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Being careful not to hurt Russia's feelings.



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## SOCIALIZATION METHODS MAKE GAIN IN ENGLAND

Enormous Changes by State Undertaking Work Formerly Left to Individuals—Silent Revolution and Its Paradoxes

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London, Mar. 25—War has effected many changes in England, but none more revolutionary than the socializing of the institutions related to war operations. And yet few of the influences of war have met with less opposition.

Although Socialism is the power that has consistently fought conscription from the beginning, conscription is a form of Socialism. It is the enforced direction of individual effort and ability to the benefit of the state—the very text of Socialism. Its repugnance to the Socialists was in its very completeness; for the Socialists, while loud on theory, is unwilling to recognize the widest application of his principles, seeing therein the limitation of his energies by moulding them to the services of the state.

But even before conscription, came the control of munition factories. Today there are something like 5,000 factories in Great Britain under the direct authority of the state. In these factories the former management are merely the representatives of the people's government. They are paid salaries as any other worker. The proprietors or shareholders receive dividends based on their pre-war record, in addition to a percentage on output intended to stimulate production. In their authority over their own factories they are empowered to enforce only such rules as the state dictates. They pay the wages set by the state and work established hours. They cannot even employ or dismiss except on state rules. Against every act of theirs in their relations with their employes, the latter have the right of appeal to tribunals empowered to enforce redress as a court legally constituted.

**Many New Considerations.**

State control has introduced a new set of officers. The former factory inspectors make their rounds as usual, but to them has been added a long list of others whose duties are more personal. The conditions under which the workers work and live are much more intimately controlled, down to the smallest detail.

Welfare inspectors, munition department inspectors, factory inspectors—their work may overlap, but it covers everything.

The munition factory is run to all appearances only with two aims: to smooth the path of the worker and to obtain output.

When the armies in France called for more men, the state appealed to the labor unions to get them. All over England labor unions, under the influence of Socialistic leaders, instead of proceeding to take advantage of the privilege by getting the men, voted whether they would or not. And the Socialistic element has uniformly voted against the government proposals, thus violating their own principles by placing the wishes of the individual above those of the state.

Imports have been under state control for varying periods. Petrol, leather, wool, cotton—all these are absolutely in the hands of the state in importation and manufacture, and to some extent in sale to the public.

**Wealth Conscripted.**

Wealth is conscripted in the shape of income tax and government duties. Money may not be sent from the country in any form except by permit. Gold is out of currency, and may not be used for other purposes than coinage; banks must return it to the state coffers in the Bank of England. New businesses, new buildings, new enterprises of any kind are limited to the needs of the state. The individual is entirely ignored.

It is characteristically inconsistent that some of the Socialists are the most strenuous opponents of the income tax—except as it affects others.

**State's Control of Food.**

But the most complete and intimate socialization is in the handling of food. In October, 1916, the state took over the control of breadstuffs, every grain of which since imported has gone into state elevators. The development of the idea came when the millers were incorporated as members of the state body of production. Thereupon flour was purchas-

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It was of mixed source, forty per cent coming from abroad and the remainder reared in the British Isles. Up to 1917 the foreign trusts, in whose hands was almost all importation, established prices as they pleased, restricted supplies, engineered distribution—all to their own profit only. Having control of so large a proportion of the available market, they were independent of the home supplies.

First of all the government took over importation, but unfortunately then handed the stocks over to the trusts to distribute as they pleased and under what conditions they pleased. It was an ideal experiment in state control that was bound to fail. Then the prices of home supplies were fixed to the retailer, and later of all meat. And now we have meat as entirely under state control as sugar, except that the bulk of it is home produced and available for the market before it comes under the regulations.

The aim of the government has been to utilize the organizations already in existence—the auctioneer, the wholesaler, the retailer—retaining to each his profit. The effort has been to stimulate production by interesting all the factors in the market. Prices have been established that encourage the farmer to produce. But there is a growing demand that the state take over the profit thereafter for itself, instead of frittering it away between middlemen before it reaches the public. It is pointed out that the real essentials of the food problem are two—that the farmer produce all he can, and that it reach the consumer as cheaply as possible. Since the state has been forced to step in, why, is asked, should individuals make the profit who do nothing towards production and facilitate distribution only at such an extravagant cost? It is urged that men are taken from their businesses to fight in France, with no display of sentiment toward their loss. Why then should these merchants be enabled to continue their profits from the essentials of life in the nation's crisis? As it is now, the state brings in the meat, and instead of selling direct to its constituent members, releases it to the wholesaler, who distributes it to the retailer, who sells it to the public.

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