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"If one class is going to be better off than another, then surely it should be the class that does the work."—

Philip Snowden, M.P.



RUSSIAN ARMY VOTE.

The following results of the election of the Constituent Assembly have been recorded:

	12th Army	5th Army in Finland
Bolsheviks	202,000	145,000 208,000
Rev. Socialists	122,000	45,000 11,000
Ukraines	3,000	21,000 1,200
Cadets	6,000	4,000 700
Patriotic Minimalists	2,500	1,200 340
Minimalists	1,700	1,200 293

In the election of the Government of Kaluga the Bolsheviks obtained the majority of seats, the Revolutionary Socialists and Cadets coming second and third respectively. In the town of Kaluga the Cadets headed the poll. In the district of Kostroma the Revolutionary Socialists returned four members and the Bolsheviks four.

JAPANESE COMMENT ON OUR FREE SPEECH.

Now that America has entered the ranks of the belligerents, the minority who oppose the action of the Government seems to be in no more favorable position than the minority in the other belligerent states. The trustees of Columbia University have expelled two members of the faculty—Professor Dana and Dr. Cattell—for daring to hold views that are at present unpopular. It appears that Professor Cattell, who became professor of psychology at Columbia in 1891, recently wrote to members of Congress expressing the hope that they would oppose the sending of conscripts to Europe—i.e., that conscription should only be for national defence—while Professor Dana, who is a grandson of Longfellow, has been found guilty of participating in the activities of the People's Council, which, under the guise of promoting peace, is striving to weaken the national effort and nullify the national will. In England Professor Bertrand Russell, grandson of Lord John Russell, has been deprived of his lectureship at Cambridge for his opposition to conscription and advocacy of a negotiated peace. In Germany Professor Foerster of Munich, who has strongly supported arbitration and disarmament, has been refused permission to lecture by the university authorities, and has been hounded out of Munich. Under war conditions here, psychology is an interesting study.—Japan Chronicle.

WHY YOU SHOULD BOOST THIS PAPER.

The "Canadian Forward" is without a doubt the best paper in Canada for supplying the news of the wide world Socialist movement.

Let us glance at a few of our achievements and you can see for yourself.

This paper was the first paper in Canada to publish the verbatim report of the British Labor Movement's War

Aims.

This paper also was the first to publish the first official statement of the Bolshevik Ambassador to Great Britain.

This paper published Fenner Brockway's Defence, which was reprinted in the British Columbia Federationist without credit.

The Kingdom of Shylock, No. 8, of a series of pamphlets published by Frank Anstey, Australia, which was reprinted by The Labor Call of that country, and was first published in The Forward and copied later by the British Columbia Federationist.

The Canadian Forward is making arrangements to have a greater service, and asks its readers to help to increase the circulation by 5,000 this year.

It is now recognized as a factor. Many of the editors of capitalist newspapers subscribe to it for their own edification.

In addition, special articles appear regularly by the following writers: Stafford Whitby, Mrs. Hector Prenter, Mrs. Gertrude Richardson, Phillips Thompson, Mervyn Smith, J. McArthur Conner, John Alexander, James Simpson, and Dr. W. J. Curry.

With a contributing staff such as we have and an army of good circulation hustlers, we should be able to make this paper a weekly in a short time.

RHONDDA'S "SOCIALISM."

Lord Rhondda, the British Food Controller, has announced that he will give the people of Britain Socialism for the duration of the war, but will thereafter revert to individualism. Just think of it. After years and years of sacrifice and agitation on the part of countless thousands of men and women to attain this object, it is bestowed upon them by the act of one man. So superhuman does it seem that we are moved to ask if this is not another fulfilment of Biblical prophecy, for it is written "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." Yet to the skeptical, matter-of-fact individual, the following quotation from Keir Hardie, which might have been written as a rejoinder to Rhondda's proclamation, will seem a more rational interpretation: "There is all the difference in the world between a form of State Socialism brought about by the exigencies of the moment, and a Socialist State consciously evolved by a united people resolved on their own industrial freedom."

MY PATRIOTISM.

If I am to be patriotic, then my most patriotic desire shall be that my country should so order its life as to elevate a new ideal of national greatness, the persuasive force of whose rightness and fineness should lead all nations to a future in which Patriotism is an anachronism, and hence, war only a sad memory.

If I am to be patriotic, my patriotic

desire shall be that my country should not be content with a partial or merely verbal acceptance of the best ideals of human association, but that, by truly embodying such ideals in its life, it should serve as a shining example, strengthening the faith of others, calling forth the nobility in men of all nations, and leading the human family to a truly human future.

