

THE TRUE MEANING OF BOLSHEVISM

The salient features which constitute the Programme of Bolshevism as it exists to-day in Russia are summarized as follows by the Overman Committee of the United States Senate which has just issued its report on German Propaganda and Bolshevism:—

- (1) The repudiation of democracy and the establishment of a dictatorship.
- (2) The confiscation of all land and the improvements thereon.
- (3) The confiscation of all forests and natural resources.
- (4) The confiscation of all live stock and all agricultural implements.
- (5) The confiscation of all banks and banking institutions and the establishment of a State monopoly of the banking business.
- (6) The confiscation of all factories, mills, mines, and industrial institutions and the delivery of the control and operation thereof to the employees therein.
- (7) The confiscation of all churches and all church property, real and personal.
- (8) The confiscation of all newspapers and periodicals and all mechanical facilities and machinery used in the publication thereof.
- (9) The seizure and confiscation of all public meeting place and assembly halls.
- (10) The confiscation of all transportation and communication systems.
- (11) The confiscation of the entire estate of all decedents.
- (12) The monopolizing by the State of all advertisements of every nature, whether newspapers, periodicals, handbills, or programmes.
- (13) The repndiation of all debts against the Government, and all obligations due the non-Bolshevist elements of the population.
- (14) The establishment of universal compulsory military service regardless of religious scruples and conscientious objections.