

RUSSIA IS RULED BY SIMPLE LAWS

French and Russian Revolutionary Courts Cannot Be Compared, Says Writer.

DEATH PENALTY IS SPARED

Amazingly Mild Revolutionary Tribunal Without Gallotine and Terrorism Precedes Working Up of New Legislation.

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It is impossible to compare the French revolutionary tribunal with the Russian revolutionary tribunal without being struck at once by the complete dissimilarity of the two institutions. Nothing can ever be such a definite expression of revolutionary thought or as faithful an indicator of the character of the people as a revolutionary tribunal. The principal business of the French court was to sentence people to death by the guillotine. During the whole time I was in Russia and watched this extraordinary body at work the Russians did not sentence one person to death.

I think of two characteristic cases. The first was the case of the Countess Panina, whom Lenin speaks of as "one of the cleverest defenders of the capitalist class." Countess Panina is a liberal and had charge of Noreddy Dome, the People's House—both under the Czar and under Kerevsky. When the Bolsheviks came into power Panina, in her possession of a large fortune, belonging to the government. This she refused to turn over to the Bolsheviks, saying that she would keep it until the constituent assembly, as she did not recognize the soldiers' and workers' government. She was arrested and put in Peter and Paul fortress.

When her trial came up it made a notable stir. She was every well known by all sides. The courtroom was packed with workmen as well as with reformers and monarchists. Most of the sessions were held in the music-room of a little old palace. It was a round, white room with red hangings and looked strangely like a staff stage set. At a long table with a red-and-gold coverlet sat the seven judges. Jakoff, a workman, was the president of the court. Three of the judges were ordinary soldiers' uniforms. The first day the judges looked a little embarrassed, but on all occasions they maintained a remarkable poise and dignity.

The first person to speak in defense of Janina was an old peasant who was grateful to her for various reasons. He arose and said in a trembling voice that she had brought light into a life that was once only darkness. I noted down part of his speech. "She has given me the possibility to think. I could not read and she taught me to read. Now she is weak and we are strong. We must give her her liberty. The world must not hear that we are ungrateful and that we imprison the weak." He grew more and more emotional and finally emitted a hysterical cry, crying out, "I cannot stand to see her sitting here a prisoner," and, weeping loudly, he left the room.

No paid lawyers were allowed to speak at the sessions. Technical points did not matter in the least. The next speaker was a fiery young boy, not more than 18, from one of the Petrograd factories.

Return of Money Demanded.
"Let us not be sentimental," he said. "She is not a Countess here, she is a plain citizen, and she has taken the people's money. We do not want to harm her. All we ask is that she return the money. The old man is grateful because she taught him to read. We live in a new age now. We do not depend on charity for light. We believe that every man has the right to an education. With money, such as Panina is keeping from the people, we can have schools where everyone shall learn. As revolutionists we do not believe in charity and we do not believe in being grateful for the chance crumbs that fall from the tables of the rich."

Following his address the court adjourned and after a few minutes came in with this decision: Countess Panina shall remain in Peter and Paul until she returns the money. At that moment she shall be given her full liberty and she shall be turned over to the contempt of the people. Panina decided to give up the funds. I believe in any other country during such tense times they would have killed Panina. She was the chief of the house as Minister of Welfare she could have helped them through many difficulties, but she did everything possible to wreck the proletarian government. It was characteristic that they should turn her over to the "contempt of the people." I wonder if any court ever gave a more wonderful verdict than that.

Capitalist Class Despised.
Another case was that of a thief who had stolen some money from a woman news vendor. This time the courtroom was packed with working people. The court questioned the man. Why did he steal from the woman? He stood up and replied seriously:

"I was feeling very sad," he said. "I was tired of walking around the dark, cold streets. I thought if I could only go into a warm place where there were bright lights, where people were laughing, I would be so much happier. I thought of Noreddy Dome and I decided that I wanted to go there and hear Shalaphin sing."

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SOCIAL REVOLUTION IN CLOUD HANGS OVER GERMAN PEOPLE

Six Million Fighters, Regarding Themselves as Saviors of the Fatherland, Certain to Demand Reforms.

BY CYRIL BROWN.

