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GERMANY A REPUBLIC

After the Franco-German war of 1870 France became a republic. Germany will most likely become a republic after the present war. Germany is largely feudal. The landed proprietors are powerful. Their word was law in the parliamentary bodies. Especially in the Prussian state were they mighty. The landowners being powerful, their ideas and opinions were reflected in legislation and administration. It wants wage slaves. Feudal ownership desires a military caste, soldiery aggression. The German Social-Democracy was not strong enough to break through the feudal rule. Wherefore German military rule proceeded apace. The sword was rattled. The war of England and France is a war of petty bourgeoisie and industry against persistent feudalism. With the arms of England and France and Belgium, also industrial, the German nation will be conquered. And with conquest, the military and feudal caste of Germany will be smashed. The shell of the feudal system will be burst. And the petty bourgeois forces and industrial interests in Germany will emerge to supreme political power. A republican form of government is the political expression of capitalism. A republican form of government will be established in Germany. But with the rise of industrialism to supreme power, the working class revolt will become more insistent. At present in Germany what has kept Socialism back has been the peasant workers on the feudal estates. They are feudal, Catholic, reactionary. Upon their exploitation and voting power the military rule has been perpetuated. With their masters' political power gone, they will be transferred either into petty owners, or into industrial wage slaves exploited through giant agricultural machinery. In either case they will be anti-militaristic. A republican Germany, with the economic basis of feudal supremacy removed, will be a fitting place for the class struggle to be fought. We can look forward to a tremendous boom for Socialism within the German dominions and in all other countries when the war is over.

CENSORSHIP

All news from the belligerent nations is censored. No news even from England, is allowed to come to Canada unless it passes the censors. This means that the war mad capitalists of all countries are giving out only such news as they want known. All peace movements are suppressed ruthlessly and the news thereof is also suppressed. The result is that all the efforts of Socialists to stop the war is kept from us. Only the words of those who want war are given forth. We may rest assured that the workers of all countries are doing their best to put an end to the murder madness of the masters.

The Folly of Fighting

"My greatest regret is that I have been the author of three wars in which thousands of lives were lost."—Bismarck. "War is the trade of barbarism."—Napoleon. "A good man never makes a good soldier. The worst man always makes the best soldier. The soldier is nothing but a hired, legalized murderer."—Napoleon. "The military profession is a damnable profession."—Wellington. "War is Hell."—General Sherman. "Down with the army and navy. We do not need killing machines. We need only life-giving machines."—Jack London. "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not rise against nation, nor shall men learn war any more."—Isaiah. "Thou shalt not kill."—Moses. "Whenever there is war, the Devil makes Hell larger."—German Proverb. "Cannons and firearms are cruel and murderous machines."—Martin Luther. "O War, thou son of Hell."—William Shakespeare. "War is a brain-spattering, windpipe-slitting art."—Lord Bacon. "War is the devil's gambling game."—George Fox. "War is the business of Hell."—Rev. John Wesley. "There never was a good war or a bad peace."—Benjamin Franklin. "The soldier is a hired assassin."—Victor Hugo. "Napoleon was a great gambler, whose game was empires, whose stakes were thrones whose table, earth, whose dice were human bones."—Byron. "War is the statesman's game, the priest's delight, the lawyer's jest, the hired assassin's trade."—Shelley. "Thou shalt not kill."—Moses in the Decalogue. "Take not up the sword. They that take up the sword shall perish by the sword."—Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth. "Providence takes no notice of which side is right or wrong in any war. Providence is always on the side of the heaviest artillery."—Napoleon Bonaparte. "I confess without shame that I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. Even success, the most brilliant, is over dead and mangled bodies; the anguish and lamentations of distant families appearing to me for missing sons, husbands and fathers. It is only those who have not heard a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded and lacerated, that cry aloud for more blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell."—Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman. "I do not know of a war for the last 300 years that was caused by a soldier or by a soldier's ambition. All wars have economic causes. Without a single exception all wars are wars for trade. These are all caused by bankers, merchants and business men."—The late Frederick Dent Grant, of the United States army, at the peace congress in Chicago in 1909.

