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Ben J. Salmon
Secretary Denver Branch
The People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace
Denver, Colo.

Denver, Colo. Oct. 29, 1917.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November, 9th, 1917.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BIELASKI

If you have not already done so, please have this man
Salmon looked into and get a complete report on his
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Nov. 5th, 1917.

Hon. Senator James Wadsworth,

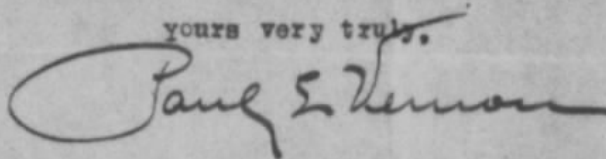
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose, herewith, a circular received this a.m. which seems to me to be seditious and should be prohibited from being sent through the mails. It is in line with the work of the German propaganda before our entry into the War.

Of what use is the sacrifice of brave men when we allow such material as this to be circulated which has a tendency to hamstring their efforts?

yours very truly,



PEV/EA

2 encls.

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WHO BENEFITS?

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Our slogan: Loyalty! First to God, then to our country

of every dollar of surplus wealth to pay current war expenses and all war debts.

We pledge ourselves to continue working for the safeguarding of labor standards, and to preserve and extend democracy and liberty within the United States.

ELIGIBLES

The People's Council wants only men and women of the type of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and William Penn to join its ranks. We are striving to help the government—not hinder it. The government is the whole people. Politicians are merely representatives—at the present time misrepresentatives.

WILL YOU HELP?

First, write a postal to your Congressman urging that excess profits of all businesses be taxed 100% to finance the war and to liquidate all war indebtedness when hostilities cease; also urge that the United States strive in every possible manner to establish peace throughout the world.

Secondly, send one dime to Ben J. Salmon, 222 Guardian Trust Building, Denver, Colorado; he will mail you a supply of this circular for free distribution among your friends. The 10c will pay postage, printing, etc. Somebody else paid to get this circular into your hands. Reciprocate by helping us reach others. "Do your bit." If you prefer not to order these circulars for yourself, order for a friend.

We urge you—act quickly!!! A crisis is upon us. Your efforts and our efforts will accomplish the desired results.

Since its inception a few months ago, The People's Council of America has enrolled over two million members. Help us to exert an influence by distributing some of these circulars, thus circumventing the war-profters' attempts to crush us. They have succeeded in preventing our meetings, but they cannot stop our work if you will procure some of these documents and pass them among friends.

For any additional information write to the National Headquarters of The People's Council, 2 West 13th Street, New York City, or to Ben J. Salmon, Secretary of the Denver Branch, Denver, Colo.

Freedom and Justice will dominate America if you as an individual will do your share

"Thou Shalt Not Kill"

KILLING THE WRONG MEN

By BEN J. SALMON

Secretary Denver Branch The People's Council of America for
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If, believing you were repelling entrance of a burglar into your home, you shot and killed your brother, think of the horror that would grip your soul when the grim fact became known!

Impossible to kill the Kaiser and his generals—we kill the wrong men whom he forces to guard him. Four million already slaughtered; he will feed the cannon millions more. Eventually the Kaiser's life will be in jeopardy; he will hoist the white flag, later sit at a banquet table after signing the document binding his subjects to pay a crushing war debt, then drink to the health of his erstwhile diplomatic foes, walk away carefree, burdenless, wealthy. Likewise the presidents and kings.

THOSE WHO SUFFER MOST

In all nations women and children are the innocent victims. Easy for a man to die in battle, large percentage of soldiers experience no death agony; an instantaneous flash hurls them into eternity. Crushing burdens and poignant grief bequeathed to mothers, widows and orphans, happiness snatched by the sequence of war profits, their hearts torn asunder, mutely suffering indescribable tortures. Truly an ostrich-like manner of protecting women and children.

Newspaper misrepresentation causes people to misunderstand the motives actuating, and the aims of The People's Council. This circular explains our position.

That Americans are against war was unmistakably evidenced when they re-elected President Wilson "because he kept us out of war." We are sacrificing American lives to settle an European family quarrel. Why not make those cousins and aunts patch up their own squabbles? Of course this would be less profitable for American financiers. Were we to demand that our representatives adjust differences by negotiation—which is the ultimate of all wars—or to themselves engage in physical combat while we do the watchful waiting, international problems would be solved amicably.

"No man can serve two masters." Christianity and war are opposite extremes of belief

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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: Ben. J. Salmon, Denver, Colo. <u>ESPIONAGE</u>			
German Activities.			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. At Scranton, Pa. RECEIVED MAR 18 1918			
<p>Referring to my report of November 16, 1917, upon <u>Ben J. Salmon</u>. Deputy U. S. Marshal <u>Henry W. Zeidler</u> handed me the enclosed printed leaflet entitled "Tax the Rich to Pay for the War", by Ben J. Salmon, and informed me that a large number of them had been sent to the Bartenders Union of Scranton, with a view to their distribution. The Union considered them seditious and are holding them subject to the disposal of the Government.</p> <p>As appears from my report of November 16, 1917, Ben J. Salmon was then secretary of the Denver branch of the Peoples Council of America, and this leaflet, like the letter enclosed with said report, is undoubtedly German propaganda. In my opinion Salmon can be successfully prosecuted under the Espionage Law for both matters and I recommend that such action be taken.</p>			
COPY OF THIS REPORT FORWARDED TO: Garbarino, Philadelphia, Samson, Denver.			

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<small>COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</small> Garbarino, Philadelphia		<small>BY:</small> Samson, Denver.	

GEORGE H. MURDOCK
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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United States Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Indianapolis, Ind.

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November 6, 1917.

A. Bruce Bielaski, Esq.,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find a letter
signed by Benjamin J. Salmon of Denver with
circular enclosed entitled "Killing the Wrong
Men". Also a circular letter sent out by the
"Milwaukee Leader".

These are referred to you for such
action as you may see fit to take.

Very respectfully yours,

George H. Murdock
Special Agent.



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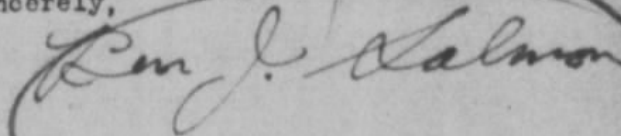
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WILL YOU COME TO THE RESCUE AND DO YOUR SHARE TO SAVE THE MILWAUKEE LEADER FROM THE WRATH OF OUR CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT, WHICH SEEMS TO DESTROY IT BECAUSE IT IS A SOCIALIST PAPER AND TOOK THE INTERNATIONAL POSITION OF THE SOCIALISTS AGAINST CAPITALIST WARS?

Dear Sir:

The Milwaukee Leader is keeping up the fight for its constitutional rights and for the freedom of the press. We have engaged counsel and are determined to maintain our right to send The Leader through the mails.

Today we are confronting a turning point in the history of our country. If the capitalist class can succeed in silencing the radical and Socialist press, all our liberties are doomed. Shall we permit this? That is the question for us to decide - and to decide right now.

We ask you, therefore, to help The Milwaukee Leader in its hard fight.

Please write at once to Albert S. Burleson, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C. Make a plain and firm protest against the treatment which The Milwaukee Leader has received--such treatment being un-American, unconstitutional and undemocratic--and ask the Postmaster General to restore The Leader's second class mailing privilege--but do not use any language that might be considered improper by the authorities.

A new point of attack has been made against The Leader. Following its suppression in the mails, the large department stores were induced by the so-called "Loyalty League" to withdraw from The Leader all their advertising.

Almost all of the out-of-town advertising was also withdrawn. The loss of the bulk of our advertising, combined with the loss of our mail circulation, is a hard blow to The Leader.

However, we must by all means keep our plant, which is worth \$400,000. This plant will be a power for freedom and Socialism in the future.

With your cooperation we shall weather the storm. As a true patriot & as a friend of real democracy, you will back The Leader in this struggle.

All over the country, The Leader's friends are responding to the appeal for a Press Defense Fund to save The Leader. If you have not already contributed to this fund, please do so at once.

This fight is your fight. It is your freedom that is at stake - and the freedom and the future of your children.

These are the days that try men's souls. Take your stand for industrial and political freedom.

Send all money to

F. W. Rehfeld, Business Manager of
The Milwaukee Leader
528 Chestnut St.
Milwaukee, Wis.

Please act at once.

Yours for the cause,

Victor L. Berger, Editor

E. H. Thomas, President Social-
Democratic Publishing Co.

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THE MILWAUKEE LEADER DEFENSE FUND

A Fight for Freedom of the Press.

MILWAUKEE LEADER, Milwaukee, Wis.
DEAR COMRADES:

Enclosed please find \$ _____ as my contribution
to The Milwaukee Leader Defense Fund.

Yours for constitutional rights,

Name of Sender.....

Address.....

City and State.....

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Mr. Frank R. Stone,
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My dear Mr. Stone:

I am enclosing a circular that arrived today which you probably have had other reports on but which I am forwarding on the chance that you haven't seen it. The Peoples Peace Council are evidently taking a new tack.

Yours very truly,

C. F. H. Johnson
Chairman.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Nov 3, 1917

RE: BEN J. SALMON
(Denver, Colo.)

