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or any Puritan or Mrs. Eddy, to start a sect and to promote a schism, seemed to me no "system" at all.

All this multiplication of sects and schisms impressed me as the logical and inevitable outcome of private interpretation. If there is no final and authoritative interpretation of the Holy Scriptures if each may and must interpret for himself, if one man's gloss is as good as another man's gloss, and if there is no one to decide finally, no source of authority which is infallible and supreme and ultimate and of divine sanction, then it seemed to me that there is absolutely nothing in Christianity. It is something for noisy and designing scamps, male or female, to exploit for their own gain and to the ruin of their dupes. Religious anarchy never seemed to me any better than civil anarchy.

To be continued.

The Menace of Bolshevism

Russia gave us the word and exemplified what it means. So many people think of Bolshevism as a Russian condition, a Russian curse it may be, but Russia is a long way off and the War is over. Few think of Bolshevism as a menace to the world's peace, as real a menace and as a far reaching as was the Great War itself four years ago.

The other day Emil Barth, a prominent German Socialist, admitting Germany's guilt in starting the War, urged that in this dark hour it is in the interest of the Entente to help Germans organize their country, go to work and pay off their debts. "We have no cotton, no leather and very little other raw materials. Millions of our people are hungry." That was, as President Wilson was quick to recognize, lies madness. The madness of Bolshevism, of subversion of all social order, threatens what was once the German Empire. With Russia and what were once the Central Empires, not to speak of the Balkans, given over to Bolshevism can the tide of anarchy be kept from submerging the rest of Europe? The Globe the other day predicted short shrift for it in Bavaria, "the most conservative of German States." Since then we read that conditions have become so chaotic there that three of the leading statesmen joined in addressing the Bavarian Government in these plain-spoken terms:

"Recent occurrences, especially those of the last few days, leave no doubt that we are facing danger from anarchy. The press is threatened, freedom of assembly exists no longer and the ballot is at stake. Will the national assembly, if it is ever closed, be able to count on meeting? Has the Government no will to rule or no power? Does the Government want order, or does it want anarchy?"

We direct these questions openly to the Provincial Government, especially to the present minister, President Eisner. We expect and demand a definite and unequivocal answer; not only in words, but in action, with conservative and aggressive acts that will brook no delay.

Should this answer not be given we will know and all Bavaria will know that neither from the present Government nor from the assembly to be elected under its responsibility is there anything else to be expected than steady degeneration into the Bolshevik abyss.

And Bavaria is pre-dominantly Catholic. If its people, brought up in that Church which the Protestant Guizot, reviewing the civilization of Europe, declared to be a veritable school for respect of authority, face this prospect what

hope is there where radical Socialism has, practically unhindered, sowed the seeds of class hatred and antagonism? It is to be noted that the Socialist party in Bavaria did not join with the others in signing the above appeal.

In Russia, Carl W. Ackerman after several months travelling through that country, writes:

"Russia is a nation divided against itself, an Empire of chaos. Financially bankrupt, economically starved and war-weary, it is nearer collapse than regeneration.

A distressing and disappointing feature is that Russia's civil war is not a fight for freedom, but a contest for power between anarchy on the one hand and militarism and autocracy on the other."

Of democracy, as we conceive it, where rich and poor, educated and unlettered, bourgeoisie and proletariat, all have their proportionate voice and influence, Mr. Ackerman found, not a trace. Bolshevism is the antithesis of democracy and leaves as the only alternative autocracy supported by armed force.

France it appears is beginning to question the wisdom of armed intervention in Russia; and from the workmen of England, the United States and Canada we have protests against interference. Resolutions of sympathy and encouragement have gone forth from Canadian labor congresses to the Red revolutionists of Russia.

Even amongst clergymen Bolshevism finds its advocates. The Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D.D., of Hamilton, in "an excellent and illuminating address" at Waterloo, extolled "brotherly and kindly spirit," the high "ideals and purposes" of Russia's red handed murderers. After all this is not so very surprising, for the Protestant principle of substituting private judgment for lawfully constituted authority in spiritual matters is religious counterpart of civil anarchy.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable evidences of the recognition of impending peril to civilization and social order is an interview given by Lord Northcliffe to John F. Bass, representing the Chicago Daily News Company. Turning from the discussion of what in normal conditions would be the subject absorbing the world's interest—the peace terms—the great British journalist said:

"Vastly more important in the situation at present is the Bolshevik army like a great snake crawling westward into Poland. Behind the Bolshevik the Russian factories supply munitions. They pay the soldiers enormous sums and they help themselves to whatever they can lay their hands on.

