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THE DEMOCRATS

Loud and long have our friends of the Democrat persuasion insisted that they had a remedy for all the ills that exist today. All they needed was a chance to put their theories into practice and the only way they could do this was by having the public offices turned over to them. The foremost economists of our time pointed out to them the false theories of government which they advocated, and the failure of the various state administrations in the South where they were in undisputed power. By an accident of the political machine, however, which slipped a cog they were hoisted into office, and already, if we are to believe the expressions of sentiment throughout the country, the people have decided to never again have a Democratic administration in power.

With strikes and lockouts from coast to coast conditions are worse than under the Cleveland administration. The deficit in the National treasury, which is growing ever larger, indicates a poor understanding of how to administer the affairs of government.

Our local friends of the Democratic party have also been loud in their denunciation of the way public affairs have been administered by their political opponents. They could administer them better; more honest; more economical than the Republicans.

Everything is now in their hands!

Let them go at it!

Don't hinder them, don't try to embarrass them!

It's all theirs!

Joke Der Kaiser

Two men were having lunch together and therefore were talking about the war.

"If the Germans lose," said the novelist (who had a ready knowledge of history), "they ought to pick out a nice comfortable St. Helena for the Emperor."

"What I'd like," said the painter, "is to see him established in a nice comfortable shop on the avenue with vegetables out in front and butter in the ice box and a big sign over the door: WILHELM DER GROCER.---Rx.

THE POSITION OF THE LEADING SOCIALISTS ON THE WAR

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doing this we feel that we are serving the democracy of the world; for we are concerned for the world movement, as are all the members of the working class International."

This document is signed by the Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Party, the so-called Majority Group.

Professor Karl Liebknecht was the only member of the German Reichstag who stood pat. His reasons are given below.

Berne, Switzerland---Professor Karl Liebknecht was the only member of the Reichstag who voted against the new war budget presented to the imperial Parliament of Germany on Dec. 2.

The Berner Tagwacht subsequently published the text of the German Socialists protest which was not however read in the Reichstag, the President having vetoed it on the plea that it would entail a call to order. It ran, in part, as follows:

"This war, desired by none of the peoples concerned, has not broken out in behalf of the German people or of any other. It is an imperialist war, a war for the capitalist domination of the world's markets and for the political domination of important regions for the placing of industrial and banking capital.

"From the point of view of rivalry in armaments, it is a preventative war provoked by the German and Austrian war parties together in the obscurity of semi-absolutism and of secret diplomacy."

The protest then proceeded to declare that the war was not a defensive one on the part of Germany, and then continued:

"A rapid peace, one which does not humiliate any one, a peace without conquests, this is what we must demand. Every effort in this direction must be favorably received.

The continuous and simultaneous affirmation of this desire, in all the belligerent countries, can alone put a stop to this massacre, before the complete exhaustion of all the nations concerned. A peace based upon the international solidarity of the working class and on the liberty of all peoples concerned can alone be a lasting peace.

"It is in this sense that the proletariats of all countries must furnish, even in the course of this war, a Socialist effort for peace. But my protest is against the war, against those who are responsible for it, against those who direct it; it is against the capitalist policy which gave it birth; it is directed against the capitalists objects pursued by it, against the plans of annexation, against the violation of the neutrality of Belgium and Luxemburg, against military dictatorship, against the total oblivion of social and political duties of which the government and ruling classes are still still guilty today. For this reason I reject the military credits asked for.

"KARL LIEBKNECHT. "Berlin, Dec. 2."

The protest was communicated to the German press, but not one paper published it, and the Vorwaerts, the Berlin Social Democratic organ, disclaimed approval on the part of the party of Dr. Liebknecht's views.

---Christian Science Monitor.

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WHERE HERVE STOOD

By W. H. Leffingwell

When I joined the throng on Boulevard Poissoniere the evening of July 29, 1914, I felt proud that I was a socialist and could count the thousands of Parisian workers as my brothers.

"See," I said to a friend, "these men are all-powerful. They do not wish war. There will be no war."

Those many thousands of workers really seemed to mean what they said when they shouted "a bas la guerre." (Down with war!) The garde republicaine, armed with rifles and bayonets fixed, but it made little difference. I felt for the first time in my life the sensation of being charged upon by soldiers. We all ran before them but we came back many times.

The next day Jaures was assassinated! So much did the French government agree with me that the socialists were a mighty power and might demand reprisals in their fury, that within twelve hours of the event they had placarded Paris with a proclamation that the government mourned with the socialists the loss of the great leader and would see that the assassin was dealt with summarily.

The next day "La Guerre Social," Herve's paper, came out with a great leading article entitled: "They have assassinated Jaures, we will not assassinate France," in which he advised all socialists and revolutionists to rally to the defense of the nation.

McGowan's Man Is Turned Down By Judge Bunnell

It is said that McGowan's man W. H. Whiteley who was a candidate for clerk of the court, was turned down by Judge Bunnell. We are informed from what is considered reliable sources that the Judge has already decided on who will fill the position but is not yet prepared to make it public. In consequence of which it is said Mac Intends to join the Republican party.

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Our good city council will tax a poor apple peddler who is trying to eke out a precarious existence, but they hand out franchises to the corporations.

It appears as though the progressive party is dead. The men of the progressive party divorced themselves from the Republican party, and now, the progressives are crawling back to "stand pat" Republicanism.

Hostilities

The barber to the right of me was hocking for the Kaiser,

The barber to the left of me was hocking for the Czar.

A gentlemen from Greece was shearing off my fleece,

While very near a swart Italian stropped his scimitar.

And when presently discussion, polyglot and fervid,

On political conditions burst about my chair,

I left the place unshaven---I hope I'm not a craven,

But I sort of like to wear a head beneath my hair! ---N. Y. Sun.

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