

# TROTSKY DEFENDS COMPULSORY TOIL

Says Only Militarization Can Fully Utilize Russia's Manpower

## POLISH PARLEY HITS SNAG

By the Associated Press  
Moscow, April 8.—Militarization is the only means to fully utilize Russia's manpower, said Leon Trotsky, minister of war, addressing the ninth convention of the Communist party. The address was chiefly directed to defining the relation of the mobilization of industry to the industrial rehabilitation of Russia.

"Mobilization is more necessary now than it was formerly," Trotsky declared, "because we have to deal with the present population and masses of unskilled labor which cannot be utilized to the fullest extent by any other means than military discipline. Trades unions are capable of organizing great masses of qualified workers, but 30 per cent of the people cannot be reached by this means."

The war minister declared the working army, which is built on the principle of compulsory work, is no less productive than was the old system of competition, and came out in favor of personal rather than collective administration.

He asserted that political administration of railroads was unsatisfactory and temporary, adding, however, that it was necessary because railroad workers are more conservative in tendency than men engaged in other branches of labor.

Warsaw, April 8.—(By A. P.)—Poland awaits a reply from the Russian Bolshevik government relative to the proposed peace conference between the two countries and believes further changes of notes concerning an armistice and the place where the conference will meet are useless, said a wireless message sent to Moscow yesterday by M. Patek, Polish foreign minister. The note may be the last relative to peace negotiations with the Bolsheviks to be sent by Poland, it is said.

"Some phrases of the soviet government's last wireless dispatch," said M. Patek's note, "compel me to point out that the use of sentences which are not of sufficient seriousness can make difficult and even impossible peace negotiations."

Copenhagen, April 8.—(By A. P.)—Danish, Norwegian and Swedish commissions for the recovery of debts owed by Russia will meet here this afternoon to arrange a joint policy before the Scandinavian delegates proceed to the neutral conference at Geneva.

A prominent Swedish commissioner expressed his belief that the soviet refusal to acknowledge the debts of the czarist government should not be taken seriously. He declared it to be merely a diplomatic feint for recognition of the soviet government by the Entente and America.

# NIP MEXICAN REVOLT PLOT

Five Persons Arrested on Border, Including Villa's Niece

El Paso, April 8.—Five persons were under arrest today and the federal grand jury had evidence which might lead to other arrests in connection with what federal officials said was one of the most pretentious Mexican revolutionary plots ever conceived on the border.

But for the arrest by military forces in the Big Bend district of a boy and a girl carrying messages to Francisco Villa, officers admit the plan for the seizure of Lower California and simultaneous campaigns against Sonora, Sinaloa and Chihuahua might have developed into serious proportions.

The messages, carried by Andres H. Villegas and Concepcion Perez, the latter said to be a niece of Villa, furnished information which led to the arrest at Los Angeles of Colonel Lamberto Chavez, of Villa's army, on a charge of attempting to smuggle arms into Mexico, and at Mexicali the arrest of A. Borbon and his aide on a similar charge.

## SEE TROUBLE IN PARIS MAY 1

May Day Strike May Develop Into General Walkout  
Paris, April 8.—(By A. P.)—Labor demonstrations of an imposing nature are expected here May 1. It is declared extremists seek to foment serious trouble. Building trades unions ordered all constituent organizations to give support to whatever action the General Federation of Labor may decide upon relative to the May Day manifestation. If demands for new working conditions are refused by employers of these workers, an effort may be made to transform the strike into a general walkout of unlimited duration for all trades.

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# READERS' VIEWPOINT

Letters to the Editor on Current Topics

**Vengeance Is Sweet**  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—I have tried to solve Andy's mystery. I think that when Andy was younger he fell in love with another girl and when he married she vowed she would haunt him his lifetime. This may explain the sad look on her face. Vengeance is a sweet sometimes.  
Impatiently,  
MABEL BARRELL,  
Jenkintown, Pa., April 7.