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Post Office Box 1491
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Very truly yours,

Wm. J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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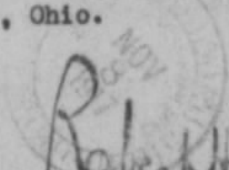
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CHIEF INSPECTOR, Washington, D. C.,

In connection with previous papers of a similar nature.

Pamphlet entitled "Killing the Wrong Man" received from Ben J. Salomon, Denver, Colo. by Mr. L.G. Hopkins, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Robert H. Barclay

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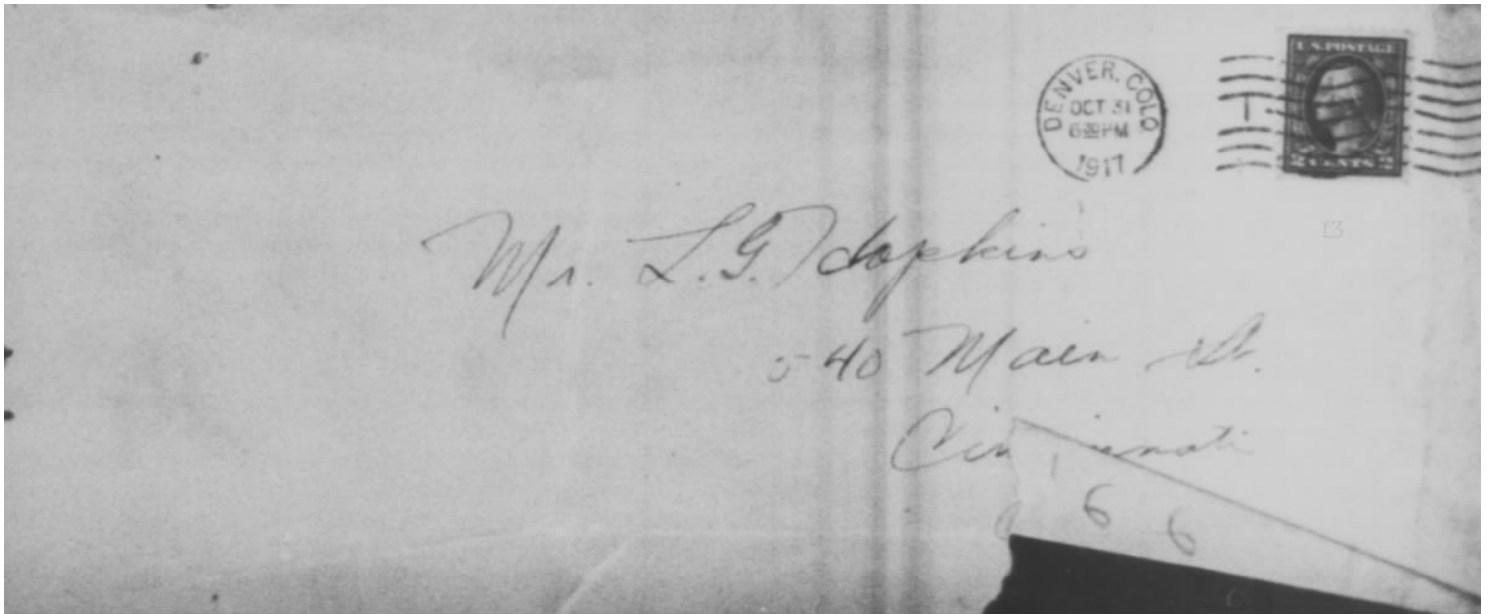
Post Office Inspector-in-Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

This is something received by a patron of this Office,
Mr. L. G. Hopkins, 540 Main Street, who kindly brought it in to us
and the same is referred to you for your attention.

Inclosure
D.-

Joel B. Stone
Postmaster.

Office of P. O. Inspector-in-Charge
ACKNOWLEDGED
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CINCINNATI, OHIO



Mr. L.G. Hopkins

540 Main St.

Cincinnati

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Lord Northcliffe.

In contravention of President Wilson's statements as to our reasons for entering the war and the objects to be attained thereby, Lord Northcliffe is reported in the New York Times of September 26th to have said that the American people were not fighting to make the world safe for democracy, but to make it safe for themselves, and that our participation in the war was not prompted by sympathy for any other nation or by an abstract fondness for democratic as opposed to autocratic government.

most opportune for Mr. Alfred Harmsworth, who, with an eagle eye, pounced upon the opportunity to make capital out of the situation by starting a furious and shameless German baiting campaign. The poison which the Daily Mail at that time injected into British journalism has never since been eliminated from the English body politic, on which it has grown like a cancer, destroying the sound common sense of the English public, so far as it pertained to its relations with Germany.

Mr. Harmsworth's nefarious scheme succeeded remarkably well, and his German baiting campaign not only brought milli-

ons of the Tories were counted, and heaped so as not to identify himself unnecessarily with the conservatives, and his reward came early. Through Lord Rothschild, Harmsworth had already been introduced at court, and King Edward, who appreciated his "business" talent, and who was even more than a match for him in political wiles, recognized what an enormous support could be secured through such newspaper magnates for his policies. Mr. Alfred Harmsworth became a frequent attendant at court functions, and finally in December, 1905, the king raised him to the peerage with the rank of baronet, i. e. Mr. Alfred Harmsworth was created Lord North-

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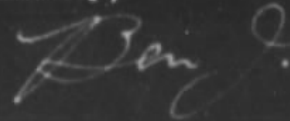
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Ben J. Salmon,
222 Guardian Trust Building,
Denver, Colo.

Lord Northcliffe.

In contravention of President Wilson's statements as to our reasons for entering the war and the objects to be attained thereby, Lord Northcliffe is reported in the New York Times of September 26th to have said that the American people were not fighting to make the world safe for democracy, but to make it safe for themselves, and that our participation in the war was not prompted by sympathy for any other nation or by an abstract fondness for democratic as opposed to autocratic government, but that it was self interest; or words to that effect.

Whatever purpose may have been in Lord Northcliffe's mind in thus discrediting the sincerity of our president, can not readily be surmised, unless it should be assumed that possible selfishness of our allies at the peace conference would look less objectionable, if similar objects on our part could be alledged. At any rate Lord Northcliffe's statement (it does not appear to have been challenged so far) will have more or less weight in proportion to his motives and character, and in this connection it may be of interest to peruse a penpicture of the man and his career, as given in an article contributed to the Omaha Bee and published in its issue of December 27, 1914, of which the following is an excerpt:

Up to the end of the Victorian period the English press decently reflected the good qualities of the English people (which they still possess) and even though papers like the "Times" were not particularly German friendly, it vouchsafed them honorable and gentlemanly treatment*).

During the latter half of the 90's, however, by the coming of Alfred Harmsworth, "the smart young man", yellow journalism was launched upon a prosperous career with the birth of the "Daily Mail".

most opportune for Mr. Alfred Harmsworth, who, with an eagle eye, pounced upon the opportunity to make capital out of the situation by starting a furious and shameless German baiting campaign. The poison which the Daily Mail at that time injected into British journalism has never since been eliminated from the English body politic, on which it has grown like a cancer, destroying the sound common sense of the English public, so far as it pertained to its relations with Germany.

Mr. Harmsworth's nefarious scheme succeeded remarkably well, and his German baiting campaign not only brought millions into his coffers, but gave him an enormous prestige, and made him a power within the British press. His golden harvest enabled him to found and purchase weeklies and magazines, thus widening immensely the scope of his influence, until millions absorbed the outpouring of his poisonous pen as their regular diet. — — — — — It caused innumerable novels and sketches of anti-German tendency to be published, which helped to make an indelible impression upon the public mind.

His success tempted others, and amongst them Arthur Pearson, who a few years after the birth of the Daily Mail founded the Daily Express, another half-penny paper of even lower standards than the Mail. It stooped to the very lowest sensations, brought the most impudent lies from all countries in the form of faked original telegrams, and was the paper which at the time of the Boxer insurrection published the fake news of the assassination of all Europeans in Peking, which caused the German emperor to offer a reward of 1,000 taels for every white person rescued from the boxers. Mr. Pearson enjoyed, like Mr. Harmsworth, only to a greater extent, the protection of the influential colonial secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, with whose help he succeeded, within a few

of the Tories were counted, and begged so as not to identify himself unnecessarily with the conservatives, and his reward came early. Through Lord Rothschild, Harmsworth had already been introduced at court, and King Edward, who appreciated his "business" talent, and who was even more than a match for him in political wiles, recognized what an enormous support could be secured through such newspaper magnates for his policies. Mr. Alfred Harmsworth became a frequent attendant at court functions, and finally in December, 1905, the king raised him to the peerage with the rank of baronet. — — — — — Mr. Alfred Harmsworth was created Lord Northcliffe. So far, however, Mr. Pearson through his ownership of the Standard still outclassed Harmsworth, but with the new title and the blind toadyism of the English public to the titled few, especially when possessed of luxurious castles in the country, the star of the newly made Lord Northcliffe was in the ascendancy, while the declining prosperity of the old respected London papers came to his further assistance.

