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MORE BUNK ABOUT THE LEAGUE.

In a group of answers to questions propounded to him by the San Francisco Association for the League of Nations the president yesterday reiterated the same inane bunk which he has peddled at his various speeches, prominent among them being the declarations that one vote in the league serves to veto any proposal advanced by any of the league members, that through the league the future restoration of Shantung to China is "promoted," that "self-determination is held sacred," and that through the league Ireland's chances of freedom are enhanced.

If we were Mayor Stodden we might have a certain vigorous characterization of the president's statements, but being gentlemen, we confine ourselves to polite argument.

Taking the case of Ireland, the president passes by Article 10 and referring to Article 11, declares that in that article is set up an international forum in which Ireland's claims for self-determination may be presented. He also states that while there is nothing in the league covenant which compels the United States to support England in event of an Irish revolt, that nevertheless the covenant does bind the United States to assist England in event any nation comes to the aid of the Irish in their struggle for freedom.

In this matter, the president's answer is not quite clear, since he fails to advise us if the official recognition of the Irish republic by any nation other than England would constitute "outside aggression," against England, or "assistance" to the Irish.

But aside from all that, we have only to consider the president's declarations that the vote of any one member of the league will be sufficient to veto any proposal advanced. From this it develops for a surety that, in event every other nation in the league voted under the terms of Article 11 (the forum, he speaks of) for self-determination or freedom in Ireland, any single one of the six votes held by England and the other states in the British empire would be sufficient to absolutely kill all Ireland's chances for independence.

The fact remains that only through the action of the British government in voluntarily granting independence to Ireland (which is a contingency that may never be looked for), or through armed help to the Irish by some powerful nation or group of nations, can Ireland ever secure absolute independence from the British government.

As for the hopes of China in Shantung, the president's declaration that only ratification of the actions of the peace conference, by which Shantung and its 40,000,000 inhabitants were given to Japan, can China recover the province, sounds foolish. Surely, if the handing bodily to Japan of the rich Shantung province and its millions of inhabitants is permitted to stand until the league of nations becomes a reality, China's chances of ever getting them back are blasted. For, again we may cite the fact that were every other nation in the league to favor the restoration of the province to China, the one vote of Japan will effectually prevent it.

And from nothing we have ever read in history have we ever come to the conclusion that either England or Japan ever relinquished voluntarily any territory which they seized.

LABOR AND THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT.

The London Daily Herald, the English labor paper edited so ably by George Lansbury, is busy exposing the motives behind the continued furnishing of men and munitions to the counter-revolutionary forces in Russia.

The Herald's exposure of members of the British government, who had recently made large investments in Russia, its proof of the fact that English workers are being sacrificed to protect these investments and destroy the only workers' republic in the world, has assisted a great deal in precipitating the crisis with which the coalition government is faced. The triple alliance—miners, railwaymen and dock-workers—may decide any day to strike to enforce the withdrawal of all aid to the enemies of the Soviet government; the government candidates are being defeated in every bye-election, and the temper of the English people is being tried by the policy of persecution adopted by the authorities.

In its issue of Aug. 27, the Herald openly accuses the government of having entered into an alliance with the infamous Scheidemann-Ebert-Noske tyranny of Germany for the purpose of waging war on the Russian people. The Herald says:

THE BEAR'S SKIN.

Eighteen months ago—even a year ago—to suggest that the entente powers would ere long be leagued with Germany against the Russian revolution, laid one open to being regarded as mentally deranged.

Today, within two months of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, the incredible is an accomplished fact. And Germany, though not yet a member of the League of Nations, is a member of the entente against Russia.

We say entente advisedly, for we have learned already that it is the name by which statesmen call an alliance which is not quite an alliance, which is based on no formal obligations, but only upon military conversations and understandings.

That appears to be precisely the position between Germany and the western powers today. There is, in all probability, no formal agreement. Probably the foreign offices have not even officially discussed their German policies.

But it is clear that the staff officers have been talking.

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- WORKERS', SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' COUNCIL—Painters' Hall, Seattle.
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- BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY TRAINMEN, NO. 589, BUTTE, AND THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS IN BUTTE AND MONTANA.

When German doctors are promised, by M. Mazonoff's government, official posts under the new regime that is to succeed the Soviets; when German militiamen are sent to Mitau, and invited to join the Kolchakist forces; when Prince Lieven's German-raised and German-equipped troops form, along with British detachments, part of Yudenitch's army, something has been happening.

