

Is Social Revolution Coming in the U. S.?

Striking Parallel Suggested by Noted Preacher With France Before 1800.

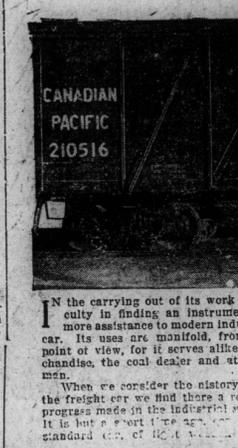
Vast as has been the inflow of gold into the United States as the result of the enormous excess over imports due to the demands of the Entente Allies, and the neutral states of Europe, it has not brought contentment in its train. Much has been written and said about the unparalleled prosperity of our neighbors and no doubt considerable sections of the community have been enjoying steady work and unusually high wages. The constant rise in the price of food and other necessities of life has also caused advances in the scale of pay in various lines of trade and industry. But these wage increases have not been commensurate with the growing expenditure, and in countless homes the situation has become acute. Just the other day the extraordinary rise in the price of eggs brought matters to a height in many parts of the United States. New York for example, where the housewives, whether organized or not, enthusiastically joined in a boycott of eggs and some other foodstuffs, including Turkeys, that indispensable ornament of the Thanksgiving table. The movement spread like wildfire, and extended to the hotels, not to speak of the official blessing the boycott met from State and municipal authorities. Prompt results followed, the price of turkeys dropping 7 and 8 cents a pound, and eggs from 2 to 4 cents a dozen. Evidently the long-suffering consumer, like the worm, will turn at last, and if with anything like unanimity, then a substantial measure of success is at once assured.

"Signs of Impending Revolution." In a recent sermon, the seventh of a series on "What is the Matter With the United States?" the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Billis, of the South Congregational church, took as his caption, "Signs of Impending Revolution in Cities and Empires," and as his text, "How is Mighty Babylon Fallen." Among the signs of the coming storm Dr. Hillis indicated as a third condition preceding matters, the arrival of the poor at a point when they lose confidence in their leaders. Dealing with that point, he said:

"Not only has the poor man a right to life, and a right to make the most possible out of himself through liberty, but he also has the right of brotherhood. The multitudes are fully conscious of their lesser endowments and of the necessity of trusting to the leadership of strong men. Just so long as things are endurable, they go on following the leader. They endure one disappointment after another, and for years are not embittered by betrayals. The patience of men is an amazing and beautiful quality. Our country is producing \$1,200 per American family. Out of this must come enough from all the families to give the hundred-power millionaires of the country, and all high-salaried men, their excess above the \$1,200 for their families. This brings the average workman and farmer not over \$10 a year per family. I take one typical family, a workman, toiling in a typical manufactory and living in one of our three-room tenements, and notice how one

they are planning for the approach of winter. Here Dr. Hillis read a table showing the cost of living for one year to be \$713.40, and proceeded: "But this workman is earning only \$600 a year. His wife does all the work at home, and to make up the remaining \$113, it is necessary that the oldest child of the three should leave school, make a false report to obtain a position, while the second child sells newspapers at a moment when scarcely beyond infancy. Now the family is typical of thousands living near at hand. In their desperation and anxiety to keep out of debt, the poor are seeking for leaders."

Discontent of the Poor This gave added point to a preceding paragraph in Dr. Hillis' sermon where he had given as another precedent condition to revolutions in thought and life the deep-seated belief whether right or wrong on the part of multitudes that they have done their part in production, only to find that their leaders are holding back the lion's share. "Just now," he is reported as saying, "things are not well in this country. The occasional firm with contracts, and labor union men never have been so prosperous. For their wages are high and times are good. But for the vast multitudes outside of union ranks, and the common working man, and the poor in the tenement regions conditions are becoming desperate. What happened to the women in Paris with one franc a day wage, and a franc and a half a day for rent, coal, bread and milk, has once more come about. The poor working men living along the river front, with an increase of 50 per cent. on their rents, with sixty cents a hundred pounds of coal, and flour at the rate of \$10 a barrel, and eggs fifty cents a dozen, are not simply anxious—they are bitter and desperate. As winter comes on, their melancholy and their brooding are manifest in dull mutterings. Never have they worked harder, and never were hunger and cold, with the necessities of the body, more urgent. Meanwhile, they read in their papers that three-fourths of the second-rate apples and the poor fruits and vegetables rotted in the orchards, with no man competent to conserve the food. They stand on the street corners and look at horses with golden buckles, and automobiles filled with bejeweled women. Out on the sidewalks of Fifth avenue, shivering in the chill wind they gaze through the plate glass windows into the dining room of the great hotel, where men and women carrying wraps of silk and fur are surrounded with wine glasses, and served by waiters that bring scolding supplies of food. The man with his little wage looks on out of the darkness, clenches his fist and curses silently. The papers tell the poor that a hundred millionaires have come up to New York, to flaunt their new treasures. The vaunting of insolent prosperity and insolent wealth is criminal in the face of the bewildered poor. The boy who waves a red flag before an infuriated bull now and then, pays a heavy penalty when gored unto death. It is a time for simplicity, for quiet living, for generous service, for self-denial. Millions made through munitions had better be spent not in dazzling feasts and gorgeous spectacles, but in quiet homes, and the wretched poor at home. We are in a world where one



