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THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA

Dr. S. Ingermann

The reactionary forces in Russia seem to be preparing themselves for a final trial of the ark and heavy clouds that are hanging over the land. The critical moment has not yet arrived, but it may come at any moment. Blood, human blood, still will have to be shed. It is not yet too late to stop it. The blood of the Russian people has been shed in streams, all the time, every where, on the sea of Japan, on the wide fields of Siberia, in prisons and barracks. Who did it, or who is responsible for it? The Russian people are going, if it is not too late, to shed their blood this time, maybe the last time, willingly, to free themselves from the chains of slavery, to make a clean sweep of all their oppressors and the bureaucracy. Nothing can stop them from doing this. And all of M. Witte.

The Hypocrisy of Witte. Witte says he "wants to save Russia." If he really wishes it he could easily have done so. The only thing necessary to grant universal suffrage to elect a constituent assembly. That would satisfy the people, would pacify the country. And M. Witte knows that very well. But why does he not do that? He wants to have peace and the well-being of the people? Why? Because his talk of saving the country is a huge LIE, like every other lie that he says. It is not Russia that is the most important to him, but the monarchy, and in order to save it he is willing to drown Russia and its people in blood.

FOR THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONISTS. The past week the receipts at the American headquarters of the Russian Revolutionists have fallen off from previous weeks due, possibly, to the fact that great efforts are being put forth to make the demonstrations commemorating "Bloody Sunday" (the massacre of St. Petersburg, St. Andrew's, Dec. 16, 1905) more successful. The report of the Russian Roman and Secretary Friedman follows: Previously acknowledged, \$6,172.93; J. Warren Miller (per Kerr Co.) \$100; H. Hubbard, \$1,000; Branch 2 Local W. Field, (per Rob. Otto) \$330; J. W. O'Connell, (per Kerr Co.) \$100; Canada, \$1,000; Progress Lodge #100, W. A. of A., \$325; St. Clair Club, Bloomfield, \$500; Mass Meeting Russian Socialist Democratic Society, \$100; French Comrades, Charleroi, \$204.44; Makiel, on list 99, balance, \$275; Fourth Ward Branch, Cincinnati.

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A YEAR OF REVOLUTION

(Translated from editorial in "Die Neue Zeit," Stuttgart, Germany, edited by Karl Kautsky, Dec. 20, 1905.) In the year books of the world's history the year 1905 will be placed beside those years in which date new epochs of human development. This year marks the beginning of a revolution, which, no matter through how many phases it must pass, no matter how victory and defeat may alternate, will not end without having entirely changed the face of the civilized world.

Brief Triumph of the Autocracy.

At the present moment we see the triumph of the "heroes of order," as order is called in the civilized age, over the defeat of the Russian revolutionists in Moscow. But the Russian revolutionists have long since proved that it has a deep breath, that every opposition that stands in its way, only develops in it a double and three-fold strength. Even the more cunning heads of the "reactionary crowd" who today are rejoicing in the smashing and the belching guns of the Czar's headmen, acknowledge with sighs that years of anarchy will follow, that is to say, years of war in which the birth of a new world is being accomplished.

A LETTER FROM A RUSSIAN STUDENT

The following is an extract from a letter received this week in Toledo from a Revolutionary student in Russia: MY DEAR NEPHEW—I just received your letter asking me to emigrate to America but let me say that I appreciate your good will and I understand that for me, personally, it would be much better, but I would rather rot in Siberia than desert Russia at this critical period.

No words or pictures can describe the present horrors in Russia. You cannot imagine unless you are an eye-witness, the terrible chaos and riot that is within and without the Pale and in fact wherever Nicholas II. rules. The masses—Jews and Gentiles—are all against the government. They are no more diverted from their main object, the complete overthrow of Tsarism, to racial and national prejudices. They are concentrating all of their energies under the leadership of the Socialists and Revolutionists against every local branch of the government.

I venture to prophesy that within three months Russia will be free. And then we will have liberty and property in our own fatherland. You may think I am dreaming, but you would not if you saw the grand uprising of all the working men and peasants throughout the length and breadth of Russia. This revolution is the fruit of the seeds of misery scattered by the government, and education by Social Democrats, Nihilists and the Jewish Bund.

