

# PUBLIC CONTROL BRANDED AN EVIL IN GREAT BRITAIN

Business Men Demanding That Government Interference With Enterprise Shall Cease.

## MEAT SUPPLY IS CORNERED

England Is to Purchase Cold Storage Products for Sale to Italy, France and Belgium.

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Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.

London, Sept. 20.—Many business men in England are demanding that governmental interference with private enterprise shall cease. They will let it be unmitigated evil. Instance after instance is cited of the alleged incompetency, carelessness and appalling waste resulting from the substitution of public for private control.

Yet the government shows small inclination to quit the economic sphere. Indeed, food experts tell that Britain, France, Italy and Belgium have combined to control absolutely the purchase, sale and distribution of frozen and cured meats for all these countries.

## BRITAIN TO BUY FOR ALL

One representative I believe a Briton will buy for the four governments, and those supplying meat must trade through him or abandon these markets. It is reported that Britain has already sent a commission to the United States to buy the country's supply of bacon, hams and lard, meanwhile requisitioning all the stocks of these articles now here. After the end of the present month no private trader may deal in frozen or cured meats for consumption in the United Kingdom, France and Italy. There have been established embargoes against the importation of such meats.

## WEAPON TO FIGHT PACKERS

C. A. McCurdy, parliamentary secretary of the ministry of food, according to an interview in the Empire Mail, stated that Great Britain had one very effective weapon with which to fight the American packers, namely, control of the overseas transport. "We can say to the packer," remarked Mr. McCurdy, "that your products can come only in our ships on our own terms."

## BUILD UP NEW ARMY

Simultaneously these government leaders, desirous of keeping in power despite the inevitable revolt of the socially-educating masses whom they represent, worked feverishly upon the reorganization of an army. They were able to delude the working class into a mild support of their military program by howling of the menace of Bolshevism. It was not for several months that the working class awoke to the fact that the Bolshevism of which its leaders were howling was none other than the Socialist dogmas which had placed these leaders in office. Thus the various revolutions which had enlivened Germany for the last six months have been revolutions staged by Socialist workingmen against a Socialist government, a variety of internecine viciousness. The Socialist government in power in Germany today represents the depth of reaction possible to German politics. The restoration of the kaiser and his retinue of junkers would be a violent step toward liberalism.

## MONTHLY LOSS LARGE

Some time ago the ministry of food informed the board of agriculture that for the month of August the average monthly loss of the ministry in its purchase and sale of home killed beef was \$23,000,000 (\$2,315,000), whereas the average monthly profit to the ministry for the same period in the purchase and sale of imported meat was \$76,000,000 (\$7,600,000). Accordingly, on this basis, instead of selling imported meat at a profit they cost and giving the consumer the benefit, the ministry of food sold imported meat in the course of 12 months at more than \$6,000,000 more than it cost and paid this to the home producers over and above what the home producers' meats sold for.

## COST OF BACON

Figures given by the ministry of food show that it cost 5 pence (18 cents) a pound to handle bacon from the time it was delivered on board ship at an Atlantic seaport until it was sold from the retailer's counter. From figures taken from a government committee report in 1916 on food prices, it cost 5 pence (10 cents) a pound at that time to perform the same service. Thus the cost of handling under control was 4 pence (18 cents) more a pound than was the cost under private management. Apparently, therefore, the entire purpose of the ministry is not to give the consumer meat as cheaply as possible. One hears the charge that these arrangements result in a premium to the shipowners as well as a bonus to the United Kingdom farmers.

## Lusitania Cup

London, Sept. 20.—(U. P.)—The "Lusitania cup" presented to a Barnes golf club for annual competition by F. Battersby, a Lusitania survivor, was won this year by Frank Partridge, another Lusitania survivor.

## Finally Got Him

London, Sept. 20.—(U. P.)—Demobilized after four years of military service, Hugh Garvican returned to his Nottingham home to be served with a 5-year-old summons for playing football in the streets when he was 16.

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# GERMAN CHAOS IS DUE TO EXPLODED SOCIALIST IDEALS

Effort to Keep Hold on People and to Retain Power of Marxian Cliques Has Resulted in Building Up of Present Military Dictatorship That Exists in Country.

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AMSTERDAM—Out of the confusion which has engulfed Germany since the armistice four vital and concrete political tendencies are emerging. The most successful of these tendencies to date has been reaction—powerful and dangerous reaction. By crying "Bolshevism" by using the menace of radicalism as a subterfuge to strengthen arms, military budgets and make seemingly necessary a military dictatorship, reaction has been able to establish itself firmly for the time in Germany. This reaction is not the product of a group of dark minded capitalists. It was not foisted upon Germany by a clique of junkers. It was brought to Germany by Socialists. In its effort to retain power, to remain the spokesman of the German masses while forcing by economic circumstances to divorce itself from the blurred though insistent ambitions of these masses, the government of Ebert, Scheidemann, Noske and Haase likewise was forced to create new support. This it did by reorganizing German militarism.

## MILITARY DICTATORSHIP NOW

The present German government is a military dictatorship. The political struggle in Germany has not been a struggle between capital and labor—between individualism and conservatism—but a vicious farcical machine gun row between radicals themselves. Party dogma precipitated the miserable street revolts in Berlin. Differences of opinion over the interpretation of the Marxian tenets were responsible for the brutal wholesale executions of workmen by accredited leaders of the workingmen in Prussia. The military dictatorship in Germany today, which may be called the reaction, is not in theory a return of the old German government. It is the direct result of the explosion of the Socialist idealism in the nation. When the majority Socialist leaders elected to the government in February found that the theories for which they stood as Socialists were impractical, that the Marxian textbooks were dubious material for national constitutions, they did not so inform their constituency. On the contrary, they issued propaganda full of roses if ambiguous references to socialization of industry, sovietization of factories and the like.

