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White Paper Issued by British Government Reveals the Complete Collapse of Russia and the Utter Misery of its Inhabitants Under Bolshevism.

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The complete collapse of Russia and the utter misery of its inhabitants under Bolsheviem are strikingly revealed in a White Paper issued by the British Government, containing a report of the special committee appointed in May last year to collect information on the Russian situation. Conditions in the Northern Empire are now such that the country is in a state of economic collapse. Industry is practically ruined. A special campaign had to be in langurated to restore the transportation system. Disease is widespread owing to mulnutrition and neglect of sanitation. The annual mortality is said to be no less than six per cent. Workers we have been consulted and the peasants to supply the towns with food has placed the Soviet Government under the necessity of requisitioning agricultural produce. The peasants to supply the towns with food has placed the Soviet Government endeavored to suppress by sending punitive expeditions to quelting to mulnutrition and neglect of sanitation. The annual mortality is said to be no less than six per cent. Workers was placed the Soviet Food Administration.

Workers' Wages.

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consists of its investigations as follows:

"(1) That the complete renunciation by the Soviet Government, by the Russian Communist Party and by the Third or Communist International of propaganda directed towards the destruction of the political and contonic order existing in other countries is the fundamental presults, without the acceptance of which there can be no question of apitalist aid in the economic remostruction of Russia.

"(2) That, the possibility of exending credit to Russia on a scale n any way commensurate with her infinitum needs will be dependent to the faithful observation of the bove condition.

Conversation of Persantry.

rarian question on a basis which provide inducements for agritural production, now lacking, is sential to the provision of adeate supplies of food for the Instrial worker in the towns.

(5) That the restoration of rail of river transport is necessary if ch food supplies are to be conveyed the speed and regularity to the instrial areas of Russia.

(6) That the state of administive incompetence and corrupn into which the departments of a Soviet Government have fallen

the Soviet Government have fallen militates against the proper distribution of available supplies among the population, and must be remedied if the Russian worker is to be restored to the standard of health and strength necessary to re-establish the diminished productivity of his labor."

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Russian Collapse.

In a general summary the committee details briefly in various stages, the collapse of Russia. It touches upon the effects of the European war, and then summarizes the results of the Revolution in February, 1917, as follows:

"(1) The establishments of Societs of workmen in the factories idversely affected Industrial adminstration, and was largely responsible for the rapid fatt.

stration, and was largely responsible for the rapid fall of production in the manufacturing industries.

"(2) The establishment of Soviets among the troops, who were war-weary and desired peace, contributed further to destroy the Russian army as a fighting machine.

"(3), The Soviet Government, in a situation calling for the exercise of utmost discrimination and care, as read to the policy of mationalisation in haste without taking account it, the disorder already prevailing in Russia, of the complex structure of modern industry, of the absence of modern industry, of the absence of expert technical assistance, and if the disabilities resulting from the cake of knowledge and experience inder which they themselves lanored.

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"(4) As a result of nationalization, carried out in the above conditions, production continued to fall, and with ever-increasing rapidity.

"(5) In the summer of 1918 the outbreak of civil war, accompanied by foreign intervention, caused the Soviet Government to divert to military purposes all its energy and the tesidue of Russia's industrial capacity. In these circumstances the collapse of all other than war involution of the collapse of all other than war involution in the towns was accompanied by the further decline in supplies of food received by the towns from the villages which were able to obtain less and less in exchange for their products. The disorganisation of transport also made it impossible to move with speed and regularity to the towns with supplies

ontributing factors in causing this misery, it is impossible to dissociate the Soviet Government from a large measure of responsibility for the recent sufferings of the Russian peo-ple."

sending punitive expeditions to quell them.

"(8) The shortage of food in the towns owing to the cessation of exchange between town and country was further accentuated by incompetence and corruption on the part of the Soviet Food Administration.

Workers' Wages.

"(9) The industrial worker was paid partly in paper money, which fell in purchasing power with each succeeding month, and partly in a food ration, upon which it was impossible to support life, and partly in small and irregular issues of other commodities.

"(10) The worker was thus compelled to devote much of his working time trying to supplement by illegal purchase the insufficient rations which he and those dependent upon him received, and to which by law he was limited. Government shops nominally existed where the worker might make supplementary purchases at medicate required to the redit and capital required in Russia food ration, upon which he work in the money of goods.

