

# CHECK WASTE TO PUT END TO BOLSHEVISM

## The Wealthy Must Save, Stop Spending Profits on Lux- uries, Says Cahan.

"The right to strike, which labor unions so ardently uphold, is no more justifiable than the right of insurrection or revolution," said Mr. C. H. Cahan, K.C., of Montreal, to the Empire Club to-day speaking on "Pernicious Propaganda." "Individual workmen have the right, and, under existing conditions, must have the right definitely to abandon their employment, upon notice, except in breach of the contracts of employment into which they have freely entered. Breaches of contracts are matter within the jurisdiction of the law courts of the country."

### The Marxian Movement.

Mr. Cahan reviewed the Marxian Socialist movement and stated:—"Although their teachings, are based on the alleged existence of a state of war between the wage-earning and the capitalistic classes, they sought by every means in their power to paralyse efforts of the allied nations in the war; and naturally their own activities, encouraged and assisted by German agents and German money in the United States, were at once extended into Canada, where their propaganda has been conducted more or less secretly, with energy and vehemence that was for a long time not even suspected.

"In several instances this propaganda in Canada has been endorsed by branches of International Trades Unions established in Canada, though the recognized leaders of the trades unions of Canada, such, as Tom Moore, who is one of the sanest and most patriotic leaders in the Trades Union Movement, have vehemently opposed all radical and revolutionary tendencies. I have found upwards of 60 branches of the Social Democratic Party of Toronto established among the Finnish settlers in Canada. There are 63,784 Russians of the age of 16 years and over resident in Canada. Of these about 10,000 are in Toronto.

"In Canada," he said, "the Socialists have chiefly organized under the auspices of the I. W. W., of the Socialist Party of Canada, and of Social Democratic Party, with headquarters in Toronto, with branches in nearly every industrial centre, from Montreal, through a chain of Ontario towns, to the Sudbury and Porcupine mining districts, in Fort William, Port Arthur, at the head lake navigation, into Manitoba and through other similar associations, into the Prairie Provinces to the coast.

### No French-Canadians In It.

"The brains of the entire movement however, are in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria, and are largely English, Irish, and Canadian. The French and Catholic population of the Province of Quebec has never been inoculated with this virus."

After speaking of the enforcement of the law with regard to this propaganda in the United States, Mr. Cahan said: "But no such vigorous enforcement of law has been authorized or permitted in this country.

"During the past year large sums of money have been sent from Russia, and even from Finland, for carrying on this propaganda in the United States and in Canada," said he. "I have personally conversed at length with one of the most active foreign leaders of the Bolsheviki propaganda in Canada; and I found him one of the most adroit and subtle minds that I have ever met.

### Remedies For Bolshevism.

"The first remedy that I would suggest is that we revert to the reign of law in this country. We must eliminate waste. During these coming years you men of wealth, or of considerable income, must discard all luxuries. I denounce upon those who made profits and expended their profits upon luxury. Schools must be provided, and the children of the foreign immigrant should be compelled to attend schools in which French or English is taught, so that the native-born of foreign stock at the close of at least a generation shall have a practical knowledge of one of the official languages of the country, and thereby be enabled to acquire a clearer and less distorted insight into the social, political and industrial conditions which prevail in this country.

### Remedy for Industrial Disputes.

Mr. Cahan proposed as a remedy for industrial disputes, compulsory arbitration, and urged that means should be created and maintained for securing a competent and thorough investigation of the facts, and an impartial arbitration or determination of the dispute.

Mr. Cahan also advocated the intervention of the State into the housing question since private funds do not seek investment in this direction in sufficient amounts.