I am sure you will not relish a description of the inhuman and brutal methods used by the government in their attempt to check the revolution—the Cossacks and their whips and sabers, the gendarmes and police with their cold and dark prisons.

We are getting used to hear of this or that friend or acquaintance being murdered, wounded or thrown into prison, but this does not dampen the ardor of the Revolutionists but instead it stimulates and fans the Revolution.

in the lap of time, just as we count a century of the mightiest changes from the year 1789, that likewise did not reach out beyond the French borders, beyond the borders of a single country, but from which the revolution of that day started on its world course. Limit of the Revolution.

Like bitter mockery, the miserable fools demand—they even play the role of general statement—and imagine, that the Russian Revolution will find its historical limits at the Russian border, they content themselves with the faint-hearted boast that it will never pierce the well-built gates of the German empire. As though its fieryurge had not long since wandered thru these gates, as though the German working-class had not long been living and striving in it, as though there were a power on earth that could fear from the heart of the German proletariat the proud assurance of the victory of this Revolution.

They speak as blind people speak of color, do the mindless woe ones, who within the German empire hear nothing but the comfortable snoring of the Philistine, who wants his "Peace," and say nothing but the stagnant assurance of self-satisfaction, who

belied no other disturber of the peace but the "unrestrained activity" of the Social Democratic press. This "unrestrained activity" gives a very weak idea of that, it today feel and thought of the masses of the German proletariat. To the German workingmen the Russian Revolution is an international revolution, and as the Russian proletariat in them is quivering to throw off the tormenting yoke that for years and decades has been pressed heavier and heavier on their shoulders.

The German Liberals Cowards.

But the German liberals are showing themselves once again in all their cowardice, whether they are denouncing the working-class newspapers because of their revolutionary position, or whether they are warning them in a fatherly way not to use any language that might irritate the mob of reactionary wretches. This warning is not so despicable but for those warned almost more insulting than the denunciation. Their sympathy with their Russian brothers under whose mighty stroke the last fortress of the autocracy is collapsing must be concealed by the German workingmen, or only so cautiously acknowledged, that a rabble of ditch and gutter gentlemen—reactionary slingers of words and ink, may take offence at it. What refuge these bourgeois heroes make of their own bourgeois rights. A freedom of the press by the grace of a Kerdorf or a Stöcker, that is their ideal and they want to impose it through the German workingmen, at the time when the thunder storm of the Revolution is at last satisfying the thirty ground of the International proletariat.

Arrogance of the Reactionaries.

The Reactionaries on the other hand assert with absurd arrogance that "temporarily" they would not consider special laws." How arrogant and how careful! They have not by any way turned away the blows that the Socialist law has inflicted upon them and it is to be hoped that they are not foolishly expecting the sun to come any cheaper this time. It is not cost as much. If they are still hesitating to pour oil on the fire, they already burn the soles of their feet, they already prove that class-consciousness has not yet entered them to their own interests. They do themselves thereby a service, themselves and their social order, but not the German working-class, who truly would not be worthy to be the tools of their own interests. If they did not know how to dispose of every bold outrage which the little herd of German country and

It will be time enough to believe Mr. Hearst is a Socialist when he joins the party and takes out a red card.

We are willing to take chances on getting a renewal of this paper for months if you will start new readers off with three months subscriptions. Save The Socialist a boost this week.

Revolutionary Socialism and Reform Socialism Hermon F. Titus

CHAPTER II.—FIRST PRINCIPLES OF REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM

The Principles of Revolutionary Socialism are themselves revolutionary.

They are not generally understood, even among workmen. It should be the first to understand them. There are probably not ten thousand people in the United States who thoroughly understand the simple Principles of Revolutionary Socialism.

The reason is, these principles are too revolutionary for the popular papers and magazines to print. They are too dangerous to allow the people to read.

The brief outline of the Principles of Revolutionary Socialism should be mastered by every citizen in America. If he understands this much, nobody can lead him astray. He will know more than his capitalist teachers.

"Revolutionary" But Not "Bleeding"

What the word "Revolutionary" means will appear before this discussion is ended. But we want to say now it is not the same as "Bleeding." There may be such a thing as a Revolution without war, without a resort to arms.

