

War Portents and Propaganda Sweep the World

World Peace Forces Must Act Quickly

Under the smoke screen of fair words, vociferous professions of peace and justice by imperialist powers, and peace pacts pretending to limit armaments, there has not been since the World War so many war preparations and movements of fleets and troop ships and so much war and preparedness propaganda as now.

becoming financially interrelated as well. The Mond-Nobel groups which dominate in England have reached out into Dynamite-Hamburg while Dupont has been buying up the other great German trust, I. G. Farben.

Crisis Now Like The One In 1914

Middleborough, York, England—David Lloyd George, Liberal leader and former premier, tonight, drew comparison between some conditions leading up to the World War in 1914 and those prevailing in China.

Mussolini Is For Force In China

ROME, Italy.—Premier Mussolini has made it clear, in answering Great Britain's memorandum addressed to all the powers having interests in the far East, that he is ready to join the British in the use of force if the situation at Shanghai becomes critical.

Typical Radio War Preparedness Talk

(The following is from a typical radio war talk broadcasted recently from Chicago to thousands by Lieutenant Colonel LeRoy F. Smith, general staff, United States Army.)

All World Making Deadly Chemicals

PARIS, France.—The announcement by the ministry of war that a liquid flame throwing squad will soon be incorporated in every battalion of the French army has led to the disclosure that every army in Europe is now undergoing intensive training in "defensive" chemical warfare.

Pro-War Paper Owns to Guilt of America

(The following is an editorial in full from the Chicago Tribune.)

Sowing the Seeds of Fear and Hate

(The following is another sample of the kind of pro-war propaganda with which the nation is now being flooded.)

U. S. Forces Trail British Imperialists

Washington, D. C.—The U. S. S. Press with 258 marines has arrived at Shanghai from Cavite, Philippine island, the navy department announces.

Big Navy Men Busy As Coolidge Makes Navy Peace Gesture

While the advocates of a big American navy were launching their plans by which they hope to gain the support of the House and Senate for a big battleship program, President Coolidge addressed a message to Congress proposing a conference between signers of the Washington naval pact—United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan—calling another conference for the further limitation of navies.

Senator Predicts War Against Mexico

New York—"We are holding on to the nearest kind of an imperialistic policy in the Latin American countries," said Senator Wheeler of Montana at a non-intervention mass meeting in this city.

World Court Bar Isolates America

Washington, D. C.—The United States is definitely out of the world of Treaty powers, including Great Britain, notified the state department today that they are not prepared to accept the American reservations unconditionally.

1,200 Yanks Leave Honolulu

HONOLULU, T. H.—The United States transport Chaumont, with 1,200 marines on board, has departed officially for Guam—but unofficial opinion among the marine officers aboard is that they will land there within fourteen days.

War Against Mexico

After denouncing American criticism of British imperialism in Africa and Asia, Senator Wheeler said: "What hypothesis is what you are in the face of your preparations and the pretensions of your statements and near-statements when you let your own Government permit a few mercenaries in your fair city of New York to take away the sovereignty of the people in Nicaragua, in Haiti, in Santo Domingo, in Mexico or any other country."

Socialist International Warns of New World War

Condemns Soviets for Supplying German Reactionaries With Munitions

PARIS, France.—The Executive Committee of the Labor and Socialist International in session here has issued a stirring appeal in which it says that the spread of Fascism threatens a new world war and that the Balkan situation is similar to that of 1914.

Socialist Mayor Spurns Invitation of the War-Makers

MILWAUKEE.—Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee, has refused to appoint three citizens of Milwaukee to act as members of the Army and Navy Preparedness Committee, with headquarters in New York City.

From The Pen Of Debs

Every child is a potential revolutionist; whether he becomes one in fact will depend upon his intellectual, moral and physical training during the formative period of his career.

Radio Measure Threatens Censorship and Monopoly

NEW YORK.—President Coolidge could shut up the radio stations and "saw up public opinion" if the administration's conference committee radio bill before congress becomes law.

Tories O. K. Law Against Strikes And Labor Party

LONDON.—The government's program of legislation to restrict the power of labor unions to such an extent that another general strike would be virtually impossible received a vote of confidence in the house of commons today.

