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#### LABOR HEARS THE CALL.

Organized labor throughout the land did its duty last Tuesday. Its eligible members registered because labor is satisfied it must enter the present conflict in order to clear the way for the inauguration of those principles of democracy for which the American labor movement stands.

The serious condition that America and he allies finds themselves in is not of our making. We do not relish the task before us. We had hoped our entrance into the war would not be necessary. But time for quibbling is past. When one deals with an adversary immune to reason and deaf to the calls of humanity, and when that enemy has clearly shown its utter disregard of the rights of the entire civilized world, then there is but one thing left to do. And that is to clean house and do it in a business-like way.

America will do its bit quietly but with firm determination to do it firmly and well. "And beneath the national calmness," to borrow the language of the Boston Journal, "which we do carnestly need, let us nurse the will to victory, the will to fight like a million devils from hell for the cause we love.

The time for criticism is gone. The time for united action has arrived. The time for whining has gone and the time for real, American patriotism

do what it alone can do to bring peace and justice | terms that rang through the country. again to the bleeding war-torn world.

Labor will rally to the eall of Samuel Gompers, the patriot and leader. It will follow his lead because it believes with him, that the present conflict will result in the abolition of "all forms maintain for generations yet unborn the priceless treasures of justice, freedom, democracy and humanity.

#### VIRGINIA IN 1918.

The local unions of Virginia will make a determined attempt to land the 1918 convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor for that city.

Mayor Michael Boylan, who has shown his friendship for organized labor on more than one striking occasion, wilt journey from Virginia to Faribault carrying with him an invitation from the city council and other civic organizations to the delegates of the State Federation of Labor to come to Virginia for their next meeting.

Delegates who attended the Hibbing convention last year will recall with pleasure the rollicking good time provided for them by the people of Hibbing. More than that, the Hibbing convention was one of the most successful the federation has ever had. And Mayor Boylan assures The Labor World that the people of Virginia, the metropolis of the range, are anxious to show the representative union men throughout the state that Virginia will give them the best possible treatment, if only they will consent to give them a trial.

Following the Hibbing convention last year the labor movement in that city took on a new spirit. Today Hibbing measures up well with the other cities of the state in organization. The movement in Minnesota profited beyond expectations as the result of its decision to go to Hibbing last year.

The iron ranges offer the best opportunities for organization work. This section is developing very rapidly. The mining and lumbering interests have had their fill of the Industrial Workers of the World; public sentiment on the ranges is heartily in favor of responsible labor unionism taking hold of the situation, and The Labor World believes that even the companies could be induced to acquiesce in a proposal to deal with responsible abor unions under the banner of the American Federation of Labor, if only the attempt is properly made. Of course, we cannot expect they will take it upon themselves to invite the Federation to Virginia. but the time is ripe and the State Federation of Labor should takea dvantage of it.

The delegates to the Faribault convention will do a real service in advancing the cause of trade unionism in Minnesota if they will accept Mayor Boylan's hearty invitation and select Virginia as the meeting place for the convention of 1918.

## THE FEDERATION'S REPORT.

The legislative report on the fortieth session of the Minnesota legislature has just been issued by the officials of the State Federation of Labor. It is an interesting and concise resume of the work of the labor lobbyists and contains valuable and easy available information concerning the reports of the various members of the house and

senate with respect to labor legislation. The Labor World recommends that the report

be read by every unionist in Minnesota. An interesting side-light appears on page 18 of the report. The Labor World gave its readers a comprehensive review of the work of the legislature with reference to labor legislation. On two or three occasions we mentioned a certain bill introduced in the senate by G. M. Peterson of Duluth. This measure defined the powers of the and intelligent way to render service to our resheriff in matters involving vagrancy and disorderly conduct. It sought to give the sheriff ally. power to "require vagrants or disorderly persons to leave the county within 24 hours after notice so ment of \$10,000 of American Federationo f Labor

proof thereof duly made before a municipal court or justice, unless he therein satisfactorily accounts for himself, be punished as a vagrant.'

The bill was stubbornly fought by the labor lobbyists and Senator Peterson was besieged with visits from them calling his attention to the viciousness of the bill.

"When we called the senator's attention to our interpretation of the measure," says the report of the State Federation of Labor, "he assured us that the bills had been sent to him by County Attorney Greene of St. Louis county for introduction, and as compromise. The issue must be that he had taken it for granted that they were all right and assured us after looking them over carefully he would see that they got no further.'

The Labor World is pleased to give its readers the history of this bill and in fairness to Senator Peterson we are glad to publish the facts concerning his attitude after finding out what the bill really meant.

