

CALLS FOR FUSION AGAINST SOCIALISTS

Security League Declares They May Win Five Congress Seats in This City.

MINORITY VOTES MAY WIN

To Assure a "War Congress" League Urges Other Parties to Unite on Patriotic Candidates.

A warning to the local Democratic and Republican leaders and to the citizens of the city generally who wish to see an assured "war Congress" elected this Fall, that the Socialist Congressional ticket is likely to be successful in five districts in this city was issued yesterday by the National Security League's Congressional Campaign Committee. The committee, which supports its contentions with figures, says that the Socialists are almost sure to carry the 12th and 20th Districts, and that they stand an excellent chance of capturing the 10th, 13th, and 14th Districts. If Socialist candidates should run on an anti-war platform, which the League considers probable, the organization will urge Republicans and Democrats to combine.

"At the Congressional election in 1916 the 10th District was safely Republican," said Charles D. Orth, Chairman of the Committee. "The 12th was won by Meyer London, anti-war Socialist, with a plurality over the Democrat of 350 votes out of the total of 12,834 votes cast. The 13th District was safely Democratic. The 14th District went Republican by a plurality of 362 votes out of 16,725 total votes. The 20th District went Republican with a plurality of 635 votes.

"The increase in the 1917 anti-war Socialist vote over 1916, as shown by the Assembly vote, was 61 per cent., while the Republican vote decreased 34½ per cent. and the Democratic vote decreased 4 per cent. This showing may have been due to some extent to the redistricting of the Congressional districts, but this does not alter the fact that there was a remarkable increase in the anti-war Socialist vote, which puts it as a party in second place in the districts under consideration.

"As a basis of compromise between the Democrats and Republicans, it would seem to be reasonably fair to allot to the Republicans the 10th and 20th Districts. The Democrats should be allotted the 12th, 13th, and 14th Districts. The coalition candidates should be men of high character and undoubted loyalty, who possess to a high degree the vision, ability, judgment, fairness, statesmanlike qualities and 'win-the-war' determination which would lead the people to accept them enthusiastically. It would be much easier to induce a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat to vote for a Republican or a 'black' Republican to vote for a Democrat if the candidate is of national reputation.