Nicaragua President Ousted to Complete Grab of State Bank

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Solozano, the duly elected president of Nicaragua, was compelled to resign in October last because he had instructed his financial agents in this country not to sell the Bank of Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan National railroad to a group of American bankers headed by Robert F. Loree of New York.

Labor Boycott of U. S. Imperialists Starts in Mexico

Mexico City.—It was fully expected in all Mexican circles that the procedure adopted by the foreign oil interests in dismissing their workmen on account of the new petroleum legislation would result in labor hostility to the Calles administration.

Coolidge-British Alliance, Revealed In Latin America, Is Real Danger In China

In December the state department aligned its forces to combat the enforcement of Mexico's oil land law, and discovered that the Aguilera Oil Co., owned by Royal Dutch Shell, which in turn is 51 per cent owned by the British admiralty, was preparing to accept the Mexican law.

Citizens Are Misled

"More than this, that same movement, this honest citizen, into thinking it was a bona fide patriotic movement. If my memory serves me right, the congressional investigation brought out the fact that it was not only financed by munition makers, but by foreign groups that were decidedly working to bring this country into the war."

Sherman On War

"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 lamentation of distant families appealing 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!"

Vote Today to Save Your Paper!

After eight weeks of magnificent activity on the part of the Appeal Army which was carrying the paper and the party rapidly to success, the vote to save the Appeal and the Party is gaining momentum.

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Army Members and Locals Show How It's Done

"Our circle is going to hustle for Appeal subscriptions. Could you help us out? We would like to get a list of Maynard subscribers with the date their subscriptions end."—Aili S. Lindfors, Maynard Circle, Ypsilanti, Mich.

"In behalf of Local Umastilla, Ore. I am enclosing five six month subscriptions for the Appeal and check herewith. We have decided to send the Appeal to five good prospects for six months rather than order bundles, as most of us are farmers and too busy to hand them out. When the six months are up, we will send five more six month subs."—Mrs. Minnie McFarland, Secretary.

"Several faithful comrades here want to contribute their mite to the Debs Monument. The Appeal is a glorious paper. I enclose a dollar for my renewal. I am extremely busy and cannot devote the time I would like to the great Cause in this super-epochal period of history."—Charles Bondall, Salem, Ohio, a veteran of the Civil War and Friend of Debs.

"Enclosed find one dollar for my renewal and a dollar donation toward sustaining the life of the paper founded by our great leader, Eugene V. Debs. Our cause is growing in this part of the country, but there are a few yet who are mistaken in favor of the Party."—Emmet Miller, Gasconade, Mo.

"I am sending you a list of names of subscribers whose subs are due to expire. Would you please cross out those who have not renewed, as I want to get after them."—Henry Hoemaker, West De Pere, Wis.

"Please send me the American Appeal for one year for the Library of the American Federation of Labor."—Julian Pierce, Librarian, Washington, D. C.

"Please find enclosed \$5 for which send me sub cards and Gene's picture. Where can I get in touch with someone in our state to get connected with the movement? I am a kid of three score and thirteen years and have been in the revolutionary movement 50 years. You sure are throwing light on the Mexican situation, as I am well acquainted with old Porfirio Diaz, that imp of hell, who kept the poor peons in subjection."—Albert Peterman, Cumberland, Iowa.

Socialist Party News

Colorado
Colorado Comrades, Attention! The bright light of the new day is dawning on the horizon, so let us rally and hasten the glad day in.

New England District
Boston
The Speakers Training Class has met regularly since it started two months ago every Sunday at 5:00 p. m. at 21 Essex Street.

Springfield
Erther Friedman speaks on February 20th at the Socialist Party Headquarters, 133 Bridge St. on "The Need for a Labor Party."

Greenfield
Erther Friedman speaks at the Socialist Party hall on Saturday February 19th, and Saturday February 20th, on the subjects of "War," and "American Propaganda," respectively.

Haverhill
Norman Thomas speaks at the Haverhill Forum on Sunday February 20th. Erther Friedman will speak at the Women's Circle on Sunday, February 27th.

who want to help out in this good work are asked to do so. The reactionaries tried to slip over a criminal syndicalism bill, but the State Secretary had gotten several organizations to oppose the bill.

Wisconsin
A letter from Ed. D. Deuss, St. Boisjan, informs the American Appeal that the Branch organization held a convention in Labor Hall, February 13th, and placed nominees in the field for the spring election.

