrible slaughter; that the worker new returning finds." many and international affairs is

clearly presented. The conference was attended by Karl Liebknecht, Rosa Luxemburg, Clara Zetkin and Franz Mehring, who are the signers of the manifesto, which reads as follows:

The International appeal is as fol-"To the workers of all countries!

"Proletarians! Men and women of labor! Comrades! "The revolution has entered Ger-

The masses of soldiers who profits, the mass of workers who during four years were exploited. crushed and starved, have arisen. The hor-Its most notable representatives, and prince, have fled to foreign parts. Everywhere Workers' and Soldiers' Councils formed.

Speak for German Labor. "Proletarians of all-countries we

Early in January the Spartacus the working people, that full victory that the success of the murder will group of German Socialists held a has already been achieved. Those enable them to obliterate the memory conference in Berlin, attended by Socialists who in August, 1914, surjoint to one hundred delegators.

tries, now the German proletarian himself speaks to you. We believe ourselves justified to come to your forum in his name. We have striven, from the first day of this war, to fulfill our Interna-tional duties by opposing that criminal government with all our might and branding those really

guilty of this war. "Now, at this hour, we are justified before history, before the International and before the German proletariat. The masses en-thusiastically lend us their ap-proval. Ever larger portions of the working class share the consciousness that the hour of reckoning for the rule of the capitalist class has struck.

"However, this great deed cannot be accomplished by the German proletariat alone. It can but fight and win by calling upon the solidarity of the proletarians of all countries. "Comrades of the warring nations,

we appreciate your position. "Well we know that your governdo not say that in Germany all power victory, can blind many people by has actually come into the hands of their outward brilliance. We know

"But we also know something else. that the worker, now returning, finds want and destitution at home, while wealth counted by billions accumulated in the hands of a few capitalists. He has learned and will continue to learn that your governments, too, have made this war for the sake of the big moneybags. And, further-more, he will learn that your government, when it referred to justice and civilization, 'protection of small nations,' meant capitalist profits just as much as ours. when it talked of the defense of the fatherland; that the peace of 'justice' and of the League of Nations' means the identical base robbery, as the peace of Brest-Litovsk. Here as there, the same shameless voraciousness, same will to oppression, the same intent to use the brute super-force of the instrument of murder to the

"The imperialism of all countries knows no 'negotiation.' It knows only one right, the profits of capital. knows only one means, force. And if it speaks now in all countries, in ments, now that they have achieved victory, can blind, many people by League of Nations, 'disarmament,'

### Judge Landis Takes Motion for New Trial for Socialists Under Advisement

truth!" exclaimed Attorney Henry Co- support Nixon's charges.

Frequent clashes between counsel for the Socialists and the government attorneys featured an all-day court battle over the shady methods that were used by the prosecution to secure the conviction of Victor L. Berger, Adolph Germer, J. Louis Engdahl, Irwin St. John Tucker and William F.

with Attorney Cochems heaping fact

of the Socialist trial jurors, charged that Deputy Marshal William H. Streeter, one of three court bailiffs in memory has slipped up on, you would charge of the jury, had repeatedly attacked the Socialists on trial in the presence of the jurors while the trial

casion he had referred to Berger as a "Damn lying Dutchman," and again he had stated that he wished, while agents in this country of the German Germer was on the stand, that Germen would get through with his

"damn lies."

Cochems pointed out that one of the reasons the other eleven jurors would not come forward and corroborate Nixon's charges in full was the fact that someone in Milwaukee, had sent everyone of the jurors, by special delivery letter, a copy of the Milwaukee Leader containing an editorial in which the jurors were referred to in not very complimentary terms. But Cochems pointed out that sufficient ment to show that any Socialist publication or organization ever received a cent of the late kaiser's cash, yet the prosecution repeatedly pantomined the prosecution before the jury until it must have believed it to be a fact. Cochems claimed that the conduct of the prosecution called for a rebuke from the court.

"The prosecution was a strained prosecution," said Cochems. "The Cochems pointed out that sufficient (Continued on Page Four)

(Special Correspondence) corroboration had been secured from Chicago.—"Nixon told the God's Jurors Light, Ballou and Wakem to

chems, one of counsel for the five Socialists here in launching his attack on the jury scandal on which the Socialists are basing their hopes for a new trial.

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especially wrathy when Cochems attacked the coercion and intimidation Judge Landis allowed the court ses- of witnesses as practiced by the govsion to continue on into the evening ernment lawyers during the trial. Co-with Attorney Cochems heaping fact chems referred to this as "gross preupon fact to show that Nixon could have told nothing but the truth. Finally Landis adjourned court until Tuesday morning.

Thomas C. Nixon, an inventor, one which brought a retort from Cochems

memory has slipped up on, you would be the most swelled up man in seventeen states.

was going on.

On one occasion he had claimed that the defendants were all guilty and aught to hang. On another occasion he had referred to Revenue. imperial government. No one bit of evidence was offered by the govern-ment to show that any Socialist pub-

#### Paterson Strikers Adopt Soviet Form of Organization

By FREDERICK M. KERBY.

old-line labor leaders are alarmed. The majority of strikers are said to have repudiated the American Federation of Labor. They demand a 44-hour week. Federation leaders to the Workers' International Union,

tee.
"We call it the eight-hour work-day conference," said H. J. Rubenstein, member of the committee, in

the wings of the stage at 90 Market St., where the shop delegates were in "The A. F. L. men call us I. W. W.'s but our organization contains mem-

the Workers' International Industrial Union; the Textile Workers' Indus-trial Union of the I. W. W.; Socialist Farty; Socialist-Labor Party; Work-rien's Circle, Sons of Italy; Jewish ational Workers' Alliance, Paola Zion, an Independent Workmen's Circle, and Jewish Socialist-Labor deration.

"And now local 980 of the United Textile Workers of America, which is in the A. F. L., has broken away from the federation and joined us. "The vast majority of the strikers

are not in any unions. "We have one demand only—the 44-hour week. Up to two days before the date set for the strike, the A. F. L. also demanded the 44-hour week; its membership in their locals voted for it. But their officials announced

Something entirely new in Ameri-1 "When we were all locked out, the can labor and industry has appeared in Paterson, where 28,000 silk mill two shop delegates, who came to-

much like the shop steward plan now in effect among radical English workmen.

For two hours I listened to the new conference in action. There were no men. Both the silkmill owners and the had been at work two days before.

The chairman had never presided at a meeting before. A dozen nationali-

had agreed to compromise on a 47-hour week.

They have sunk their differences for The workers in each mill have met and elected two shop delegates. These delegates meet as a central accordance on the second day of the moment to get one thing—the 44-hour week. Nineteen mills had capitally accordance to the second day of the sec strike and granted the demand.
Louis Magnet, leader of the Pater-

son branch of the United Textile Workers, the A. F. L. organization, told me the real purpose of the eighthour workday conference is to disrupt the A. F. L. organization.

A. F. L. Leader Blames the I. W. W. "It is backed by the I. W. W." he said. "We have 10 locals here with a membership of 8,500. Our locals did vote for the 44-hour week, but at a meeting of our textile council, composed of five delegates from each local, we voted last Friday night to accept the 47-hour week instead. We felt public sentiment might not support the more extreme demand."

Albert Wyman, secretary of the employers' association, said the employers are ready to submit the en-tire question to the war labor board without reservation.

Police Chief John Tracey has made provision for possible disorder, but, in striking contrasts to the bloody riots of 1913, perfect order prevails. The Chamber of Commerce has appointed a conciliation committee, headed by James T. Jordan, which is endeavoring to bring employers and strikers together.

#### Socialist Party Shows Big Growth

Chicago.—All war records for increase in the Socialist Party membergional directors in the field and a network of more than 900 branch offices throughout the U. S.

Being a man of ability Secretary of Labor Wilson selected him to investigator being "beat up" and run out of town by a self-aphote tigate the "Mooney case." He did.

And now his life is in danger. Any day he may be shot stabbed! "framed-could not "catch a limberger in a labor who had a labor who had a limberger in a labor who had a labor who war started, when the membership figures showed 110,782 stamps sold.

Revolutions

R's revolution is complete and overwhelming and is denounced by

#### Nearing on Trail

New York .- The trial of Professor Scott Nearing in the federal court here is under way. Professor Nearing and the American Socialist Society, which controls the Rand School of Social Science, were jointly indicted for writing and printing "The Great Madness" a pamphlet in which Nearing presented his views of the origin of the war and the forces which brought about the entry of this

Nearing is represented by Seymour Stedman, chief counsel, and S. John Block, I. M. Sackin and Walter J. Welles. The trial is before Federal Judge Julius M. Mayer.

country.

At the close of last week the trial had only progressed to the point of selection of the jury.

tify he pulled a gun and started the "democracy;" the work of the Soviets, fight. It is worse than New York. I the German Republic; the brotherhood have been in nearly every city of importance in the United States and San Francisco is worse than any of them." so said J. B. Densmore, when he was told that they wanted him to return to San Francisco to testify against the gangsters that are maladminister-ing "justice" in the Golden Gate City

Who is this man Densmore that he sneaks in such terms of public offi-

"A man has no chance in San Fran-lieve?) Maybe he is "Pro-German?" cisco if they start to get him. They (Whatever that means?) Probably can jostle a man off the street, kill him and have a dozen witnesses tes- overtime about such foolish things as

of man-and-and similar "rot!"

The president appointed him to or- a rail. ganize the United States Employment Just think would not that be a truth. Now what has happened to

gangsters that are maladminister—"ijustice" in the Golden Gate City of is this man Densmore that he aks in such terms of public offise? Is he a nut? A Bolshevist (as "Day-lies" would have us be "Day-lies" would have us be "Gangsters that are maladminister—gangsters that are maladminister—gangster

By ROBERT E. BLACKSTONE.

