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Minority Rule a Demoralizing Influence.

Those "democratic" governments of central and eastern Europe would be much more convincing if they revealed, in their spirit and organization, the primary requisite of democracy, which is the rule of the majority.

It is well known that the Bolshevik party which has ruled Russia with a brutal and bloody hand constitutes a very small part of the Russian people. Lenin and Trotsky have succeeded not by virtue of general public support, but by personal audacity and armed force.

Liebknecht tried to put over the same trick in Germany. The German Bolshevik faction has been admitted by one of the smallest of Germany's many political parties. Its strength, too, was confined mostly to Berlin. The more rational group of Socialists controlled by Ebert has been far stronger numerically all along. Yet Liebknecht for months kept the government and country in terror and almost succeeded in making himself nominal master of Germany and committing the country to a regime of Russian terrorism.

In Bavaria, the second largest state in Germany, there has been a still more absurd case of the same kind. Eisner and his party, though polling only 75,000 votes out of 2,750,000, less than 3 per cent of the whole, had the nerve to claim the leadership of the new government, though the majority Socialists had elected 102 out of the 156 members of the new assembly. And incredible as it seems, he succeeded.

The rule of the minority is tyranny no less than was the rule of the czar and kaiser. It is the substitution of a new type of autocracy, no less intolerable than the old. It will prevail until the masses in Germany, Russia and elsewhere stop acting like sheep and demand a genuinely representative government, in which the will of the majority is the law of the land.

Locating Unfilled Jobs for Returning Service Men

The bureau for returning soldiers and sailors is instituting a block-by-block canvass of the whole city of Boston and its environs for the purpose of finding every possible chance of employment for discharged service men. This measure has been resorted to as a result of the steadily increasing numbers of unemployed men recently returned to civilian life.

One official of the bureau said that in Boston 500 positions a day were needed to meet the requests for jobs from these men. Although federal employment bureaus and other organizations are working at the same problem a still more general effort is needed. There are plenty of openings, plenty of immediate needs for labor. But unless the service men themselves or the organizations working to place them, know of these opportunities the labor readjustment situation is going to grow more and more serious. It should be the first concern of every community to see to it that its own men are told of the opportunities to work which are open to them in their own localities.

These returning soldiers and sailors do not want to be idle, but their comparative eagerness to be reinstated in independent positions will be greatly hampered if they have to hunt for work. It is in the interest of the community as well as of the soldier or sailor that every kind of job that

needs filling is fully advertised or put in the hands of the agencies seeking to facilitate the restoration of normal industry and prosperity.

Lloyd George's Program Founded on Fair Play.

The platform on which Lloyd George was overwhelmingly endorsed in the recent British elections contained these seven pledges:

1. Trial of the kaiser.
2. Full and complete indemnities from Germany.
3. Abolition of conscription in all lands.
4. Britain for the British, socially and industrially.
5. Adequate provision for returned soldiers, particularly for the crippled and physically broken.
6. A square deal for Great Britain at the peace conference.
7. A happier country for all.

With one or two possible exceptions this looks like a pretty good American platform, too. Americans seem willing to waive indemnities. They are pretty well agreed on wanting the kaiser tried for his crimes, wanting Germany to pay in full for the damage she has done to neighboring countries, wanting "militarism abolished everywhere, wanting "America for the Americans," adequate provision for returned soldiers, a square deal for the American ideals and a country that will be happier than it used to be for all classes of people—not merely the privileged classes.

As a result of the definite stand for justice, international and domestic, taken by the British premier and his fellow leaders, there is said to be no Bolshevism in England—nothing corresponding to our I. W. W. movement, nothing but legitimate trades unionism in industry. It will probably be the same in the United States if there is a similar policy of fair play toward labor.

SOME WALLOP.

(From the Baseball Magazine.)
The score stood three to nothing, and Van Hinderburg's fast curves had set the batters down on strikes, and chilled the sluggers' nerve—Old Van had speed and great control—he wouldn't give a pass—His whizzing shafts and sudden drops were full of steam and gas—His infield wobbled in the ninth—they gave him bad support—but with three runners on the sacks old Van still held the fort! Two men struck out against his skill—he hammered his hymn of hate, then unloosed as a substitute came slowly to the plate.
"America—gluh hitting now!" the umpire shouted loud.
And a great, worried silence fell upon the thrumming crowd.
"Ach, yet a mark!" laughed Hinderburg, and shot a fast one in—The batsman watched it stalling by with a sarcastic grin.
Another came—right through the groove—the batter swung his ash, and all the great passions rang and echoed to the crash!
In vain the German leaders ran—they stumbled, tripped, and reeled—That mighty hit was sailing on, and passed down center field.
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The United States' entry into the war, which meant for France, has opened Europe's eyes in regard to our wonderful resources and nation as no other event could have done. As a result of this, American ambassadors to powerful European countries are now being received with almost consideration. This is a new picture of Ambassador John W. Davis and his wife, taken as they left the American embassy in London recently. Davis is an appointee of President Wilson; and has just taken up his duties. He and Mrs. Davis are the center of interest at every appearance.

THREE OF FAMILY OF FORMER RESIDENTS DIE OF FLU

The death of Ray Brownson, his wife and one child, who until five years ago were residents of La Grande, have occurred recently at their home in Pass Robler, Calif., according to word received by relatives here this week. The only member of this family left is a baby girl, who was 11, but who is recovering. Mrs. Brownson died January 15th, shortly after the death of the older daughter, and Mr. Brownson died January 20th. All were victims of pneumonia, following influenza. Mr. Brownson was a nephew of E. E. and Frank Carpenter, of this city.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of John A. Murchison, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon for Union county. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, at her residence in Cove, Oregon, within six months of the date hereof.
Dated, January 21st, 1919.
ELSIE MURCHISON,
Administratrix of the Estate of John A. Murchison, Deceased.
H. E. DIXON,
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