Modern War and the Workers

By C. W. Anderson in the British Labor

To those who realize the importance of the fight against militarism, nothing could give greater joy than the increasing revolt against ment burdens and follies by the peoples of Western Europe. Our German comrades are fighting magnificently, and the Zabern incident, with telegrams from high quarters, revealed and unrevealed, are providing them with plenty of ammunition. In the Reichstag the feeling is particularly bitter, and it, is stated that many members of other parties are only restrained from voting against supplies by the fear, that a general election would in the present temper of the people, powerfully strengthen Socialist Party have made many new friends and adherents by their sustained struggle against the Three Years' Law. And here in Britain the question has blazed up with dramatic suddenness (though it is the result of years of anti-militarist propaganda that makes the present situation possible and threatens to disrupt the Liberal Party. of Western Europe. Our German comra

in the excursioners I have read at the special street and phases with a contract that the special street and phases with a contract that the special street and phases with a contract that the special street and phases with a contract that the special street and phases with a contract that the special street and phases with a contract that the special street and phases with a contract that the special street and phases with a contract that the special street and phases with a contract that the special street and fare, since the wealth and energy which we might have brought to bear on our real enemies were diverted to the enemies of our superstitious fears. With ruthless analysis, Mr. Angell examines the plea—usually the last stand of the hard-pressed militarist—that armaments are not useless because they mean work. This skilled controversialist has little difficulty in showing that much depenns upon the quality and social value of the work, that a nation, for example, which found work for its people by manufacturing and letting off fireworks when what was really needed was more bread and more clothes would not be reckoned a very wise or sane nation. So the money spent on social improvement is in every respect more fruitful and profitable than the millions wasted on war preparations. Mr. Angell shows that if we could get quit of our cowardly fears, and the expenditure due to fear, we would have little difficulty in get ting rid of all the acuter phases of poverty.

We see statesmen and diplomats standing apparently helpless before the armiaments groblem. They profess their abhorrence of the suicidal race and their complete inability to stop it. What is more disturbing, we are often told that the public opinion can have little or no effect on the trend of events, since the German people, for example, cannot thwart the designs of the war-lords. Mr. Norman Angell does not accept this lordly, disdain of public opinion as a factor against war. He urges with point and force that these same people are ready enough to appeal to public opinion when it is a case of wanting more ships or soldiers. Our author, being a democrat, is convinced that it; is the people, and only the people, who will put an end to the present madness. Governments and bankers cannot do it, and it would not be well for us if they could. Peace must not be superimposed on us by rich or clever people, but must come in response to the demand of democracy itself. Mr. Angell thanks God that it is so. "For if the bankers and the emperors and the armies 'imposed' p

but must come in response to the demand of democracy itself. Mr. Angell thanks God that it is so. "For if the bankers and the emperors and the armies 'imposed' peace we may be quite sure they would impose much else. Peace would not be the expression of a greater freedom, but of a greater slavery." A chapter is devoted to what is frequently a contention on Socialist platforms, i.e., that war is the outcome and the only outcome of capitalism, and that therefore it is hopeless for international peace until canitalism has been overthrown. Mr. Angell believes the contention to be quite fallacious, and most people who consider his argument carefully will be inclined to acree with him. However much Labor and Capital may be at war over other matters (the appropriation of the fruits of social effort, for instance), they have the same interest, it it argued, in regard to peace, except in the case of a small group of anti-social armament interests. And these interests are no more typical of eapital as a whole on this question than the armament votes of a Labor member for a dockyard constituency are typical of democracy as a whole.

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Mr. Angell believes we shall strike the first hig blow at armaments when we follow what has been done by the German Socialists, who make the service of the service

than their own. Aiready the workpeople are less likely to be stamped by silly war-scares because of the pressure of social problems; a direct war-tax levied upon indome would help to keep the middle-classes sound also. They would want to know a good deal more about armaments than they do now.

brave warriors.

It would be rash, even for an angel.

The smell of iodoform would clash sadly with the smell of the Signora, and the Signora's dog.

And anyhow, isn't everything.

And anyhow, isn't everything an right, I'an Nielson is happy, the Signora is happy. Mrs. McCormick is happy, the doggie (bless his little buttons on his little silk coat!) is happy too.—Workers World.

World Wide Notes

Twelve thousand men at the Rio Tinto mines, Spain, are on strike. Lord Milner, the former South African governor-general, is president of Rio. Tinto company. His heart is with the labor skinners.

