

TWO FIGHTS FOR DEMOCRACY.

Chicago Tribune: Democracy, as we understand it and want it, is a political arrangement which carries the consent of the governed into the government and gives people as nearly as possible the unrestricted right of political determination. Then, with necessary custodial help and restraints and with necessary punitive checks, it leaves the individual

to the development of his opportunities, the play of his genius and talents, the acquisition of money, comforts and position.

That is the democracy for which we are supposed to be making the world safe. It is precisely the democracy for which Russia, as now dominated, is trying to make the world unsafe. The Russian proletarian government and the American democratic government are of necessity more bitter enemies than the

American and the German governments could be. So level-headed a man as Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, said that he was convinced that the new social order would win.

"We are at the threshold of a new social era," he said. "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 the social renaissance of the whole world."

GERMANY IS FACING FINANCIAL CRASH

Tax of Sixty Per Cent. of Income Needed to Extinguish Debt at Present

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—An interesting event has taken place in the Bavarian Chamber on the financial situation as brought about by the war. Count Praxing, introducing an interpellation, said the empire, states, and municipalities would have to pay on the debt a yearly interest amounting to 2,750,000,000, which was equal to 60 per cent. of their income. In peace times the percentage was 18.5.

It was, he went on, impossible to cover that tremendous amount without war indemnities. Without indemnities the collapse of the federal states and a dangerous disturbance of the empire's economic position were seriously threatened. To cover any appreciable proportion of those financial requirements by direct imperial taxation was out of the question as that would mean tapping taxation sources which ought to be preserved to the federal states. Without indemnities only one thing remained and that was a stupendous confiscation of private fortunes.

Herr von Bismarck, finance minister, in reply, admitted the highly serious state of the financial situation. He objected to the imperial authorities entrenching on the taxation territory of the federal states. He pointed out that the yearly yield of war taxes was only sufficient to cover about two months of war expenditure. He foretold increased taxes and concluded by saying the responsible statesmen must strive to obtain war indemnities.

JOHN EVERS IS BACK IN BOSTON

Former Captain of Braves Now Signs With Red Sox. Will Assist Barrow

Johnny Evers, the veteran second baseman, who has been hobbled from pillar to post in the baseball world during the last few years, has jumped into a job in the American League, and signed a contract to play next season with the Boston Red Sox. Johnny will probably not play regular, but will be Manager Ed. Barrow's right bower on the board of strategy.

Evers had three offers, one of which was from Manager Jack Hendricks of the Cardinals. The Red Sox raised the ante, so he took the job which promised the best returns. Evers is glad to get back to Boston, where he enjoys much popularity because of his great aid in winning the pennant for the Braves in 1914.

Manager Barrow also signed George Whiteman of Toronto yesterday. Whiteman used to play in right field for the Yankees a few seasons ago, and then went to the International League. He pounded the ball hard in Toronto last season. Barrow has also signed outfielder James Shields. Walke Schaefer is still a hold-out.

Manager Miller Huggins' persistent conferences with Frazee of Boston have not borne any fruit as yet in the shape of an outfielder, for it seems that Walker is sure to go to the Athletics as part of the recent trade between that club and Boston. Huggins will see Connie Mack and will make another effort to land Walker.

Wild Bill Donovan, formerly manager of the Yankees, held a conference with President Frank Navin of Detroit on Wednesday and accepted a position as coach of the Tiger practice pitcher for next season. Donovan spent his major league pitching career in Detroit and welcomes the change to get back to his native heat.

Australian Soldiers Like Hospital Rinks

Anzacs Learn to Skate During Their Convalescence in Canada

The Australian soldiers, like the Canadians, have seen a bit of the world in their military service, but according to the men from the southern commonwealth they have seen nothing in the way of sport that appealed to them more than the hockey rink they have watched on the Canadian rinks.

At Cobourg where a number of these men are under treatment in the Ontario Military Convalescent Hospital they have enjoyed the open-air rink in connection with the institution, and learned to cut a few curves themselves. The fine expanses of skating surface in Canada are a novelty to them.

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