

ain. We are building for possible war with our chief Ally. There is no escape from the conclusion. The German naval power is broken, first by the surrender of its submarines and most powerful ships to the United States and Allies, and second by the rise of the German Socialist Republics. The Russian fleet is no longer a menace. A naval conflict with France is unthinkable—her fleet is negligible and Italy's even more so, while the Austrian fleet has disappeared. What navies remain save those of England and Japan? Japan is not to be feared, due to her geographical position. Plainly only England remains. Already her merchants and ship-owners are looking with dread upon the completion of our great merchant fleet. Naval rivalry will undoubtedly help to chill the new-born friendship. Is it any wonder that more men than ever before despair of Governments, that the Russian fleet with the Red Flag of internationalism at the fore has to many a more attractive appearance. At least the situation offers a wonderful opportunity for both Bolshevism and Socialism."

Did they lie, then, when they told us that this would be the last war?

Professor Paul Seippel of Zurich writing in the Journal of Geneva remarks "What distinguishes Japan from Prussia is its refined civilization and the fact that up to now it has made a point of respecting its international engagements. But the Japanese would still keep their plans of conquest even if the Europeans gave up theirs. In the European conflicts says M. Bellessort they see only the violent collusion of natural interests and distrust ideas of right and justice. If German Imperialism is overthrown and reduced to impotence there will still remain in the Far East another Imperialism which will be the greatest obstacle to the disarmament demanded by all the peoples of Europe as the sole means of escaping absolute ruin. To keep in awe this Ally of today, who may become the obstructive rival of to-morrow, the Anglo-Saxon nations will be obliged to retain, at the very least a sufficient naval armament."

That sounds like rumbling of a future war, but we have fought for four long weary years to end all war. We ask again have our ruling class been deceiving us? Further we are informed "New Republic" "It is a fact that France sponsored the Polish National Committee formed in Paris by Poles of undisguised imperialistic tendencies and gave it the support which led to its recognition by the Allies and United States as the provisional government of Poland. But what was it that made France adopt this course? The collapse of autocratic Russia, the interests of France, according to the conception of French diplomacy, required the presence of a powerful ally of France east of Germany."

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The "New Republic" continues: "After the Russian debacle had taken place it was natural for the French Government to go in search of new Allies in the East. The Czechoslovaks and the Jugoslovaks were, after many futile attempts on their part, suddenly raised to a position in relation to the Allies, which was beyond their own hopes. But Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia, with all their imperialistic aspirations, could each muster only a bare twelve million of population. It was altogether different with Poland, or at least with the Polish National Committee of Paris. The gentlemen of this committee had vision. Ethnographic Poland contained a population of 20,000,000 Poles, including 3,000,000 Jews, in 1914. The Poland of the quasi-radical Pilsudski and Daszynski embraced, in addition to Poland proper, only Lithuania and some sections of

Germany and Ukraine, making a total of 28,000,000 inhabitants. The Poland of Paderewski was somewhat better—it numbered 35,000,000 subjects. The Poland of another musical gentleman, Stokowski, numbered 38,000,000 people. But Poland of the leading spirit of the Paris Committee, Roman Dmowski, went even further. Numerically, Dmowski's Poland would constitute, in his own words "a new power representing between 35,000,000 and 40,000,000 people."

Dmowski's Poland undoubtedly looked tempting to France for his scheme termed "The Baltic League," is outlined as follows: "It called for a 'union' of Poland with Lithuania, Lettonia, Estonia, Finland, and even Denmark and Sweden. . . . Incidentally this would create an Ally of France in the East of some magnitude, stretching across Europe if Rumania be included from the Black Sea to the Arctic Ocean."

"To make Poland powerful France is clamoring for Allied military support of the new Polish puppet government, ostensibly as part of its campaign against Bolshevism in Lithuania, Ukraine, Lettonia, Estonia, and White Russia, but really in order to subject these territories to Poland. . . . In this manner it is possible to use Bolshevism as a cloak to hide the real objects of Imperialism."

"The Polish Imperialists, lacking support at home, went abroad to obtain the force necessary for the realization of their ambitions. French diplomacy gave them its support and is endeavoring to secure Allied aid for them, in order to build a new balance of power against Germany, which is treading new paths and groping towards a new light."

Thus a new world war, springing from the old Imperialistic game, will be the inevitable result.

"The new balance of power must be abandoned at its very inception. If it is allowed to develop, it will bring on another international disaster, league of nations or no league of nations."

Here we can distinctly see the seeds being sown for a future world-wide slaughter of the working-class. The diplomats are at their old game—balance of power with its concomitant WAR, whereby the wage-slaves of all countries are called upon to make the sacrifice while the diplomats stay at home wining and dining. Human lives are nought compared to territory and Imperialistic greed.

Mr. Asquith, ex-premier of Great Britain, stated "The enormous cost of keeping the world in arms, and the threat to civilization if war is to continue, is the extreme probability that this war, as terrible as it has been, will be only a pale image of the next if a few years more are given to the development of scientific methods and weapons."—Westminster Gazette, November 4th, 1918.

Workers of all lands are you now raising your sons for cannon-fodder? Are you prepared to acquiesce to another world butchery in the near future which will overwhelm the past four years into insignificance by its more scientific methods and means of extermination or are you going to adopt the only other alternative—SOCIALISM!

By taking over the means of wealth production, by owning the necessities of life collectively, for use instead of for profit, by embracing internationalism, whereby every man is our brother, irrespective of race, nationality or creed, you will thereby overthrow this dastardly system of capitalism which is the breeding ground for war and all other evils, which surround us today. Wake up before it is too late, and let us start at once to build up the new order of society, the Co-Operative Commonwealth.

ARTICLE FOUR OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE RUSSIAN SOCIALIST FEDERATED SOVIET REPUBLIC

THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Chapter 13.

"64. The right to vote and to be elected to the Soviets is enjoyed by the following citizens, irrespective of religion, nationality, domicile, etc., of the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic, of both sexes, who shall have completed their eighteenth year by the day of election:

"(a) All who have acquired the means of living through labor that is productive and useful to society, and also persons engaged in housekeeping which enables the former to do productive work, i.e., laborers and employees of all classes who are employed in industry, trade, agriculture, etc., and peasant and Cossack agricultural laborers who employ no help for the purpose of making profits.

"(b) Soldiers of the army and navy of the Soviets.

"(c) Citizens of the two preceding categories who have to any degree lost their capacity to work.

"(d) Note 1—Local Soviets may, upon approval of the central power, lower the age standard mentioned herein.

"Note 2—Non-citizens mentioned in Paragraph 20 (Article 2,

Chapter 5) have the right to vote.

"65. The following persons who enjoy neither the right to vote nor the right to be voted for, even though they belong to one of the categories enumerated above, namely:

"(a) Persons who employ hired labor to obtain from it an increase in profits.

"(b) Persons who have an income without doing any work, such as interest from capital, receipts from property, etc.

"(c) Private merchants, trade and commercial brokers.

"(d) Monks and clergy of all denominations.

"(e) Employees and agents of the former police, the gendarme corps and the Okhrana (Czar's secret service), also members of the former reigning dynasty.

"(f) Persons who have in legal form been declared demented or mentally deficient, and also persons under guardianship.

"(g) Persons who have been deprived by a Soviet of their rights of citizenship because of selfish or dishonorable offenses, for the period fixed by the sentence."

That is what Bolshevism is. It is a transfer of sovereignty to the working-class, leaving every sane man and woman free to renounce his capitalistic privilege, join the working-class, and become a partner in the sovereignty if he wants to.