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A HEALTHY INDICATION.

Even the casual reader of the St. John papers must be impressed by the amount of spade work that is being done in preparation for definite reforms and the number of different organizations that are showing an interest in these matters. Housing, vocational training, child-welfare, labor bureaus, the welfare of the returning soldiers, mothers' pensions—these and other matters relating to the public welfare are receiving a great deal of attention, and a healthy public sentiment is being aroused. There must of course be concerted action to get results. Discussion and the adoption of resolutions are useful and necessary, but they must be followed by definite co-operation in a practical way. What the people as a body want they will get when their case is clearly and strongly presented to those having authority. It is only the apathy of the people that permits undesirable conditions to exist. Now that the strain of the war is over, and the call to service in the direction of making democracy safe for the world has come, it would be most unfortunate if the people failed to respond. There are great needs and great opportunities. Men and women never had so strong a challenge to link themselves up with worthy causes.

IN GERMANY.

Berlin is the centre of disturbance in Germany. The rest of the country appears to be fairly quiet, except that small outbreaks occur here and there in sympathy with the Spartacist group in Berlin. A member of the Bavarian government has declared that the rest of the country is tired of the present situation, and that unless peace is restored in Berlin a Bavarian army may be sent to perform that task. Yesterday's reports seemed to indicate that the Spartacists have overthrown the Ebert government in Berlin, but it now appears that with the aid of troops brought into the city the government is holding on and is determined to establish order. The wiser heads are able to see that continued turmoil means greater disaster. They realize that the country should settle down and meet the demands of the Allies, in order that a beginning may be made in paying the debt and repairing the ravages of the war. Germany today has no market for her wares, and will be a long time getting one after peace is established. Delay in settling down means further disaster to industry and commerce. Of course the Bolsheviks are not concerned about industry or commerce. Their ideal apparently is a country where there is no incentive for the citizen except the desire to mob somebody else. Until they are overcome Germany must continue to suffer. Her state will probably never be as bad as that of Russia, whose course is the ignorance of the great mass of the people; but unless the government uses the strong hand and is backed up by the majority of the people the conditions will grow worse than they are today.

BRITAIN'S EXAMPLE.

The new education laws of England and Scotland not only provide for continuation classes for pupils of the public schools until they are eighteen years of age, but they also provide that nursery schools for children from two to five years old may be established by local authorities with government aid. The following comment by the Christian Science Monitor on what England and Scotland have done will interest readers of the Times-Star, in view of the fact that education is a very live issue in St. John at present.

"It is clear that during the past year Great Britain has been in the van of educational progress. Consequently her achievements in this direction deserve close attention. Both for England and Scotland the measures enacted will transform the general outlook of the people upon the connection between the home and the school and between both and the place of employment. Nursery schools for children between two and five years of age, though they are not yet received within the fold of the public elementary system of education, may be established by local authorities and aided with moneys provided by parliament. That brings the school very close to the home. Then as to the provision in the English act which requires employers to suspend the work of 'young persons' not only for the time actually needed for continuation classes, but also for a further period, not exceeding two hours, in order that these older boys and girls may be in a fit condition to receive full benefit from attendance at school; is not this a section that, if properly administered, will bring employers, workmen, and education authorities into close touch with one another? The Scottish act says, in so many words, that these three groups are to co-operate in the working of schemes for continuation classes. There is here a genuine opportunity for the closer approach of capital and labor. Again, in both countries efforts have been made by their education departments to raise the scales of teachers' salaries, but, since the school staffs are not directly in the service of the state, such efforts can be only indirect. The present insufficiency of the remuneration of teachers, and the protests that are being made in consequence, are conditions that

seem almost world-wide. War prices have soared far beyond any augmentations of salary. Nevertheless, England has done much in the closing months of the year to raise teaching as a profession, and to make such a career attractive to young men and young women of parts; for parliament has, during that time, passed into law a school teachers' superannuation bill which places them on much the same footing as civil servants in regard to pension. This act is undoubtedly the handiwork of a president of the board of education who has himself definite professional experience as well as civic and general training of the highest order. When other countries have provided themselves with a minister of education on the pattern of Herbert Fisher, they will have taken a long step forward to the attainment of their school ideals."

From the text: "There was no room for them in the inn." Canon Vernon in Toronto on Sunday discussed social conditions. He showed that every child has a right to be well born, of clean, healthy parentage, in healthful environment. Every child has a right to some enjoyment of life, the right to an opportunity of usefulness and service. Continuing, he said: "But there is not room for the child of the slums to have these things, there is no opportunity for the boy forced into blind-alley occupations to grow into a healthy citizenship; no room for their physical development or growth. There are two great solutions of the fact that there is no room in the inn, being offered to us today. One is to tear down the inn, to smash up the furniture, to slaughter the inmates and to let those who remain enjoy themselves in the ruins, which is the answer of Bolshevism. The second is the solution of the Christian Social Service, which is to enlarge and build more inns to lift up the fallen and create and enlarge opportunities, which is following the teaching of Christ."

At least one Canadian journal joined in the hue and cry against Lord and Lady Aberdeen in connection with their activities in the United States last year. The card and countless have been completely exonerated from charges made against them. The money they were instrumental in collecting was not misappropriated. Their friends in Canada were convinced the charges made were malicious and false.

Premier Hughes of Australia was no evidence of a change of heart in Germany, but only a desire to escape from the penalty of her crimes. He warns the Allies against being deluded by empty phrases and pledges that would quickly be broken if that would serve the interests of the German leaders. In the meantime a British commission is preparing a formidable indictment of the ex-Kaiser.

War restrictions on trade are being gradually removed and there is an approach to normal conditions, although the demands upon tonnage for transportation of troops and supplies will affect conditions for many months to come. It will take three years to repair the damage done by the Germans to French coal mines. Germany should be made to pay the bill. France today is running short of coal.

The provincial government will be asked to consider the question of child-welfare and several others of similar character. That the members will be sympathetic is certain. The difficult thing will be to convince them that they can find the money, but the money should be found.

The Sinn Feiners want an Irish republic. The situation in Ireland is serious, but that is not a novel condition. When the peace conference is over this problem will tax the wisdom of British statesmanship.

Premiers Borden, Hughes and Botha will have part in some of the discussions at the peace conference, and they will be at hand for consultation concerning matters affecting the Dominions.

Bolshevism will not disturb Baden, where in the elections to the national assembly the socialists polled less than one-third of the possible vote.

The Bolsheviks captured Vilna, and we read: "A massacre of civilians began at once." That is Bolshevism as it exists in Russia.

New York is near the danger point as a result of the marine workers' strike. A general strike has been proclaimed in the Argentine Republic.

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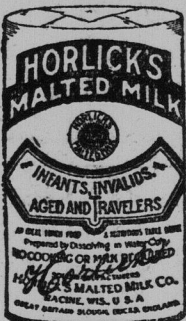
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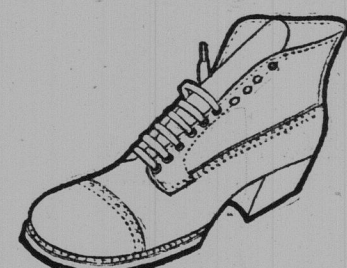
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