

SAXONY GOES "RED" AS RADICALS UNITE

Gains by the Conservatives Wiped Out by a Coalition of the Extremists.

(Copyright, 1920, By Public Ledger.) Berlin, Dec. 14.—Saxony was called "the red kingdom" of Germany under the old regime when the Socialists invariably carried the Diet election. Today it regained the right to that title. Conservatives in all parts of Germany rejoiced over the gains made in the recent election in Saxony and there was every indication that the result would be a split in the Socialist elements and that a somewhat reactionary administration not unlike that of Bavaria would be formed. They counted on being able to form a coalition of the middle parties—of sufficient strength to have agreed to buy the Social Democrats, who are at present in power, and the independent Socialists and that they have carried enough votes to constitute a majority.

They have agreed to divide the cabinet positions, with Herr Bueck, the present premier, probably retaining the post. The Communists and other extreme radicals refused to become partners in the coalition, but the former promised support. In Accord With Moscow. The success of the conservative, radical and socialist factions in overcoming their differences and effecting the gains of the Centrists which along with the reactionaries have been increasing with every election since the revolutionary parliament for the constitutional assembly in 1919 has encouraged the members of these parties to believe that where they can do likewise in the elections here in February. This action is a hard blow to the conservatives who interpreted their nation-wide gains as indicative of the possibility to sweep the entire country in the near future. The new Saxony government which is even more in accord with the dictates of Moscow than the last, includes a program of socialization of the chief means of production, particularly the mines, forests, and railroads, the complete separation of church and state and the democratization of the school system.

On Top. "I don't care what you say about the De Skyes, they are certainly the cream of society here. At any rate, the milk of human kindness appears to be beneath them."—Boston Transcript.

LATVIA SHOPS FULL OF BALKAN WAR LOOT

Many Stores Remind One of An American Rummage Sale.

Latvia, Dec. 15.—The appearance of the shops windows here indicates that the Latvian tradesmen have received some of the plunder taken by the various armies that have swept over the Baltic states. They are piled high with antique furniture from country estates. Statuary, silver and bronze ornaments, silverware and jewelry also abound in the commercial houses. English dealers in antiques overran the Baltic states after they first freed themselves of the Bolshevik regime and picked up much of the valuable furniture and the jewels, ornamental rugs and old silver. Consequently the shops now offer fewer rare pieces than they did a year ago.

Much Second-Hand Stuff. Besides the war loot, the shops carry an amazing lot of second-hand wares which were the property of persons impoverished by war who must now convert them into money. Luxuries went first, but cow furs, fur coats and all sorts of wearing apparel are being sold in the shops. These stores look like American rummage sales.

It is common for prosperous-looking strangers who are inspecting shop windows to be approached by owners of rare old furniture or works of art who desire to offer their precious possessions at private sale without the humiliation of placing them on sale where their friends will recognize them. The shops of Latvia are much the same as those in Riga, Vilnius and the cities of Estonia and Lithuania. Conditions were the same in Moscow and Petrograd until the Soviet government closed all the private stores, seized their stocks and forbade trade which was not conducted by the government.



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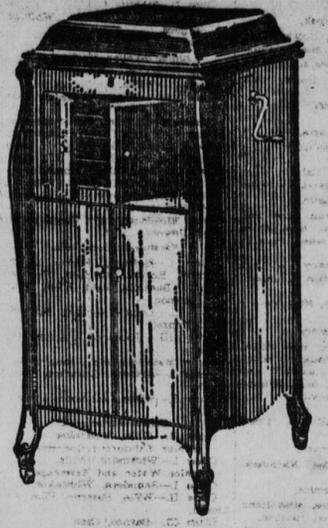
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