## DEMOCRATS HELP REACTION

Working hand in glove with this reaction although disdaining it through its democratic tendency in Germany.

# AUSTRIANS TOO INTELLIGENT TO BE BOLSHEVISTS

Viennese Peasants, Who Form Most Important Element, in Favor of Democracy, Autocracy Unpopular, Socialism Not Fancied and Communism Has Not Made Progress Among the People.

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PARIS—German Austria is different in many ways from Germany. It has no large percentage of workingmen. Its population is made up largely of peasants, and of Viennese bourgeoisie who used to live on the proceeds of labor in other parts of the dual monarchy. Also there are a tremendous number of officials who used to be in the government political machine. These people do not make enthusiastic socialists. Recent events in Hungary have proved that farmers do not object to the socialization of their lands.

A bloodless revolution toward the end of November, 1918, put the socialists in control. Their boasts that they represented the real sentiments of the country were not borne out by the elections for the national assembly which took place in March, 1919. Of the two main parties the social democrats gained a narrow plurality of three votes. The second or Christian socialist party is socialist in nothing but name, and that is a popular new disguise for conservative interests. It is significant to note that these sham socialists were particularly strong in Vienna.

## SOCIALISTS GET NOWHERE

The new government, however, was predominantly socialist because that was the strongest party in the government. The premier, minister of foreign affairs, and first president of the assembly were social democrats. The country was a mess. The socialists were not to be trusted. These officials were entrusted with the future policy of the republic. What have been the main planks of this policy? First a desire to bring about annexation with Germany, and second, an ambiguous attitude toward communism. Both of these aroused intense distrust in the west and reacted to the disfavor of German Austria. True, they were due principally to the strong man of the government, Franz Eberst, who had been forced to resign, but their failure reacted badly on the credit of the Socialist party. People began to ask themselves what the social democrats really had accomplished. The answer was nothing. In spite of glowing promises few real reforms had been made. Corruption was

still widespread. Distrust on the part of the bourgeoisie and the radical socialists had grown worse than ever. What are the chances for a change of government? They are not strong. A feeling of political listlessness which is impossible to understand for one who has not been on the ground seems to have seized the people. They are always ready to talk politics, but never prepared to offer a constructive solution. The people are less and less every day they consider politics too dangerous a game to play. Likewise the present management of the country is an unenviable task as German Austria is bankrupt and surrounded on every side by irreconcilable enemies.

## BOLESHVISM IS IMPROBABLE

The chief dangers are a Bolshevism exorcism or a monarchic reaction. So far as one can judge from outward signs, the first is improbable. All through the period of Hungarian Bolshevism Vienna turned a deaf ear to the banishments of Bela Kun. Two attempts at communist uprising failed, not so much on account of government action as on account of popular antipathy. The people are too intelligent and too weary to go for a mad dash into the realm of the unknown. And now the chances of Bolshevism are less than they were a month ago. The other alternative, a return to monarchic rule, is less easy to judge. Certainly a larger part of the people favor it than communism. But what would be gained thereby?

Monarchy is on the wane everywhere. A restoration in Vienna would not increase the popularity of Austria abroad, and yet that is exactly what must happen if this country wants to live. Most important of all, perhaps, is the attitude of the peasants. They want a democracy, not an autocracy, and are reasonably well satisfied with the present government. They do not want to lay too much emphasis on socialism. In short the social democrats stand in the same position in Austria that the Third Republic did in France in 1871. They are not strong nor popular, but they seem to offer the only reasonable alternative between two extremes.

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# ALL BIRTHS IN PARIS SUBURBS ARE NOT LEGAL

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## PECULIAR STATE EXISTING

All Municipal Employees in Suburbs on Strike, and No Records Being Kept of Events.

By William E. Nash  
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—It is illegal to be born in the Paris suburbs, and it is equally illegal to be married or to die there. This strange situation is a feature of the strike of municipal employees in the suburbs, including clerks, inspectors, firemen, cemetery hands and garbage collectors. Since there are no clerks to record births, marriages or deaths, they cannot be recorded and hence are illegal.

## SEVENTY-EIGHT COMMUNES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SEINE HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF ADMINISTRATION LABOR.

Secretary Verrier of the workers' syndicate declared that the demand for a minimum wage of 14 francs 50 centimes (\$2.80) a day have been ignored by the prefect of the Seine since January last. To the original demands have been added claims for a pension system, help on retirement and accident insurance. Thus one strike follows another on the list. One observer said: "These things react badly on the economic condition of the country. If they are caused by the cost of living, they certainly contribute to the factoring prices up. Some way should be found to prevent so many interruptions of production, otherwise the strikes may develop into a political revolt."

## National Militia of Turkey Grows Daily; Guerrilla Warfare

By Louis Edgar Browne  
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.

ANGORA, Turkey, Sept. 17.—(Via Constantinople, Sept. 20.)—The forces of the council of national defense which are called national militia and which are fighting a guerrilla war against the Greeks in the region of Smyrna now number about 100,000 men, composed mostly of discharged soldiers inhabiting the territory occupied by the Greeks. Every day sees a string of recruits passing through Konia, Angora and other cities to join the militia. Inasmuch as the national militia still hopes to achieve an understanding with the government in Constantinople, officers and enlisted men actually in service are not going to what is known as the Smyrna front. Many officers are joining the militia, but they first resign from the Turkish military service, thereby avoiding implicating the militia.

## New York Line to Reach West Coast

By R. W. Thompson  
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.

Kingston, Sept. 20.—The Pacific Steam Navigation company will soon start a service from New York to Valparaiso by way of the Panama canal. Boats coming down will call here and on their way up to New York will call for passengers and cargo.

## Peaved at Club

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