

PRINCESS RADZIWEŁL IS CONVICTED FELON, SAYS HOUSE MEMBER

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Ottawa, March 15.—S. W. Jacobs has a question on the commons order paper relating to a woman calling herself Princess Radziwełl, who is touring Western Canada, in which, according to Mr. Jacobs, she charges Jews generally as being in alliance with the Bolshevik.

He asks if it is in the knowledge of the government that "the woman in question is a convicted felon, and served a term of imprisonment at the time of the South African war for forgery and attempted blackmail, and that her victim was the late Right Hon. Cecil Rhodes?"

Mr. Jacobs asks further if it is the intention of the government to take steps for the expulsion of the so-called princess from the country.

Some weeks ago the same person visited Edmonton, and Mrs. Magistrate Murphy had the "honor" of introducing a real live Princess to an Edmonton audience. Mrs. Murphy spent quite a while in detailing how the Princess was related to almost every crowned head in Europe, but she omitted to inform us about the "lady's" South African experience. During question time we did think of reminding the "distinguished speaker" of her past record, but not having the Cape Town paper with us, and due to Mrs. Murphy's menacing attitude—altho' we understand that she had nothing to fear for she had taken the precaution to have almost a dozen plain clothes officers of the law present in case the BOLSHEVIKS of Edmonton should become too exacting and demand at least a little semblance of truth from Princess Radziwełl—we refrained. Besides it got rather monotonous, Mrs. Murphy's "silver-toned voice" making the hall resound with the raucous reiteration of "You're out of order. Sit down."

Present Tendencies In Norwegian Labor

The influence of the Soviet form of government on the programme of the working-class movement in Norway is described in the following article by Martin Tranmael, leader of the syndicalist faction which gained a majority in the Norwegian Socialist party at its national convention in 1918. The article appeared in a recent issue of Samtiden (Christiania) a journal of social, political, and literary opinion.

Every age, every social system creates its own forms of power. Thus the parliamentarism of our age is the true daughter of our bourgeois system. But it no longer meets the requirements of the time. New forms of organized society are being evolved. We live in a transition period. In most countries the control is still vested in the capitalists, and yet many old institutions are being undermined, and traditional forms of government are breaking down. We know, for instance, that the balance of power has been shifted from the parliaments to private banking corporations and to the "Changes. It follows that the working class, which is now struggling with the bourgeoisie for mastery, must also use non-parliamentary means, and these have now gained a large place in our community.

The non-parliamentary or direct action presages new forms of organized society. New ideas are born and develop within the old body politic, but if they are of a revolutionary nature, they will burst the confines of the old frame and stand forth on their own ground. It is this process that is now taking place in labor circles the world over.

Working men understand that the much-vaunted bourgeois democracy, which is built on parliamentary government, is unable to solve the new problems; it may cope with political questions, but not with economic issues, which are too complicated for a parliament; nor are parliaments chosen with a view to solving these problems, and for this reason their activities often run out in nothing but talk.

Besides, it is difficult to get the masses of working men out for an election. The matters at stake are too vague; it is impossible to make them rally around great measures or principles. Even though the working men attempt to concentrate on special demands, it is of little avail, and by means of the powerful press and other methods at the disposal of our antagonists it is only too easy.

When it comes to direct action, as in a strike, it is quite another matter. Then class consciousness and solidarity are awakened. No one wants to be a scab, even though he may be one in the elections. In a strike, the working men meet with unbroken ranks. The effects may be traced deep down among the working people; not only the men—the workers—but the women are borne along on the wave. They feel themselves a part of their class and throw all the deep in-

dignation and the tremendous influence of the home on the side of the strikers.

Hitherto strikes have been concerned themselves chiefly with the special demands of certain unions; but they will develop into revolutionary and political measures. By means of the general strike every man and woman will be forced to take sides for or against labor's ideal of organized society. When not only the industrial workers and artisans but the transportation workers, the crofters, the farm laborers and small farmers, and the fishermen have been organized for class war, the position of labor will be very strong. If then the upper classes are deprived of the support they have had in the military, the chances for a successful revolution ought to be very good indeed.

Granted that the working men gain control in this manner, it is self-evident that old institutions, laws, and traditions will be abolished. A new class, a new idea will have conquered. This means far-reaching changes in all forms of organized society.

To The Honest Newspaper Reader

The lying Capitalist Press shows its contempt for its readers by serving them with atrocious lies and imaginary news. It would never dare tell you, honest reader, lies or distorted facts, did it think that it had a discerning public in its readers. It serves you lies because it knows from long experience that you will swallow them wholesale, and when it is later found to be falsehood you still continue to believe their brand new lies until they too are dissipated, but irrespective of this you continue to swear by your papers.

No wonder your press thinks so little of you and holds you in contempt. It rates your intelligence at zero, and your mind an unwritten slate where they can write or wipe out as they deem fit. They flatter you and tell you how smart you are. Why, they only fool you and laugh in their sleeves at your lack of critical faculty.

They feed on your discussions of a trivial nature. They make a show of impartiality by printing column upon column of such poltroonry as smoking in street cars and the like but absolutely refuse to give the same privilege to the consideration of the most momentous questions that are of profound interest not only to us but to the coming generations. Their motto is "Keep the mind of the public occupied with nonsense so that they will not get into the obnoxious habit (to them) of thinking on vital matters themselves."

Now it rests with you if you are going to justify their low rating of your intelligence. Are you going to think for yourselves or will you have it done for you in the lie-factory of your press?

This corner of the "Soviet" will be devoted to the nailing of SOME of the lies appearing in your newspapers for it would be quite impossible with the limited space of this paper to note ALL THE LIES THEY PRINT.

There seems to be three distinct agencies for the manufacture of lies: First, the home agency. These are the local newspapers whose falsifications are served in the shape of comments and assertions, samples of which I will adduce next week; also suggestive lying cartoons—all calculated to sway public opinion by downright misinterpretation. And Second; a national agency distributing its lies broadcast through the corrupt channels of the Capitalist Press where the hand of the arch-liar is conspicuous by the simultaneous reports appearing throughout the country. The reports are colorless, just a suggestion, just an alleged atrocity by, say the Bolsheviks or other revolutionary organization, but all the same circulated to prejudice the reader. I will also give samples of these lies in later issues. And Third; the International agencies dating their spurious news and manufactured calumnies from some neutral capital such as Stockholm; Zurich, or Amsterdam, mentioning names which never existed to the movements they run down. These lies I will expose in due time.

This organized chicanery and lying can not deceive a thinking person, one who notes and criticizes, and we are out to help those who wish to see the truth and the truth only. We are out to expose their evil machinations and to present, if we can possibly do so, their object, which is to darken your minds so that they may be able to rob and oppress the people with impunity.

"FAIRPLAY"

The government of Russia is the business of Russians. As for the outcry against the "violence" of the Bolsheviks, it comes ill from people who, throughout the war, have put all their own trust in violence, and hurled taunts and accusations of cowardice against us who do not believe in violence. We long ago warned these gentry, who thought war such a fine thing, that they would reap what they sowed. You cannot teach millions of men that killing is an admirable act without finding, in the end thereof, that many of them will want to kill in a different cause.