While the old established Times gradually ceased to be a paying investment, its position having been undermined by such papers as the Daily Mail and Express, and when the Walter family, its owners since the eighteenth century, was ready to surrender its possession to its younger and more influential competitors, Harmsworth had his final inning and became one of the coterie to take over this oldest of England's papers, which has since then come into the sole control of Lord Northcliffe, and the newly-baked lord fully justified all the expectations of King Edward. Day after Day his many papers have agitated and preached German hatred, and in doing so have never hesitated to stoop to the meanest, malicious fabrications, but in order to give them a still wider scope, Lord Northcliffe started the Paris edition of the Daily Mail, and also arranged for an exchange of news with the Paris Matin, a paper owned and

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REPORT MADE BY: C. L. Keep	PLACE WHERE MADE: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: Nov. 12, 1917	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Nov 6-17
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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:
Re:- BENJAMIN J. SALMON
 Christian Pacifists

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Los Angeles, Cal.:-

Superintendent of the American Protective League in this city stated that members of the League had come into possession of a signed circular letter reading as follows, with which was transmitted a pamphlet entitled, "Killing the Wrong Men":

"Ben J. Salmon
 Secretary Denver Branch
 The People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace
 Denver, Colo.
 Denver, Colo. Oct. 29, 1917.

Dear Friend:

This letter will be short: sweet or sour according to how the enclosed circular impresses you. We want to cob-web the nation with these circulars. Five dollars will bring 500 copies to your address express prepaid. Will you kindly persuade a few friends to flick you a simoleon, send me an order for \$5.00 worth? The object: flood Congress with a demand that wealth be taxed to pay for the war, and that the United States strive for an early peace.

I hope you will not think me too optimistic when I tell you that three days after to-morrow I will receive your reply. Many thanks.

Sincerely, (Signed) Ben J. Salmon.
 Address envelope: Ben J. Salmon, 222 Guardian Trust Building, Denver, Colorado."

The pamphlet is as follows:

"KILLING THE WRONG MEN
 By Ben J. Salmon
 Secretary Denver Branch the People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace.

If, believing you were repelling entrance of a burglar into your home, you shot and killed your brother, think of the horror that would grip your soul when the grim fact became known!

Impossible to kill the Kaiser and his generals--we kill the wrong men whom he forces to guard him. Four million already slaughtered; he will feed the cannon millions more. Eventually the Kaiser's life will be in jeopardy; he will hoist the white flag, later sit at a banquet table after signing the document binding his subjects to pay a crushing war debt, then drink to the health of his erstwhile diplomatic foes, walk away carefree, burdenless, wealthy. Likewise the presidents and kings.

THOSE WHO SUFFER MOST

In all nations women and children are the innocent victims. Easy for a man to die in battle, large percentage of soldiers experience

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no death agony; an instantaneous flash huris them into eternity. Crushing burdens and poignant grief bequeathed to mothers, widows and orphans, happiness unstoned by the sequence of war profits, their hearts torn asunder, mutely suffering, indescribable tortures. Truly an ostrich-like manner of protecting women and children.

Newspaper misrepresentation causes people to misunderstand the motives actuating, and the aims of The People's Council. This circular explains our position.

That Americans are against war was unmistakably evidenced when they re-elected President Wilson "because he kept us out of war". We are sacrificing American lives to settle an European family quarrel. Why not make those cousins and uncles patch up their own squabbles? Of course this would be less profitable for American financiers. Were we to demand that our representatives adjust differences by negotiation--which is the ultimate of all wars--or to themselves engage in physical combat while we do the watchful waiting, international problems would be solved amicably.

PRO-HUMANITY

We are not pro-German, nor, like the newspapers, pro-English. We are pro-humanity. Regardless of nationality, we regard all men as our brothers. God is "our Father who art in heaven."

President Wilson, addressing the New York Press Club, voiced our sentiments when he said:

"I have not read history without observing that the greatest forces in the world and the only permanent forces are the moral forces. We have the evidence of a very competent witness, namely, the first Napoleon, who said that as he looked back in the last days of his life upon so much as he knew of human history, he had to record the judgment that force had never accomplished anything that was permanent."

We believe that love is more potent than armies, charity more efficacious than military strategy.

We are striving for REAL Democracy--not the kind that stultifies its name.

We detest Kaiserism so vehemently that we will exert ourselves strenuously to resist its establishment in America. The system of which the Kaiser is a personification is taking root in the United States; it must be repressed. Americanism has become a myth, while the most glaring anomalies are substituted for the standards purchased with the blood of our forefathers.

OURS IS THE LAND OF TYRANNY AND INJUSTICE

America is the land of pauperism. Destitution reigns supreme. To first correct the evils at home, thus setting Germany an example, is a surer way to "make the world safe for Democracy" than by entering our neighbor's domicile demanding he adopt rules that we ruthlessly disregard in our own household. Forcing Democracy on Germany while we stifle it at home! Ridiculous.

While President Wilson was leading the line of conscripted poor men's lives down Pennsylvania Avenue, the Senate was voting 4 to 1 against the conscription of rich men's dollars. Democracy?

Under the guise of expedience we are denied the constitutional right of peaceful assemblage; our meetings have been dispersed, meeting halls closed against us, our newspapers suppressed. Hence the necessity of distributing this circular.

WHO BENEFITS?

The war profits of the big trusts last year amounted to \$4,000,000,000. The average mind cannot comprehend the enormity of these figures. It is a notorious fact that a fusion of English and American financial interests precipitated our entrance into the conflict. How many American newspapers are free from British dominancy?

WHY NOT TAX THE RIGHT?

Senate reports state that the first year's cost of the war

will total \$18,000,000,000. In addition to this the landlords of the United States charge us \$6,000,000,000 annually for permission to live on God's earth. Tax this one item of extortion 100% as a war necessity, just as we tax a oil nab's life 100%, and wires will be pulled so sternly that official Washington will declare peace peremptorily. If the "interests" find it cheaper not to have war, it will cease. The poor man gives his life; the rich man reaps a harvest. War profit is the basis of all wars. Remove the cause-- the effect will vanish.

WILL YOU ACT?

The People's Council urges an immediate, general and democratic peace to be secured through negotiation in harmony with the principles outlined by the President of the United States and by New Russia, and accepted substantially by the Democratic forces of France, England, Italy, Germany, Austria and other countries, namely:

- (a) No forcible annexation of territory.
- (b) No punitive indemnities.
- (c) Free development of all nationalities.

We urge international organization for the maintenance of world peace. We demand repeal of the draft laws. We demand conscription of every dollar of surplus wealth to pay current war expenses and all war debts.

We pledge ourselves to continue working for the safeguarding of labor standards, and to preserve and extend democracy and liberty within the United States.

ELIGIBLES

The People's Council wants only men and women of the type of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and William Penn to join its ranks. We are striving to help the government--not hinder it. The government is the whole people. Politicians are merely representatives-- at the present time misrepresentatives.

WILL YOU HELP?

First, write a postal to your Congressman urging that excess profits of all businesses be taxed 100% to finance the war and to liquidate all war indebtedness when hostilities cease; also urge that the United States strive in every possible manner to establish peace throughout the world.

Secondly, send one dime to Ben J. Salmon, 222 Guardian Trust Building, Denver, Colorado; he will mail you a supply of this circular for free distribution among your friends. The 10¢ will pay postage, printing, etc. Somebody else paid to get this circular into your hands. Reciprocate by helping us reach others. "Do your bit". If you prefer not to order these circulars for yourself, order for a friend.

We urge you--act quickly!!! A crisis is upon us. Your efforts and our efforts will accomplish the desired results.

Since its inception a few months ago, the People's Council of America has enrolled over two million members. Help us to exert an influence by distributing some of these circulars, thus circumventing the war-profiters' attempts to crush us. They have succeeded in preventing our meetings, but they cannot stop our work if you will procure some of these documents and pass them among your friends.

For any additional information write to the National Headquarters of the People's Council, 2 West 13th Street, New York City, or to Ben J. Salmon, Secretary of the Denver Branch, Denver, Colo."

The following were epigramed at the top and bottom of each page:

"Thou shalt not Kill"

"No man can serve two masters." Christianity and war are opposite extremes of belief.

Re:- BENJAMIN J. SALMON: CLK Nov. 6-17 Page 12

Freedom is well, but freedom at the price of murder is not well. --Elbert Hubbard.

It does not take half the courage to die for your country that it does to live for a principle.--Dr. Alexander J. McIvor-Tyndall.

Unjust criticism never really injured an Honest Cause, while Just Criticism often vanquished scoundrels.--Royercroft.

It was the energy of ancient freedom that, the moment it had gained unity, made Spain the mightiest power of the world, only to fall to the lowest depths of weakness when tyranny succeeded liberty.--Henry George in "Progress and Poverty".

Our slogan: Loyalty! First to God, then to our country.

Freedom and Justice will dominate America if you as an individual will do your share.

I immediately transmitted one of these circular letters and pamphlets to Special Agent in Charge Melrose at Denver, requesting that he make appropriate investigation at that point.

Since that time I have received another copy of letter and pamphlet from Mr. H. A. Barclay, Attorney at Law, 606-610 Frost Building, 2nd and Broadway, Los Angeles, California, which had come into his possession.

It appears that these papers are being mailed broadcast, and that they are pro-German propagands of the worst kind.

