

Growing Poverty in Germany

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Germany's workers are steadily being impoverished. Despite the fact that the mark was stabilized at about 22,500 to the dollar, the cost of living continued to mount, while wages hardly crept forward. Profits increase, while children grow paler. Dividends grow and twenty-five more men and women, hungry and desperate, commit suicide!

The workers complain and the Social-Democratic coalition government admits its impotence to change matters. The mark loses in buying value, but the "Vorwaerts" merely shudders and requests the capitalists to be more temperate.

Only one body has been able to aid the German workers, at least to some degree. The Betriebsräte—the Factory Councils—which are greatly under Communist influence, have taken the matter in hand, and have forced the dealers to lower their prices.

That the impoverishment of the German worker is not due to the "villainy" of the Entente and particularly to France, may be seen in the following facts. There has been a steady diminution in the area devoted to the cultivation of the principal grains. The meadows have increased from 15.9 per cent of the total area to 17.9 per cent. According to official statistics, the decrease in the cultivated territory is greatest in those parts of Germany in which large farms predominate. The cultivation of wheat, rye, barley and oats has steadily diminished since 1919.

This has enabled the peasants and landowners to obtain high prices for food, altho the scarcity has been most harmful at a time when the German worker is hardest pressed. The coal production per man has diminished. Despite the employment of a larger number of men (150,000), despite a large amount of overtime, the efficiency per man has decreased from 972 kilos in 1913 to 580 in 1922. In the meantime, by raising the prices sky-high, the coal barons have earned fortunes.

The production of iron and steel has improved; transportation and navigation are on the upgrade, despite the many impediments Germany has to contend with. Building is in a serious plight, owing to very little being done, and not even repair work being undertaken. Savings dropped from a value of 930 millions gold marks in 1919 to about 100 millions in 1922.

German capital is unable to feed its workers. Hunger and misery are giving great impetus to the rebellious spirit of the workers. The greed of the German capitalists, the indifference and treachery of the Social-Democrats, and the cowardice and unwillingness of the trade union leaders to make a fight, are opening the eyes of the workers. Bolshevism is no longer a bugaboo. While the condition of the German worker is steadily deteriorating, that of the

Russian worker is continually improving. To keep himself from complete degradation, the German worker will be obliged to take the step the Russian worker and peasant took. The hunger and the misery that lead to revolution are making the German worker susceptible to the idea.

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