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**A GERMAN PEACE REFERENDUM**

The German government proposes to submit the allies' peace terms to a public referendum if, when they are formally presented at Versailles, they prove to be inconsistent with the German interpretation of the "Fourteen Points"—the set of principles on the basis of which Germany agreed last November to lay down her arms.

No matter how those principles have been worked out in the Paris settlement, it is a foregone conclusion that the Germans who accepted them so obediently in the abstract will object to their concrete application. It is also a foregone conclusion that the cabinet at Weimar, feeling its authority shaky at best, will try to dodge the responsibility of an unpleasant peace. "Pacing the buck" has been the chief occupation of German politics and diplomacy ever since Nov. 11. If Ebert and his wrecking crew can unload on the people the responsibility for a decision, they will certainly do so.

But there is not much likelihood of their passing the buck in this particular fashion. For there is no occasion for a German referendum. The peace treaty, contrary to the impression the German cabinet would like to give, is not a "negotiated treaty." It is a treaty imposed by a conqueror on the conquered. That is just as true as it was of the treaty that Prussia imposed on France in 1871. The fact that this is a righteous peace, imposed as punishment for guilt, while the Franco-Prussian peace was imposed by the guilty nation on the innocent, does not change the fundamental fact that Germany does not approach the peace table on equal terms. She approaches it as the criminal at the bar, to receive sentence.

Needless to say, then, the sentence will not be submitted to a popular referendum in Germany. The German collapse of last November was referendum enough. A referendum now would be a pretext for insufferable delay, and would be utilized by the Germans for another of their characteristic propaganda offensives, intended to postpone punishment and split the allies. Nobody wants any more delay. The Germans themselves have been clamoring for prompt action. Now they will have it.

**CAPITAL FOR THE FUTURE**

The importance of having a little capital saved up for use within the next year or two should not be overlooked by the ambitious individual.

Once peace is really consummated, business and financial affairs will swing back to normal very rapidly, but not to stay—they will pass normal on an unprecedented upward flight directly the world realizes that the uncertainties and expenses of war are actually past.

It will take a little time for this realization to crystallize into action, but when it does there will be a resumption in full of all normal industries abandoned or checked. New ventures will be started. A thousand avenues of opportunity will open on every hand to the man provided with capital, though it be but a small amount. His difficulty will be in choosing among opportunities, not in finding them.

The individual who has no such fund provided will do well to start one at once.

It may take courage and foresight and self denial to arrange the finances with regard to providing capital for use when the time comes, but the time is coming, and "he who sees the future sure the baffling present can endure."

**A SOCIALIST ON BOLSHIEVISM**

John Spargo, the best known of American socialist writers and perhaps the ablest and sanest of them, has written a book on Bolshevism, based on careful study from the socialist viewpoint. His conclusions are of interest alike to the socialist and the non-socialist. He exposes the

logical fallacies and practical evils of this system and condemns it unequivocally. He says:

"As a social democrat and internationalist of many years' standing—and therefore loyal to America and American ideals—I am absolutely opposed to the principles and practices of Bolshevism, which from the first I have regarded and denounced as an inverted form of czarism."

"It is quite clear to my mind, however, that there can be no good result from wild abuse or from misrepresentation of facts and motives. I am convinced that the stupid campaign of calumny which has been waged against the Bolsheviks has won for them the sympathy of many intelligent Americans who love fairness and hate injustice."

There has been only too much of this 'stupid calumny' business in the United States. From the purely practical standpoint alone this is a poor weapon against the Bolshevik menace. Bolshevism is fought most effectively as Mr. Spargo fights it, by giving its leaders and its principles and practices whatever small measure of credit they may deserve, and then pointing out the defects of the system, especially the one particular on which the 'Reds' most pride themselves—their economics.

It is such a crazy plan of industrial organization that it could not work and does not work. It breaks down from its own weaknesses. It fails to get its followers the things they expect from it. It is always destined to break down and fail because it is opposed to strong, fundamental facts of human nature and business. Reason and experience can overthrow it before it has done too much harm. Blind abuse can only prolong its life.

**NOTICE**

Riverside Cemetery Association of Albany will meet at the Public Library Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, April 29. All interested expected to be present. COMMITTEE.

**"Until He Has Given Everything"**

Guynemer, France's ace of aces, who made the supreme sacrifice in the last months of the war, said many times before he died:

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**CARDINAL GIBBONS ASKS LOAN SUPPORT**

Cardinal Gibbons, in appealing for support of the fifth Liberty Loan drive and War Savings campaign, said in part: "I urge all our clergy to promote this campaign by every means in their power. I urge our good people to give their heartiest support, and from the splendid evidences of their patriotism shown in the past two years I am confident it will meet with great success."

In spite of such thoughtless talk the government does not believe it is going to be hard to arouse the patriotism of the American people. In fact Secretary Glass told a doubter that it would be easier to raise subscriptions through patriotism than in any of the former loans. He said this because he knew that the character of the American people is always to see through to the end something which they believed it was right for them to begin.

Secretary Glass was right in his estimate. The American people will respond to the call of the Victory drive with the same enthusiasm and ardor that has oversubscribed each previous loan. And they will do this for the very reason Mr. Glass said they would—because they want to finish the job.

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