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"Individually Written to all Cincinnati Daily Papers, but with Journalistic Courtesy, Used by None"

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Editor, The Cincinnati Post,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:
The New York Evening Post is one of the cautious and conservative papers of the country. So when its owner and publisher, Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard brings a public charge against anyone, one may be sure that he knows whereof he speaks. In a public address on February 18, in New York City, he said:

"I have too much proof of people who give large checks to the preparedness and universal service movements on the ground that this will lead to suppression of the coming social revolution, for me to have any doubt that that is one of the main factors behind the agitation."

Mr. Villard's charge is strengthened by the obvious efforts of the preparedness people to take advantage of the excitement they have created to destroy free speech and free press, and put an end to American freedom altogether.

Take for example the following from a preparedness organ, The Cincinnati Post:

"From this time on, until peace again reigns in the world, the citizen or alien in this country, whatever his propaganda for unpreparedness, is an enemy, and if there is no law to punish him as such, Congress should enact one."

In other words, arguments against preparedness are so true, so unanswerable, that if opponents of militarism are allowed to spread them, the people will see the folly and wickedness of the program and refuse to have anything to do with it. Therefore free speech must be throttled, so that the American people may be betrayed to their ruin. Thus declares The Cincinnati Post.

The Post is one of the Scripps syndicate, and it is probable that the statement quoted emanates from a central station and is reproduced in different languages, perhaps, in the other papers of the syndicate.

It has been the policy of this syndicate in starting publication to cater to the wage-working class particularly. When a strike or other labor difficulty occurs the side of the worker is to be championed. The popular side is to be taken on every public question, and thus a big circulation is to be built. The big circulation is to be used to get advertisers and then—to use an expressive slang phrase—the workers are to get "the double cross." After that, the people with big bank accounts are to control the policy.

This course has been run by The Cincinnati Post. As far back as October 24, 1913, The Public, then published in Chicago, called attention to how it abandoned a fight against local traction interests, to placate advertisers. But now The Post does more than take a negative position when an attack is made by plutocracy on popular rights. It openly takes its place with those to whom Mr. Villard referred as "people who give large checks to the preparedness universal service movements on the ground that this will lead to suppression of the coming social revolution."

Naturally The Post does not want its shame exposed. A discussion of the preparedness issue might bring it up. Is it any wonder that it demands that Congress enact a law to prevent discussion?

Yours truly,
DANIEL KIEFER.
From the Cincinnati Branch of the American Union against Militarism.

Another attempt is being made to reorganize the defunct Non-Partisan League in the State of Washington. We are of the opinion that the league will die aborning. In fact any organization that pledges support to the President at this time is not worthy of the support of the working class. The plunging of this country into war will bring famine and poverty to the masses in America and we suggest that our readers take note of all the individuals and organizations who have pledged their support to the war. It will come in handy later.

Militarism is now in the saddle. If there ever was any semblance of political freedom in this country is has now vanished.

Lowry & Vingen is the place to get your electrical supplies.

RALLY ROUND OLD GLORY

Workers Must Prevent Germany From Destroying Our Export Trade

Following is a list of the value of goods sent abroad from the United States during the past two and a half years. Germany's sub warfare has put a slight crimp in this business so the working class who has produced this wealth is now requested to shoulder a gun and drive Germany off the earth, in order that we may continue the exportation.

It is a heinous crime to suggest that this exported wealth should be kept at home to feed the American citizens. As long as we advise the workers to rally round the dollar sign of the American Capitalists everything is O. K.

Out of the ten billion dollars worth of goods sent abroad from the commencement of the war only about three billion dollars worth of the value went into the pockets of the workers. The other seven billion dollars worth went into the pockets of the capitalists. That being the case we think it only fair for the capitalists to do the biggest share of the fighting. Therefore we suggest that the workers stay at home and let the capitalists do the fighting and when they are all wiped out the workers can carry on industry and get the full value of the wealth they create.

	Actual value of Exports
1914	
September	156,852,333
October	194,711,170
November	205,878,333
December	245,632,558
1915	
January	267,879,313
February	299,805,869
March	296,611,852
April	294,745,913
May	274,218,142
June	268,547,416
July	268,468,702
August	260,699,995
September	300,454,921
October	336,152,009
November	327,670,353
December	359,306,362
1916	
January	330,036,410
February	401,783,974
March	410,742,034
April	398,568,532
May	474,809,637
June	464,685,956
July	444,713,964
August	510,167,438
September	515,109,185
October	492,813,918
November	516,347,637
December	521,650,904
1917	
January	613,441,020
Total	\$10,562,177,344

WILSON SUSPENDS 8-HOUR LAW ON NAVY YARD WORK

Legislation designed to protect labor has already gone by the board. In order to speed up in work in the navy yards, where merchant vessels are being constructed under government supervision, President Wilson issued an executive order suspending the operation of the 8-hour government contract law in so far as it applied to such yards.

