

Russia.

"Answer the call of tens of thousands imprisoned, and still the cries of orphans, children and families, with brotherly help. Lighten their sufferings.

"With comradely regards, representative of the Red Cross for Russian Workingmen and the Central Committee of Labor Unions, City, Vladivostok."

SEATTLE UNION RECORD.

## NEW AGGRESSION AGAINST RUSSIA

The twistings of a snake are straight lines in comparison with the twistings of the Peace Conference in Paris concerning the "Russian problem." This "problem" of course, is simply what should be done—or can be done—to crush Soviet Russia, that realization in life of Socialist theory and practice, that menace to international Capitalism.

They tried invasion—but it didn't work: too many troops are required, and they are "corrupted" by revolutionary Bolshevik propaganda.

They tried to use the former "oppressed peoples" of the Ukraine, Poland and the Baltic Provinces, whom they were to "liberate," to crush the Bolsheviks, but it did not work.

They tried to use the former German army against Soviet Russia, but the German imperialists had their own Bolshevism to deal with.

Intrigue and fair words, cunning and beautiful promises, treachery and expressions of friendship—all these have been tried: but they haven't worked.

So now they decide to continue their old policy of starving the Russian people and the Russian Revolution. They are to continue financing and feeding counter-revolutionists; they are going to recognize the "Omsk Government" and provide it with munitions and food, while the barbarous blockade of Russia continues—this is the policy they are forced into, the policy of the skulking murderer of women and children. This is Capitalism! This is the Peace Conference!

No! This crime against the new civilization, against a revolutionary people must not be allowed. Capitalism is exposing itself in all its sinister horror. It scruples at nothing to accomplish its savage purposes. Nothing short of proletarian action, of mass pressure upon the imperialistic governments, of the world revolution will help the Russian people and preserve the Russian Revolution for all peoples and for all time.

## A GROWING DANGER

The Committee on Tariffs and Taxation of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers announces a new menace to the well-being of the people of the United States. Japan is developing cotton manufacturing to an extent that threatens to cut under American competition. It is, therefore, necessary, for the United States to come back with some kind of economic retaliation.

Japan "promises at no distant date to become a serious competitor of American mills, not only in foreign fields, but in our home markets." The Ways and Means Committee of the House will, therefore, be asked to see that "the interests of the textile industry" are properly safeguarded.

Japanese manufacturers are threatening American profits. Trade rivalries breed trade wars. Trade wars lead to military conflicts. Here is a growing danger for the people of the United States as well as for the cotton manufacturing industry.—Scott Nearing.

## GEMS FROM LENIN

Civil war is civil war. It writes its own laws. It is like this: Either the proletariat governs or capital rules. There is no other alternative. There are some who are not pleased with our dictatorship. I say to them, "Go to Siberia and see if the dictatorship is better there. We will willingly place transportation at your disposal."

The idea of annihilating Capitalism without civil war is Utopian. You undoubtedly know that the number of millionaires in Norway has been multiplied by ten during the war. Do you believe that the Norwegian millionaires, just because of arguments, will capitulate without the blow of the sword?

Or maybe you can tell me why ten or twelve million people were killed in the world war? "War until victory," was written on Kerensky's banners. "War until victory over the bourgeoisie" is the workers' revision of this slogan. And there you have it all.

**Arming the proletariat—this we must teach, and the disarming of the bourgeoisie.** Give up the disarmament program, advise Zeth Hoglund, a Swedish Socialist, in 1910. His opinion was different from mine. Now he certainly must agree with me.

In my message to the National Commune on March 10, I said that as the time passes and the majority becomes assured of its power, then can we raise the question of general suffrage before the Soviet. **We must keep the dictatorship in order to be able to control the bourgeoisie.**

Russia says to the workers and to the right-minded people of the whole world:

**"Come with us toward the new life, whose creation we work for without sparing ourselves and without sparing anybody or anything! Erring and suffering in the great joy of labor and in the burning hope of progress, we leave to the honest judgment of history all our deeds. Come with us to the battle against the ancient order, to work for new forms of life! Forth to life's freedom and beauty!"—Maxim Gorky.**

## LONG LIVE SOVIET RUSSIA

We reprint a few extracts from an article in an American periodical by "M. E." He says: "In San Francisco I talked with a Russian sailor who had been in Vladivostok within the month and I put down in my note book some of the things he said. He said that an American general whose name he thought was Johnson told him that 98 per cent. of the people in Vladivostok were pro-Soviet, and that if the Allied armies withdrew at 8 a.m. the Bolshevik government would be in power at 8.01 a.m. If we started in to fight this thing we would have to fight every house. In one of the restaurants he asked a peasant girl who was waiting on the table what she thought of life under the Allied occupation. She looked a little furtively around the restaurant before she answered that under the Soviet she had worked 6 or 7 hours, and received ten roubles more than she now received. Now she works from 12 noon until 2 a.m. and after that she has to walk home, arriving about 4 a.m.

Further he stated that the Soviets are still meeting in Vladivostok and all through Siberia, altho the delegates are continually arrested and put in prison but they come up again, like waves from the sea. They do not call themselves a Soviet but the Bureau of Professional Unions of Vladivostok.

He said that there were about two thousand Czecho-Slovaks in jail in Siberia for refusing to fight the Bolsheviks.

This surely gives the lie to the press stories that the Russians are not in favor of the Bolsheviks.