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## "Social Revolution"



WITH this issue, the beginning of its fourteenth year, the RIP-SAW changes its name and will henceforth be known as "SOCIAL REVOLUTION." The old name under which this paper has grown to its present size and attained the standing and influence it now has, was well enough at the beginning but we believe our readers will agree with us that the paper has outgrown its name and that a title more befitting its present character and more suggestive of its larger mission, should be chosen for it. For quite a while we deliberated about this change of name. We rather clung to the old title because under it we had fought many a battle against the wolves of capitalism, and we can assure our readers that it has not always been an easy matter to keep it going. But now that we have canvassed all the names that could be suggested by the staff and others who were consulted and have decided upon the new title, "SOCIAL REVOLUTION," we gladly make the change.

The old name, "The RIP-SAW" is now a memory. It will not be forgotten. It will always remind us of the years of toil and travail, of hope and doubt, of trial and faith passed in the struggle of the workers and in laying our foundation for "SOCIAL REVOLUTION."

With the change of name it is our purpose also to offer our readers a better, stronger, fitter paper than we have been able to give them in the past. To that end we shall put forth our best energies and we invoke the continued sympathy and co-operation of our great army of loyal supporters.

As in the past this paper will stand staunchly for what is now its title, "SOCIAL REVOLUTION." We realize that to serve the world movement of the workers worthily the best we have to give is demanded and we shall give it freely, regretting only that our limitations prevent us from giving more.

The Social Revolution now impending is the greatest revolution in human history. It is the greatest thing on earth. It is privilege enough and glory too to have a place in it and to be permitted, however humbly, to serve in its ranks.

We greet our readers cordially at the beginning of our Fourteenth year in the name of "SOCIAL REVOLUTION" and we pledge ourselves that every particle of our strength shall be devoted to making this paper serve as it has never served before the great cause of Emancipation.

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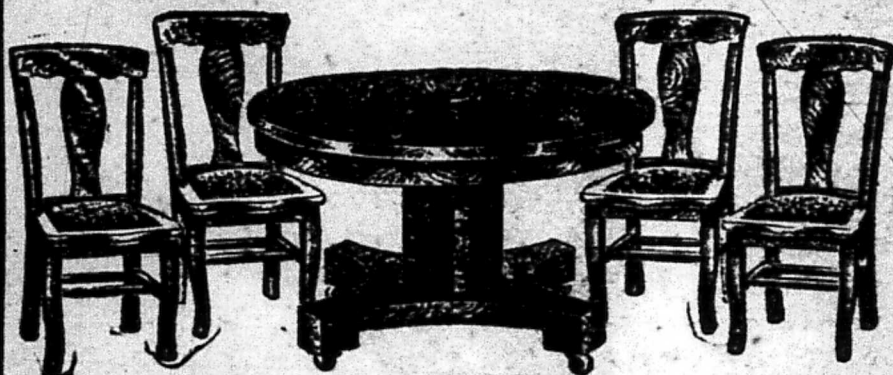
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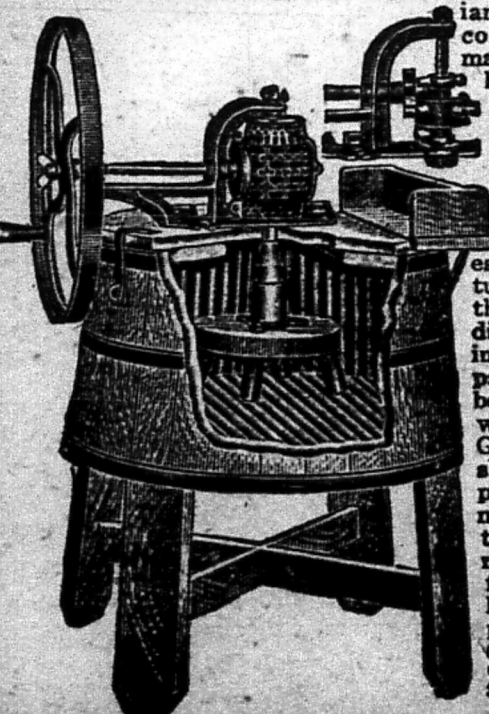
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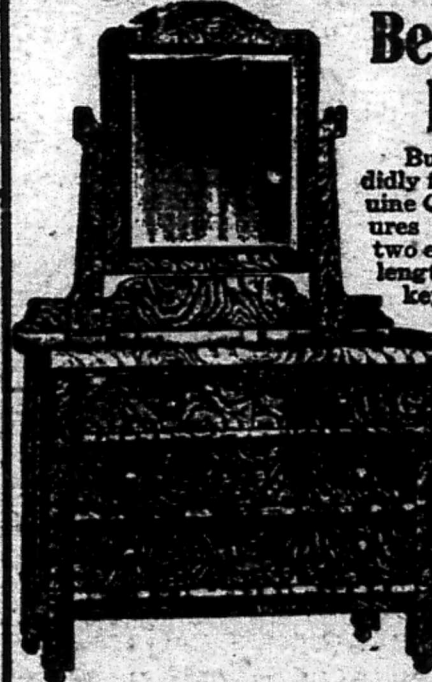
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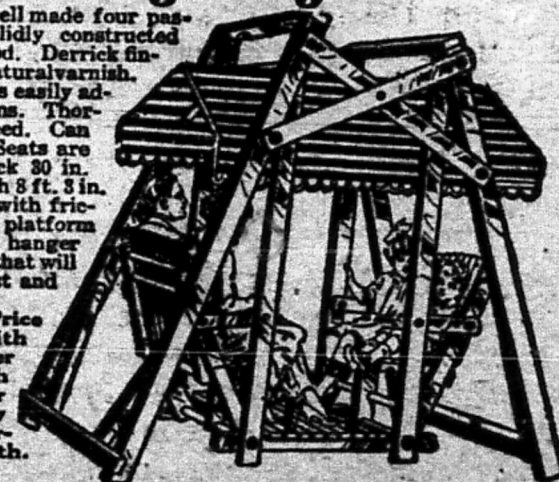
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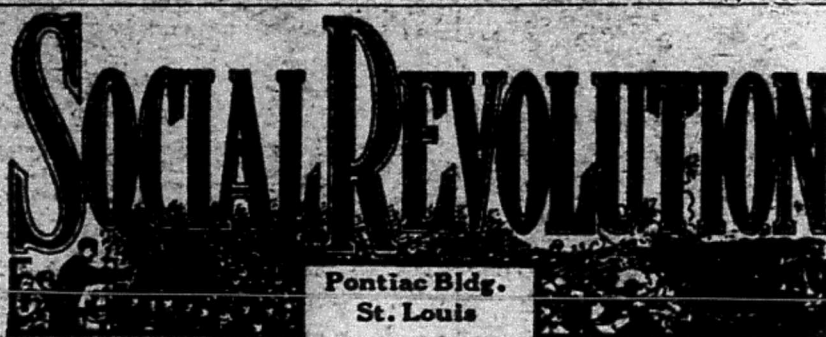
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## EDITORIALS

By Eugene V. Debs

## ARE WE THIRSTING FOR SLAUGHTER?

Wall street and the ruling class in general are seeking to have it appear that we must go to war with Germany. The freedom of the seas, they tell us, has been denied us and we must therefore rush into the European war and have hundreds of thousands of human beings sacrificed to wanton slaughter.

The people of the United States and the people of Germany have not the slightest grievance against one another. Left to themselves they would be on terms of perfect amity and peace. They would not dream of flying at one another's throats and tearing at one another's vitals like wild beasts. It is not the people but the ruling class of the United States and Germany that want the war and they want it for purposes entirely their own. The people of both countries have everything to lose, including their lives, and absolutely nothing to gain by such a war.

We are opposed to plunging this nation into the European slaughter. Every workingman should cry out against this unspeakable crime.

The false cry of "patriotism" and "preparedness" and "defense of the flag" and "honor of the nation" should not deceive anyone not feeble-minded. Patriotism for their own profit is the real shibboleth of the capitalist class. They want war to serve their own ends and they declare it at their own sweet will. But they do not rush to the front themselves and have their own bodies shot into bloody tatters. They remain safely in the rear enjoying their luxuries and egging on their slaves as they slaughter one another without knowing why.

Let every workingman and every other man who abhors war and slaughter raise his voice in protest against the threatened war with Germany. There is absolutely no excuse for it. The working people will furnish the great bulk of its victims.

If the miserable pretext that is urged for hostilities is permitted to serve its satanic purpose and war is declared it will be not only the costliest war this country ever waged in respect to blood and treasure, but it will be to the eternal disgrace of the United States.

When the plutocrats who own the country are in the front ranks of the army raised to wage war it will be time enough for their wage-slaves to bring up the rear.

The patriotism of the ruling class is spelled p-r-o-f-i-t-s.

## PROSPERITY AND STRIKES

It should appear curious to those who do not study economic causes and effects that the more prosperous a country is under the capitalist system the more discontented are the working-class who produce that prosperity. This is an anomaly indeed and yet to the student of economics there is nothing strange about it.

The reports of the United States Bureau of Labor show that during the first nine months of the year 1915 there were 916 strikes and lockouts and that during the first nine months of the year 1916 the number had increased to 2,584.

The prosperity of 1916, if such it can ever be truly called in the present system, was far greater than that of 1915 and in fact greater by far than ever before in the history of the country. This abnormal state of affairs was of course produced by the European war. The exports from this country to foreign markets for 1916 aggregated more than seven billion dollars, or an average of more than five hundred million dollars per month.

Of course with such enormous exports of the country's products, coupled with the monopoly control of what remains for the domestic market, the high cost of living is easily accounted for, and the high cost of living has more than absorbed the paltry increase in wages which has been granted, and as a consequence, the workers are not only not better off, but actually worse off than they were before

their wages were increased and the cost of living more than offset the increase, and hence the multiplication of strikes and lockouts in all the principal industries of the land.

In the year 1916, by far the most prosperous in the history of the country, there were nearly three times as many strikes and lockouts as there were in the preceding year of 1915, when prosperity was just getting its start and the wage increases had not yet taken place nor the cost of living mounted to the incredible altitude which it now occupies.

All of which simply means that prosperity for the working-class is a fraud, a delusion and a false pretense under the capitalist system. The real prosperity is exclusively enjoyed by the capitalist class who pocket the swelling profits while the workers continue at their slavish tasks for shelter and shoddy and provender enough to feed their labor power and keep it alive.

Socialism, the collective ownership of industry and production for the benefit of the workers will bring real prosperity to the country and bring it for all who are willing to do their share to earn it.

If the working-class refused to fight the battles of their exploiting masters not another war would ever be declared.

War is the crime of crimes and the monumental shame of civilization.

## GATHERING THEM IN

A recent cable dispatch from London says:

A Reuter dispatch from Berne says the German authorities have suddenly called to the colors all officials of trade unions and socialists organizations. These officials, who aggregate 10,000 in number, have previously been exempt from military service.

The war grows more and more interesting. The trade union and Socialist officials are not to be slighted. They too, are to be given a chance to prove their patriotism by getting shot into tatters for their masters. The next in order will be the chambermaids and next the wet nurses and finally the orphans. They all have blood in their veins and they all need to be called to the colors.

Great is war. The European massacre proves it beyond doubt. Hurrah, for wholesale assassination! Hurrah, for the grand army of armless, legless, eyeless, cripples! They are all patriots and heroes—in fragments and tatters. What a glorious spectacle, and how proud we should be of it! Now turn to the numberless widows with breaking hearts and the fatherless children thrown upon the world. Glory Hallelujah! Capitalism and slaughter forever!

Kaiser William and King George still have all their fingers and toes intact. They are safe in their armored trains decorated with a basketful of hero's medals.

Let the glorious slaughter proceed while there is a patriot alive!

The workingman who rushes to the front to be butchered for the benefit of his master is a bargain counter hero—while he lasts.

Let the ruling class butchers welter in their own blood if they must have war.

## A BUNDLE OF RELATIONS

Emerson says that a man is "a bundle of relations, a knot of roots, whose flower and fruitage is the world."

Every man is related to every other man on earth whether he recognizes his kinship or not. The man is wise who realizes that he is simply one of the myriad that crowd the earth and that the more nearly he can adjust himself and his relation to his fellow-



men the more he expresses of his own life and the more happiness he finds in the world.

The individual self-seeker who thinks he can lock himself up in his own little castle and shut humanity out as aliens is guilty of folly that verges on insanity. In shutting himself in he dwarfs himself to his own miserable size and although he may be richly dressed he is no longer in the "bundle of relations," the "knot of roots," and he begins to wither and perish like a tree that has been uprooted and no longer receives its nourishment from the common soil and sunshine.

Happy is the man, poor though he may be, who is race-conscious; who is wise enough to understand that his happiness is bound up in the happiness of the race and therefore consecrates himself to the common service of his fellows so completely that he utterly forgets his own petty troubles.

And such is the Socialist and hence the joy with which he serves the cause, the loyalty with which he fights for its principles, and the devotion with which he clings to its ideals.

If the most sordid plutocrat could feel for once the thrill of joy the Socialist feels in clasping hands with a comrade and in giving himself body and soul to the cause he would realize that all his private possessions in the means of life are trash so far as being fruitful of any real happiness to him is concerned, and he would no longer wonder why Socialists feel themselves infinitely more richly rewarded for the service they render their cause than the exploiters possibly can in harvesting the dollars that are drained from the veins of their hapless victims.

The capture of Villa, "dead or alive" has cost the United States government to date \$162,418,000.00, enough to build comfortable homes for the families of 162,418 workingmen. This is capitalism's style of statesmanship, "defense of the flag and the national honor," and keeping the nation out of war. Villa is still doing business at the old stand.

