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DELUSIONS OF THE RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS

Strange ideas are coming out of Russia. Trotzky and Lenine and their Bolshevik followers are demanding that all the lands of that country be divided—divided in amount according to the ability of each head of a family to till. Also, that all properties be divided, or nationalized.

Lenine, asked by an interviewer lately what machinery would be set up to attend to the dividing, blandly and childishly replied that in such a simple matter no machinery would be necessary. He seemed to think all these matters would take care of themselves, by a sort of common consent.

Trotzky wrote a book, before the Russian revolution.

The book is a review of the various brands of Socialism now on the market and which have been on the market since the days of Plato. Apparently Trotzky abhors all the brands he reviews and longs for a new brand, the Bolshevik brand, which he recommends to the common people the world over; especially to the proletariat, of which there are none in the United States of America. A self-made man, he affects his self-made Socialism. Displeased with all the world, Trotzky, like all other socialistic dreamers, has created, projected, a world of his own. Whether or not it is going to outlive the proverbial soap bubble remains to be seen.

But Trotzky, like Lenine, as a matter of fact, is an anarchist, rather than a Socialist. All governments as they exist and have existed since time began are wrong, according to him. Having destroyed the Russian government of the Czar, as inherited from Peter the Great, Trotzky and Lenine are now bent on destroying the Hohenzollern dynasty of Germany. For this they enjoy and deserve the congratulations of all the world and, most of all, of the German people themselves. There is much of mysticism and a great deal more of the incomprehensible in the Bolshevik programme, for, in addition to trying to destroy the Hohenzollern rule, the Bolsheviks at the same time are trying to efface from men's minds all reminders of any Socialism but their own. Their task is a large one.

Charles M. Schwab said the other day in an address in New York that the toiler, the man without property, is destined soon to rule the world. They have made a start in Russia, but the Bolshevik brand of government, so far as revealed, is not one for which the nations of this earth are likely very soon to trade their own. The Wall Street Journal believes Trotzky is destined to leave a more indelible impress on history than Napoleon; but all that is for the future to determine.

That the success of the Bolshevik peace negotiations with the Central Powers depends at the same time on their efforts to start and finish a revolution in Germany and Austria is clear. Therefore, until the Bolsheviks have completed their work it is impossible for us at this distance to appraise the worth of their very special brand of Socialism and anarchy. Let us not, as the Greeks were wont to exhort, build monuments to the living. Or as Pericles said: "Erect no monument to a man until he has long been dead."

Pass the war bread. The passing winter just had to take one fling at us. It used to be, vote as you pray. Now it is, eat as you pray.

The fact that Argentina has concluded to swallow her pride and do nothing induces the belief that, after all, President Irigoyen might be almost as much of a Prussian as Lenine or Trotzky.—Los Angeles Times

Canada is treated as a part of the United States in the distribution of coal, another step in the consolidation of the English-speaking countries of the world to secure peace and freedom for all. Closer political union is not necessary when the same motives inspire all, for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.—New York Commercial.

A half-billion corporation to make loans and advances to enterprises essential to the war is proposed by Secretary McAdoo. This same thing is being done by Great Britain, and they are going further over there, and financing after-the-war enterprises in all the dominions of Great Britain, with a view to making their nation self-contained and independent commercially and industrially of the rest of the world. It is high time the United States began to bestir herself, and to prepare for the great struggle for trade that will surely come after peace shall have been declared.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUSTENANCE. Now for the "victory bread." How much better it sounds than "war bread!" And it will have a better effect on everybody, too. War is glorious only as it brings about victory for right over wrong—and that was America's big idea in jumping into the fracas.

WE ARE LEARNING.

The great decrease of insanity in Georgia during 1917 is thought to be due largely to prohibition and the clamping down of the lid on the sale of cocaine and other nerve-wrecking drugs. For many years the south has been endeavoring to stop the sale of cocaine, which has been responsible for a deal of insanity, and it is good to learn that this great evil is lessening. There is no question, too, that the sale of strong drink in the South, North, East and West has played a big part in filling the country's jails, hospitals and asylums with mental derelicts. One hundred years from now a race of strong, sober, intelligent Americans will read about the saloon evil in the earlier part of the twentieth century and exclaim: "Can it be possible that we are the descendants of such fools?"—Los Angeles Times.

Rather strong language, once more, for the biggest newspaper in the "wettest" state in the union.

SCHWAB & CO. LOOK AHEAD.