UPTON SINCLAIR TO BACK STRING OF CO-OP STORES

LOS ANGELES.—Upton Sinclair, Socialist novelist, is backing a co-operative grocery and provision store in Pasadena, which has for its announced purpose reduction of the high cost of living.

Later other stores are to be established.

The Pasadena store is selling goods at market prices, but the profits come back to the members, who for the most part are Socialists and labor unionists, in the form of dividends.

Congressman Bailey of Pennsylvania, sent return postcards to his constituents indiscriminately asking their views on the war question. He received 876 replies, of which number 475 opposed war and demanded a national referendum, 318 are against war and indifferent regarding a referendum, and 80 said they favored war. Still Bailey is denounced by the professional patriots because he won't let the tail wag the dog.

MONROE, Wis.—Pacifism scored heavily in Tuesday's war referendum here, when 954 votes were cast against a declaration of war by congress and 95 in favor.

If you want a good, hard working pair of shoes go to Frank's Place, 1118 Hewitt.

SPAIN SQUELCHES WIDE MOVEMENT BY UNION CHIEFS

Sixteen Labor Leaders Who Signed Manifesto Are Placed in Jail

MADRID.—Strong measures adopted by the Spanish government checked a widespread agitation which assumed a revolutionary aspect although Premier Romanones in a formal statement declares the government refuses to treat with the movement as revolutionary.

The trouble last week was based on a manifesto signed by 26 heads of labor organizations reciting grievances of the workmen, attacking the government and announcing a general strike would be inaugurated.

Government Took Fright
The demands for a change in the form of government was regarded more serious than the threat of a strike and the government decided on drastic measures.

Sixteen of the leaders who signed the manifesto were arrested, the labor exchanges in Madrid and the provinces were closed and a royal decree was issued placing the country virtually under martial law.

King in Capital
At the outset there was much apprehension of eventualities, but it is now believed the movement has been entirely broken up.

King Alfonso remained in the capital throughout the agitation and is reported to have told his advisers there would be no repetition of the experience of his cousin Nicholas in Russia, as he would go to the head of the troops if necessary and share fate with them.

An industrial depression of great severity exists in the Argentine Republic. Over 100,000 workmen are unemployed and there is widespread suffering, which is greatly intensified by the unusually high prices for the ordinary necessities of life. In Buenos Aires alone 18,000 building mechanics are out of work, while thousands of dock workers, farm laborers and other toilers are also idle.

ORGANIZATION OF GERMAN ANTI- WAR SOCIALISTS

Social Democratic Union of Labor Designed to Fight Against Nationalism and Imperialism and for Socialism and Democracy

(By the Socialist News Service)
WASHINGTON.—The Social Democratic Federation of Greater Berlin recently held an anti-war Socialist organization meeting in which 320 delegates participated.

Hugo Haase, anti-war Reichstag Socialist and chief sponsor for the Social Democratic Union of Labor which the anti-war Socialists are using to fight the pro-war majority of the Social Democratic party, charged the majority national executive committee with having provoked the split in the Socialist party of Germany by its "policy of violence against the opposition."

Haase emphasized the claim that the anti-war opposition desired to function within the Social Democratic party organization in order to abide by the result of the decisive struggle between the pro-war and anti-war Socialists in the coming national congress of the German Socialist party.

"Although in this struggle the forces are unequally divided, since the others are in the sunlight and we are in the shadows, there is no other course than to organize narrowly and solidly all the elements of the opposition for the fight against nationalism and imperialism and for Socialism and democracy."

The Socialist anti-war Reichstag group consists of about twenty deputies headed by Hugo Haase, George Ledebour and E. Voghter. It is supported outside the Reichstag by such well known leaders of Socialist thought as Karl Kautsky and Edward Bernstein.

It is the Haase-Ledebour-Voghter anti-war Reichstag group that has launched the Social Democratic Union of Labor to cement the anti-war Socialists of Germany into a nationwide organization in opposition to the majority Social Democratic party.

Local secretaries and members are requested to send in to this office any news or activity in their community that is of interest to the organization

For best meals, waffles and coffee with cream, go to Everett Coffee House, 1113 Hewitt.

REAL PATRIOTS

Following are the list of Senators and Congressmen who are honorably mentioned by this paper for opposing the United States government war resolution.