"That it is inconceivable that the redit and capital required in Russia should be provided by foreign capitalism and the violent overthrow of so-called bourgeois Government remains the main object of the Russian Government of the political forces by which it is controlled.

"That if the Soviet Government renounce and abstain from propaganda directed to the destruction of capitalism and the established order in other countries, it still remains to be seen how far in the near future were mostly reserved for favoured

ellents.

"(11) An organized system of speculation, which the Bolshevist authorities endeavored unsuccessfully to suppress, and in which they

fully to suppress, and in which they ultimately came to participate, grew up side by side with the Soviet Administration, and made it possible for those who possessed the means of purchase and exchange to keep body and soul together.

"(12) Since the revolution of October, 1917, disease has been widespread, particularly among the poorer classes, owing to mainutified and neglected sanifation. The annual mortality of Russia is said to be 6 per cent of the population at the present time.

Such was the position at the end of 1919. The Soviet Government then realizing the real gravity of the situation processed to repudate its policies of land and industrial nationalization.

the situation proceeded to repudiate its policies of land and industrial nationalization,

"The collegiate system, says the British committee, which was established to control the Soviet system in industry, has given place in the majority of cases to individual control, a return to principles of industrial administration which have received their fullest development under capitalism."

Restoration of Transport.

A special campaign had to be inaugurated to repair locomotives and rolling stock as an essential step to the restoration of transport. The Soviet Government infroduced "apolicy of conscription and the militarization of labor as the only means of carrying on the industry of the country—industry practically ruined owing to the demoralization prevailing among the industrial proletariat as a result of mainutrition and the absence of many of the primary necessities of life." The Soviet Government further proceeded:

"To conduct an energetic propaganda against bureaucracy and red tape which have threatened to paralyze the Soviet Administration.

"To contemplate the possibility of receiving economic assistance from abroad on a resumption of trade relations with western countries."

Imports Necessary.

So far the British Committee has not sufficient information to determine how far the restoration of individual control in industry has contributed to increase production. It believes that while the measures taken to restore transport have restored to the product of the production of transport have restored the production of the producti

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Cultivation Decreased.

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"(3) The peasants ceased bringing their grain to the towns as a result of the fall in production and the great rise in the prices of manufactured goods. Such food as the peasants did bring to the towns was commandeered by the Government at fixed prices, but the price given was such that it did not enable them to purchase the articles of common necessity which they needed.

"(6) The disturbance of the balance of exchange between town and country was a general result of the events accompanying and following the February revolution."

Of the Bolshevist revolution and its results up to the end of 1919, the committee says:

Nationalization.

"(1) The Soviet Government proceeded to inaugurate a policy of nationalization of industry and to institute an organization for the State collection and distribution of food.

"(2) The Soviet Government estimates the manufacture improvement. Also, the British committee says: "We have not been able to obtain such information as would allow us to judge how far the policy of fabor conscription and militarization of labor formation as would allow us to judge how far the policy of fabor conscription and militarization of labor was been successful, or otherwise, in solving the problem of the shortage of labor, and to what extent conscription and militarization for has been successful, or otherwise, in solving the problem of the shortage of labor, and how far—where used——It has been productive."

Bolshevism a Fallure,

With regard to the future, the British Committee says: "The practical efforts of Bolshevism up to the present time, so far as they affect production, have been a disastrous fallure. The magnitude of the industrial collapse in Russia and the committee says:

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tween the United States and Great tween the United States and Great Britain as a result of maritime rivalry will occur in 1824, according to a prediction made by Leon Trotzky, to the Daily Herald, the Labor organ, the Bolsheviki Minister of War, in addressing the Third Internationale at Moscow Friday, says a despatch from Moscow.

States.

He declared that Great Britan was losing her position of work

was losing her position of world significance, and that "the pound sterling has been vanquished by the almighty dollar."

JOHN VICK HAS OPPOSITION IN TORONTO BRICKLAYERS'

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JAPANESE PROPAGANDA SPREADING IN HAWAII.

capitalism and the established order in other countries, it still remains to be seen how far in the near future they will be able to arrest the process of economic disintegration and to lay a foundation upon which it will be possible for Russian industry and agriculture once more to develop and expand." The Archbishop of Canterbury thinks "our chief peril" Is "in the rash enthusiasm of short cuts." We do not expect archbishops to be thinks "our chief peri!" Is "in the rash enthusiasm of short cuts." We do not expect archbishops to be rash.

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