

fast purpose fought the long fight for the people and against the interests.

PROMISES FULFILLED.

Jeanette Rankin more than fulfilled the promise of her pre-congressional days, for she stood out as a bright particular star against a firmament of dull mediocrity. With vivid sympathy and searing scorn she sought to bring before the somnolent legislators the nations problems. The fastidious and schedule K or the drab debates on river and harbor appropriations with which legislators delight to deal, she treated with such respect as was their due, while with stunning resistance and unyielding urgency she flung into the house debates the human quantity. She spoke of men and women; of their needs and their necessities, and as she spoke so she worked.

THE COMING OF WAR.

Then came the war. The iron talons of the carmine gods, so long poised above us, fell over night and the people awoke writhing in the scaly grip. From Haarlam to the Golden Gate ran the call to arms, a momentary confusion there was, as when a drowsy boy starts suddenly from slumber, and then came action, fierce, unbending and in many cases intolerant.

In congress, men hesitated, fumbled, considered and re-considered, while up and down the lobbies strode the messengers of Wilson, urging, demanding, pleading for speed and more speed. There fell upon those men and that one woman an occasion of such stupendous urgency, such overwhelming importance as never mortal creature faced before. Amidst an intense and surcharged silence the recorder began his momentous demand, and as the voice rang through the room there were few throats that were not full of sand and few eyes that were not moist, as to every man came the supreme moment. The strain increased to the breaking point as the questioner neared the Congresswoman from Montana.

A WOMAN'S ANSWER.

All eyes were turned toward her, all human thoughts absorbed with one tense question, what would Montana's woman say? America's woman do? Would she belle the qualities of the race, would she; COULD she act, other than the world would have its mothers act, would she, unnerved by the strain, shriek a frantic "yes" and rush weeping from the chamber? Not so; with tear gemmed eyes and voice vibrant with the mighty emotion storming through her, she states the position of women everywhere. She, the worlds woman in the worlds crisis—womanly still. Gravely she turns then; sorrowfully, sadly, as do the women of all lands, to the task of buckling on the nations armor and if need be, binding up the nations wounds. Jeanette Rankin!

THE BUTTE TROUBLE.

And now comes a call from home. Men who burrow the hills for red copper and women who await their return with cooking pans or shroud as the days labor shall decide, are out on the streets of Butte in violent protest against their oppressors. They call on congress, they demand action, investigation, redress and from their imperative insistence the male legislators turn away in disdain and bid them go back to their unending and life-sapping toil. But SHE hears, SHE responds, SHE, alive with sympathetic understanding, hastens to the smoke blasted metal metropolis and strives to bring peace.

She demands the abolition of the rustling card, the vile black-listing system, she demands a better life for these who supply so vital a war necessity, she asks, as all enlightened folk ask, the recognition of the union. She is with them because she is of them, the first representative of Montana who has never bowed the head to the will of copper. But copper never forgives. Cold eyes looked down from the sixth floor and cold brains marked her for political slaughter. She had violated the canons, committed the unpardonable sin in fighting for the worker of Butte against the all devouring powerful copper octopus.

SLATED FOR SENATOR.

But Montana will not let this thing be. Jeanette Rankin is to be our next Senator. Quick to realize her manifold qualifications, eager to endorse the courageous and intelligent stand she has always taken during her term in Congress, grateful for at last finding a representative of the people for the people, ready to write another worlds record upon the page of history, the people of Montana are behind her emmasse. And mark you, after all not so much that she is a woman, but that she is tried and found true—Citizen Rankin.

Burnquist in a Dirty Deal Against Le Sueur

The Minnesota Public Safety commission has sent out to all Minnesota papers for publication a copy of a letter written by Arthur Le Sueur of the Nonpartisan headquarters staff to William D. Haywood, head of the I. W. W., concerning some cases against I. W. W. members, for whom Mr. LeSueur was acting as attorney. The letter, written before the war and before Mr. LeSueur joined the League legal staff, is sent out by the safety commission for political purposes, in an attempt to discredit Mr. LeSueur and indirectly the Nonpartisan league. It is sent out merely to make political capital for the re-election of Burnquist.

