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THE GERMAN ELECTIONS

The recent German elections indicate that the workingclass of that troubled Republic have at least learned a little during the past two years of travail due to the war and the peace, which is almost as bad. They have turned leftward for their representatives in the national assembly.

While reports of Communist strength are disappointing, Left elements there and elsewhere may content themselves in finding sufficient reasons therefor in the slow and methodical Teutonic manner of arriving at a certain point. If Communists find little consolation in the elections, no less can capitalism and the reactionaries find comfort therein.

The outstanding features of the incomplete returns are that the governmental machine, the Majority Socialists, broken down and been scraped by the voters. Class lines have been drawn tighter and are sharply defined. Gains have been made almost entirely by the Left and Right, the not by the extreme Left and Right.

The Independent Socialists, representing the Left group have won great strength in the industrial centers which figured so prominently in the recent rebellion. These gains are directly attributable to that revolt and indicate the progress made in the German industrialist mind in the past few months.

The German People's Party or Populists, figure in the role of business man's party, a party of capitalism which speaks the mind of German capitalism taking the offensive. There are other parties in between these two and the Nationalists and Communists at the extreme Right and Left. The in between parties lose to both Left and Right and there seems little possibility that any sort of a working agreement will come about between any groups.

The exasperating slowness of the development of the German proletarian revolution strikes a chill upon communists generally. Nevertheless, we may be satisfied of the fact which the elections prove: that there is to be no setting down to apathy of the German workers. German workers are slowly reacting to the economic necessity and spirit of the times. The rest we must leave to time.

The German revolution can only develop along lines governed by racial characteristics, politico-social development and industrial growth.

THE POWER OF PRINT

The trebling of the German People's Party vote and representation in the elections has brought to light news of interest regarding the influence of the press in molding public opinion.

The People's party, previously the National Liberal party, went into eclipse when the monarchy collapsed. It has been revived principally thru the tactics employed by one of Socialist (?) Germany's biggest capitalists and exploiters of labor, Hugo Stinnes. Stinnes represents aroused German capitalism making a determined stand against the rise of communistic thought. The increase of representation gained for the People's party indicates how effective were the means employed.

Stinnes is now Germany's newspaper king. He is also a king in other financial and industrial enterprises. Besides owning sixty five newspapers and magazines he also controls mines, steel mills, ship lines, paper factories and hotels. It would be hard to conceive of an existence for even a day in Germany without paying tribute to Hugo Stinnes, so universal is his control of necessities.

He is the power behind the People's party, supplying the necessary funds. For months he has been quietly buying influential newspapers and periodicals. Thru control of these means of information the public mind was largely molded along the lines indicative of the best interests of Stinnes and capitalist interests generally. The tremendous vote gained by the party in the elections is the direct result.

However, there is a certain artificiality in influence gained in such manner. Tremendous as is the power of the public press, there is a fundamental and basic cause of human activity which in the end will rule the mass and which no public press can turn aside or controvert. This is the economic needs of the people. Their very miseries provoke them to thots and measures which are elemental in their nature and over which the vengeer and conventionalities of civilization have no influence whatsoever.

The rise of the People's party (capitalist party) is indicative of a last determined struggle of capitalism to erect a machine for the self perpetuation of capitalism in Germany. The class lines are now more tightly drawn than heretofore. The miserable, makeshift, compromising Majority Socialist power has been broken. The battle henceforth lies between predatory capitalism and a developing working class-consciousness.

A capitalist controlled press is on unequal weapon in that battle. The masses will eventually win.

THE CARDINAL'S PRAYER

"Grant that the proceedings of this convention may be marked by wisdom, discretion, concord, harmony and mutual forbearance worthy of an enlightened and patriotic body of American citizens".

With the above pious wish, Cardinal Gibbons closed his prayer to God Almighty at the opening of the Republican Party convention at Chicago. Presumably the Cardinal believed then in the efficacy of prayer. We don't. We wonder now, in the light of later convention developments if the Cardinal does—any more. If his faith remains unshaken we congratulate him upon having a 100 percent proof skull. Nothing that he prayed for has come about. It seems that the Cardinal picked an entirely impossible feat for even omniscience to perform. So much the worse for the Cardinal. To expect such accomplishments from a Republican party convention is preposterous in the extreme; to pray for them is appropos to an insult to the intelligence of the power which the worthy Cardinal seems to believe rules this mundane sphere and all therein, including the rotten political conventions of putrid politics.