No. Densmore is not any of the above!

He is a personal friend of President poisoned, found dead in bed or tarred poisoned, found dead in bed or tarred and feathered and rode out of town on Mr. Densmore.

And what has he done? Told the hand to

could not "catch a limberger in a the man who Densmore's dictaphone cheese factory.'

heese factory." reports exposes, beat-up Schulberg, Such is the unenviable position of and later Fremont Older, editor of the

Since the bomb defendants were arrested there is not a man or woman,

### A VOICE OUT OF RUSSIA

Continued From Last Week.

But I have anticipated. Before speaking of the present, let us return to the provisional governments and see how they solved the third fundamental problem; that is, the reorganization of the economic life of the country. The question can be answered in a few words: "They did not solve." Lacking economic experience and not venturing, for fear of the Allies, to decrease war production or the number of soldiers at the front, the provisional governments enacted nothing new. And conditions were growing worse; occupied with the deepening of the Revolution," the workmen hardly worked. The proonly rally Junkers, a few Cossacks, Bolshevik offensive was an unexpected blow to the provisional government. Just the reverse; the Bolsheviki widely advertised it two weeks in advance, so that the provisional government had sufficient foreknowledge. It is therefore evident that it was in possession of defensive forces and that the popularity of the provisional government was not greater than that of the czar's.

One way or another, fourteen months ago the power was transferred definitely and finally to the Soviets, with the Bolsheviki as the dominating political power. And thus came their turn to decide the vital questions of war, state, and economic organization. The question of the war they decided to solve immediately. They disclosed the secret treaties showing imperialistic war aims of the Entente, at the same time offering the Allies a general democratic peace. The latter did not even answer! And this fact is of utmost importance, because it arouses serious doubt as to who was betrayed by whom-whether we have betrayed the Allies, or the Allies have betrayed us. Not having received any answer, the Soviet gov-

treaty for ratification to the Congress | from the latter those who are willing | maining a Moderate Socialist, I sin- ing complimented on it! as I am concerned, the question as to who was finally understood and decided. Upon presenting the peace treaty for ratification of the congress, Lenin did not deny it is being rebuilt by the peasants—with the Soviet government: we may not fully agree with the soviet government: we may not fully agree with the soviet government: we may not fully agree as and that the conscientiously believe that to serve them, and not those who want to govern them against their will. The work-are weak, but our land is rich—why they are no longer needed in they are no longer needed in the conscientiously believe that they are no longer needed in the capitalists to fool any which people do not speak aloud: We waddle about "arraying class are weak, but our land is rich—why they are no longer needed in they are no longer needed in they are weak, but our land is rich—why they are no longer needed in of Soviets. At that moment, as far to serve them, and not those who want cerely and conscientiously believe that of the congress, Lenin did not deny it is being rebuilt by the peasants— with the Soviet government; we may England we partitioned Persia and was humiliating. But at the same slowly, firmly, and without any defi-doubt the possibility of realizing some only a short while ago we dreamed time he insisted that this humiliation nite plan. In this process of rebuild- of its ideals, but we can hardly deny of the partition of Austria and Turwas temporary, that the German reving much has to be broken down. It the fact that it is consistent and clear key. And now we are being partitalists have always been at the the wealth, and now they proolution was not far away. Many did is also true that it is beyond the in its demands. The opponents of the tioned! I understand it all. I undernot believe it at that time, but now power of the Russian people to ac- Soviet government have no platform stand the English and French very tom. the German revolution is an accom-

As far as state organization was concerned, the Soviet government decided that at that time the question could be postponed. Russia was in ductivity of shops and factories de- the throes of a social revolution and creased manyfold. General economic in the midst of a struggle with indisintegration constantly increased, ternal and external enemies of the The villages had no goods, and the new order. Russia is being built by cities and army had no bread. A the plain people, by the peasantsreal famine ensued and this was fol- slowly, firmly, and without any defilowed as usual by robberies and vio- nite plan. To foretell into what forms lence. They reached their height in this rebuilding will finally shape is August-September of 1917—about two utterly impossible. It can, however, months before the Bolshevik Revolu- be definitely said that the present retion took place. The provisional gov- building of Russia is not the last word ernment even at that time had no of the Russian revolution. The word authority or power. The prestige of "Soviet" will probably remain with any power is always best measured by us forever. The Russian people grew the forces that rally around it for fond of it. It was also adopted in its defense. And the provisional Germany, but the meaning attached to government for its defense could this word will be perfected in the future. However, it must be kept in and the Women's Battalion of Death, mind that the controversy which split And it can hardly be said that the Russian society into two uncompromising camps does not pertain to its meaning. This controversy does not formally touch upon the ideology of tactics of the present. The adherents of one camp say that it is first necessary to shape Russia into a definite political form, to establish a permathe present with the political revolution alone, and to bring about the socamp insist that our people are young and "dark;" that the time has not arrived for them to decide their own mere hypocrisy. destiny; that the people do not know

hardly be doubted. Lenin was obliged the Intelligentsia they cannot possibly as I am concerned, there can be no what about Italy who broke the treaty these ideals are only a myth?

And such work requires time and care; whip. "Measure the cloth seven times and all the constitutions that were ever written on our planet, the most flexible one has proved to be the Constiforgotten that it was written in 1787, cleven years after the Declaration of Independence. Why then ask of Russia that she write her political constitution in definite form only one the future, but solely concerns the year after the revolution, a revolution deeper than that of 1776? It may be retorted that social reforms require just as much care; that they also can- difficult to bring the economic life of nent government and to let it decide agree with this, but I also understand have received the land, but remain social problems slowly; that it is be- that the Russian people do not care without agricultural implements, nail

what they need, but that they, the the monarchy was overthrown in Rusrepresentatives of the radicals and the sia, I, as well as many others, be-Socialist Intelligentsia, do know. lieved that Russia could not cope with Therefore they are the ones to govern the political revolution, war, and the the czar's loans, becar the "dark" people, to educate the social revolution at the same time. It people, to prepare the people for selfwas true. We were thrown out of the Pussian people to prove the people for selfwas true. We were thrown out of the Pussian people the people for self-The representatives of the opposition camp, on the other hand, insist that their experiences with the first erament started pourparlers for a that their experiences with the first separate peace. It could not possibly two provisional governments and eshave acted differently. It was impecially with the third—the Omsk pecially with the thi essible to wage war further; the government, which is now dormant in ahead. And now the question is army had run away, the railroads had the pocket of Kolchak—is sufficient which was promised to us. But we for your accusation that the Bolshe-ways to a standard Neverthaless was promised to us. But we for your accusation that the Bolshe-ways to a standard Neverthaless was promised to us. But we for your accusation that the Bolshe-ways to a standard Neverthaless was promised to us. But we for your accusation that the Bolshe-ways to a standard Neverthaless was promised to us. come to a standstill. Nevertheless, warning not to repeat mistakes. Their social revolution is untimely? Shall when the predatory tendencies of the deep conviction is that the Russian we, together with the reactionaries and contributions, Russia has reernment delayed the ratification of social reforms and demand these rethe page treaty and entered into no forms immediately by resolution and assist the French income forms and demand these rethe revolution and assist the French income forms and demand these rethe revolution and assist the French income forms that the gains of the revolution and assist the French income forms that the gains of the revolution and assist the French income forms that the gains of the revolution and assist the French income forms and demand these rethe peace treaty and entered into negotiations with the Allies, promising, means. Yes, the Russian people are
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complish both political and social re- whatsoever and they cannot have any. well, but I cannot understand the construction. Now the Russian peo- They represent the most picturesque ple ars busy with the construction of conglomerate; side by side with old little; we have no treaties with you a new social order, and when this revolutionists we see former officials and never had any, and in the division shall have been crystallized into defi- of the czar's police; side by side with of Russia you do not intend to par- system and not attempt to blame the workers will have to develop nite form, they can begin the political noble dreamers we see the faces of ticipate. Why then do you keep your construction of Russia. It can be fore- criminals; side by side with monartold already that for the new social chists we see anarchists—all of them conditions new political forms will be are united in their mad desire to overrequired. It may also be predicted throw the Soviet government; and the that neither the French nor the Amer- old English diplomats, who are oper ican clothes will fit the free Russian ating behind their backs, have finally peasant; it will be necessary to sew realized that such a union is not stable special Russian clothes of new cuts. and that it must be replaced by a

cut it once," says an old Russian chak has appeared on the horizon. He proverb. And history confirms it. Of began his political career with the ar rest of the members of the Constitu ent Assembly, with the reopening o tution of the United States. Written introduction of the czar's rules against in 1787, with seventeen amendments, Jews. So the question is as follows Kolchak, or the Soviets?-The dicta torship of the working people, or the dictatorship of an insignificant group of adventurers, behind the backs o whom there are foreigners? The people, or generals? The decision is · The Soviet government has found i

not be decided in haste. I perfectly Russia back to normal. The peasant, yond the strength of the Russian to wait any longer and do not trust and textile goods. The workmen have people to accomplish a social and po- the "masters." No words are strong obtained control over production, bu litical revolution at the same time; enough to convince me to the con- remain without bread and without that it is necessary to be satisfied for trary. To back one's arguments with ceal. Production itself has slowed Japanese bayonets and English ma- down. The most important factor in chine guns is just as criminal, in my this situation is the isolation of Rus cial reforms through evolution. More opinion, as to assassinate one's own sia. She is practically excluded from than that, representatives of this mother. And all the outcries of the the world exchange. She is now like interventionists-that this is a "dem- a besieged fortress, a fortress which ocratic" way of helping Russia-are the enemy wants to take, if not by force of arms then by hunger. By When one and one-half years ago that we have committed two sins to France. Yes, in principle we do not consider ourselves responsible for rt of them