#### "A WOMAN FREE"

Ruth Le Prade, the rising young poet and revolutionist out on the Pacific coast, has just issued a booklet of remarkable poems with the above title. The booklet contains 72 pages, is most artistically gotten up in blue and gold, and has a beautiful introduction by Edwin Markham. The title of the volume suggests the character of its contents. It is the work, the magnificent work of a free woman, and every line in it is vital and has an appeal to the world. There is none of the conventional stuff, the namby-pamby rhymes in these pages. It is real poetry with body and soul, with spirit and purpose in it to meet the demands of these revolutionary days. The subjects of these poems are all living ones and the poems themselves breathe the lofty spirit, the clarity of vision, the high-hearted courage, the sympathetic understanding, and the noble aspiration of the gifted author. Every person who loves real literature and genuine poetry should read Ruth Le Prade's "A Woman Free."

The price is 75 cents per copy. Address The J. F. Rowny Press, 937 S. Hill street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Drunkenness is the disease of human beings who are either over-worked and underfed or overfed and underworked.

#### "THE IRISH WORKER"

The paper of this title, issued by that sturdy brace of Irish revolutionists, Jim Larkin and Jack Carney, has made its appearance and we are glad to commend this new candidate for usefulness in the field of labor and socialism to our readers. Jim Larkin and Jack Carney need no introduction to the readers of this paper. They are both known for their exile from Ireland and their bitter persecution for serving the working-class unflinchingly there in all its battles, and since their arrival here they have been at the forefront and fighting with unabated vigor for the betterment of industrial conditions and for the emancipation of their class.

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We extend a cordial fraternal hand to Jim Larkin and Jack Carney and the Irish Worker and we wish them the most fertile field and the largest possible success.

Education, true education, means power and power means emancipation.

#### MOONEY'S OUTRAGEOUS CONVICTION

The capitalist jury in San Francisco brought in the verdict expected of it in the case of Thomas J. Mooney, who was falsely charged with having been responsible for the bomb explosion in the preparedness parade in that city last summer.

The prosecution, backed by the manufacturers and big business men, succeeded in convicting Mooney upon false and trumped-up charges and sentencing him to prison for life. The conviction and sentence are infamous beyond expression. Every fair-minded person who attended the trial is convinced of the absolute innocence of Mooney and his indicted associates, which include his wife.

The truth is that Mooney and his wife and comrades have been active, offensively active in fighting the battles of the working-class on the Pacific coast. They were not of the pure and simple craft union species, but real unionists who stood for the industrial organization of the workers, and they have long been a thorn in the flesh of the capitalist union-wreckers in California.

For this reason and no other they were marked for vengeance and the explosion of the bomb in the preparedness parade was the signal for their arrest and for lining up the filthy prostitutes of alleged witnesses to swear them into life sentences in prison.

At this writing a motion is pending for a new trial. This may or may not be granted. Probably not. We have absolutely no faith in capitalist courts. We know how they are ruled, how they are controlled, and to what end. For cold-blooded justice, for sheer infamy, and for downright prostitution to the basest ends commend us to the courts of capitalism. We know them.

But whether a new trial is granted or not we must stand by Tom Mooney and his brave wife and their comrades. They have stood staunchly for the working class and we can do no less than to stand by them to the last. Their conviction is an outrage that should make the blood boil in every workingman's veins. It is a pity, yes, a thousand pities, that the labor movement does not realize that this conviction is a deadly attack upon itself.

Funds, more funds are urgently needed in this case. Let everyone help according to his means and be prompt about it. Take time enough and be true enough to yourself to do your part. All remittances should be directed to Robert Minor, Treasurer Workers' Defense League, 308 Russ Bldg., San Francisco.

We pledge ourselves never to abandon the fight for these comrades until justice has been done them.

If you are a Socialist join the party, pay your dues, and line up in the struggle like a man.

#### THE BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW

We are in receipt of the initial number of "The Birth Control Review," edited by Margaret Sanger, the well-known advocate of birth control and filled with matter of vital interest to everyone interested in that subject. The Review contains sixteen pages, is edited with ability and without fear, and the many articles in its pages are well worthy of careful reading.

The "Birth Control Review" marks an epoch in the stormy career of the birth control movement. Margaret Sanger has been the central figure in this movement and has borne her part like a heroine. She has been shamelessly persecuted, hounded in fact, as if she had been a beast, and all because she stands for the scientific education of the mothers of this nation, especially the mothers of the working-class, in the important matter of birth control and regulating the size of the family to conform to the economic conditions that surround it.

The powers that be are furiously opposed to such education. The exploiting class want working animals to be prolific breeders and rear increasing numbers of wage-slaves to be worked that their masters may luxuriate in idleness and self-indulgence.

The rich themselves do not breed like rabbits. Their offspring is uniformly limited. They know how. And their morality is never questioned by the authorities, nor are they ever pursued by the hounds of Comstockism. It is perfectly proper for them to limit the number of their offspring, but it is a heinous crime for anyone to teach their slaves how to prevent by perfectly proper means the increase of their young to an extent that dooms them to poverty and ignorance, to starvation and want, and possibly to the living hell of a prison or brothel.

Margaret Sanger is a heroine. All honor to her. She has fought the fight without flickering. The hounds have been on her track. They have torn and rent her flesh, but they have not chilled her heart or cowed her soul. She is facing the enemy squarely and fighting with the courage of a crusader and the faith of a martyr. She knows she is right and in good time the world that now ignores or hates her will honor her as a benefactor of her sex and the race.

Send 15 cents for a sample copy of **The Birth Control Review** to Margaret Sanger, 104 Fifth avenue, New York, N. Y.

The worker who thinks is the hope and promise of the world.



# Spread it Across the Nation!

TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE:

By a mere executive decree, the president of our country has broken off diplomatic relations with the German empire, and placed the people of the United States in imminent danger of being actively drawn into the mad war of Europe.

During the last thirty months, the blackest months in the annals of human history, six million innocent men have been brutally killed, and many more millions have been crippled and maimed for life. Whole countries have been devastated and the accumulated treasures of human industry and nature's generosity have been ruthlessly destroyed.

Europe is a dread house of mourning in which disconsolate sobs of the widows and orphans at home mingle with the agonized groans of the wounded and dying on the battlefields.

In this savage carnival of wholesale and indiscriminate murder, there was but one powerful member of the family of nations that preserved an attitude of comparative sanity—the United States of America. Removed by the vast stretch of the Atlantic ocean from the scene of the inhuman conflict, safe in our economic self-sufficiency and proud of our advanced and democratic institutions, we watched the self-destruction of our European brothers with bleeding hearts, eagerly waiting for the opportunity to bring them back to reason and peace, to life and happiness.

And, suddenly, with little notice or warning, without the sanction or consent of the people and without consultation with the people's chosen representatives in Congress, we are practically ordered to join the mad dance of death and destruction and to swell the ghastly river of blood in Europe with the blood of thousands of American workers.

The Socialist party of the United States, speaking in behalf of thousands of its adherents, and in behalf of the working class of the country, enters a solemn protest against this wanton attempt to draw us into the European conflict.

We are opposed to wars between nations, because war is a reversion to brutal barbarism. We are opposed to the present threatened war in particular, because no great war has ever been waged with less justification and on more frivolous pretexts.

The policy of unrestricted and indiscriminate submarine warfare recently announced by the German government is most ruthless and inhuman, but so is war as a whole and so are all methods applied by both sides. War is murder. War is the climax of utter lawlessness, and it is idle to prate about lawful or lawless methods of warfare.

The German submarine warfare does not threaten our national integrity or independence, not even our national dignity and honor. It was not aimed primarily at the United States and would not affect the American people. It would strike only those parasitic classes that have been making huge profits by manufacturing instruments of death or by taking away our food and selling it at exorbitant prices to the fighting armies of Europe.

The workers of the United States have no reason and no desire to shed their blood for the protection and furtherance of the unholy profits of their masters, and will not permit a lying and venal press to stampede them into taking up arms to murder their brothers in Europe.

The six million men whose corpses are now rotting upon the battlefields of Europe were mostly workingmen. If the United States is drawn into war, it will be the American workers whose lives will be sacrificed—an inglorious, senseless sacrifice on the altar of capitalist greed.

Workers of America, awaken! The hour is grave; the danger is imminent; silence would be fatal! Gather the masses in meetings and demonstrations. Speak in unmistakable tones. Let your determined protest resound from one end of the country to the other!

Send telegrams or letters to President Wilson, to the United States senators and congressmen. Demand that American citizens and American ships be forbidden to enter the war zone, except at their own risk. Insist that the nation shall not be plunged into war for the benefit of plundering capitalists.

Down with war! Down with the inhuman social system that breeds war! Long live peace! Long live the international solidarity of the workers of all nations!

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Kate Richards O'Hare

"Our honor" has been assailed; "our ships" have been warned off certain portions of the sea; "our commerce" has been interfered with and "our nation" must go to war to protect "our honor" and "our ships" and "our commerce!"

Very well, gentlemen. If "your honor" and "your ships" and "your commerce" must be protected you have our permission to protect them. If your honor can only be appeased by the shedding of blood, why bless your dear little hearts you may shed just as much of YOUR OWN BLOOD as necessary. We women of the United States have no objection. If your ships must be protected, very well, run right along and protect them. If your commerce must be sent through the blockade, you are at perfect liberty to take it through. We women have no intention of interfering with your sacred right to protect "your honor" and "your ships" and "your commerce," but, gentlemen, if you want them protected DO IT YOURSELVES.

Come out from the banks and countingrooms you soft muscled, flint-hearted gentlemen of the fragile honor; come out from the shipping offices you owners of "our ships;" come forth from the offices of your factories you makers of the machines of death whose commerce is hampered. Deck yourselves in the trappings of war, man the guns on our battle-ships, send your sons down to feed the boilers, send your dainty daughters to nurse the torn fragments of what once were men; wage a war with all the hellish brutality that your civilization has added to its horrors. BUT REMEMBER! IT IS YOUR WAR. GO FIGHT IT YOURSELVES.

We mothers of the working-class have no "honor" to protect. Our honor was taken from us when we were denied a voice in the control of our nation. What honor do women possess worth fighting for when you gentlemen brand us as being lower

than the drunkard, lower than white slave, lower than the illiterate negro, and the most ignorant and depraved of men?

The mothers of the working-class have no ships at sea. True our sons have built every ship that floats, and guides them on their voyages, but you gentlemen own them. Why should a wage slave fight for his master's ship?

The mothers of the working-class have no commerce that they wish to send through the blockade. Hunger and privation have dogged the steps of our children all these cursed years that you gentlemen have fattened on the profits of war. We have no ammunition to send to murder our brothers and sisters in Europe. We don't want them murdered! They are of our blood, they are our comrades in the struggle for human liberty. We long to send them peace to replace your cursed profit-mongering war. If you want your ammunition to murder our brothers and sisters to add to your profits, GO TAKE IT TO EUROPE YOURSELVES.

If you gentlemen of the rose-leaf honor and the elephant-hide wallets, want war, GO FIGHT IT. You have a perfect right to go to war if you see fit. BUT SO HELP US GOD, YOU SHALL NOT SEND OUR SONS TO DO THE FIGHTING.

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# Dare to be a Coward!

By Eugene V. Debs

Wendell Phillips said at the time the United States government was in control of chattel slavery that he wanted two words inscribed upon his tomb as his epitaph. These two words were "traitor" and "infidel"—traitor to a government which protected human slavery and infidel to a church which sanctioned the crime.

It sometimes happens that the "traitor" is the true patriot and the "infidel" the man of real faith.

It happens also that the popular "hero" is sometimes a coward while the despised "coward" is the real hero.

There are times when it requires courage amounting to heroism to be a coward. The present critical period when this country is about to be engulfed in war by the capitalist class is such a time. For months the big interests that rule this nation, for reasons perfectly obvious to all but the stone-blind, have been intent upon dumping this nation into the European slaughter pit or at least bringing it to the verge of the abyss. The attempt to force a war upon Mexico for the benefit of Wall street, which is mainly responsible for the uprising and continuous turmoil there, proved a fiasco, notwithstanding it cost the government the enormous sum of \$162,418,000. Another effort must be made to put over the "preparedness" program with its billions of outlay to militarize and terrorize the people, and now it is Germany with which the United States must go to war. At this writing a state of war already exists and all that is lacking is the formal declaration by congress which is expected to follow the first "overt" act committed in the submarine warfare.

The one outstanding fact of the situation is that the people of the United States do not want war with the German people, do not wish to murder them, and that the people of Germany do not want war, do not wish to kill the people of the United States. But the people, the MERE PEOPLE are not consulted. They have no voice, nothing to say. They have only to pay in blood and treasure, foot the bill to the last drop and the last farthing.

For months the big interests have been conducting an "educational" campaign, lavishly financed, whose ostensible object has been to inspire the people with "patriotism" but whose real purpose is to prepare the common herd for slaughter. In this infamous conspiracy against peace and all things of good report the press has been the harlot-in-chief. With but few exceptions,

and these of little influence, the capitalist papers and magazines have filled the air with the cry of "Wolf" and made the most frenzied appeal for "preparedness" against foreign invasion. The pulpit has almost unanimously echoed the cry and the appeal. The subservience of press and pulpit to the ruling class is quite as flagrant and despicable today as it was a few decades ago to the power of chattel slavery which then ruled the land.

The schools have also been prostituted in this insidious campaign to make murderers of school children and turn what is left of this republic into a military despotism. School board after school board is echoing the demand of the plutocrats to enforce military training in our public schools and to convert what should be our educational institutions into soldiers' barracks and recruiting grounds for the grand army of capitalism's hired killers.

The church too has been seized with the same spasm of "patriotism," a fact not at all strange in the light of history and of the plain fact that the church, as a rule, has always been on the side of the exploiters and oppressors, the class in power. Preachers without number are shouting for "preparedness"; trustees and deacons and elders are vouching for the "patriotism" of their "flock," and even the teachers of Sunday schools are rising to pledge the loyalty of their innocent wards to the lords of war and murder.