These men and women are the only real patriots in Washington. They refused to plunge this country into war at the behest of the American patriots for profit. They refused to sanction the bloody slaughter. They refused to be war maniacs. They refused to trick the American workers to the trenches.

Only one among them is a Socialist, but we take off our hats to the whole bunch. They refused to act blindly even though the workers elected them blindly. Their other actions in the house may not be in the interests of the working class but this one particular action will stand out in our eyes as the noblest deed performed by capitalist politicians on behalf of the working class.

Six dissenting Senators—La Follette of Wisconsin, Gronna of North Dakota, Norris of Nebraska, Lane of Oregon, Stone of Missouri and Vandeman of Mississippi—all of the "willful twelve" who defeated armed neutrality in the last congress.

The vote stood 82 to 6.

These 50 members of the house voted against the war declaration: Almond, Bacon, Britten, Browne, Burnett, Carey, Church, Connelly of Kansas, Cooper of Wisconsin, Davidson, Davis, Decker, Hill, Dillon, Dominick, Esch, Frear, Fuller of Illinois, Haugen, Hayes, Hensley, Hillyard, Hull of Iowa, Igoe, Johnson of South Dakota, Keating, King, Kinkaid, Kitchin, Knutson, La Follette, Little, London, Lundsden, McLemore, Mason, Nelson, Randall, Rankin, Reavis, Roberts, Rodenburg, Shackelford, Sherwood, Sloan, Stafford, Van Dyke, Voigt, Wheeler; Woods of Iowa.

RED ELECTED TO LEIBKNECHT'S SEAT

Anti-War Socialist of Germany Jubilant Over the Election of Franz Mehring to the Prussian Diet

(By the Socialist News Service)
WASHINGTON.—Authentic reports from Germany announce that the election of Franz Mehring to the seat made vacant in the lower house of the Prussian Diet by the imprisonment for treason of Karl Leibknecht is regarded by the anti-war Socialists of Germany, as a distinct victory for the Social Democratic Union of Labor, the newly-organized Socialist anti-war party.

Mehring belongs to the Socialist anti-war minority which has fought the German government in the Reichstag by voting against the war credits and demanding that the government open negotiations for peace on the basis of no annexation of territory.

HE MUST NOT HANG

The convictions of Billings and Mooney are now acknowledged to be the first step in a huge movement to wipe out the labor movements of America. We have proven both these brothers to be innocent, but evidence, facts and lawyers of national reputation don't count. The business and professional juries ask, "Have these men been active in labor organization and so interfered with 'legitimate business'?" Business is always 'legitimate' and any obstruction to its profits always 'illegitimate.' The district attorney shouts, "labor union conspiracy" a few times, and the jury gets its cue. They sit abstractedly through the trial, and then shout in unison, "Hang him!"

We are facing two appeals and three more trials. Money and publicity are badly needed. Coldblooded murder will be done here in a few weeks, unless you make emphatic protest. Tom Mooney is within the walls of the death house—that is a physical fact—and you can stop his murder. The Industrial Relations Committee reports, in no uncertain terms: "Tom Mooney's fight, in the wrongful shadow of the gallows, is labor's fight. Labor cannot afford to shirk the duty now facing it. It must demand that the Federal Government make a full investigation of the whole facts of the case. The people must be informed of the almost incredible lengths to which the enemies of labor will go in order to beat down labor unionism and persecute labor men."

We cannot afford to see our innocent brothers and sister murdered in cold blood. If we imitate the solidarity of our enemies, we can win. We must not lose. Can we count on you? Send a protest to President Wilson and another to your congressman and senator. Address them at Congress Hall, Washington, D. C.

PENN. WORKERS FORM UNIQUE ORGANIZATION

"Safety First" Regiment Will Go to Front After War Mongers Are in Trenches

John McKeown, a well known Farrell citizen, is organizing a "safety first" regiment composed of workingmen of the Shenango Valley, Sharon, Pennsylvania. It is the first organization of the kind launched in the country and up to the present time over sixty have enlisted. It will be held in reserve and at the proper time its services will be opened to the government.

It is unique in that the volunteers will not have to go to the front until—

Every banker who draws interest from war loans, every stockholder who draws dividends from the manufacture of war munitions, every capitalist who profits by the exportation of wealth exploited from labor, every politician who votes for or declares himself in favor of war, every editor who writes editorials and in favor of preparedness, every preacher who prays for victories of war, every teacher who pollutes the minds of the young with jingoism in the name of patriotism—has enlisted or has been conscripted into service and is actually on the firing line as a private soldier.