Starvation gives them recruits who go with the army in order to keep alive. Poland offers fertile fields for them in resources and probably recruits because the Polish peasants, like the Russians, want the land, which is in the hands of the big owners.

However the patriotism of the Poles may hold the nation against the Bolsheviks."

And then he added this observation of startling significance:

"The people will not pay any attention to the situation, but it may come to pass that we shall have to unite with Germany to arrest this malignant force which is moving towards us."

It is not necessary to admire Lord Northcliffe, much less to agree with all his policies, to recognize that he is a great force in England and in the world. The correspondent who interviewed him says that he "is considered by some to be the most powerful man in Great Britain because of his

control of many daily, weekly and monthly publications, from sensational to the most conservative. A certain ruthless determination in his method of handling his papers lead people to suspect him of ill controlled ambition. His influence with public men like Lloyd George causes him to be feared. Yet he alone has had the strength and courage during the War to fight incompetency in his own Government and the stupid censorship which protected it."

He is now advocating publicity at the peace conference, the only means by which the interests of the common people of all countries can be secured amid the clash of national rivalries, cupidities and ambitions carried on by representatives of the ruling classes and protected from democratic indignation by secret proceedings.

No one can deny to Lord Northcliffe discernment, insight, and exceptional sources of information; without these he could not have attained the eminence he has achieved in journalism. If he is right in this matter then is Bolshevism indeed a serious menace to established social order in Europe and in the world.

—Catholic Record.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

(Special for St. Peter's Bote.)

We bought a goat the other day, and the old buck seems to have been fed on chaff and weeds,—he "don't" want to eat the more nourishing oats. This made me think of the large majority of people whose literary taste was also spoiled in early youth for wholesome mental food.

—All read, and read a great deal, but it's for the most part trash—chaff and weeds. Unless the news items are sensational and the stories reeking with bloody murders, they turn away in disgust. They never read an editorial, or an article on literature or science.

—A large number of our Catholic Weeklies in the English language serve up more or less chaff, although they can scarcely be accused of dishing up weeds. Why is this? Is it not because their readers prefer, perhaps even demand it, instead of wholesome mental food?

—It was, I believe, Artemus Ward who once said that the trouble with many people was not so much lack of knowledge as "knowin'" so many things that ain't so. Something of this nature seems to be the trouble with the modern daily newspaper. It never confesses to a lack of information and gives as facts that which later turns out as "not so." It "knows it all"—be it art or sciences, literature, history or theology. Superficiality stares one in the face from every page.

—Any newspaper which is to be a vital force must be more than a name or a mere product of the counting room, linotype, and printing press. It must stand for something positive and definite, and meet the expectations of the community not only as recorder of events, but "as a director of public thought."

—Policy, as applied to the virile newspaper, is a misnomer, for not policy, but principle, must be its animating force.

—As it is the worst wheel on the wagon that makes the most noise, so also does the most sensational paper make the most noise; but this is a poor exhibition of the peoples' mental make-up.

—One pound of learning requires ten pounds of common sense to apply it.

—We have been told by Modernists that our days are the flowers of all ages. If so, why do these flowers smell so of death and the grave these times?

Keep it in your "Jeans"

Pay day again! Wonderful how the weeks fly around. And such pay days, too! Millions and millions more being paid in wage bills than ever before in Canada's history.

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IN THE SURROGATE COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HUMBOLDT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MIKE PRAT JR., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Mike Prat Jr., who died on or about the 15th day of November, A. D. 1918, are required on or before the 31st day of February, A. D. 1919, to send, by post, prepaid, to H. J. FOLK, of the Town of Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Solicitor for the Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, statements of accounts, duly verified by statutory declarations, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons, of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of said distribution.

DATED at Humboldt, Saskatchewan, this 31st day of December, A. D. 1918.

H. J. FOLK,
Solicitor for the Administrator of said Estate.

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DATED at Humboldt, Saskatchewan, this 31st day of December, A. D. 1918.

H. J. FOLK,
Solicitor for the Administrator of said Estate.

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after such last mentioned date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and the said Executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons, of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of said distribution.

DATED at Humboldt, Saskatchewan, this 31st day of December, A. D. 1918.

H. J. FOLK,
Solicitor for the Executor of said Estate.

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