

"\* \* \* George W. Jones never could have got a job as editor of an Amalgamated or Clark newspaper. Because the Amalgamated and W. A. Clark will not employ tolerably honest men as editors \* \* \*. Clark's and the Amalgamated papers have no influence with intelligent men in Montana."—Richard R. Kilroy, now editor of the Anaconda Standard, in the Butte Evening News, August 19, 1904.

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"Anything is non-democratic that interferes with a democratic millionaire's power to line the people up and go through their pockets."—From the Butte Evening News, August 25, 1904, Richard R. Kilroy, editor, now editor of the Anaconda Standard.

### The State Department and Soviet Russia

The opening of trade relations with Soviet Russia coming so soon after the announcement of Secretary Colby that not even medicine could be shipped to that nation, taken in conjunction with the negotiations recently carried on between Lloyd-George and Gregory Krassin, Soviet commissar, is the best evidence yet furnished the American people showing that the real seat of government is in Downing street and that the foreign policies of the United States are framed by the British foreign office.

Such has been the duplicity of our relations with Russia that even the announcement of the opening of trade relations arouses but little enthusiasm among the firms who have large orders for their commodities from the Soviet government. Time after time similar announcements have been made only to be secretly cancelled or nullified by restrictions arbitrarily placed in force by bureaucrats acting under secret orders. Time after time the allied diplomats have been on the point of opening trade relations only to have the negotiations halted by some military adventure that gave temporary promise of success. The Polish offensive caused the last halt in the diplomatic proceedings but apparently its after breakdown, showing that it has no hope of success, has again stimulated the desire of the allies for peace.

The usual poppycock concerning the inadvisability of recognizing the Soviet government because of its lack of democracy is stressed by our state department. Only officials abysmally ignorant or utterly without shame would, at this late day, put forward this flimsy excuse, an excuse so aged and threadbare that it no longer fools any but those whose kind are born every minute. Our government has recognized every fly-by-night counter-revolutionary government set up by the allied imperialists in the various parts of Russia; it recognized Koltchak whose nightmare reign was ended by the Soviets; it recognized the baron Denikin who met the same fate; it recognized the blackly barbarous rule of the Hungarian Horthy; it recognizes Japan, the Germany of the east, but it cannot recognize the Soviet government that has stood for almost three years and that has defeated, because of the support of the Russian people, every army of reaction sent against it.

To cap the climax and to complete the deadly parallel, the American people have not enjoyed constitutional government for almost a year but in the face of these facts, the little czars in Washington have the infernal gall to prate of democracy.

Russia needs locomotives and other rolling stock above all else and is willing and able to pay for it in gold, yet it will be noticed that locomotives are one of the commodities for which a special license is required. No license, however, is required for the sale of immense quantities of war material and locomotives to the Poles who have been granted six years credit and who could not pay if they had one hundred years in which to do it.

If trade relations are actually to be opened only one thing has brought it about—the dire necessity in Europe, the need for raw materials and a cessation of hostilities. The allied diplomats have probably at last discovered what many in the humbler walks of life have known for a long time—i. e., a nation of 180,000,000 people cannot be cut off from world trade without bringing world-wide disaster. Twenty months have passed since the signing of the armistice and instead of recovering, Europe has been going from bad to worse because of the insane ambitions of a few international bankers and their official tools.

The civilized world totters on the brink of an abyss and it is doubtful if the immediate cessation of hostilities and the opening of unrestricted trade relations can postpone a cataclysm. The production of foodstuffs has fallen to the point where the world faces famine. International trade is a hit or miss proposition and unemployment is increasing in every nation on the globe.

The government of the United States, confronted with the most serious situation that ever faced a government of this republic allows itself to be deceived by petty adventurers, to be moved solely by personal spite and jealousies. Ten-year old children could have done no worse. The tolerance of the American people would be beyond comprehension did we not know that the truth has been painstakingly kept from them. Slowly the veil is being lifted and when it is completely torn away, the people of the United States are going to discover that they have been fooled, deceived and betrayed as no other people in history have been betrayed. The day of reckoning is rapidly approaching; it is not for much longer that the pretenses can be kept up.

The lifting of the formal restrictions on trade with Russia is the first sign that the tools of international imperialism are unable to keep up the deception they have been practicing for three years.

