

BOLSHEVISM.

"What do you think of your country now?" With this question I greeted a Russian shoemaker some time after the Czar had been deposed and Russia had ceased to be a fighting force in the great war. "What do I think of my country? My country will be all right," said he, "if you will just give it time. If you keep a dog tied up for ten years, and then suddenly let him loose, what will happen? Why, he will worry the sheep, kill the chickens, scratch up the flowers, tear the children's clothes, and get into all sorts of mischief. Well, that is just like Russia—she has been held down in slavery through all her history. The rank and file of the people were never allowed to think or act for themselves, and now that liberty has come suddenly, they do not know how to behave, but you just give the Russians time, and they will come out alright."

Now this incident lets us into the very heart of our modern situation. To those who have no education or training for it, liberty is interpreted as license. They jump to the conclusion that liberty means for every man to do, when and how he pleases, anything he likes; but such liberty would close up every church, pull down every altar, blot out every school, destroy every fireside, dismantle all Governments, and turn this old world into a veritable shambles.

Lloyd George has said that "The world must be safe for democracies," and by that he no doubt meant that the day must soon pass when any few despots could have it in their power to impose their will upon the great body of the people, and even drive them to the bloody slaughter of one another without their will or consent.

But someone else has said that "Democracies must be made safe for the world," which means that democratic peoples must learn the art of self-control, and to respect and obey properly constituted authority; to respect and obey their own duly qualified and elected leaders and representatives.

CORRECTION.

The address of the Secretary of the Marton Union is Hunia Street, not Haining Street, as given in the Convention number of "White Ribbon."

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