THE LAST GREAT WAR

It looks as though the war now raging will be the last great war in Europe. The nations have been tired of armaments. The people have wanted democratic institutions. They have desired peace in order to improve their conditions. But the international situation was such that armaments were piled on armaments and the strength of the nations went in preparing for war. Now that the war has broken forth the issue will be decided by the sword, by cannon, by bombs, by aeroplanes, by battleships. When it is over, the victorious nations will impose peace. It does not seem possible for Germany to escape being conquered. With France, Russia, Great Britain, Belgium against her, her defeat seems inevitable. The colonies are sending their thousands to assist the capitalist exploiters of Great Britain to overthrow the rule of the German war lords. The hundreds of thousands of Russians, Belgians, French, Servians, in the U.S. and the colonies will cross the seas to join the armies against Germany. The Germans and Austrians in the U.S. and colonies will not be able to get back to their countries to participate in the war. French and British war vessels will blockade the coasts. When Germany is conquered, her battleship yards and her war implement plants will either be dismantled, or forced to produce only products for peaceful industry. She will be like the Socialists of France, disarmed. Her rulers will not be able to arm the workers for butchering human beings. The menace of militarism will be removed, and the desire of the common people for better living conditions will spring to the front as the chief issue. The rulers will not be able to sidetrack the demands by war scares. Socialism will receive a tremendous boom with the war over.

THE GREAT ILLUSION A NIGHTMARE

The slaughtering of hundreds of thousands of human beings at the behest of the ruling class proves conclusively that the international fraternity of the working class should be hastened in all possible ways so that war may be abolished forever. Tracy Bones (With apologies to a well-known character.) Come all you patriots who want to fight. Now's your opportunity to scratch and kick and hit. Show these heathen Hottentots how civilized you are. With your pious Christian fighting for your Kaiser, King or Czar. Tracy Bones went into the conflict. Tracy Bones slashed and stabbed and swore. Tracy Bones revelled in the carnage. Revelled in the glorious Christian frame of war. In the very first engagement Tracy brained a German "brother." In the next he had the glorious luck to disembowel another. The third time he fought he got a crack upon the head. Which loosed at his evil passions and made Tracy Bones see red. Tracy Bones fought like any fury. Tracy Bones let himself right out. Tracy Bones slashed and stabbed and slaughtered. Slaughtered fourteen Germans with a great big shout. When Sunday morning dawned upon the battlefield, An armistice was granted and the chaplains spied. They spied to English Tommies in fine, pro-British sermons. And Preacher Wilhelm spied about the God of all the Germans. Tracy Bones listened to the sermon. Tracy Bones prayed for victory. Tracy Bones forgot that every German was asking "Eiser Gott" for the same boon as he. And when the war was over Tracy Bones had lost a leg. So he asked a grateful COUNTRY what he'd earned beside a leg. THE COUNTRY said you've earned our everlasting gratitude. And the chance to pay the bill by getting out of the country. Tracy Bones come back from the conflict. Tracy Bones cursed and raved and swore. Tracy Bones was completely puzzled. To know what under Heaven he'd been fighting for. Come all you merry patriots who itch to fight. Now's your opportunity to tear and rend and bite. To show your CHRISTIAN bravery to those benighted races. Who have no daring Tommies or bloodthirsty Traces. Tracy Bones at last is waking up, sir! Tracy Bones asks us what it's for. Tracy Bones can't be fooled much longer. By the hellish, cursed, stupid, "Glorious" GAME OF WAR. Walter F. Harris, Red Deer, Alberta. Industrial trouble was stalking through Britain. It was expected that a gigantic strike of dockers, miners, railwaymen and others would be pulled off. The last strike of the railwaymen shook the capitalist system to its base. Just as the Kaiser wanted war to down the Socialists, so the British rulers wanted war to prevent the strike. In the olden days when the slaves of Sparta or the Asian despots grew too numerous and turbulent, the masters slaughtered them by thousands. Today when the wage-slaves grow turbulent, the rulers declared a war and slaughter them by thousands.

