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**GERMANY A REPUBLIC**

After the Franco-German war of 1870 France became a republic. Germany will most likely become a republic after the present war. Germany is largely feudal. The landed proprietors are powerful. Their word was law in the parliamentary bodies. Especially in the Prussian state were they mighty. The landowners being powerful, their ideas and opinions were reflected in legislation and administration. It wants wage slaves. Feudal ownership desires a military caste, soldiery aggression. The German Social-Democracy was not strong enough to break through the feudal rule. Wherefore German military rule proceeded apace. The sword was rattled. The war of England and France is a war of petty bourgeoisie and industry against persistent feudalism. With the arms of England and France and Belgium, also industrial, the German nation will be conquered. And with conquest, the military and feudal caste of Germany will be smashed. The shell of the feudal system will be burst. And the petty bourgeois forces and industrial interests in Germany will emerge to supreme political power. A republican form of government is the political expression of capitalism. A republican form of government will be established in Germany. But with the rise of industrialism to supreme power, the working class revolt will become more insistent. At present in Germany what has kept Socialism back has been the peasant workers on the feudal estates. They are feudal, Catholic, reactionary. Upon their exploitation and voting power the military rule has been perpetuated. With their masters' political power gone, they will be transformed into petty owners, or into industrial wage slaves exploited through giant agricultural machinery. In either case they will be anti-militaristic. A republican Germany, with the economic basis of feudal supremacy removed, will be a fitting place for the class struggle to be fought. We can look forward to a tremendous boom for Socialism within the German dominions and in all other countries when the war is over.

**CENSORSHIP**

All news from the belligerent nations is censored. No news even from England, is allowed to come to Canada unless it passes the censors. This means that the war mad capitalists of all countries are giving out only such news as they want known. All peace movements are suppressed ruthlessly and the news thereof is also suppressed. The result is that all the efforts of Socialists to stop the war is kept from us. Only the words of those who want war are given forth. We may rest assured that the workers of all countries are doing their best to put an end to the murder madness of the masters.

**The Folly of Fighting**

"My greatest regret is that I have been the author of three wars in which thousands of lives were lost."—Bismarck.  
"War is the trade of barbarism."—Napoleon.  
"A good man never makes a good soldier. The worst man always makes the best soldier. The soldier is nothing but a hired, legalized murderer."—Napoleon.  
"The military profession is a damnable profession."—Wellington.  
"War is Hell."—General Sherman.  
"Down with the army and navy. We do not need killing machines. We need only life-giving machines."—Jack London.  
"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not rise against nation, nor shall men learn war any more."—Isaiah.  
"Thou shalt not kill."—Jesus.  
"Whenever there is war, the Devil makes Hell larger."—German Proverb.  
"Cannons and firearms are cruel and murderous machines."—Martin Luther.  
"O War, thou son of Hell."—William Shakespeare.  
"War is a brain-spattering, windpipe-slitting art."—Lord Bacon.  
"War is the devil's gambling game."—George Fox.  
"War is the business of Hell."—Rev. John Wesley.  
"There never was a good war or a bad peace."—Benjamin Franklin.  
"The soldier is a hired assassin."—Victor Hugo.  
"Napoleon was a great gambler, whose game was empires, whose stakes were thrones whose table, earth, whose dice were human bones."—Byron.  
"War is the statesman's game, the priest's delight, the lawyer's jest, the hired assassin's trade."—Shelley.  
"Thou shalt not kill."—Moses in the Decalogue.  
"Take up the sword. They that take up the sword shall perish by the sword."—Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth.  
"Providence takes no notice of which side is right or wrong in any war. Providence is always on the side of the heaviest artillery."—Napoleon Bonaparte.  
"I confess without shame that I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. Even success, the most brilliant, is over dead and mangled bodies; the anguish and lamentations of distant families appearing to me for missing sons, husbands and fathers. It is only those who have not heard a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded and lacerated, that cry aloud for more blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell."—Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman.  
"I do not know of a war for the last 300 years that was caused by a soldier or by a soldier's ambition. All wars have economic causes. Without a single exception all wars are wars for trade. These are all caused by bankers, merchants and business men."—The late Frederick Dent Grant, of the United States army, at the peace congress in Chicago in 1909.