Oh, what a spectacle, what a shameless, sordid, soulless, ghastly spectacle is here seen in all its naked horror and repulsiveness!

In this nation-wide campaign of mis-education "preparedness" is the slogan of the pirates of Wall street and elsewhere who are as destitute of genuine patriotism as sharks are of mercy for their victims. "Preparedness" of the capitalistic brand is a sham, a delusion, a fraud and humbug, deserving only the scorn of men who have sense enough to see through the flimsy game and manhood enough to denounce its infamy.

By all the subtle and satanic means conceivable this insidious and treacherous campaign for "preparedness" has been waged. In theatres and picture shows and other places of amusement hints and suggestions appear in the program, winding up with the display of "old glory" all tending to inculcate a false and vicious patriotism, to arouse the killing instincts of the people, and incidentally to arm the nation to the teeth for the destruc-

tion of the people's liberties. It is not amusing but disgusting almost nauseating, to sit at a picture show and witness the ghastly attempts at applause led by shallow-pated clacquers when a cheap hero or some other shoddy imitation of "patriotism" is thrown upon the screen. The ignorance thus on exhibition, steeped-up and impenetrable, is enough to move the most optimistic to tears of despair.

The break with Germany is a God-send to Wall street and the big interests that own the country and control the government. They are now able to put over their program with perfect ease. Congress is tumbling all over itself voting the hundreds of millions to fasten the great standing army on the country and provide the capitalists with the kind of a navy they have long wanted to back up their imperialism and their conquest of the world's markets.

And mind you, dear reader, when they have that army organized up to its war strength it will never be reduced. That army is coming to stay and if the workers, especially those who voted the present administration into power, have any doubt about it that doubt will be dispelled at some future day when "prosperity" has taken flight and they are out on a hunger strike.

There is absolutely no reason, no excuse for plunging this country into the European hell of slaughter. To do so would be nothing less than a monstrous crime against the American people.

There may be only a few of us sane people compared to the "patriots" that have been wrought into frenzy for war to "defend the flag and the honor of the nation," but we have our convictions and we will speak out and hold our ground or perish where we stand.

If there is a fraud behind which slimy hypocrisy has hidden, lo, these many years, it is the fraud that masquerades as "the defense of the flag and the honor of the nation." The politician screams it as if he meant it and every penny-a-liner, every sycophant and time-server takes up the cry.

We are told that it is our solemn duty to protect our citizens at home, on the high seas, and abroad. Well, we know how we protect them at home where more than half a million of them are slaughtered or maimed in industry every year and millions of others are on the ragged edge of starvation. As to the citizens on the high seas and those hobnobbing with the parasites of Europe and luxuriating in the proceeds wrung from the sweat of



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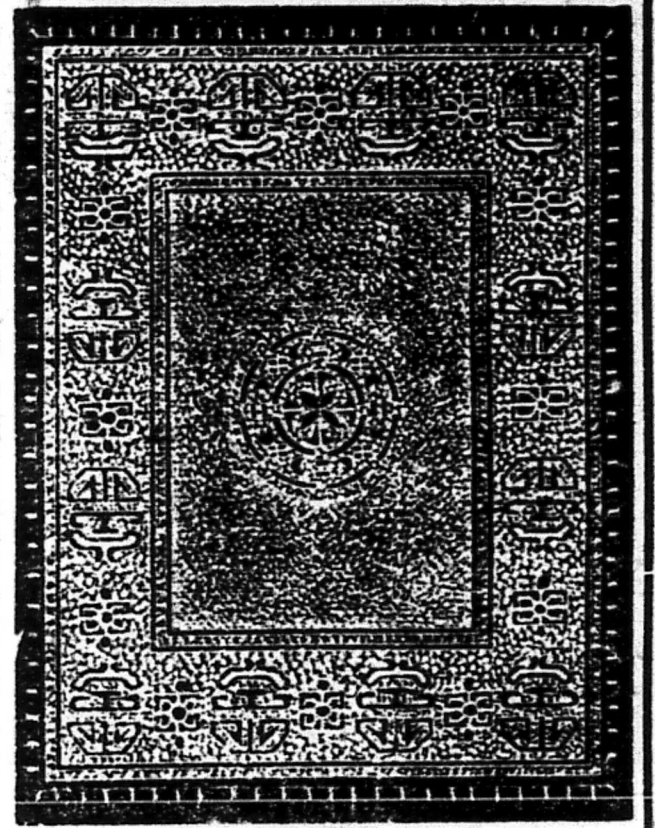
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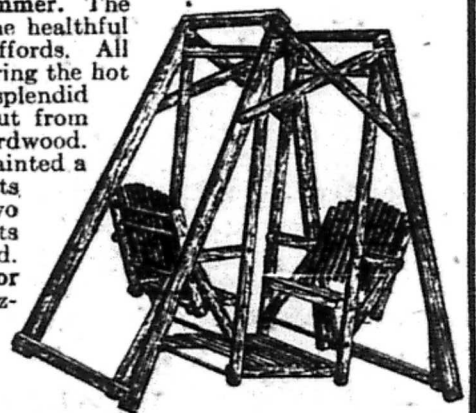
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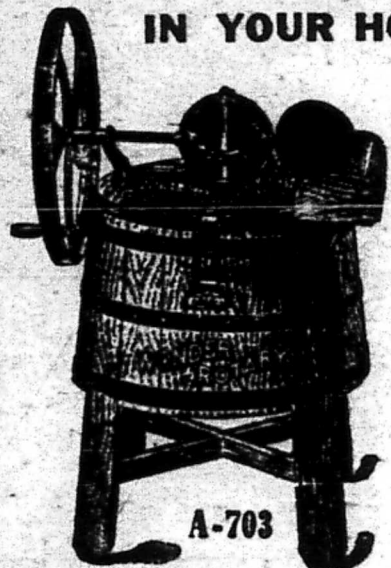
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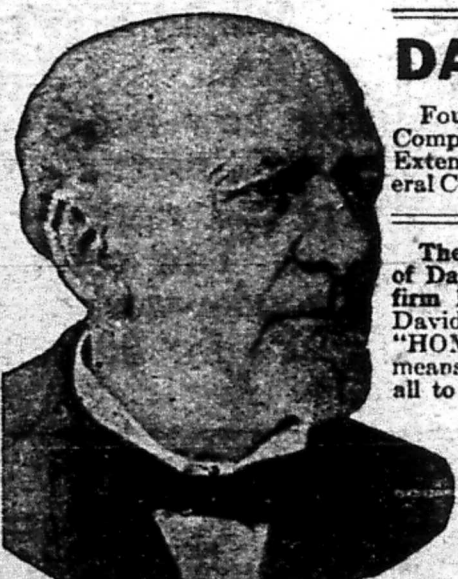
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The capitalist class and their fawning henchmen are attempting to show that we are bound to go to war with Germany on account of Germany's ruthless submarine warfare. They lie. We are bound to do nothing of the kind. Germany's submarine warfare is without doubt perfectly infamous, but it is not directed at this country. It is aimed at the countries it is fighting, and its war zone is about as well justified as is the blockade of its ports by Great Britain. It is a game of desperation and starvation in which the United States has no part. Let American ships keep out of the war zone or if they enter there with full knowledge of the risk they are taking let them bear the consequences. Again we speak from the point of view of the working-class. The workingmen who will be called upon to be maimed and murdered if war is declared are not riding in these ships; the war will never be declared on their account but on account of the master class and then they will have the privilege of being riddled and torn with shrapnel and slugs that their

masters may defiantly sail into the war zones of the belligerent nations.

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**NOW IS THE TIME TO DARE TO BE A COWARD.** In this hour of made-to-order "patriotism" that is sweeping over the land like a whirlwind, the real man, the true patriot though he stand alone, will assert himself. He is too cowardly to be a hired "hero," too cowardly to be a parrot "patriot," too cowardly to be a murderer, to kill his fellow-worker or be killed by him for the benefit of the class that robs them both and holds them both in contempt.

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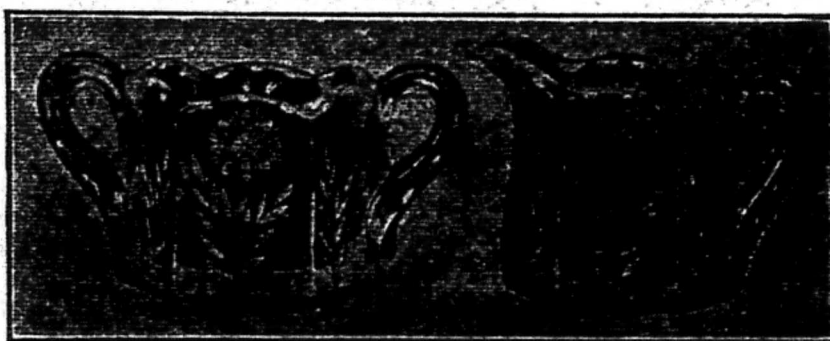
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Woodrow Wilson, our present president, inadvertently let the cat out of the bag when he was urging capitalists and business men to help get the soldiers to Mexico at the time of the Mexican crisis. He told these capitalists and business men in plain terms, though he said more than he meant at the time, that the soldiers were going to the front for no other purpose than to fight and die for the interests of these same capitalists and business men. President Wilson put the whole matter of soldiering and war and murder and savagery and hell in a nutshell. Soldiers are the hired killers of the master class, the menial defenders of the business interests.

We Socialists are not deceived for we are not blind and deaf and dumb. We have not been studying the capitalist system nor watching the maneuverings of the capitalist class these many years in vain. We know by whom war is declared, by whom the battles are fought, and what for; we also know who are the rich beneficiaries who declare war, but do not go to battle and the poor victims who do not declare war, but do go to battle.

We are they who dare to be cowards when heroism is cheapened and prostituted to hellish ends. We stand uncompromisingly opposed to all capitalist wars of exploitation and conquest.

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preparedness. Without such preparedness the interests of the robbers would be in jeopardy. The system that is corner-stoned in robbery needs must have force and murder to sustain it. Robbery of the people and an army of soldiers to "preserve the peace" and "defend the flag and the honor of the nation" go hand in hand. Exploitation of the mass wherever it exists is sustained and supported by armed murderers. Exploitation, robbery, could not exist without armed force to protect its beneficiaries and keep their victims in subjection. That is why capitalism inevitably means war. To abolish capitalism is to remove the cause of war and put an end to war forever.

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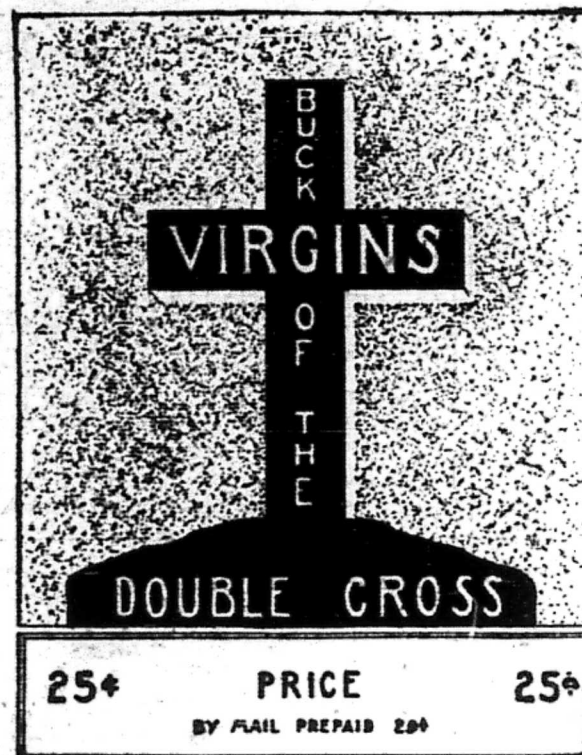


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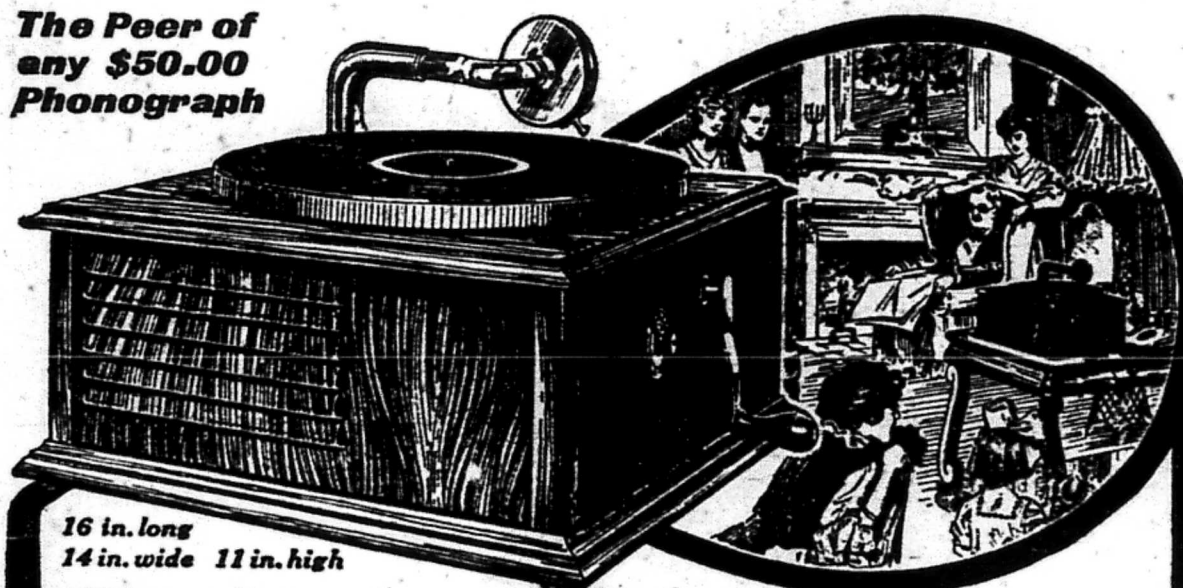
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# Block Their Little Game

By JOHN HAND

Washington Staff Correspondent, SOCIAL REVOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Every reactionary in the East who was yelling for "preparedness" a year ago is now hysterically crying for a declaration of war against Germany. Newspapers that warned against a "defenseless" condition are now printing long editorials in favor of an immediate alliance with England and Holy Russia to crush the Teutons. Munition manufacturers, Wall Street financiers, big merchants and lawyers and preachers controlled by the influences of war profits pressed from the very heart's blood of the youth of Europe, are bullying, intriguing, preaching and manipulating public opinion toward this one hellish end—war.