THE CAPITALIST BLUFF

As soon as war broke out all the stock exchanges of the world closed. The master class claimed they were worth millions and millions of dollars. When they tried to realize on their security and get the cash, the bluff system broke down. The average rate of income on capital is about five per cent or less. If a capitalist has an income of five thousand dollars a year from some labor sharing joint, he says he is worth one hundred thousand dollars. If he has fifty thousand dollars income he is a millionaire. When he wants to sell his title to exploit the workers and buy another title to exploit the workers in some other line of industry, he swaps his stocks or bonds for bits of paper called twenty dollar bills or hundred dollar bills. Or maybe he does not see a dollar bill at all. He is given a check on a bank in payment and he presents that check to the bank and is given a bankbook in which figures are written. He then turns around and buys titles to exploit the workers and gives a check on the bank in payment. All that has happened is that, for instance, he has got rid of bonds of the City of Montreal and has bought stock in the Canadian Pacific Railway. He gets the same amount of unearned revenues as he got before, only the robbery is practised upon the working class in a little different manner. When war breaks out, and all the capitalists try to turn their title deeds into cash, the system breaks down. The railroads of the U.S. are capitalized at about nineteen billions of dollars and the total gold in the U.S. is less than a billion dollars. So when all the capitalists try to unload their securities, the stock exchanges just shut their doors. When the Socialists win out and seize the political power, the stock exchange doors will be closed for good. The mines, mills, factories will still be in existence, but as no one will be permitted to derive an unearned revenue from owning them, the stock exchange will cease to function. The capitalist game of bluff and gobbery will be called.

RUINED CROPS

The war has been brought on just before the harvest. The men will be at the front fighting, or moving troops, horses, munitions of war and supplies. Crops will lie on the ground rotting. This will spell famine. Famine knows no law. When men are hungry they will not be bound by the paper laws of their masters. Famine means revolution. Hunger will overthrow many a throne and perhaps usher in the final collapse of capitalist rule and rulers. Socialism Endorsed by Methodist Conference The above caption appeared over an editorial in the Chatham (New Brunswick) "World," of June 17th, 1914. The editorial fully comprehends the action of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist Conference and severely censures it as follows: "The Conference Committee on Temperance and Moral Reform foolishly goes out of its way to meddle with taxation question and to ask that the laws be so shaped as to secure to every citizen the full value of his or her labor and absolute equality of opportunity in all respects! What meaningless mouthing is this! Do the good gentlemen of the Committee know what they are talking about? Does one of them know what he wants and how the law makers can give it to him? They are simply repeating second-hand Socialistic rhetoric that has no practical bearing on life or labor. Brethren, stick to temperance and moral reform. The 'inequalities of opportunity' should be pointed out and status for securing equality formulated instead of this meaningless blather. The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference has formally and officially endorsed Socialism. Its endorsement of Mormonism would not, has been a greater surprise. A two column report of the resolutions of the Conference published in The Moncton, (N.B.) Transcript, of June 17, 1914, is a witness to the very full consideration given the clause to which objection has been taken by The Chatham World. The statement is made that the adoption of Sec. III (b) 'committing the Conference to the fundamental principle of Socialism' was moved by Secretary A. C. M. Lawson and Ex-A. H. H. and Vice-President of the Canadian Vigilance Association, Mr. J. A. Lindsay objected that the section was Socialism, and wanted it stated more fully. The Rev. Mr. Marshall, Committee Chairman, said that the Committee had thought they had made the matter as plain as anything could be made. The Rev. Geo. A. Ross said that this and the preceding paragraph on tax reform sought to cast out the real flies in our social life. 'It is time that we began to realize the importance of such things and to deal with them at our annual gatherings.' 'The Chairman (Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, General Supt. of the Methodist Church of Canada,) said that every economic question had a moral basis and was fit to be discussed in a religious assembly.' The Rev. Thomas Marshall said that the Committee, in preparing this section, had had the assistance of the denominational field secretary, the Rev. W. J. Smith, who approves of it. 'No one but Mr. Lindsay had anything to say against this section and it was adopted as read, no one voting nay.' The writer has been informed by the Treasurer of the Temperance and Moral Reform Department of the Canadian Methodist Church that a similar resolution, drawn by himself, a Socialist, is to be found upon the minutes of the General Conference of the Methodist church, the Rev. Dr. Carman presiding. Editorials such as the above show what the capitalist press think of these resolutions, and 'if they are mad, let every Socialist be glad.'—R. B. Sinclair, Canadian Sec., Christian Socialist Fellowship, 220 Davenport Road, Toronto.

