## Lenin's Death and After.

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are still full of Lenin, full of letters from rise again, had to put its old enemy on his an old Wrangelite, and everywhere Wran One gets the impression that everybody firm, wedded to the industry, with its stan- | not be spared from the north. Now the cenfrom the foremost to the rank and file work- | dard of living constantly rising, AND ITS | tral director is a Communist doctor, and ing man, is trying to explain, not Lenin, PARTICIPATION IN THE SOVIET within the last week or two a Communist but his feelings towards Lenin, and all APPARATUS OF GOVERNMENT CON- doctor from Petrograd has taken charge of under a sense that it is all in vain, that this STANTLY INCREASING. Hence a large this institute—the largest in Russia. Why peculiarly intimate relation cannot be ex- number was ripe for the Communist Party, is this? In Petrograd as in Moscow you hear plained, cannot be described.

How great a personality was this, when clare their allegiance. everybody, a whole nation leaned upon him as upon an everlasting rock, as the great "tovarisch," whose friendliness seemed to permeate a whole people. And yet he spread this all-pervading friendliness without seeking to. He was ever concerned about the nuts and screws of the machine of emancipation.

In the villages the death of Lenin pro-Meetings of the mir were immediately called. stood firm, strong in the strength of Lenin's he nominate as his successor"? "Did he could be at his command. This is the un-increase the C.C.C. to 50 members, link it duct of affairs"? "Did he gather his dis- tured the heart of the people: For the first | Peasants' Inspection, reform this Commisciples round him to give them his last time in history they saw a man striving for advice "? The peasant, like the petty pro- an ideal, achieve great power, and still strive ducer everywhere, is inclined to magnify on, simply, serenely, combining great power | C.C.C., give it power to interfere in the the role of personality, not understanding with a great ideal. This is what the comthe role of party. This, of course, applies I mon people, who are not Marxists, see. We more to the richer peasants, as the com-knew theoretically that it must come, some rade's letter shows, who meanwhile fear that day; we knew that the proletariat must set destroying bureaucratism, making it ap-"the taxes on them will now be very up, OF NECESSITY, from the hature of heavy." Everything good came from Lenin, its method of production and appropriation, and everything bad, heavy taxes, requisi-such a typical representative; just as we apparatus an instrument for Socialism. This tions, etc., in war time, ah, that was against knew, theoretically, that Socialism was Lenin's wish! In the village, moreover, the possible. But the very FACT of the Soviets of the party. The results of the proposal class of poorer peasants, ex-Red Army men, etc., approximate more to the proletarian psychology.

And how great is this profetarian phychology, how sharply it contrasts with that of the peasant ally, the grief of the proletariat does not signify panic, no, the grief at the loss of a great friend, and a swear by all that's holy to carry on and bring his great lis ideas into realisation. I wrote in my last letter that the workers were rushing into the party by the hundreds and thousands. I should have said by the tens of thousands. The last "Pravda" received announced nearly ninety thousand, and by now it will be no doubt a hundred thousand new members all "from the bench." This is the proletarian idea of a panic! Comrade Zinoviev regards this as a revolution in the derisively. The Soviet Power was never so party, a new party. There was a great rush strong. What is the basis of it? The proleinto the party before, in 1918, but from all tariat. And what hetter proof does one need t classes of the population, and most of these were weeded out again in the party cleaning in 1921. This new flow of workers into the for small money. This will be put into party has been preparing for some time. In circulation in the spring. Money is a capi-1920, 1921, the period of the failure of war I talist expedient. But under the dictator-Communism and the Kronstadt rising, the ship of the proletariat every step forward proletariat was in a process of being de-lin capitalist efficiency becomes a step forclassed. The best workers left the factories ward on the siraight road to Socialism. We and foraged for themselves in petty trade, have put Socialist accumulation in the place

national" a few days after Lenin's death, come from insufficiency. Communism can doctor in all the Yalta sanatoriums (and this which I trust you received. Now a month only come from superabundance. And as so is the great Russian health resort). The has passed. But the pages of the "Pravda" often happens, the proletariat, in order to director of the central administration was the provinces, how they felt at the loss of feet again in the shape of the Nepman. But | gel's medical staff, or doctors from that their leader, and what is to be done now. we have now a class-conscious proletariat, regime. Communist doctors simply could and only awaited a suitable occasion to de-