To the American citizen living far from New York and from the national capital it is difficult to conceive of the pressure that is being brought to bear upon everyone in official life in Washington to advance the war propaganda. It is a pressure that finds its way through professional, business, social, educational and religious channels. It is bluntly expressed in the speeches of government officials. It is whispered in reception halls and at the theatre, it dictates the music at fashionable concerts, it insinuates itself into the farm bulletins, the labor reports, the trade union meetings, the mercantile advertisements and the public prayers of the clergy. Of course it poisons the headlines, molds the phrases and designs the policy of the four daily newspapers in Washington and the chief newspapers of Eastern cities that are read here.

Congressman Callaway of Texas, startled the House some days ago by putting into the Congressional Record, pages 3320-3321, the following quoted statement:

"In March, 1915, the J. P. Morgan interests, the steel, ship-building and powder interests and their subsidiary organizations, got together 12 men high up in the newspaper world and employed them to select the most influential newspapers in the United States and sufficient number of them to control generally the policy of the daily press of the United States.

"These 12 men worked the problem out by selecting 179 newspapers, and then began by an elimination process to retain only those necessary for the purpose of controlling the general policy of the daily press throughout the country. They found it was only necessary to purchase the control of 25 of the greatest papers. The 25 papers were agreed upon; emissaries were sent to purchase the policy, national and international, of these papers; an agreement was reached; the policy of the papers was bought, to be paid for by the month; an editor was furnished for each paper to properly supervise and edit information regarding the questions of preparedness, militarism, financial policies and other things of a national and international nature considered vital to the interests of the purchasers.

"This contract is in existence at the present time, and it accounts for the news columns of the daily press of the country being filled with all sorts of preparedness arguments and misrepresentations as to the present condition of the United States army and navy, and the possibility and probability of the United States being attacked by foreign foes.

"This policy included also the suppression of everything in opposition to the wishes of the interests served. The effectiveness of this scheme has been conclusively demonstrated by the character of stuff carried in the daily press of the country since March, 1915. They have resorted to anything necessary to commercialize public sentiment and sandbag the National Congress into making extravagant and

wasteful appropriations for the army and navy under the false pretense that it was necessary. Their stock argument is that it is 'patriotism.' They are playing on every prejudice and passion of the American people."

Details are unimportant, as to the actual steps taken by the financial rulers of the United States to control the press in a definite campaign first to bring about huge expenditures for militarism and then to drag the nation into the European war for the profit of these Wall street gamblers. The fact is that Congress was last year driven to appropriate \$660,000,000 for the army, the navy and the coast fortifications. The fact is that the same influences, precisely, that achieved this result are today being desperately applied to make the American nation believe that it must share in the murder of Teutons in order to save its own "honor." The fact is that the oligarchy of millionaires who have feasted most heavily at the carrion-board of Europe will have the greatest profit from the plunging of America into wholesale bloodshed, if they succeed in their plot.

Here are some developments in the war propaganda in the national capital thus far.

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drafted a bill which calls for the drafting of every boy, at 19 years of age, into six months' military service, under pretense that this is "training." A similar bill has been favorably reported from the Senate Committee on Military Affairs.

While the appropriation of \$660,000,000 for "preparedness" last year was considered to be far beyond any total for military and naval expenditures to be asked in future, it is now certain that the appropriation for war preparations this year will be near \$800,000,000. The naval appropriation bill as it passed the House called for \$368,000,000, the fortifications bill added \$60,000,000, and the army appropriation bill, reported from the House Committee at \$247,000,000, will probably be near \$375,000,000 when it goes to the President. Between the time of report to the House and final passage by Congress last year, the army appropriation was increased by \$110,000,000.

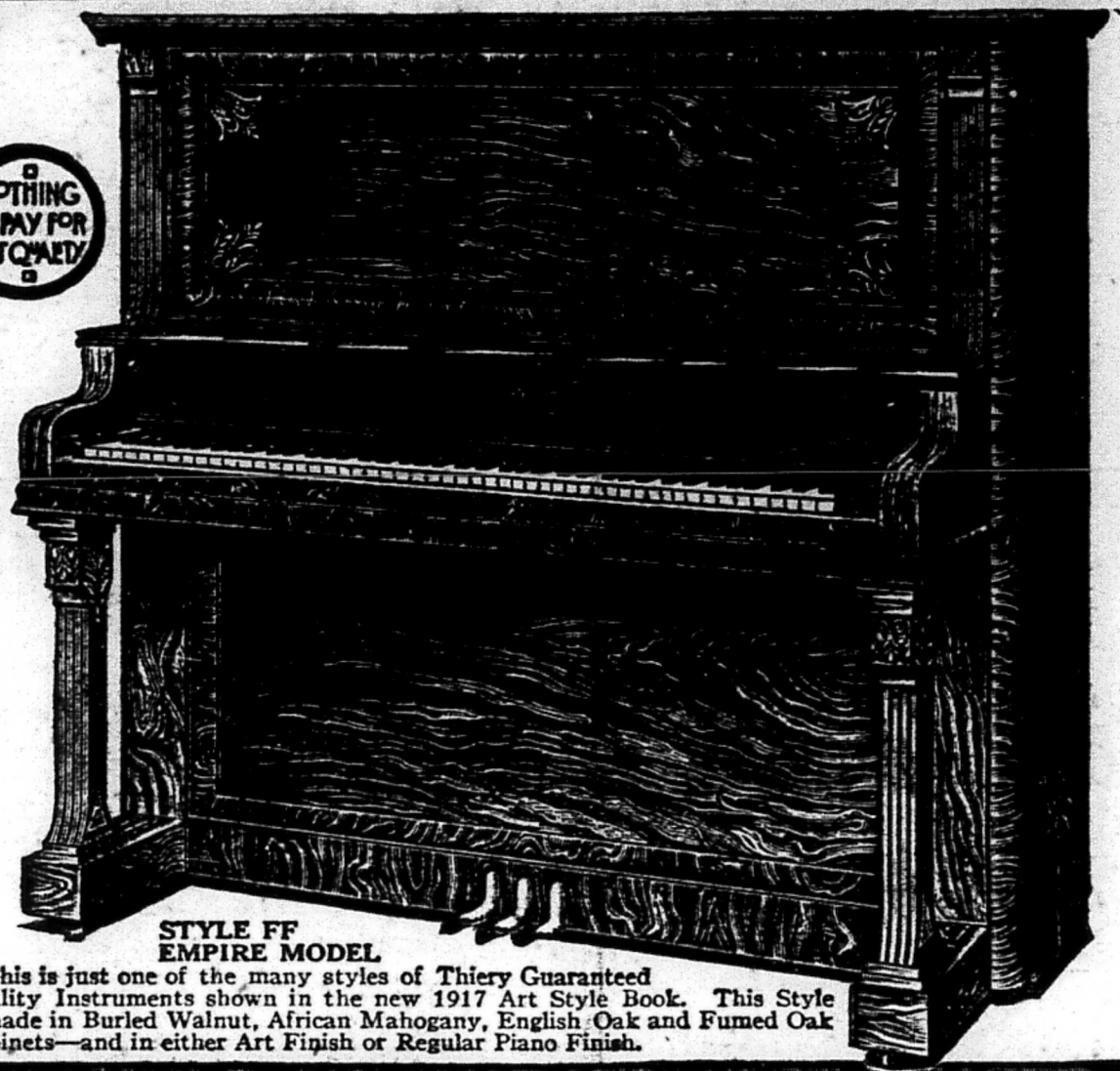
Petitions and remonstrances against war, sent to members by their constituents, are in many cases being suppressed. One congressman has received a hundred such protests against the proposed declaration of war against Germany, and has refused to file any of them with Congress. The right of petition, unless backed up by personal appearance in Washington, has been largely ignored through the influence of the insidious war-lobby.

A trainload of members of the Emergency Peace Foundation, four-fifths of them Socialists, came to Washington from New York and other cities on Feb. 12, and presented resolutions of protest against war with any European power, at the capitol and at the White House. The "kept" press attempted to ignore their coming, and various jingo politicians in Congress sneered at them. Two local papers published editorials ridiculing the idea that the opponents of war had a right to a respectful hearing from their public servants.

A German newspaper correspondent sent to Germany a dispatch which led to the offer of the German government, on Feb. 10, to talk over its dispute with the United States with a view to avoiding war. This correspondent was at once forbidden the right of the press to interview the Secretary of State, and was given a safe-conduct back to Germany. The war party at once raised a loud cry that it was "criminal" for this man to inform the German people that a large part of the American public is today opposed to war.

Seventeen bills aimed at restricting civil liberty in this country, under pretense of safeguarding the nation against spies and other enemies, have been combined into one blanket bill, and reported favorably from a Senate committee. Under one clause of this bill any person who shall in time of war or military emergency collect or convey information regarding almost any subject connected with the number, location or "condition" of the national forces, or of the resources at their disposal, may be punished at the discretion of the President. Three years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine are the penalties laid down for violation of whatever rules the President may announce, as to what shall be said or printed regarding these matters. The bill virtually appoints the President as absolute dictator of the nation, and empowers him to punish anyone who may say anything of which he may disapprove.

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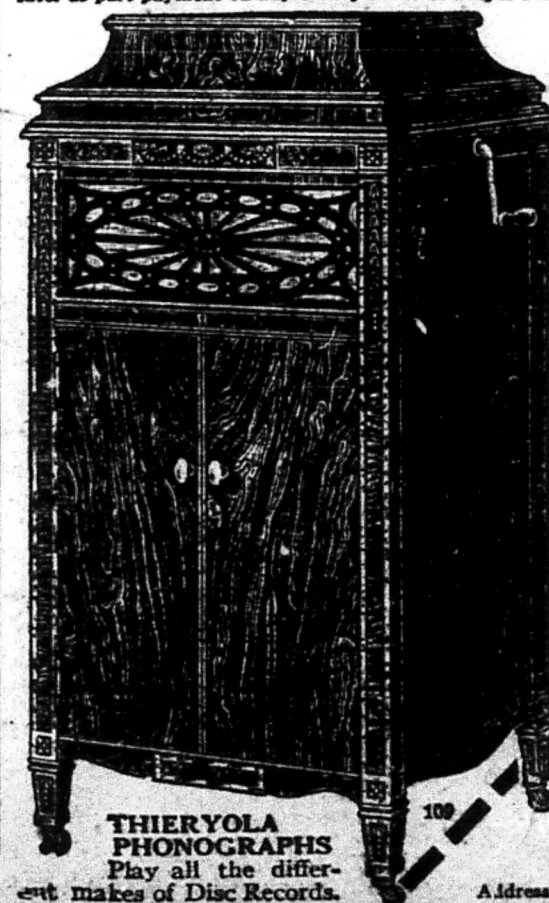
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Through the energetic efforts of agents of the International Association of Machinists this bill was cut to pieces, and the anti-strike, eight-hour waiver and conscription features were taken out.

Senator Culberson of Texas has introduced one of the most dangerous of the brood of war-bills aimed at the working-class. He proposes that anyone who shall attempt to interfere with the "transportation" of goods intended for foreign shipment shall be punishable under the criminal statutes. The railroad employes see in this a direct threat at their right to strike. They are watching to see this scheme pro-

posed as a "rider" to some other measure which may be sneaked through the Senate and House in the crowded final days of the session.

More important than anything else to be done at this crisis is to impress upon the President and members of House and Senate the fact that the American public is not owned by the Wall Street war-traffickers. Letters should be written to every Southern and Western public official in Washington, quickly, demanding a referendum on the question of our going to war. Petitions should be circulated everywhere, to the same end. Mass meetings should be held, and telegrams

sent by such meetings to Senators especially. A word now will be worth more than hours and weeks of regret in the event that the war party does bring the country under military rule.

Make no mistake—vast sums are being spent in the United States today to get the coveted declaration of war. This money is being invested by the hardest-fisted and most coldly calculating magnates of the financial world. Democratic forms of government are always dangerous to privilege. The American people are becoming more restive each year under capitalist rule. Just as the kaiser was compelled to make war or see Germany captured by the Socialists, so Wall Street must make war and establish for a time the rule of militarism or it will see industrial democracy entrenched and advancing to imperil its domination. Capitalism wants war, for the self-preservation of the capitalists. This is the confession made by the owner of one of the biggest New York newspapers within the past week. It is the confession of the brutally frank among the military men in Washington. It is the confession of the Roots, the Penroses, the Underwoods and their kind, by every appeal they make for "national" defense.

If America is to be saved from these war-plotters, there must be voiced the protest of the toilers everywhere, and this protest must be kept up until the danger is fully past. Washington is besieged today by an army of foes of democracy. You can do your bit for democracy's defense.

**Somebody must win this wonderful farm in fertile Florida. Why not you?**

Comrade Phil Hafner, veteran editor of the Scott County Kicker, died at his home in Benton, Missouri, on Feb. 15, 1917.

Comrade Hafner belonged to the old school of Populist editors who came over to the Socialist movement and his work has always been a valuable asset. He knew how to reach the farmer with economic truths while running a local newspaper.

L. Ross Conklin.  
(Rhyme)

So Wilson says its war at last—the Dutchman we must trim. (Provided he don't just trim us a heap more'n we trim him.) That's fine! Now all the Willie Boys with uniforms so swell, will get a chance to show 'em off and all get shot to Heck.

