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quence cancelled the invitation.

These are the facts about the situation in Finland.

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Reconstruction or Revolution

Reconstruction is the order of the day—in words. The old system has clearly shown its evils to the masses. The workers have been lured to expect great things of reconstruction from the promises made during the war. But these promises are not being realized. Nor are they realized under Capitalism, where the profits of the capitalists are more important than the peace and happiness of the masses.

Capitalism is utterly incompetent on the problems of reconstruction as they concern the masses. The Canadian Parliament is bankrupt. It dodges every real issue. It is the organ of Capitalism and must act to promote the interests of Capitalism.

Reconstruction, accordingly, proceeds on the basis of promoting Capitalism, which controls our life. Industry has concentrated to the point where it dominates the whole of society, where a group of industrial concerns and bankers control industry.

But this concentration of industry provides the basis for the socialization of industry—control and management of industry, of the shops, mills and mines, by the workers through their own organization—industrial democracy.

This does not mean state control or ownership of industry. The capitalist state is the organ of the capitalists, to protect the interests of the capitalists and crush the workers. State control of industry means capitalist control of industry, control of the workers by the capitalists and their state. Industrial democracy is realizable only by breaking the power of the capitalist state and of the capitalists, ending profits and placing all industry under the control of the workers.

All these problems are determined by the class struggle that rages in capitalist society—where a few capitalists own the industries on which depends the life and happiness of the many. Every act of the state, in war and peace, is determined by the class struggle; to promote the supremacy of the capitalist class against the working class.

This class struggle comes from the fact that the workers, the majority of the people, are denied all control of industry, are an expropriated class. The purpose of the class struggle of the proletariat is to secure control of industry for the workers.

In the shops, mills and mines are the workers exploited. They are exploited by not securing the full social value of their labor, by being compelled to work for the profit of the capitalist. This exploitation develops the class struggle, the purpose of which is to socialize industry for the proletariat. This socialization of industry requires the conquest of the power of the State for its realization—the construction of a new workers' state, or government, which will proceed to socialize industry.

Political democracy is of slight value to the workers. There can be no democracy without industrial democracy—the industrial vote by means of which the workers shall absolutely direct industry for the peace and happiness of the workers.

Revolutionary Socialism proposes a new government, that shall be industrial in character and function. This government, elected directly by the workers in the factory and the farmers in the village, shall be the directing source of industrial management, depriving the capitalists of power, using industry exclusively for life and not for profit. This is the object—political mass action and proletarian dictatorship the means.

England.—The Government has been greatly embarrassed by the publication in a local Labor paper of a secret military circular, issued to ascertain how many soldiers would respond to preserve the public peace (during a threatened police strike in London). How many would be available for strike-breaking, for service in Russia, and how they felt towards Trade Unions, formed part of the inquiry. Mr. Winston Churchill had his hands full to explain to the House of Commons what it all meant. He said it was a confidential army circular, and that a copy had been stolen and published to put the Government in a bad light—which it did.

France.—The government is probing the raising of the Red Flag on four French warships in the harbor of Odessa. It is said that all the naval forces in the Black Sea have returned to France. Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies state that neither the soldiers nor sailors are willing to fight the Russian Revolution.

Serbia.—It is reported that Serbia is in the throes of a Bolshevik uprising. Serbian regiments have been hastily withdrawn from the Hungarian front.

Italy.—East Indian troops stationed in Southern Italy have mutinied. With India seething with revolt, it would be rather risky to ship these soldiers back home and let them loose.

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