#### ALLIES OF THE KAISER.

Thus far neither President Wilson nor Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture have moved against speculation in land, although this form of speculation is infinitely worse than any other form in its effect on the food supply. Food stuffs held out of use can be seized and utilized within twenty-four hours. Holding idle real issue. That is the issue that will land out of use during planting season is equivalent to the absolute destruction of the food it could

Putting wheat into an elevator and holding it off the market is bad enough. To dump it into Lake Michigan would be worse. Yet the owner of idle land capable of raising crops is as great a public enemy, as much an ally of the kaiser, as the wheat speculator who would dump food into and the other the divine right of Rings. the lake. He may not be as bad morally as the shape it develops itself. It is the food speculator, because he may lack the capital same spirit that says, 'You work and to cultivate his land, or because his crime against society has never been called to his attention.

A few years ago rebating was considered respectable. So was running for office on funds his own nation and live by the fruit supplied by a railroad corporation. So was the employment of children in factories. Today the holding of idle land out of use is not yet con- nical principle. Was an outworn, sidered a social crime by many people.

There are officials in Washington who do regard land speculation as a crime. Secretary Lane of the Department of Interior considers it so. So does Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agricul-Labor hears the call. It will go to battle and ture, who recently denounced food speculators in

#### PETITIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE.

A petition is being circulated by Irish-Americans which it is expected will contain more than two of autocracy and despotism, and establish and million names, to be presented to President Wilson, requesting the President and Congress to insist upon England that she grant freedom to Ireland. Labor union bodies, especially in the east, are taking up the work enthusiastically, and funds are | tion, there was only one way in which anyone else. He simply had a chance being raised by popular subscription to push the

Irishmen claim that such action by the President and Congress might impress upon Great Britain the necessity and good policy of giving a great example to the world in granting complete national independence to Ireland.

The petition in part is as follows:

"We, as American citizens, respectfully state to the government of the United States that Ireland is a distinct nation, deprived of her liberty by force and held in subjection by England by ganization by the words "and oilers." adversary is wrong. If the one who military power alone. As America has entered the President Healy and Secretary-Treas- opposes is right, he will win in the war for the preservation of democracy and the urer Shamp were re-elected and end anyway and it is better to lose wheeling, W. Va., was selected as the squarely than to be beaten out befreedom of small nationalities, this government is next convention city. in honor bound to apply this principle impartially in all cases of peoples held in subjection, whether they be under the jurisdiction of Germany, like Belgium, or of England, like Ireland. As America cannot be a party to any scheme of world-peace which withholds from any nation the God-given right of freedom, the only final settlement must be the complete Independence of Ireland."

### HITS NAIL ON HEAD.

A public spirited citizen proposes a municipally owned street car line from Morgan Park to Duluth Very good so far as it goes, but listen to Mayor Magney's answer and then tell us if he doesn't employ some pretty sound logic:

"If it would be a good thing for the city to own and operate a street railway in Gary and New Duluth, it would be a better thing to own and operate a street railway from Lester Park to Fond du Lac. If capitalists consider bonds of the Carv-New Duluth stub a good investment, they would consider bonds of the entire system a better investment."

## SUBSCRIBE TO LIBERTY LOAN.

By SAMUEL GOMPERS:

Liberty loan week has been designated and June 6 of that week has been set aside as labor liberty loan day.

The congress of the United States has pledged the resources of the nation for the conduct of the war into which our republic has entered in support of liberty, democracy, and human rights. The men and women of the United States are given opportunity to participate in the loan for this

To buy a liberty bond is to support our country and to subscribe to ideals which our reublic is forced to maintain by military force. Individuals and organizations have testified to their patriotic desire to serve by subscribing for these bonds-

including labor men and labor organization. The investment—viewed from a financial standpoint-is especially safe, being in reality a mortgage upon the resources of the government and the nation.

Every worker and every labor organization will find it advantageous to support this liberty loan And as extensively as lies within their financial ability. Money from the sale of these bonds is indispensable to the successful conduct of the war. Bond subscriptions therefore become a highly patriotic oh, public and tothe cause of democracy internation-

The executive council has authorized the investto do, and any person so warned who does not funds in liberty loan bonds. All organized labor comply with such notice shall, upon complaint and is urged to do its part.

#### A HOUSE DIVIDED

By SCOTT NEARING.

The United States cannot hope to exist part democratic and part plutocratic. It is inconceivable that two huge social forces like democracy and plutocracy should divide the field be tween them. There is no such thing met and decided, once for all. There may be discussion on the details, but on the main issue discussion is im. possible-unthinkable.