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STOCKHOLM, March 18.—Germany is undergoing a bloodless social revolution; the old social order is changing—for better and for worse.

Peace-time Germany, increasingly liquidated in the absence of war is reorganizing into a radically new Germany; old caste and class lines are changing, vanishing or stubbornly, and in most cases longly, struggling for continued existence; old class lines deepening; new lines and planes of cleavage appearing; nothing absolutely certain but that no part of the body and soul of the nation is persisting unchanged.

War Cleavage Distinct.

Distinctly a war novelty is the sharp plane of cleavage that divides home and front, combatants and non-combatants; an insurmountable psychological plane that separates the sheep led to battle slaughter from the goats of food and much other shortage at home.

Those six million-odd Germans marooned at the fronts and behind, with only briefest home vacations at long intervals, live in a world of their own. Having little in common with the civilian world of Germany.

Months and years of fighting and military hardships, of concentrated experience and close comradeship, have set their stamp on those odd six millions; changed their whole mode of German thinking; changed their peace-time standards of value; above all, given them time and opportunity to think. And the result of their thinking is expressed in the still vague leit-motif of all front psychology:

"Things must be different at home after the war."

Army May Become Menace.

Those six million fighters and near-fighters, Landsturm and "Etappe" personnel, have grown to regard themselves as the real and only "saviors of the fatherland," as alone bearing the danger and burden of the war, and as, therefore, not merely demanding special consideration, but having the right to demand, speak the decisive word, and, if necessary, enforce these still vague "things which must be different at home" after the war.

With no impairment to iron military discipline, which is rooted in the German character, they have nevertheless developed strong opinions of their own and something very akin to free will, with little left of awe for rank or caste. These six millions, the bulk of Germany's best manhood, must be considered as a new war entity—as forming a new "class" of fighters, who can be relied on to fight just as hard in the most ferocious social and inner-political struggle after the war as in the battlefields of France and Flanders.

Let demobilization once turn this homogeneous minded military mass loose on a Germany factually divided against itself on all counts, and the "most ferocious social and inner-political struggle after the war" will return, and call for an accounting and reformatory settlement; and it is likely to prove a factor of decisive importance.

Reforms Will Be Demanded.

Kaiser and Parliament, officialdom and press more or less, according to their degree of enlightenment, already sense the exceeding probability that the field army, with its high morale, will return demanding payment in rights and promised reforms long deferred. The potential political power of the new "class" of fighters, asked the court.

"I thought a long time," explained the man, "I was standing there in the corner of a street and watching the most ferocious social and inner-political struggle after the war as in the battlefields of France and Flanders."

The court remained silent for some time and finally one of the judges asked very solemnly, "And did you feel better after you had gone to the theater?"

Decision Up to Spectators.

I love the Russians for their beautiful understanding of the longings and the heartaches of ordinary folk, for their unmaterialistic sympathy. Not one person in that room laughed at that question or at the reply. The thief said that he did feel better and that he had felt better ever since. He said, "It is impossible not to be lifted up by fine music." The news vendor made a plea for himself. She maintained that she was not by any means a capitalist. That it was a real service to the community to give out the news. She believed in free speech and she thought that all that ought to be presented.

The court adjourned to another room. When they came back they said that they believed the arguments of the woman was fair and they believed that the man ought in some way to reimburse the women for what had been taken from her. They had decided to decide. They explained that the man had no money.

Russian Laws Not Bad.

Everybody consulted in excited little groups and after about an hour reached this decision: The man should give his clothes (rubbers) to the woman. They were worth about three rubles, which the woman had taken. The woman was entirely satisfied, as she said that she was without rubbers and had to stand in a wet street all day. The man was not at all satisfied, because he said that it relieved his conscience. He shook hands with the woman and they were friends. Everyone was home smiling. The man said like a funny story unless you think about it. If you do think about it, it gives you quite another feeling. Justice, if it is justice at all, has to be simple. In the complicated laws of highly civilized countries we have pretty well forgotten about real justice—all this technicalities, evasions of all sorts play such a large part. The Russian laws were particularly bad. It is not the idea of any party in Russia to go on having a revolutionary tribunal forever, but to work up an entirely new system of laws. This they know will take up much time and in the interim they have established this amazingly mild revolutionary tribunal, which, as I have said before, gives one a close insight into the Russian character. The revolutionary tribunal was not established until after the November revolution.