War, Witness Decay of Capitalism

The whole world is waiting with bated breath the voice of the Czar of Russia and Emperor William the crown head of Germany, upon whose shoulders hangs in the balance the peace of all Europe. Austria has declared war against Serbia. Millions of men are being mobilized, the tramp of millions and yet other millions, horses, carriages, men, guns, rifles, and ammunition are being hustled to the front. Our morning papers announce with glowing headlines that all Europe is likely to be engulfed in war.

But why all this war talk and mobilization? War is a collision of economic interests, all wars are at root commercial. We are living today in an advanced stage of capitalist development. This means that the great mass of self-supporting laborers have been appropriated, we have become essentially a wage-laboring society. The world has been conquered by capitalism. On every hand from every country comes the cry of industrial stagnation. The surplus wrung from wage labor has become so great that the entire capitalist world stands in a semi-paralyzed state; the system must keep on expanding or fall.

Austria is in the grip of industrial stagnation. Germany, with her highly developed technical system has increased the productive power of labor ten fold and stands today in a great need of a dumping ground. On the other hand stands industrial England and France with Russian barring the expansion of Germany and Austria. These latter countries practically without colonies to dump their accumulation which their working slaves have produced and cannot buy back, because of the wages system, sooner or later will engage in armed conflict their industrial competitors. Thus it is England and France that bar Germany's way to conquer new land for colonization and find an outlet for her surplus product. England and France control the ocean highways, an opening must be found or the commerce of Germany suffers. If capitalism is to continue in Germany, a conflict is inevitable, large possessions must be secured and an outlet on the highways to the markets to which they lead.

From the same cause springs the embolism of the Balkans. Bulgaria had wheat to sell and Serbia had wine. An outlet, a market must be secured to assist these countries in the necessary expansion under the capitalist system. Capitalist production not only separates the worker from the means of labor relieving him for his self-sustaining position caused by the wages system, but it reproduces and perpetuates the condition for the expropriation of the laborer. This highly developed system of producing the things necessary to sustain life, has also brought in its train a permanent and ever increasing army of unemployed.

Capitalism is breaking down. This is witnessed by the ever increasing flow of emigration. Europe cannot employ the expropriated laborers. The dual position of wage labor, as seller and buyer, the overproduction caused by the wages system, which inevitably results in a crisis is responsible for the present war. Much abuse is being heaped today upon the rulers of Europe for their egotistic attitude. Especially is this the case with the Emperor of Germany. To one, however, who has given thought and has followed the primitive accumulation of capital from the handicraft stage to our highly collective method of production, this war is viewed as a commercial necessity. It is all very well to say that the German people do not want war, or that the English people do not want war, or that the French people do not want war, but this does not answer the growing necessity of these capitalist countries to expand or decay. In the past the people have had precious little to do with the decisions to fight, or to make peace.