The conflict between the Bout! and the North over the slavery Issue was of like character. The greatest statesmen of the day tried compromise There was the compromiss of 1850: there was the Kanses-Newraska bill. Both sides labored. Each was willing to give and take. But neither wen willing to concede the one fundamen. tal point without which negotiation diplomacy and compromise were mer wasted efford.

Were the slave states or the free states to rule? That was the question. Abraham Lincoln put it like this in his debate with Judge Dougles si Alton, Oct. 15, 1858: continue in this country when therpoor tongues of Judge Douglas and myself shall be silent. It to the eternal struggle between the two principles-right and wrong-throughout the world. They are the two principles that have stood face to face from the beginning of time, and will ever continue to struggle. The case is the common right, of humenity. and the other the divine right of kings. toil and earn bread and I'll eat it.' No matter in what shape it comes, whether from the mouth of a king who seeks to bestride the people of of their Jabor, or from one race of men as an apology for enslaving another race, it is the same tyrangenerally discarded form of economic and social organization to be perpetuated as the dominant power in the American government, or was the system of economic and social organization called "freedom of contract" to assume the position of supreme power? The issue was fundamental. It had to be met and settled.

War was by ro means inevitable. By the REV. CHARLES STELZLE. The slaves might have been bought and freed by the government. The north might have abandoned its factory system and gone back to an agricultural basis. But one of those two things must occur, and when there runs? was arrayed, as in this case, an out- a labor hall. lived, discredited form of social organization against a new. vitel and apparently superior form of organizathe conflict could end.

Slave labor or free contract? That was the issue that became the gordian knot of nineteenth century American statesmanship and was cut

#### FIREMEN ENLARGE TITLE

only by the sword.

### TEAMSTERS LOCKED OUT

OMAHA, June 7 .- Teamsters employed in lumber yards have been association's campaign against organ-

### AGAINST HANGING

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 7 .- Both passed the anti-capital punishment get the facts.

### THE DAWN OF PEACE

JOHN RUSKIN.

Put off, put off your mail, O kings, And beat your brands to dust! Your hands must learn a surer grasp Your hearts a better trust.

O' bend aback the lance's point, And break the helmet bar; noise is in the morning wind, But not the note of war.

Upon the grassy mountain paths The glittering hosts increase— They come! They come! How fair their

They come who publish peace. and victory, fair victory,

Our enemies are ours! for all the clouds are clasped And all the earth with flowers. Aye, still depressed and dim

dew: But wait a little while, nd with the radiant deathless rose The wilderness shall smile.

And every tender, living thing Shall feed by streams of rest; Nor lamb shall from the flock be Nor nursling from the nest.

## PEACE.

that rang When down the starry sky the angels That night they came as envoys of the What word but peace, "peace and good will on earth"? what was the last word the Mas parting night when they brother-bread, That night he knew men

what but "peace I leave" and "peace I give"?
And yet behold: near twice mercy speed the hour when swords

-Edwin Markhan.

### See Window Display

IN THE ANNEX.



Shoes Plainly Tagged ON SPECIAL TABLES

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#### WHEN ONE MAN STOPS THE GAME

Did you ever see a ball game lost ecause somebody held the ball just a bit too long thus giving the other side a chance to get the necessary I have sometimes seen it in

Things were not going to suit the ideas of a delegate so he deliberately balked. This did not help him or to "stop the game" and he took it The result was another set-back for the cause of labor in his city.

Of course, the man who "holds the ball" isn't found merely in the ranks of labor-but he is there and that is why we are concerned about the matter. Sometimes he "holds ball" because he doesn't understand and because he cannot comprehend KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 7 .- At the his opponent he tries to destroy him. convention of the International Bro- He has yet to learn that it is far bettherhood of Stationary Firemen it ter to try to understand and-not to was voted to extend the title of the or- silence his adversary even hough his cause of a stubborn refusal to study he other side of the consideration.

When a man makes bold and sweeping statements, they very commonly come from doubt and ignorlocked out and these unionists charge ance rather than from just convicthat this is part of the Business Men's tion. The fellow who claims to have a monopoly of wisdom is just as much to be feared in a labor hall as elsewhere. He is more likely to "hold the ball" than the openminded chap who wants all the facts and who is willing to face the weak branches of the state legislature have ness in a particular case in order to

It is important in discussing the social questions of the day to remember that we have not yet mastered even the elements of the problems of society. Most of us are quick to suggest remedies which are based upon the examination of a few isolated facts or upon a very limited experience who is always ready to offer the panacea—the cure-all—for every ill.