Then the "safety first regiment" will be ready to go to the trenches if necessary.

Mr. McKeown states that he will guarantee an entire regiment of 12 companies of 150 each or 1800 men, who will be ready to shoulder rifles when the bankers, stockholders, capitalists, politicians, editors, preachers and munition makers enlist.

Carl Henry, formerly with the Tenth Pennsylvania regiment that saw service in the Philippines is captain; Benny Rosenberg, formerly in the United States regular infantry is first lieutenant; Henry Meyers, formerly in the United States Marine Corps, is second lieutenant and John McKeown, formerly with Co. A, United States Infantry, is first sergeant.

SHERIFF CALLED TO QUELL RIOTS ON MILK PRICES

Roads Leading Into Stoughton, Wis., Are Blocked by Striking Farmers

STOUGHTON, Wis.—Sheriff Ireland and his deputies are patrolling the roads about this city to prevent a renewal of the war which started when drivers blockaded the roads with wagons and ropes and spilled the contents of milk cans to stop shipments to the plants of the Wisconsin Dairy Products company.

Pickets were posted by the local members of the Chicago Milk Producers' association on roads leading into the city from all directions. They were blocked so that the normal receipts of about 40,000 pounds were cut down to 500 or 600 pounds.

One Driver Escapes
One of the regular drivers sent out by the milk company escaped the farmers by lashing his horses and forcing his way through a crowd of pickets.

Officers of the company who went out through the country in an auto at one of the crossroads were forced to speed their car and were followed by a volley of stones and rifle shots. It is understood that evidence was secured against offending farmers and they will be prosecuted.

A conference of officials of the milk factory and representatives of the striking farmers failed to bring about any agreement, and the producers have declared they will continue the strike until terms are agreed upon.

Demand Higher Prices
The strike followed a meeting of the members of the association here, when it was decided to strike.

Non members were warned not to attempt to deliver any milk to the factory.

The Seattle Star says "Today in this land of ours there are only two classes of people. One class consists of Americans. These will stand solidly behind President Wilson. All others are TRAITORS!" In other words, those who go to the front (of the President) are traitors. We have always classed those who slaughter for another's gain as damn fools, but we have never gone so far as to call them traitors. And we don't intend to.

SOCIALISTS WIN SEVERAL SEATS

Citizens All Over the Country Endorse Socialist Anti-War Stand

CHICAGO.—Rolling up more votes than his three opponents combined, John C. Kennedy, Socialist, was elected alderman by a plurality of 6,157. Charles V. Johnson, Socialist, was elected from the Ninth ward by a plurality of 151.

"The increase of more than 20 per cent in the Socialist vote in Chicago proves there is a reaction against war," said Adolph Germer, national secretary of the Socialist party.

"The old party leaders made it an issue in this municipal campaign and the result proves the people are not war mad."

SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—Sheboygan Socialists reelected all their former city officials and elected three more aldermen, one school commissioner and one supervisor in Tuesday's election. The party now is represented by five aldermen, two supervisors, the city assessor, one school commissioner and one member of the water commission.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—Union labor elected a full city ticket, mayor, two commissioners and justice. One of the commissioners is a Socialist.

DULUTH.—P. G. Phillips, Socialist, candidate for city commissioner, was elected by a great majority.

OTTUMWA, Ia.—S. S. Menefee, Socialist, was elected councilman at the municipal election here, the first Socialist ever chosen to this position in Ottumwa. Menefee received 2,253 out of 5,024 votes cast for mayor under the non-partisan council plan.

A mayor and two councilmen were chosen, his vote giving Menefee the second place as councilman.

Patrick Leeny, a switchman employed in the Milwaukee road yards here, was elected mayor. While not a Socialist, it is believed Leeny will work in harmony with Menefee, giving labor control of the council.

KENOSHA, Wis.—Two members of the Socialist Party were arrested and fined \$7 each for distributing a leaflet entitled, "Down With War."

Martin Schmidt, Socialist, was elected school commissioner from the Seventh Ward, Tuesday, giving the party three members of the school board.

W. F. Goodman, Socialist was defeated for alderman by 27 votes. The party has one holdover alderman.

FRONTENAC, Kan.—Socialists elected John Schildknecht mayor; Wayne Neet, city treasurer and Joe Bottero, member of the city council. Mr. Schildknecht had published a positive refusal to make the race and to refuse to qualify if he was elected, because of objections filed by his employers.

