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As the Statesville Landmark says, the French atmosphere—that is, the hatred for Germany—has been so strong that probably the peace conference should have been held in some neutral country. The Landmark says the French have effected the American correspondents, and doubtless this is true.

Frank H. Simmons, the war writer who was read after a great deal in the Charlotte Observer last fall, says the Landmark, now says "the league of nations is dead. All chance of the real settlement of the problems is at an end"—is a noted writer and experienced observer of world events but last fall he was assuring us up to the day of the Armistice that the war would continue for another year, that paper says, and that "it might be well to wait a little while before accepting at full value his prophecy in this instance."

FAVORS LESS MONEY BEING SENT OVERHEAD STATE ORGANIZATION

Josh Billings said: "Suckless dozent konsist in not makin' mistakes but in not makin' the same mistake twice." The experience gained in the Farmers Union will be worth many times what it has cost. When its successor is organized into a State unit two fundamental errors will be in sending much smaller proportion of the finances to an overhead State organization and the other will be in limiting the terms of offices to one or two years. No politician can possibly build up a political following in one or two years' time, and limitations on the amount of funds sent to the State organization will make it impossible for a politician to have sufficient campaign funds to use to divert the organization from its original purposes and make politics the dominating factor," says the Marshville Home.

The same may be said, Brother Greene, of some other organizations we know of—as to powers given over head organizations.

Dr. Eaton Says Bolshevism Coming—Conditions to Be Improved.

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, for 10 years pastor of a Baptist church, who "quit his pastorate to enter the ministry," last evening addressed the students of the North Carolina College For Women on the timely topic, "Bolshevism versus Democracy," predicting that the spread of the dreaded political and social menace must eventually include America, and that the citizenship of this country should be prepared to withstand the condition when it raises. Dr. Eaton recently entered the industrial field to bring about better relations between capital and labor and to fight propaganda of the bolsheviks.

"What shall we do with democracy?" he said, "now that we have it." In a most interesting and illuminating manner, marked chiefly by its simplicity, he discussed the two chief classifications of government experienced by the world—autocracy, the divine right of the few to exploit with the many; democracy, or the right of all to partake of and invest in the political and social right of all to partake of and invest in the political Democracy, he said, is not the theory that all men are equal beyond the fact that there is a spiritual equality among men, in that each man is a temple of God. But it is absurd to say, he explained, that all men are the same intellectually, financially or socially. In fact, he added, a man may be better or worse tomorrow than he is today. But democracy, he continued, is the grant of equal rights to all classes, so far as the laws of the country and precedents of society are concerned.

After many years of oppression by the rulers of Russia, the wayfaring

people, led by a few altruists with intelligent minds, arose in rebellion and overthrew their czar. Under the direction of Kerensky, he continued, they set up a democratic government. But the premier was too slow in calling together a constitutional convention, composed of the various elements, and when they did finally meet, there were undesirable leaders in their midst, such as Lenin and Trotsky.

The latter was introduced to the audience, figuratively speaking, with a brief sketch of his life, in which Dr. Eaton related his brief stay in New York and the termination of his visit to America in a Canadian jail. Seeing only the "East side" of American life as is customary with many aliens who do not intermingle with natives, Trotsky returned to Russia with impressions of sweat shop, visions of the loathed life among poorer residents of the Bronx, and a distorted message from Bowery "gangsters." Upon his return to Russia, he was unwilling to accept the government advocated by Kerensky, so he gathered about him a few hundred radicals and called them the bolsheviks, which means "the minority."

The bolsheviks, he said, sought to turn autocracy upside down, so to speak, rather than to accept democracy, and they, too, were exponents of class rule. Only three classes were recognized—soldiers and sailors, peasants and working men. None other could have the right of citizenship.

The rise of bolshevism was depicted most interestingly when he painted an imaginary picture of Trotsky's visit to Greensboro. He would probably go

TERRIBLY SWOLLEN

Suffering Described As Torture Relieved by Black-Draught.

Rossville, Ga.—Mrs. Kate Lee Able, of this place, writes: "My husband is an engineer, and once while lifting, he injured himself with a piece of heavy machinery, across the abdomen. He was so sore he could not bear to press on himself at all, on chest or abdomen. He weighed 165 lbs., and fell off until he weighed 110 lbs., in two weeks.

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down to the poorer sections of the city he predicted, and gather about him a group of the most illiterate negroes and white people. Filling their ignorant minds full of imaginary wrongs and false promises of relief, he would stir them to open rebellion. Under his leadership, they would seize a factory and turn it over to those who were employed there. Socialism, he said, divided all equally; but the bolsheviks did not even grant this much. And if the owner of the plant objected, he

would probably be thrown in a gutter and left to die as a dog.

Knowing nothing of finance, the cause and effect of commercial conditions, the effect of the markets on industry, these persons would soon exhaust then burn it down through spite and go on to the next one. Thus, he commented, has Russia suffered and this is the condition left in the wake of bolshevism.

After these conditions had been presented he stated that America should prepare for bolshevism as one gets ready for an approaching fire. It will be useless to go behind the chicken house and pray, he said; rather should American citizens consult the approaching menace.

Hastily, he discussed his personal method of meeting the predicted conditions. America must not live under the illusion that conditions at home are perfect. Democracy has its failures, he said even as autocracy, has its excellencies, and the people should see that these evils are corrected. For example, he stated, there should be no slums in a democracy. "Something, somewhere, is wrong." With the vote soon to be theirs, he added, American women should go down into the dust and slime of politics and uproot the evil politicians. American people should take more interest in politics, realizing that it involves the vital issues of the nation. And each public office, he said, should be filled by an upright, honest American citizen.

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