As a man comes to learn about the many-sidedness of life he become less ready to offer plans for saving society. Until the last fact has been brought out we cannot afford to be dogmatic in the labor movement. We must be opportunists-that is, we should be ready to do the next thing, whatever that may be. There are so many factors to be considered that no one man can be infalliable. It takes the whole "nine" to win the

## EDITOR ADVISES CONGRESS

YORK, June 7 .- Located vithin a stone's throw of America's financial district, the editor of the New York Sun takes his pen in hand to re-establish the good old days when ship loads of immigrants awalted the trust baron's call:

The editor wants the literacy section of the Burnett immigration law repealed. He says this "iniquitous, undemocratic and un-American law" was put on the books over the vetoes of three presidents. What was the first prophetic word

And Wall street, just around the shouts an approving aye.

### Get Saturday Half-Holiday

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7 .- Over ,000 carpenters and allied craftsmen in the mill industry in this section are enjoying the Saturday half holiday, which has just been established as the result of thorough organization and conferences with employers. These workers secured the eight-hour sand years
And still the battle-wrath, the grief, strike and since then they have made

> NEW SPRING HATS \$2 to \$5. The Big Duluth,

#### **CONSCRIPTION TO** THE LIMIT

#### By JOB HARRIMAN.

Conscription! What does it mean

to the rich, and what does it mean to the poor? Shall the rich be embalmed in their riches with the blood of the poor? Is not conscription the call of capitalism? Shall it call the worker and leave the capitalist? Shall is there in capital so sacred that it country belong to property or to people? Shall property be preserved by bonded indebtedness, while the peoman better than another? Does not death reduce all men to a common privilege-the tomb? Why, then, shall their privileges differ in life? Conscription! Why not conscript

everybody and everything? Conscript all natural resources, all industries, all capital, all incomes, and

all inheritances. Conscript every human being. Separate the rich from their wealth

and make people of them. United the people in a common life, in a life of mutual interest, and use the power of wealth to protect War is born out of the struggle for wealth, and not out of the hatred of

Conscription of everybody and everything is the highway to an early peace and an enduring civilization.

### WANT CHINESE FARMERS

Said Senator John Sharp Williams in the United States senate: "The war "The war Germany will actually begin at the banks of the Rhine, and it will take two years and 2,000,000 soldiers from the United States, added to the armies of the allies, to defeat the Germans." Senator Williams lived in Germany

a number of years, and stated that his convictions as to the resistance of Germany are due to the fact that he knows the German people intimately. Senator Walsh of Montana predicted that within a year we would situation due to the scarcity of food that has not been witnessed since the destitution of the pilgrim fathers. The food problem, he said, is not a

back yard, front yard, vacant lot proposition, but calls for the cultivation of immense areas of land, such as the vest alone can supply.

Incidentally, Walsh directed attention to the desirability of the government taking possession of the major part of the Crow Indian reservation in Montana and opening it up to the white man's land hunger. It was absurd to permit 1,700 Crow Indians to hold in their own right 7,900 acres of land apiece when they could get along on 350 acres.

Over 700,000 acres of the Crow land is capable of raising bumper crops without irrigation, and the department of agriculture had estimated that the it call man and leave capital? What tract would yield 8,000,000 bushels of wheat to aid the president's conscript should not be called to war? Shall army to carry the principles of the we conscript human lives, and leave labor-eploiting democracy of Amerincomes and inheritances? Does the ica to the benighted autocracies of central Europe.
Directing attention to the scarcity

of labor to till the soil, Walsh suggested the suspension of the immigraple are cast into the trenches to rot? tion laws, so as to permit the importation of 250,000 Chinese laborers to work on the farms at coolie wages.

#### WHAT JAPAN HAS LEARNED

Everybody cannot go to war, but a government monopoly of industrial everybody can do some useful thing. insurance, which means the "funeral Private corporations are peremp-torily forbidden by law to write life

insurance for sums of \$125 or less. The idea of the Japanese govern-ent is that the masses of the industrial population, living close to the bare margin of existence, should be spared from exploitation by profitmaking companies that give inadequate insurance protection in

In this respect Japan's policy is in accord withthe general practice of the countries of Europe having universal health insurance. the principle of the universal health nsurance movement, so rapidly gaining ground in this country, that private insurance must be compelled to "keep hands off" if those who are most in need of sickness protection

Millions of dollars, made up of the precious pennies of the poor, are paid every year to commercial companies in the United States for industrial insurance. Little more than a third of it gets back to the workers. Then is practically a mere burial benefit. When health insurance is made universal the wage earner receives, without any greater expense to him, not only burial insurance, but also medinursing and hospital care, medicines and appliances, and benefit besides, as under workmen compensation laws

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