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November 7, 1917.

H. A. Requa, Esq.,
Columbus Mining Co.,
1062 McCormick Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

In re: Ben J. Salmon,
Peoples Council of America
for Democracy & Peace

I beg to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your letter of November 6, 1917, enclosing circular letter issued by one Ben J. Salmon, Sec., Peoples Council of America for Democracy and Peace, Denver, Colo.

This matter will be given prompt attention.

Thanking you for your courtesy and co-operation, I am

Very truly yours,

Division Superintendent.

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Nov. 6, 1917.

H. O. Samson, Esq.,
Box 1491,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:-

In re Ben J. Salmon and The People's Council
of America for Democracy and Peace
Neutrality Matter

For your information and such action as you
may deem advisable I am enclosing herewith copy of circular
letter dated Oct. 19, 1917, and printed pamphlet distributed
by one Ben J. Salmon, Secretary Denver Branch of the People's
Council of America for Democracy and Peace, 222 Guardian Trust
Bldg., Denver. I am enclosing also the envelope in which the
circular was sent through the United States mails.

Very truly yours,

Division Superintendent.

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REPORT MADE BY: H. H. Bowling	PLACE WHERE MADE: Phila., Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE: Nov. 26, 1917	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/25/17
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BENJAMIN J. SALMON</u> (Miscellaneous Matter)</p>			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.: <p><u>At Atlantic City, N.J.:</u></p> <p>A letter was received by Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Office from <u>A. B. Bielaski, Esq., Chief, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.</u>, dated November 21st 1917, initialed AHP:MPH, which read as follows:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"We have recently received from the Office of Naval Intelligence a letter addressed to the Postmaster at Atlantic City, concerning Benjamin J. Salmon of the People's Council of America.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Please endeavor to find out from the Postmaster how this complaint reached the Naval Intelligence."</p> <p>As I was in Atlantic City on this date in regard to other matters, I proceeded to <u>2807 Pacific Avenue</u> and interviewed <u>Wm. E. Landenslager</u>, postmaster of Atlantic City, in regard to the above matter. He informed me that he had no knowledge whatever of this letter. He stated that he often received letters from <u>Captain Van Boskerck</u> of the <u>Naval Intelligence, Philadelphia, Pa.</u>, in regard to some little matters, but did not recall having heard anything concerning <u>Benjamin J. Salmon</u> of the <u>People's Council of America</u>. He further stated that if he found any information in his letter files in regard to this man, he would notify <u>Mr. Frank L. Garbarino</u>, Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Office, Department of Justice.</p>			
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<small>REPORT MADE BY:</small> M. Eberstein,	<small>PLACE WHERE MADE:</small> Omaha, Nebr.,	<small>DATE WHEN MADE:</small> Nov. 8th, 1917	<small>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:</small> Nov. 2nd-17
<small>TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:</small> In re Ben. J. Salmon, Sec'y. Denver Branch, The People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace.			
<small>STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.</small> <u>In Omaha, Nebr.</u>			

Following letter together with circular was referred to this office Nov. 2nd, 1917, by F. A. Brogan 1300 First National Bank Building:

"This letter will be short; sweet or sour according to how the enclosed circular impresses you.

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I hope you will not think me too optimistic when I tell you that three days after to-morrow I will receive your reply. Many thanks."

The circular is too long to quote in report and is hereto attached for information of chief.

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REPORT MADE BY: F. A. WELCHER	PLACE WHERE MADE: SAN DIEGO	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-31-17	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-29-17
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: <p style="text-align: center;">IN RE: EDWARD L. JEFFERSON P. W. W. Activities.</p>			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. at San Diego, California: ✓			
<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-15deg);">RECEIVED NOV 13 1917 Bureau of Investigation DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</p> <p>I procured a search warrant from United States Commissioner <u>Charles C. Burch</u> to search the residence of <u>Edward L. Jefferson</u> 1146 11th Street, this City, and also the office of <u>Jefferson and Thomas</u> Mr. Jefferson being in partnership with Mr. Thomas in the architectural business at 432 "F" Street, this City.</p>			
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REPORT MADE BY: ROY C. McHenry	PLACE WHERE MADE: Beranton, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE: Nov. 16, 1917	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Nov. 16.
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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:
Ben J. Salmon, Secretary Denver Branch, The People's Council of America, Denver, Colorado. Violation of Espionage

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.
 From Binghamton, N. Y.

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John R. Weeks, in charge of the Weather Bureau at Binghamton, forwarded to me the enclosed letter which was placed in his hands by Major Edward P. McKinney, 99 Henry St., Binghamton, which is apparently a violation of the Espionage Law. The letter is enclosed in the original envelope in which it was received. I presume that Major McKinney was selected as the recipient on account of his being a wholesale grocer, and undoubtedly he could not testify as to being signed in the actual handwriting of Salmon. The enclosed circular was in the letter and it is this which constitutes the violation, if any, of the act of Congress.

I am forwarding this, with another report, special, as I have no opportunity to run out my expense account for the past three days at present.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy C. McHenry
 Special Agent.

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Mr. Weeks
Dear Sir: This was
rec'd two days ago
and I thought it
referred to you
F. L. McKinney.

Mr. C. P. Mc Kinney
99 Henry St.
Binghamton
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Ben J. Salmon, Secretary Denver Branch, The People's Council of America, Denver, Colorado. Violation of Espionage Law.

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Respectfully submitted,

Roy C. McHenry
Special Agent.

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Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation.

Cleveland, Ohio.

November 8, 1917.

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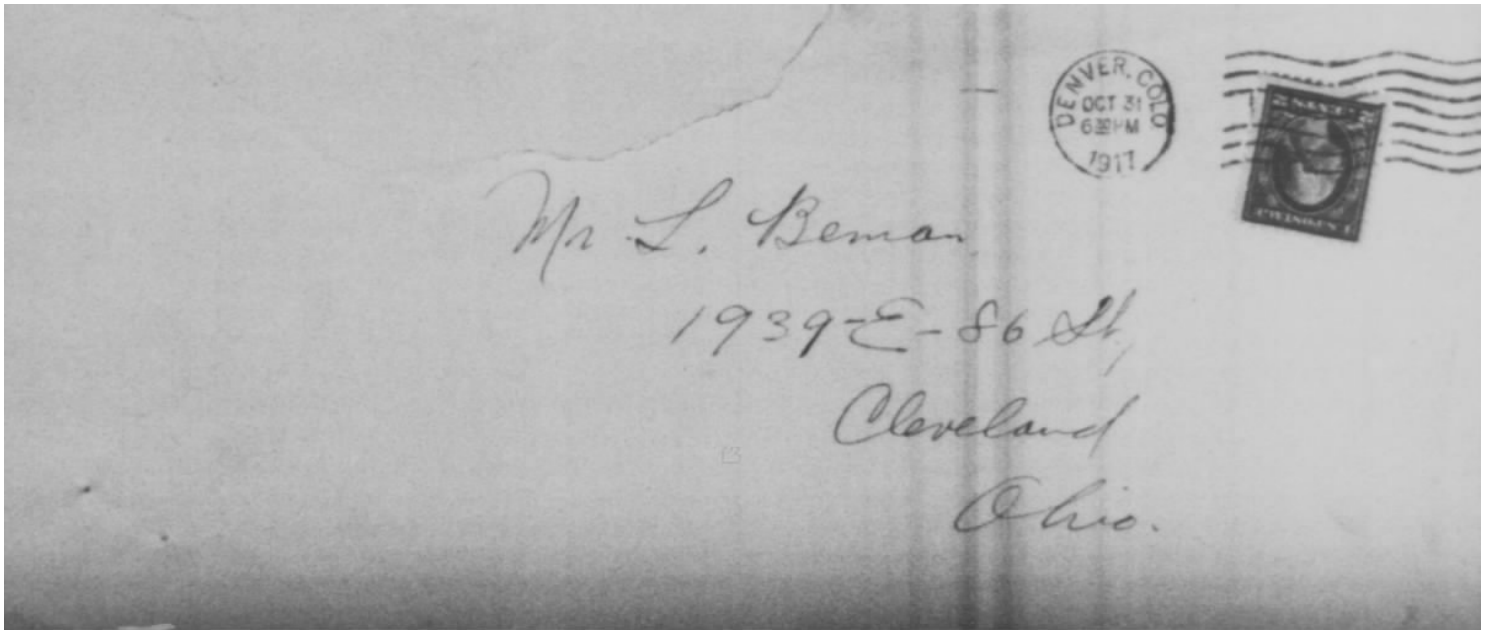
A. Bruce Bielaski, Esq., 28995
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 1st instant transmitting an anonymous printed pamphlet being distributed over the country and emanating from Denver, Colorado, I am in receipt of a letter this morning from the Honorable Lamar T. Beman, Director of Public Welfare of the City of Cleveland, transmitting a circular from Ben J. Salmon, 222 Guardian Trust Building, Denver, Colorado, the office of the Secretary of the Denver branch of the People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace, and also a printed pamphlet entitled "Killing the Wrong Men" by Salmon, together with the stamped envelope which carried this literature to Mr. Beman. The handwriting on the envelope is somewhat similar to the anonymous chain letter pamphlet referred to in my letter of the 1st instant, and tends to indicate that all of this seditious literature is emanating from the office of the Secretary of this People's Council, the general headquarters of which are at No. 2 West 13th Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

Chas. Sewoody
Special Agent.