Americans at all. We owe you very soldiers in Russia? The interests of ested in the realization of the ideals of the freedom of the seas and the League of Nations, which your president is faithfully upholding in Europe, the workers and the capitalists. The class power of the workthan Russia. All our seas are not free. Our government is most of all nternational. Moreover the interests of exchange between Russia and America at present should be mutual. During the war the United States had tremendously developed her producion, and she needs foreign markets. Russia could be one. She needs goods. The cannot of herself increase proluction and stimulate industry. Yet ve have plenty to pay with; our natiral resources are enormous. The uestion of how to utilize these reources in order to pay for your goods may be decided upon by mutual inderstanding and discussion either n Washington or in Moscow, but surey this cannot be decided by mutual lestruction in the swamps of Archngel. The Soviet government has ittempted many a time to begin such

This argument is usually disposed f by referring to the Bolshevik danger. First of all, the responsibility f power has compelled the Bolsheiki to become more moderate. Secnd, the Soviets and the Bolsheviki ire not one and the same. The Bolheviki at the present time dominate he Soviets—to a great extent beause of the policy of the Allies. Yet, earing Bolshevism, you are cultivatng it. More than that, by your acions you justify its ideology. As far is the philosophic side of the question is concerned, we differ from the Bolheviki in the matter of natural imoulses. The Bolsheviki say that such tically impulses are only class interests. We, mar pre izing that class laterests are the most important interests of mankind, nevertheless believe that mankind has we betrayed other interests: Religions, moral, naing among themselves the booty difficult trial. There is some ground do not protest against this. Pro- viki are serving the interests of one The Allies did not accept this pro- will acquire their knowledge in the posal, the sincerity of which can process of reconstruction. Without ternal and foreign enemies? As far guilty of breaking a treaty; then justice? Is it really possible that to present the Brest-Litovsk peace get along, but they want to select question, and that is why, while re- with the Central Powers? She is be-

### Class Power

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

Do not allow any of the retain- that capitalism and capitalists But we also have a third sin, of ers of the capitalists to fool any have had their day and that out." The classes have been ar- by themselves. They have made rayed against each other, lo, all the machinery, they do all these many years, and the capi- the work, and they produce all

ists and workers to be arrayed produce wealth for their own against each other then the cap- consumption and enjoyment.

the workers for it. the workers and here is where together at every election day. profits and the workers want earth. more wages and this is why If you believe in this program these two classes are at war with step into the Socialist line and each other and "class is arrayed stand up with your class in the against class."

state of affairs. They believe class.

the productive machinery. dis-If it is wrong for the capital- pense with the capitalists, and

italists must condemn their own To inaugurate this change and apply their class power. This Work is done with tools and means that they must unite in the United States do not conflict with these tools today consist of mas one and the same industrial orthe interests of Russia. More than todon machines. These machines ganization and fight the everythat, no other country is more inter-, which do the work in modern day battles of the workers and industry are owned by the cap- at the same time organize in italists while they are used by one and the same party and vote

are face to face in the class ers, economic and political when struggle, and "class is arrayed fully developed and intelligently against class.". The capitalists applied, will set them free and want the big end in the way of make them the rulers of the

struggle to abolish capitalism Socialists are opposed to this and emancipate the working

### Russia to the Allies

You that allowed the crumbling Czardom room, Year after year that saw exiles tread By tens of thousands to their living tomb In the Siberian waste, and no word said, What mighty need has brought your armies now?

You that beheld my surging crowds lack food, My peasants' dream of liberty turn gall. And wormwood of another servitude, Yet sat not in the judgement seat at all, What mighty need has brought your armies now?

You have seen the blood upon the snow Of student and of worker, that have seen Pogrom, espial, fraud and Cossack-blow With never a demand to intervene, What mighty need has brought your armies now?

You that afar off watched the abysmal fire · Of Revolution roll on ended night Deep after deep the people's dumb desire, And veiled your eyes from fierceness of the light. What mighty need has brought your armies now?

I cast the sword away. The torch outshone; lifted it against my enemy, With the authoritative dead alone I stood the hour that you abandoned me. What mighty need has brought your armies now?

Evangels of "Democracy," that fly To me, the reaper of man's tragic good, Your driven cities left to judge you by And all the past you bore with fortitude, What mighty need has brought your armies now? -Viola C. White in The World Tomorrow.

## AFTER THE WAR-WHAT?

By C. E. Ruthenberg IX.—The End of War

One of the strongest arguments used to secure support of the war, by the masses in this country was that it was "a war to end war." In deciding upon our program of reconstruc-

tion it is of paramount importance that we know whether the principles we adopt will lead to realization of the ideal of a society in which there will be no more war. At the present time an effort is being made to

reach this goal through the organization of a League of Nations. This is the means through which the supporters of the present industrial order hope to make war impossible in the future. The structure of the League of Nations is just emerging from the council of statesmen represent-

ing the Allied nations and the United States, but the lines on which the super-national organization is to be built are clear enough to warrant a conclusion in regard to whether it will prove a barrier against future wars.

There are two ways in which the League of Nations is to prevent future wars. It is to be the trustee of the capitalist nations of the world in charge of the backward countries, which are to be administered through "mandatories" under its direction, and there is also to be set up as part of the super-national organization machinery for conciliation and arbitration of disputes which arise between nations.

There is nothing in either of these proposals which will eliminate the cause of wars. Let us examine the situation we face by consideving the relations that will exist between two groups of countries after the peace trenty is signed

and the League of Nations organized.
On the one side will be the United States and Japan; on the other Russia and Germany.

It is fairly certain that in the United States and Japan capitalism will still flourish, and we will presume that in Russia and Germany Socialist industrial republics will be established.

We would then find that in the United States and Japan the machinery of production would be in

the hands of a relatively small class which would operate the industries for its profit. The workers would be able to secure the opportunity to work only by consent of the owners of industry. When they did work they would receive in wages only a small part of the product of their labor. They would work eight of ten hours per day, but would receive in wages only the product of two or three hours work. The remaining hours after they had produced their wages they would be producing "surplus value" for the owning class.

Since the workers received only part of the value of their product in wages it would naturally follow that they would be unable to buy and consume all of the goods they produced. The capitalist class, relatively small in number, could not consume the goods the workers could not buy and would be compelled to seek foreign markets in which to sell these goods. The capitalists would also amass new capital as a result of the profits they took and this would lead them to seek colonies and "spheres of influence" for development and exploitation.

Thus we would find the capitalists of the United States seeking to control the markets of China and the capitalists of Japan endeavoring to gain control of the same markets; we would find the capitalists of the United States and Japan seeking to exploit the Philippine Islands and the countries of South America. The capitalists of both countries would be driven by the inexorable conditions of capitalist production into bitter competition with each other and the history of the past tells us that such competition begun on the comcercial field would lead inevitably to the battle field.

Will the League of Nations be able to prevent the logical development of commercial rivalry which capitalism produces?

It is an effort in that direction. The capitalists of the world realize the danger for them which accompanies war. Aside from the great destruction of wealth and the piling up of huge mountains of debts, there is always the threat that war will precipitate a revolution, such as took place in Russia, and which,

although not yet complete, followed the defeat of Germany. So the League of Nations is being organized to act as the international agent of capitalism and to minimize the possibility of the recurrence of such a conflict as this through which the world has

The League of Nations, as trustee of the backward and undeveloped countries, assigning to each certain territory for exploitation. When disputes arise the League of Nations will seek to prevent war through conciliation and arbitration.

Can it succeed?

One of the favorite arguments of the supporters of the League of Nations, in support of their scheme, is to point at the fact that the thirteen colonies, after the break with England, were each separate, independent states, which federated as the United States, with resulting harmony and peace.

This argument overlooks the fact that an economic question about which two groups of states differed was left unsettled, and that in spite of all the machinery for settlement of disputes provided in the Constitution of the United States there resulted the bloodiest civil war of modern times over the question whether chattel slavery or wage slavery should prevail.

Just so capitalist Internationalism presenting itself in the form of a League of Nations will have to deal with commercial imperialism—the logical product of the exploitation of the workers in modern industry—which in spite of all the machinery of arbitration and conciliation will drive the capitalist countries to an appeal to arms in the struggle for

Now let us consider Socialist Russia and Socialist Germany, supposing that in the latter country the social revolution is completed and the workers take control of industry.

In each of these countries the industries will no longer be the private property of capitalists. The industries will be owned by the people. The workers in each industry will organize for the management of the industry in which they work. They will select

their representatives in city councils, or state or national councils, in which the workers from the various industries will meet to decide matters of common interest. There will be no exploitation of the workers and therefore no need to seek foreign markets in which to sell surplus products. There will be no economic motive to push the workers of Russia into a war with the workers of Japan to decide whether the capitalists of Russia or Japan should exploit the markets and resources of Manchuria, such as took place some fifteen years ago. There will be no economic motive to force the workers of Germany into a struggle to secure control of the spheres of influence in Asia Minor in which to sell surplus products and make more profits for capitalists.

The workers of each country will enjoy the wealth they produce. If, after supplying every family with good food, good clothing, a comfortable home and the opportunity for education and recreation, they find they have surplus products on their hands, they will simply cut down the hours of labor. If the workers of Russia find they are producing too much wheat and need machinery and the workers of Germany produce too much machinery and need wheat, they will arrange for an equal exchange of these products on the basis of their value. The economic motive which drive nations to war will have ceased to exist with the end of exploitation.