**THE LAST GREAT WAR**

It looks as though the war now raging will be the last great war in Europe. The nations have been tired of armaments. The people have wanted democratic institutions. They have desired peace in order to improve their conditions. But the international situation was such that armaments were piled on armaments and the strength of the nations went in preparing for war. Now that the war has broken forth the issue will be decided by the sword, by cannon, by bombs, by aeroplanes, by battleships. When it is over, the victorious nations will impose peace. It does not seem possible for Germany to escape being conquered. With France, Russia, Great Britain, Belgium against her, her defeat seems inevitable. The colonies are sending their thousands to assist the capitalist exploiters of Great Britain to overthrow the rule of the German war lords. The hundreds of thousands of Russians, Belgians, French, Serbians, in the U.S. and the colonies will cross the seas to join the armies against Germany. The Germans and Austrians in the U.S. and colonies will not be able to get back to their countries to participate in the war. French and British war vessels will blockade the coasts. When Germany is conquered, her battleships and her war implement plants will either be dismantled, or forced to produce only products for peaceful industry. She will be like the Socialists of France, disarmed. Her rulers will not be able to arm the workers for butchering human beings. The menace of militarism will be removed, and the desire of the common people for better living conditions will spring to the front as the chief issue. The rulers will not be able to sidetrack the demands for war scares. Socialism will receive a tremendous boom with the war over.

**THE GREAT ILLUSION A NIGHTMARE**

The slaughtering of hundreds of thousands of human beings at the behest of the ruling class proves conclusively that the international fraternity of the working class should be hastened in all possible ways so that war may be abolished forever. Tracy Bones (With apologies to a well-known character.) Come all you patriots who want to fight. Now's your opportunity to scratch and kick. Show these heathen Hottentots how civilized you are. With your pious Christian fighting for your Kaiser, King or Czar. Tracy Bones went into the conflict. Tracy Bones slashed and stabbed and swore. Tracy Bones revelled in the carnage. Revelled in the glorious Christian game of war. In the very first engagement Tracy brained a German "brother." In the next he had the glorious luck to disembowel another. The third time he fought he got a crack upon the head. Which loosed at his evil passions and made Tracy Bones see red. Tracy Bones fought like any fury. Tracy Bones let himself right in. Tracy Bones slashed and stabbed and slaughtered. Slaughtered fourteen Germans with a great big shout. When Sunday morning dawned upon the battlefield, An armistice was granted and the chaplains spied. They spied to English Tommies in fine, pro-British sermons. And Preacher Wilhelm spied about the God of all the Germans. Tracy Bones listened to the sermon. Tracy Bones prayed for victory. Tracy Bones forgot that every German was asking "Loser Gott" for the same boon as he. And when the war was over Tracy Bones had lost a leg. So he asked a grateful COUNTRY what he'd earned beside a leg. The COUNTRY said you've earned our everlasting gratitude. And the chance to pay the bill is entire on your shoulders. Tracy Bones came back from the conflict. Tracy Bones cursed and raved and swore. Tracy Bones was completely puzzled. To know what under Heaven he'd been fighting for. Come all you merry patriots who itch to fight. Now's your opportunity to tear and rend and bite. To show your CHRISTIAN bravery to those who have no daring Tommies or bloodthirsty Tracyes. Tracy Bones at last is waking up, sir! Tracy Bones asks us what it's for. Tracy Bones can't be fooled much longer. By the hellish, cursed, stupid, "Glorious" GAME OF WAR. Walter F. Harris, Red Deer, Alberta.

**Tracy Bones**

Industrial trouble was stalking through Britain. It was expected that a gigantic strike of dockers, miners, railwaymen and others would be pulled off. The last strike of the railwaymen shook the capitalist system to its base. Just as the Kaiser wanted war to down the Socialists, so the British rulers wanted war to prevent the strike. In the olden days when the slaves of Sparta or the Asian despots grew too numerous and turbulent, the masters slaughtered them by thousands. Today when the wage-slaves grow turbulent, the rulers declared a war and slaughter them by thousands.