Mr. L. Beman

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Executive Offices: 929 Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

December 5, 1917.

Re: Ben J. Salu

Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing some literature sent today by
Mr. Lloyd C. Whitman of Chicago, Illinois, our representative
there. This has probably come to your attention, but if
it has not you might be interested in seeing it.

I am also enclosing copy of a letter sent by Dr.
F. M. Teas of Denison, Texas.

Faithfully yours,

Executive Secretary.

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REPORT MADE BY: Norman L. Gifford	PLACE WHERE MADE: Boston, Mass.	DATE WHEN MADE: January 3, 1918, Dec. 30 '17.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. <u>At Boston, Mass.:</u> Pursuant to suggestion of Special Agent in Charge Schmid, and based on letter from the U. S. Attorney's office dated November 16, 1917, with two enclosures, both mailed from Denver October 31st, one to <u>Mr. A. Shattuck</u> , 60 State Street, Boston, and the other to <u>Mr. D. Ambrose</u> , Woburn, Mass., each containing a pamphlet entitled "Killing The Wrong Men" by <u>Benjamin J. Salmon</u> , Secretary, Denver Branch, The People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace. Also, each contained the following letter, signed by Benjamin J. Salmon. "Ben J. Salmon Secretary Denver Branch The People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace Denver, Colo. Denver, Colo. Oct. 29, 1917. Dear Friend: This letter will be short; sweet or sour according to how the enclosed circular impresses you. We want to cob-web the nation with these circulars. Five dollars will bring 600 copies to your address express prepaid. Will you kindly persuade a few friends to flick you a simoleon, send me an order for \$5.00 worth? The object: flood congress with a demand that wealth be taxed to pay for the war, and that the United States strive for an early peace. I hope you will not think me too optimistic when I tell you that three days after to-morrow I will receive your reply. Many thanks. Sincerely, (signed) Ben J. Salmon Address envelope: Ben J. Salmon, 222 Guardian Trust Building, Denver, Colo." Agent proceeded to study the literary style of "Killing The Wrong Men" and comparing this with the LaFollette or pro-German leaflet.			
COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Boston-Denver-Chicago Offices.			

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

H. L. G. ----- 12/30/17

In re: Benjamin J. Salmon:

photostatic copy of which is attached to report of even date, under title "LaFollette or Pro-German Propaganda." They do not appear, in Agent's opinion, to be composed by the same author, although they may have very likely been sent out from the same source. Copy of this report is being forwarded to the Denver and Chicago offices, and in the absence of further information, unless otherwise instructed, no investigation will be pursued here at this time. Case will be held open under observation in the expectation of further evidence developing.

Subsequent report will be made.

12-7-17

TO JUSTICE

OPERATIVE GODDARD REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 21st AS FOLLOWS:

Denver, Colo.

Report in regard to Ben J. Salmon, of Denver; he is an attorney, young, well educated and full of misdirected energy. He wants publicity and when he issued his circular "Killing the Wrong Man" he realized he had gone a little too far, and on November 5th he wrote to the U. S. Attorney for Colorado, copy enclosed, stating he had destroyed five thousand of the circulars, and intimating that he had been used by others. He says he has caused the People's Council to abandon its public meetings, etc.

I asked him about his associations with Hanzak and others, and told him he was coming as close as possible to violations of the law as he felt he could with safety. I enclose herewith a new circular he is issuing "Tax the Rich to pay for the war". He refused to tell me who the little girl is who was forced to buy a Liberty Bond. I told him if he wanted to show his loyalty he would ascertain who is printing and issuing the enclosed circular in Denver. He promised to do so. I am enclosing the papers herewith and do not think Salmon will give us much trouble in future.

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"No Further investigation unless otherwise instructed."

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REPORT MADE BY C. E. Breniman	PLACE WHERE MADE San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE Feb. 6, 1918	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Feb. 6th
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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION.
**IN RE BEN J. SALMON,
Pro-German propaganda.**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.
The following letter and enclosure have been received:
Yoakum, Texas, Feb. 4, 1918.

**Mr. C. E. Breniman,
Department of Justice,
San Antonio, Texas.**

Dear Mr. Breniman:

I am sending you enclosed a circular that is being distributed pretty freely here in Yoakum by some parties. I have not been able to find out who he is. After reading it, you can determine what action if any to take.

Very truly yours,
F. W. Ledbetter.

**TAX THE RICH.
TO PAY FOR THE WAR.**

By Ben. J. Salmon

WE ARE TOLD THAT WE ARE AT WAR "TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY".

While President Wilson was leading the line of conscripted poor men's lives down Pennsylvania avenue, the Senate was voting 4 to 1 against the conscription of rich men's dollars. Is this Democracy?

SWAT THE CONSUMER.

The slogan of our lawmakers seems to be "Swat the Consumer".

Incomes have been taxed only slightly. Approximately one billion dollars placed against this source of revenue. War profits taxed approximately the same amount. But the things we eat and wear, with a few amusements and luxuries thrown in, must pay approximately \$19,000,000,000. Nearly nineteen times as much as war profits or incomes. Nineteen thousand millions of dollars in

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Pro-German propaganda.

Wm. E. Brennan
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taxes placed upon those least able to pay.

IS THIS A WAR FOR PROFIT?

War profits of a small group of big trusts amounted to \$4,000,000,000 last year. Last year, this year, and every year the landlords of America collect approximately \$6,000,000,000 for permitting us to live on God's earth. These are only partial enumerations of profiteering instances.

The poor man's life has been taxed 100 per cent. That is, he has been conscripted for the period of the war, and in many cases, for eternity. Why not make the rich man give everything about \$5,000 a year during the war in order to help conquer the Kaiser?

We are told that wars are fought to protect the lives and wealth of a nation. Lives are being taken to defend life; why not make wealth defend wealth?

COMPETING WITH THE U. S. MINT.

Among other lucrative enterprises, the newspapers of this nation are making money so fast they almost rival the United States Mint. These same newspapers were largely instrumental in precipitating America's entrance into the conflict. If they are sincerely patriotic, they will gladly turn their profits over to Uncle Sam.

The columns of newspapers are filled with exultations of patriotism. All that is required to make these proclamations dynamic is a unified demand by the great mass of Americans that the profits of all businesses above \$5,000 per year be taxed 100 per cent to prosecute the war and to liquidate all war indebtedness. The "five thousand" per annum will enable captains of industry to discharge personal obligations without serious inconvenience.

NECESSITY DEMANDS IT.

Right or wrong, we are at war. Newspapers have been suppressed, citizens jailed for asserting their constitutional rights of free speech, peaceful assemblages dispersed by the authorities, all in the

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name of "war necessity". Granted that these onslaughts against Democratic institutions were necessary, in order to insure success for America, how much more necessary to conscript the wealth of the inordinately opulent that an ample supply of provisions for the army and navy may be procured!

If the exigencies of war demand that ordinary privileges of the people be denied, should not the rich be denied the use of surplus gold? Especially that surplus accruing as a sequence of war.

JUSTICE.

Americans despise the very name "autocracy", and we deplore the misery that autocratic rule entails. I know of a little orphan girl in Denver who works for \$7.00 a week. She was virtually compelled to purchase a \$50.00 liberty bond. This savors too much of autocracy, especially when her immensely wealthy sisters escape practically free. Of course, our little friend could have declined, and suffer the loss of her position, but circumstances intervened; she needs the few dollars weekly to keep soul and body together. This case is only one of thousands proximately and remotely similar.

A government, sponsoring methods of raising finances that weigh so heavily upon the poor and so lightly upon the rich is not sincere in its pretensions of Democracy.

We must buckle on our armor and sally forth to victory in the present campaign to squeeze every dollar of surplus wealth out of war; the present war, and future wars.

CAN THEY AFFORD IT?

The little girl could ill afford to contribute \$50.00. But she did it. Below is a list of only a few financiers who will be more greatly benefited by the present war than the little orphan girls:

Name.	Amount of Wealth.
John D. Rockefeller	\$500,000,000
Andrew Carnegie	500,000,000
William Rockefeller	200,000,000

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Name.	Amount of Wealth.
Estate of Marshall Field	\$120,000,000
George F. Baker	100,000,000
Henry Phipps	100,000,000
Henry C. Frick	100,000,000
William A. Clark	80,000,000
Estate of J. P. Morgan	75,000,000
Estate of H.H. Harriman	68,000,000
Estate of Russell Sage	64,000,000
W. K. Vanderbilt	50,000,000
Estate of John S. Kennedy	65,000,000
Estate of John J. Astor	70,000,000
W. W. Astor	70,000,000
J. J. Hill	70,000,000
Isaac Stephenson	74,000,000
Jay Gould estate	70,000,000
Estate of Mrs. Hetty Green	60,000,000
Estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt	60,000,000
Estate of William Weightman	50,000,000
Estate of Ogden Goelet	60,000,000
W. I. Moore	50,000,000
Arthur C. James	50,000,000
Estate of Robert Goelet	60,000,000
Guggenheim estate	50,000,000
Thomas F. Ryan	50,000,000
Edward Morris	45,000,000
J. O. Armour	45,000,000

Why not take as much proportionally from these and other rich men as we did from the little orphan girl and her poor sisters? We leave the poor with less than enough to pay for a meagre living; would it be wrong to leave a rich man only \$5,000 per year, or should he have as much as his avaricious temperament craves?