Why should the workers of any country wish to ship the goods they produce to foreign countries? Don't they need them? Can't the workers of the United States use the goods they produce in raising the standard of living in this country? Don't we need these goods to abolish poverty? Don't we need more comfortable homes? Can't we take more of the workers from the work of producing commodities and train them to improve our educational

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#### WITH OUR EDITORS

#### DRAWING THE MAGIC CIRCLE

The small town editors of the country are having the time of their young and useless lives. Serving in the capacity of lackeys for the big and little Executive Committeemen Marked Ex. business interests of their local communities and receiving their ideas, ideals and inspirations from the same source as their meager incomes, they are emitting most pitiful squeals of late as they view with sympathetic alarm the fright of their masters at the march of the world's proletariat toward Industrial Democracy.

Not daring, in the face of certainty of loss of their meal fickets, to express an idea at variance with the interests of the masters they serve, their lot is indeed a pitiful one. Compelled to serve as catspaws to attempt to pull the chestnuts of capitalist interests from the fires of revolution they cut sorry capers indeed in their studious servility to the hand that feeds them.

Their breadth of vision is limited to the radius of the circulation of their narrow mediocre sheets. Their life's outlook consists of a perspective the man) most salient feature of which is the hope of continued patronage of these same big and little exploiters. Their smiles are to them like sunshine, their patronage is as summer showers to thirsting grass, their favors are the light of day and the height and glory of life. To such depths of depravity are the small town editors of this country reduced.

As an instance of this snivilling servility on the part of editors we cite the editorial column of the St. Marys' (O.) Evening Leader of Jan. 27, wherein an account of the breaking up of a Socialist meeting at New Bremen by rowdyles in uniform, led by a preacher, is condoned and pointed to as an example of the impossibility of planting in that city the seeds of Industrial

Our answer is that the petty bourgeois of that locality even with the Invalitable assistance of the mud slinging press whose policy their hand con- Charleston supplies ..... trols cannot draw a Magic Circle about New Bremen or any other city that will keep beyond its borders the principles and propaganda of Industrial

That mass movement which is sweeping into oblivion political and industrial despots of Europe and even now is a potential force in this nation will scarcely stop at the outskirts of New Bremen. How silly is such meaningless twaddle. But what is to be expected from this crumb-gathering tribe of time-

PANICKY PROFITEERS

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The Daily the panic among the profiteers increases. Each step of the forward
The State Office has nearly a thouThe State Office has nearly a thouThe State Office has nearly a thouHenri bound hosts of the world's workers is marked by a corresponding quivering and palpitation of the vital organs of the buccaneers of industry as they view with consternation the strides and hear the rumblings of the oncoming revo-

Gone are the dreams of undisputed and unquestioned exploitation of world markets and the world's workers. In their place has arisen the grim SOMEWHERE IN WEST VIRGINIA that a candi or membership was vision of an enraged working class determined to put an end to exploitation

by what ever means lie handlest.

The rosy dreams of undisputed control of the world's productive forces by capital which was evident at the time of the signing of the armistice, has in these few short weeks received a rude awakening shock. The very means and source of the power of capital is jeopardized by a new danger that has promise to discharge the duties of this power of the power of capital is jeopardized by a new danger that has promise to discharge the duties of this power of the power of capital is jeopardized by a new danger that has promise to discharge the duties of this power of the power of capital is jeopardized by a new danger that has promise to discharge the duties of this power of the power of capital is jeopardized by a new danger that has promise to discharge the duties of this power of the power of capital is jeopardized by a new danger that has promise to discharge the duties of this power of the power of capital is jeopardized by a new danger that has promise to discharge the duties of the local membership. risen up over night and has compelled the attention of the pirates of finance.

office as well as my time and ability gin now and report regularly every

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will enable me to do. As I am not month so that we shall be able to let

ter the furthering of "democracy" but for its stoppage. The great danger All the resources of capital and the capitalist state are being marshalled, not for the furthering of "democracy," but for its stoppage. The great danger that threatens new is not the danger of competitive capitalist nations, but that threatens new is not the danger of competitive capitalist nations, but wished me to announce, through this virginia for the cause of Socialism.

That of an awakened working class of the world. That the financiers are cognizant of the new danger is evident. Every spokesman for capitalist interdorsed by unanimous vote of Local issue of the Ohio Socialist, the good ests voices the rising fear that eats at the heart of capitalism. The fear of extermination as a ruling class is gripping them as they see the revolution

The German revolution added to that of Russia and the growing strength of the Soviet government has given tremendous impetus to the proletarian movement. "Every social system carries within itself the seeds of its own destruction." Capitalism has kindled the fires that shall destroy itself. They have broken forth. From continent to continent they spread. To the workers they mean the light of a new day. To the exploiters they mean

How foolish then are the attempts of the hireling press to stand in the How foolish then are the attempts of the hireling press to stand in the the person of Comrade H. W. Crow-satisfied such a request would path of progress with their panicky cry of "Halt Bolsheviki!" Labor halts der M. A. L. of Handley, W. Va. He if the "call was loud enough." not. It has learned its power and is using it to further its own aims, which not only put himself in good standing would have to do would be to contribmean the "expropriation of the expropriators." On with the revolution!

#### TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

The labor movement in the United States is gagged. It is unable to secure halls for its meetings; hundreds of its speakers are in jail; its papers are denied the mails; its fondest hopes and its noblest ambitions are misrepresented and villified by the capitalist press. The workers of America are kept in ignorance and so far as may be, they are reduced to silence by the

The latest incident in this conspiracy of silence is the police order closing

the halls in New York City to Socialists, Internationalists, and radicals. New York, however, is only an incident. The Non-Partisan League has and take some one with you. met with the same treatment in Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa; the I. W. We meetings have been broken up all over the country; in many states the Socialists were not even permitted the use of halls during the recent campaign, and last, but by no means least, the American Federation of Labor finds itself unable to secure meeting places in many of the towns around Pittsburg and other great industrial centers. The masters of the United States are determined that the working class shall not be heard.

What shall we do then? Shall we beg halls from the masters? Shall we petition; protest; demand? What utter nonsense! What silly, idle, trivial waste of energy and time! When the United States was at war with Germany, did this country beg for German help in order to defeat the German power? Unthinkable! Con-

gress even passed a law forbidding any citizen to trade with the enemy. The struggle between the masters and the workers is entering upon its anal stage. It is a fight to the end, now, between the exploiters and the exploited. THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE AMERICAN WORKERS TO STOP TRADING WITH THE ENEMY. If they want a newspaper, they must own it and support it; if they want a school, they must organize it and control it; IF THEY WANT A MEETING PLACE, THEY MUST BUILD ings successful. IT. The workers of Europe learned this lesson a generation ago. It is our SCOTT NEARING.

A frightened "yip" from an industrial kaiser at mention of the word Bolshevism, only serves to show who is being pinched.

An army conscripted from labor's ranks to fight for democracy in Europe may, if put to the test, prove an inefficient weapon against industrial democ-

The truthful capitalist press of Cleveland announced to an anxious public at the time of signing the armistic that there were 30,000 jobs awaiting the 30,000 men in uniform who had been taken from Cleveland industry. Today they may eat their lies. There are 70,000 unemployed in this city receiving the benefits of that democracy made safe for capitalism.

five were dismissed without trial and Conspiracies. Twenty-five mine owners and of the ninety-three were sentenced to ficials were indicted for forcibly deprison for 800 years and fined \$2,500,porting twelve hundred striking min- 000.—Show that this is in accordance ers from the town of B. Ninety-three with the larger principles of justice. other men were indicted for being Haward Brubaker, in the Liberator members of the I. W. W. The twenty-for February.

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FANUARY, 1919.

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How to Conduct a Local.... 1.00

The State Committee, upon being familiar writer the state Committee, upon being familiar writers to the control of the control the state of West Virginia, my local Bulletin, what is being done in West

I am glad to announce that Com- way of getting subs? Just contemrade Edwin Firth's faithful service to plate, for a moment, what effect it he movement in West Virginia has een recognized by a call to "come up He goes to the National the Ohio Socialist to have 50 to 100 Office, Chicago, to fill a position in subscribers in every county in the the Organization Department. When he gets located, he expects to give his address to the Bulletin and wants his Socialist friends to write to him. Socialist Party of West Virginia a
Last week, we had the pleasure of column in every issue for West Virmeeting a very sociable Socialist, in

for the Ohio Socialist, for a year.

most convenient. Record breaking au-

every point. Attend these meetings

Niles and Youngstown.

Tom Lewis speaks at Niles Sunday

ifternoon, Feb. 16. Niles Opera House.

Admission free. He will speak at

Youngstown same day in the evening.

Tom Lewis will teach you more real

Socialism in an hour than you ever

learned before in a day. Take a crowd

with you and hear this proletarian agi-

Akron Meetings.

March 2-C. E. Ruthenberg,

Editor, The Proletarian.

Feb. 16-Frank Midney of Youngs-

Feb. 23-Dennis E. Batt, Associate

These meetings will take place at

50 South Howard St. Each one of

these speakers deserves a crowded hall. Be there to help make the meet-

Scott Nearing Dates.

Scott Nearing will not be able to fill his dates in Ohio owing to his trial

not having been concluded by this

time. In that case he will be substi-tuted by either Kate Richards O'Hare

or John Reed of the Liberator Group.