They'll get a chance to shovel mud in many a blithesome trench, and dodge the Dutchman's bullets while they smell some lissome stench. From Halifax to Zanzibar they'll get their tootsies wet, when Hans and Fritz in U-boats meet their transport ships vunce yet. "An ill wind blows nobody good," so says the ancient lay—the fish will live on pickled nuts for many a summer day.

Its fine to be a soldier boy and in a row to stand, a "No one home," look on your face, a Springfield in your hand. Its fine to wear a Khaki suit when maidens look for beaux, they're sure to fall for you in one, you look so sweet you know. But when it comes your turn to kill and murderings begin, its finer far to have a head where a hat-rack might have been.

### ANOTHER INDICTMENT

We record here another indictment against the capitalist system of society: "Fifty thousand babies and 20,000 mothers die annually in the United States because of improper care at childbirth."

This statement was made by Dr. Joseph B. De Lee before the annual meeting of the friends of the Chicago Lying-in Hospital and Dispensary. And he ought to know.

Capitalism ought to be convicted on this indictment alone, sentenced to immediate extermination and forced to make way for an improved system of society.

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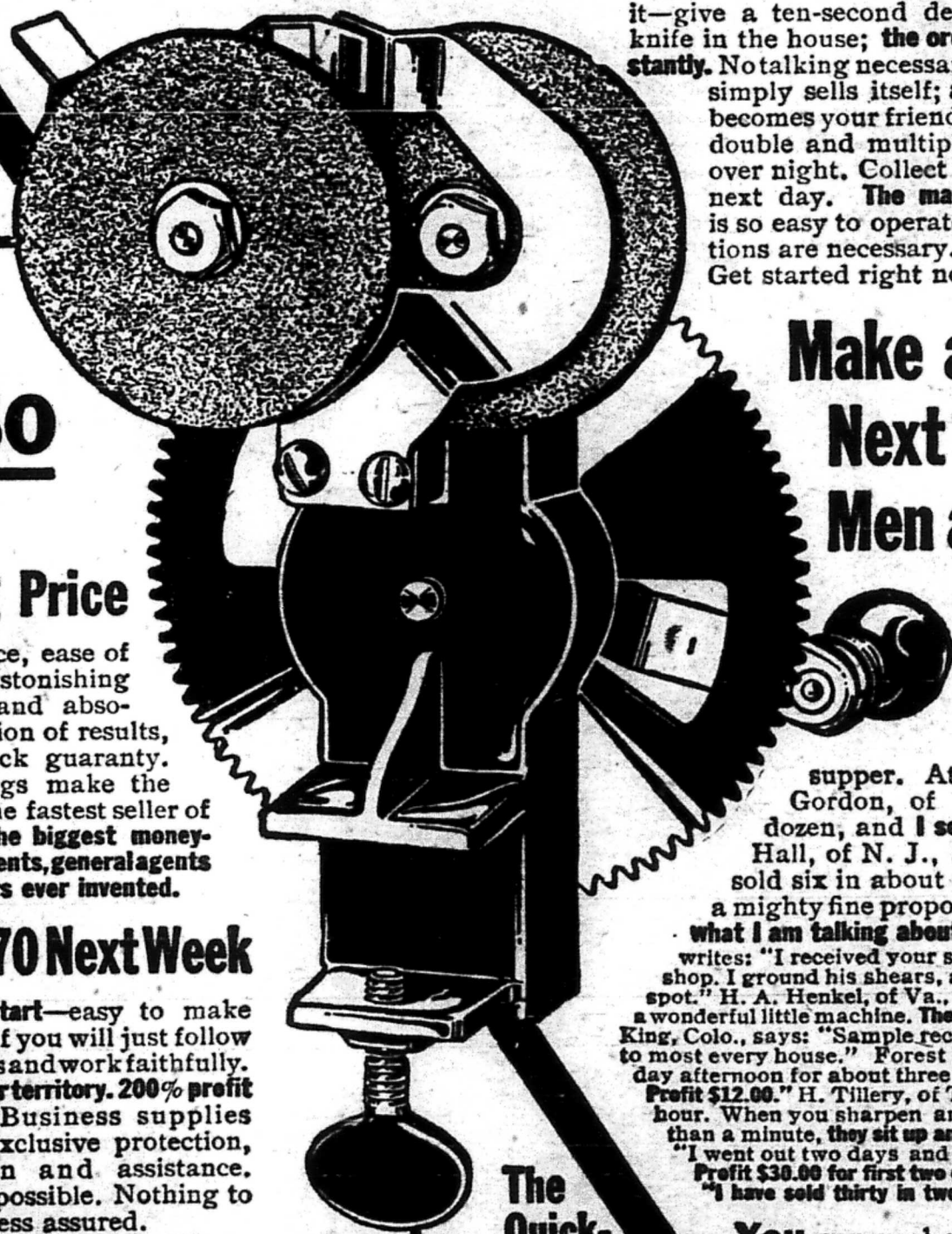
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# Former United States Senator Mason

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### SENATOR MASON NOW SAYS

**Nuxated Iron Should Be Made Known to Every Nervous, Run-down, Anaemic Man, Woman and Child.**

**Opinion of Dr. Howard James, late of United States Public Health Service, who has prescribed and thoroughly tested Nuxated Iron in his own private practice.**

#### WHAT SENATOR MASON SAYS:

"I have often said I would never recommend medicine of any kind. I believe that is the doctor's place. However, after the hardest political campaign of my life, without a chance for a vacation, I had been starting to court every morning with that horrible tired feeling one cannot describe. I was advised to try Nuxated Iron. As a pioneer in the pure food and drug legislation, I was at first loath to try an advertised remedy, but after advising with one of my medical friends, I gave it a test. The results have been so beneficial in my own case I made up my mind to let my friends know about it, and you are at liberty to publish this statement if you so desire. I am now sixty-five years of age, and I feel that a remedy which will build up the strength and increase the power of endurance of a man of my age should be known to every nervous, run-down anemic man, woman and child."

Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron was shown to several physicians who were requested to give their opinions thereon.

Dr. Howard James, late of the United States Public Health Service, said:

"Senator Mason is to be commended on handing out this statement on Nuxated Iron for public print. There are thousands of men and women who need a strength and blood-builder, but do not know what to take. There is nothing like organic iron—Nuxated Iron—to give increased strength, snap, vigor, and staying power. It enriches the blood, brings roses to the cheeks of women and is an unfailing source of renewed vitality, endurance and power for men who burn up too rapidly their nervous energy in the strenuous strain of the great business competition of the day!"

Dr. King, a New York physician and author, said: "I heartily indorse Senator Mason's statement in regard to Nuxated Iron. There can be no vigorous iron men without iron. Pallor means anemia. Anemia means iron deficiency. The skin of anemic men and women is pale; the flesh flabby; the muscles lack tone; the brain fags, and the memory fails, and often they become weak, nervous, irritable, despondent and melancholy."

"In the most common foods of America, the starches, sugars, table syrups, candies, polished rice, white bread, soda crackers, biscuits, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina, degerminated corn-meal, no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes has removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cookery, by throwing down the waste pipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked,

are responsible for another grave iron loss.

"Therefore, if you wish to preserve your youthful vim and vigor to a ripe old age, you must supply the iron deficiency in your food by using some form of organic iron—Nuxated Iron—just as you would use salt when your food has not enough salt."

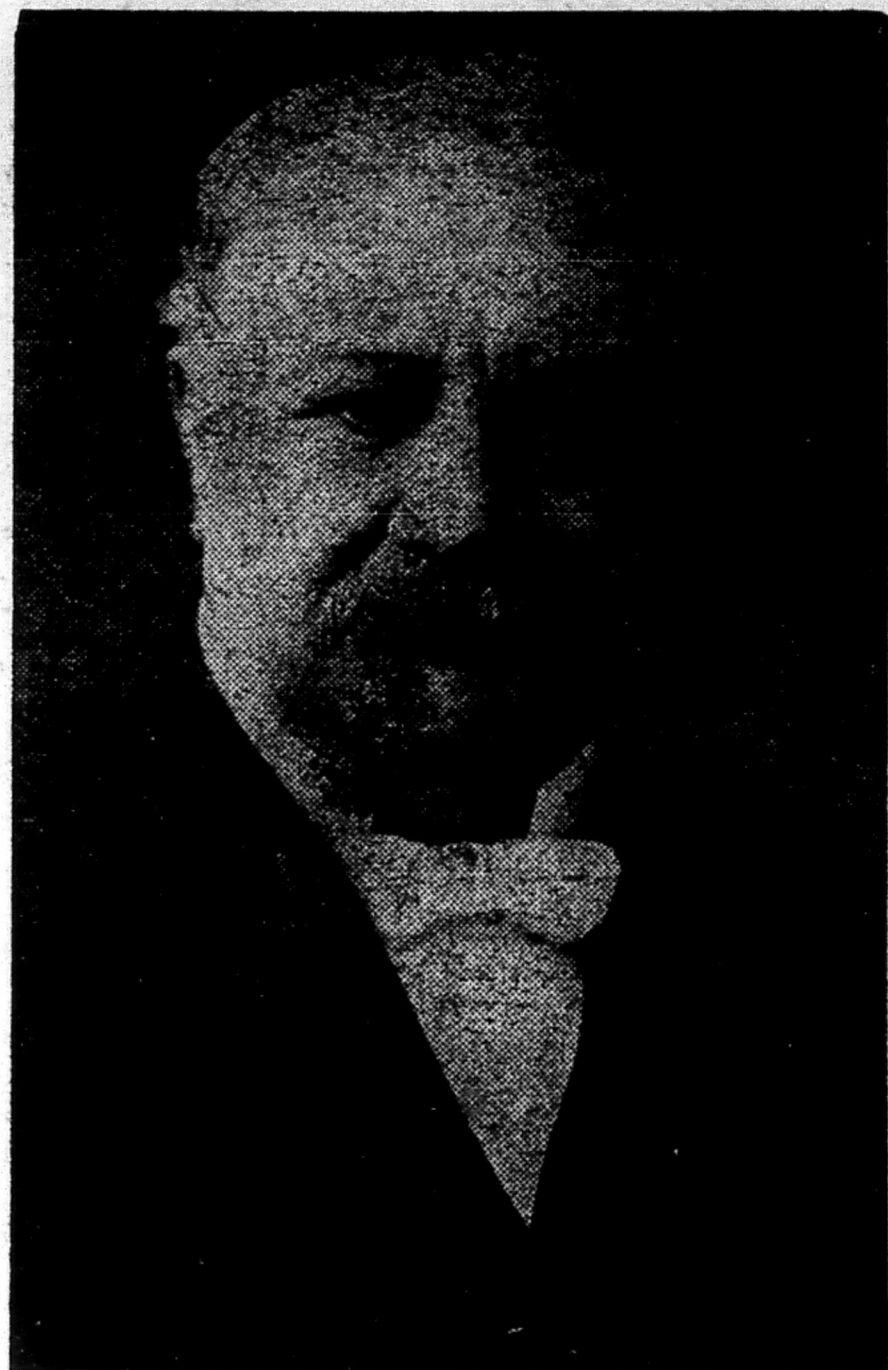
Dr. Sauer, a Boston physician who has studied abroad in great European medical institutions, said: "Senator Mason is right. As I have said a hundred times over, organic iron is the greatest of all strength builders."

"Not long ago a man came to me who was nearly half a century old and asked me to give him a preliminary examination for life insurance. I was astonished to find him with the blood pressure of a boy of twenty and as full of vigor, vim and vitality as a young man; in fact, a young man he really was, notwithstanding his age. The secret, he said, was taking organic iron—Nuxated Iron had filled him with renewed life. At thirty he was in bad health; at forty-six he was care-worn and nearly all in. Now, at fifty, after taking Nuxated Iron, a miracle of vitality and his face beaming with the buoyancy of youth. Iron is absolutely necessary to enable your blood to change food into living tissue. Without it, no matter how much or what you eat, your food merely passes through you without doing you any good. You don't get the strength out of it, and as a consequence you become weak, pale and sickly looking, just like a plant trying to grow in a soil deficient in iron. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next, take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again, and see how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the while double their strength and endurance and entirely rid themselves of all symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this, after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But don't take the old forms of reduced iron, iron acetate or tincture of iron simply to save a few cents. The iron demanded by Mother Nature for the red coloring matter in the blood of her children is, alas! not that kind of iron. You must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless. Many an athlete and prize-fighter has won the day simply because he knew the

secret of great strength and endurance and filled his blood with iron before he went into the fray; while many another has gone down in inglorious defeat simply for the lack of iron."

Dr. Schuyler C. Jacques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York City, said: "I have never before given out any medical information or advice for publication, as I ordinarily do not believe in it. But in the case of Nuxated Iron I feel I would be remiss in my duty not to mention it. I have taken it myself and given it to my patients with most surprising and satisfactory results. And those who wish quickly to increase their strength, power and endurance will find it a most remarkable and wonderfully effective remedy."

NOTE—Nuxated iron which is prescribed and recommended above by physicians in such a great variety of cases, is not a patent medicine nor secret remedy, but one which is well known to druggists and whose iron constituents are widely prescribed by eminent physicians both in Europe and America. Unlike the older inorganic iron products it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, make them black, nor upset the stomach; on the contrary, it is a most potent remedy in nearly all forms of indigestion as well as for nervous, run-down conditions. The manufacturers have such great confidence in nuxated iron that they offer to forfeit \$100.00 to any charitable institution if they cannot take any man or woman under 60 who lacks iron, and increase their strength 200 per cent or over in four weeks' time, provided they have no serious organic trouble. They also offer to refund your money if it does not at least double your strength and endurance in ten days' time. It is dispensed by all good druggists.