But there can be no revolution such as Socialists expect without a change in the government. With or without war, the Socialist Revolution will be a political Revolution.

Revolutionary Socialism aims first of all to capture the state, to bring a Revolution in the government, to overthrow the present ruling class, to get the power in politics to stay. They are organizing, not into Labor Unions or Co-operation Associations or Colonies, or Churches, but into a Political Party to capture the powers of government.

Revolutionary Socialism proposes to overthrow all the ideas of the nation, state and city of the Presidency, the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Supreme Court, the Army and Navy, the Treasury, the power of taxation, the power of life and death, the control of property, in a word, the Power to Rule, now known as the law, or the government.

Revolutionary Socialism means more than this, as we shall explain later. But it has no meaning at all if it does not mean the overthrow of the present government and the substitution of another government in its place.

It expects to do all this by the ballot, in a peaceful manner. Only in case of armed and unlawful resistance by the government defeated in the polls, do Socialists anticipate a Revolutionary War.

When once the people of the United States have voted that a Working Class Government shall take the place of a Capitalist Class Government, the Revolutionists expect the old government to retire peacefully and to yield lawfully to the will of the majority. But if the old class government refuses to surrender to the new, then, unquestionably there will be a War of Revolution.

First. The Question of Science.

The Question of Science. The Question of Government. Mark these four! If you accept what Revolutionary Socialism has to say about the first question, namely, the Science Question, you will have to accept what it says on the Property Question.

And if you accept its principles on the Property Question, you will inevitably understand the Class Question, and the Class Question includes the Government Question.

The whole four stand or fall together.

Revolutionary Socialism Is Scientific

The very first principle of Revolutionary Socialism includes all the rest. It is this: YOU MUST BE SCIENTIFIC IN YOUR METHOD. This does not mean, you must be learned in the school learning, highly educated, able to explain scientific terms, skilled in chemistry or astronomy, or even able to spell every word in the English language.

It only means that the attitude of the Revolutionary Socialist toward all sciences is the scientific attitude, the modern scientific attitude in contrast with the ancient superstitious attitude.

The scientific man never guesses at anything. He always requires proof. He will believe anything if the facts prove it to him. He will believe nothing unsupported by facts.

The superstitious man believes what looks to him reasonable without waiting for the slow proof from facts. If he sees something he cannot explain, like table-tipping or a shooting star, or a financial panic, or a municipal ownership craze, the superstitious man begins to work out some explanation in his mind, or he accepts, without any thinking at all, the explanation of the crowd he is with. But the scientific man forms no opinion whatever. He waits for an investigation which will bring out the facts, all the facts.

Facts Everything, Theories Nothing

To the scientific man, facts are everything, theories nothing, even though they may be his own or his mother's theories. To the superstitious man, theories, especially if consecrated by centuries of belief and universally accepted, are regarded with respect and even reverence. He is horrified, indignant, vindictive at the scientific man who discovers new facts and disproves his ancient pet theories.

This has been the history of modern science. It is only a matter of fifty years since Darwinism, or the Evolutionary Theory of the Universe, was received with horror, anger and veneration, by all superstitious and unscientific mass of men.

Why has the theory of Evolution won its way to belief? BECAUSE IT IS SUPPORTED BY THE FACTS. Darwin spent years hunting for facts; he laboriously studied the habits of pigeons and recorded accurately all he observed of pigeon life, before he published his book on the Origin of Species.

The Facts were with Darwin. Nobody could deny his facts. He formed his theory from observed and recorded and indisputable facts.

Therefore, the world has come to agree with Darwin. You could not fight a fact. The superstitious man, with all his beautiful and hoary theories, must always give way to the scientific man who has no preconceived theories to establish, but only a host of established facts from which to derive any theory which will best explain those facts.

Abreast of the Modern Era

This scientific attitude toward all subjects, which forces a man to believe what the facts support, even against all his cherished theories and against his own interests also, an attitude which characterizes the modern era of thought as compared with the ancient era, is the attitude of Revolutionary Socialism. It founds all theories and beliefs and principles upon the facts of society as discovered by the most rigid investigation.

This is its formative principle. By the Scientific Method, Revolutionary Socialism stands or falls. All its principles are derived, like the law of gravitation, from observed and recorded and accepted facts, the facts of history and of human life. It has no dreams, no Utopias, no utopias.

