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# J. Keir Hardie Tells How Press Stirred War Spirit

LONDON, Aug. 27 (by Mail).---J. Keir Hardie, M. P., has the following article in the Labor Clarion today:

By J. KEIR HARDIE

One of the most detestable features of war is the lying malice under cover of which it is waged. For several weeks before the war was proclaimed the "Jingo" press of the country, led by the Times, endeavored successfully to stir up feelings of hatred against the German people. When hostilities broke out the unscrupulous scallawags who purvey news for the press invented all sorts of untrue statements concerning the way in which British residents and visitors to Germany were being treated. Doubtless a similar line of policy toward

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## Sees Russia as Winner

the British people was being pursued in Germany and elsewhere. Now, however, the absolutely unanimous testimony of those who found themselves in Germany when the war started is proving conclusively that the treatment they received at the hands of the officials and civilians alike was courtesy itself. Those who know the German people would never have expected anything else.

### Fighting for German Socialists.

And now a new tact is being worked: It is not the German people with whom we are at war, we are told, but only with the Kaiser and the military system of despotism for which he stands. In fact, one Socialist writer informed his readers last week that to all intents and purposes we are fighting the battle of the Social Democracy of Germany! In support of this he quoted a document which was sent broadcast over this country, and which had appeared in one of the daily papers with all the signatures attached several days before. Without a shadow of doubt this so-called manifesto is a bogus affair. Nobody knows one of the names attached to it, and clearly it speaks for nobody. As likely as not it is the work of some anti-Socialist league.

### Attitude of German Socialists.

A reply to the suggestion that we are fighting for the German Social Democrats is to be found in an extract from the speech of Haase, delivered in the Reichstag in the name of the party, on the vote for war purposes. After describing the fight put up by the party against the war, Haase added:

"Before us now stands the iron fact of war. We are threatened with the hor-

rors of hostile invasion. . . .

For our people and for the future of their liberty much, if not all, is at stake with the victory of Russian despotism, which has stained itself with the blood of the best of its own people. This danger must be ward off for the sake of our civilization and the independence of our country."

### Greetings to German Comrades.

This is a clear declaration. The Social Democracy of Germany were gradually nearing the time when they would have brought the military class to subjection, and, as Comrade Haase points out, what is now happening is this--Kaiserism is to be smashed, and Czarism installed in its stead! The Social Democrats of Germany will regard with contempt those Socialists here who are seeking to make it appear that we are engaged in an altruistic war on their behalf. That they must regard as sheer hypocrisy. When the war is over it will be Russia that will carry off the laurels, and probably a good installment of German militarism will have become part of our own national institutions.

To our German Comrades, then, as well as those of France, Belgium, and elsewhere, the Independent Labor party will send fraternal greetings with the assurance that, with trifling and negligent exceptions, the party is solid in its sympathy with them in trying circumstances in which they are placed. Speaking for the moment for myself I repeat, what will be universally acknowledged twelve months hence, that we are in this war without justification, reason or excuse. It is true that in the ranks of the Labor party there are those who

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## PADDY O'HOOOLIGAN ON War in General

Me naybor, Terrence Gilhooly laid down th paper he was readin in me cabeen t' other night. "B' hivins," sez he, "this war is terrible, horrible! An oi see there's another new revolushun on in Mexico agin." "Wurra! Wurra!" wailed Terrence, but th poor peons will pay dearly, wid th sufferin an hardships Th divil take that bandit Villa, he should be stood up agin an adobe wall!"

Arrah gwan! wib yer nonsense about th poor peons!" sez oi. "Shure th pore divvils land is all given away t' furriners fer banana ranches an th poor divvils hov t' fight or go back t' their masters on th big ranches an haciendas. Faith th rebels are hovin th toime of their lives, free rides atop iv box cars, an their tamolies, tortillas, frijolees an cigarets coomin reglar and no long winter ahead in a grub trust starin thim in th face. Charity, Terrence," sez oi "should begin at home."

Could yez tell me phwat th army in th North iv Oireland an th army in th south iv Oireland are doing these days? Faith they was ready t' fly t each others throats jist before th big war? I hear thot they're all now wearin red coats an foightin the Dootch, but b' me sow! oi don't believe it. Th lads from County Cork foightin soide by soide wid th Orange sassenachs!

Shure an th peepul in th Tanana Valley are up in arms agin th grub peddlrs Did yez ever see sich gougins! Th attorney ginal warned th grub trusts Outside agin raisin prices, an oi see Crossley's goin t' investigate. B' jabers something has got to be done or we'll all famish.

An oi see th reglar Murphy war on Distrect Attorney Jim Crossley is over at last. B' gory, Crossley, single handed wid his back agin th wall, gave th bosses a great tussle.

## The Voter's Psalm

The politician is my shepard; I shall not want for anything during the campaign; he leadeth me in the saloon for my vote's sake; he filleth my pockets with cigars and my beer runneth over. He inquireth after my family even unto the third and fourth generations. Yea, though I walk through the mud and

rain to vote for him and shout myself hoarse, when elected he straightaway forgetteth me. I meet him in his own house and he knoweth me not. Surely the wool hath been pulled over mine eyes--will someone please wake me up!

Ex.---

The principal thing in a political campaign is to be successful in making people believe that you are sincere.