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THE private corporation, that is a tail of the Volkszeitung Corporation, and that was to start an English daily—*Globe, Call*—on next September 1, has again adjourned its start indefinitely. The reason now GIVEN is the same that was given for previous postponements, but the reasons that EXIST are more numerous.

Of course, the want of cash is the reason given, and it is a comprehensive reason. But the reason itself is subject to luminous division under several heads—

First, a goodly portion of the \$15,000 previously collected is not there. It was appropriated to the “temporary” use of the Volkszeitung Corporation.

Secondly, the cause of this “temporary” “loan” is that the Volkszeitung Corporation dupes have got on their ear. They refuse to be further plucked, having discovered that the funds were used to betray the working class, while the Corporation’s thirst continued unabated. Net results, the subsidiary corporation had to consent to make good the deficiency.

Thirdly, the Volkszeitung Corporation has not been able to refund the loan. It tried to do that and raise a swag for itself by means of a “grand food exhibition.” But the result of the venture, so far from raising funds, sank the corporation deeper into the soup. The German workers boycotted the exhibition on the ground of the Corporation’s betrayal of the brewery workers in the contract affair, and the English speaking workers did not care to help a concern that slanders them saying they are “corrupt up to the marrow.”

Fourthly, the Rev. Speculator in Rich Wives¹ has drawn tight his purse-strings. He was generous up to a certain point and paid generously in advance for being

¹ [The reference is to the Rev. George D. Herron.]

allowed to write the “party’s” platform. But now that his spineless and reactionary production is being widely denounced, he has become stingy. It is false reasoning on his part. The Corporation and its English Poodle have praised his production greatly. They have pronounced it “revolutionary at all points,” “strictly Socialist,” “magnificent,” etc. But he feels huffy and will give no more money.

Fifthly, dupes are not as numerous now as before. Consequently, collections are fewer and further between. People are beginning to realize what privately owned papers mean.

These are but a few of the subdivisions of the reason, “want of cash.” They tell vast tales, grand themes for grand articles—but not all the grandeur of the theme, nor the bombast of promise can sweeten the bitter cup of “hope deferred” to the collection of typographical grafters and editorial nincompoops, whose Socialism consists in a strenuous desire for jobs.

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