SLACKERS, EVERY ONE OF THEM.

Tax the land slackers, the coal slackers, the food slackers, the munition slackers, the iron slackers, the oil slackers, the copper slackers, the lumber slackers, the clothing slackers. Tax 'em all, and tax them 100 per cent, just as we tax the poor man's life 100 per cent.

IT IS ONLY FAIR.

We have forced men to join the army, it is only fair that we compel wealth to back them up.

The multitudinous taxes levied upon men of ordinary means, and upon the poor, are hindering the success of our armies in the field. Until every dollar of surplus wealth in America is conscripted and

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expended we should not allow one penny of taxation to inhibit our chances of defeating the Kaiser! Every time we place burdens upon industry, we make it that much easier for the Kaiser to kill American boys at the front. This is the most despicable treachery imaginable. Sending a man out to stop bullets and then tying his hands so that he cannot defend himself. The vilest form of treason!

THREATS ARE WORSE THAN USELESS.

Threatening to tax the rich will avail nothing. Suppose we merely threatened to conscript America's manhood?

Conscript the wealth of the nation, and if the rich man kicks let him kick; we want to win this war.

On innumerable occasions, President Wilson has proven himself the friend of the oppressed. He will help us force Congress to tax wealth if we do our share.

In this circular, the injustices of taxing the poor to finance this war has been stated mildly. The masses keenly feel the iniquity, language cannot adequately express the seething dissatisfaction that, unless remedial legislation is enacted, will inevitably manifest itself in tumultuous disapproval.

If this wrong is not righted, the American people will be justified in inaugurating a movement to repudiate all war debts.

WILL YOU HELP?

You surely will not be a slacker in this critical hour! Help agitate the taxation of war profits, and incomes. Distribute some of these circulars. Address an envelope: "National War Profits Tax League, Room 222 Guardian Trust Building, Denver, Colorado"; enclose a dime or a quarter or a dollar; you will receive a commensurate number of these circulars for free distribution among friends. Your enclosure will pay for printing, postage, etc.

Somebody else paid to get this circular into your hands. Reciprocate by helping to reach others. At the very least, you can afford a dime's worth. You will save yourself many dollars in taxes.

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and justly so.

"Do your bit" and the irresistible influence of popular demand will cause Congress to make the rich "do their bit".

DO IT NOW.

After sending for some of the circulars, sign your name and address below, tear off at the marginal line, mail to the President, NOW.

His Excellency, Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully urge that you, as commander in chief of the army, and navy, apprise Congress of the necessity of taxing war profits and incomes. As a matter of justice towards those who are giving their lives to America, every income of every person and every business in the United States that exceeds \$5,000 annually should be conscripted by the government to pay current war expenses and to liquidate all indebtedness when hostilities cease. If this is done, the billions of dollars this commandeered will obviate the necessity of burdening the already overburdened poor.

Yours for America and fair play.

Name and address

City and State.

(When you order more of these circulars, if you will enclose a note stating that you signed the above request and mailed it to the President, you will greatly facilitate the securing of your demand.

When two billion of these requests have been sent to the President, we have the promise of a Representative in Congress that he will introduce a bill providing for conscription of wealth in accordance with the plan suggested in the form letter to President Wilson. Don't fail to let us know when you mail the above request to the President. We urge you to act quickly.

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REPORT FORM NO. 1 EBH REPORT MADE BY: J.P. Rooney	PLACE WHERE MADE: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: Feb. 4, 1918.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Jan. 31, 1918
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: In re Ben. J. Salmon, Pamphlet entitled "Tax the Rich to Pay for the War" published by Ben J. Salmon.			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.: <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>At Chicago:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A. H. Bender, secretary of Local #208 International Machinists Association of Workers, who resides at 3153 Lowe Ave, Chicago, called at the office today and turned over to employe a package of pamphlets entitled "Tax the Rich to Pay for the War", published by Ben J. Salmon, said package was received via Wells Fargo Express from G. M. Clark, Secy. 303 Cooper Bldg., Denver, Colo., which package was sent to him and \$1.68, and he is unable to understand why these pamphlets were sent to him and believes there should be a stop put to the distribution of such literature.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A copy of this report is being referred to the Denver office along with a copy of the pamphlet in question for such action as they may deem necessary in connection therewith.</p>			
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<small>REPORT MADE BY:</small> R. C. Clayton	<small>PLACE WHERE MADE:</small> Brenham, Tex.	<small>DATE WHEN MADE:</small> Feb. 18, 1918	<small>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:</small> Feb. 18.
<small>TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:</small> In re: Ben J. Salmon Seditious Circulation			
<small>STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:</small> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At Brenham, Texas.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">There have been previous reports made on this matter.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">The following letter is received in that connection:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. R. C. Clayton, Yoakum, Texas, Feb. 11, 1918.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Dear Friend:</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">I am just getting straight again after quite a long seige of sickness in the family & office but beleave everyone is about OK now. Was up in Dr. L's office this am acct of a tooth & while I was there. Two men came in and reported to him and as usual it was we will do so & so & I will have him arrested, he also told me he had reported to MR. BRESEMAN of the <u>I. W. W.</u> found at the shops & brought to him & what Mr. B. told him he was willing to pay for a man to dig into it & for him to turn it over to some one. I asked him to repeat & he did as above. I had heard a little of this & was working on it & think I have the man spotted but have nothing on him also heard of one man buying 48 sax of flour & one 8 sax do you have anything to do with boarding food, have not locked this up, but can, hope you and yours are well expect to be in S. A. some time about two or three weeks from now</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Best Wishes your friend</p> <p style="margin-left: 120px;">L. A. ORTH.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">A printed circular by BEN J. SALMON (seditious) is herewith submitted and filed with the San Antonio office.</p>			
<small>COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</small> DER ABB CEB File <i>Dist Atty</i>			

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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED ON NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:
In re: U.S. vs. ~~Sam Salzman~~; Failure to Comply with Rules & Regulations Selective Conscription Act: -- 11 --

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Denver:

This case was completed, arguments made, submitted to the jury, who returned a verdict of "GUILTY" and upon motion fifteen days was given by the Court to prepare arguments for a new trial.