**THE CAPITALIST BLUFF**

As soon as war broke out all the stock exchanges of the world closed. The master class claimed they were worth millions and millions of dollars. When they tried to realize on their security and get the cash, the bluff system broke down. The average rate of income on capital is about five per cent or less. If a capitalist has an income of five thousand dollars a year from some labor skinning joint, he says he is worth one hundred thousand dollars. If he has fifty thousand dollars income he is a millionaire. When he wants to sell his title to exploit the workers and buy another title to exploit the workers in some other line of industry, he swaps his stocks or bonds for bits of paper called twenty dollar bills or hundred dollar bills. Or maybe he does not see a dollar bill at all. He is given a check on a bank in payment and he presents that check to the bank and is given a bankbook in which figures are written. He then turns around and buys titles to exploit the workers and gives a check on the bank in payment. All that has happened is that, for instance, he has got rid of bonds of the City of Montreal and has bought stock in the Canadian Pacific Railway. He gets the same amount of unearned revenues as he got before, only the robbery is practised upon the working class in a little different manner. When war breaks out, and all the capitalists try to turn their title deeds into cash, the system breaks down. The railroads of the U.S. are capitalized at about nineteen billions of dollars and the total gold in the U.S. is less than a billion dollars. So when all the capitalists try to unload their securities, the stock exchanges just shut their doors. When the Socialists win out and seize the political power, the stock exchange doors will be closed for good. The mines, mills, factories will still be in existence, but as no one will be permitted to derive an unearned revenue from owning them, the stock exchange will cease to function. The capitalist game of bluff and gobbery will be called.

**Discontent is the urge towards progress.**

Homes are now built to rent, under Socialism homes will be built for people to live in. The desire for a broader, more copious life is urging the workers on to smash the narrow confines of the wage system. To kill one is murder and you are hung. To kill many in war is honorable and you are decorated. At Vera Cruz, Mexico, after three hours fighting, the soldiers wanted to stop fighting and eat. War is a bread and butter question. Now the warmongers are clamoring over each other agitating for a general slaughter in Europe. Krupp factory probably overstocked. The master class could no longer employ the workers. Machinery had grown so productive. So the masters start a war to kill off the surplus members of the producing class. The feudal lords did not like the capitalists rising and confiscating the landed property. The capitalists do not like the workers rising and confiscating the machinery of production and distribution. Dr. Charles Richart, statistician of the University of Paris, estimates that a European war involving seven big powers would cost \$19,755,625,000 per year. This is what mad capitalism promises to give us. Austria-Hungary jumps Serbia which is a Slav people. Russia, which is also a Slav people, then jumps Germany. Germany jumps France and Great Britain jumps Germany. Sounds like a dog chasing his own tail. The government of Belgium has bought up all the wheat in Antwerp. Why is it that the governments will prepare to feed the people in time of war and let the people starve in the midst of plenty in time of peace? Why is it? On Sunday, August 2nd, the Socialists held a gigantic meeting in Trafalgar Square, London, Eng., to protest against the war. James Kier Hardie, who the chief speaker, declared his intention of calling a national strike against the war. In 1909 the Socialist Trades Unions of Germany numbered 1,832,667. In 1911 they numbered 2,320,968. In 1913 they numbered 2,548,763. The Kaiser saw the tremendous increase in working class solidarity and in a last desperate attempt to stem Socialism, has plunged Germany into a bloody war. The United Mine Workers' Association has been holding meetings at Glace Bay. Efforts are being made to reorganize this society. The Dominion Coal Company has always refused to recognize the U.M.W. and the boys are determined that labor shall be recognized. Looks like more work for Sam Hughes, brave. Hard times help the capitalists. They squeeze the small holder out of his little farm, the small shopkeeper out of his little store, the small capitalist out of his little plant. The big capitalists get hold of a lot of property cheap. But it all adds to the discontent, and discontent is the first step in revolt. There are fifty thousand unemployed in the city of Montreal. The capitalist papers make little or no mention of this fact. The workers do not want the common workers to know how incompetent the capitalist class is to manage industry so the people may be fed, clothed and sheltered as human beings should be. The city authorities of Paris have laid in fifteen thousand tons of provisions. Private enterprise breaks down in time of war and the public bodies have to provide the food. But in time of peace the capitalist thieves are in the saddle and muddle along and sabotage the nation for profit. You can see the result in the starving thousands in all cities. Austrian miners in the Broken Hill district of Australia are being called home to Austria to the war. The fool slave is forced abroad to be robbed by the English, and then goes back to his native land to take arms and be shot full of holes for the financial interests of the capitalist thieves who forced such poverty on him he had to leave his native land. In England a moratorium has been established for thirty days. A moratorium means that no one needs to pay his debts during that time. When the Socialists urge that rent, interest and profit be stopped to save the lives of people and to relieve suffering, the capitalist government abolishes rent, interest and profit for a month to help the killing game. "I hope that, through a general strike of the transportation workers on the railroads, workers in the coal mines and in industries directly connected with the war, it will be made impossible for England, France and Italy to participate in the conflict, that now threatens Europe, and thus hundreds of thousands of lives and billions of dollars may be saved."—Victor Berger, U.S. delegate to the International Socialist Congress. Western correspondents of Eastern papers declare that the crop will be seventy-five per cent of the average. But the poor crop is not averaged. In many cases crops are very good and in other places they are very poor. In the poor districts many homesteaders will be squeezed out of their ownership. Big business will gobble them up. This is what the majority of the west voted for when they voted for Laurier and for Borden in the last elections. Becky Edelson is an I.W.W. agitator. She was mixed up in the protests against Rockefeller and the Rockefeller judges who administer the U.S. law promptly sentenced Becky to jail. Becky started a hunger strike and was forcibly fed. American capitalist papers were "erribly upset about the brutality of the English government in forcible feeding the suffragettes. But to forcibly feed Becky Edelson, a social rebel, that is all right you know. The master class are the same brutes in whatever country they may be.