New York
State Secretary Merrill reports that the four locals that he recently visited had fairly well-attended meetings. About half of the total membership of Port Chester turned out, and two-thirds or more of the membership of Yonkers.

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operated with other radical and liberal organizations in getting Socialist lecturers during the winter and spring months. The State Executive Committee at its meeting of last Sunday went on record to send resolutions of condolence to the daughter of the late Lucian Sanial.

New York City
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Ohio
Comrade John G. Willert, State Secretary of Ohio, sends out a letter to the comrades throughout the state, urging them to take part in Party activity.

Attention, Chicago!
March 5th is the last day for filing the City Ticket of the Socialist Party for the Election of April 5th.

Jessie Stephen to Speak in Chicago
Jessie Stephen of England, who is making a national tour under the auspices of the National Office Socialist Party, will speak at the Douglas Park Labor Lyceum, Keddle and Ogden Aves. on Saturday evening March 5th at 8 P. M.

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Appeal Army Activities

The Vote To Save The Appeal Slumps During the Week
The vote to save the Appeal and Party in response to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party for every one of the Appeal's 20,000 readers, which has been running better than \$100 a week, slumped to \$49.89 last week.

On Pledges
H. O. Fuhrberg, Seattle, Wash. 1 mo. Previous 1.00
Total on funds \$40.50
Total new gifts \$39.50
Previously reported \$7,453.84
Grand total to date \$7,493.34

Army Record
The Army slackened its pace to the extent of about \$100 less week as compared to the magnificent record of the week before.

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National Office, Socialist Party, 2653 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

C. M. Pankey, Harbor City, Cal. 1.00
H. L. Springer, Sayre, Pa. 3.00
Joe Cresap, Sanborn, Iowa 1.00
Chas. Glawe, Sanborn, Iowa 1.00
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Michael Kober, Dixon, Ill. 4.00
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Every sub. or dollar donated counts as a vote. Failure to vote IS A VOTE TO KILL THE APPEAL AND SOCIALIST MOVEMENT IN AMERICA.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Our Unauthorized War in Nicaragua

Actual war is going on between the United States and the people of Nicaragua. While this war has no objective the crushing of the government of Nicaragua, it is the result of the vote of the majority representing the wishes of the Nicaraguan people, the Coolidge administration assuming the attitude that there is no war, and that there has been no invasion.

But It Leaves The Five Strongly Enough Armed To Dominate The World

Even if the five leading powers have proved that they cannot be trusted to keep their own agreements with each other. Each has been busy since the latest inventions for mass-murder in secrecy, while it spied on the rest, and violated in spirit, if not materially the pact.

America's Isolation As A War Danger

President Coolidge's appeal for a renewal of the stalled Washington naval conference and the indicated answers from France and Italy, bring out strikingly the enormous present war danger on account of the isolation of the United States and the responsibility of the United States for a large share of the present situation.

Trust Gobbles Cooperative of Raisin Growers

The difficulties that confront co-operatives in trust-ridden, financially monopolized America, without political movement of the farmers and workers to back them up and give them governmental protection, is brought out strikingly by the announcement of a bond issue of \$5,000,000 for the Sun-Maid Raisin Growers Association by Dillon Read & Co., known for their control of Dodge Brothers, Goodyear Rubber, National Cash Register and many other corporations, which appears as the fiscal agents of this once thriving farmers' co-operative.

Get This Leaflet!

The recent manifesto of the Socialist National Executive Committee setting forth the position of the Party, on the Mexican and Latin American situation and the subject of war has been published in the form of a four page leaflet. It is necessary, useful and highly important propaganda matter that should have an immediate wide distribution.

Order Berger's Great Speech Now

The speech of Victor L. Berger on U. S. action in Latin America is ready for distribution. All that is necessary is for you to pay for the printing of them, which is \$5.00 per thousand. No profits are made by anyone, but we must pay the Government for the printing. You order the address them and mail them to the individuals everywhere. They come in franked envelopes, so there is no cost for postage. ORDER NOW at the rate of \$5.00 per thousand, from National Office.