Nearing's dates are: Canton, Feb. 13, Music hall; Dayton, Feb. 14; Cleve-

land, Feb. 16, 1000 Walnut St., Moose

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#### COLUMBUS NOTES The Socialist movement here is im-

proving steadily and surely. The old comrades that stood the test in the critical times of the recent past have taken on new hope, and the new com-rades are very enthusiastic and ask the local to order fifty copies a week of the Ohio Socialist to be systematically used among our shopmates, and fellow workers, then after giv-ing copies to persons for a reasonable length of time ask for their subscriptian, and support of the paper, and in Fairmont local bought seven dollars that way we can build up a large subworth of dues stamps in the month of scription list for the Ohio Socialist January and reports nine new mem- and arouse the spirit of revolt that bers. Its secretary, Jesse Bird, has appears to be lying dormant in the

convinced us by his activities in the hearts and minds of the workers in movement, that Jesse is not the kind of a "bird" that likes to hover around Comrade Sharts of Dayton was with movement, that Jesse is not the kind of a "bird" that likes to hover around anything dead. He recently ordered a bundle of Ohio Socialists of the issue of Jan. 15th, containing the Constitution of the Soviet Government of Stitution of the Soviet Government of Russia. We hope he organizes a So Socialism is great stuff if you don't weaken. What's the matter with Elk-Dub thinks anything legal is just the thing whether it is right or not. Just ins, Beckley, Moundsville, and all the other big buyers of dues stamps in 1918? Well, I will confess that the

E. B. EUBANKS.

#### WATCH THIS BRANCH

Huntington locals have nothing to boast of. They were just about dead at the close of the war, but both locals have admitted several new mem-We are confidentially informed that the First Ward Branch of Local Co-lumbus will bear watching. Something is going on there that looks mighty bers since that time. Local Elizabeth is having trouble to find a place to meet since Comrade Franklin moved bad for the movement—the reaction-ary movement. This branch, so we away. A number of the comrades of Local Huntington enjoyed a good din-ner after the meeting of the local, are informed bought 60 dues stamps last month and seems determinedly headed for battle. So we pass it on three weeks ago Sunday, at Comrade Gillespie's. Comrade Nora Gillespie can prepare a good dinner or write a to our readers in a whisper to watch the First Ward Branch of the Capitol the path of human progress and comgood article with equal facility. Am sorry to report that Comrade G. W. Gillespie, known over the state as one City, they're a live bunch and they appear to be growing.

#### NORWOOD NOTES

ist Party, has not been very robust this winter, being compelled to miss some of the meetings of the local on Local Norwood is among the locals some of the meetings of the local on awakening. Now the members are hide behind the most conservative comrade Nick Reinhardt of Moundsville thinks we ought to have a state third Monday evening is set aside out this statement, Russia had her convention, this year sometime, to get for propaganda purposes. They also ready for a larger part in the political ask for a speaker for the Sunday beaffairs of the country. I do not find any provision in the constitution for mele places an order for a bundle of convention in the constitution for twenty Ohio Socialists each week. a convention in any year except those in which a gubernatorial election is held, but I will welcome a full and mith and results are sure to come forth-

> The crowd at Baker's meeting at Hamilton was very enthusiastic with the exception of Mr. Kelley, Secretary of Hamilton Manufacturing Associa tion." Correspondent.

#### MORE PAYING AHEAD

Local Niles has opened a campaign to get every member paid up for 1919. before being ado a good supply
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#### KENMORE MEMBERS PAYING UP

A letter from Comrade Fred W. Seibert of Kenmore states that the members are paying up arrearages and taking a more active part in the movement. This is the news that comes in to the State Office from all parts of the state. Keep after them, comrades—capitalism is with us these days. Take advantage of the opportunities its present paralysis presents us with. \* \* \*

to ask the Ohio Socialist to give the Socialist Party of West Virginia a DANCE AT CINCINNATI Local Cincinnati will hold a dance and general entertainment on Feb. 22 for the benefit of the campaign fund All we Every comrade is urged to help make

this affair the most successful ever. It promises to be a great affair as great interest is being taken by many comrades. The Sunday lectures, which the local holds weekly are a success though there seems to be proof that the law and order gang would only be too well pleased to break

Enclosed find ten cents for copy of "Triel of Eugene V. Debs." Saw the ad in Ohio Socialist, the best paper on earth." M. J. Courtney.

#### DOING FINE

Comrade Toohey reports that Local Toledo is in fine financial trim, having taken in over \$600 last month at head-quarters. This sum is realized from the sale of literature, soft drinks, pool, New Bremen, Feb. 14; Convoy, Feb. 16; Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16; St. Marys, Feb. 17, 18; Wapakeneta, Feb. 19, 20; Jenera, Feb. 21, 22; Bluffetc. This is exclusive of receipts from meetings which have also been very ton, Feb. 23; Findlay, Feb. 24, 25; North Baltimore, Feb. 26; Napoleon, successful. Such receipts indicate the strength of the local movement Fch. 27, 28; Fremont, March 1, 2; Greenwich, March 3, 4. and is a monument to the untiring ef-forts which the comrades are putting into the work. More nower to them. W. R. Snow will begin organization work in Ohio March 2. He will spend

Canton Organized German Branch. A new German branch with 13 charter members has been organized at Canton. Richard Schrader is organizer and Albert Mallon secretary. To the comrades of this branch we extend congratulations upon having effected an organization and thus taken a deto fill dates and locals are requested termined step toward the emancipa-to notify the State Office when they tion of the workers. tion of the workers.

> "The Ohio Socialist is well liked ere and I am doing all I can to push Elmer Turner, Ky.

dollars per lecture and expenses. You will make no mistake in securing a date for Comrade Batt. Make appli-Belmont county.

Mansfield meeting an entire success. A number of Ohio Socialist subscrip-Reports of Comrade Chas. Baker's tions were secured, several new memmeetings continue to prove that while bers taken into the organization and capitalism is stricken with a paralytic last but not least a collection of \$35.50 stroke, Socialism is alive and kicking was taken. The comrades there are at an unprecedented rate. Crowded iubilant over the success of the meethalls greet him at every point, large ing and want more like it. collections are the rule, great interest

The Akron meeting was a huge sucis manifested at every point and a cess. The hall was packed long begeneral awakening is felt in each lo- fore the time for the meeting and another hall had to be secured for Comrade Baker reports a good the hundreds who could not get in. As meeting at Portsmouth and that the in other instances one hall proved incomrades are raising an organization adequate for the great numbers who Comrade Debs will fill the following dates: Lorain, Sunday, Feb. 16. At dates: Lorain, Sunday, Feb. 16. At dates: Lorain, Sunday, Feb. 16. At dates have been settled upon but it is that district soon after his week in evidence that our hour has come.

#### Your Local-Where and When it Meets

Your Local's Advertisement Will be Inserted Under This Heading at the Rate of \$2.50 for Six Months.

LOCAL AKRON Socialist Party of Ohio Meets Every Friday Evening at LOCAL COLUMBUS.
Socialist Party of Ohio
Meets Every Thursday, 8 P. M.
Lectures every 2d and 4th Sunday of the month, 2:30 p. ms.
Hall, 50½ W. Gays Street.

LOCAL CINCINNATI. Meets Every Thursday, 8 P.M.
Lectures Every Sunday, 8 P.M.
SOCIALIST HALL,
1314 Vine St.

#### The Statistician

Dear Comrades: In whatever state, you may be-Ohio, West Varginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Illinois or New Mexico. The new social order will come in

spite of all opposition. It has seen the light of day in Russia and various parts of Germany. The enlightened emboldened working class cannot be halted on the road to "Industrial Freedom." Social revolutions are, as Comrade Kirkpatrick states never noisy or bloody unless the ruling class impudently stands across mands, Halt!
When all obstacles placed by the

desperate bourgeoisie are overcome by class-conscious workers, attempts to sidetrack the movement are made by adopting socialism, which is really Kerensky, Germany has her Scheide mann and Ebert, America her Spargo and Russell, etc.

Throughout the world in so-called political democracies, the election laws Norwood comrades are starting right are passed by the bourgeoisie to forestall any political uprising on the part of their duped subjective workers. This matter cannot be taken up in any detailed manner for lack of Proportionate representation space. is denied in most all democratic nations. England demonstrated this point, just two weeks ago. The Union party polling 3,700,000 votes seated 359 members to parliament; the Independent Labor Party polling 2,700,000 votes, seated (not 262) but only 65

> The electorial system is another way of defeating the political revolt of any peoples. Then what is the moral? Although it appears that the assas-sination of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, has made the notating elections impossible in some localities delections impossible in some localities in the end are available of Germany the figures that are available to every 20, we should make it 800. The following locals surpassed the 5 emburg, has made the holding

The following data scrupulously compiled, gives the reader an idea of the trend of events there. The privileged class hiding behind the Evert-Scheideman group is as yet in power. Representation of the various German parties in the reichstag during

The following will clear up the situation in Germany, somewhat in the minds of the reade

German Elections, Pct. of Represent Minority Socialist ..... 42 Majority Socialist ..... 22 Christian Peoples (Centrists) ..... Guelf ..... Other petty bourgeoisie Totals ......100 Socialist groups ..... 27

gleaned from current events, are the figures published by the National Office of the S. P. of U. S. A.

The increase of stamps sold during the month of November, 1918, over the sales of October, 1918, was 7 per The sales of December, 1918, over

November the preceding month was only 28 per cent, and all data obtainable as to sales of January, 1919, point to the fact that it surpassed that of December, 1918, by 35 per cent. Membership of the Socialist Party of

Ohio.
How many members has your local? Your district? The report for Dec., 1918, shows 31 locals have secured 225 new members, have 3,403 members in good standing out of an entire roll of 5,190, a percentage of .656, an increase of .074 over last month's ef-

Just think, comrades, the roll of 31 locals show 5,190 members and these are at least 70 other locals to hear from.

Good Standing Mempership.

Local Mount Vernon gained place for its activities during last Can your local equal this?

