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PRESIDENT SCHURMAN TALKS ON SOCIALISM

Enthusiasts Listen to Him in
Debate.

Russia the Most Perfect Example of State
and Municipal Ownership—Results
of Competitive Production.

(N. Y. Sun, Jan. 22.)
New Rochelle was stirred to un-
precedented depths of excitement yesterday over
a debate that was held there under
the direction of the People's Forum on "In-
dividualism versus Socialism." The
debate was held in the local opera
house, which will hold, sitting and
standing, about 1,800 persons, but it
was found far too small for the crowd
that came to listen to the arguments.

Morris Hillquit, late candidate for
Congress on the lower East side, was
the orator who spoke for socialism.
While the supporters of socialism were
numerous and vociferous in their
applause, "Individualism," whose
spokesman was President Jacob Gould
Schurman of Cornell University, was
not without its lusty supporters, and
they made themselves heard every time
their speaker scored a point. Finally
when Dr. Schurman wound up a de-
nunciation of the Carl Marx brand of
socialism and declared: "I am for the
republic. Three cheers for the repub-
lic!" there was a mighty roar of ap-
proval. This was instantly followed by
cheers for socialism.

The audience listened breathlessly to
the debate. In discussing the great
changes that would follow the intro-
duction of the Marx style of socialism
President Schurman seemed to be
rather concerned about the probable
fate of many cogs in the present so-
cial machinery.

"What," he asked, "are you going to
do with these millions of Socialists, these
captains of industry?"
"Make 'em work!" came back a lusty
voice from the main floor and a great
roar of applause followed.

"Don't you think a man could hon-
estly earn a surplus of \$100,000 or \$1-
000,000?" was another question that the
university president put to the audi-
ence.
"He never could earn honestly a sur-
plus of \$100," was one of the answers
that came from the box, and it seemed
to please a large section of the audi-
ence mightily.

Comde B. Fallon presided and after
he had made a short speech President
Schurman plunged at once into his
side of the debate. He said that in re-
cent times in all progressive countries
the functions of government had been
considerably enlarged. In the United
States, for example, the view of gov-
ernment that has prevailed is that an

institution for the protection of life
and property, resting on the view that
the less men are governed the better,
but complexities and changes
which the forefathers did not see have
compelled legislatures to pass laws
which have produced a change in our
attitude toward the State.

The speaker couldn't see that any
appreciable advance had been made
toward the millennium through public
ownership, though he said that he was
far from opposing that system.
The speaker praised the conception of
socialism as set forth by Kirkup
and said that it was at once the most
able and sympathetic interpretation of
the subject in the English language.
It contemplates a combination of la-
bor and capital in the same industrial
and social groups. No recent movement
for the better ordering of society, said
the speaker, is of more hope or prom-
ise, and though its greatest achieve-
ments have been won in Great Britain
there are other cooperative enterprises
also in Belgium, Holland, France and
Germany.

On the subject of huge fortunes the
speaker said that this feature so com-
pletely obliterated all others that
many thoughtless and ignorant per-
sons assumed that impoverishment of
the many had resulted from the en-
richment of the few. All this vague
thought and sentiment rested on the
tacit assumption that wealth, like
dirt, was lying around and needed
only to be picked up and that one man
had a good right to pick it up as
another.

"The fact is," said President Schur-
man, "that wealth is a creation. The
colossal fortunes of the millionaires
and billionaires, excepting, of course,
those that have been dishonestly ac-
quired, are positively contributions to
the sum total of human wealth. These
fortunes have been created from the
abilities of nature and human society
divided by the genius and organizing
ability of great captains of industry.
The rest of us should not be richer,
but poorer, had these men of econ-
omic genius not created their vast for-
tunes."

The speaker referred to President
Roosevelt's idea of a graduated inher-
itance tax to reduce the size of swollen
fortunes as a sort of economic blood-
letting and declared that a few years
of trial would prove that the remedy
was worse than the evil. Great for-
tunes, he said, when honestly ac-
quired, were a great boon to the commu-
nity, and the larger they were the bet-
ter.

Mr. Hillquit, who is a practised or-
ator and who got a very warm recep-
tion when he began to speak, pre-
sented the arguments for the Marx
socialism as advocated by his party.
He said that within the last century
the mode of wealth production had
undergone a tremendous change in
which the individual laborer was ob-
literated. Although the production of
goods was social in its methods and
character, it was conducted and regu-
lated by our competing captains of
industry for their individual gain. In
short, he said, although the produc-
tion of our wealth is socialistic, its ap-
propriation and distribution are en-
tirely individualistic. Continuing he
said:

And this feature of individualism
in industry has had a disastrous ef-
fect on our modern society. The com-
petitive production for private gain
has resulted in the develop-
ment of classes and glaring social con-
trasts within our society. It has created
trusts and monopolies, introduced
the horrible features of woman and
child labor into modern industry and
inaugurated the system of reckless in-
dustrial slaughter which annually
claims half a million victims. It has
corrupted our politics, polluted our
public life and is at the bottom of
all social ills of our time.