TO CELEBRATE
Splendid response from the labor unions in Everett has assured the International Labor Day committee of a splendid affair. Many unionists are going to get their wives to make cakes for the feed and the Butchers Union is going to supply the ham and weiners. We expect a big crowd there, however, so we are going to ask some of the women members of the various Socialist locals in the city to prepare a cake for the occasion. There will be many offers to sing, recite and play instrumental music but the committee want the best. If you can deliver something good phone up the Northwest Worker or Peter Husby and tell them what you can do.

CO-OP. MEETING

A meeting will be held in The Forum, Sunday evening, April 22 to discuss matters pertaining to the opening of the Co-Operative Store. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. The date of opening has been set for May 1. If there is anything you don't know about co-operation that is the place to go and find out. Don't forget the date.

Sometime in the future, if Europe remains an armed camp after this war, and if militarism is entrenched in the world, it may become inevitable for America to adopt conscription, and, in Jefferson's words "to perpetuate the crimes and follies of Europe," "to indulge in the miserable ambitions that had made the old world a hell and frustrated the hopes of humanity." But if conscription ever does become inevitable let us not add blasphemy to our other crimes by adopting militarism in the name of democracy.

DEFENSE SHOWS UP BRUTALITY OF DEPUTIES

Pinkerton Detectives Used by Commercial Club to Incite Violence and Start Fires

The Prosecution in the case of Thomas H. Tracy, the workingman accused of the murder of Deputy Beard on Bloody Sunday, Nov. 5th, in Everett, rested its case last Friday. On Monday the Defense fired its opening guns with the calling of Herbert Mahler, former secretary of the joint locals of the Industrial Workers of the World in Seattle, and James P. Thompson, a labor speaker of national reputation.

A Striking Contrast
After a long and tedious succession of Commercial Club Open Shoppers and deputy sheriffs of Everett, all telling the same story and all professing ignorance regarding brutal treatment of Free Speech Fighters, the frank and straightforward stories of Mahler and Thompson came as a refreshing contrast. The questions asked them by the Defense were, in the case of Mahler, to prove that the expedition to Everett was of a purely voluntary character, discrediting the assertions of conspiracy made by the Prosecution, and, in Thompson's case to disprove the allegation of incendiary and violent utterances alleged to have been made by him and other speakers in Everett.

Thompson is Despair of Prosecution
The courtroom became temporarily a rostrum of industrial propaganda when Thompson was questioned regarding the nature of the speeches he had been making in Everett when arrested. The searching indictment of social conditions, the arraignment of the industrial despotism of America and the stirring call to the working class to organize for power and advancement had an instant and most favorable effect on the audience.

It is to be hoped, on the jury, under cross-examination. Thompson was questioned closely regarding the advocacy of violence but countered every question with an explanation of workingclass technique. That much misrepresented phrase, Direct Action, was explained by Thompson as being the organized action of the workers in industry in contrast to action thru political delegates.

Everett Citizens Testify to Brutality
A long series of men and women residents of Everett, testified to the brutal tactics of the Commercial Club deputies. It seems that the practice of the citizen deputies was to march up the street in military formation with white handkerchiefs around their necks, to distinguish themselves from the unfortunates they hoped to club, and to put an end to a peaceable meeting by the simple process of driving the people off the streets by snuffing them up and arresting and deporting the speakers. One lady testified who was struck twice by a deputy. Mr. Henning, a shingleweaver, stated that he was beaten over the head by Sheriff McRae, when quietly standing by a meeting, and knocked unconscious. Then he was dragged away by another deputy and beaten up while lying on the ground.

Startling Testimony
Mrs. L. S. Johnson, of Everett, testified that she had listened to several street meetings, had heard no advocacy of violence and no incendiarism. She stated that, one day, coming out of a store, she heard a policeman and a couple of men talking about the street speakers. They were saying that they would drive them out of town and never let them speak. She protested against this and discussed the matter with them for a few minutes. Two hours later, Sheriff McRae came to her home to see her, telling her that it had been reported to him that she had made statements in favor of the I. W. W. She said that she was certainly in favor of their being accorded their constitutional rights. The Sheriff then let his true nature and intentions become apparent. He said that they should not speak under circumstances; that he would stop them coming to Everett even if he had to have soldiers brought in. McRae then went on to say that he had the backing of the mill-owners of Everett and they would help him drive every one of them out of town. He said that if they tried to come he would have soldiers there, if possible, and would shoot them down on the dock! This was some time before November 5th and shows that he was already foreseeing the tragedy and was exulting in anticipation of the slaughter.

More Ill-Treatment Exposed
Harry Feinberg, a speaker and one of the 73 defendants, went on the witness stand and gave evidence that, after a meeting of which he had been arrested, he was taken to the county (Continued on Page 4.)