*Former United States Senator Wm. E. Mason, recently elected Member of the U. S. Congress from Illinois.*

From the Congressional Directory, published by the United States Government—"Wm. E. Mason, Senator from Illinois was elected to the 50th Congress in 1887, to the 51st Congress in 1891—defeated for the 52nd Congress 1892—Elected Senator to the 55th Congress 1897 to 1903."

Senator Mason is now Congressman-Elect from the State of Illinois.

Senator Mason's championship of Pure Food and Drugs legislation, his fight for the rural free delivery system, and his strong advocacy of all bills favoring labor and the rights of the masses as against trusts and combines, made him a national figure at Washington and endeared him to the hearts of the working man and the great masses of people throughout the United States. Senator Mason has the distinction of being one of the really big men of the nation. His strong endorsement of Nuxated Iron must convince any intelligent thinking reader that it must be a preparation of very great merit and one which the Senator feels is bound to be of great value to the masses of people everywhere, otherwise he could not afford to lend his name to it, especially after his strong advocacy of pure food and drugs legislation.

Since Nuxated Iron has obtained such an enormous sale—over three million people using it annually—other iron preparations are often recommended as a substitute for it. The reader should remember that there is a vast difference between ordinary metallic iron and the organic iron contained in Nuxated Iron, therefore always insist on having Nuxated Iron as recommended by Dr. Howard James, late of the United States Public Health Service; Dr. Schuyler C. Jacques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York, and other physicians. In this connection Dr. Howard James says:

"Iron to be of the slightest value to the human system must be in a combination which may be easily assimilated. In the case of metallic salts of iron, iron acetate, etc., it is very doubtful if sufficient actual iron can be taken up and incorporated into the blood to be of any service, especially in view of the disadvantages entailed by its corrosive action upon the stomach and the damaging effect upon the dental enamel. When, however, we deal with iron in organic combination, such for instance as albuminate, or, better still, Nuxated Iron, a far different story is told. We will observe no destructive action upon the teeth; no corrosive effect upon the stomach. The iron is readily assimilated into the blood and quickly makes its presence felt in increased vigor, snap and staying power."



# TOBE SPILKINS

## Hiz Lettur

(W. S. Morgan)

Mister Editor: I am not a feelin' az good az kin be egg-pected at the way things iz a goin' on. About a munth ago I writ that ornery Ben a lettur tu coppy and send tu Freckeldy, and a tellin' uv him tu sine hiz name where mine wuz. I also inclosed a envelope addressed tu Freckeldy tu male the lettur in so she wood be shure tu git it. A munth haz now passed and I aint had a skratch uv the pen frum that ornery Ben, yet I know that him and Freckeldy iz a carryin' on uv a sekret correspondence without a lettin' me know the nature uv it. Freckeldy watches the male and gits hur letturs and I aint got enny chance tu open one uv them or uv a knowin' what iz in it, but I kin see the post mark and every time she gits one frum Boney Forks she akts like she iz tickled half tu deth. I wish now I hadent uv signed my name tu that lettur whitch I sent Ben tu coppy. But he iz so dad-gummed ignerant that I had tu du it so he cood understand where he wood have tu sine hiz'n. Suppose that lettur wood fall into the hands uv my wife; or suppoze that ornery Ben wood send it tu Freckeldy jist az I wrote it and without a signin' uv hiz name. Then there's that dad-gummed kontrakt that I writ a bindin' myself tu furnish Freckeldy a husband within a year, and if I faled, tu forfeit tu hur ond hundred thouzand dollars, or marry hur myself. Time iz a flyin' swiftly by and the kold chills air a runnin' up my bak. Below iz a koppy uv the lettur I sent tu Ben fur him tu koppy and send tu Freckeldy. It iz in my own hand writin' and reeds az follers:

"My Deerest Gurl: I am a writin' tu you tu impart the valuabull informashun that I luv you, and hope when this lettur reeches you it will find you the same. I aint never had the inexpressibull joy uv seein' uv you, but a mutual frend haz sent me a fotograff which he sez iz your pickture. It shure iz butifull and I am carryin' it next tu my hart ev ry day. My luv went out tu you the minnit I sot my ize on it and every time I look at it and think uv you my hart jumps up and down in my boozum like one uv them old fashioned churn dashers. Sumtimes it flutters like a burd in a kage; it wants tu git out and fly tu you. I am in the market fur a wife. Pleeze answer this az soon as you git it. The pickture don't show the culler uv yoor ize and hair. Pleeze tell me about them when you write and what number shooze du you wear, and du you wear short dresses like the wimmin in town down here, and tell me how short, and if they air short at

both ends? I like tu see wimmin wear dresses that air short at both ends. There iz a widder down here who haz a daurter that wears hur dresses that way; she iz a tryin' to maik a mash on me; I don't know whether she will suckseed or not until I heer frum you, so you had better hurry up and write tu me before the "rush" begins, fur it iz generally known that I want tu git married. The muther uv the aforesed gurl hereinbefore and abuv menshuned haz got a kork laig, and it haz a habit uv fallin' off, which creates a emergency which I am not abel tu tackle. I don't want a muther-in-law

like that if I kin help it. I hope, Deerie, that you aint got no kork laig. If you have and I wuz tu happen tu ever find it out after we got married it wood brake my hart. I knowed a man once who had a wooden laig and it wood stick tu him wherever he went. Well, Deerie, I will look fur a lettur frum you soon. You had better address it tu Possum Holler, P. O., az I am wurkin' fur a wooman who gits my male sumtimes when it cums tu Boney Forks, and if she wood happen tu open one uv yoor letturs there wood be a ruff house and I mite looze my job,

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(Sine here)—Tobe Spilkins.

I writ Ben a short lettur a givin' him the proper instrukshuns and tellin' uv him planely tu sine hiz name under hiz lettur jist like I had sined the one fur him tu koppy. I du hope my wife wont git holt uv that lettur.

I have reseved a lettur frum Ike Hawkins containin' uv hiz note tu the Prezident. It wuz writ so bad I had tu rite it over; the spellin' wuz offul. Then he sed sum things that I knowed wook maik Woodsaw mad and I had tu leeve them out. The note az korrekcted and forwarded tu the Prezident reeds az follers:

"Mister Prezident:  
The emurgency which we have bin a lookin' fur tu emurge haz emurged. I feel sorry fur you; you have got yoor tale in a crack and it aint yoor fault. You dun yoor best tu keep out uv war and suckseeded until you was elekcted. I hope you will keep on suckseedin'. I aint no dipplomat like Tobe Spilkins, and I aint a chargin' uv you ennything fur my advice. You kin have it fur nuthin', and if it aint wurth that jist keep the change. If I wuz you I wood go on a doin' legal and legitimate bizziness without diskriminashun or favor tu enny uv the beligerants. The sea iz about the only thing that is left that iz kollektivly owned by all the peepel uv all nashuns. It iz the embodiment uv internashunalism. It iz so by nature and by internashunal law. If enny set uv men, or enny nashun uv peepel seek by force tu own or control it, or enny part uv it, tu the excludshun uv uthers, they air in the wrong, becoz, furst, the principle uv private ownership uv publick utilities iz wrong, and seckondly, becoz force iz wrong. The questshuns which led up tu and presipitated the war in Europe have dwindled tu almost nuthin' so far az their importance tu the world iz concerned. The evolushunary wheels uv progress may be stopt temporarily, but they will only speed on the more rapidly when releesed. The grist uv universal freedom iz bein' ground out and its toll uv blood iz staggerin' the world. Militarism, baked by Capitalism on the one side, iz arraned against a not less atrocious system uv Commercialism and Capitalism on the uthur side. Militarism will be shot tu deth in the sanguinary struggle, and in the rekonstrukshun uv society industrial slavery will be buried amidst the ruins uv war destroyed cities, and the thrones uv fallen monarchies. "Whom the gods wood destroy they furst make mad." The nashuns uv Europe air shure mad, and air destroyin' uv each uthur. The angel uv peece seems tu be afrade tu meddle with their affairs, and if I wuz you, Mister Prezident, I woodent try it enny more. You have dun yoor best so far az you know how; now git up on the broad platform uv universal collectivism uv all publick utilities, and if the United Staits haz ennything tu sell without our own peepel a sufferin', sell tu all nashuns alike, and tell John Bull if he wont let you sell tu Germany and the uthur nashuns, that you wont sell tu him: The principle uv collective ownership will also settle the truble between the ralerode operators and their employes, and all uthur questshuns where private ownership and greed air at the bottom uv the truble. I cheerfully rekkommend you tu taik three doses uv it a day, and four doses endurin' uv the nite.

Most Respectfully Yoors,

IKE HAWKINS."

When I handed Ike's note tu Woodsaw he proceeded tu reed it at oncet. Then he sketched hiz hed. Then he red it agin. Then he red it again and

skatched hiz hed sum more. It seemed like he wuz a havin' uv a hard time a gittin' uv it below hiz wool. After so long a time it seemed tu have sunk in. Then he turned tu me and sed: "There iz sum purty good stuff in that, and it iz az plain az the horns on a Texas steer; but that's the trubble, it's too plain. If the peepel knowed this like Ike duz they wood turn all the little theeves out uv jail and put the big ones in. They wood maik the raskals who got up the skrimmage du all the fightin' until they killed each uthur off, and then if they wuz enny left they wood hang them. It's good medicine but it can't be sucksessfully applied until the fools air all ded, which won't be long at the prezent rate uv mortuosity; let us hope fur the best."

Then the Prezident bowed hiz hed and wept.

And so did I.

When we had got dun a weepin' and the survant gurl had mopped up the teers, Woodsaw turned tu me and sed:

"Tobe, I want sumboddy tu rite the Kizer uv Gurmany a note. I cood du it, I gess, but I think I have writ too menny notes now. I want sumboddy else tu rite one and I wood rather trust you than ennyboddy else I know, fur you have got a lot uv good horse sense. I don't want tu have enny racket with the Kizer and hiz peepel, but I want him tu be made tu beleave that in kase uv a emurgency we kin swat him tu a finish before he kin think what haz happened. You know how tu git up sich a note az will kiver the okkashun. Don't boast nor don't threaten him. Tell him you air hiz frend and have bin a wantin' tu shake hands with him ever since the war wuz begunned, but surkumstances over which you had no control prevented. Tell him that the Amerikan peepel luv him. Tell him they glory in the bright future he haz behind him. Don't menshun the partikulars. In all you say be gentle, but be firm. Don't be too partikular in tellin' uv the truth. Remember you air a dipplomat and in diplomacy jist enuff truth iz used tu kuver up the lies. Now you kin go, Tobe; take yoor time in writin' uv this note tu the Kizer. If you du a good job uv it I will promote you and raize yoor salary. Good-bye."

I kissed hiz hand and left the room in silence. I wuz deeply affected by the thought uv havin' my salary raised. I wood rite that note tu the Kizer. I wood put my hole heart an sole into the task. I wood astonish the world a deskribin' uv the preparashuns we had bin a carryin' on in sekret fur yeers in order tu be able tu meet jist sich a emurgency. I wood show how the nashuns uv the world had borrowed uv the genius of Amerika to light them throo the wilderness uv superstishun and ignorance. I wood call their attenshun tu the genius uv Morse and McCormick, uv Edison and Ford, and skores uv uthur Amerikan inventors that had done more fur the progress uv the world than all uthers had dun in 20 centuries. And I wood tell him that men like Edison and Ford air young yet and jist a startin' out in life; that what they had dun wuz mutch, but what they cood and wood du in kase uv war wood be a plenty. Watch out fur this note, Mister Editur, fur it'll be a korker.

Yoors trooly,

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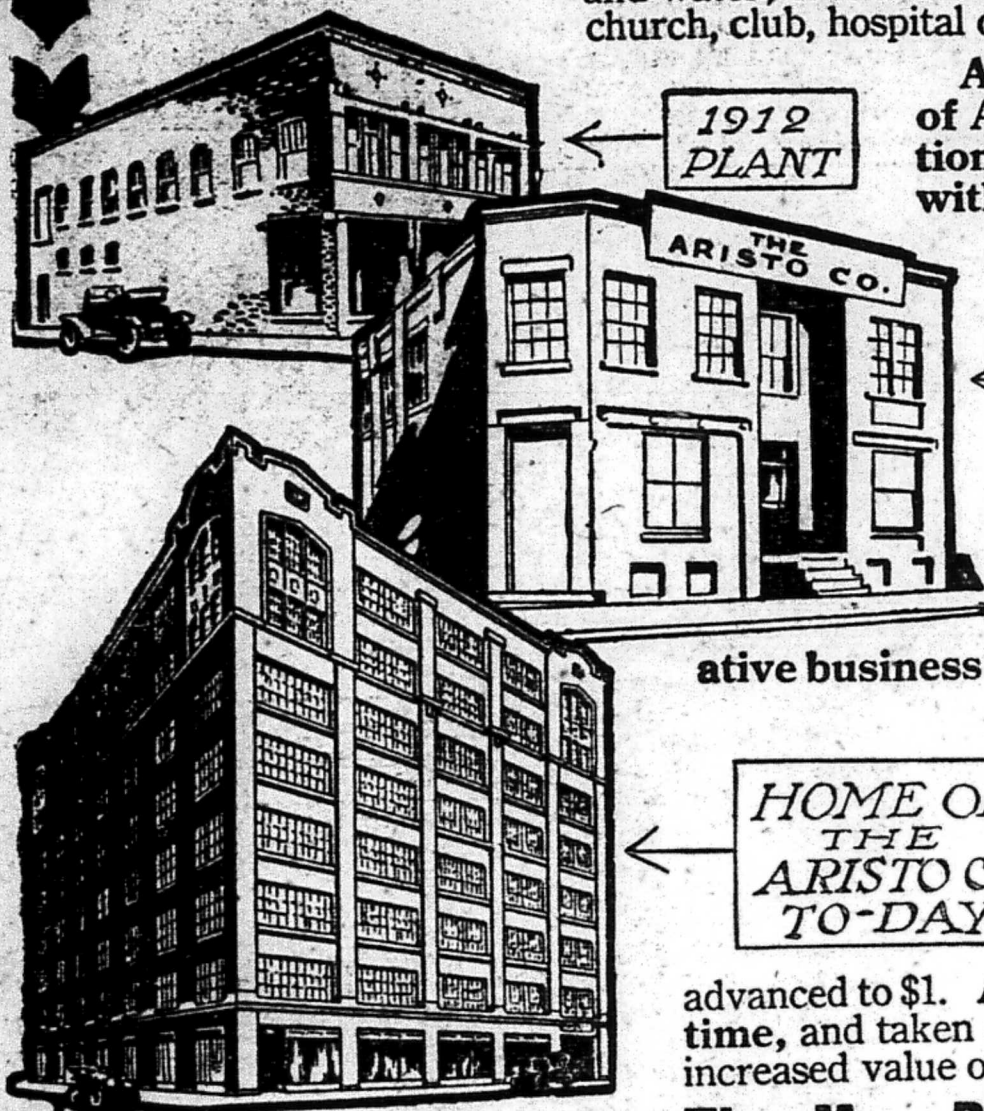
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The ones that have been idolized as though surpassing great—  
What are they worth—what glory marks these lauded lords of state?  
What of the empires that are built on beds of dead men's bones—  
What of the piles of princely pomp—the palaces and thrones—  
What of the plunderers' proud power, and all their blood-bought things—  
The curse and infamy of war—the pageantry of kings?*