The evils of these evils is not
disputed, but it is contended that the
Socialist view of them is too gloomy,
and that the Socialists do not take in-
to account the many benefits and bless-
ings of the present order of things.
We do not deny these blessings. On
the contrary, we assert that the view
"whole we are better off than the pre-
vious generations. Every succeeding
phase of human progress has been
superior to the phase preceding it, and
just therein lies our hope for the real-
ization of a system of civilization more
humane and rational than our present
one—the system of socialism. But in
speaking of the blessings of our mod-
ern civilization it must also be borne
in mind that these blessings, the cheap-
ness of the means of life, the greater
comforts, etc., are due entirely to the
modern factory and machine produc-
tion, i. e., to the social features of our
industry, and not to its individual
features.

GRAVEST CRISIS OF KAISER'S REIGN

German Campaign as Bitter as
It Is Complicated.

His Majesty Leaving Nothing Undone to
Persuade His Subjects to Vote
Imperially.

BERLIN, Jan. 22.—The campaign has
developed into the hottest in the his-
tory of the German Empire. It is also the most
demoralized and uncertain, for it is
an indescribable battle, not between
great parties, but between a multitude
of small cliques. The Kaiser, fully
realizing that he is face to face with
the greatest domestic crisis of his
reign, does not hesitate to employ
every instrument in his power to in-
duce or compel the country to "vote
imperially." The official pressure put
upon every Social Democrat by not
connected with the public service comes
as near compulsion as it is possible to
make it.

Threats and persuasion are used in-
discriminately, but there are signs of
rising resentment against these meth-
ods. Thus the emperor's threat to
boycott Berlin if the city is carried
by the Socialists has resulted in a
socialistic campaign in Potsdam, which
promises to elect a Red representative
in the royal borough. The Socialists
lost Potsdam in the last election by
only 500. This time their opponents
nominated no less than seven candi-
dates against Herr Liebknecht, Social-
ist, who is likely to be elected.

IMPERIAL BOYCOTT.
The menace of an imperial boycott
also hangs over the royal residential
cities of Wiesbaden and Cassel. At
Wiesbaden elects a Socialist his Ma-
jesty is quoted as saying he will chase
the traitorous electors by not at-
tending the dedication of their new
Kurhaus, and will also abandon his
annual visit to Wiesbaden. The Royal
Theatre at Cassel is to be punished by
cancellation of its annual royal opera
and dramatic cycle, which takes place
in May.

The parties for the government on
the "patriotic" issue are the Conserva-
tive, National Liberal, and Radical.
Each is divided into two camps. The
Socialists are divided into the Social-
ist and the Social-Democratic. The
Catholic Centre, the Social Democrats,
and the Liberals. The Social Demo-
crats and the Socialists have govern-
ment leanings.

REDS SUPREME EFFORT.
On Monday the Reds made their
supreme effort to get their campaign
literature into the hands of the voters.
A million volunteers, mostly workmen,
penetrated the city, and in the corner
of the empire and forced handbills upon
every householder. Hereafter the
state railway employees had the courage
to help the Socialists to distribute their
campaign literature, but the railway
minister has issued a decree warning
railway servants not to be purged such
distance to "enemies of the state" and
under penalty of severest punishment.

The Catholics employed Sunday
to their advantage. They held a cor-
villages in line. Every priest in the
country advised his parishioners to
the pulpit to vote for the Centre.
The election hour effort of the Catholics
will consist of persuasion mass meet-
ings in every parish the night before
election. The split in their ranks is so
serious that in one West Prussian
division five rival Catholic candidates
are fighting one another.

HAD NO POLICE SANCTION.
The Catholics had intended to fire
their heaviest gun of the campaign in
Berlin Thursday night, but the police
refused to have delivered a speech
arraigning the Government in the
bitterest language which the Social-
ists could utter. The police refused to
allow the Catholics to assemble at the
meeting, and the meeting was aban-
doned.

The Government issued last night a
semi-official renunciation to keep the
party for allowing what it terms the
"Centrum's agents and agitators" can-
vassing from house to house for the
purpose of enquiring how those visited
mean to vote.

The Government bases its remon-
strance on the fundamental principle
that the suffrage is secret, and com-
plains that canvassing of the nature
indicated amounts to an exercise of
undue influence over the electors.
Further complaints are that the
educated classes there exists very
deficient knowledge as to the whole
letter and spirit of the electoral pro-
cedure, and conjectures that the mark-
ed abstention from voting observable
at all elections may be attributed to
this want of knowledge. The remon-
strance closes with a citation of the
chief passages of the electoral law.

CONFUSION OF ISSUES.
The confusion of issues is confusing
the electorate. The Government elec-
tion cry is "for Germany's honor and
greatness," meaning the German policy
in South-west Africa. There is a good
deal of dissatisfaction even among the
Government supporters over going to
the country on this point.

There is little doubt that if Socialism
was the direct issue it would suffer de-
feat, especially on the present basis of
representation; but in combination with
other opponents of the Government the
Socialists stand an even chance of
winning a victory. There is, however,
no reliable basis for prophecy, and the
second polling alone will determine the
result. A majority vote in the Reichstag
will probably be no choice in a large
portion of the districts on the first poll-
ing.

An interesting feature of the cam-
paign is the decline in Chancellor von
Buelow's prestige and a corresponding
rise in that of Colonial Director Dern-
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