The most deplorable feature of an European War is that thousands of innocent people will suffer, other thousands will be slain in battle, working class homes will be fatherless, upon the shoulders of the working class will fall all the burdens. They not only fight the battles of their industrial masters but they provide the instruments for their own destruction. War is the ignoble trick of slitting open the blood vessels of the excited working class to satisfy the honor and save the pride and business of crowned and uncrowned cowards of the ruling class. There never is a war and never can be a war until the working class are willing to do the marching, the trench-digging and the actual fighting, bleeding and dying.

Let those editors, teachers, preachers, prominent business men and statesmen, who speak, write or even clap their hands in favor of war, take their place in the firing line, and there will be far less ranting about the honor and glory of war and there will be fewer humble homes of the poor damned with the desolation of war. Workers of Canada, take this from Emile Zola's flash lights from the battle fields of the Franco-Prussian war. "Nowhere do you see a shattered cannon, among the broken ambulances and splintered ammunition wagons, nowhere in the mire and mud of blood and sand nowhere among the bulging and befouling carcasses of dead horses, and the swelling corpses of dead men and boys—nowhere could be found the torn, bloated and fly-blown carcasses of bankers, bishops, politicians, brainy capitalists and other elegant and eminent very best people."

Listen you betrayed multitude of toilers, let those who want victories go to the firing line and get them. We don't want other people's blood and we refuse to waste our own. If the masters want blood, let them cut their own throats. Yours for an industrial republic.—H. Thurtell.

Par-Ethnic Anthem

God save the people all, Where'er their lot may fall, Both bond and free, Who work the gloomy mine, Who draw the textile twine, Who plow the foaming brine, Or follow lea. All title that exist, Might vanish from the list, And earth still thrive, But if the hand should stop, That reaps each toilsome crop, The state would lose its prop, Not long survive. God prosper Labors' hand, Lined to every land, In light salute, Its victories richly reap, Would know the nations' tongue, Forever mute.—M. H. Nicholson.

Said the Master of Men

Horace Traubel, in Chants Communal, (Albert and Charles Boni, 96 Fifth Ave., New York.)

Said the master of men "Keep out of the earth. Keep out of the air. Do not swim in the water. Do you suppose the harvest of the field are yours? Do you suppose that the air is intended for you to breathe? Do you suppose that the water is made to drink? You have a licentious imagination. Why do you suppose I have fenced in the earth? Why do you suppose I charge you a solid rate for the opportunity to live? Do you believe you have some rights to life which the air, the water, the field, in spite of me, are bound to respect? You do not count up your two and three. I am a tollgate and you are my toll. I am the gatekeeper of heaven and you must pay me to get in. I am the portal to all the vista of time. Through me you eat, drink and make merry. If you deny me you starve, you thirst, you mourn. But for me life would not live. But for me the earth would be a desert. Useless, am I? Where did you go to school? Sixty generations of children have been taught my gospel. As many generations of grown up men and women have suffered and starved to prove—me. I am the taxrate and the law. Ideas may be true. Dreams may be true. You may have a Hebrew or another Bible that is true. But nothing is so true as my omnipresent assessment. I drain the clouds dry. I take from the earth till its last blossom withers. I take from the heart of man till its last hope is lost. What comes so much prove me true as the length of my arm? That my will reach its palm into any pocket, into any estate, into any heart. And when it is withdrawn, nothing is left. I live by special names. But these names rightly spelled spell names. By some I am called rent. By some I am called interest. By some I am called profit. But I neither court nor reject any name. As long as I can accomplish my object I am willing to accept any name and equally willing to go without a name. When I suit my convenience I call myself rent. When it suits my convenience I call myself interest. I never say theft. I say rent and interest. Yes, and profit, too. The people I fool by profit are just as sensitive as the people I fool by rent and interest. They do not mind being fooled. They fool themselves when they get a chance. But they like to be fooled in the right way. They like to be fooled gracefully and according to the code. So I have to be perpetually on my guard. For as long as I rob right I am called shrewd and am envied by my victims, who are my fellow robbers. But if I mix my terminology a mob of professors is instantly at my heels threatening my increments. To show you how popular I am with the people I need only remind you of history. The people do not make the laws. But they make the lawmakers. And they always make the sort of law that suits them. They call me interest. The people do not own the factories and the stores. But they create the men who hold the titles to the factories and the stores. And they always create the sort of men who first of all take care that my breath shall be cheerily fattened. And so on. Now, if the people did not mean me to be exactly what I am the people would refuse to make it possible for me to live just as I do. The people are very good. They provide for me before they provide for themselves. They take care that I have enough to eat even while they starve. And enough to wear and to cover my bed even when they are cold. I get my dues whatever happens. You look. You see the people in trouble. They are worrying over something. You may perhaps imagine that they have children at home without enough food to go round. Or that some other domestic tragedy has developed. You are wrong. Their grief is all about me. They are afraid they may not be able to do justice to me. They have no money and no way to get it. They see me going to the courthouse. So they wander wearily about the streets grieving for me. And sometimes they get despondent and jump into the river or blow their brains out to come to me. For if anything was to happen to disable me the country would go to smash. The farmers all farm their farms for me. Every spindle in every factory spindles for me. Every machine at Lynn shoes for me. The stores are conducted for me. The railroads run in furtherance of my estate. The people are my sworn allies. They are my stubborn friends. When my integrity is threatened by some minority of the people themselves I do not need to lift a hand, in my own defence. The people do it all. They defend me. They are only too glad to demonstrate their loyalty. When rebellion I simply hold my peace and my usufruct and smile. Thousands of people will die in order that I may live. The clay of this world may redder with my enemies. But my blood is drawn. When the battle is over I reappeared and receive the homage that attaches to my sacred prerogative. I who am interest. I who am rent. I who am profit.

