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THE BOLSHEVIKI

A pamphlet purporting to be issued by the "provisional council of soldiers and workers' deputies of Canada," has been distributed from door to door in "Toronto." It tells the people: "The time is ripe for revolution and you must rise." In Bangor a circular has been distributed, addressed to workers' saying: "Do not be deceived by the rich men's newspapers. The Bolsheviki government of Russia is the workers' and farmers' government. All officials are elected, none are appointed. The allied nations' troops should be withdrawn from Russia and Siberia and let them have home rule. Disarmament, universalism will prevent future wars. Now is the time to act."

All over this continent the Bolsheviki element, in some places quite strong, in others weak, is planning to bring about anarchy. The destruction of military autocracy has encouraged the worst element in human society to believe that it can enter upon a further campaign of destruction, as has been the case in Russia. Wherever there is a foreign element in this country, the United States there are some Bolshevists, who do not appreciate the freedom the country gives them, and who would destroy its institutions with as little compunction as the Huns felt when they were cutting off the hands of Belgian children. We are quite too lenient with these enemies of the commonwealth. Where they incite to violence to overthrow the established order in a free country they should be hunted down and punished. Their panacea for national ills has been proved to be a poison.

MOTHERS' PENSIONS

Is a system of mothers' pensions workable? It has worked for years in the state of Illinois, and is in operation in a number of other states. It is in operation in the province of Manitoba. The process is simple. There is first a very careful investigation of every case, to be sure that it is a deserving one, that no attempt is being made to throw upon the public a burden which parents are able to assume. When it is made clear that in the interest of the state the mother should be helped to keep her little home together and give her children a mother's care, a stated allowance is paid her from the funds of the province or state. The allowance varies with the number of children. The latter are thus enabled to grow up in a normal home and secure an education fitting them for productive industry. This is clearly in the interests of the state. In this connection the following article from the Toronto Star is both instructive and inspiring:

"The city of Galt is sending to other municipalities throughout Canada a letter signed by William S. Dakin, the mayor, asking for an active general support of the proposal that pensions be granted to widows with children in order that family life in these cases may be maintained with some prospect of the well-being of these mothers and their young. Mayor Dakin encloses a resolution passed by the city council of Galt, declaring the vital importance of this question to the national life of the Dominion, and petitioning the Dominion government to give the matter the weightiest consideration. A copy of the resolution is being forwarded to the prime minister and to other municipalities, asking them to join in urging the government to action. With the copy of the resolution is enclosed an article from the Star in which was reproduced and commented upon some evidence put forward by Rev. Peter Bryce of this city in proof of the need of pensions for widows with children. There is also enclosed an expression of opinion by the Bishop of Huron in his annual charge, in which he declares strongly in favor of pensioning widows and against the breaking up of homes by placing the children in public institutions. 'A home is the birthright of every child,' declares the Bishop, and 'to separate a mother from her children is at once to inflict upon the mother the bitterest sorrow, and to deprive the children of their natural guardian and the community of one of the most valuable elements in the moral training of the children.' It is too much to expect the widow, who has been left without means, both to bring up the children and earn the living, so that the children must suffer for lack of care or lack of sustenance, or both."

"It is useless to go on skirting a question of this kind, and it is encouraging to find the city council of Galt facing it and sending out the call to other municipalities throughout the country. It is useless to say that widows should not be left with children and without means. They are so left, and they will be so left, and organized society, for its own good, must see about it. As the Bishop of Huron well puts it: 'Not all poverty is due to thriftlessness. Our social and industrial system is such that when a married wage-earner is removed by death in early manhood his widow and orphans are necessarily left in more or less poverty, and when this is the case, it would only seem fair that the system would come to their assistance.' Not

only would it be fair to those concerned, but it would work out to the general advantage."

The fatherly talk of Mayor Hayes at the council board yesterday was a fit beginning of the new year. His worship pointed out clearly the heavy and increasing demands upon the civic treasury, and the questions of grave importance with which the council must deal this year. It is not an easy task that confronts the council. There is need of serious study of the various problems, in order that the best results may be achieved. The year 1919 ought to witness much progressive civic legislation.

The forces of the Bolsheviki continue to gain successes in western Russia. There is still no indication of the course to be pursued by the Allies in regard to Russia, other than that there is a disposition not to intervene if it can be avoided without danger to Europe. But if the Bolsheviki are left free in Russia, will they not be a very grave menace to the whole of Central and Western Europe?

If there is one thing needed to complete the demoralization of Russia it is vodka, and we are told that the Bolsheviki has decided to repeal the prohibitory act. There does not seem to be very much choice between this party and the Bolsheviki. It is only a difference of method in getting at the same result.

The Great War Veterans are to be congratulated on the success of their Christmas tree entertainment for soldiers' children. The children were happy, but here and there a widow's weeds reminded the onlooker that this assemblage was not without an element of profound pathos.

Sections of Kings county which did not suffer seriously from the first epidemic of influenza are now facing a serious outbreak. Apparently the disease will linger in the province throughout the winter, and care for one's health is for that reason the more urgent.