Mr. LeSueur is one of the best-known lawyers in the Northwest. For years he was attorney for the Great Northern railroad. He also has specialized in the defense of workmen in troubles growing out of strikes, etc. At various times he has acted as lawyer for labor union members, occasionally for I. W. W.s and often for workmen who belong to no organization. He was one of the attorneys who defended Mr. Townley and Mr. Gilbert before the Minnesota supreme court and secured their vindication of the trumped up disloyalty charges. He has acted also as attorney for numerous League members who were the victims of trumped-up charges during the reign of terror in Minnesota and other states. The fact that he has been successful in these cases is what hurts Burnquist and his commission.

The public safety commission, in a sanctimonious footnote to Mr. LeSueur's letter to Haywood, says this letter was the reason for the commission going into politics in Minnesota against the League. This, of course, is a joke. The commission is on the defensive for using public funds in the political fight against the farmers and to elect Burnquist, and pretends that the letter of a lawyer to his clients is excuse for the high-handed measures the commission has taken against the farmers.

Following is Mr. LeSueur's comment on the letter being sent to all editors in the state by the commission:

REFERS TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

That letter was written to report on the results of a case which I defended for the I. W. W.s, who were charged with the crime of murdering a policeman was killed in the railroad yards in Des Moines and within 15 minutes the I. W. W. headquarters were raided and some 30 men, against whom not a scrap of evidence was ever produced were arrested. I was able to secure their release. Apparently in the eyes of the safety commission it is an unpardonable offense to secure a fair hearing for men who are innocent but unpopular.

The Minnesota matter referred to in this letter is the case of three miners from the Mesaba range, who are now in the Minnesota penitentiary serving an indeterminate sentence of 20 years. At the time of their arrest and rendition they had joined the I. W. W. They were not organizers nor agents of the organization, but joined when the I. W. W. came to the range in answer to appeals by the miners for help in a spontaneous strike against conditions as brutish as the infamous outrages of the Huns in Belgium. Governor Burnquist saw in these outlaws only an opportunity to put through a state constabulary law to compel labor to submit to the brutish rule of the steel trust. Common humanity made me volunteer to aid these men, and I was appointed their attorney. It again. These three men in the Minnesota penitentiary could have been cleared on trial and were not, in fact, guilty, but pleaded guilty to settle all prosecutions still pending as a result of the strike. I was then and am now interested in the fate of these men. I was advising Haywood in this letter to take no action until a year had expired. The reference to war was made before our declaration. In common with millions of Americans, I opposed a declaration of war on our part, hoping against hope that, notwithstanding the ample cause for war against Germany because of her infamous outrages, that some other way out might be found that would stop the European slaughter. From the moment war was declared I supported it in every possible way to the full extent of my power to do so, not simply because war had been declared, but because of the fact that the war was made to stand for human rights the world over, thru the statesmanship of President Wilson. When talk of spy bills and conscription first took place I was opposed to spy bills to be used to persecute organized workers and organized farmers, and if I had the power I would instantly repeal the law under which the Minnesota Public Safety commission has its being.

ALWAYS SUPPORTED DRAFT LAW

With reference to conscription, I understood that to mean the orthodox conscription law under which the poor devil was wanted who would not, when man paid his way out of it. I was then and I am now utterly opposed to that sort of conscription. Thanks to President Wilson, we were spared a conscription act which is fine and square to all rich and poor alike. I have supported this act and the principle on which it is based always. Being well known as a radical, I have been consulted by many as to what attitude to take in reference to compliance with the draft act. I have always urged hearty support and compliance. I was not in the employ of the Nonpartisan League at the date of my letter or for some months thereafter. My connection with the I. W. W.s was exactly the same as my seven years' service with the Great Northern railroad, that is a professional relation which every lawyer bears to his clients. The only difference lay in the fact that I was paid for my work by the railway company, while much of my work for the I. W. W. members was done for sheer love of humanity and fair play for men who not infrequently found it difficult to secure a hearing even when innocent.

I may add that the Minnesota Public Safety commission should either put me behind the bars as a dangerous character or quit spending the people's money in sending out such matter for publication. Dirty politics on behalf of the worst governor Minnesota ever had is the only explanation. The only purpose is to publish the false insinuations which their footnote to the letter suggests. This is important, indeed, for a safety commission which anarchly runs riot in the state they are supposed to protect.