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BATTLE STILL DRAWN IN SCOTCH LEAGUE

Leading Teams Both Won on Saturday—Results in the Competitions. London, Dec. 11.—Both Glasgow Celtic and Greenock Morton won their games in the Scottish Football League Saturday, and the league leadership is still divided between the pair. Morton's victory over the Queen's Park amateurs was gained by the narrowest possible majority, a single goal, while Celtic swamped Ayr United five goals to nil. The scores in the principal British competitions were: Lancashire Section Blackburn Rovers 1, Stoke 1. Bolton Wanderers 5, Manchester U. 1. Burslem Port Vale 2, Burnley 1. Everton 0, Stockport Co. 1. Manchester City 1, Bury 1. Oldham Athletic 2, Blackpool 0. Midland Section Bradford City 3, Sheffield United 2. Grimsby Town 2, Barnsley 2. Tuddersfield Town 2, Birmingham 1. Leicester Foss 1, Leeds City 4. Lincoln City 1, Bradford 2. Notts County 2, Notts Forest 2. Rotherham County 1, Hull City 1. Sheffield Wednesday 3, Chesterfield 1. London Combination Clapton Orient 1, Southampton 2. Luton Town 1, Tottenham Hot. 3. Chelsea 7, Brentford 2. Westford 3, Fulham 8. Portsmouth 1, West Ham U. 2. Millwall 2, Queen's Park R. 1. Scottish League Airdrieonians 2, Rangers 0. Celtic 5, Ayr United 0. Queen's Park 3, Morton 4. Partick Thistle 0, St. Mirren 1. Falkirk 3, Clyde 4. Dundee 6, Raith Rovers 2. Kilmarnock 4, Hamilton A. 0. Motherwell 2, Hearts 0. Dumbarton 2, Third Lanark 3. Hibernian 3, Aberdeen 3. Northern Union Bradford 14, Huddersfield 3. Halifax 5, Bighouse 0. St. Helen's Rec. 2, Wigan 4. Wakefield Trinity 17, Rochdale 0. Hull Kingston 0, Batley 0. Leeds 30, Oldham 3. Dewsbury 20, Bramley 0. Hunslet 16, York 6. Leigh 5, Salford 5. Barrow 6, Warrington 5. Broughton 5, Swinton 1. Runcorn 7, St. Helen's 1.

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LOOK TO CANADA FOR MUNITIONS

Mr. Flavelle Says U. S. Will Receive No More Shell Contracts Toronto, Dec. 11.—Canadian munitions manufacturers will be expected to fulfill their contracts for 1917. This is the message Mr. J. W. Flavelle, chairman of the imperial munitions board, brought from Great Britain when he arrived in Toronto Saturday. Mr. Flavelle has been away from Canada for nine weeks consulting with the Minister of Munitions and his assistants. "The minister considers that two years' probation is sufficient, and will expect Canada to fulfill the promises she has made for munitions in 1917," he said. "In fact it would be a grave blunder if the contract were not fulfilled." Mr. Flavelle said that Canada is still behind with her deliveries. In saying this he had no intention of blaming the manufacturers, although there had been a tendency to spend more energy on the part of manufacturers in getting orders than in filling them after they had been obtained. While Mr. Flavelle refrained from obvious reasons from giving figures of Canada's production of munitions, he stated that few people realized what a tremendous factor the Dominion had become in this regard and the magnitude of the task before her. Canada's responsibilities in the future will be all the greater for the reason that it has been decided not to give any more contracts to the United States shells. A special memorial service was conducted in Sydenham street Methodist church last evening, in honor of Lance-Corp. Thomas Feasdale, recently killed in action, and Mr. Gordon Showler, who passed away in the city some days ago. The attendance was of the largest, and the service was followed devoutly throughout by all present. An able discourse was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Smythe.

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