CENTRALIA BOYS REPORT

One Is in Royal Flying Corps, Another Safely Arrived in France.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 22.—(Special.)—The 165th Aero Squadron has been attached to the Royal Flying Corps, according to a letter received this morning by Mrs. W. O. Nason from her son, Leslie Sturm, a former Centralia High School boy and a member of the squadron.

Mrs. Charles Schubert received word Friday of the safe arrival in France of her son, Sergeant Frank Hout, Company M, 161st Infantry. The young soldier was ill in a New York hospital at the time his regiment sailed for France in December.

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RAID MADE BY RED GUARDS

Slavs Send Ambassador to Germany. Kaiser Will Be Asked to Accept Crowns of Livonia and Estonia.

German People Split Wide.

The German people are split wide open in new classes along sharply defined cleavage lines of cleavage. The Gulf is already seemingly unbridgeable today that separates the upper and lower classes. The cleavage is not only of positive and negative "ultimate victory," dictated peace of annexation and no annexation peace of compromise and reconciliation.

Within these rival bodies of public opinion there is a growing feeling of class solidarity; the controversy over war aims and peace terms is becoming less and less academic, and under food and peace pressure, increasingly assuming the form of a class struggle.

There is unmistakably a line-up of war proletariat against war plutocracy and junkerdom, both camps determined to fight out the issue.

Note, too, that the abnormal wartime change in the normal peace time distribution of wealth has caused a remarkable displacement of certain old class lines and that this process is increasing at an increasing rate. In general, the rich are growing richer, the poor are growing relatively richer, the middle classes poorer.

The number of the rich is likewise increasing, so, too, the numbers of the proletariat with money in the savings bank, while the broad middle classes are undergoing a slow process of attrition for which the Germans have coined the ungainly term "proletarianization."

Ranks of Plutocracy Swell.

The ranks of plutocracy are swelled by war profiteers, including lucky individuals who have managed to climb out of those seemingly doomed middle classes, whose purchasing power is steadily diminishing.

"Smart officialdom," as the Germans say, small-salaried government servants, in general all that stratum of middle class with most figured in comes and goes, the middle class is squeezed as no other class between food and economic pressure between high rising prices and stationary wages or run into debt.

Excepting the small percentage of fortunates who have climbed into the bosom of plutocracy, the broad middle classes are being depressed toward the level of the war proletariat, which is rising and meeting the middle class of the "most ferocious social and inner-political struggle after the war" will return, and call for an accounting and reformatory settlement; and it is likely to prove a factor of decisive importance.

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BRITISH DYES SUCCESS

MANUFACTURER MAKES STRIDES AHEAD OF GERMAN INDUSTRY.

Enterprise With Plant Near Leeds Has Paid Maximum Dividends for Two Years.

LONDON, April 22.—The British Dyes Company, promoted by the Board of Trade with the assistance of the treasury, to take the position held before the war by the Germans, has been at work for more than two years and is able to report good progress.

The works at Huddersfield, near Leeds, have reached the proportions of a small town and are still expanding. The directors have gone to the heart of the German success, by making "intermediates" that the Germans forced the whole world to depend on them in this great industry. Now "intermediates" are being made at Huddersfield and the most elaborate and expensive plant used in the whole undertaking is employed in this essential branch, which absorbs eight-tenths of the cost of the final dye.

Compounds have been devised and dyes produced even beyond the ingenuity of the Germans, for the British Dyes Company did not have to wait at the beginning, but where Germany left off in 1914.

The company has been able to manufacture nitric acid, fuming sulphuric acid, and intermediates such as benzidine, betanaphthol and synthetic phenol, as well as fine dyes, and is evidently in control of complete organization.

From a financial point of view its success is demonstrated by the fact that it has paid the maximum dividend on each share of capital during the last two years.

Army Orders.