**Our Mind Relieved**  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—The "mystery" is solved! That veiled face is jealous of Min. Andy has been talking too loud about his fortune.  
The lady in black is trying to stir up something in the Gump family so Min will leave home and she can have Andy's fortune.  
One more day and Andy shall find her. The veiled woman is paid by a crowd of men in prison to get other men's fortunes to use as bait to get them out of prison. When they are out of prison the black veiled woman will help them steal.  
But she has gone too far. She shall be found in a room in a dingy house on a back street counting her wealth by

**Brief But Positive**  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—The face at the window is Andy Gump's rich uncle. MAB BURELIN,  
West Philadelphia, Pa., April 7.

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stealth. A policeman, Andy and a detective find her.  
She proves to be the one Andy went with before Min. This is not very good but it's the only thing I could think of to relieve your mind.  
CASSIUS FRANKS,  
Tacoma, Philadelphia, Pa., April 7.

**Women and Politics**  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—Your editorial referring to the political bosses is clear ringing and such articles do good. As to Hoover, from the press reports of the Press there are many men in both of the old parties far better for the presidency. As to the capability of women to make laws, you will find that your book psychology has failed you. It's only the spirit of discontent and unrest of the really unoccupied women in the natural sphere of woman's life. No one-third of the men in this country are not fit to vote. If they were the candidates in this country would not call for your able article of today. Dabbling in politics will further debauch the women of this country of which today they are as a rule in all the thickly populated sections below the man in high and

**A National Problem**  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—Many readers of your able editorial, "Public Education: A National Problem," in this evening's paper will be ready to endorse the greater part, if not all, of what is therein set forth upon this most vital of all subjects.

It reminds some of us of the arguments in favor of the national prohibition amendment, for the longer we worked for temperance the more clearly did we realize that the liquor question was national rather than local. Those of us who have been educators and temperance workers at the same time have had abundant opportunities to make interesting discoveries. For example, intemperance prevails in districts where saloons abound rather than in districts where saloons are few and far between. The district plentifully supplied with saloons sends fewer pupils to the higher schools than districts where saloons are uncommon. The evening schools, too, reflect neighborhood conditions, the attendance, especially in the upper grade evening schools, being largest in districts free from the degrading influence of the saloon.

It would be possible to go into this quest of the relation between temperance education far more deeply than would be desirable in the space of a

newspaper letter. It would be easy to prove that in slum districts where liquor is used freely children are sluggish mentally and that when they are about normal as to grade for a given age they usually lack the high ambition and the idealism of pupils from the homes of strictly temperate parents.

In the case of alien adults arriving in this country it can readily be learned from the sober, ambitious young men who seek out the night school the moment they land on our shores that their fellow-countrymen who frequent the saloons are in no way interested in the English language. They are satisfied with their scant knowledge of their mother tongue and do not care even to read our newspapers.

The writer of this letter has taught evening classes in which dozens of nationalities from central and southeast Europe were represented, and she may therefore claim to have some first-hand knowledge of certain problems related

to Americanization. Many teachers of day schools and of evening schools in foreign quarters of great American cities are fully convinced that education in, indeed, a national problem. E. C. Philadelphia, Pa.

## MORE SLAIN IN JERUSALEM

Riots Between Jews and Mohammedans Continue Despite Troops  
Jerusalem, April 8.—(By A. P.)—Although martial law was proclaimed here on Monday and the city is under heavy patrol by British troops, scattered fights occurred between Jews and Mohammedans Monday and Tuesday in the narrow lanes of the old city outside the walls. Several persons were killed on both sides and 250 were injured, most of them slightly.

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**RADICAL CHANGE IN RETAILING PREDICTED. PIONEERS PRAISED**  
Royals' Systems That Lower Shoe Prices Meet With Instant Recognition

History repeats. Looking backward, we find that every radical new idea, every progressive system or invention was met with criticism, even by those it eventually benefited. The sewing machine, for example, invented in 1850 by a Frenchman, was destroyed and he was maligned by outraged uniform makers who thought it would ruin them out of work.

Everybody has realized since the war was begun that a revolutionary change would have to be adopted in retailing as a cure for rising prices. The government has worked out innumerable plans. The Royal Shoe Shop developed a co-operative system that has proven very successful by reducing shoe prices \$5 to \$6 a pair. But the other Philadelphia retail shops, fearing its effect upon their business, are protesting.