Everything emanating from the convention smells to heaven of the decayedness that marks present day capitalistic politics. From the "keynote"

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speech of one of the party's fossils to the latest reports of intrigue, bribery and chicanery, it has been shot thru and thru with every evidence of the coin, has steam rolled out of existence all opposition in its path. There have liberal and vicious use of money as against principle and consideration of the wishes of the people as voiced at the primaries. The wishes of the primary voters have long since been forgotten. The machine, the one which carries the been open confessions of votes bought and sold at a price indicating that toin, will steam roller out of existence all opposition in its path. There has the holders realized their value. While the Cardinal sought with closed eyes divine guidance, the delegates had their optics glued upon the trough from which they have since swilled their full. The glitter of the coin was guidance enough for them—to the devil with the Cardinal and the Almighty!

No political convention ever sounded the gavel with less of principle, less of integrity, less social purpose in its program than this miserable affair at Chicago. However it is not surprising that this is true. When a political party becomes a mere puppet in the hands of predatory capital, a tool with which to keep from the people at large their just and worthy dues, it cannot at such a time maintain a front of deceptive purity. Its rottenness seeps thru the thin veneer. This is what has happened to the Republican party. Rotten at the heart the pus has at last soaked thru and rotted the whole fabric. The "Party of Lincoln" has become a putrid mass fit only for burial.

But it will not be buried—yet. The American voters, for whom the Cardinal has such high hopes, will march to the polls as to a holiday and put those who have been out, IN, and those who have been in, OUT. To expect more at this stage of the American workingclass voter's social and class consciousness, is to expect the impossible—which is no less than is embodied in the Cardinal's prayer.

POLAND'S DAY

Governor Cox of Ohio has joined the Polish White Guard. Well,—not exactly. That is, he has not gone to the Polish front to back up the Red Bolshevik army—by no means. He has found a means of serving the imperialistic, land-hungry Polish bourgeoisie in a perfectly safe—the insane manner.

Last Lord's Day was Polish day according to Cox. A perfect day to upon which to launch a "drive" to carry on an imperialistic war! The Polish White Guard drive in America for 50,000,000 dollars has been lagging. It closed last Tuesday, "Polish Day" was calculated to put it over the top.

While Polish nationalists in America and American bourgeois supporters are anxiously boosting the cause of imperialism, a glance at internal Poland would not be amiss. For many weeks past internal affairs of Poland have been assuming a threatening attitude. The miseries and suffering of the people, due to the imperialistic war have resulted in serious strikes and social disturbances. A schism has developed in the government resulting in the resignation of the cabinet on June 10th. The immediate cause of the quitting of the cabinet was opposition to the policy of the government in seeking to establish a buffer state between Russia and Poland. Also the National Democrats say they will refuse to participate in a government made up largely of socialists who insists upon peace with the Bolsheviks.

Another significant occurrence is that due to the fact that the communist railroad workers of Cecho-Slovakia seized 36 carloads of war ammunitions in transit from Italy to the Polish front, Poland has retaliated with an embargo on petroleum and benzine to Cecho-Slovakia. The Cech government is reported to be inclined to yield but the railroad workers have served notice of an immediate general strike if it does so. Late movements on the war front credit the Bolsheviks with important victories. In view of these facts we would advise Gov. Cox that Poland's day, insofar as its imperialistic designs are concerned will soon be enshrouded in blackest night.

OUR SCHOOLHOUSES

In 1928 the school board of Lancaster, Ohio, authorized the writing of the following letter:

"You are welcome to use the schoolhouse to debate all proper questions; but such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the World of God about them. If God had designed that his intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of fifteen miles an hour by steam he would have clearly foretold it through his holy prophets. It is a device of Satan to lead immortal souls down to hell."

The above historical document is evidence that there was at that date a very close connection between Church and State. While they were supposed to be separate, in fact they were by the religious opinions then prevalent in close connection. We have practically completed the separation since that time and it may be said that the development of the steam engine was instrumental in establishing that condition. The school Ma'am no longer (except in very isolated communities) opens school with the Lord's Prayer or a reading from the New Testament. To do so would in all probability provoke a neighborhood row in these days.

We no longer gage the possibility or utility of a new invention by what is said or not said in the Bible concerning it. We have gotten at least that far on the road to a sane conception of life. As is readily seen in the foregoing letter, there was a test case at hand between the new and the old—between science and superstition—between the conception based upon ideas handed down from the dark ages and the budding science developing from discoveries in nature's ways and means. As usual the new won. The telegraph worked, the steam engine actually run—at better than "15 miles an hour". That was the test and right there the Bible began to fall into disuse as a guide for human life.

