

KINGSLEY AND CIVILIZATIONS

A Record Crowd Listened to His Expose of Present and Past Systems of Society

Judging from the attendance at the Rex Theatre meeting on Sunday last, under the auspices of the Federated Labor Party, the scare headlines and fulsome lying of the daily press of capitalism in reference to the internal affairs of Russia and other European countries, is meeting with results entirely contrary to that which the aforesaid liars and their instigators intended. Because of the frantic falsehoods, so brazenly spread broadcast by the press and other prostitutes of the ruling class in regard to the Bolsheviki of Europe and elsewhere, it seems that the curiosity of the common people has been splendidly aroused, and they are not only anxious but determined to find out the truth about a movement that has been thrust to the centre of the world stage by the agencies of ruling class misrepresentation and downright lying. Not long since, the German Kaiser was supposed to be the very embodiment of all evil. If we are to believe one-half of that which we were assured by the press and spokesmen of capitalism, to be the solemn truth about the wickedness and peculiarly devilish characteristics of the Hohenzollern person, we would certainly be forced to the conclusion that he had achieved the well-merited distinction of having attained to the very ultimate in wickedness. But now the Kaiser is practically forgotten. A new goat has been discovered by the watch-dogs of "liberty and democracy," upon which to saddle the sins of mankind. The erstwhile wicked Kaiser now gets a rest. The Bolsheviki is found to be infinitely more wicked and threatening to the beneficent powers that be, and that wisely rule and guide the common herd for its uplift and beatification, than the Kaiser ever dreamed of being.

And the clatter and din raised by the aforesaid watch-dogs against the pestiferous Bolsheviki, that would poison the fount of ruling class purity at its very source and destroy all of that sweet-smelling civilization that has so generously and plentifully poured forth its delightful perfume during the last four years, has been made a perfect torrent of raucous and impudent lying for now quite some weeks. But all of this noisy lying and frantic warning against the approach of evil goes for naught. The common herd does not care worth a depreciated cent. The eagerness with which the workers and other decent persons (if there are any such) gather to the international situation, and the avidity with which they seize and absorb reading matter dealing therewith, clearly affirms their entire absence of fear regarding the Bolsheviki bugaboo conjured up by the pimps and panders of ruling class evil.

The Rex last Sunday was filled to capacity at 7:30 p.m.; 500 or more people were turned away. Mrs. Lorimer presided over the meeting. When she announced herself as a "Bolsheviki," and with a husband and son in the Canadian army at the front, the big audience nearly raised the roof with applause.

E. T. Kingsley was the speaker of the evening. He occupied an hour and a half in pointing out the political and economic characteristics of the civilization of the last ten thousand years; that such civilization had at all times, and still is based upon the enslavement of the workers of the world; that all social and industrial institutions are predicated upon the enslavement and exploitation of labor and are maintained and safeguarded by the organized brute force of the modern state. The Bolsheviki movement of the world that is now frightening the rulers of all lands is but the advance guard of the world proletariat that is coming into its freedom through the overthrow of the capitalist or ruling class state and the institution of production for the use of those who do the work, and the ending for all time of the slavery that has cursed the world for the last ten thousand years.

The speaker at the Rex on next Sunday will be J. S. Woodsworth. Those who expect to get in will needs come early.