

**SOCIALISM: A MID-DAY DREAM**

One of the beneficial effects of the world-wide war will be the education of the people to a realization of the fallacies of socialism. Socialism is one of the most simple, attractive, seductive and popular fallacies of the age. The mental attitude of the socialist is an attractive one. It is an attitude that appeals to indolence, ignorance and therefore to the thoughtless. The socialist assumes the mental attitude that he is willing to furnish the appetite if you will furnish the food. He is willing to furnish the thirst if you furnish the champagne. This is a doctrine that is well calculated to appeal to the thoughtless, the idle, the shiftless, the sentimental and the vicious. This accounts for the popularity of socialism. The classes that it appeals to are numerous.

Before the war broke out this country was menaced by the constantly increasing sentiment in favor of socialism, but the great world-wide conflict has revealed to the civilized nations the fallacy of socialism. We have two conspicuous examples of socialism. One is in Germany; the other is in Russia. Germany has carried the socialistic idea to its logical conclusion. Germany has introduced into the socialistic state absolute state authority. This means autocracy and despotism. Socialism with absolute state authority is the worst kind of slavery. The state controls everything. The tool of production, the railroads, the telegraphs, the telephones and even places by the strong hand of militarism every citizen in the state where it wishes to have him placed. This builds up a powerful state machine and carries out the socialistic idea to its logical conclusion, that is, a state controlled by absolute state authority.

On the other hand, we have in Russia the other extreme. We have socialism without any state authority. Yes, socialism-free, untampered and without any authority or order. Everybody going every way and nobody knows where anybody is going. This is the ideal of socialism, the theorist and the dreamer and the fruits are chaos, tumult and anarchy. Therefore, this world-wide war has brought conspicuously to the attention of the civilized world the fact that socialism is a mid-day dream. On the one side the socialistic state is realized by introducing absolute state authority into it which results in the nightmare of despotism and autocracy as in Germany and when the dream of a sentimental socialist is realized then the nightmare of chaos and anarchy prevails as in Russia. Lord Acton utters a splendid philosophic generalization in regard to socialism when he said: "In the socialistic state, with absolute state authority, the individual is in the hands of the community, what the slave is in the hands of his master."—Charles H. Betts, of the Lyons (N. Y.) Republican.

**RELIEF SENT BELGIUM**

The federal food administration has announced that hereafter 150,000 tons of supplies, including clothing will be shipped to Belgium each month. As this program will require 150,000 dead-weight tons of shipping, in addition to the 340,000 tons already chartered by the relief commission, application for additional tonnage has been made to the shipping board.

A survey of the physical damage wrought by the Germans in Belgium has been described in a cablegram received by the food administration from Food Administrator Herbert Hoover, who, with William B. Poter, European director of the commission for relief, has just completed a survey of Belgium.

Want Ads for Results.

**THE WAR OF DOCTORS**

Pneumonic plague, imported from China as a consequence of the world-war!

"That's the substance of the 'Spanish influenza' explanation offered in a New York medical journal by Dr. James J. King of the United States army medical corps.

Three hundred and fifty thousand lives have thus far been lost in the United States since the epidemic reached "an Atlantic port" in the summer of 1918.

Other explanations than that offered by Dr. King fail to take into account all the facts. The disease is independent of climatic conditions. It has raged in damp Boston, in windy Chicago, in dry Arizona, in balmy Los Angeles, in frozen Alaska and in warm Porto Rico with equal fury.

It took the open air sleeper and the man who seals his windows and covers his head at night.

It hit the riders in crowded street cars and the lonely idler in the luxurious limousine.

Preachers and bartenders fell victims alike.

"There is no known preventive," says Dr. Rupert Blue of the United States public health service.

Dr. King tells us that pneumonic plague first appeared in 1910 in Harbin, Manchuria. It swept North China. It is yet prevalent. "The mortality," he says, "has been fearfully high."

"In 1917," adds Dr. King, "about 200,000 Chinese coolies, collected from the northern part of China, where pneumonic plague has raged at intervals since 1910, were sent to France as laborers."

In March, 1918, some of these Chinese were captured by the Germans. "Spanish influenza" soon appeared in the German army and spread to Spain.

It has gone around the world in less than a year!

Dr. King believes pneumonia and bubonic plague germs mingled in the blood of some obscure Chinese coolie in Harbin and produced a new disease terror.

All great wars of history have been followed by disease epidemics. The next war must be against this plague!—Walla Walla Bulletin.

**INVESTIGATE QUALITY OF ALL SEEDS USED**

Nearly 17,000 samples of seed were received for test last year at the seed-testing laboratory of the United States department of agriculture in Washington, and 11,349 samples at the five branch laboratories maintained in co-operation with state institutions. All of these samples were examined to determine the quality of the seed and the presence of adulterants. The enforcement of the seed-importation act has served to prevent many shipments of imported seed, unfit for seeding purposes, from being distributed in their original condition. Among these shipments over 675,000 pounds of red clover seed were prohibited entry on account of the presence of weed seeds and dead seed. Approximately one-half of this was recleaned in bond—the weed seeds and other refuse removed being destroyed, while the seed of good quality was allowed to go into the seed trade. The other half of the prohibited red clover shipments was rejected because it contained so much dead seed as to be of practically no value for seeding purposes. Three shipments, aggregating enough seed to sow 16,000 acres at a normal rate of seeding, contained no seed which could be expected to grow in the field. Because of the difficulties of trans-Atlantic shipment, imports of almost all kinds of seed have fallen off. Canada bluegrass from Canada and winter rape from Japan being the only two items of import which have exceeded those of the previous year.

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**Art of Weaving by Lower Life**

The arts of weaving and rope and net-making are practiced by some of the lower forms of life, notably among caterpillars and spiders. The weaver birds of Africa and India, which are a species of finch, construct wonderful nests out of leaves by sewing them together.

Now it is revised to read "competence is the life of trade."

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

In the Matter of the Estate of Matthew J. Stunkard, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as executrix of the estate of Matthew J. Stunkard, deceased, has filed her final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, and that Saturday, the 18th day of January, 1919, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the Court room of said Court in the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, has been appointed as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

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MALINDA J. STUNKARD, Executrix of the Estate of Matthew J. Stunkard, Deceased. 1-5

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**COURT PROCEEDINGS**

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On this day it is ordered by the Court that the Treasurer be and she is hereby authorized and instructed to transfer \$1672.00 from Road District No. 7 to General Road Fund. This sum was erroneously credited to Road District No. 7 at the time of collection.

Matter of appointment of Constable for Justice of Peace District No. 1.

On this day it is ordered by the Court that S. C. Knighton be, and he is hereby appointed Constable in and for Justice of the Peace District No. 1 to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of the constable elect to qualify for such office.

It is further ordered by the Court that before entering upon the duties of his said office, he shall file a bond in the sum of \$1000.00 and take the

oath of office as prescribed by law. Matter of Appointing Road Master.

On this day it is ordered by the Court that Mr. H. E. Abry be, and he is hereby appointed to the office of County Road Master in and for Columbia County, Oregon, for the year 1919.

It is further ordered by the Court that the salary of the said Road Master be, and the same is hereby fixed in the amount of \$2000.00 per annum, payable from the fund and at the time prescribed by law.

It is further ordered by the Court that the amount of bond to be furnished by the said Road Master be, and the same is hereby fixed in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Matter of drawing Jury List for the year 1919.

On this day the Court selects from the tax rolls of the County the names of Two Hundred men to serve as jurors for the year 1919.

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