But we have not yet set the schoolhouse free from the grasp of anti-deluvian ideas. Practically all subjects which agitate the minds of men may now be discussed freely in the school houses of the country — except one—that dealing with the right of the capitalist class to extract profit from the workers thru their ownership of industry and control of the State. This subject-workers' control of industry—Socialism, is taboo in our centers of education.

Lancaster youths and maids may now look up from their text books of science as the morning, hissing monsters of steel fly past without thot or fear of any Biblical injunction against them but the sacredness of the system of exploitation is still taught them. Nevertheless, evolution of industry still continues. That which began in the discovery of the use of steam power and electricity must and will evolve in its natural order into workingclass control of these machines of production.

This will come about in spite of capitalist control of the schoolhouse—Capitalism cannot put a curb on evolution!

MAY DAY IN BRITAIN

Our May Day for 1920 has come and gone. In Britain millions of workers from John o' Groats to Land's End stopped work. The Red Flag of the Internationale was unfurled in great parks and on tiny village greens.

Our demonstrations were both serious and gay. We strove to enter into the spirit of May, and sometimes, with the exuberance of youth or with an assumption of it, let ourselves go with dance and song.

In every great center it was a record day. Manchester vied with Bradford, Glasgow with London. Bournemouth in the west with Ipswich in the east. Everywhere the keynote of all the speeches and of all the singing was that line of William Morris—"The Dawn and the Day is coming, and forth the banners go."

In every great town it was a glorious sight to see the women and children marching and riding to the meeting places with red flags, red rosettes, and—for us greatest joy of all—nearly everybody wearing our "rooster," symbolic of "The Herald of the Dawn."

That was in Britain. But perhaps the most significant of all things about May Day is that it is international. The capitalist press has been sneeringly telling us that May Day as Labor Day isn't an English festival, that it came to us from abroad. That is true. It is true of other things than May Day. It is true, for instance, of Christmas Day.

So, not in this country only, but the world over, men and women of the working class kept Saturday as their festival, the day sacred to their vows and their hopes for the future of the world.

And at every meeting our minds went to our Comrades across the seas—most of all to the workers of Russia, now once again called upon for a supreme effort and a supreme sacrifice for their ideals, which are also ours.

Today we send to our friends everywhere a message of love and good cheer, especially to the women who, giving up a day's rest, marched with their men, some of them many miles; and to the mighty host of Co-operators, who decorated motor car and wagon, cart and van, with such wonderful taste.

May Day for the moment is past and done. Yet it never passes. Every day is labor's day, for without labor there would be no life. So each day let our determination grow stronger, our faith more clear. Owen and Morris, Liebknecht and Jaures, Hardie, Rosa Luxemburg, and a million others passed out before the coming of this May Day, but they shared in its triumphs, and we, too, on the day the workers of the world have forever shaken the shackles of capitalism to the dust, will share in the shout of triumph, from a thousand million throats, will herald in the International Commonwealth.

Communism in Mexico.

There is only one magazine published in English in Mexico and it is a Communist monthly. Every Communist should read it and know, first hand, what the Mexican Communists and the Mexican I. W. W. are doing, and what is the real significance of the Obregon revolution that has just triumphed. This magazine is "Gale's Journal of Revolutionary Communism". Typical articles have been: "Made in the U. S. A.—the Civil War in Mexico"; "Who is Financing Pancho Villa"; "The Communist Party of Mexico"; "Open Letter to the Devil."

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such a thing as comparative anatomy between man and animals as well as comparative physiology and psychology, that in the very nature of the thing there could be no such comparison in economics. Man's industrial problems are not biologic in their nature, but economic. It was this point that he did not see. He looked thru the eyes of a naturalist, while his friends looked at the world from the industrial angle.

Both Rudolph and Collins were agreed that as far as historic and biologic fact was concerned, Jack was right, but they insisted that he lacked a clear understanding of the materialist conception of history. "You are tainted with high brow psychology," said Collins. "You look at life like an abstract philosophy. Wait till you have been in the working class for about five or six years and you will have the viewpoint of the bundle stiff ground pretty well into you. The mental angle from which a man views things is to a great extent determined by the condition of his stomach and his hands," Collins asserted.

While Collins was speaking Jack had been looking for his note book in order to return to the fray. He noticed that several pages had been cut out but he said nothing altho he suspected that several pages had been cut out spring some surprise on him. He did not dream however that Collins had sent these notes to Olive Anderson, nor the effect that this sending act would have upon his subsequent career, for while they were arguing the problems of life, life was setting a snare that ultimately entrapped Jack in the radical movement as an active factor.

After a few more desultory remarks Collins said, "Let's take a trip to Harrison and see if there is any mail for us. I feel it in my bones that one of us is going to have some welcome information."

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