(Locals with 500 or over) Cuyahoga County.....1804 69 (Keep this up, you're doing well,

(You need the doctor! Dues Collecting Squads. Local Toledo! Hope you will be able to make better showing next month) CLASS D

(Locals having 100 or more) Ashtabula (Finnish)... 150 (Fine showing!) (Locals with 50 or more)

Richland Co. ..... Youngstown (Eng.) .... Youngstown (local) ..... Kenmore ..... Portage Co. .... –Piqua ..... CLASS F
(Locals with 25 or more) Toledo (German) ..... Zanesville ..... Massillon .....

Lorain (German) ..... North Star .....\*
\*\*Mt. Vernon ..... -Warren .... -Mt. Healthy ..... -Ashland ..... -Fairview ..... \*E. Liverpool ..... -Wadsworth ..... Barberton ..... Derwent ..... -Sandusky

Marion 333 (Local Marion, what's nmatter,) Increase in Membership 225 new members reported How many members can we bring in next month? As there are 6.000 paid up

per cent. test: Members Stand. Mt. Vernon :..... Barberton ..... the years 1917 and 1918 are given below, and also the newly gained representation of these parties and the losses of the reactionary bourgeoisie Youngstown (English). 8 Warren ..... 8 Cuyahoga Co. ....134 Kenmore ........ Let us surpass this record by next 1919 month! A revolutionary local never ganda work, increase of membership

and other essential work Where does your local stand? Where do you belong? Comrades! Let us try again. Yours for the Social Revolution, FELIX J. CATLIN, Sec. English Br., Local Youngstown.

#### OBITUARY

Comrade George Milton, faithful comrade and member of the city council of Byesville, was killed in the mine where he was employed, Jan. 9. Comrade Milton enjoyed the entire confidence of the comrades of Byesville and his passing is a distinct loss to the movement there. He leaves a wife and several children to whom his comrades extend their sincerest sympathy. er w<del>id erit</del>t byg

#### THEY WILL STAY NOW Writing in a letter lately received

Comrade H. Wiechers, the prompt and efficient secretary of Local Columbus, says, "New members will, I think, remain in the party in the future, as they are now provided with the right kind of brain food through the me-dium of the Ohio Socialist.", Thus the stand of the party for support of the party press by the membership is

#### Life of Man in Danger (Continued from Page One)

women intimate questions in an at-tempt to rile up the male members and he has gotten so raw in some instances that even Judge Dunne, in many respects worse than Fickert, has

And yet the farce goes on.

Densmore had said more than any of the Mooney agitators has dared And of course the San Francisco

lickspittle press—"The Morning Stab-ber," and "The Evening Blabber," are strong in their denunciation and accusation of Mr. Densmore. If the "Law and Order Bandits" of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce follow the same tactics as in the past, it is very likely that some of the Mooney agitators will be on the road raising funds for the defense of Mr. Densmore, before many moons have been shoved over our heads by an all-enduring, impossible-of-understanding "God" (?).

month. It made .912 of its entire membership "pay up" and secured new members equaling 42 per cent. Comrade Beery reports Baker's of its previous good standing membership.

> Name of Local. Good Std. Pct. Roll CLASS AA 699

CLASS A (Locals with 400 or more) None. CLASS B

(Locals with 300 or more) 495

523

hustle and earn new place) CLASS C (Locals with 200 or more) Toledo ..... 200

### NEWS AND VIEWS-A WEEKLY SURVEY

Edited By C. E. Ruthenberg

#### Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde

President Wilson seems to be playing the part of that character we owe to the genius of Robert Louis Stevenson, who as Dr. Jekyl was a kind, generous, philonthropic gentlemen, who, on occasions changed himself into the vicions, murderous Mr. Hyde, through the use of a mysterious drug he had

In the French Chamber of Deputies Mr. Wilson told the assembled members of that body-and history records that the Socialists applauded vigorously, that:

"The nations of the world are about to consummate a brotherhood which will make unnecessary in the future to maintain those crushing armaments which made the people suffer, almost as much in peace as they suffer in war."

The same newspaper that reported Mr. Wilson's idealistic speech to the assembled Frenchmen carried on the front page this news dispatch:

Washington, Feb. 4.—The president still adheres to his desire for a large navy and is "insistent and earnest" that a new threeyear building program be authorized. Chairman Padgett of the House naval committee told the House today at opening of debate on the new navy bill, providing a \$700,000,000 construction program.

The president cabled urging prompt action

Dr. Jekyl Wilson preaching the evils of crushing armaments stands in sharp contrast to Mr. Hyde Wilson urging congress to put on the shoulders of the American people the crushing burden of \$700.-000,000 to be spent for a greater navy. Has the president so little faith in his own program that he insists and urges that these hundreds of millions, which might be used to give better educations to the children of the workers of this country, be wasted in building instruments of destruction? Does he realize that in spite of all his fair words the capitalist system will remain the same murderous, criminal "thing" that it was in August of 1914?

#### Foreign Trade

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A month or two ago the capitalist class of this country. was conducting a campaign to educate the workers to an understanding of the advantages of foreign trade. Full page advertisements in the kept press glowingly described the general prosperity which would result from capture of the world markets by the capitalists of this country.

It happens frequently that the supporters of capitalism "let the cat out of the bag" and admit the real facts about a subject when discussing it in relation to a digerent matter from that in which they have tried to present a certain view to the workers. In the matter of foreign trade this happened a few days ago. In the educational campaign the work-

ers were told that foreign trade meant a great advantage to them. In discussing how Germany is to meet the big hill which the Allies propose presenting for payment, one of the capitalist newspapers conveyed this interesting piece of information:

"Germany must not only make money in marks but in the currency of the associated powers. This means that her exports must exceed her imports."

When Germany's exports exceed her imports the balance of foreign trade will be in her favor, the situation which the capitalists of this country have been seeking to bring about, but here we have added the new proposition that only through such a devel opment can Germany pay her debt to the Allies. If that means anything it means that the German people will lose through foreign trade. They will be giving up part of the wealth they produce to someone else. And that is the fact of the matter in every country. Foreign trade means that goods are sent away from a country and insofar as the balance of trade is in favor of any particular country it has lost the opportunity to consume and enjoy that much of the wealth it produced.

The only difference is that when their is no great debt to pay such as the Allied nations propose to compel Germany to pay, the capitalists at home build up credit balances on foreign countries upon which

they receive interest which adds to their incomes. The workers have nothing to gain through a foreign trade balance; they lose the enjoyment of part of the wealth they produce.

#### Democracy—A Comparison

The two houses of the legislature of Ohio adopted a resolution last week urging the senators from Ohio. to vote in favor of the suffrage amendment to the constitution, pending in the senate.

This little incident offers an excellent opportunity for comparison between the kind of democracy which exists in Russia and in the United States.

Under the Russian Soviet plan of government the delegates to the All-Russian Soviet can be withdrawn at any time by the constituency which sent them. It is recorded that at a certain period the character of the Petrograd Soviet changed in a single week from predominantly Bolshevik to a predominant Menshevik majority and then changed back again in a like period.

In the United States we elect senators for a period of six years and after the election they are free to act as they see fit, irrespective of the wishes of their constituency. The best that we can do is to petition them as the legislature petitioned Mr. Pomerene and Mr. Harding.

Which is the most democratic government, the Russian, in which the wishes of the people are quickly registered, or ours, which leaves us at the mercy of our representatives once they are elected?

#### The Berne Conference

The Berne International Socialist and Labor Conference is justifying all that has been said in opposition to it. Thus far the two momentous questions with which the conference has been considering have been responsibility for the war and recognition of the Soviet government of Russia.

The fact that the delegates to this conference should waste time talking about whether one nation or another was the principal factor in precipitating the war and should hesitate at all about recognizing the first Socialist government which has been established, shows how much they are out of touch with the new spirit of the workers.

The New Internationale, which is coming into being will be built on a different basis and manifest a different spirit than that which is futilely discussing the dead past and refusing to deal with the living present, at Berne.

#### How The Spy Law Worked

The Espionage Law was named so as to give the impression that it was passed in order to curb the activities of German spies in this country, but under cover of passing a bill, which had to do with spies, congress passed a law which placed in the hands of a single individual more autocratic power over the press of this country than has ever been given a single man anywhere; it also passed a law which made it possible to send men and women to prison for twenty years for stating their conscientious, views about the war in speech.

These things had nothing to do with German spies but they are part of the Espionage Law. Possibly they were made part of this law because congress knew that it could get general approval for a law dealing with spies, but that if it endeavored openly to rape the right of free speech and free press, as is done in this law, it would raise a mighty storm of protest.

Now come the National Civil Liberties Bureau to tell us that the Espionage Law in practice has not been used in a single instance to halt the activities of spies. Says the Bureau in a recent bulletin:

This bureau has had since the beginning of the war a standing order with a newspaper clipping company covering all reference in the press of the United States to disloyalty, sedition, espionage and the Espionage Law. As a result we have the most illuminating record of cases which it has been possible to complete without access to

to records of the Attorney General. We have no record of a single instance when a spy has been imprisoned under this law. Furthermore, in the cases cited in the Attorney General's report, as typical of those prosecuted under the Espionage Law, there is not one case in which the prisoner was convicted of being a paid German spy, or of even trying, to find, out military

But several thousand men and women have been imprisoned or are under indictment because they dared voice their views about the war in speech or

In spite of this demonstration that the Espionage Law is an anti-free speech law and a censorship law, the senate the other day refused to permit consideration of Senator Borah's resolution repealing those sections of the law which give the Postmaster General the power to arbitrarily bar newspapers and periodicals from the mails, if, in his opinion, they violate the drastic and wide-reaching provisions of the law. \* \* \* \*

#### Toward Revolution

The strikes in Great Britain daily take on more of the appearance of a revolt of the workers against the entire system of capitalist industry than mere strikes to attain some particular concession from the employers.