APPEAL'S FEATURE DEPARTMENT

Harry W. Laidler, Editor

Our Imperialistic Crime Against the Philippines

(In two articles—Article I) Editor's Note

The report of Carmi Thompson, the Ohio politician, to President Coolidge on the Philippine situation and the sending of American marines and battle ships to the Far East again brings the question of Philippine independence to the fore. Are we going to abide by the promises we have made time without number to free the Philippine Islands from the pro-tection of America, or now that we have need for more rubber, are we going to tear up our promises and continue to dominate the islands for an indefinite period?

Refuse Filipino Vote on Independence

The opponents of independence claim that the Filipinos do not really desire independence, and the Philippine Legislature has twice passed a bill submitting the question to a vote of the people. But General Wood has vetoed it. The bill was passed at once over his veto, and the question is now before President Coolidge, but he has as yet not acted, and this country is placed in the position of not daring to ask the Filipino people what they want.

Violation of Our Principles

The situation therefore is this: the United States by force overthrew the Philippine Republic and has held the people of the island as subjects ever since against their will without recognizing them to our sway. But, as Lincoln taught, "Those who enjoy freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God cannot long retain it."

Plan Socialist Radio Station For Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (FP)—Purchase of a radio broadcasting station in Milwaukee is under consideration by the Socialist party. A station has been offered to the party for \$20,000. National committee man Victor L. Berger of the party has recently spent some time in Chicago inspecting WCFL, the Chicago Federation of Labor station, and talking the matter over with Secretary Ed Nockels of the federation and L. J. Lesh, its radio engineer.

Supreme Court Kills State Laws For Rail Workers

CLEVELAND—Protection for locomotive engineers and firemen on their runs, obtained in a number of states by legislation is practically nullified by the U. S. supreme court decision that the interstate commerce commission, and not the states, has the power to act in such matters. The case was an appeal by the railroads against a Wisconsin statute requiring certain safety for locomotives, and against a number of protective laws in other states.

Mussolini Adopts Extreme Control of Industry by State

The following dispatch from capitalist sources indicates that Mussolini is trying to save his system, as foreboded in the Appeal several weeks ago, by a form of socialism, as he sees it. ROME—Absolute control of industry by the state is intended in five principles laid down by the committee charged with the final preparation of the labor charter which was made public tonight. These five principles, which must be followed in preparation of the final draft of the document, decree conditions in the relations between capital and labor which amount to state socialism, with the recognition of individual ownership only so long as that ownership furthers the highest interests of the nation.

Labor Will Keep Troops from China, Declares Ponsonby

The British government will not send soldiers into China, due to the fact that the United British Labor Party will oppose such a move with all its strength and will have the backing of the great mass of the British people. British soldiers would now be in China fighting the Chinese had it not been for the determined opposition of the United British Labor Party against war in the Far East. These declarations were made by Arthur Ponsonby, prominent British Labor Party leader, Socialist and leader of the War Resisters League, at a large Chicago meeting under the auspices of the Forum.

By Moorfield Storey Dewey's Pledge to Aguinaldo

The United States is today holding a nation of Spanish subjects. Early in the Spanish War after Admiral Dewey had won his victory over the Spanish fleet in Manila bay our consul at Singapore approached Aguinaldo, then at that place, and induced him to agree that he would co-operate with the United States in the production of coal, the production of raisins, outside of the cooperative was stimulated to the point that it brought a rapid slump in the price to the producers but kept the price up to the consumers.

We Crush Philippine Liberty

This government we overthrew and attacking the Filipino army without any authority from Congress we began a war in February 1899 which lasted for more than four years, and was a very destructive and bloody struggle. As a result we established our control, and have now been governing the island for more than a quarter of a century. During this whole period the people have never ceased to demand their independence. They fought for it with all their might and have even secured a legislature, elected by a larger percentage of voters than vote at our Congressional elections, passed unopposed resolutions expressing their earnest wish for complete and absolute independence.

Thompson Finds a Military Government

General Wood and Ex-Governor General Forbes in their report on the Philippine situation said that the legislature is "composed of representative men" and that they "found everywhere among the Christian Filipinos (which compose ninety per cent of the population) the general desire for independence."