The council of the board of trade does well to enlarge the scope of its work and invite a larger co-operation. The citizens should respond and make the board's work more general and more effective for the good of the city.

The illness of Hon. Dr. Roberts followed many weeks of untiring work and deep anxiety in connection with public health department, and news that he is recovering is a source of general relief and satisfaction.

Yesterday's city council meeting was a real love feast. Mr. McEldan made a graceful and conciliatory speech on retirement, and the new commissioners spoke in the same spirit. The new council is off to a good start.

President Wilson is an idealist, but one who works for his ideals. His phrase, "friendship of the world," expresses a noble conception, worthy of the devotion of the nations.

With a larger police force, and better paid, we may anticipate fewer petty crimes and the prompt rounding up of the boot-leggers.

COLORED SNOW.

A study has been made by A. N. Winchell and E. R. Miller of the University of Wisconsin of a shower of dust which discolored falling snow at Madison and elsewhere. According to some what scanty reports this shower of dust covered an area of at least 100,000 square miles and probably much more. The dust is said to be of a reddish color, and have been at least a million tons, and may have greatly exceeded this, perhaps even amounting to hundreds of millions of tons. A study of the character of the dust and of the attendant meteorological conditions leads to the belief that the dust was blown all the way from arid regions in the far southwestern United States, and was therefore transported 1,000 miles or more.

MORE THAN 400 PERFUMES. It is interesting to note that 4200 species of plants are gathered and used for commercial purposes in Europe. Of these 420 have a perfume that is pleasing, and enter largely into the manufacture of scents, soaps and sachets. There are more species of white flowers gathered than of any other colors—1124. Of these 187 have an agreeable scent. Next in order come yellow blossoms, with 951, seventy-seven of them being perfumed. Red flowers number 823, of which eighty-four are scented. The blue flowers are of 594 varieties, thirty-four of which are perfumed, and the violet blossoms number 308, thirteen of which are pleasantly scented—Tid-Bits.

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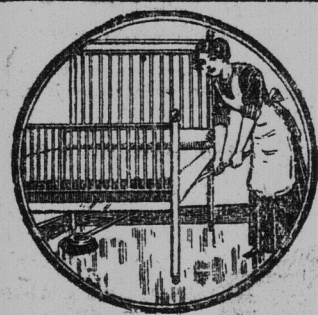
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LIGHTER VEIN

"Will it be all right to say that France took President Wilson to her bosom?" "Say, rather, to her breast."—Baltimore American.

"How long have you had your cook?" asked the abrupt woman. "More than two years," replied the patient hostess. "My! One of you must be easy to please."

The Prisoner Suffer. "Who is that poor fellow with the guards watching him?" asked the visitor to the penitentiary. "Oh, he's a desperate criminal," replied the warden. "He's doing twenty years. He wrecked a train." "And who is that trusty who seems

to have so many privileges?" asked the visitor.

"Oh, he's a financier," replied the warden. "He is doing two years. He wrecked a railroad."

"Are you in favor of government ownership?" "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; "on one condition."

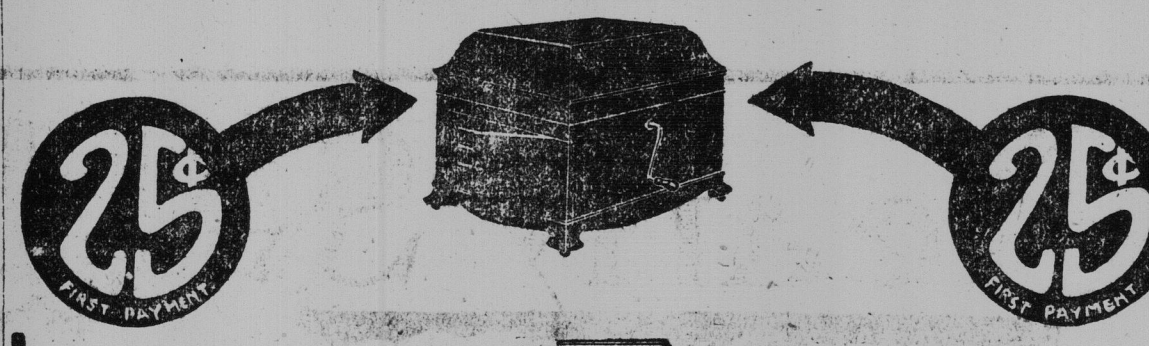
"What is that?" "My own great political party must be running the government."

A Mean Remark.

"Dead men tell no tales," observed the Sage. "Maybe that is the reason why so many widows get to marry again," commented the Fool.

"FLOURLESS BREAD"

Several German newspapers have printed under the title "Flourless Bread" reports of experiments in making bread direct from the grain without first grinding it to flour. This is done simply by soaking the grain in water and kneading it into dough. The war committee of German millers says, however, that this method was tried thirty years ago, but has never been used, except in small bakeries, and the expectations of obtaining a large quantity of bread in this way have not been realized. Using the grain itself, soaked in water, would save about one and one-half per cent. ordinarily lost in dust. Even then what might be gained in weight would be lost in nutrition, as the bread made of grain would contain many impurities.



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