When the ship is saved, back to your avail if you have enough limbs left. Back to your bench, your machine to produce the world's wealth over which we have been fighting. The economic chains are fastened once again and if you demand that these chains shall be lightened then capitalism will club you and bayonet you into submission with the club of the thug and the bayonets of the hired assassins. Then they can laugh at you. They can sneer at you for your impotence, for they know that when you are in the very depth of all your humiliation they can present themselves as your nominees, as candidates for parliament. And you will elect them.

Fellow slaves, how much longer will you stand for this? For how much longer will you be prepared to shed your blood, sacrifice your life, to fill your master's pockets? You will fight for your country, you say. Where is it? How much of this glorious empire upon which the sun never sets do you own? Just as much as you can conveniently get into the forepocket of your window sill.

Fellow workers—let us drop our national prejudices and jealousies. The international proletariat begin to demand dignity and freedom. These will never be won until we fight and suffer. Where the workers fail to demand, capitalism drives them to the verge of throat.

Stand firm; let us each give and have the assurance of all our comrades, irrespective of creed, race, or color, that we will only fire a shot as we register our vote, viz: In the interest of the World's Working Class. We have no use for guns or powder. We want no war within the land: Let us strike for peace call louder. Lay down arms and join hands. But should these vile monsters still determine Heroes to make us in despite, Then they'll know full soon the kind of Vermin That our bullets hit in this last fight.

Movement will Gain Strength from War

War in Europe will strengthen the Socialist movement and imbue the workers of the world with real class consciousness. This is the prediction of James Simpson, Socialist Controller of the City of Toronto, who arrived here yesterday on his way to the Socialist congress. He returned to Toronto upon being notified by The Call of the postponement.

Simpson is Canada's sole delegate to the congress. The crisis in Europe, he said, will bring more workers to the joint hands of the world to get together. It is lamentable that the congress had to be postponed, as the question of a general strike in the case of war would have undoubtedly been the chief topic of discussion. "At this congress the parliament of the working class would have had an opportunity to express itself as to the underlying motives of the European nations in the present situation and as to what action the powerful working class should take. "The death of Jaures was a serious calamity to the Socialist movement. He was a brilliant statesman and fearless in his exposition of the Socialist position in opposition to the sophistries, forwarded by those who sought to divert the working class from the real issues. "His death can only result in the strengthening of the movement. His place in the hearts of the French people will prompt many of them to come into the ranks of the Socialists.—New York Call.

