

THE SOCIALIST TALK REBELLION

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

The German Chancellor has publicly made reference to revolutionary pamphlets that are being circulated by Socialist malcontents. These pamphlets and printed articles pass secretly from hand to hand, and the government and police are powerless. They know that under the calm surface created by their iron discipline there is surging fiery rebellion in the hearts of a large part of the population. One of these pamphlets has been obtained by a British correspondent, and the text is illuminating. Under the heading, "Hunger," it declares:

"The inevitable has come to pass. Famine!

"In Leipzig, Berlin, Charlottenburg, Brunswick, Magdeburg, Koblenz, Osnabruck and many other towns there have been riots by the famished people in front of the

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food stores. And the government of this state of siege, to the hungry cry of the masses, has only one reply to make—a state of siege, salvos fired by the police and military patrols.

"Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg accuses England of the crime of having caused famine in Germany, and the partisans of war to the death and the supporters of the government repeat this idle talk. But the government should have known that it was inevitable: that war with Russia, France and England would result in a blockade of Germany. Since the beginning of time it has been the custom of noble-souled peoples during war to harm each other economically and prevent the importation of food. War, the assassination of peoples, is the crime, the plan of starvation is merely a consequence of this crime."

"Cruel enemies have 'encircled' us," cry the makers of war. Why have you adopted a policy that has brought about this 'encircling? is the simplest counter question. Any imperialistic policy for prey is a crime, and this has been the policy of all States. But the German government adopted an imperialistic policy whereby it attacked all other States, entered into conflict with all and finally allying itself with the corpse state of Austria and with Turkey, whose failure was inevitable, it forcibly caused this world-war.

"And after criminally plotting this world war it has made itself still more culpable. The government has done nothing to check this famine. And why? Because

it does not harm the government al cliques, the capitalists the country equires or the usurers of food products' who are benefiting by it. Because if, at the beginning of the war, serious measures had been taken to prevent famine and misery, the blind masses would have recognized the redoubtable gravity of the situation and their enthusiasm over the war soon would have died down. This is why the masses have been appeased by cries of triumphant victories while they have been delivered over to the agrarian usurers and capitalists:

"With the cry, 'Hold out until the end,' by which Scheidemann (leader of the Socialists supporting the government) and his associates have rendered the government great service, an attempt has been made to prevent the people from looking ahead. The reigning classes did not wish to abandon their mad plans of annexation, and they lied to the people when they said: 'if we hold out till the end Germany will dictate peace and will dominate the world.' The people also were deceived by the statement that 'the German submarines will prevent England's importations: England will implore peace, and then the war will end.

"These are stories for children. The submarine war has procured new enemies for Germany, but it is out of the question to think of its preventing England's importations, even if Germany had ten times the number of submarines she now has.

"We are told that the new dictator of food products' will attend to their proper distribution. It is too late. The usurers of food products have accomplished their work. To collar them now would serve no purpose. There is not enough food left to 'distribute' in a manner that would satisfy the people.

"This is the naked truth!

"The people have been forced into a war in which importation has been cut off. Criminal capitalists, tolerated by the government have done the rest.

"What will happen? The war may continue for six months more, perhaps for a year, leaving the men to die slowly of hunger. But then the future generation will be sacrificed. To the horrible sacrifices in dead and mutilated on the fields of battle will be added other victims—children and women—which will perish from lack of food.

"And even then the end will not have come, for this war can no longer be concluded by force of arms, even if it lasts one or two years more. German militarism, after all its 'victories,' finds itself in a blind alley. If the war continues it will be solely because the people tolerate the infamy.

"Men and women of the laboring classes, it is with us that the responsibility rests. Either the working classes will continue to persist in their idiotic resignation which will cause long infirmity and a miserable decline, or the proletariat will rise, deny their services to the government and the reigning classes and force them to make peace.

"There is no choice. Action is necessary! Rise men and women. Show your will, make your voices heard.

"Down with war!

"Long live the international solidarity of the proletariat!"

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Dismissal of Von Falkenhayn

Paris, Aug. 31. (Mail-Empire by C. F. Bertelli, French military expert.)—The Kaiser's dismissal of von Falkenhayn and the appointment of Field Marshal von Hindenburg to take his place as chief of the general staff, is a sign that things are going wrong with the German army.

The official North German Gazette hinted this week that the Germans might withdraw from the great Noyon salient in France, which the Somme offensive is intended to obliterate. It is pointed out that only if a popular hero like Hindenburg decreed such a retreat would it be accepted without trouble from the German people. The expectation is that it will be Hindenburg's strategy to begin shortening the German lines everywhere.

Lieut-Colonel Boussett said to-day: "Hindenburg's appointment is a complete surrender by the German court party, headed by the Kaiser, to popular opinion."

General Delacroix said: "The incident shows the German army is badly rattled. Von Moltke was made the scapegoat for the Marne; Falkenhayn pays for the Verdun defeat and the Russian offensive."

A Rotterdam despatch says: "The military crisis in Germany is reported, on excellent authority, to have been the climax of a bitter conflict between Falkenhayn and Hindenburg over the Verdun offensive. Hindenburg was utterly opposed to any offensive in France, but wanted to strike immediately a blow at Russia. For this he was prepared, not only with a plan of campaign, but with preparations actually behind the front, in Courland. He made a demand on the general staff for additional forces to carry out the enterprise, but they were refused by von Falkenhayn, and von Hindenburg's plan was overruled in favor of the offensive against Verdun.

