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SOCIALIST ON SILVER

German Reformers Are Firmly Opposed to the Free Coinage Move.

HAS NOTHING IN IT FOR THE PEOPLE

Workmen Will Suffer if the Gold Standard is Abandoned.

DR. SCHOENLANK ON THE SITUATION

One of the Socialistic Leaders Talks Freely of Germany's Attitude.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE

Another Conference May Be Held, but it Will Prove Abortive, as Did the Gathering at Brussels.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—(New York World Telegram-Special Telegram.)—Dr. Bruno Schoenlank, a member of the German Reichstag and one of the German socialist leaders, sent as a delegation to the socialist and trades union international congress, which closed its session in London this morning, the following instructions which are closely identified with the views of the German socialists on this question and he assured the World correspondent that his views may be accepted as those of all his socialist colleagues and of the German socialist party as a whole. He said: "We German socialists are absolutely opposed not only to the free coinage of silver, but also to bimetallicism whether by international agreement or by individual national law. We believe that the adoption of a free silver system would surely be followed by the enhanced cost of all the necessities of life, and if even followed by increased wages, such increase would be so slow and so trifling that it would be utterly valueless to the workmen. In Germany the advocacy of bimetallicism is associated with unrelenting hostility to all workmen's movement. Our bimetallicists are the conservatives, the free conservatives, and the agrarians, who form the entourage of the emperor, and to whose influence the emperor's opposition to socialism and his enmity to trades unionism are mainly due. These anti-popular parties want silver coin to enable them to pay in silver debts contracted in gold. We German socialists are united for the gold standard, because the long tested operations of economic laws assure us that it is the best standard for the workmen.

"We regard the theory of the American socialist workmen, that free silver will benefit their position, as the merest chimera, a dream from which, if free silver is adopted, they will have a dreadful awakening before long. "You ask me whether there is likely to be an international agreement. I answer, emphatically, no. Germany, the United States, France and England may convene another conference, but it will prove abortive, as did the Brussels conference, and if called by these governments, it will be done simply to pacify the bimetallicists in their respective countries, just as one humors a fractious child. "In speaking thus, I give you the views of the German socialist party. We have studied this question closely, and as a result are uncompromising enemies of any but the gold standard. "William Liebnicht, also a member of the Reichstag and the editor of Vorwaerts, the German socialist organ, has not discussed free silver in relation to the American presidential campaign in his journal, but his views are no less decided than those of Dr. Schoenlank. "I consider the silver movement in the United States hopeless. I stigmatize the attempt to depreciate the currency as dishonest, and as an attack on international good faith and integrity. The English Bimetallic league flooded the tables at the international socialist congress with leaflets in all languages, but no reference was made to the subject in any of the sittings."

LEADERS OF THINKING VOTERS. Dr. Bruno Schoenlank is a well-known writer on socialistic subjects and for six years has been an editor of the Vorwaerts, the organ of the social democrats of Germany. He studied in the universities of Berlin, Leipzig, Kiel and Halle, and gained the degree of doctor of philosophy. His training and his associations especially fit him to speak for his party on the subject of the currency. William Liebnicht is a great political leader of the German socialists. He is a liberal, educated and is a prolific writer. The socialists represent the wage-earners of the German empire. They were a more powerful quarter of a century ago, but at the last elections for members of the reichstag (in 1893) they polled more than two million votes. Though the whole influence of the government was exerted to crush them, the emperor resorted to extraordinary measures, they gained eight seats in Parliament and acquired an influence in the Reichstag which has to be reckoned with now on all questions which affect the great body of the people. Their leaders are men of brains, who have long profound students of social problems. Their aims were stated by Herr Liebnicht as follows: "Our foes may rest easy; we will not play into their hands by resorting to the weapons of anarchy and destruction. We wish to remain, not to destroy. Even the present organization of society, as bad as it is, is superior to no organization at all. No sudden revolution is meditated; no wonderful surprise intended."

BALLARD SMITH.

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