

### PEACE DELEGATES TELL OF JOURNEY

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the mob which everybody felt might take it into its head to attack the peace meeting.

The air was surcharged all day with combativeness, and as a matter-of-fact, during the entire stay of the peace delegates in Washington. Groups could be seen almost every where discussing "war and peace" and it frequently became necessary for the police to interfere to prevent fist encounters. Peace delegates were openly insulted by militia men many of whom were under the influence of liquor.

Another method employed to aggravate the peace delegates was to hand them a piece of yellow ribbon. During the night Tuesday the front of the peace headquarters was besmeared with yellow paint. The fact that Senators Stene and La Follette were hanged in effigy is further proof that the sentiment in Washington was strongly apposed to the peace movement.

Tuesday and Wednesday were spent by the delegates in interviewing Minnesota Congressmen and Senators. This was a peculiar task and was practically barren as to results, but the Minnesota delegation accomplished this much, they confirmed Van Dyke, Lundeen and Knutson in their resolve to vote with Congressman Davis in favor of peace. Some of the other representations informed the delegation that they did not believe in war, but felt that conditions had arisen which required the declaration of war against Germany. Among these was Congressman Ellsworth of the 2nd District who admitted that he knew that probably 85 per cent of his constituents desired peace, but he hated the Kaiser and the German autocracy and that he could not conscientiously vote against the war resolution.

The South was lined up almost solidly in favor of the war and it was stated in some quarters that this was the first opportunity the South has had for repaying Great Britain for the billion dollars advanced them during the Civil War and for other favors shown the South in supplying them with arms and ammunition. This may be mere talk, but it only goes to show that people are trying to find reasons for certain actions.

Most of the peace delegates returned home either Monday night or Tuesday. The Minnesota delegation did not start on their homeward journey until Wednesday afternoon.

#### Resolutions Adopted.

The resolutions adopted at the peace conference read as follows:

We declare our unflinching loyalty at the principles of the Constitution and the ideals for which the American Republic was founded.

The framers of the Constitution denied to any man the right to declare war, and reserved that right to Congress alone. We therefore appeal to Congress to uphold the principles of the Constitution, and not to be stampeded into a declaration of war.

1. Because we believe that all history, and more particularly the frightful waste of life and property in the present world war, has proven the utter futility of war as a means of settling international disputes or of vindicating national honor.

War inflicts upon both sides injuries far greater than supposed to be redressed.

To "avenge" the loss of some 150 lives by sacrificing the lives of untold thousands is madness.

2. Because the repeated violation of international law by both sides in this conflict is not primarily directed against us, but is incidental to the death grapple of great commercial empires.

3. Because it is well known that beneath the conflict of nationalities, a fundamental cause of this war is the rivalry of commercial competitive groups, controlling their respective governments, and which through secret diplomacy and a corrupted press have betrayed their people into a war of which they do not even now know the causes or the aims.

#### Profits From Blood.

4. Because we are convinced that the impulse in our country at this time to war comes not from the people, but principally from financial and commercial groups, who from the blood and agony of the people would coin profits for themselves.

5. Because it has abundantly been shown in the last few weeks that our entry into the war would mean the nullification of the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution, which provides: "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances".

6. Because under the guise of fighting for the democracy of other peoples, we would fasten upon ourselves a militaristic imperialism.

7. Because the United States, the greatest nation now at peace, would thereby forfeit the high position it has taken in favor of the settlement of international disputes by means of arbitration, and in favor of the establishment of a federation of nations.

8. Because we believe that the great majority of the people of the United States are opposed to war; that they have been flagrantly misrepresented by the greater part of the metropolitan press, and that in opposing war we speak for them.

#### II

WE THEREFORE URGE upon our government the following measures as alternatives to war.

1. That President Wilson, who warned Americans out of Mexico, shall also warn Americans for their country's sake, to stay out of the war zone.

2. That in view of the changed situation resulting from the Russian revolution, and the liberation of the forces of democracy throughout Europe, the President renew concrete peace proposals to the belligerents.

#### Consider Commission.

3. That a Joint High Commission be appointed to consider the questions now at issue between this government and that of Germany. Such a commission averted war with Mexico even when that seemed inevitable.

4. That a conference of neutral nations be called to clarify and if possible unify the neutral attitude toward the illegal methods of both belligerents.

5. That the mediation of any neutral nation be accepted if offered.

6. That an advisory referendum vote of the people be taken before a declaration of war, except in case of territorial invasion.

#### III

In order permanently to remove one of

the chief incentives for war, we demand that such steps be taken as will make it impossible for private profit to be made out of war. Following the recent act of the states of North Dakota and Wisconsin thru their legislatures, we demand that there shall be conscription of wealth to defray the expenses of war and of preparation for war. We demand that no deferred obligation upon future generations shall be levied in the shape of national bond issues, but that "Pay as you go" shall be the policy of this nation.

We recommend further that there shall be: 1. A graduated income tax levied by Congress upon all annual incomes above five thousand dollars, which shall amount to conscription of all incomes in excess of one hundred thousand dollars a year.

2. Immediate conscription by the government of all railroads, and their

operation by the government for public service, without private profit.

3. Immediate conscription by the government of all natural resources, including mines and oil wells and their operation under the Bureau of Mines without profit. Let those who kindled the fire be made to furnish the wood.

4. The Government shall deal with the workers in any conscripted industry thru the organizations formed by the workers, with due safeguards for the right of unorganized workers. This will protect both the government and the workers.

5. Immediate taking over and operation by the government of all food storage warehouses, and the passing of a law making speculation in food supplies an act of treason, under the articles of war.

We appeal to the American people, our fellow countrymen, as true patriots to

rise, above race hatred and vindictive reprisal. We appeal to you, to be true to the ideals of our President as set forth in his call to the nations to enter upon a new era of peace with justice. Some nation must be brave enough, human enough, great enough and humble enough to say: "This shall spread no farther, whatever may be the cost to us." We believe that God has called America to the great and holy task of peace, and we appeal to all her loyal sons to help her answer this call.

A. W. Hartwick, of Morgan, was here on business Saturday.

Clement Messerli has been visiting his parents at Lewisville.

Miss Julia Trat and Miss Susan Schmidt, of Sleepy Eye, have been the guests of Mrs. Zuhlsdorf in this city for a few days.

E. W. Melster was here from St. Peter, Saturday and Sunday.

S. C. Bretney was in the city from Springfield Saturday, on business.

Miss Agatha Berger, of Klossner, was a week-end visitor with New Ulm friends.

George Nelson and William Dietz, of St. Peter, were recent New Ulm visitors.

St. Peter will follow New Ulm's lead, and have night fire works at the county fair.

Attorney Arthur Loomis, of Springfield, visited New Ulm relatives over Sunday.

C. S. Peterson, of Springfield, transacted business in Probate Judge Mather's court on Wednesday.

Attorney E. A. French, of the firm of Steinhauer & French, spent Sunday in Minneapolis.

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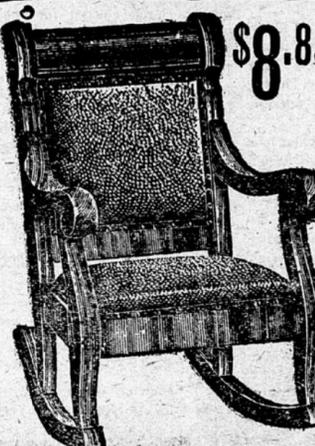
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