With \$750,000,000 worth of contracts on hand, Mr. Schwab of the Bethlehem steel plant is talking with exceptional candor and boldness concerning the coming social and economic order. War has made his company and its stockholders enormously rich, but war, too, in Mr. Schwab's opinion, is upsetting the whole system of private property together

with the leadership of the propertied classes based upon wealth. Some of his Wall-street bankers and lawyers must have gasped upon reading in the papers a few mornings ago Mr. Schwab's statement in a speech the evening before in which were the following words: "We are at the threshold of a new social era. This new order of things may work great hardship for many of us. It is going to come upon us sooner than we expect. It is social renaissance of the whole world. Some people call it socialism. Others call it bolshevism. It means but one thing, and that is that the man who labors with his hands, who does not possess property, is the one who is going to dominate the affairs of this world, not merely in Russia, Germany, and the United States, but the whole world. This great change is going to be a social adjustment. I repeat that it will be a great hardship to those who control property, but perhaps in the end it will work estimably to the good of us all. Therefore, it is our duty not to oppose, but to instruct, to meet, and to mingle with the view of others."

Mr. Schwab may not be a philosopher or an economist; he does not profess to be a prophet. But he does seem to be convinced that the cannon he manufactures are blowing sky high the present basis of civilization. Perhaps he has not analyzed carefully the present condition of the world; he does not have time to think deeply on these subjects while building at top speed scores of destroyers to fight submarines. But the logic of his thought surely would make him conclude that a militarism which cannot end a world war before it bankrupts all creation is itself bankrupt, and that an economic and political system which, in the development of acute strain, finds the propertied class less and less in control of the governments making war lacks the elements essential to perpetuity.

Commenting on the Schwab speech, the very conservative Springfield Republican says: "A new order is coming into the world. The Christian crusades introduced the renaissance. The prolonged wars which accompanied the rise of Protestantism broke down the old imperial system which was Europe's inheritance from the Roman empire and left a free field for modern individualism and industrialism. The wars of the French revolution established political democracy. This war will probably open the way for something equally revolutionary and vital in the life of the world. Mr. Schwab is warning the men of his kind to get ready. Our children at least should know the truth, and our grandchildren may read about it, a finished thing, in their school histories."

AT THE LIBRARY

The week's new books include various subjects that will interest the patrons of the library. The following will be put on the shelves for circulation on Saturday morning: "On the Edges of the War Zone" is the continuation of Mrs. Aldric's story of her experiences while the war raged close to her home in northern France. It follows "The Hilltop on the Marne." "The Cause; Poems of the War" is a collection marked by patriotic and confidence in loyal manner in which the English people have responded. Lawrence Binyon is the author.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

A white morning yesterday. It was the first snow of the winter. But it was not white for long. The south wind came, and with it rain, of course.

This is ground hog day. It will likely be both sunshine and showers. So the ground hog is likely to have chosen the time to see his shadow or to fall in his search.

There is a color scheme in Finland: It is the red guard against the white guard. The black guard has not appeared.

If they keep on setting up new governments in Russia, the efforts of the Germans for a separate peace will take a wide sweep, and become a continuous performance.

There is every indication that both Austria and Germany are likely to have troubles enough of their own.

FUTURE DATES

- February 2, Saturday.—Annual meeting of the county school officers at high school. February 2, Saturday.—Basketball. Willamette vs. Multnomah Athletic club, at Willamette. February 3, Friday.—Arbor day. February 4, Monday.—Mid-year examinations begin at Willamette university. February 4 to 9.—Registration of German aliens. February 7 to 13.—Ninth Annual Portland Automobile show. February 8, Friday.—Boy Scout anniversary to be celebrated in Salem. February 10, Sunday.—Time limited payment of delinquent street assessments in Salem. February 11 to 17.—Father and Son week in Oregon. February 12, Tuesday.—Lincoln day. February 13, Wednesday.—Illustrated lecture, "Russia as it is Today," by Rev. F. T. Porter, at Salem Public Library. February 15, Friday.—Third Liberty loan drive opens. February 16, Saturday.—Annual meeting Salem Fruit Union. February 16, Saturday.—Celebration of fiftieth anniversary of founding of B. P. O. E. February 16, Saturday.—Mental examination to be conducted at Eaton hall for candidates for appointment to United States naval academy. February 17, Sunday.—Joint celebration of Lincoln and Washington days, at Troy. February 22, Friday.—Washington's birthday. February 22 to 24.—Western Oregon convention of Christian Endeavor societies, Eugene. May 17, Friday.—Primary nominating election.

without taking care of the spring drives that are being prepared against them. They would better hurry up their peace proposals, if they expect to have any voice in the kind of a peace they are to get.

You Needn't keep on feeling distressed after eating, nor belching, nor experiencing nausea between meals. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures dyspepsia—it strengthens the stomach and other digestive organs for the proper performance of their functions. Take Hood's.

Another Oratorical Contest Scheduled for February 9

An intercollegiate Prohibition association oratorical contest will be given February 9 as the last event of this semester at Willamette university, and it promises to be one of intense interest.

Miss Faye Bollen, J. Fred McGrew, Ralph Thomas and Paul Wapato are the orators scheduled for the local tryouts.

