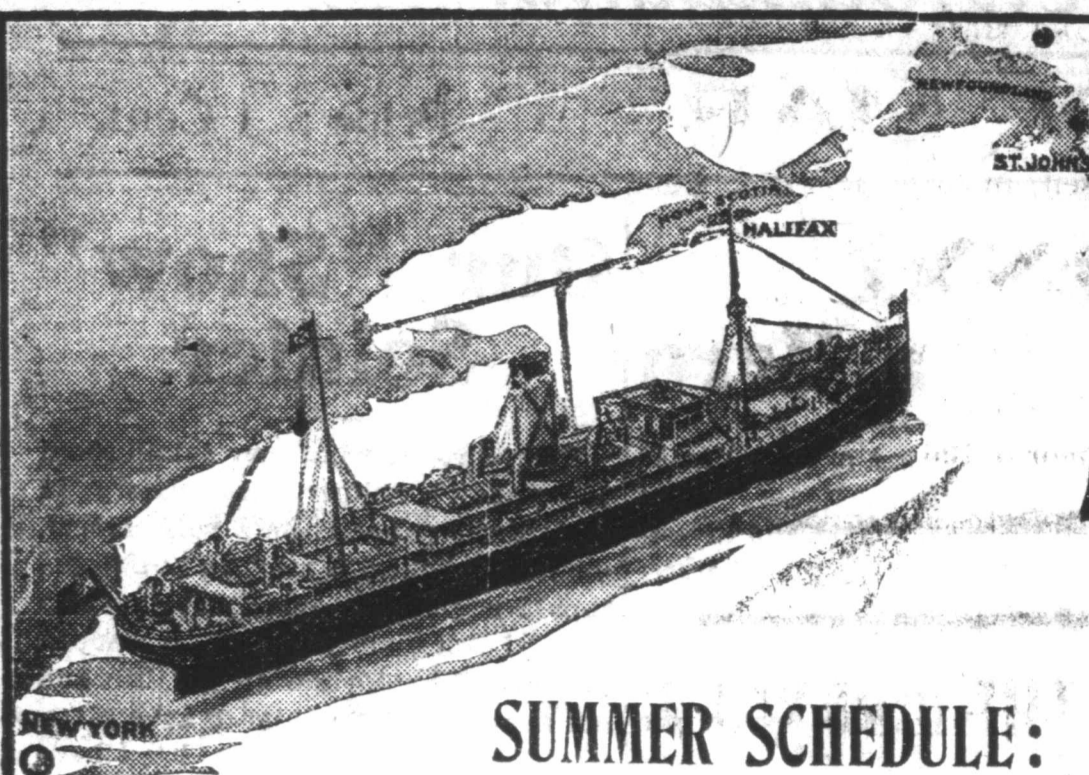


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Modern Socialism Explained

An excellent exposition of Socialism is given by R. W. Sellars, Ph.D., assistant professor of philosophy in the University of Michigan, in his new book, "The Next Step in Democracy" (The Macmillan Company). So far as we are aware no American has yet written a better account of the purposes of the moderate Socialists of to-day; and as Prof. Sellars has in mind the social conditions of the United States, where the crudest forms of individualism are so firmly entrenched, the theories of the volume also touch the life of Canada, those first stages of rapid growth and development that give the more selfish and material men in the community great opportunities to profit at the expense of their less cunning and aggressive brothers. Professor Sellars is very careful in setting forth the various things that socialism is not. He is always sane in pointing out the good and the evil of various sorts of social philosophies, and he does not advance Socialism as the cure for all ills. In fact he draws a sharp line of distinction between the old-fashioned teaching of the Utopian Socialists and the modern scientific school, who see in the modifications of modern life the signs of an evolution that will ultimately end in a socialistic state. He is quite frank about the dangers, such as bureaucracy, but shows how they can be met. People who desire to know something of the spirit of modern Socialism can hardly do better than read Prof. Sellars' volume. If they are in the habit of saying that they cannot read a book about socialistic ideals because somebody else will come along in a few months with a new idea of Socialism, they will even find in "The Next Step in Democracy" a reason for the constant development of those social theories to square with experience or to meet new problems.

