

Correspondence

Rural Route No. 2,
Salmon Arm, B.C.,
March 14, 1918.

Dear Comrade,
Congratulations on your happy release from the pestiferous air of the jail. I would like to bet that the experience has not made you a docile subject of Mr. Borden. I know what effect such an incident would have upon me. It would be a form of baptism which would fill me with a most holy zeal to carry with renewed vigor the rebellious gospel of freedom to the slaves. Perhaps I ought to congratulate you, also, upon your incarceration? I had to keep dodging whilst I was in Saskatchewan. Comrade Wetzel wrote me to Saskatoon to say that he had been informed that I would not get any further than Saskatoon. No meeting had been arranged for me in that city, so when I got his letter and saw how things were, I thought I would quietly leave by the next train for Prince Albert and carry out my engagements in the north of the province before attempting anything in Saskatoon. Whilst they were waiting therefore to see the announcement of my meeting I was spending a couple of useful and interesting weeks in the neighborhood of Parkdale, Tisdale, Weldon and Prince Albert.

I met quite a number of Russians and Ukrainians on the prairie, and from what I could gather many of them are preparing to go back to Russia after the war if the revolution will stick. Mr. Borden's talk about encouraging immigration is amusing. He is encouraging emigration, and there is like to be some exodus from this Godforsaken country after the war if I mistake not, unless things take a happy turn here.

Shall be glad to hear what developments are in hand for the future of the party. I am busy these days limbering up my liver with a cross-cut saw, but I don't want to be in the bush when the dawn is breaking. These are joyous times for us. The red glow in Europe is the harbinger of a better day. The spirit of rebellion is the breath of progress.

Yours in the fight,
George F. Stirling.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

K. L.—The Scout Law issued with approval of Lieut-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, K.C.B., section 2, is as follows: "A Scout is loyal to the King and to his officers, and to his country, and to his employers. He must stick to them through thick and thin against anyone who is their enemy or who even talks badly of them."

P. N. B.—The Socialist party in

France now consists of four factions, namely, the majority, the centre, the minority and the Kienthalians. The so-called majority is an uncompromising war party but it has lately become a minority although still called "Majoritaire." The so-called minority is a pacifist Socialist party but moderately pacifist. The Kienthal or Zimmerwald faction, which is barely more than three in the Chamber of Deputies, is violently pacifist, and is indeed called the "Bolshevik" by the remainder of the party. Between the uncompromising patriots and the moderate pacifists is the "Centre" party, which endeavors to bring the extreme factions together.

Here are the leaders of the various sections:

For the War Party—Albert Thomas, Marcel Sembat and Renaudel.

For the Centre Party—Marcel Cachin and Moulet (who were delegates to Russia), and Bedouce.

The Moderate Pacifists are mostly led by Jean Longuet, nephew of Karl Marx.

The Bolshevik party is led by Bri-
zton.

Speaking generally, the Albert Thomas party is for war to victory at any cost and the return of Alsace-Lorraine to France. The Longuet group refuse to vote war estimates, but they are for the settlement of the Alsace-Lorraine question by a vote of the people.

It is needless to specify what the aims of the so-called "French Bolsheviks" are.

J. M. C.

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