The winner of the tryout will represent Willamette in the state contest at Eugene this year. If any of these students is qualified he will be sent to Washington, D. C., as a representative of the western oratorical contest which will be held soon.

A CHILD'S TONGUE SHOWS IF LIVER OR BOWELS ARE ACTIVE

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, give fruit laxative at once.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs," that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat, sore, colic, remember, a good "insistive cleansing" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has direction for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here, so don't be fooled. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

CONSTANT SUFFERER FINDS

"I have been a constant sufferer from kidney trouble and was down sick in bed," writes C. F. Reynolds, 412 Herrick St., Elmira, N. Y. "I commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills. In a few days I was up out of bed." Recommended for rheumatic pains, backache, biliousness, sore muscles, stiff joints, "tired out" feeling. J. C. Perry.

With the Draft Board

Sheriff Needham said yesterday that since the draft board began business December 1st, after mailing out nearly 2,000 questionnaires, he has classified 1863 registrants, or almost the entire number registered. Of these 641 are in class 1-A, or unmarried men; seventy-five in class 2-A married men with children not dependent on them for support; thirty-seven in class 3-A, or married men with dependent families not their own; 763 class 4-A married men with dependent families of their own, and 247 in class 5-A, or officials of state, or others, under exemption from service in certain cases, or a total of 1863 classifications.

Following is a list of registrants who have not returned the questionnaires, and who have been reported as already being in the service, but must have affidavits filed in the office to that effect by relatives or friends in order that their names may be taken off the delinquent list. Sheriff Needham is publishing the following list with the invitation extended to friends or relatives of these men to call at his office and make out and file the necessary affidavits:

Gus McMahan Hospital station, Salem; Lee Carlton, R. F. D. 4, Salem; Annias Smith, Mill City; Orin David Post, Washington, D. D.; David Lee Krebs, 707 South 25th street, Salem; Oliver Willard Green, Sublimity; Philly Woody Boant, Mill City; Clifford Gilbert Knight, 461 High street, Salem; Charles Russell Street, Turner; Harry Paul Anderson, 461 North High street, Salem; Horace Beecher Folks, route 7, box 2, Salem; Paul Silvers, route 7, box 119, Salem; William Francis Catton, Hospital station, Salem; Samuel Bud Welch, 771 Commercial street, Salem; Arthur Frederick Tasto, 2545 Lee street, Salem and Fred A. Williams, 1937 South Commercial street, Salem.

No Camouflage In This Story

Says corns stop hurting, then lift right off without one bit of pain

Hospital records show that every time you cut a corn you invite lockjaw or blood poisoning, which is needless, says a Cincinnati authority, who tells you that a quarter ounce of a drug called freezezone costs but a few cents at any drug store but is sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus without even one little twinge of pain. You simply apply a few drops of this freezezone on a tender, aching corn and the soreness is instantly relieved. Shortly the entire corn can be lifted out, root and all, with your fingers. The drug is sticky but dries at once and is claimed to just shrivel up any corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. If your wife wears high heels she will be glad to know of this.

WOMEN'S KID GLOVES Sold elsewhere at \$2.50 and \$3.00. Our Price ..... \$1.75. All House Dresses at Reduced Prices. Stupendous Cut in Embroidery Prices. All Muslin Underwear 20 per cent Less.

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STUDENTS HOLD PREAGAME RALLY

Chapel exercises at Willamette university were led Friday morning by Dr. E. E. Sherwood. After the devotional services chapel was turned over to the basketball team. Impromptu speeches were made by the members of the team, who recently were victorious over the University of Oregon quintet, and who have expectations of winning from the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club tonight.

Willamette Players on Their Toes for Game With Clubmen Tonight

An inspiring speech was made by Captain Nichols, which instilled "pep" and determination into the whole student body. Coach Mathers gave a short talk in behalf of the men of the team, which was followed by speeches by Dimick, the basketball star, Wapato, McKittick and Sparks. At the close of the various speeches college yells were given by the student body.

Boston Lawyer to Lecture Against Christian Science

Frederick W. Peabody, who for twenty years practiced law in Boston, was one of the lawyers for Mrs. Eddy's sons in their suit in which her mental condition was the issue, and had various other professional employments involving an investigation of Mrs. Eddy's career, will give his famous lecture, "The Case against Christian Science" in the First Christian church, Center High streets, on Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock. There is no charge for admission, but a voluntary offering will be taken.

Letha Weiss Saves \$45 in Dimes, Buys Stamps

Miss Letha W. Weiss, a stenographer in the automobile registration department of the secretary of state's office, is a thrifty young person. She had saved up \$45 in dimes, and yesterday she invested the entire amount in thrift stamps. The mania for thrift stamps is more rampant than ever at the state house, and most of the purchases are being made from Mailing Clerk Al. Nye.

It is enough to make a man cry trying to watch the Bolsheviks, the Cossacks and the Ukrainians at the same time.

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