The London Daily Mail agais announces for the 'steenth time, that female militancy in Britain is killed.

The procurators of Osaka, Japan, have discovered that the secondhand dealers of that city have been doing a fine business in stolen goods in co-operation with the police.

Eight of Sir Thomas Lipton's employees are under indictment in Great Britain for bribing purchasing agents of the British army.

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At the opening of the Bulgarian Parliament, the cry of 'Down with the monarchy, long live the republic,' greeted the ears of King Ferdinand from the Socialist deputies. The king dissolved parliament and ordered a new election.

Nine million Japanese are starving because of failure of crops in Hokkaido and other north-eastern districts.

The German officers who raised the commotion in Zaberne, Alsace, have been acquitted by court martial, and Lieutenant von Forstner, who hit the crippled cobbler with his sword, has been decorated by the German Emperor with an order of merit.

Capitalism is killing itself, some tell us. It has no suicide pact with Socialism, and will have to do the job alone. Twelve million Socialist voters of the world are surging forward with their propaganda and the big guns of capitalism are grabbing madly for all the dollars in sight for they fear the power of the ballot. And to them it spells a terrible power.

The Canadian Car and Foundry Co. officially announces that starting with the present month, and for several months to come, only half the number of men will be employed. The workers get a living ware while they work, pile up profits for their masters, and then they are turned out to starve. That is what the workers vote for when they vote for Laurier or Borden.

Socialism and the Railroader

By H. B. F., Brockville, Ont. I suppose there are no class of men today

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A little child shall lead them.

I, the child, greet you on every road and path. I smile at you. I love you.

I fill your hearts with love and kindness. I, the child that whispers words of love to you in the twilight hour. My hands, that are soft as velvet, cling to your neck in confidence. I that join my laughter with the songs of birds.

The future of the world depends upon .me. If I grow great and good, the world will be better.

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If I am neglected, warped and twisted, future society must suffer for it. I, the child, who should know no mission but that of affection and love, am being sacrified on the altar of capitalist greed.

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I curse you in terrible tones from the dark alleys. My face is wrinkled as the parchment upon which the fathers wrote the constitution and the declaration which you use to uphold your mastership and my slavery.

From joyous freedom and life in the open I am forever denied. I am blunted and deformed from long hours of work in the cotton mills, textile factories and sweat shops. My lungs are full of lint and my system poisoned past recall.

From my bed of rags. I call you to account. My blood is upon your hands. My misery and suffering lies at your door. You who believe in profits, who believe in exploitation; who believe in robbing little children of their right to play and make the world happy by the light of laughter in their eyes.

I say you are guilty against this great wrong and deprivation you have brought upon me—the child that must work, and starve while working.

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wrong and deprivation you have brought upon me-the child that must work, and starve while working.

I speak in the voice of millions who are being forced to give up every shred of that to which childhood is entitled.

Before I have reached manhood or womanhood. I reach the senile decay of old age. You who must reckor for this, take warning. Your child may be with us, or the child of your child.

Hear my voice as I cry of hunger. Hear my voice when I cry for one glimpse of fresh air and green grass. Hear my voice as I cry to run and play as the lambs in the meadow.

Hear my groans that go up in the black smoke of the factories; see my blood stains as you wear the shoddy results of my hours of ceaseless toil. Every thread bears a heartache. Hold it to your heart and say: "Poor little children, whose lives lie entombed here in this garment."

I stand in the battle-searred ranks of labor with father, mother, brother and sister to fight for our freedom.

L, the child of work, can only be free when the workers of the world own the means of life.

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hours steadily on fires in one day recently in a temperature away below zero. Noses, ears, fingers and feet were frostbitten, and ears, fingers and feet were from head who imagine they can do without Socialism the men were a solid mass of ice from head to foot. For this they received a little betrailroad men, such as engineers, firemen, conter than two dollars a day. These firemen were not working on a lot of toilers shacks; can do your printing cheaper than can be they were fighting fire in the heart of the done anywhere west of us, and probably east commercial district, and the property was the of us, works out decidedly to your advantage

was trying to deport from Chicago because he was concerned in the Black Sea mutiny of a flew years ago. has been saved from the bloody claws of Britain's treacherous ally. "Let the immoral women of the city's red light district vote. It is the Magdalenes of the nation that need the ballot, so they may remedy conditions that led to their down tall." This is the declaration of Mrs. Jos. T. Bowen, a Chicago Suffragist.