The definition which the American professor gives of Socialism is interesting and important enough to quote. He says: "Socialism is a democratic movement whose purpose is the securing of an economic reorganization of society which will give the maximum possible of justice, liberty and efficiency, and whose plan is the gradual socializing of industry to the degree and extent that seem experimentally feasible. Along with this process will take place those political and legal and institutional reforms which even individualism is coming to regard as necessary."

There are persons who will cling to form of society so ordered as to permit recklessness and selfishness. They want to have the majority of people left in a position where they can be readily made the victims of those who play with loaded dice. Professor Sellars wants to see such men rendered powerless. He says: "The democratic ideal should consist of the lot of the many, of those honest and industrious workers who perform a profoundly useful function in the state, as well as those who are able to rise from the ranks by the means of the possession of superior intellect, will-power or cunning." He states his case so carefully that it would be difficult for even the most prejudiced person to take strong issue with him. In fact, if one accepts his definition given above, it is almost necessary to add in the words of Sir William Harcourt, "We are all socialists now."

The Irish Muddle

LONDON, July 31.—The most hopeful feature of the present Irish situation, says the Times, is "the fact that most of the members of the existing deadlock as a permanent barrier to the eventual solution of the problem."

"Nobody who heard the speeches of Mr. Redmond and Sir Edward Carson," continues the Times, "can doubt that an enduring settlement will some day be built on the foundation laid during the last few weeks. The cabinet having failed to devise a settlement whereby Nationalist Ireland could govern itself, has now set to work to retrace a system of government for united Ireland."

"There will not be any resignations from the cabinet, but the parliamentary position of the cabinet, will be sensibly influenced by the new attitude which the Nationalists threaten to take. The Nationalists will probably align themselves as a permanent opposition with complete freedom to criticize the government."

A Case in Point.
"Circumstances alter cases."
"You bet they do. Reduction of fare is all right on a railroad, but it isn't in a boarding house."

Germany is Becoming Afraid

The Firmness of the Allies is Having a Big Effect on the Rank and File of the German Army—German Nerves Showing Signs of a Decline in the Stamina Underlying Them

So far the period of the Allied offensive has been one of almost unbroken progress against the enemy. On all fronts the latter has lost the tremendous advantage of the initiative. That has changed hands, and to the Germans the loss will mean more than twice what the initiative was worth to them. There is no doubt that they exaggerated its value as against the British, but as against themselves it comes up to their high estimate. The difference is to be accounted for by the moral difference between the Entente armies and those of the enemy. The German war chiefs know that the inspiration of lead is necessary to get the best fighting out of their troops. They know that reverse detracts greatly from the martial spirit of their men, and they reason that it detracts in the same degree from the firmness of the troops of the Allies. We believe that the turn of the tide in the matter of initiative will be peculiarly disheartening to the Germans. The feeling that the initiative is now in the hands of a foe that could not be daunted when that odds was the other way will be depressing to the Germans. That they will continue to fight stoutly is to be expected, but if with all their fighting the battle keeps going against them, the heart of the German resistance will break. We do not expect any such display of fortitude and indomitable energy of resistance on the part of Germany as France has exhibited at all stages of the war, and especially in the five months' Battle of Verdun. Germany is now the under dog, and if we are to judge from the importance she has all along attached to being the upper dog, her fighting will show much of its vim.

Great, however, as have been the gains of the Allied armies since they assumed the offensive, their work has just begun. The enemy is still on their territory. His armies are still strongly entrenched in Belgium, in France, in Russia and in Serbia. Of the importance of that fact and of the magnitude of the task still ahead the directors of the Allied armies do not need to be told. They have made their preparations for the overcoming of those conditions. They are ready to maintain the war for whatever period is necessary for the pulverizing of the German war machine. That is not the grand fact on the Allied side. It is not for easy work or for a short spell of trial our armies are looking. They have made up their minds to be unwearied in warfare until they have accomplished their purpose. They mean to carry on the offensive in a conquering spirit no less steadfast than the unconquerable spirit in which for nearly two years they kept the field against which German war machinery, German drill, German materialism, German frightfulness will dash themselves to pieces. The German nerves are already showing signs of a decline in the stamina underlying them. Germany is becoming afraid.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

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On Woden's day in the end of May
Our High Sea Fleet put out to sea.
To find the skulking British line
And won a glorious victory.

When forty ships they sailed in line;
"With twenty," said our Admiral,
"With twenty, I will sink their pride,
And make Great Britain small!"