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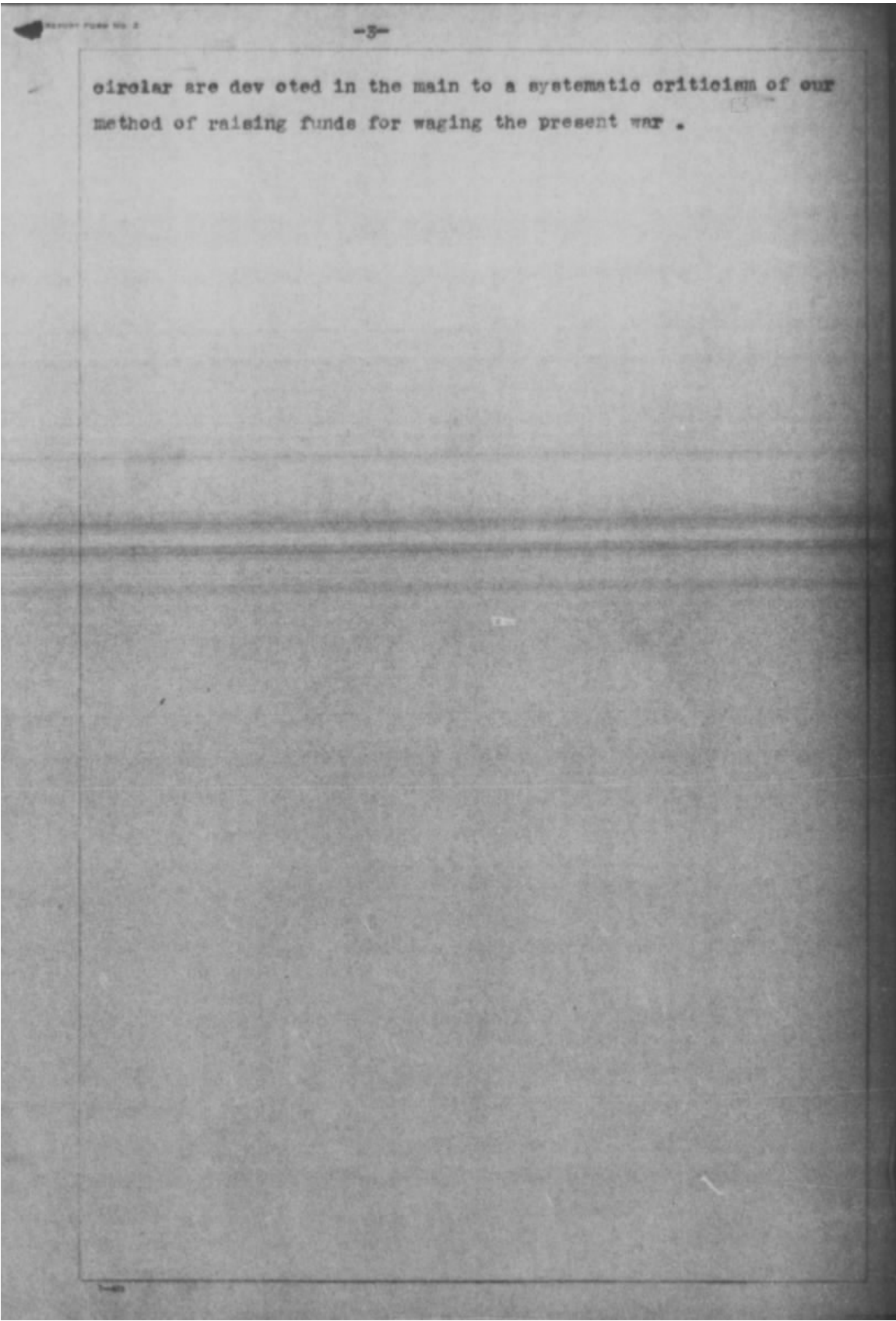
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REPORT MADE BY: C R FROMAN	PLACE WHERE MADE: DENVER COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE: APRIL, 18, 1918	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/11, 18																		
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: In re Ben J SALMON and S V CANDY (SEMITIOUS UTTERANCES)																					
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. <p style="text-indent: 40px;">In pursuance to instructions received from <u>James W Melrose</u> Special Agent in Charge I went out to 9th and Santa Fe drive in regards a report of the circulation of seditious matter received in this office from the manager of the Ivy theater on the corner of 9th and Santa Fe. He stated that there was a man on the street a short time before circulating a pamphlet and collecting money on it and that the man had received some money from Widmayer a blacksmith about a block below and that the local policeman was searching for the man at the time.</p> <p style="text-indent: 40px;"><u>Fred Widmayer</u> was out at the time I went there but his boy gave me a receipt for the money Widmayer paid Candy and also the circular left Widmayer. The receipt showed that <u>S V Candy</u> was collecting money as agent of <u>Ben Salmon</u> and that it was for the aiding in the circulation of the pamphlets in question.</p> <p style="text-indent: 40px;">The receipt given is as follows.</p> <table style="margin-left: 80px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Return in 6 weeks</td> <td style="text-align: center;">LOAN</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">4/10/18</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Received of Fred Widmayer</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">One _____ dollars</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">For "Tax the Rich" Circulars</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">\$1.00 Ben J Salmon</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">By S. V. Candy</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-indent: 40px;">The title of the circular issued by the above parties is as follows "<u>CONSCRIPT PROFITS TO PAY FOR THE WAR.</u>" , by Ben J Salmon "Chairman Publicity Committee, National War Profits tax league". A search of the neighborhood revealed that the man had left that neighborhood and that Widmayer appeared to be the only one in the community that had purchased one of the circulars. This circular requested that the circular be mailed to 4166 KNOX ST., City of Denver, Colorado. From where they were to be mailed to Washington according to the circular. The contents of the letter or</p>				Return in 6 weeks	LOAN	4/10/18	Received of Fred Widmayer			One _____ dollars			For "Tax the Rich" Circulars			\$1.00 Ben J Salmon			By S. V. Candy		
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Circular are devoted in the main to a systematic criticism of our
method of raising funds for waging the present war .

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Washington, D.C.

April 27, 1916.

Roy O. Samsen, Esq.,
P. O. Box #1491,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

My attention has been called to the fact that Benjamin J. Salmon is again flooding the country with circulars as Chairman of the Publicity Committee, National War Profits Tax League. It is probable that this last scheme violates the postal law in reference to using the mails to defraud. I suggest that you call it to the attention of the Post Office Inspector at Denver.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

AHR/AND

Washington, D.C.

April 27, 1918.

John L. Healey, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Pensacola, Florida.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 17, 1918, enclosing circulars distributed by Ben J. Salmon, of Denver, Colorado. This matter will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

TERMS OF COURT.

TALLAHASSEE—Second Monday in
January.
PENSACOLA—First Monday in May
and November.
MARIANNA—First Monday in April.
GAINESVILLE—Second Monday in
June and December.

Department of Justice.

OFFICE OF

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Pensacola, Fla., April 17, 1918.

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Hon A Bruce Bielaski,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to hand you herewith two circulars which were
received by a member of one of the labor unions, and which were
brought by him to this office.

This is for your information.

Respectfully,

John L. Rely
United States Attorney.

1,000 NEW MILLIONAIRES IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE WAR BEGAN. SOLDIERS ARE NOT GETTING RICH OUT OF THIS WAR! CONSCRIPT THE WEALTH OF THE NATION, AND IF THE RICH MAN KICKS, LET HIM KICK, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROFIT IN WAR.

Reference:
 COLORADO
 STATE
 FEDERATION
 OF LABOR

National War Profits Tax League

808 COOPER BUILDING
 DENVER, COLO.

BEN J. SALMON,
 Chairman Publicity
 Committee

G. M. CLARK,
 Secretary-Treasurer

Denver, Colo., March, 7, 1918.

Our membership:
 Those that sign
 the letter to
 President Wilson
 demanding con-
 scription of
 wealth. Member-
 ship does not re-
 quire any intitu-
 tion fee nor any
 dues. Just as
 quickly as we get
 2,000,000 signers,
 we will begin our
 spring drive on
 Congress to pass
 the wealth-con-
 scription bill.
 Fall in line,
 brothers and sis-
 ters, fall in line!

Dear fellow unionist:

Our proposed legislation will save every member of your union over \$200.00 on the first year's war bill. Enclosed circular is self explanatory.

We must send one delegate from each craft union to present our petition of 2,000,000 signers to President Wilson personally. Are you willing to act as a delegate? We will pay all expenses and \$6.00 per day salary for ten days. Plan of selecting delegates: names drawn from those who, within one day after receipt of this communication, send us \$3.00 for 300 copies of circulars "Tax The Rich To Pay For The War." Reason for asking pay in advance: to procure circulars from printer, reached credit-limit getting a start.

If you send us \$3.00 in behalf of your local, they will reimburse you. If they deem the expenditure unwise, we hereby agree to refund, providing request is made within fifteen (15) days after you receive the circulars.

Make check or money-order payable to G. M. Clark, Denver; mail to G. M. Clark, general delivery, Boulder, Colorado. We are thus directing mail to circumvent efforts of the post office auto- crats to crush this undertaking. Union-hating- Burleson, at the head of the post office department, seems to dislike our legislation for apparently two reasons: his evident disdain for union men, and to avoid reduction of his own fabulous income to \$5,000.

Orders coming in rapidly from all over America. Just received check from a union in Springfield, Ohio, for 800 more circulars. The first batch accorded such an enthusiastic reception, they ordered 800 more.

I trust you will send three bones just as quickly as you receive this letter, thus expediting the work. See guarantee: third paragraph.

Yours for action,

Ben J. Salmon

(Don't forget address: G. M. Clark, gen'l. del'y., Boulder, Colo.)

Your circular read in open meeting of lodge No. 85. Our members are heartily in favor of your proposition and you can use our endorsement.—C. W. Kitzner, secretary, lodge No. 85, Int'l Ass'n of Machinists, Cleveland, Ohio.

I read the pamphlet on taxing the rich at our Assembly meeting last night and enclose herein the results (twenty signers). — Hugo Swenson, Superior Trades and Labor Assembly, Superior, Wis.

Enclosed find check for "Tax the Rich to Pay for the War" circulars. We expect to make good use of these. — Ray Carson, Sec'y Electrical Workers' Union, Boise, Idaho.