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IN HANDS OF WOMEN IS FATE OF LEAGUE

NECESSITY OF REGISTERING TO VOTE IS GREAT—BATTLE IN NOVEMBER HINGES ON ACTION YOU MAY TAKE AT PRESENT TIME.

We want again to call your attention to the necessity of registering in order to be able to vote this fall at the general election. Only in your voting strength can you hope to be placed in a position where you will be able to carry out the plans of your organization, the Nonpartisan league. The League has a definite aim in the election as it is outlined in the platform which has been adopted by the various county conventions held during the past few weeks. When you became a member of the League you subscribed to this platform. You have paid in your money and have given your time to the organization and now it only requires that you get to the voting place next November and cast your ballot for those principles and those candidates you have endorsed.

THE WOMEN OF THE STATE SHOULD REGISTER ALSO.

In the vote of the women of the farms and ranches of Montana there is a vast strength, in fact, in their hands is the possibility of victory. If they do not get out and vote, the League candidates cannot be elected, but if they will get out and cast their ballots there is no question as to the final result. Therefore, it is up to every man and woman in the state to see that every man and woman registers, and then votes.

REGISTER TODAY AND SEE THAT THE WOMEN OF THE STATE ARE ALSO REGISTERED.

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Farmers Name Cooper, Hall As Candidates

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circumstances it were better to get behind the next best man, who by a remarkable chain of coincidence happens to be a friend of theirs. However, it was all in vain. The delegates knew exactly what they wanted and went after it.

ORGANIZATION SPEEDED UP.

The conventions were also keenly alive to the necessity of more and closer organization and a great deal of work was accomplished in that direction, departments of publicity were established together with committees of registration and reenrollment. Altogether a great deal of real benefit came out of the gatherings which will be very much in evidence next November.

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Enemies of the farmers' Nonpartisan league should take heart. The first hundred years are always the hardest.

Lawyer Probes League and Drops Prosecution

Charged with violating Nebraska's seditious law by organizing the Nonpartisan league there contrary to interpretations of the "useful occupation" provision, W. E. Quigley was arrested and arraigned in the county court of Dodge county, Neb. J. C. Cook, county attorney, designated to prosecute Quigley, was induced to investigate the League fairly before continuing prosecution. Attorney Cook went into the matter carefully, the result being that he was convinced that disloyalty charges against the organization had no foundation in fact. He became so thoroughly convinced of this that he, the prosecuting attorney, made an eloquent appeal to the judge to free Quigley. The plea is a complete vindication of the League and should be read carefully.

It follows: In the County Court of Dodge County, Neb. State of Nebraska, Plaintiff, vs. Walter E. Quigley, Defendant. To Waldo Wintersteen, County Judge: I have made an extensive investigation in this case, feeling that it vitally interested every loyal American citizen in Dodge county and Nebraska. The reports and rumors that I had read in the daily press for the past year and a half and the statements I have heard about the Nonpartisan league had aroused in me an intense antagonism toward the organization. Consequently, when reports were brought to me that organization work had been started in Dodge county, I promptly issued a warrant for defendant's arrest.

INVESTIGATES CHARGES.

At the time of Mr. Quigley's arraignment it was suggested that the League be explained to me, so I had a conference with the defendant, after he had gone to Lincoln to compile his data. I am satisfied that the League is impartial investigating on my own account.

I particularly went into the matter of the League's war record and its attitude toward the government. I examined dozens of copies of the official publication, the Nonpartisan Leader. I find that, instead of being a hindrance to the government, the League has been of invaluable assistance to the United States in spreading patriotic propaganda. Dozens of cartoons

appear in these papers which could not help but instill a spirit of patriotism in the reader. Appeals are set forth in issue after issue urging the reader to back up the United States government in its war issues. The official platforms of the North Dakota, Minnesota, Idaho, South Dakota and Nebraska conventions, wherein the delegates of the farmers spoke officially, are filled with patriotic utterances and sound, business-like suggestions.