Forty ships of the British line,
And if my rhyme runs on,
You'll be surprised how many there'll be
Before the ballad's done.

Gott and the Zeppelins above
Gave eyes to our fierce craft,
But underneath their doomed ships
The demon sea-drakes dived and laughed.

We have our harbors at our back,
"Sea-room!" we cried, "sea-room!"
And by the night full fifty ships
Went staggering to their doom.

Fifty ships of the British line,
And if my rhyme runs on,
You'll be surprised how many there'll be
Before the ballad's done.

Ah Westfalen, brave Westfalen,
With her "6-inch" and "11-inch"
Guns she sank ten cruisers
And destroyers twenty-seven.

The Frauenlob went down, tis true,
But that was by mistake;
They did not give her sea-room to dodge
The torpedoes in her wake.

Sixty ships of the British line,
And if my rhyme runs on,
You'll be surprised how many there'll be
Before the ballad's done.

The cowards rallied their Grand sea Fleet,
When we sent Queen Mary down,
With only four mishapen left
To fish for her sinking crown.

But the Black Prince and Invincible—
We down'd them like a dog,
And the Warspite, when she put about,
Read death in her ship's-log.

Seventy ships of the British line,
And if my rhyme runs on,
You'll be surprised how many there'll be
Before my ballad's done.

Who sings of "Tipperary" now?
A long, long way indeed,
To find upon the Zeland coast
Her men in the salt weed.

For ship by ship, ten thousand drowned,
We counted as we sailed off
In pity, to the Kiel canal,
"We had done them wrack enough."

Eighty ships of the British line,
And if my rhyme runs on,
You'll be surprised how many there'll be
Before the ballad's done.

And "Hoch der Kaiser!" sang our crews,
And the Kaiser did "Hoch" repeat,
As he told of the glorious victory
(When we ran from the British Fleet.

We did not blazon all our loss
In the brutal British way;
But we thank our God for a good backdoor—
And still we pledged THE DAY!

A hundred ships of the British line
And beaten every one;
I told many more there'd be
Before the ballad was done.
—Ernest Rhys, in London Daily News.

Dutchmen Grow Angry

BERLIN, July 31.—(Wireless to Sydney)—The Dutch Christian Seamen's Union says the Overseas News Agency, to-day, has endorsed the protest of the Dutch ship owners' Association, and sailors' Union, against the action of the British authorities in seizing Dutch fishing boats, virtually all of which have been taken possession of, according to the news agency.

LONDON, July 31.—Naval officials here state that the British authorities found that they must take steps against Dutch fishing boats, as the Germans in certain areas were making use of disguised fishing boats not only to secure information, but for actual attack, some trawlers, even those under sail, being provided with torpedo tubes.

It is denied here that the English are declining to buy Dutch fish.

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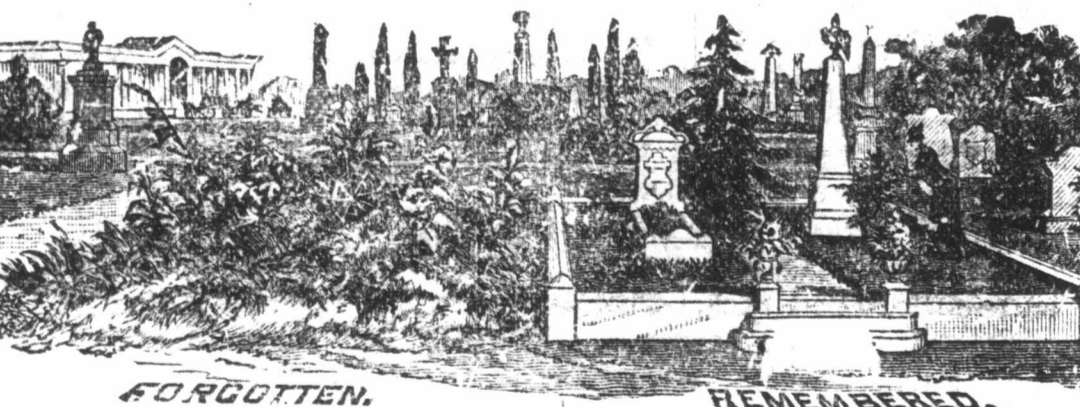
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