**RUINED CROPS**

The war has been brought on just before the harvest. The men will be at the front fighting; or moving troops, horses, munitions of war and supplies. Crops will lie on the ground rotting. This will spell famine. Famine knows no law. When men are hungry they will not be bound by the paper laws of their masters. Famine means revolution. Hunger will overthrow many a throne and perhaps usher in the final collapse of capitalist rule and rulers. Socialism Endorsed by Methodist Conference

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The above caption appeared over an editorial in the Chatham (New Brunswick) "World," of June 17th, 1914. The editorial fully comprehends the action of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist Conference and severely censures it as follows:—"The Conference Committee on Temperance and Moral Reform foolishly goes out of its way to meddle with taxation question and to ask that the laws be so shaped as to secure to every citizen the full value of his labor and absolute equality of opportunity in all respects! What meaningless mouthing is this! Do the good gentlemen of the Committee know what they are talking about? Does one of them know what he wants and how the law makers can give it to him? They are simply repeating secular and Socialistic rhetoric that has no practical bearing on life or labor. Brethren, stick to temperance and moral reform. The inequalities of opportunity should be pointed out and statutes for securing equality formulated instead of this meaningless blather." The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference has formally and officially endorsed Socialism. Its endorsement of Mormonism would not, has been a greater surprise. A two column report of the resolutions of the Conference published in The Moncton, (N.B.) Transcript, of June 17, 1914, is a witness to the very full consideration given the clause to which objection has been taken by The Chatham World. The statement is made that the adoption of Sec. III (b) "committing the Conference to the fundamental principle of Socialism" was moved by Secretary A. C. M. Lindsay and Ex-A. H. F. and Vice-President of the Canadian Vigilance Association, Mr. J. A. Lindsay objected that the section was Socialism, and wanted it stated more fully. The Rev. Mr. Marshall, Committee Chairman, said that the Committee had thought they had made the matter as plain as anything could be made. The Rev. Geo. A. Ross said that this and the preceding paragraph on tax reform sought to cast out the real flies in our social life. "It is time that we began to realize the importance of such things and to deal with them at our annual gatherings." "The Chairman (Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, General Supt. of the Methodist Church of Canada,) said that every economic question had a moral basis and was fit to be discussed in a religious assembly." The Rev. Thomas Marshall said that the Committee, in preparing this section, had had the assistance of the denominational field secretary, the Rev. W. J. Smith, who approves of it. "No one but Mr. Lindsay had anything to say against this section and it was adopted as read, no one voting nay." The writer has been informed by the Treasurer of the Temperance and Moral Reform Department of the Canadian Methodist Church that a similar resolution, drawn by himself, a Socialist, is to be found upon the minutes of the General Conference of the Methodist church, the Rev. Dr. Carman presiding. Editorials such as the above show what the capitalist press think of these resolutions, and "if they are mad, let every Socialist be glad."—R. B. Sinclair, Canadian Sec., Christian Socialist Fellowship, 226 Davenport Road, Toronto.