*Such stuff as this is worthless trash to build a better world—  
Far wiser that from every throne the last damned king were hurled.  
With none to blow the bugle blast to call the dogs of war,  
Who, then, would march to murder those they never met before?  
And all the retinue of priests, that say their God ordains  
The crown that rests upon the brow of every brute that reigns—  
Let these go, too, and take their myths, their goblins and their hell,  
And give this tortured world of ours a longed for breathing spell!*

*One peasant lad that plows the field where grows the golden corn,  
Is nobler breed than all the whelps that wolves of war have borne;  
One song sung by some genial soul, along some sheltered glade,  
Shall hush some day the savage shock that madmen's guns have made;  
One gleam of love that suckling babe in mother's eyes beheld,  
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These be the only things of worth, in this old world of ours!*

## Speeches by Senators Works and Lane

### SENATOR WORKS

Any American citizen who would go to Europe and walk down between the trenches where they were firing at one another with their machine guns would be an ass, and would deserve to get just what he would get. I would not fight for him. No, I would not take any chance of being shot for him. That kind of a citizen is of no value or credit to us; that is, he puts this Nation in peril and does not bring anything of value in return to this country after having been nurtured in it to the age of maturity, an age when he ought in ordinary decency to help keep out of trouble by using a reasonable amount of common sense. So I would say to him when he starts for the war zone: "My dear brother, we bid you farewell; you may go there if you want; you can tramp up and down all your life between the firing lines; but I do not assume any responsibility for your happiness or good health. It is right up to you."

After a nation has fought bravely and well as have the others and for what it considers to be as just a cause and for as high ideals as its enemies, and it should come and say to me that there is a certain zone about my enemies' country inside of which no ship will be permitted to pass with ammunition or food, I would say to him: "Very well, that suits me first-rate. I live more than 3,000 miles away from you and our people at home need all the food we have and more than they get and it looks like we might need our ammunition after a while in order to rehabilitate ourselves from a peace footing to one of reasonable war preparation in the event that some other nation may come to dislike us. It is up to you gentlemen. I will keep my ships at home."

There is many a family in this country today, gentlemen, who under the high cost of living, due in part to the war, are not getting quite enough to eat. Right here within five blocks of this building where I am talking, or not to exceed ten squares, and all over the country there are families that are cutting down on their food supply for lack of money with which to pay for it. Our first duty is to them. Prices of food have gone up so high that no more can they eat the amount which is necessary for their proper nourishment. They are also going short of clothing and shoes, both of kind and

quality, and children begin to suffer here at home, all due in a degree and indirectly to this great and unfortunate conflict which is going on upon the other side of the ocean, and I have no heart in it or for it.

I would say to the people of this country or to the gentlemen who want to ship merchandise or other articles of value for profit for the support of these other people, that our people also need them, and it may be that they need them as badly as do the people over there. In England the price of bread is said to be cheaper than it is in this country for the reason that they have cheaper wheat than we have, because they bought it from us when the market was lower. Our first duty lies here; and our people both need and want bread. They are our people, and they are those of our people who will have to fight if we become entangled in your embroilment. Our first duty is to them.

I would say to those who want to go across the dead line, where there are submarines or Zeppelins that drop bombs, "Go, and God go with you; but go at your own risk. I will not fight to save the merchandise of any such American citizens as you are. Go and get killed if you want to, but we, the people, will not fight for you, or the like of you, or for your cargoes of war supplies."

### SENATOR LANE

Mr. President, can we be justified, will we ever be excused by future generations for taking this course, involving with unerring certainty the fearful consequences that must inevitably follow it? Can we in the years to come satisfy our own consciences that by such a course we, as the responsible representatives of this country, are serving the best interests of the peace-loving people of a free Republic or of humanity?

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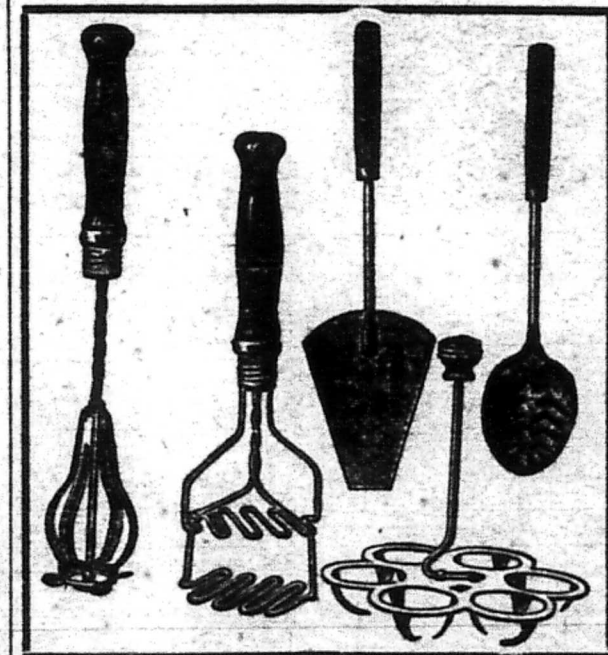
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Now, Mr. President, let us stop a moment to look this appalling situation squarely in the face, consider whether we are leading this Nation and why, and ask ourselves whether or not we are justified in the course so far entered upon and in carrying it out to its legitimate and fearful consequences. Now is the time to take counsel with ourselves and our consciences. Very soon it may be too late. War once entered upon, however much we may desire it, we cannot draw back. The Nation once at war must and will receive our earnest, loyal and undivided support. Have we the moral courage to do the things now that will avoid the war? To avoid it now may call for a higher degree of courage and real and unalloyed patriotism than to enter upon it or even pursue it to the end. If ever true and unselfish patriotism and the highest standard of moral courage, courage far more important and often more difficult than mere physical courage, on the part of public officials was called for, it is now. If we fail now the blood of millions of people may be on our hands.

But, sir, let me go a little further and ask whether we would be justified in plunging our Nation into this great war because our rights on the sea are being violated by Germany as a war measure. Of course, the President was right in his position that Germany could not, in a legal sense, be excused for violating our rights because some other Nation was violating Germany's rights, as well as our own, in the same way. I am not discussing the question on the basis of legal or international right. Everybody knows that the rules of international law cannot stand in case of actual war between nations. They never have and they never will. The German government has declared a danger zone about its enemies and given notice that any vessel found in that zone, with certain exceptions, will be sunk. What should be our chance under such conditions? I say to keep our ships and our people out of this danger zone until the war is over or the embargo removed. Oh, but my belligerent but well meaning friends say this would be cowardly and beneath the dignity of a great Nation or one of its citizens. May God protect this Nation from that kind of courage. To avoid the horrors of war this act of prudence on the part of our Government would be a great act of moral courage by a great country that should be a worthy and patriotic example to all the Nations of the world.

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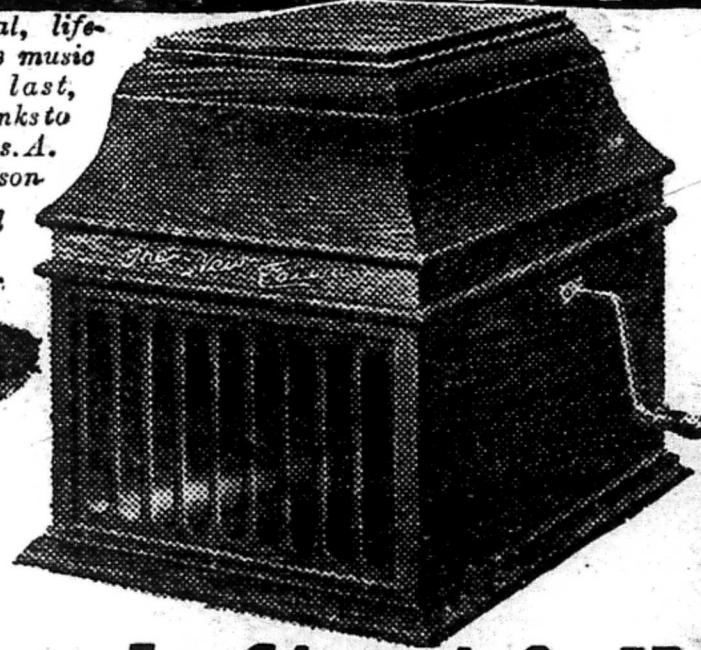
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MARY was hurrying home from prayer meeting and with head bent against the chill winter blasts, wrapped closely in her warm coat and furs, felt warm and well-protected from the elements. She was still glowing with the warmth and cheer of the cosy church social room where the ladies of the church had met after the evening service to discuss the recent election in which all had been so deeply interested.

Wattsville had just been through the most strenuous campaign it had enjoyed for some time. Wattsville is a manufacturing town. The stacks of the enormous factories which have made it known all over the country are like the trees of a forest. Tonight as Mary walked they threw out great flames of varicolored tints and belched clouds of smoke. Their lurid light somehow suggested to Mary the fires of eternal perdition. For Wattsville with its great population of highly paid mechanics had just defeated almost overwhelmingly the tentative efforts of the better class of the city to pass a prohibition law that would be of inestimable value to all the inhabitants of Wattsville. Mary remembered with a kindling admiration the ardent words of the young pastor.

"Dear friends," he said, "our efforts have been killed, our work made useless by those whose selfish interest it is to keep alive this terrible curse of drink. Do you know that there are four saloons for every church in Wattsville, and that men who are making splendid wages have families that are starving to death for bread? It is a terrible reflection on the way we have neglected OUR duty. This defeat mustn't stop us. This defeat must only spur on our efforts. We MUST conquer this terrible vice of drink which is making so many miserable homes and wrecking the young men of our city."

Tom Sturges, Rev. Thomas Sturges, to give him his rightful description, was a fighting parson. Tom was not long out of college. He was a magnificent type of big, clean, athletic young manhood. Over six feet in his stockinged feet, with the shoulders of a hammer thrower and the grip of a wrestler, he had been a star football player and had fought his way to the highest honors in athletics.

When the bishop assigned him to this charge in Wattsville he had told him that he was being entrusted with a task fit for a fighting man to tackle. And Tom had tackled it just like he tackled a running forward on the football field, with all his weight and strength and moral courage. His first defeat hadn't cowed him. It had only made him more determined. And Mary Gray had silently learned to worship the big fighting parson.

Mary had lived all her life in Wattsville. Her father had been one of the founders of the great iron works that were the beginning of Wattsville's fame. The Grays lived in the big house on the hill, Mary and her mother and her little sister Agnes. Her father was dead and she had no brothers. It was unusual that she should be going home alone, but it so happened this time. As she turned the last corner before the climb to the hilltop road she stopped suddenly. Right ahead of her an angry, snarling, quarrelling group of men occupied the sidewalk. From their loud, thick voices Mary could tell that the men had been celebrating the victory of the "wets." She stopped, hesitated and started to cross the street to the other side, but the crowd swayed towards her and before she knew it she was surrounded by the crowd of roughs. Mary was not frightened but she dreaded the contact with these drink-inflamed brutes. She tried to force her way out and had about succeeded when one of the men grasped her round the waist. Mary fought to free herself. The man's offensive, whiskey-laden breath was on her cheek, the brute was actually trying to kiss her. Suddenly there was a rush of heavy feet, the group around her was split like a wave by the prow of a battle ship, she felt the arms about her torn away from her and she was pushed unceremoniously aside, falling into a snow bank, while her rescuer turned to face the snarling mob. It all happened so quickly that Mary hardly realized what was going on, but her big rescuer plunged into the drink-sodden crowd and thrashing his great arms like flails had soon deposited three of her half-dozen assailants on the snowy sidewalk in oddily limp positions and was charging after the rest when they turned and ran yelling for help.

Mary gathered herself together and scrambled to her feet. Her rescuer was turning towards her. It was Tom Sturges, the fighting parson, living up to his name and fame.

"Why, Miss Gray, I wish you had told me you were alone and on foot; I would not have allowed you to go home unprotected. You see this town isn't really safe for a woman alone, not as long as there is so much drinking going on."

Tucking her under his arm he started up the street with her, leaving the three men in the snow to cool off.