Breaking the bonds which have held them under the leadership of conservative trade union officials and casting to the winds the safe and sane program of the British Labor party, the workers are resorting to the compulsion of their own power in industry to attain their goal.

What this goal is, is outlined by William Z. Watson, member of the Shop Stewards' Administrative

The shop stewards hope to establish revolutionary committees like those in Russia. We already represent 50 per cent. of the English laborers. We are "direct actionists" as opposed to regular unionists, who are constitutionalists. We are against the bourgeoisie. We hope they will submit to the new regime, but if they are obstreperous we intend to be firm. Personally, I would not be surprised to see violence in England; but I hope it won't come. I presume it will be necessary to control the London newspapers. We do not intend to touch the telegraph lines. We intend to use the present controllers of industry as managers under when they are good follows. Our der us—when they are good fellows. Our present program includes a forty-hour week, perhaps shorter, if it should be found

Another writer gives the causes of the strikes as: The failure of the trade unions to defend the rights of the workers against the steady encroachments of the capitalist class and

of the capitalist government.

The failure of politics to satisfy the clearly voiced demands of the workers.

The "trick election." The inspiration of the Russian revolu-

The desire for a radical change in the structure of British reaching than any tr ions or political parties can offer.

The conviction t t of the war can be actually a to achieve them. No wonder Lloyd Geor,

this volcano bursting under him at home, h adopted a conciliatory attitude at Prais and has agreed to withdraw English soldiers from Russia. Very evidently this action is not the result of any consideration for the Russian workers, but action taken to prevent Lloyd George and his crew from being blown sky high by the volcano of sentiment among the workers of Britain who are preparing to following the Russian example.

#### More Light on Russia

Evidence piles up daily that the Soviet government of Russia has the support of all but a very small minority of the people and that it is pushing forward far-reaching work of reconstruction, which makes the new regime more stable and secure. No doubt it was a knowledge of these facts, kept. from the people of this country, that lead the Supreme Council at Paris to make its proposition for a conference at the Princess Island, which according to the latest dispatches, has been accepted by the Soviet government.

One of the latest descriptions of conditions in Russia is presented "by an educated Russian who holds a responsible position in the United States government" who spent six months in Russia recently. His statement, appearing in the New York Call, follows:

"The one desire of the Russian people is to establish a stable government which will insure them what is granted by the American Constitution—'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.' Because the Bolshevik leaders have proved their capacity to provide this trinity of blessings, there is now hardly a Russian with any social consciousness who is not whole-heartedly behind the Soviet government.

"Whether or not the present form of government is the one best adapted for Russia and her people, time alone will tell. For the present, one thing is certain: After 15 months of control, it is amazingly strong, amazingly popular, and, I dare venture, far more stable than was either our own or the French government fifteen months after their establishment by revolution.

"The principal factor in bringing this strength about has been the downright stupidity of the Allied governments in supporting every counter-revolutionary move launched by the blackest reactionaries of the czar's regime. The attitude of the Allied powers is incomprehensible to the rank and file of the Russian people, and recent talk of armed intervention in force rouses in them a feeling which it would be well to realize in

#### Allies Supported Czar.

"Remember that during the generations when Russia labored under the most brutal autocracy the world has ever seen no Amer-English or French statesman advocated intervention; remember that the Russians have seen the bayonets of the Allies supporting the hangers-on of the czar in their effort to restore former tyrannies; remember that the people of Russia do not have the truth debauched for them by their press, as we do in America, and you will understand that further invasion of their country will encounter a desperate opposition far beyond any that Napoleon ever

"Talk that the Bolsheviki are aiming to extend their control over Europe is frankly slanderous and can only be explained by a fear among the western democracies that the Soviet form of government is so right-eous and just that the plain people every-where would support it if they came to know it as it really it.

"The sole aim of the Russian Soviet gov ernment now is internal reconstruction, but it is quite possible that if the Allies persist in military aggression, Lenine and Trotzky will appeal to the workers everywhere to rise in their might and prevent this dread-ful crime against humanity. It is the blind policy of imperialistic diplomacy which threatens to make Bolshevism a world force not anything which the Bolshevises themselves are doing or plan.

#### Soviets Steadily Gain.

"On one think I fully agree with the newspaper accounts of conditions in Russia; and that is, that the power of the Soviets is growing daily. The Bolsheviki are now in firm possession of Saratov, Kazan, Samara F'ood conditions are getting better all the time. "A new spirit is behind the Soviet armies

and the industrial army that will support them to the last ditch. in case the Allies decide on war. Production for the defense of the republic is proceeding at any amazing rate and in the munition factories the workers are turning out artillery and shells, not for a wage pittance, but because they know their utmost efforts are necessary for the defense of a real ideal.

"If America is anxious to establish Bolshevism as a lasting force, not only in Russia, but in many other parts of the world, no more effective step to bring about this end could be conceived than a war with the lusty young Soviet republic."

Here is a good one from the Christian Science Monitor's Washington correspondent:

"Bolshevism is recognized here as the anthesis of all that the United States government stands for. It is made up of the skulking, disorganized horde of evil following up the organized forces of evil of the central empires, from which it differs in character in no respect save its lack of or-

"It is this element to which attacks upon the president furnish ammunition, aid and comfort, for increasing his baneful influence. The following remark was made to the correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor on Wednesday by a Labor Department official:

"If congress would make an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to carry on needed public improvements at once, that body would serve the public interest by providing work for a vast number of men, and give the industries a chance to readjust themselves. If you provide work for everybody, you destroy Bolshevism.'

All those awful words about Bolshevism and then the frank admission that Bolskevism is the protest against the evils of the capitalist system, which denies them the opportunity to earn a living! How the poor apologists for things as they are do flounder

Even the conservative unions of railway employes have caught the infection of Bolshevism. Of course, it is a safe and sane and entirely acceptable form of Bolshevism from the standpoint of the capitalist class, but it shows the influence of the Russian Revolution just the same. The union proposed to the senate intersetate commerce committee that the government permanently retain control of the railroads, exchanging government for railroad securities, and turn the operation of the roads over to a corporation to be formed by the railroad employes for that purpose. This corporation would be in effect a great union of railroad employes, for it is to have no other capital than its "operating ability." The corporation would pay the government a rental for the use of the property and split the earnings over a certain figure between the government and the employes. Wipe out the bonds and rentals and this scheme becomes the Russian plan of managing industry. If even the railroad workers unions have caught the fever, there is hope for the workers of this

Benjamin Karr, who does the dirty work of capitalism in his column on "Events-Comments" in the Cleveland News, complains that a certain W. D. Childs, representative of the Western Union Telegraph, starved to death in Petrograd and used this incident for the basis of a charge that "the evils of the old autocratic government of the czar seems mild by contrast." We remember, Mr. Karr, that just a few years ago several men and women, during a period of unemployment such as seems to be upon us again, died of starvation in Cleveland, and we did not have the excuse that a ring of foreign bayonets cut us off from the source of our food supplies, as in the case in Russia today. How about it,

The senate has directed one of its committees to investigate the source of the funds which are being ised to carry on Bolshevist propaganda in this country. There is no mystery about it. Everybody but the members of the senate know that these funds are the result of contributions of nickels and dimes and quarters of the workers who are determined to replace the capitalist system by a new industrial order that will give them what they produce and assure them the opportunity to earn a living at all times.

The newspapers are already shouting with glee at the prospect of the United States becoming "mandatory" for Mexico under the new League of Nations. Capitalism hopes to trick the people by carrying on the old game under a new name.

#### **GERMAN SOCIALISTS** IN WAR-TIME

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By ANISE, Union Record.

(Facts taken from Labor Year Book, issued by Rand School; and "German Social Democracy During the War," by Edwin Bevan, published by George Allen and Unwin Co., London).

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* VI. TOWARDS THE REVOLUTION.

even a year ago there was a strong ing many into the ranks of the more 9, 1917, tells the story:

"The party controversy, as such, is carried on almost entirely by the leaders. The masses have no interest in theoretical disagreements.

"What the masses want is PEACE they want peace immediately, and since they largely believe that they can get it only by fighting their own government, and this fight does not seem to them to be carried on ener getically enough by the old Social Democratic Party, they either desert the party altogether, grumbling and dissatisfied, or they range themselves with those who, it seems, are carrying on this fight more relentlessly, and who make them the biggest promises the Independent Social Democratic Party. What brings adherents to the Independents is the general embitter

A rather remarkable article, isn't it. for war-times: but the independent organs were publishing many statements like that a year ago.

The Russian Peace. Then came the November Revolution in Russia, and the "brigand's peace" at Brest-Litovsk, when Trotzky, having beltind him a fast-vanishhis great bluff, and tried by appealing over the heads of the German govern- | The Drift to Revolution.