Full of courage, it should engage in the great Human Adventure. Full of faith in man, its basis should be freedom. Its democracy should be the democracy of freedom, not the sham democracy of tyranny and exploitation. Its strength should be in the noble co-operation of freedom, not in the virtueless co-operation of economic and political compulsion; its honor, no longer rooted in dishonor, should rest on the brotherhood of its members; its pride should not be in its efficiency, but in the opportunities which it provided for the fullest development of the human spirit in all its members.

With freedom should go truth. Lies, hypocrisy, and the glossing over of ugliness should no longer enter into its structure, but its social structure should be true throughout. It should not fear truth, but rather should verily believe that "the greatest of all infidelity is the fear lest the truth be bad."

Man should no longer be slave to the economic machine which ought to be his servant. Wage slavery should have gone. No man should exploit the lives of others for his personal benefit. No man's life should be used to fulfil the purposes of another, but each should be free to use his life for his own purpose in order that he might the better use it for Humanity's.

Never should it put money before life. It would not tolerate palaces at one end of the scale and hovels at the other. Education, marriage, organized religion, medicine, journalism should not be sophisticated by economic considerations. No man should have artificial privileges over his fellows. Law should never be an instrument for the defence of special privilege or a means of revenge and brutality.

It should not reckon its greatness by its armed force or by the extent of the territory it controlled or by the number and diversity of the people who owed it allegiance. It would never coerce others or dictate the allegiance of others. It would never descend to exploiting the inhabitants of other countries. It would not reckon its greatness in the volume of its trade or in the numbers of its wealthy and the extent of their wealth.

It would be internationalistic rather than nationalistic in its outlook. And its internationalism would not be a legalistic internationalism but an internationalism inspired by faith in the brotherhood of man. In its relations with other societies it should be directed by a habit of sympathy and reconciliation and by a calm faith in principle. Its security should not rest on force but on the compelling power of its own true greatness and noble benevolence.

If I am to be patriotic, such are the desires of my patriotism.—G. S. W.

CLASS-CONSCIOUS COMMENTS.

(By Phillips Thompson, Oakville.)

It takes a pretty strong individualist these days to be a good Socialist.

The Big Business war is a great object lesson in Economic Determinism. It has produced a condition of great prosperity—capitalist prosperity. Thirty millions of dollars per month are being spent for war munitions and supplies. Profiteers are piling up big fortunes. Workingmen have steady employment, many of

them at high wages. Hence, it is not surprising that anyone venturing to advocate peace by negotiation becomes a target for cheap abuse and ridicule by the prostitute press and pulpit.

"These are the times that try men's souls."—Thomas Paine.

Political liberty without economic independence is an iridescent dream.

The American Draft Act has been pronounced constitutional by the Supreme Court. I wonder what would have happened to the Supreme Court if they had pronounced it unconstitutional. The judges are always on to their job as servile tools of the plutocracy.

In boldly repudiating the national debt the Bolshevik Government of Russia simply take the ground that no man should be born with a mortgage on him. Some day the proletariat of other less advanced countries will follow their example.

Conventional morality is merely the line of conduct which is, or appears to be, in the interest of the ruling class.

The Trade Union representatives recently went to Ottawa to beg and beseech the Government not to import Chinese labor. Instead of occupying this humiliating position, the workmen of Canada, had they used their ballots rightly, might have been able to command instead of entreating.

The Canadian Government is a despotism tempered by cowardice. They can come down hard and heavy on pacifists and alleged pro-Germans in Ontario for uttering in private conversation the opinions which are boldly proclaimed week after week by Henri Bourassa and others in Quebec with impunity.

God Almighty Himself cannot emancipate a willing slave.

The re-election of Tommy Church as Mayor of Toronto is quite in accordance with the fitness of things. He is a good Tory, a good Orangeman, a good churchman, and a damned fool. Is there any further qualification necessary for the office?

The statements of Lloyd George and President Wilson as to the aims of the Allies make it abundantly evident that the war is being waged to the bitter end, not to recover Belgium or to defend England or America, but to re-arrange the entire map of Europe. What interest have Canadian workingmen in such an object?

No Socialist wants to see it, but a big influx of Chinese labor which would cut the current wage rate in two would serve the working classes just about right for their subservency to the old party politicians.

"Newspapers have a fiduciary relationship to the public and they do not wantonly sacrifice the reputation upon which their very life depends," says the Globe in reply to the charge of having been bought. But the relationship of the Globe and other journalistic hirelings to the providers of page and half-page advertisements is a blamed sight more "fiduciary" than their relationship to the general public.

A little tyranny is a dangerous thing. When the public surrenders one freedom, it may except to be asked to surrender others.

"The ignorance of the so-called educated classes is colossal."—Thomas Huxley.