Russia is not the same Russia after Lenin's death, it is a greater Russia. A. whole nation seems to have gone through a tremendous experience, or rather its six years' experience was focussed in one tragic farewell, and the people feel that this last, hitherto unthinkable experience, is a boundary from which many things will be dated, when its great support was taken away, and duced an equally profound impression. It trembled momentarily, braced itself, and The resolutions and questions are exceed- own spirit. Most great, men have died and ingly quaint. For the peasant, the petty their works have died with them. Lenin's the Central Control Committee of the party producer, Lenin's death did not mean so death only gave an impulse forward to the much as for the worker the loss of a great work that he set himself to do, as one pre-"tovarisch" with whom they had fought ordained. Lenin never preached on matthe revolution and who had led them from ters of personal conduct or morals. But it victory to victory and through innumerable may safely be said that no saint or preacher Communist Party. This committee formerly dangers, and without whom we must now lever had such an influence on people as march on alone but in the light of his the very character of Lenin's, his crystal l teaching still; no, the peasant looked on simplicity of mind; his simple manner of Lenin as their great protector. "Who did living, though all the luxuries of Russia articles, if not the last, which proposed to leave a will providing for the future con- precedented fact in Lenin which has cap- up with the Commissariat of Workers' and as the Socialist form, is worth more to the | will be enormous, a mark in Soviet history, masses than whole libraries of theory (although it took whole libraries of theory ism. The chairman of the C.C.C. is also exto GET the Soviets) and the very FACT of officio Commissary of Workers' and Peas-Lenin, the greatest HUMAN in history, is a supreme victory for Communism. For such a triumph of world leadership, when hall the humbug leaders of the capitalist pulsory labour as a punishment to be world fail, is only possible for a cause that is on the eve of universal achievement.

I see that Chicherin has issued a com- of minor thefts by persons of the working munique dealing with a campaign of lies class shall be tried by the factory commitwhich broke out from the Riga and Hel- | tees to which the offenders belong, and these singfors lie factories just prior to the recog- committees shall not be bound by the code. nition of Russia by England. We were inno- but by their revolutionary conscience how cently ignorant of all these bloody catas- | best to reform the offender. That is in the trophes circulated by the Tory Press. People | case of first offences. here, no matter of what class, simply smile than the rush of proletarians into the party.

The mint is busy minting silver coinage

of capitalist accumulation by way of the state apparatus, state industries and the cooperatives.

I might mention one sign of the increased strength of the Soviets shown in the administration of the sanatoriums here in Valta. I wrote a few notes for "The Inter-letc. Now we see that Communism cannot | Last year there was not a single Communist non-party doctors calling you "tovarisch." They are for the Soviets. And within the last few months the great mass of the scientific professions have formally and in organised form declared their allegiantee to the Soviets. Hence Communist doctors can be spared for the outlying parts. New strength, new revolutionary energy everlastingly wells out from that fountain of revolutionary energy, proletarian Leningrad. By the way, Zinoviev declares that the number of metal workers employed in Leningrad has doubled within the last year and a half.

> Another good step forward is proposed by (and when the C.C.C. proposes it means it has to be done). I don't know if it has been sufficiently explained to you the new role of the Central Control Committee of the performed the function of a safeguard, disciplined members for breaches of the constitution, etc. It was one of Lenin's last sariat from top to bottom, and by virtue of lits close identity with the all-powerful affairs of every State Department in the direction of greater economy, giving the state apparatus a proletarian character, proachable to every illiterate peasant and every worker, in short to make the state proposal was adopted by the 12th Congress as the great scotch in the wheel of Nepmanants' Inspection. It has already done great work. Now the C.C.C. proposes to sharpen the class character of the penal laws. Comapplied only to non-workers. With growing. class-consciousness it is proposed that cases

If my letter seems, as usual, inordinately optimistic, that is not because I wish to convey that everything in the garden is lovely. No! But what is unlovely is not significant of the touch of things—an indisputably disappearing factor which the revolution is gradually sweeping away. Russia is only interesting to us as the vanguard of Communism. And one must write about those things which show that it is leading. on to victory.

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