Now, God forbid that we should say a word against, or in criticism of, an entente between the two nations, of a rapprochement of the peoples.

But this is nothing of the kind. It is an entente of governing classes, a rapprochement of the militarists. Our government—witness the new ministry of labor posters—is still trying to sow hatred and suspicion between the British and the German workers. It is finding its new friends, not in German democracy, but in Prussian militarism; not among the masses, but among the junkers.

Class solidarity is proving stronger than national jealousies. The solidarity of capital is manifesting itself.

In dread of Bolshevism, our rulers have made a league with the Prussianism they professed to hate, but to the support of which they rallied when, for a brief space, it was overthrown in Bavaria. In dread of Bolshevism, and in hope, too—in hope of booty.

It is not without hope of reward that Western finance is aiding Kolchak and Denikin and Yudenitch. Big Business sees in Russia an enormous field for capitalist exploitation. And Big Business will want its price in concessions and economic "facilities," if the adventure succeeds.

Already Big Business is at work in Kolchak's dwindling Siberian realm. At Archangel there have been activities quite other than political. So, too, in the south. So, too, we make no doubt, in the entourage of Yudenitch and Mazonoff.

And this time, it grows clear, the Germans are being admitted to the share-out. Fighting for the spoil has proved a perilous game, productive of revolutions and such-like unpleasantnesses. The better way, less dangerous to the powers that be, is an amicable sharing of the bear's skin.

Only—the bear is not yet slain.

The veteran editor of the Herald is right; the bear is not dead yet nor is there any immediate prospect of its sudden demise; in fact, the Russian bear appears to grow stronger in the face of its allied enemies and if it were not for the useless slaughter the allies are forcing on a world sick of slaughter, no one would care, for ultimately their policy of inexcusable aggression means disaster; not to the Soviet, but to the union of greedy imperialists that are today the allied governments.

THE FRANCHISE IN ENGLAND.

A correspondent inquires concerning the extension of the franchise in Great Britain.

Shortly before the last general election, the English government extended the franchise to males of 19 and over in the British army and navy. For civilian males the age limit is 21 years. Women of 30 and over are allowed to vote.

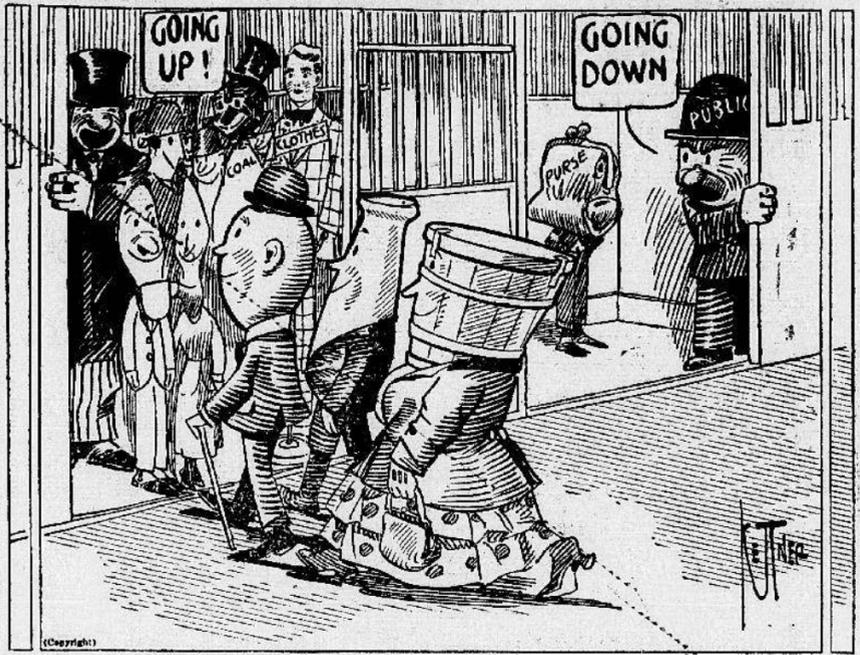
This franchise regulation applies to England, Scotland and Wales.

