

Let no Man Choose War for Others

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If we do not have a war referendum just how do we know whom we will send to the front? Quite a few don't want to go, this is evidenced by the mad rush people make for caves and "bomb proof" cylinders. Others who favor war might be overlooked.

By all means, hold the referendum, count the noses, keep a complete record of them so that none shall be denied. Give the people what they want and let no man want for others.

Want neither peace nor war. Live a normal life and organize industrially for ham and hominy. This idea of moving underground before the undertaker has given the signal isn't quite the thing to do—it might be taken for "nerves" or cold feet. Heluva place to warm the feet, to come out smiling sheepishly and saying: "I wasn't scared, I was down there looking for a place in the sun—Lebensraum."

Anyhow Europe is putting on a fair to middling show—about 100,000 killed. Kinda tough weather just now to be holding a

kill-fest—raining like aichee-doubleell and the roof leaks.

The cost of this latest charivari is so great already the bosses will be almost demented jerking it out of the hides of the workers; and if the war lasts there will be no hides left to jerk from, and fashionable Mayfair will have to go gingham and dungarees.

Political parties are being put into the doghouse.

Los Angeles is so big in acreage because it required that much real estate to carry the original name—El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora La Reina de los Angeles.

They had to shorten it lest San Pedro take the bows.

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"Beautician" probably is the right name for them. They take a barn door and make a debutante of it.

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At long last private schools are getting a break. New Jersey public schools demand a compulsory "Salute the Flag." Use of public schools to disrupt orderly social intercourse should not be countenanced. Flag, school, and nation suffer.

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England peddled some more bills over Berlin.

On Westwall and Maginot, French and Germans are still making faces at each other. Germany sticks out its tongue and gets repulsed with heavy loss; France wiggles its nose and gets repulsed by terrific counter attack. Score: nobody hurt, but the wrinkles remain.

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What kind of democracy is industrial autocracy? Sweatshops flourish under industrial autocracy, and democracy can't seem to do anything about it.

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Fascism is industrial autocracy in its essence and democracy in its death form. It does not alter economic despair. It emphasises the ultimate disintegration of reason. Long time now the IWW has spoken for INDUSTRIAL democracy. Join them.