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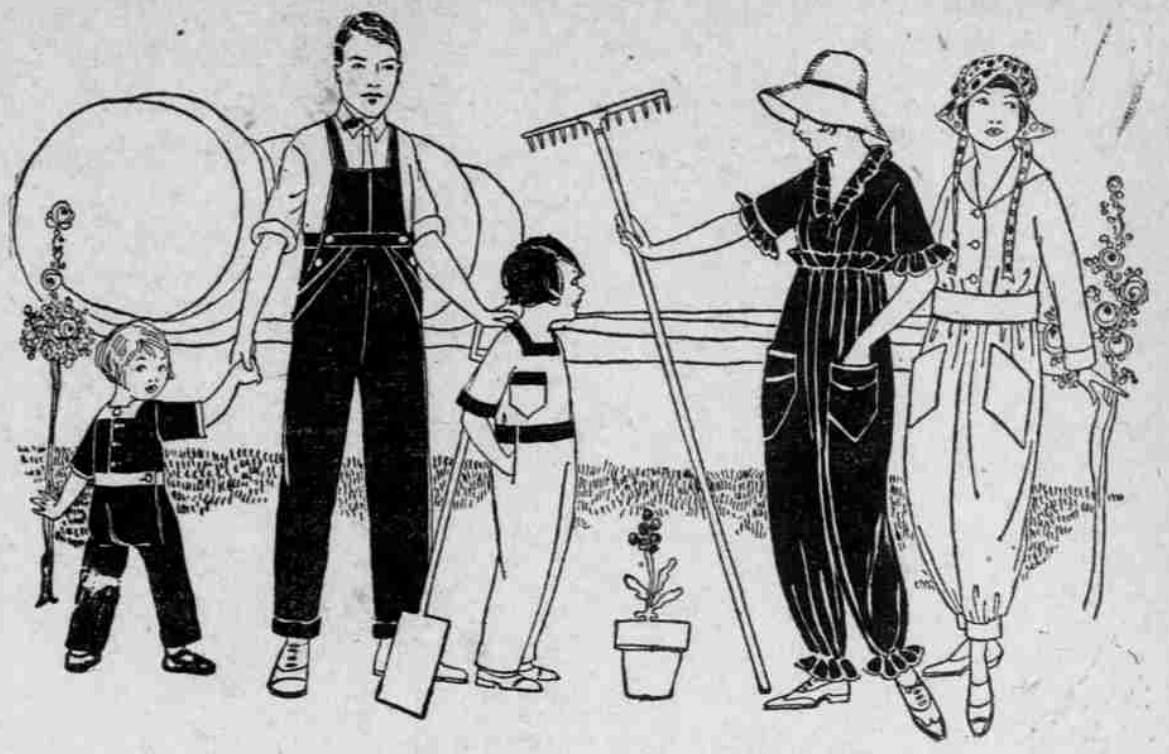
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U. S. CORPORAL ARRESTED
Member of Army Censor Board Confesses to Rifling Mail.
SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Corporal Wilbur L. Judd, of the Army censor board and member of a regiment stationed at the Presidio here, was arrested today by postoffice inspectors on a charge of appropriating \$708.20 from letters which passed through his hands. According to Postoffice Inspectors

Inspectors said they found checks and drafts from the Orient totaling \$686.95. Judd enlisted three years ago at Cincinnati. Phone your want ads to The Oregonian. Main 7070, A 6095.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Leighton's Dairy Lunch and Cafeteria, at 124 Broadway, will open Wednesday, April the 24th.

Friday, April the 26th, will be Liberty Day. The Red Cross organization will have charge and will take the gross receipts for that day. All principals and assistants will contribute their salaries to this worthy cause.

PUBLIC LAND TO BE LEASED
Bids Called on 36,000 Acres in Lake, Harney, Malheur, Grant.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 22.—The Reclamation Service is asking for the lease of about 36,000 acres of public land in Lake, Harney, Malheur and Grant counties, Oregon. This land is now withdrawn from all forms of entry under the reclamation act, and is available for a temporary lease for agricultural, grazing and pasturage purposes. The bids will be received for all or part of the lands, but no bid will be received for the rental of any of the land for less than 3 cents per acre per annum, and no lease will be entered into for a less sum than \$20 per annum.

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