The Socialism of the first half of the nineteenth century was Utopian, unscientific, with ready-made plans to reorganize society, unbased upon the facts of social history.

Many Socialists of the twentieth century really belong to this ancient school of early Socialists. They think and dream and idealize according to inherited methods and traditions. They do not belong in the modern scientific world. They break aside facts if they don't fit theories. But the Scientific Socialist brushes aside all theories that don't fit the facts.

All Principles Tested by Facts

What the Revolutionary Socialist believes on the Property Question stands or falls by the actual property relations discovered in an ancient or modern society.

What the Revolutionary Socialist believes on the Question of Classes in Society, is no theory based on the Declaration of Independence or on the demands of justice or fraternity or on popular rights, but wholly and only on an exhaustive study and analysis of society, ancient and modern.

When the Revolutionary Socialist announces his principles on the subject of Government, he does not assume that any particular form of governmental rule is just, and then proceed to fight to obtain that which is right and just in government. He takes nothing at all for granted. He studies history to find out facts. If he finds that the American government has never been "of, by and for the people," and was never intended to be such; if he finds that they never saw an earthly approach to such a "good government," he finds the facts of history disprove all the current fine theories about democracy, the Revolutionary Socialist is first of all scientific and will make his principles on the question of government conform strictly to the ascertained facts.

Darwinism and Marxian

The first principle, then, of Revolutionary Socialism is that it accepts the Modern Scientific Method. It stands in the front rank of progress.

Because Karl Marx scientifically investigated the facts of human society and formulated its laws of development, as Charles Darwin did in the life history of animals other than man, and thus Marx stands with Darwin as one of the twin scientific discoverers of the last century. Revolutionary Socialism is sometimes described as Marxian Socialism, or simply Marxian.

Marxism, like Darwinism, must be accepted and believed, if its facts are well established. No well ordered mind can escape the conclusions of the Scientific Method, which is the first principle of Revolutionary Socialism.

This Principle Not Peculiar to Socialism

No, this Scientific Method is not peculiar to Socialism. Every department of modern science is built upon this principle. It is the very spirit of our modern age.

But Revolutionary Socialists were the first to apply this Method of Science to the study of human history. They are the only men who yet apply the scientific method rigorously and consistently, in the domain of human history.

The reason most capitalist historians and Sociologists have not yet applied the modern method to the investigation of man's progress on earth, is, THAT THE CONCLUSIONS OF SCIENCE IN THIS FIELD ARE TOO DANGEROUS TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONS TO REVEAL.

It is precisely because Karl Marx and the Revolutionary Socialists applying the Scientific Method to the study of man's racial history have discovered facts and reached conclusions which, if known and understood, would undermine the foundations of all civilized governments and set up new standards, which, if accepted, would be juridical; it is for this revolutionary reason alone that economists and historians shrink from applying the Modern Scientific Method to the study of human society.

But the Working Class, will appear in our later chapters, have every reason to welcome scientific conclusions in social history. These conclusions belong to the Working Class. They have a right to know them, for they reveal the laws of Working Class Emancipation.

When once the Working Class in general terms the conclusions of Modern Science with respect to its development and destiny, nothing can prevent its united action and victory.

Ignorance alone stays the progress of the Proletariat in America. It is to help dispel this ignorance that these chapters are written. The next chapter will deal with the Scientific Socialism with respect to the great question of Property, or the second principle of Revolutionary Socialism.

(This series of papers was begun No. 276 of The Socialist Issue of January, 1906, and will continue for several months covering all the more important aspects of politics, both Socialist and Capitalist, in America today.)

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ENGLISH WORKERS AWAKE

British Parliament would be an event of the greatest importance to the Socialist movement.

Quelch's candidacy for Southampton, in the Midlands, is a very good thing, and the prospects of his election were so good.

The new of the general election in England, which the cable reports of the people of that country are at last beginning to arouse from their long slumber.

This awakening has been manifesting itself since the beginning of last year when the unemployed workers in England had forced their way to the front and attracted the attention of the civilized world.

In Parliament Keir Hardie led the fight for the new Unemployed Bill against great objections, but in a way which won the approval of all factions of the House of Commons.

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