Workers Filmminded

Comrades—Kindly permit me through the columns of your valuable paper, to state existing conditions on Bear Creek bridge, at the six mile post, Gowganda Road, Ont. I was hired at Elk Lake by the foreman at \$2.50 per day, and told that nine hours constituted the day's work. After working 5 1/2 days I was informed that wages were only two dollars, and that ten hours constituted the day's work. I may state that during the election campaign we were told by the conservative candidates that the good old White government, was the working man's friend (7). Seeing that this is a government job, I would like some of the good old White government supporters to show us where the afore-said government befriends the workers.—Alfie Stevenson.

A Historical Parallel

By F. J. Flatman, Hamilton. Back down the ages during the chattel slave epoch, a slave-ship was returning from a commercial hold-up in Egypt. Great Business Acumen had been shown on this occasion and the results accrued were calculated to satisfy all concerned at the termination of the trip inasmuch as the number of slaves that had been captured (capture being the first right to ownership) far exceeded the expectation of those Christian gentlemen of Bristol, England, who were the backbone of the expedition. The galleys were full to overflowing. Chains (of the orthodox type good Swedish iron) held their slaves captive by the ankles and arms. Escape of course was out of the question, so peace, happiness, and contentment reigned supreme on deck. But suddenly the sky darkened and it became obviously apparent to all parties concerned that a storm was approaching. The galleys were full to overflowing. 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S.D.P. Bulletin

Regular meeting with Comrade Quirnbach in the chair. Members present: Morrish, Lochhard, Schrage, Quirnbach, Smith and the secretary.

World Wide Notes

On the 19th of July Invalidity Pension came into force on the basis of the English National Health Act. In return for a contribution of 3d. supplemented by 2d. from the employers per week, the insured is entitled after weekly contributions to sickness benefit amounting to ten shillings for 26 weeks and then a possible 260 shillings annually as invalidity pension until he reaches the age of 70.

accumulate a coal reserve for England's warships, that they saw no necessity for England intervening in a European conflict. Resolutions adopted by the miners asserted that they "did not consider overtime work in accumulating a reserve necessary for defensive purposes."

Enormous Cost of Recent Wars

Table comparing costs of wars in Money and Lives. Includes entries for American Revolution, England and France, War of 1812, Russia and Turkey, etc.

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For some time back the D.E.C. have felt the need of sending some comrade through Sask. and Man. to link up those locals organized and to further organize the province.

The French Union of Municipal Workers will hold its 10th Congress from the 9th to the 12th of September of the current year in Grenoble. The affiliates of the organization which desire to be represented in this Congress have to pay a special contribution, corresponding to the number of votes to which they are entitled.

The English Gasworkers' Union, which also accepts other workers, held its Congress in Sheffield in June. The membership at the present time is a round 150,000.

The present European crisis calls to mind the vast cost of war, both in lives and money and serves as a reminder of the staggering immensity of the sum the world has spent on wars since the beginning of the eighteenth century.

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An astonishing rapid development has taken place in the English Shop Assistants' Union during the past few years. In 1893 the membership was 1294, in 1903, 13025; in 1908, 19710; in 1911, 22148. In 1912 there were a round 80,000 members and in 1913, 89,945.

The government of Germany has not suppressed the evidence against militarism by dropping the Rosa Luxemburg case. The Rosa Luxemburg government has been over 1,000 witnesses, and this evidence is now being published, not only in the Socialist press, but at great mass meetings throughout the country.

Beginning in the United States with the Revolution, thus excluding colonial wars prior to that time, which cost 30,000 lives, the United States spent \$135,193,703 on this conflict, and lost 30,000 men. The cost of the war to the British was \$710,000,000.

