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## There Shall Not Be A New War—Against Socialism!

In these most glorious of all glorious days in history, when thrones and Capitalism are crumbling and the workers determining to become the masters of the world, the glory of it all is the despair and the gloom of the tyrants of capital and industry everywhere, who feel their supremacy tottering to its end.

With the coming of peace come new and mightier problems, new and mightier social struggles. With the coming of peace comes the threat of a new war against Socialism in Germany and in Russia.

The buccaneers of Capitalism have for one year been proposing that Socialism in Russia should be crushed. They have been proposing that a huge army should be sent to Russia to crush the Workmen's and Peasants' Government, the greatest event in the history of the world, the first time that the common people, the producers, were the conscious masters of industry, of government, of society.

These very same buccaneers, through the newspapers, are now mobilizing public opinion for a new war should Socialism, revolutionary Socialism, conquer definitely in Germany.

For in spite of slanders and lies, in spite of abuse about "anarchy," it is Socialism that conquered in Russia, and it is Socialism that is conquering in Germany. It is this Socialism that the hireling press of Capitalism objects to, and it is against this Socialism that it proposes to wage war.

If these proposals overwhelm the government, if a new war is started, the world will plunge into greater disaster than during the past four and a half years. If Socialism is conquered in Germany and Russia, it will mean black reaction conquering; it will mean that instead of the world re-organizing on the just and human basis of peace and fraternity, of the workers' mastery of their own destiny, the world will re-organize on the basis of imperialistic Capitalism, of more intense oppression of the workers, and produce an era of new and bloodier wars.

Should the reactionary press succeed in promoting a new war, the 40,000 American mothers, wives and sisters of the dead would become 400,000, and more. The lives of sons, brothers and husbands would be lost in a reactionary cause, the joy and happiness of our people become gloom and sorrow overwhelming.

The American people are happy. They celebrated joyously, spontaneously, irresistibly, the day the false news of the armistice came; and they celebrated again on Monday and Tuesday as people in this country have never celebrated before. And their joy and happiness was not simply because Kaiserism had been beaten, but because the war, with all its agony and terror, was at an end. They celebrated peace, the opportunity again to devote one's self to the human tasks of life.

And while the American people were expressing, are

peace, the black crows of American journalism united in a chorus against the Revolution in Germany and Austria, united in infamous proposals for a new war to maintain "order" in Russia and Germany, which means to assist the junkers and the capitalists against the workers and Socialism.

Where these men should have a heart, they have a dollar mark. Where these men should have a brain to use for humanity and progress, they have a brain to use for Capitalism and reaction. Where these men should use the pen for the people, they use the pen for the masters of the people.

Two days before the abdication of the Kaiser, the Boston "Post" suggested that it might be necessary to keep autocracy in Germany in control for some time longer!

Four days before the Kaiser's abdication, the New York "Evening Sun" declared that it might be necessary for the Allies and the United States to become an ally of the German Government to crush "disorder" and "anarchy" in Germany!

**These proposals are general.**

**This mobilization of public opinion is active and general. The men who write, but do not fight, are eager for a new war to protect Capitalism in Germany, to restore Capitalism in Russia.**

For four and a half years, these newspapers have been damning the Kaiser; now many openly suggest while others insinuate that Kaiserism would be preferable to Socialism. And it is precisely these newspapers that branded the Socialist as pro-Kaiser; but it is precisely the Socialist who is glad that the Kaiser is gone; and it is precisely the Socialist who objects to a restoration of Kaiserism in order to overwhelm Socialism.

Men and women of the working class: Do you realize what a new war would mean? Do you realize that your present joy would become terror and sorrow? Do not forget what war means!

A new war would not alone plunge Europe into disaster, it would plunge the world into disaster. Upon the American workers would fall the largest share of the burden. And upon the American workers depends the prevention of the sinister purposes of the newspaper hirelings of reaction. If these sinister purposes triumph, the United States would become the centre of reaction, with terrible consequences to our own people and the world.

German Imperialism thought it had conquered Socialism at Brest-Litovsk; but Socialism is now conquering in Germany. Socialism is the irresistible maker of a new world. Workers: shall you become the strangler of the new freedom in Europe?

The war is dead—may it rot in peace. But there shall not be a new war against Socialism! This is the great