

**COMRADESHIP.**

Two hundred and fifty thousand workmen participated in a demonstration last week organized by the Socialists of Budapest, Hungary, in the interest of franchise reform.

By direct universal suffrage, Sidonio Paes has been elected President of the new Portuguese Republic.

Socialist Party membership passed 100,000 in March and for the past six months shows the highest average membership the party has had since 1914, national headquarters announces.

Determined to oust Governor E. L. Philipp and obtain greater political representation, nearly 600 farmers gathered Wednesday of last week in a convention at Madison, Wisconsin, that rivaled the famous grange movement of 1872. The convention was called to present state administration and the Governor, whose private car lines are blamed for great losses in last year's potato crop.

A coalition of parties representing the big interests recently resulted from a convention held in Minot, North Dakota, to oppose the farmers' Non-Partisan League ticket.

A. C. Townley, president of the farmers' Non-Partisan League that captured all political offices in North Dakota in 1916 and which is said to be sweeping the great Northwest like wildfire, appeared lately before the Senate Military Affairs Committee in Washington to answer charges of disloyalty brought against the League. Mr. Townley quoted resolutions adopted by the executive committee of the League to show that the farmers of the Northwest are co-operating in every way in the prosecution of the war on autocracy. He refused, however, to diverge from the position which he took last year, that capitalists have been permitted to reap huge profits out of the conflict.

The Prussian Upper House has authorized criminal proceedings against Prince Lichnowsky, who published a statement lately collaborating the statement of Dr. Wilhelm Muehlon, an exile from Germany, formerly director of the infamous Krupp gun works, which substantiates the Socialist contention that the present war was a premeditated affair, planned by Prussian military leaders to chloroform the Socialist movement and labor union activity in the principal countries of the continent.

**CIVILIZATION.**

The Utah State Council of Defense has decreed that teaching of the German language must be abandoned by all schools, colleges and other educational institutions in the state.

W. V. Burke has to face trial for sedition, having been arrested last week in Greybull, Wyoming, where he was attempting to organize the oil field workers into local unions of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Mrs. Sheehy - Skeffington, widow of the Irish martyr, was speaking on the conscription and home rule questions to an audience in Red Branch Hall, San Francisco, California, recently, when her address was interrupted by federal authorities, who took her to the police station of the city. She was later released.

Rev. William Short, head of the People's Council in San Francisco, is being held in \$10,000 bail, on a charge of violating the Espionage Act. He was acting as chairman of a meeting of 5,000 citizens, in Red Branch Hall, when he was placed under arrest.

Miss Jeanette Rankin, Representative in Congress from Montana, was prevented from speaking in the interest of the Third Liberty Loan in the High School auditorium, Butte, Montana, because certain interests in control of the public's affairs were not in sympathy with the attitude she took during the strikes in that city last summer.

Mayor M. R. Carlson, of Moline, Illinois, refused a permit for a May Day parade of Moline Socialists, and denied the party the right to hold meetings on the streets of the city.

The Nebraska State Council of Defense has asked the regents of the State University to discharge certain unnamed professors because of disloyal actions and attitude. The Council was asked to make specific charges that a public hearing might be accorded the accused, but it is opposed to giving them a public hearing. The regents refused the request.

Lincoln Steffens, author, editor and magazine writer, was stopped from speaking at a church in San Diego, California, lately, after he admitted that he had criticized the United States government "for twenty-five years."

Joseph Wits and J. P. Antz, charged with trying to bribe military officers to secure exemption for 14 Mennonite boys, are held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, under \$2,000 bonds for the next meeting of the federal grand jury.

The study of German will be dropped from the curriculum of public schools in Seattle, Washington, at the close of the present term.

The Stand Oil Company earnings were approximately one hundred million dollars for the year 1917. After all taxes were allowed for, also depreciation and sundry reserves, over \$30,000,000 clear remained, to be divided up among stockholders.

A regulation providing punishment for any person who wears the symbol or displays the flag of the Sinn Fein Society has been issued by the Australian government, following representations made by a delegation of citizens who informed the Premier that the Sinn Fein colors had been displayed during processions at Melbourne and Sydney.

The United States Steel Corporation shows net earnings of about sixty million dollars for the first quarter of 1918, that is, exclusive of war and other taxes.

The school board at Buhl, Idaho, has withdrawn an order recently issued requiring pupils to be vaccinated before admittance to schools would be granted. Return of children who were kept out of school by non-compliance with the order was asked for.