As we saw in yesterday's account, bring about a revolution in Germany. Much will still remain to be learned urge toward peace among the Ger- about this period both in Germany man people, and this urge was bring- and in Russia; much that cannot be cleared up now. It is beginning to radical Socialist group, the Independ-ent Social Democratic Party. An ar-sons, that Trotzky made a formal ticle in the Neue Zeit for November offer to the Allies to continue the fight against Germany, if the Allies would supply food and munitions. In any event, the Allies, who had distrusted Russia even under the Kerensky regime, made no effort to save her. The

> Russia, beaten to her knees, signed a humiliating peace. Militarism Revives in Germany. For a short period it seems evident that this peace gave a new lease of life to militarism in Germany; just as it seems possible, unless Wilson and While the number of new American those supporing him are sufficiently strong, the completeness of the victory over Germany may at the pres- was contagious. The war began to ent time give a new lease of life to

> militarism among the Allies. The Pan-Germans acclaimed the victory as their own; the people expected bread and perhaps, before too How strong they said the German milong a time, peace—a military peace. And since it was now the Pan-Ger- their word in the matter on which they mans who seemed able to make good were informed, we must realize that their promise of peace, their popular-, military force alone could not have ity grew. In any event, writers in the brought so speedy a peace. early part of January indicate a lessening of the strength of the Inde-

pendent Socialists.
The Majority Socialists swallowed some of the men who are friendly to the bitter pill of compromise. They the speeches of Wilson, offering just the defense on the witness stand and went back on their professional printhen putting all kinds of personal questions that has nothing to do with questions that has nothing to do with outlined as follows: "Not a peace then the peace will be often used by us in meeting and in upon a newly discovery the case in point, but the end is gained which we approve, but still, it is a maintained a clever and effective promade in a few hours. There will be parting: The international party shall mitted to the court. by Fickert, he dotes on asking these peace; and if one nation is going to paganda service to the very beginng army and a starving people, made trample on another, better we on the Russians than the Russians on us."

ment to the German "comrades," to And then, even while writers are

complaining that the power of the Independents is lessening, we on this ide of the ocean began to hear from Austria the submerged growls of revolution. What caused the change?

The barriers on the east were broken own, and a stream of propagandists were let loose from Russia. Louis Edgar Browns, correspondent of the Chicago Daily News and in Russia with the American Red Cross, states that 20,000 agents of the Bolshevik government were busy spreading revolutionary agitation in Austria, spreading the terms of the unjust peace, spreading the ideals of the Russians, which they, the German workers, were helping to crush from the face of the earth.

The soldiers, surging back across the country from the Russian front, carried the seeds of the propaganda spread among them by tons of pamphets by the Russian soldiers and

Worst of all, the expected food from the Ukraine and Russia did not come. All through this time we hear complains against the lying promises of the government. And when they heard that the peasants of the Ukraine appeal to the German working class were burning their own food, and starving themselves, to prevent wheat from falling into the hands of Germans, it could hardly have increased their feeling of self-content.

The Battles in the West. All this time the battle line on the West Front was being hammered. troops were hardly significant until very recently, their fresh enthusiasm

seem, not over, but just beginning.
And yet all this time, do you remember how our military men bade us expect no peace until 1920 or later. itary forces were. Taking them at

But, even while a new war-weariness was settling upon the German peoples at the sight of the fresh determination of the Allies, all this time the speeches of Wilson, offering just the speeches of Wilson, offering just the countenance of man.

"If the representatives of the prosocialist emancipation, to place upon the speeches of wilson, offering just the countenance of the speeches of the prosocialist emancipation, to place upon the speeches of the prosocialist emancipation, to place upon the speeches of the prosocialist emancipation, to place upon the speeches of the prosocialist emancipation, to place upon the speeches of the prosocialist emancipation, to place upon the speeches of the prosocialist emancipation, to place upon the speeches of the prosocialist world revolution. terms of peace, poured into Germany. ning of the German revolution.

And so it happened that cabinet Egypt or the colonies. after cabinet rose and fell in Ger-

#### Spartacans Make Appeal (Continued from Page One)

are but the usual lying phrases of the beings. There will be only one goalrulers to lull the vigilance of the proletariat.

"Proletarians of all countries! This war must be the last! We owe that to the 12,000,000 of slaughtered victims. We owe it to our children, we owe it to humanity. Europe is ruined by the murder of nations. Twelve million corpses cover the grewsome fields of the imperialistic crimes. The flowers of youth and the best man World Ripe for Revolt. power of the peoples have been de-stroyed. Humanity is very near be-now call upon you for the common ing bled white by the unexampled fight, it is not for the sake of the bloodletting of history. Victor and firm name German nation, try to vanquished alike stand at the brink of escape the consequences of their own the most terrible famine stoppage the whole productive mechanism pestilence and degeneration.

Capitalists Impotent. "The big criminals of this awful anarchy, of this unfettered chaos—the ruling classes—are not capable of controlling their own work. The beast, capital, which conjured up this hell of the world war, is not able to check it again, to re-establish real order, to assure to suffering humanity bread and work, peace and culture, justice and liberty.

"What is prepared by the ruling classes as peace and justice is only a new work of brute force, out of which the hydra of oppression, of hatred and of new bloody wars will raise its thou-

sand heads.
"Socialism alone is able to accom plish the great work of a lasting The time for empty manifestos, plapeace, to heal the thousand bleeding tonic resolutions and high-sounding cution to appeal to the political paswounds of humanity, to transform the fields of Europe, trampled down by the apocalyptic riders, into blooming gardens, to magically replace ten-fold the destroyed productive forces to Scheidemann must be allowed to con-awaken all physical and moral pow-clude peace. The peace must be conawaken all physical and moral pow-ers of humanity, and to replace hatred cluded under the floating banner of upon it being disclosed that there were

letarians of all countries shake hands the abused world a new human aspect Some of them printed openly; others under the banner of Socialism, to and to prove true to that word, so no issues of controversy about the left bank of the Rhine, Mesopotamia, "KLARA

"Then there will be only one people -the working humanity of all races

the 'rights of small nations,' 'self-de-, and tongues. Then there will be only termination of the peoples, then these one right—the equality of all human

> welfare and progress for all. "Humanity is confronted by the alternative-dissolution and perishing in the capitalist aharchy, or renaissance through social revolution. The hour of decision has struck. If you believe in So-cialism, now is the time to prove it by deeds. If you are Socialists, it now rests with you to act.

escape the consequences of their own precipice. Humanity is menaced crimes. It is for our sake, as well as your own. Remember, your victorthe proletarian revolution in Germany and in Russia, then they in here," said Cochems, in his argu-will turn against you with double ment, covering the same ground that force. Your capitalists hope that the Stedman had gone over. victory over us, as over revolutionary Russia, will give them the power to whip you with scorpions and to erect ists raised a number of points of erthe milennium of exploit upon the ror. grave of Socialism.

"The proletariat of Germany, therefore, at this hour looks up to you. Germany is ripe for the social revolu- er to the indictment. tion, but Socialists can only realize by the world proletariat. And, therefore, we appeal to you.

"On to the fight! On to deeds! by evidence.

words is gone; the hour for action sions and prejudices of the jurors. has come.
"Not Lloyd George and Poincare, not

call upon you to complete the work of tween the jurors and a deputy maroften used by us in meeting and in upon a newly discovered evidence subnarting: The international party shall mitted to the court.

"KLARA ZETKIN, "ROSA LUXEMBURG.
"KARL LIEBKNECHT, "FRANZ MEHRING."

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court is in a different atmosphere venue. from that of the jury, and the court In remay well review the jury's verdict fered by the defendants. ing the distinctions and discriminations necessary, to examine carefully into all the highways and the byways the motion to grant of the evidence of this case.

ounsel for the Socialists, opened the law, and even before the war started, grant the five convicted Socialists a had been admitted as evidence over new trial. the protest of the defense. Special

"I don't know why that was dragged ment, covering the same ground that

Raise Point of Error. Attorneys for the convicted Social-These were outlined as follows: Overruling the defendants' motion to quash the indictment. Overruling the defendants' demurr-

That the verdict was contrary to the law of the case. That the verdict was not supported Permitting attorneys for the prose-

Improperly charging the jury. "Not Lloyd George and Poincare, not Refusing to give instructions re Sonnino. Wilson and Erzberger or quested by the defendants." Irregularities Charged. irregularities in communications pre-judicial to the defendants by and be-

> shal or marshals Misconduct of counsel.

> acquittal.

offered by the United States. In denying motion for a change of the Portland Oregonian?

#### New Trial For Socialists

In refusing competent evidence ofwith care and consideration. The in- In refusing to direct a verdict of tellectual capacity of the jury, in a not guilty at the close of the evidence trial of this kind, is incapable of mak- in behalf of the government. Decision Tuesday.

After the two-day legal battle over the motion to grant a new trial, Judge Landis announced that he would Attorney Seymour Stedman, chief render a decision Tuesday, Feb. 11. This would indicate that Judge Lonarguments for a new trial by attack-ing the charge of Judge Landis to next to take in the court war against the jury. He also put emphasis on the Socialist Party. There are those the fact that much that had happened optimistic enough even among the Sobefore the espionage act became a cialist counsel, to believe that he will

If the motion for a new trial is ious capitalists stand ready to suppress our revolution, which they fear as much as their own. You your bublished in the Milwaukee Social-Socialist defense forces is due to be as much as their own. You, yourselves, are not free by the 'victory,'
you are only more enslaved, should
your ruling classes succeed in strang-

appeal to the higher courts. The government prosecutors are urging the position that bail ought to be denied and the defendants imprisoned on the ground that they have not ceased their agitation and propaganda; not even since their conviction. In attacking this position the Socialist defense points out that it was claimed that the five Socialists were tried and convicted for interfering with the government's military machine. Since the war is now over, however, the military machine is now being scrapped, it is pointed out that the defendants can no longer interfere with it, even admitting that they did. If the prosecution presses its claims, it is felt that this would be the best proof possible to show that the government is out to kill the Socialist Party. war or no war, if it is possible to do so.

PROBLEMS FOR BEGINNERS. Howard Brubaker has a set of probems for beginners in the February Liberator. Among them are:

Shrinkage, There is a report from Russia that In overruling the plea of a former New York Evening Past drops a cquittal.

In admitting incompetent evidence should be the size of the Bolshevist army in the Chicago Tribune?-In