Instructors Clyde Lyndon and Scott Nearing are liable to be dropped from the roll of professors of Wharton College. Philadelphia. Their near Socialist ideas are not pleasing to the Philadelphia gas ring which provides the finances of Wharton College. Philadelphia gas ring which provides the finances of Wharton College. In Colorado, according to P. Henraty, who has been investigating conditions, the amount of coal the miners are compelled to give for a ton depends on their submissiveness. In some places it is 3,500 pounds, in others 2,500. And they are refused the right to appoint checkweighmen.

Chicago officials are planning to operate a chain of retail stores to provide food at cost to the unemployed who still have small savings left. In this way the capitalists feel that the jobless slaves will cost them the least while waiting until their labor power is wanted to produce profits again.

Plans are being set on foot to send the United Mine Worker's Journal to every one of the 450,000 members of that organization.

The annual meeting of the South Brant The annual meeting of the South Brant Conservative Association recently met and made references to the noble work done by W. F. Cockshutt, their M.P. Cockshutt stated in Parliament that the workers were getting fine wages. The little scissor-bills who support him like that kind of talk. It is surprising, however, that any wage slave in Brantford would vote for a labor skinner henchman of the Cockshutt type.

In the Toronto elections the citizens by referendum approved the purchase by the city of the Mimico radial railway, of engaging in the meat business, and of giving married women the vote. But on the essential point—of endorsing the abolition of wage slavery, only 1,511 votes were cast—those voting for Jas. Birks, Socialist candidate for Mayor.

The British worker sends men to parliament whom he fondly imagines will look out for the workers' interests, but who instead invests his money in enormous quantities in privately owned armament works, making guns and ammunition to shoot down the workers who voted for him.

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democracy and near Socialism are sacked. Prof. Willard Fisher has been removed from the Wesleyan University of Connecticut, because he was instrumental in having the Connecticut legislature pass a workmen's compensation act against the wishes of wealthy supporters of the University. Many other professors have been victimized.

Eleven union men have been deported from Routt County, Colo., including Frank Garnie ier and John Wendburg, organizers, and James Ferguson, president of the Steamboat Springs miners union. The deporting was done by a Citizeas Alliance. Governor Ammons, as usual, refused to interfere.

During the next two years, Hamilton, Ohio, a city of 36,000 inhabitants, will be under the control of the Socialists: Fred. A. Hinkel is Mayor. The Socialists have a majority of the nine councilmen. The Socialists have a more than twenty appointive officers at their disposal.

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Judge Ben Lindsey, of the Denver Children's Court, declares that as at present conducted pails do more harm than good.

The Oklahoma convention of the State Socialist party was held the last, days of December. 1913. The Secretary stated that the party indebtedness which was more than \$3.000 has been wheel out entirely. There are now nearly 400 locals in good standing in the state with an average membership for 1913 of 2,685.

Mother Jones was deported from Trinidad, Colo, by the militia. She refused to stay deported, went back, was arrested, and shut up in a Catholic hospital, the Catholic authorities co-operating with the militia and capitalist elements fighting the striking miners.

Eighty-five Industrial Workers have been jailed in Kansas City for defending the right of free speech.

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P. of C., meets every lst and 3rd Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock in Moose Hall, Fraser Ave, Edmonton. Comrades desiring assistance in organizing locals please write Sec. C. Spencer, 55 Clara Street, Edmonton, Alta.—268. HAMILTON LOCAL No. 61, S. D. P. of C., meets every 2nd and 4th Friday evening of the month in Swales Hall (cor. Barton and Kinrade) at 7.45 o'clock. This is an invita-tion to attend. J. Alexander, Sec., 41 Fraser Ave.—274.

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PORT ARTHUR Local S.D.P., meets in Labor Temple, Bay St., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8 p.m., for business, and let and 3rd Wednesdays to discuss matters of interest to every worker. Workers unite and run Port Arthur for the benefit of the workers. Herbert Barker, 28 Ruttan St., 3ec.—252.

SOUTH PORCUPINE Local No. 32, S.D.P. of C., holits business and propaganda meetings every Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Miner's Union Hall, South Porcupine. Tom Meyers, Sec., Box 521.—252.

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