Chicago Radio Is Farmer-Labor Link

A radio broadcasting hour devoted to bringing the farm producer and the worker consumer closer together for their mutual cooperative benefit is one of the new features of WCFL, the broadcasting station owned and operated by the Chicago Federation of Labor. Every Wednesday night speakers booked by the Farmer-Labor Exchange will broadcast from the labor station, telling farmers how they may get a better price for their produce by cooperative selling, trade unionists how they may save by cooperative buying, and both groups how cooperation can advance their mutual interests.

Church Condemns Evolution Bills

Memphis, Tenn.—Expressing belief that legislation which would "interfere with the proper teaching of science in American schools and colleges is futile and can serve no good," the Educational Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church South went on record here almost unanimously as opposed to such legislation. There were only two dissenting votes.

Conditions Grow Worse in Italy

Italian Fascism is proving more and more every day that you can't run an industrial system with bayonets, as the following dispatch shows: ROME—Unemployment, which is officially around 15,000,000 or double that of last summer, is credibly reported to be in reality much more serious, but masked by the system of short working hours.

France, Italy, Spurn Plan to Cut Navies

PARIS—France has prepared a reply to the proposal by President Coolidge that the five leading naval powers hold a conference on naval armaments reduction. It is a polite refusal, but it is a polite refusal. The French government artfully declines the issue, proposing the League of Nations as the only organ entitled to judge the merits of the Coolidge proposition, and as the body which already has in hand the subject of naval limitation.

Philippine Flag Unfurled

Believing that the United States proposed to recognize an independent Philippine State "the flag of the Philippines was formally unfurled and independence proclaimed amidst elaborate ceremonies at Cavite on June 22, 1927. This was exactly two months before the American forces of occupation finally entered Manila. Events moved rapidly. The Revolutionary government issued its proclamation providing for a temporary constitution, until it could be replaced by one formally drawn by delegates from the archipelago formally assembled."

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The Deportation of Foreign Born Strikers Looms

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—Deportation for striking is a possibility that confronts foreign born workers in the United States. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers have been trying for over a year to unionize the runaway shop of Rothschild & Granet, formerly under union agreement in Chicago. The shop was signed up after a strike last summer but it broke the agreement at the first opportunity. The strike has been renewed with a strong but law-abiding picket line that has earned the respect of the police.

Railway Labor Gets Big Increase Under Watson-Parker Act

NEW YORK—The most important settlement ever reached by a group of railroads and their employees through the medium of mediation was signed in this city at 1:00 p. m. on Saturday, February 5. The parties to the agreement are the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and railroads representing more than 75 per cent of the railroad mileage in the Eastern territory. The principal result will be to increase the earnings of 31,000 firemen and helpers to the extent of approximately \$5,000,000 per year, effective February 1.

Canada State Railway Now On Paying Basis

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—Net earnings for the year 1926 of the Canadian National Railways—exclusive of the Central Vermont—amounted to \$45,400,000, according to a statement issued by the company last week. This will be sufficient to meet all interest charges due the public. Operating revenues for 1926 increased 8.69 per cent. Operating expenses increased 3.37 per cent.

Nicaragua Imminent

MANAGUA, Nicaragua—Armed United States intervention in the Nicaraguan revolutionary trouble is possible any day. This would mean the stopping of further slaughter and property damage, which is putting Nicaragua in debt, and would also insure the protection of American and other foreign interests at Matagalpa, where the coffee planters are completing their crop hurriedly, expecting an attack at any moment. They have asked that United States marines be sent to protect them, expecting an attack at any moment.

Chinese Reject Coolidge Offer

SHANGHAI, China—The Coolidge "peace" offer to China, that Shanghai be made a neutral zone, has been rejected by all Chinese factions concerned in the present civil war. The plan would alienate the greatest support in China and the biggest source of revenues in China from all Chinese factions. The Cantonese or Kuomintang look upon the

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offer as a scheme to cheat them out of the opportunity of gaining this seaport and raising the funds necessary to win the revolution. Cantonese and British Break. HANKOW, China—Great Britain has landed troops at Shanghai and simultaneously announced that its nationalist (Cantonese) foreign office here that the agreement between the two governments concerning the British concessions at Hankow and Kiangsu remained unsigned. While the negotiators, Foreign Minister Chen and the Chinese representative Owen O'Malley, British Charge d'affaires, refused to make a statement concerning their conference, it was reported that their negotiations would not be resumed.

