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DISQUIET SEEN AMONG SLOVAKS

Honeymoon of Revolution Passes and Disillusion Comes Upon Them.

THREE ELEMENTS IN NATION

New Government So Far Has Recognized but One of Them in Rule—Magyars and the Peasants Are Ignored.

Pressburg, Slovakia, Bohemia.—Generally speaking, the situation in Slovakia, formerly a province of Hungary, now annexed to Czechoslovakia, is not without disquieting features. The honeymoon of the revolution has passed and some of the disillusionment bound to follow the introduction of a new regime has set in. The Magyars and the Magyarized elements have not as yet been reconciled to the new regime, and the peasants have recovered from their first enthusiasm. A diligent

task of reconciliation remains to be performed by the Czechs.

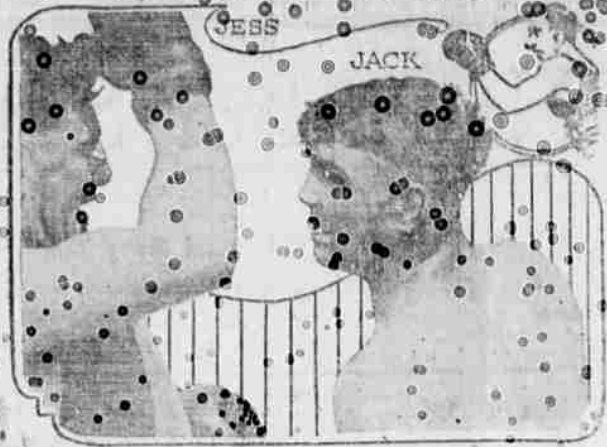
The population of Slovakia is made up of three elements—Slovak intelligentsia, which has always been very strong for the union with Bohemia; the Magyars and Magyarized Germans; and the peasantry. The intelligentsia has been completely satisfied by the Czech-Slovak government. The administration has been handed over completely to the very small number of Slovak doctors, lawyers, authors and professors that could be mustered for service.

Magyars Ignored.

Meanwhile the Magyars and Magyarized elements have been quite ignored by the government except where the government could not find a Slovak to fill the job. Intense loyalty to the old Hungarian rule characterizes these people. They could be reconciled to new conditions were they taken into the Czech administration. But the government at present prefers to fill the vacancies left by the Slovak intelligentsia with officials from Bohemia and Moravia. This naturally angers both the Magyarized element and those Slovaks who are unfit but would like to occupy all the jobs.

A decided sentiment for real local autonomy is making itself felt. On the whole, the government may not be supposed to grant an outspoken de-

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mand for home rule in the province. The peasants do not take much interest in theoretical politics. They complain that the regime lasted only three days. By this they mean that they were allowed to plunder the Jews for only three days in the interval between the withdrawal of the Hungarians and the arrival of the Czechs.

During this time the peasants had a very free hand. There were very few towns or villages where they did not completely clean up the Jewish population, who are the shopkeepers and small traders, and at these lessors of estates. Now the peasants have no longer the Jews to plunder their interest in the new state has diminished. They were kept in a state of bitterness by the Hungarians and therefore are by no means ripe for real self-government. However, just now they are very bitter because they claim the Czechs take their food supplies away.

Bolshevism Not Popular.

Bolshevism has not taken a great grip on the peasantry. Slovakia is largely an agricultural district and we know farmers are always the most conservative element. In the few industrial communities in the more mountainous north and east a certain amount of unrest has developed. In Kassay, far eastward, the large mills are not working and the food situation is very bad, as it is in most of the industrial districts. Here the workmen hold meetings and protest in bolshevik tone. Naturally Kassay is rather near the Hungarian border. So that bolshevism there would be natural. In the other industrial districts the workmen seem to have taken out their class-consciousness in making big demands upon their employers. Not un-

usual was it for workmen to come to their employers and demand that they receive a percentage of all profits accrued since the war's beginning. With all this discontent the food situation is very much involved. The mountainous, which happen to be the industrial districts are mostly very short of food and clothes. Many factories where leather and other products of the land are used function part time, but the men have not enough to keep themselves and their families in food. In some localities there are not even enough potatoes. Hence, as in some districts of Bohemia, the trend is toward bolshevism.

Generally speaking, Slovakia would not be the best province to go up in anarchic flames. For the time being the bolshevik overturn in Hungary has had indeed a rather quieting effect on Slovakia. The wealthy or well to do who were most attached to their old fatherland now do not relish the idea of returning to a Hungary which will take all their property.

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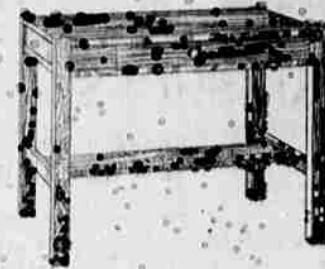
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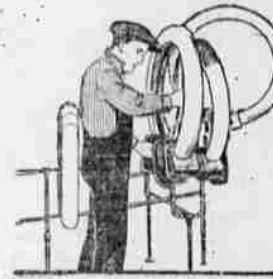
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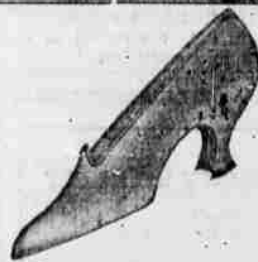


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