

NO STRIKES IN RUSSIA, 'CZAR' LENINE ORDERS

Soviet Rulers Repudiate Ladder on Which They Climbed to Power—Demagogues Inflame Waning Zeal of People

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GOMEL, Feb. 5.—Strikes are the most formidable weapon used by the Bolsheviks to capture political power all over the world, but in the Russian republic, where they have successfully established their rule, the workers no longer enjoy the right to strike. Under the "dictatorship of the proletariat," proletarians are not allowed to lay down their tools if they are dissatisfied with working hours or wages.

This sounds paradoxical, but it is nevertheless true.

Having realized their ambition to govern Russia, the communist chiefs are unanimous in their condemnation of strikes. "Work, work, work," is now the constant refrain of Premier Lenine's exhortations to the workers, whom he seduced into revolt by the promise of a life of luxury and idleness under the soviet system.

A final decree of the soviet government forbids strikes and punishes collectives with deductions from their pay if it is not attained.

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Exploit Fears of Populace

Another appeal, circulated among the workers of the Tschickahine factory in Moscow, says:

"The welfare of the proletariat is closely connected with production. If production increases the proletariat is the gainer, while its decrease must lead to the annihilation of the workers."

In spite of these decrees and exhortations, strikes are of frequent occurrence. However, most of them fail miserably, for the government now employs ruthless, terroristic measures to suppress the labor movement, to which signs of discontent manifest themselves among the workers of an industry the moment they are arrested and thrown into prison before the unrest has had time to ripen.

Two hundred workers of the Bogatyr rubber works were summarily dismissed without notice because they had organized a strike in defiance of the government's orders. In some cases, as recently in Charkoff, where the workers of the Gerlach-Pulst works went on strike, the strikers are simply mobilized and enrolled in the ranks of the Red army.

But usually the reduction of their daily food rations suffices to cow them. The Red dictators camouflage their brutal treatment of the workers by Russia by branding all strike movements as "counter-revolutionary conspiracies" which they are bound to suppress.

Strikers Usually Crushed

By adopting a dangerously determined attitude and indulging in violent acts of sabotage, the workers of the Daimler textile factories in Moscow succeeded some time ago in obtaining a weekly supplement of several yards of cloth to their wages, but such success is extremely rare.

All industrial methods in use in "capitalistic countries" to increase production have been gradually reintroduced by Lenine into his communist paradise. Piecework and even the Taylor system are once more in use. In the metal industry the workers are

been organized by the soviet authorities to counteract it.

Great meetings for workers are arranged every Friday in Moscow and every Sunday in Petrograd. The best Bolshevik orators speak at these meetings and exert themselves to the utmost to stimulate and inflame the dying revolutionary ardor of the workers. It was at one of these propaganda gatherings that the attempt was made to assassinate Lenine, and, more recently, to kill Commissary Zinoviev by throwing bombs on to the speaker's platform.

Demagogues Have Pet Phrases

In their speeches the Bolshevik agitators never fail to lay particular stress on the "triumph of the workers over their bourgeois masters and to tell the hearers that they are today "the masters of their former oppressors," and this rhetoric still makes an impression on the Russian workmen and often arouses applause.

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Poor Workmen Are Duped

One third of their members are technical and commercial experts appointed by the government, one-third are direct representatives of the government, that is to say state officials, and only the remaining third are delegates of the workers of the factory in question.

The workers are consequently an impotent minority on the council.

Furthermore, the government has the privilege of deputing special commissaries whenever critical questions arise, who have the power to veto the decisions of the council. The technical and commercial experts—who are, by the way, generally of the bourgeois class—manage the plant, fix the workers' wages and submit their reports at the plenary sessions of the council.

There exists besides, in each factory, a so-called "factory committee," composed exclusively of workmen, but its powers are strictly advisory and limited to the improvement of food, housing and sanitary conditions, and being without executive authority it can only humbly submit suggestions to the superior council.

Under these circumstances thousands of industrial workers, bitterly disappointed in their communist dreams, are deserting the great cities for the country, in order to become farmers. It is estimated that within the last year more than 300,000 workmen have emigrated from Moscow and Petrograd.

Numerous factories have, in consequence, been forced to close entirely and the rest are severely handicapped by an ever-increasing shortage of labor. In fact, there are left in Moscow at the present time only seven large factories that are working more or less normally.

This emigration of industrial workers, which is today one of the most characteristic features in the life of Bolshevik Russia, has naturally greatly alarmed Lenine, and vigorous propaganda has

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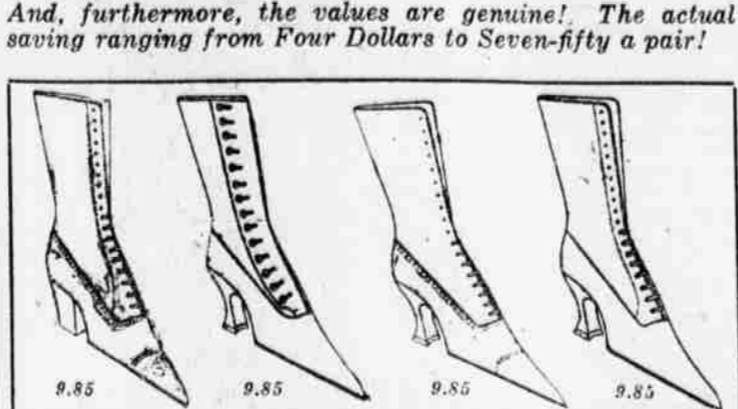
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