I find that the federal officials show a friendly spirit toward the League. The organization has consistently supported the administration and many of the high officials seem to be in exact accord with the economic and loyalty programs of the organized farmers. The pamphlets, circulars, song books and other propaganda are loyal without a question. If the charge that the League is specializing in its work in communities reputed to be pro-German is correct, then that is a good thing. The quicker men of pro-German tendencies can get this propaganda in their hands, the quicker they will see America's position and their duties.

With reference to the defendant personally, I am firmly convinced of his Americanism. I find that he has twice tried to enlist, that he has supported the war loans and other patriotic activities and that he spends many hours convincing men of wavering loyalty as to what their duties are to their country.

ACCUSATIONS UNFOUNDED.

Before coming to Dodge county to organize, defendant wrote to the secretary of war at Washington asking for a ruling as to whether his occupation is essential or not. He has agreed to abide by the ruling as handed down. I realize that the foregoing statement will shock many of my friends, who cannot doubt my patriotism, and hundreds of loyal citizens who entertained the same views that I did, but I am satisfied that the same impartial investigation will convince the most prejudiced. And, while I realize that my position is not popular, especially in this community, where the facts are not known, as a public official, charged with the sacred obligation of giving every man or organization a square deal, I am compelled to ask for a dismissal of this case and the discharge of the defendant. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. COOK, County Attorney Dodge County, Neb.

The Liars' Symposium

Campbell's Scientific Farmer

We are receiving many letters asking us to reply to the attacks on the Nonpartisan league by such papers as the Butte Miner, the Helena Independent, the Missoulian and the Billings Gazette. It would be impractical to reply to these attacks. It would only dignify them by unnecessary notice. Most of them are such barefaced lies that they are their own refutation and deceive no one who does not want to be deceived. By continued repetition, however, some of them have secured a footing and should be dislodged from the public mind.

Here are a few choice lies spread by the Ananias club through the Junker press and the Loyalty league: That A. C. Townley, president of the Nonpartisan league, is under indictment. That A. C. Townley and the leaders of the league have been convicted of seditious. That A. C. Townley has been indicted SEVERAL times by federal grand juries. That A. C. Townley is appropriating money received from the members of the league for his own use.

That the Nonpartisan league is a bunch of socialists linked up with the I. W. W. That the farmers belonging to the Nonpartisan league are pro-German, seditious and disloyal. That the Nonpartisan league advocated government ownership of farm land, farm implements and live stock. That Governor Grazier of North Dakota is a socialist and is driving capital out of the state.

That Governor Frazier of North Dakota is a socialist and that a majority of the people of the state are pro-German. That the Nonpartisan league of North Dakota passed a law making it impossible to foreclose mortgages. That capital is withdrawing from the state of North Dakota because of the Nonpartisan league. That the Nonpartisan league is throttling competition by the establishment of farmer-owned stores.

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That the speakers and organizers of the Nonpartisan league are stirring up class hatred.

These and a hundred and one similar statements made by the Junker press to discredit the Nonpartisan league are absolutely false and known to be false by the men who publish them. The leaders of the Nonpartisan league have been and are being persecuted because they have steadfastly advocated the conscription of profits and if need be of capital to pay the expense of the war. For this and this alone they have been accused of seditious, pro-Germanism, of disloyalty.

It is safe to discount any statement which you may see regarding the Nonpartisan league in the papers above named, 99 per cent if you want to come anywhere near the truth.

One of the principal backers of this Liars' Symposium is a certain copper company that is interested in retaining its war profits, which in 1917 amounted to over \$39,000,000.

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Buy Bonds and Strike A Blow at the Kaiser

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and comfort to the enemy. If the bond issue is put over with a rush and a big oversubscription the news will leak into Germany and it will be another big blow at the morale of the German army. In fact, in buying Liberty bonds of the fourth issue you are not only helping to finance the war but are also aiming a direct blow at the kaiser and his military machine.

Buy bonds now and buy them liberally. The Montana Leader will not have another opportunity to appeal to you on this matter and we want you to act at once.

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TERRORISM CONDEMNED

Speaking of terrorism before the United States congress, Senator Johnson of California said: "Such terrorism could never be expected to occur in a republic, but only in a country like Germany. This terrorism is the same kind that makes it impossible for a man to say from a platform what he wants to say."