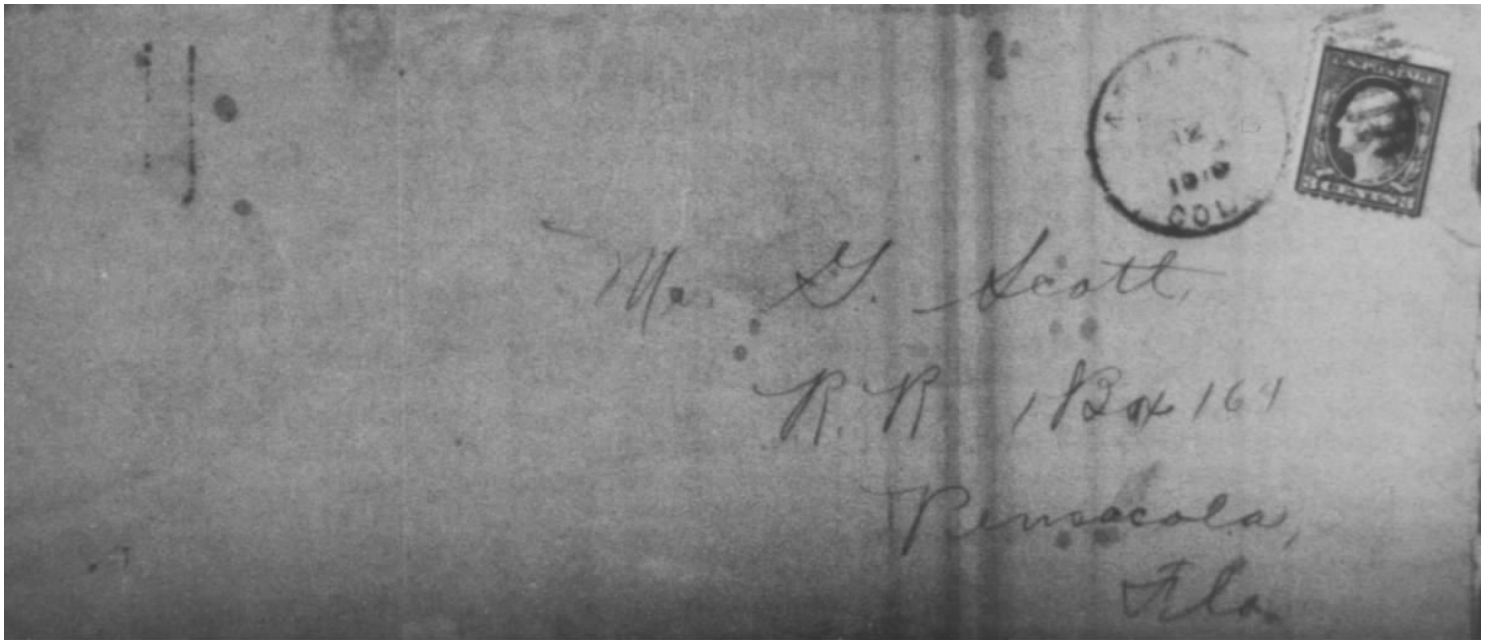
Editor of The Evening Sun.

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150 Nassau Street.

New York.

N. Y.



Mr. G. Scott,
R. R. Box 164
Pensacola,
Fla.

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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:
In re: U.S. vs. Ben Salmon; Failure to comply with Rules & Regulations Selective Conscription Act: ---2---

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

DENVER:

Case called for trial, jury obtained and evidence submitted.
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REPORT MADE BY C.R. Frenn,	PLACE WHERE MADE Denver, Colorado	DATE WHEN MADE May 9, 1918	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE May 7, 1918	
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION				
In re: Ben.J. Salmon, (Circulation of Seditious circulars)				
RECEIVED MAY 16 1918 Bureau of Investigation				
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.				
<p><u>At Denver, Colorado.</u></p> <p>Pursuant to instructions from <u>R.O. SAMSON</u>, Special Agent in Charge, Denver, Colorado, I have obtained the following information:</p> <p>I interviewed <u>Albert J. Weingartner</u>, with the <u>Adams Express Company</u>, living at 4160 Knox Court, Denver, Colorado, who stated that he had not observed any expressmen leaving packages, boxes, or taking away anything from the home of <u>Ben J. Salmon</u>, who lives at 4166 Knox Court. He said he had lived there for several years and had not observed in the last few months any expressmen or other wagons stopping there. He said he would talk to his wife about it and promised that if anything was observed in the future he would communicate with us.</p> <p>I inquired at the home of <u>L.A. Kellogg</u>, 4175 Knox Court. The family were absent but will be got in touch with later. <u>L.A. Kellogg</u> is a foreman with the Telephone Company, and both he and <u>Weingartner</u> are reported as very loyal citizens.</p>				
NAME BY WHOM THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: U.S. Attorney				

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REPORT MADE BY: R. O. Samson,	PLACE WHERE MADE: Denver, Colo.	DATE WHEN MADE: May 8, 1918.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: May 4, 1918.
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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

In re: BEN J. SALMON; Espionage Matter.

MAY 10 1918
Bureau of Investigation

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Denver.

Pursuant to letter of Chief of Bureau of April 30th - WEA - enclosing photostat copy of pamphlet entitled "Conscript Profits to pay for the War" I went to the U. S. Attorney's office for a conference, but he was absent from the city attending court at St. Paul and will not be back for some time. I called the matter to the attention of Assistant U. S. Attorney Daly, however, and also made arrangements to be advised if Salmon attempted to send his pamphlets through other means of communication. I was informed by Supt. of Mails Hennin that they had been watching the mails for some time for the purpose of holding up Salmon's propaganda.

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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:
In re: BEN. J. SALMON; alleged violation
Espionage Act and Conscription Matter.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, **RECEIVED**
At Denver. JUN 8 1918
Department of Investigation

On May 19th the above-named party was ordered to appear before Local Board 1, Denver, to receive instructions with reference to going to Camp. He failed to appear and was ordered to entrain for Camp on May 20th and again failed to appear. He was reported to the Adjutant General on May 20th as a deserter and upon his trial before Local Board 1, his desertion was held to be wilful and he was sent to Fort Logan.

This will close the matter of Ben J. Salmon in this office.

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REPORT MADE BY: C.R.FROMAN	PLACE WHERE MADE: Denver, Colorado.	DATE WHEN MADE: May 13, 1918	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: May 8, 1918
TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: In Re: <u>BEN SALMON</u> , (Alleged Circulation of Seditious Pamphlets)			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"> U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE MAY 20 1918 Bureau of Investigation </div> <p><u>At Denver, Colorado.</u></p> <p>In pursuance to instructions from Special Agent in Charge, <u>RO. SAMSON</u>, I investigated the source of printing for <u>Ben Salmon</u> in this city. On the circulars printed for <u>Salmon</u> was found Local Union Stamp 54, which from the records of the Denver Labor Bulletin, I found to be the press owned by <u>Ben Hirschfeld</u>, known as the <u>Hirschfeld Press</u>, with press rooms and offices at 19th and Broadway.</p> <p>I interviewed <u>Hirschfeld</u> who informed me that in Jany. <u>Ben Salmon</u> left two orders for printing - one #1953 on Jan. 22d, for 30,000 copies of "TAX THE RICH" circular. On Jany. 16, he left order #2049 for 10,000 copies of "TAX THE RICH" circular. The order given on January 22d, was cancelled by <u>Hirschfeld</u> as he did not think <u>Salmon</u> would need them, having not paid for the others.</p> <p><u>Salmon</u> called in person for 10,000 circulars on March 15th, and carried them away. In March he gave an order for 30,000 more, of which number he received 20,000. These circulars were called for by <u>Ben Salmon</u> and a <u>girl</u>, at different times in the month of April. The March circulars ordered were entitled "CONSCRIPT THE PROFITS." This latter circular differs from the others only in title and a few changes in wording, in the main being the same as the February issue. <u>Hirschfeld</u> states that <u>Salmon</u> and the <u>girl</u> called for them and took them away. He states the <u>girl</u> was about 5'6"- fair-looking, dark, slender, plainly dressed, and he is under the impression she is, or was, <u>Salmon's</u> stenographer. He</p>			
NAME OF FIELD AGENT FURNISHING TO: U.S. Attorney at Denver			

also stated that in February a man by the name of Canady called for some of these circulars. This man Canady seems to be the same man I reported on in April. Hirshfeld states that on May 8, he put about 5,000 copies of "CONSCRIPT THE PROFISS" in the waste-bin, and was not going to print any more of them, as he did not desire to be mixed up in the matter.

Hirshfeld is reported to me as being loyal.

R. O. Samson, Denver, Colo. Oct. 12, 1918. Oct. 9, 1918.

In re: U. S. vs BEN SALMON:
conscription matter.

At Denver.

The above-named defendant was today sentenced to 25 years in the Military Prison by military court martial at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Case closed.

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CHIEF OF BUREAU.

Nov. 23, 1917.

Frank A. Johnson, Esq.,
16 Amackassin Terrace,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of the 21st instant, enclosing pamphlet
and circular letter issued by Sen. J. Salson,
222 Guardian Trust Building, Denver, Colorado.

I am greatly obliged to you for bring-
ing this matter to the attention of this office.

Very truly yours,

W. M. OFFLEY

Division Superintendent.

FOR CHIEF OF BUREAU

Nov. 23, 1917.

E. C. Hanson, Esq.,
P. O. Box 1491,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for such investigation
as you may consider appropriate circular letter and
pamphlet of Ben. J. Salmon, 222 Guardian Trust Build-
ing, Denver, Colorado.

Very truly yours,

W. H. OFFLET
Division Superintendent.

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September 21, 1917.

Hon. V. G. Hallman,
U. S. Marshal,
Springfield, Ill.

Sir:

In re: Women's Peace Party

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 18, 1917, enclosing two pamphlets - one entitled, "Is Germany a Free Country?" and the other entitled, "Four Lights."

I am referring these matters to our New York Office for its attention.

Thanking you for your courtesy and co-operation, I am

Very truly yours,

Division Superintendent

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September 21, 1917.

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William M. Offley, Esq.,
Division Superintendent,
Box 241,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In re: Women's Peace Party

I am enclosing herewith, one copy of a periodical entitled "Four Lights" and one copy of a periodical entitled "Is Germany a Free Country?" which were received in the mails by the "Illinois Tradesman" of Springfield, Ill.

"Four Lights" is published fortnightly by the Women's Peace Party at 70 Fifth Ave., New York, while "Is Germany a Free Country" is published by Friends of the German Republic, 32 Union Square, New York.

This for your information and such action as you may deem proper.

Very truly yours,

Division Superintendent.

Enc.

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