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A Chip of the Old Block

CONDITIONS in the United States demand a military dictator. Mass strikes, defiance of Comperism by the unions, general mistrust of the empty sounds emanating from hitherto respected sources of authority in industry and state, the bitterness of civilians and of returned soldiers and sailors... are symptomatic of a situation that needs the rule of blood and iron... to crush the morale of the American working masses.

During the last few weeks, in view of President Wilson's inability to function at his duties, the daily press has been developing a campaign for a dictatorship. For instance, the Chicago Tribune recommends a regency, thus following the imperialist diplomatist policy of never naming, but only hinting at real meanings.

Perhaps no one, in our estimation is more fitted for the job of dictator and all around producer of capitalist violence than General Wood, who is being now groomed for the presidency by the militant capitalists and imperialists of the United States. The other day, in course of an address at Fort Collins, General Wood behaved like a chip of the old block (Dictatorship of American Capitalism), when he said:

"My motto for the 'Reds' is 'S. O. S.' Ship or Shoot. I believe we should place them all on ships of stone with sails of lead and that their first stop should be hell. We must advocate radical laws to deal with radical people."

"Shoot"—"Lead"—"Hell". These three words should popularize the general's slogan. We hope that the state of South Dakota makes a note of these admirable platform planks since they don't deal with Wilsonian subterfuge and are unusually brief.

"Shoot"—"Lead"—"Hell" is the embodiment of imperialist dictatorship. It is all the working masses can ever expect from the dictatorship of finance-capital. "Shot"—"Lead"—"Hell"—it has been the lot of the proletariat in wars created by imperialism, and "Shoot"—"Lead"—"Hell" is destined to be the greeting of capitalism's machine guns as the struggle for control of industry and state becomes more sharply defined.

The dictatorship of capitalism in America may find an efficient servant for its future requirements in General Wood. And it is to be hoped that he will be nominated for and elected to the presidency to try to carry out the policy of "Shoot"—"Lead"—"Hell".

The issue of dictatorship of finance-capital versus the dictatorship of the proletariat must be decided some day, as it will be, notwithstanding the efforts of social-traitor socialists, and Comperites in the American Federation of Labor, to use the soft pedal of compromise and bourgeois reform.

The time for compromise has gone. Imperialist sentiments as expressed by Gen. Wood will be useful since they help to discourage compromise and sharpen the lines of the final struggle.

Workers of Japan and U. S., Look Out!

ARE the imperialists of Japan and the United States planning the next big bloodletting?

Why are newspapers and magazines in each country publishing articles that intend to arouse the emotion of hatred in the workers of Japan and the United States?

For some time correspondents have been assigned to cover Japan for big metropolitan dailies and newspaper syndicates, evidently, to exploit the attitude of what American imperialism is pleased to call anti-American hostility.

Rodney Gilbert, styled as "leading oriental journalist," (although his syndicated articles on Japan bear all the earmarks of inspired propaganda such as is promoted in periods before actual declaration of war) writes: "THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT OFFICIAL JAPAN WELCOMES THE ANTI-AMERICAN HOSTILITIES AMONG THE JAPANESE MASSES AS OFFERING A COUNTER-IRRITANT TO DOMESTIC TROUBLES."

War, with its opiates of military music, lying patriotic phrases and stimulated frenzy undoubtedly would cause Japanese and American workers to forget their domestic affairs. Capitalists in both countries would possibly welcome a war in which Japanese and American workers would slaughter each other, for the imperialists and governments of both countries have been experiencing terrific treatment in the form of mass strikes.

Fortunately, the bunk, hypocrisy, and viciousness of Imperialism's and Militarism's peace conference at Paris has disillusioned many of the working masses in Japan and the United States. This should put workers and their mass organizations in both countries on guard, and urge them, not merely to fight and expose the motives of propaganda intended to stage a Japanese-American war, but to prepare to inaugurate a campaign of mass strikes that will cripple imperialism in both countries.

The only enemy that the workers of Japan and the United States have today is Imperialism, with its host of financiers, traders, diplomatists, military officials, and corrupt press. Workers, watch out!

Want to Live in Guam?

IT is interesting indeed to note the attitude now of the different European journals toward American institutions. "American tyranny," "American Czarism," "American Prussianism," are a few of the phrases employed to show what they think "over there" about the imperialism of the United States.

No longer will tales of American liberty influence the fancies of European workers. The policy of deporting and imprisoning men and women for advocating shop and government control by the proletariat, is opening the eyes of the European press and working masses.

Not to be outdone by the persecuting Department of Justice in its zeal for convictions, Senator Fletcher of Florida has introduced a bill that provides:

That every citizen of the United States who directly or indirectly commences or carries on any verbal, written or printed intercourse, or correspondence, with any other persons, whether citizens or aliens, with the intent either

peaceably or by violence to overthrow the government of the United States, or to DISINTEGRATE OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER SET ASIDE OR DO AWAY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES . . . shall be fined not more than \$5,000 for each offense and imprisoned less than one nor more than ten years or both, or may, in lieu of such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the judge, be deported permanently to the island of Guam."

Czarist Russia had its Siberia. The "democracy" of the United States is to have its Guam. Using as criterion the temper of the American masses towards the repressive methods of the present government considerable number of Guams may be necessary. Meanwhile, The Communist Party submits the suggestion to European publications that the above proposed bill be given some measure of publicity for the further enlightenment of European workers about the tendencies of the dictatorship of capitalism in the United States.

The World Revolution Conquers!

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in the blood of Liebknecht, Luxemburg and thousands of fearless workers who were murdered by the machinations of the "worker" Noske. Bela Kun is in prison and brave Hungary which dared to follow Russia was handed over by the traitors to the White Guard.

But have the Imperialist powers succeeded in crushing the World Revolution? The terror which has seized capitalist government including our own, is the best answer.

The answer is heard in the roll of the cannon of the Red Army which is marching on and sweeping forward to victory. What a glorious army it is. The first army which is fighting for the working class! The Army of Proletarian Emancipation! It is the advance guard of the World Red Army! Already Japan is trembling and is calling "democratic America to its aid in Siberia where the Red Army is forging irresistibly ahead. Indeed, the foot steps of the Red Army are heard here in America in the repressive measures, in anti-strike laws and deportations. But all the efforts of the reactionary world powers are in vain.

The coming year will see capitalism perish in more than one country. Even here in America the capitalist system will totter under the onslaught of the ever increasing, instinctive rebellion of the masses against the yoke of capitalism. In Europe the tide of the revolution will engulf the entire continent. In Italy the proletariat is ready for the final conflict. In Germany, from the graves of Liebknecht and Luxemburg has arisen a mighty spirit which is firing the hearts of the proletariat with

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