The Soviet government of today is the Soviet government of yesterday. If it is right to trade now it was right to trade then. What of the wars this government has waged against the Russian people without sanction or authority? What of the American lives sacrificed at the dictates of autocrats who

"Maybe the Miner thinks it is democratic for a man elected by democrats to the United States senate (W. A. Clark) to sell himself to the Amalgamated, and non-democratic for a senator to stay with the people."—From the Butte Evening News, August 26, 1904, Richard R. Kilroy, editor, now editor of the Anaconda Standard.

vouchsafed no explanation to the American people? What of the wholesale blockade and starvation of the Russian people in which this government assisted? What of the men and women of the workingclass sent to jail for advocating the same policy this government now subscribes to?

These are questions raised by the recent statement of the state department and they are questions that must be answered.

### Palmer's Solicitudude for the Sugar Trust

We urge our readers to carefully peruse the following copy of a letter furnished the Bulletin and to read with special care the last two paragraphs printed in blackface, numbers four and five.

The letter follows:

#### Report of Schedule No. 39.

1. The following report of investigation is submitted in compliance with Paragraph 5, letter your office dated Nov. 28th, 1919.

2. I personally interrogated Mr. S. H. Love, sales manager for the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co., the Amalgamated Sugar Co. and the Layton Sugar Co., who informed me that it was not his intention to bid on the sugar called for on Schedule No. 39.

3. He gave as his reasons for not bidding that his companies had contracted for all the sugar that they could deliver prior to the middle of January, and that in compliance with a request made by the U. S. Sugar Equalization Board his companies would not enter into any contracts calling for delivery of sugar east of Chicago.

4. It is believed that the real reason for declining to bid is that it is reported that the United States Attorney General has intimated that he will allow beet sugar to be sold at \$12 per hundred seaboard base, instead of at \$10 per hundred, the price now authorized.

5. In fact as far as could be ascertained the larger factories at present are not entering into any new contracts for the delivery of sugar but are waiting to see if the Attorney General will allow them to charge the increased rate of \$12.

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But one inference can be drawn from the last two paragraphs of this confidential communication and that is that the sugar manufacturers—"the larger factories" as the communication puts it, had an inside tip from Attorney General Palmer's office to the effect that they were to be allowed to charge \$2 more per hundred above the then prevailing price. Because of this tip, the factories made no contracts at the prevailing price of \$10 per hundred but waited for the attorney general to allow them to gouge the purchaser for an additional \$2.

It seems to us that this communication explains to a large extent the sudden popularity enjoyed by Attorney General Palmer among the profiteering fraternity and we give it to our readers as an example of how the department of justice did NOT bring down the cost of living.

### Mr. Ford's New Friends

As was to be expected the Butte Miner speaks approvingly of Mr. Sam Ford since he has announced himself as a republican candidate for governor. We have never felt justified in criticising the Miner's judgment in picking individuals who are of assistance to the interests that the Miner represents. His judgment in these matters is very keen and it has made but few mistakes. So much has the general public come to depend upon the Miner for this information that the favorable mention of any individual, contained in the columns of the Miner, is generally enough to damn him with 99 per cent of the people of this community.

Politics makes strange bed-fellows and Mr. Ford will find that the support of papers like the Miner and others of that ilk is going to make the going tough. However, Mr. Ford has made his choice and apparently desires this sort of support rather than that of the radicals, so-called.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Ford will not complain if he finds that some of his new-found friends are about as much help to him as the Old Man of the Sea was to Sinbad the Sailor.

Palmer can prepare to dig up the scare of the midsummer sea serpent, if he found no Reds in Frisco. When Palmer sees a sea serpent with a thousand red legs on it, some people will put it down to the Redwood of California, or the Red wine of Frisco or the Red liquor, which seems to have been dug up from beneath the table cloth.

According to the delegates returning from the San Francisco convention only the fact that an all-wise Providence placed Montana far in the west saved the nation from Sam Stewart as vice-president. Our faith in the omniscience of the Creator has been greatly enhanced if the statements of the delegates are substantiated.

The capitalist press preaches one thing and does another. Like the searchlights on the hill, they are an insult to all decent citizens. While pretending to throw light on public affairs, their real object is to throw fear into the hearts of the people, and keep them in outer darkness.

A scoundrel is always full of lame excuses, for his soul is shriveled and his mind is warped. He is forever attempting to direct what is right into the wrong channel. Like a phonograph, the records of some men, when a little old, become scratchy.

False publicity, spysism and an unlawful police are the three factors of an autocratic misrule. To attempt to govern contrary to the Constitution calls for characters of low mental degree, who are nothing more or less than meal-ticket hirelings.