"Behind von Falkenhayn in this disastrous decision was the German Crown Prince, who is held by well informed persons, to be really responsible for the colossal blunder of Verdun.

"The fall of von Falkenhayn is regarded here as of the greatest signi-

ficance, even imperilling the Hohenzollern dynasty."

London, Aug. 31.—The morning news papers today devote many columns to a discussion of the retirement of General von Falkenhayn, and the appointment of Field Marshal von Hindenburg as chief of the general staff, under such headlines as "A Crisis in Berlin," and "Welcome to the Wooden Man."

All the newspapers profess to see in the sudden change of leaders a sign of Germany's weakness. General von Falkenhayn is generally paid the tribute of being the great strategist of a hopeless cause, while the opinion is expressed that von Hindenburg is merely a popular idol, who is unlikely to prove even a temporary success as a generalissimo.

The Times says: "In her deadly peril, Germany is unlikely to have chosen the new chief merely to placate public feeling. We shall do well to take von Hindenburg seriously and to recognize that, though conditions are against him, he is no weakling. The glimpses we have had of him suggest a man with big and simple ideas, which often make for success in war.

The Times military correspondent expects some immediate alterations of strategic ideas in the German conduct of the war, adding: "All this summer von Hindenburg has been eating his heart out at the Russian front, while the troops for whom he clamored, have been frittered away at Verdun. His interests and predilections are believed to lie in the East. He belongs to the strategic school which would have struck in the East. The position points to the probable shortening of the front in France and Flanders, and he is today the only man in Germany who could order the ruthless shortening of the Western front, without the collapse of public faith."

London, Aug. 31.—The Daily Chronicle, in discussing what interpretation may be put upon von Hindenburg's appointment, says:

One interpretation is that the Germans are preparing a Riga Petrograd offensive. Confronted, as they are, with the growing failure of Austria and the accession of new enemies, they may be expected to act on their favorite maxims that the right defensive is an offensive, and the right place to strike is not where the enemy chooses, but where they choose.



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SAND AND GRAVEL

Increased Demand For Washed Material in Cement Work.

More than \$18,000,000 worth of sand and gravel was dug out for sale in the United States in 1908, according to a report just issued by the geological survey.

This notable increase in production is due in great part to the more extensive use of sand and gravel in concrete construction work, but larger quantities were also used as railroad ballast and filling. There was also a considerable increase in the use of molding sand. The production of glass sand in 1908 was but little more than that in 1908.

During 1909 the geological survey made field and laboratory studies of many kinds of sands and gravels in localities where federal buildings were in course of construction. These studies have shown great differences in the quality of sand and gravel used at different places for making concrete. Some contractors contend that run-of-bank sand gravel is the best for making cement concrete, but this contention is generally not sustained by practical trials and experiments. The most desirable material is that which is free from clay, loam or dust. Mica also is objectionable if present in large quantity, as well as pyrite or limonite. A coating of dust on gravel prevents its proper contact with cement, and the pebbles are therefore easily broken out of the concrete.

During recent years, particularly in the large building centers, there has been a greater general appreciation of the importance of using proper sand and gravel in cement concrete, so that leading architects and builders are requiring, sound, clean, washed material.

To Keep Brasswork Bright.

Brass rails or other brasswork on launches or boats can be easily kept bright by the use of sperm oil. Some boatmen polish their brasswork only once with putz or polishing powder, while for the rest of the season they keep it bright with sperm oil, which is rubbed on with a very oily cloth. Before starting on a trip the brasswork is rubbed over with the sperm oil cloth to prevent the salt from reaching the brass, and on the return the salt is readily taken off, leaving the brass bright. This method was recently suggested to an automobilist, who found it to be a great success, because he could polish up his brass very easily after it had been left several days. Scientific American.

The Queer Argan Tree.

Among the most remarkable trees of the world is the argan, which abounds in southern Morocco but is seldom seen elsewhere. A forest of argans has a curious scattered appearance, because the trees grow singly and far apart. They are very leafy, but seldom exceed twenty feet in height. The branches put out horizontally and begin a yard above the ground. Sheep, cattle and camels feed on the leaves, and goats will stand on their hind legs to reach them, but horses and mules refuse to touch them. The wood is very hard and extremely useful to the natives, who make charcoal from it. The fruit, resembling a large olive, is used to feed cattle and to manufacture a valuable oil. It also furnishes the principal sustenance of the poorer natives.

A Martyr to the X Ray.

Dr. Hall-Edwards of the Birmingham university, according to the English Mechanic and World of Science, has not been spared the payment of a heavy price for the benefits he has conferred on mankind by his researches in X ray photography. A short time ago both his arms were amputated as a consequence of the dangerous experiments he had carried out. He has just made the novel suggestion that photography should be included in the ordinary university course of training. The connection between photography and art, he thinks, has been overrated. Nothing has helped science more than photography of late years, and it should therefore receive more attention than it does at present in the education given both in schools and in the universities.



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