Mary was all a-tremble. The experience had shaken her. She began to fear now, not for herself, but for Tom. She believed that his fight would bring on him the revenge of the men he had whipped. Her voice shook as she thanked him for his prompt rescue. She asked if he were hurt and on being reassured on that score went along in a happier vein. The battle had been the balance that had decided her fate. Mary had admired Tom Sturges but she never knew before that her admiration was deeper than that. She realized that she loved him. And the knowledge brought her a joy so intense that she could hardly keep her secret. She longed to shout it from the housetops. It was all she could do to keep from telling him. Tom seemed to feel this wonderful transition of feelings. He was mighty quiet as they walked up the hill, but his arms under hers were doing more than merely supporting her. There was a pressure to it that sent thrills through them both and they were both a little breathless and embarrassed when they reached the top of the hill and

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entered the walk across the wide lawn all about the Gray homestead.

Tom had known for a long time that there was only one woman in the world for him. He knew that Mary Gray represented to him all that was most lovable and desirable on earth. His pulses thrilled at her coming and his heart almost stopped beating every time Mary's deep eyes met his. But Tom entertained no hopes for he was only a struggling pastor in a small country town charge with barely enough to keep himself alive to depend on while Mary was the heiress of the town, the richest girl and the most admired. He had watched the men swarm around her in public places, at the country club, in church, at picnics. And he resolutely fought down the longing that grew so much stronger every day that it frightened him. Tom was poor. His father had given him a splendid body, a fine brain, a noble courage. Tom had done the rest for himself. He had worked his way through college, he had fought his way to the top. Now he had no parents and no resources save those he earned. So Tom, the small town pastor, was determined not to let Mary know his secret.

When the door was opened and Mary admitted to her home she begged Tom to come in and get warm before going home. He gladly accepted. He loved the big house on the hill with its art treasures, its simple elegance, its refinement, warmth and cheer. Mary's mother was waiting for her when they entered the big living room and of course Mary told her story of the encounter with many pretty embellishments which Tom modestly disclaimed.

"Do you know, Mr. Sturges, that I believe that the methods used in fighting the drink evil in this town are all wrong," said Mrs. Gray. "You are a fighter. I admire a fighter. I admire the way you have made your fight. But do you know that sometimes an upstanding fight is the poorest way to fight powerful enemies. Do you remember the horse that conquered Troy? I have always thought that the Trojan horse symbolized the triumph of the weak over the strong. You, as a fighting man, may not understand this side of fighting as well as we women do, but I hope to prove to you that wile may succeed where force fails."

"Mother, dear, I thought that was our secret," said Mary.

"It is, my darling, and I am not telling what kind of a Trojan horse we are stalking the enemy with. I hope to prove to Mr. Sturges that we women are as good fighters, too."

When Tom Sturges left the Gray home he wore a puzzled expression. Neither Mary nor her mother had given him even a hint of their methods. It was apparently a plan to carry the fight into the enemy's camp because several times lately he had seen Mary's little roadster standing in front of the homes of working folks, but he supposed that she was there on charity bent. Now he knew that it was part of this plan of which Mrs. Gray had spoken.

Next morning Mary was out early. Her little roadster was purring at the door as she wrapped herself in furs and throwing in the clutch, shot out of the drive and down towards the poorer section of the city. As Mary drove along she consulted a list and at last coming to a draggled and sad-looking cottage stopped her car and got out. The door was opened by a weeping woman with three small children in rags about her. The house was cold and cheerless. Mary shivered as she entered and began speaking animatedly to the woman. The poor creature's eyes grew larger and more eager as Mary spoke. She nodded several times and asked a few questions, then Mary gave her a little package. "Remember, Mrs. Regan, a little in hot coffee twice a day at home and in the coffee he takes in his lunch bucket. Put plenty of sugar in the coffee and he'll never know the difference," she directed. Then she patted the heads of the wondering youngsters who were gazing in open-mouthed admiration at the beautiful young lady, she went back, climbed into her roadster and went speeding down the street to the nearest grocery store. Here she left a big order for groceries to be delivered to the Regan home, paid for them and went on to another house. When the noon whistles blew Mary was on her way home to lunch.

"Well, honey, how many Trojan horses today?" asked her mother.

"Eight more this morning, mother, dear," she replied, and they laughed happily together as Mary added some names to a list in a little book she called her ledger.

In the afternoon Mary was busy in the poor section of the town again and all afternoon, until the whistles blew. Mary worked unceasingly. The next day and the next, and for many days afterwards, Mary worked among the poor women of the working men's district.

Tom saw her quite often on these trips and was often tempted to go into the homes Mary had visited to learn her secret, but he didn't allow his curiosity to get the better of him. It was not long afterwards that Tom began to notice a few new faces among his congregation. There were shabby women with their men. The men interested him particularly, because he began to notice that these were men he had often seen in various stages of drink. They seemed sober enough now and listened eagerly to his dramatic attacks on drink and its brutalizing effects. One night he was amazed to see among his hearers the man who had grasped Mary in his arms that night, which now seemed so long ago. Tom was particularly bitter in his attack on drink and spoke of having seen a crowd of drunken men attack and insult a girl whose good deeds among the poor had made her name a blessing among the suffering poor. When he got through and was in his office he was surprised to see this man approach the door shamefacedly. "May I speak to yer riv-rence?" he said.

There was a happy look on Mary's face as she sat there in the gloaming, her thoughts with a giant in black with a strong, kindly, generous face. The silvery phone bell tinkled musically and Mary took down the receiver.

"This is Tom," she heard. "Is that you, Miss Gray?"

"Yes," she answered, "this is Mary, Tom." She gulped as she used his name for the first time.

"We win," came his exultant voice. "YOU WIN!"

"You mean the Trojan horse won," laughed Mary. "Come up and tell me all about it—Tom." Her voice lingered lovingly over the word. The name that meant so much to her.

"You bet, right away," came back in such a hurry over the wire that Mary dropped the receiver back on its hook with a happy laugh.

Slowly she walked to the front door. She wanted to be there to receive him herself. No one else should open the door for him. At last she saw him striding up the hill at great space-covering leaps. Before he could ring the bell she had thrown open the door and as Tom stumbled into the darkened hall his arms opened and Mary found her refuge in their great brawny embrace.

It was long afterwards that they got back to the election. It was Tom who asked, "How did you happen to think of the Trojan horse?" he asked.

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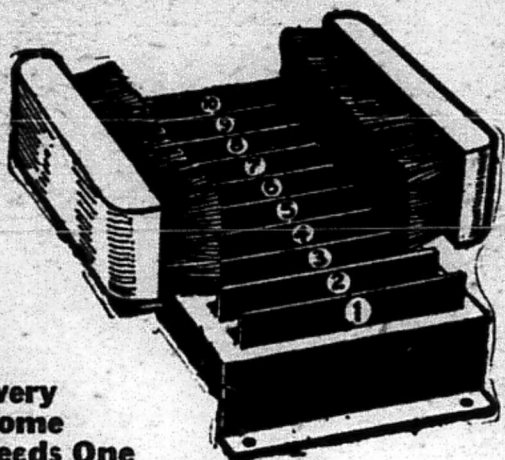
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## The Nation's Honor

By Herbert S. Bigelow.

Is President Wilson right in the submarine controversy? If so, is it an issue which justifies a declaration of war? Both questions will be vehemently affirmed by Pro-Allies sympathizers, and denied by the Pro-Germans.

We shall try to answer the question as a Pro-American. England has established a blockade of German ports. She is using regular battleships. She is conducting the blockade according to the rules of international law. These rules were made with a view to the use of battleships.

Germany seeks to establish a blockade of English ports. Her only available weapon is the submarine. But a submarine blockade is a new thing and it cannot be conducted according to the rules of a battleship blockade.

Question? Has Germany a right to modify the rules so as to permit an effective use of her submarines? Is it reasonable for us to ignore the fact that in submarine warfare the old rules are obsolete? Is it just for us under the circumstances, to hold Germany to the letter of the law?

If an American ship were caught running the English blockade it would be ordered to stop. If it did not obey the order it would be sunk, crew and all. If it did stop it would have to be conducted to port, or if sunk, the crew would first have to be removed to a place of safety. This is international law and England can keep the law because she uses battleships.

To insist that Germany keep the letter of this law is to insist that she refrain from using her only available sea weapon. A submarine cannot come up to and notify an armed merchantman, nor conduct a merchantman to port, nor give refuge to the crew. Germany, therefore, says: "We cannot keep the letter of the law, but we keep the spirit of the law. We cannot warn the merchantman, at the time of the encounter, but we warn them in advance that our submarines have established a blockade of English ports. The world should be satisfied with this warning since it is all we can give." If a merchantman, ignoring the warning deliberately enters the submarine zones, and is sunk, is not its case parallel to that of a merchantman which ignores the order of a battleship and is sunk?

The distinction between the two cases is shadowy. A nation fighting against starvation can hardly be expected to make such fine distinctions. If it became necessary for England in order to save herself from starvation, to use her submarines in this way, would she not do it? If we were in like circumstances would we not do it? Suppose England were to war with us. Suppose she had sunk our navy and blockaded our ports. Suppose as a consequence we were slowly and surely starving to death. Now suppose Germany were our ally, that Germany with her submarines could starve England before England could starve us, and by accepting this help, we could achieve victory and save ourselves from destruction? Would we do it?

The question answers itself. "But Germany started the war. We ought to have declared war on her when she invaded Belgium. If we can trip her up now with a technicality, we are delighted to do it." This is what many men are saying in their hearts. This attitude is understandable. But it is not a neutral attitude.

We assume that Germany's course is one to which she is driven by the exigencies of war. It is not an act of hostility toward us. It would seem to be our duty to accommodate ourselves to this inconvenience as we accommodate ourselves to all the other inconveniences of the war. Of course war is an international nuisance,

which outrages the rights of all neutrals. If we were to declare war on war; if we were to dismiss all of the ambassadors and close our ports to all belligerents that would be neutral enough. But in this case our neutrality seems to have been choked with technicalities.

The whole trouble began when, in opposition to Mr. Bryan, the President took his first stand on the submarine issue. Having taken this stand the honor of the nation is supposed to be involved.

While we believe that the President, in a most perplexing situation, has tried to do the best thing, we do not believe that the issue is one which justifies a declaration of war.

We hope that Germany will answer, not by sinking our ships, but by stating to the President, frankly, her peace terms, as the President requested.

With these terms the President might well say to the Allies:

"If you refuse to meet and try to agree on terms of peace I shall withdraw my protest and order American ships to respect the submarine blockade."

We cling to the hope that President Wilson had grounds for believing that events would take some such turn. But before these reflections can appear in type, we may be as mad with war as the rest of the world. Then for those of us who believe that a tragic blunder has been made, there will be nothing to do but suffer the common fate. The nation, when the decision has been made, may have a right to expect of us acquiescence. But the nation is not the sovereign of our soul. We will not hate the German people. Neither will we hate the English people. We do hate the Junkerism of Germany, and the Toryism of England, and we hate most of all the Junkerism and Toryism of America for these are treason to the land of Jefferson and Lincoln. Some day the world will have a new war in which the people of all nations will be one side and the Junkers and Tories and Plutocrats on the other. It will be a bloodless war, and after that we shall have a new international law and it will read: "By this shall men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one for another."

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## Paying for the War

By Scott Nearing.

"Europe must pay for this war!" is a sentiment as frequently met with as it is unintelligent. Europe will help to pay for the war, of course, but the burden will rest very heavily upon the people of the United States.

The American people are telling themselves that they are prosperous because wages are high and work is steady. As a matter of fact there has not been a time in years when the average American has been compelled to work as hard for the simple necessities of life as during this present winter.

Some Americans are prosperous.

The real-estate owners, the bankers, the merchants, and the manufacturers are making money hand over fist. They have something to sell, prices are high, and they reap their reward. Unfortunately, for the country, the property owners and industrial leaders are in the minority. The great majority of people in the country are wage earners and clerks—the bulk of that vast body of workers "who make the mistake of having the demand instead of the supply." For them the present situation is full of peril.

The latest monthly review of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reports upon the advance in food prices from November 15, 1915 to November 15, 1916. Of the 27 articles listed all but two—coffee and tea—have advanced in price. The greatest increase is shown by potatoes which have more than doubled. The next most rapid increase is shown by beans

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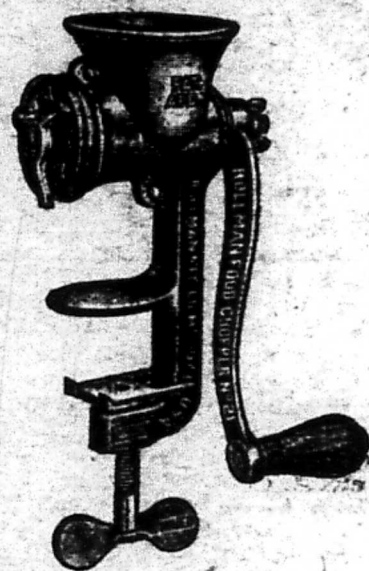


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which are three-fourths again as high as they were a year ago. The prices of most meats have risen greatly, and there has been a considerable advance in the price of cereals. The increase in the price of all articles combined is about 25 per cent.

There is no way in which the food bill of the United States may be computed accurately, but roughly the 20 million families in the country probably spend on an average \$8.00 a week for food. The increase of 25 per cent in the cost of food would therefore add \$2.00 a week per family; 40 million dollars a week for all of the families, or 2 billions a year to the food bill of the people of the United States.

There is no way to compute the added cost to the people of this country of rent, fuel, clothing and the like.

The point can be made, however, with the food item alone. The total European war debt to date is about 50 billions, which will carry an interest charge of a little over 2 billions a year. The increase in the food bill of the American people during 1916 if continued for one year amounts to a like amount. In other words, the increase in food costs, paid by the American people this last year is equal to the total interest charge upon the European war debt.

"But," you say, "the war is still going on."

True, and the prices of foods are still going up. The American people are under another disadvantage. The European war debt must be carried by a population of about 400 millions. The increase in food costs of the United States—an amount equal to the interest on the European war debt—must be carried by 100 millions of people.

If it is true that "Europe must pay for this war", what are we paying for here in America?

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