

The picketing line defending the poor tallors who were fighting for a living wage? Well, she is willing to help you, laborers of all trades, not only on the picketing line, but in the council battle. And she will carry with her the same words that she carried with her to the factory of Kuppenheimer: "We Americans are out for American rights for all."

Hooray for Miss Ellen Gates Starr, Socialist candidate of the 19th ward.—Joseph Cava, 910 S. Hermitage Av.

THE RIGHT PATRIOTISM.—In these days of Bryanistic peace propagandists and "we must prepare" shouters; of "turn the other cheek" diplomats and disciples of belligerency, one is apt to become confused as to what is patriotic duty. If one doesn't even become addled in trying to define what is a patriot.

Since history has been writ, nations imbued with a high spirit of patriotism have been nations which have made great accomplishments; not war accomplishments, necessarily, but great things in political, industrial, scientific and humanitarian endeavor.

When patriotism dies a nation will perish unless permitted to live to serve the political or some other purpose of another nation.

I do not define a patriot as being one who wants to go to war without regard to the righteousness of cause any more than I agree with the Tribune that: "Our country! * * * our country, right or wrong," even though Decatur, who said it, was a man of intense love of country.

But I do believe in love of flag, in love of national honor. I do not believe in war that has no just cause; I abhor the thought of war, but if it becomes necessary to the defense of our national honor, then let us fight until the blood of the last patriot sinks into the ground to atone for the crime against honor.

The honor of a man is worth more to him than his life, if the creature

is worthy to be called man, and so it should be with the honor of a nation.—Plain Citizen.

JUDGE GARY.—So Elbert Gary thinks it is an "outrage" to have been indicted by an Ohio grand jury! I suppose the "outrage" refers particularly to the charge "of having conspired to keep down the wages of common laborers." So far as I know this is the first indictment of a capitalist on this charge in a long time.

It is indeed a "gross outrage" for a great financier to be indicted thus, for his very wealth rests on such a "conspiracy." Underpaid common labor is the keystone to our great fortunes — that and land monopolization. What will happen to that ideal of "incentive" if accumulating wealth by paying poverty wages and keeping those wages to a level of mere animal existence should be made a crime?

Think of the illustrious inmates who would crowd our penal institutions. One good, of course, might result—that of securing habitable prisons, for I doubt if these eminent gentry would stand for present penal conditions for a moment.

On the other hand, we might have the paradoxical situation of combinations to keep up and increase the wages of common laborers being considered as legally most desirable. That would be a consummation to be most devoutly wished for—the labor leader we might trust improved in some respects over the present ones—taking the place of the bankers and speculators as the "most respectable citizens" and the leaders of society.

With all our hearts we wish God-speed to the Ohio prosecutor if he has the nerve to put through his announced program.—Jas. H. Dolsen.

KNOCKING.—A Switchman's Wife says that the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen is scabbing. She