If Mayor Stodden thinks for one minute that the irate housewives of the Consumers' league are joking in their declarations that they will compel him to run the city market for the benefit of the consumers, instead of the profiteers, he is due for a sad awakening. The decision of the women to station pickets at the market to force the profiteers from the stalls is a good one and, we predict, will bear fruit within the next few days. Some exposes which will determine who is really the "liar" will be made.

Either the reporters have pulled "Mayor Stoddens," Judge Lamb has but few friends, or else, despite his high judicial position, he knows nothing about the game laws, if stories printed in local papers about the judge's recent hunting trip are correct. In one story we are told that the judge distributed at least one pair of ducks to every friend in the courthouse and to many outside. We were under the impression that the game law limits the number of game birds.

One prominent banker of the city is said to have characterized Mayor Stodden as "bull-headed" some months ago. After his actions at the council meeting Wednesday night we are inclined to agree with the banker in question, for once, and to go a step further and add, "also empty-headed."

Ho, Hum!



OPEN FORUM

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MORALS IN BUTTE.

Editor Daily Bulletin: "The other day, a child with festered sore eyes, a sore mouth and ulcerated tongue took a seat on the street car beside us. We heard her say to herself for the third time: 'My tongue hurts so.'" This aroused our curiosity and we asked her what the trouble was. She replied: "It's sore all around." We then asked if she had been to a doctor and she said "no," and when asked how long it had been hurting her, she said, "four years," which was likely as long as she remembered about it. We then asked what the school nurse did for her. She replied: "School nurses don't do nothing for you."

We suspected that this child might be suffering from syphilis, as we also found on talking longer with her that she was not up to standard mentally. We noticed in the morning paper that "Open Your Eyes" is to be given to the people of Butte who are over 16 years of age. We can't see the sense of not beginning at the age of 12 to 14 years of age to reach the children about these evils. Scores of boys and girls go to ruin in this city under 16 years of age every year.

We are of the opinion that sexology should be taught in the public schools. We know personally a number of girls who were in our public schools two and three years ago and who are now denizens of the underworld and who are being hauled up in the police court every so often.

We, as a people, are cowardly when it comes to placing the vital facts of life before the young. We well remember when a public speaker, who was to speak on social evils in Butte, was egged by some of the high school boys. That very fact showed how unhealthy the moral tone of this city is. Truth is truth and nothing can hurt it—and only the ignorant and cowardly fight these things.

The 14-year-old children of Butte know about everything there is to be known about sex affairs except the high and ideal side and the dangerous phases of the question. Most parents have not the vocabulary of the tact to explain these things to their children. Why then can't we have the children over 12 years of age gathered together and taught at their schools to be taught along these lines. The children of Butte need to be saved from these dangers before they are 16 or a lot of them won't be saved.

Last year we saw a group of 80 children refuse to play games because some of their elders objected to their playing kissing games. These children were between the ages of 13 and 15. We have our opinion of parents whose children think they must play these sort of games in order to have any fun. They need to be shown the government health film. There is no more of kissing in this film than in those that small children, even, see every day but the dangerous results are seen.

Vice in Butte doesn't begin at the age of 16. Why begin at the late age to warn against it? We mentioned the child at the beginning of this letter as we think she is likely the innocent victim of some bad

hood disease and that she may read it to some other equally innocent victims.

We read in the newspapers in one about a member of the high school faculty frequenting the road houses. When such a thing as that happens, the moral atmosphere for our children is bad at best, and why must they be exposed to evil and shut away from the right kind of knowledge about it until they are 16?

We can't see the particular use of the nurse in the public school either unless she is going to see that these children receive medical attention so that the rest of the children are protected. We have seen children go to school with sore eyes until they became so nearly blind that they were compelled to leave school for months. We don't blame the nurse as she likely didn't have any authority to see that anything was really done, but who is to blame?

As a race, we come to our senses slowly. We make a terrible fuss about smallpox and quarantine it to the limit and we let syphilitic patients run at large to infect the public. We see many girls leave the eighth grade of our public schools to become prostitutes and we know that they haven't been taught the meaning of sex by anybody in a decent way. We spend at the same time thousands of dollars in teaching them perfectly useless things.

M. E. C.

NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY FALLS ON 9, 19, 1919

Today, the nineteenth day of ninth month of 1919, Mrs. John Rogers of 329 East Platinum street is 95 years old. Mrs. Rogers was born in Basin, Mont., and has lived in Butte nearly all her life. Mr. Rogers is employed by the Butte Coal company.

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