

TO EXTIRPATE BOLSHEVISM

Mr. Cahan Sets Forth Object of New Department of Public Safety

PROPAGANDA IN CANADA

Revolutionary Associations in at Least Twenty Industrial Centres

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Ottawa, Oct. 10.—Mr. C. H. Cahan, K.C., of Montreal, the recently appointed Director of Public Safety, who was in the Capital to-day, issued a statement indicating the purposes for which the new department has been created and the field which it will cover. He says:

"About five months ago Sir Robert Borden requested me to make a careful investigation, among other things, into the activities of certain emissaries of the Bolsheviki operating in certain industrial centres in Canada, concerning which more or less vague reports had come to the knowledge of members of his Government."

After outlining the movements of Leon Trotsky, "Bill" Shatoff, Martoff, Rhinestone and Volocharski, Bolsheviki leaders and I.W.W. (Industrial Workers of the World) agitators, the statement proceeds:

Spread Into Canada.

"In the later months of 1917 and during the present year these Bolsheviki leaders have despatched emissaries to the United States, where, by reason of their former association with the I.W.W. and other Anarchist societies, and by the liberal use of German funds, they have carried on a very successful propaganda, which has now spread across the border into Canada.

"Revolutionary associations have been formed in at least twenty industrial centres throughout Canada, and these are now carrying on a very active propaganda.

"A mass of revolutionary literature has reached Canada direct from Red Guard associations in Finland, from Petrograd, and from German propagandists in Spain, while several publications of a similar kind have been sent across the border from Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo and Seattle for distribution in Canada. These are printed in the English, Russian, Ukrainian and Finnish languages, and advocate the overthrow of constitutional Governments, the seizure of private property, sabotage and industrial strikes.

Labor Leaders Kept Aloof.

"The Canadian Labor leaders have evidently kept free from and have given no encouragement to this agitation, which is of the most seditious and wicked character.

Branch of Department of Justice.

"Having carefully investigated the matter at the request of the Government, I have now also been asked by the Minister of Justice to organize a branch of the Department of Justice, which, in co-operation with the Chief Commissioner of Police and the various departments and agencies of the Government, will be charged with the duty of enforcing the existing laws for suppressing such agitators and for extirpating their pernicious propaganda and publications. I have acceded to this request temporarily, and later, if the necessity is then apparent, a more permanent organization will be effected by the Department of Justice.