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On Motion charters were granted to Halseybury, Ont., as Local No. 90, Eng.; Sioux Lookout, Ont., as Local No. 97, Finn.; MeCool, Ont., as Local No. 98, Eng.; Quibell, Ont., as Local No. 99, Finn.; Brantford, Ont., as Local No. 100, Eng.; To Medicine Hat, Alta., as Local No. 38, Ukrainian, To Regina, Sask., as Local No. 19, Ukrainian, Local Elk Lake, Ont. No. 37 has been reorganized.

The auditors report books in good shape and correct balance of \$474.63. Report will be issued in detail as soon as all the P. E. C. have reported.

At present the men employed are being worked 10 hours per day, and are exposed to the scorching rays of the sun, and stings and bites of innumerable flies for the pittance of two dollars per day.

The Indian War cost \$1,000,000,000 and 49,000 men, while the Spanish-American War, the last of her conflicts, excepting the late unpleasantness in Mexico, involved a monetary cost of \$165,000,000; 2,910 lives were lost, but all but 306 of the deaths were due to disease.

European Debts

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Within the last year an ordinance was passed by the City Council of Clarksburg forbidding free speech, except on permission from the Mayor and chief of police. Application was made by the local for a permit for Strickland to speak, but permission was "positively" refused by the mayor, and no reason given.

Graft for the Slush Fund

Comrades: At our last regular meeting of the S.D.P. of C. we were appointed to act as a committee to draft resolutions, to be sent to Cotton's Weekly, and Industrial Banner for publication, and one to the newly elected M.P.P. for the Temiskaming riding, re the conditions prevailing on the Government Road between Elk Lake and Mountain Chutes, Ontario.

The Russo-Japanese struggle, Russia lost 388,500 men, and Japan 167,400. The money cost to Russia was \$1,200,000,000, and to Japan \$800,000,000.

Police Raid Socialist Meeting

Albany, N.Y., Aug. 8.—A peace meeting by the War Protest League, made up largely of Socialists, was broken up by the police here last night.

Ukrainian Executive \$17.50
Ontario Executive 50.00
Finnish Executive 200.00
Port Arthur Local 8.00
Galt Local65
Montreal (Jewish) 3.10
Montreal (French) 5.00
Cowanville, P.Q. 9.00
Medicine Hat, Alta. 1.00
Waldville, Sask. 1.00
Melfort, Sask. 2.05
Manitoba Executive 34.20
Andrew Samstad 2.00
Woodstock30

EXPENSES.
National Office, Chicago \$ 11.00
Galt Reporter, printing 1.00
Finnish Pub. Co. printing 19.85
Office supplies 9.93
Commercial Printer, Berlin 7.75
H. Wilson, Advance 22.00
Duty on buttons 4.24
Postage, etc. 9.60
Cotton's Printing 5.82
Express 80.00
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The fighting in the Balkan States was accomplished by expenses which ran deeply into their millions. In the first campaign, October, 1912, to May, 1913, the total cost to Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece, Montenegro and Turkey was \$940,000,000. The loss of life totalled 228,000.

Long Live the German Republic!

Paris, Aug. 8.—L'Humaine, the Socialist newspaper, publishes the following declaration by the German Socialist Club of Paris: "In this hour of sadness we express our sentiments of fraternity. German Socialists prefer to remain in your country of liberty, refusing to fight their French Comrades. We can no longer love a country which attacks a peaceful nation. Our sympathies are with you in defending the soil of liberty. Go on to victory. Defeat the criminal government of Berlin. Down with the monarchists! Long live democratic France! Long live the German Republic."

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The Slogan

Hear the cry of exaltation booming o'er the waking earth; Sweeping onward, ever onward, telling of the great new birth. Swelling in one mighty chorus of the long lethargic might That awakens from her sleeping. "Workers of the world, unite."

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