At East St. Louis, Illinois, thirty milk dealers and restaurant proprietors were lately fined for violations of a food law which requires that milk offered for sale must contain at least 3 per cent of butter fat.

Profiteering in rents has reached such a stage in Philadelphia that it has become a subject of investigation by the Federal Department of Justice.

To stop profiteering in the distribution of ice to the people of the city of Philadelphia, the Food Administration at Washington has instructed Jay Cook, the city's Food Administrator, to assume complete charge of the situation there.

**AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.**

Two automobiles collided near the water trough above Mechanicsburg, Saturday. Each car carried a number of passengers. The one was owned and driven by Mr. Christ Bender, who was returning home from Meyersdale. The other one was owned by Mr. Andrew Rishel, and driven by Mr. Fike. The engine had stopped for Mr. Fike, causing him to get out of the machine and crank it. He forgot to disconnect the engine and the machine plunged forward into Mr. Bender's car, mashing the radiator off the latter and otherwise damaging it. Mrs. Bender was thrown against the windshield, sustaining a few bruises, no one else being injured.

There are those who think that Revolutionary Russia should have emerged as a perfect model straightway the Czar was overthrown. What the revolution needs is time and what the world needs is patience.

# WE RECOMMEND

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OF PLAIN PEOPLE EVERYWHERE."

**VARY YOUR DIET;  
WE ARE AT WAR**  
Director Crutchfield Tells Housewives to Watch and Be Governed by "Fair Price" Lists.

tables to take the place of wheat. Indeed, it would be far better for the health of the country if more vegetables were eaten, even under normal circumstances.

"Vary your diet. We are at war. Supplement and substitute vegetables and meat while they are plentiful for the specialized wheat flour bread. As a rule many of our foreign-born citizens utilize bread only as an addition to vegetable dishes. The lack of it would be no special deprivation to thousands of them. The American housewife can well afford to take pattern from these races.

"Watch the vegetable markets and prices. Some of the former are unusually low in price at times; then is the time to buy and consume them. The people of Pennsylvania must realize that they constitute a great army, and like an army they are under orders that change from day to day. The Food Administrator of Pennsylvania is the Commanding General. Market supply and demand furnish him the basis for the "Fair Price Quotations." Watch the newspapers for the published statements by our experts as to what food supplies are normal, plentiful or scarce and be guided accordingly. There is no danger of want in a single family in Pennsylvania as a result of our war conditions, if the housewife will but adapt herself to changing conditions of food supply."

**THE PASS WORD—"WAR"**  
"We have got to reach the place each one of us, where we define every decision in our lives as an act of war policy."  
"Everything that we do, plan, eat, wear, must be analyzed and measured from one single point of view—will it contribute to the carrying on of the war, or will it contribute to its prolongation?"  
—Dr. Alonzo Taylor.

**WHAT'S SO AND WHAT ISN'T**  
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**SUPPLY AND DEMAND.**  
No, Socialism will not repeal the law of supply and demand.

But, will we not have to fix arbitrarily the price of products?

I do not think so. But if it were necessary it would not be impossible. It is done to a large extent under the present system.

The United States government has set the price of the letter postage stamps sold in its postoffices. You can always find stamps at the postoffice, and you can always find butter at the grocery. The supply of stamps varies fully as much as the supply of butter does. The variation in the supply of butter and the demand for butter causes the price of butter to fluctuate. But the variation in the supply of stamps and the demand for stamps does not cause the price of stamps to fluctuate.

Has the United States government repealed the law of supply and demand?

No, it has not repealed it, but it has set it aside. It has arbitrarily fixed the price of stamps.

If there were a thoroughly organized butter trust, it could arbitrarily fix the price of butter, too.

The trusts do constantly set aside the law of supply and demand by arbitrarily fixing prices. For example, the price of oil is not fixed by the law of supply and demand at all. It is arbitrarily fixed by the oil trust.

These instances demonstrate that the law of supply and demand can be regulated.

We Socialists do not propose to attempt to repeal the law of supply and demand, any more than the United States government and the trusts have done so. If it is necessary, we will set it aside, as they have done.

But I do not think it will be necessary. I can see no reasons why we should have to fix arbitrarily the prices of products.

Of course, it will be necessary for us to put products into the hands of the consumer at their real value.

But, when profitmongers and middlemen are eliminated, the price of a product fixed by law of supply and demand will, in my judgment, substantially coincide with its real value.

The object will thus be accomplished automatically.