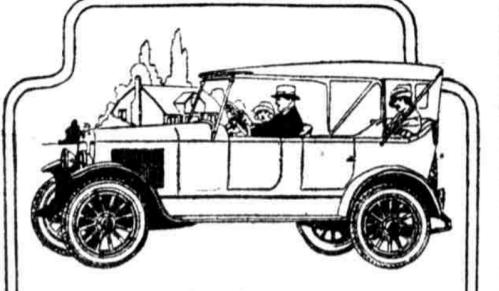
"The ancient method of retailing has to go," said Mr. Peter A. Hill, the managing owner of the Royal Shoe Shop for men, N. W. Cor. 13th and Market Sts. and 1204 Chestnut St., 2nd floor. "For the retail shoe business of today can only be successfully conducted by co-operating with the purchaser. If a dealer sells 200 pair per week, has \$400 per week expenses, his selling costs are \$4 per pair—the customer pays that \$4 extra on his shoes. If the Royal Shoe Shop sells 1000 pair in one week with a complete total expense of \$500 for the week, the selling costs show around 30c. Fixing our prices on a basis of 1000 to 2000 pair a week, we can charge 1-1 to 1-6 the profits a shop selling only 200 pair could afford. That policy is the Co-operative Selling Policy, reducing selling costs and save the customer the extra charge paid for waste, high rent and high selling costs. That is one of the main reasons the values shown at the Royal Shop have created such a tremendous demand for Royal shoes. If you never visited this famous basement shop on the N. W. Cor. of 13th and Market Sts., don't in, and you will be amazed at the extent of the volume of business and rapidly with which men who know where to buy them, day and night, at that busy shop."

Mr. Hill esteems it a pleasure to have you call, inspect and try on any style on display, and there is absolutely no call for you to purchase unless entirely satisfied, and what's more, it's a standing order in this store, "your money back without question if you're not satisfied." You take practically no risk in buying at Royal Shop—\$16.



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This is the season of the lighter weight wraps and I have been busily comparing values and styles in these garments for our Philadelphia women, who are beginning to realize that just as exclusive fashions can be obtained in our own city as in New York—if one knows where to look for them. Nothing could be more gracefully distinctive than a rich llama-color, peachbloom, coat-cape wrap, exquisitely lined in rose and gray, suitable for street, motoring, summer evening wear and shore. It is semi-yoked and semi-straight of line, with deep set sleeve and shirred muffled collar. The price is \$160. The same shop has a delightful assortment of excellent wraps at prices more consistent with the average purse as well as models more expensive. The next opportunity you have drop in Benguyer's pretty shop at 1214 Walnut and ask to see them.

It is time to seriously consider storing one's winter furs—the question is, "Where?" There are so many things to consider—whether the storage vault is absolutely dry, if it is really cold storage and maintained at an average temperature, if the furs will be stored under conditions to preserve instead of destroy the natural oil and luster, if they will be well hung and in a sanitary vault—in short, will the furs be stored in the United States Government recommends? The House of Wenger, 1229 Walnut, that fur establishment of famed integrity, follows the government advice for the safe care of your furs and also insures their safety. They will be thoroughly cleaned before storing, and in better condition when you receive them at the end of the summer than when you entered them. I could select no better house for the storing of my own furs—so I heartily recommend this service to you.

Speaking of beautiful and unusual garments, Paris herself offers, through that "Paris Shop of America," J. M. Gidding's, now established at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Broad and Walnut streets, an indescribably lovely and inspirational afternoon and street frock, entirely of Pompeian-red richest silk duvetyne almost completely concealed by draped panels of heavy crepe satin in that best shade of navy. This \$345 model is a copy of Gidding's own importation of a Douillon creation. It is only when milady walks that the glorious underlying faded red, known as Pompeian, will be suspected in the skirt. The lines of the duvetyne are exquisitely emphasized by a classic embroidery in palest gold. Unusual as the dress is, it yet is sufficiently conservative to express perfect taste. It is collarless and short of sleeve—a frock for dressy street wear that will serve as well for many semi-formal occasions. A finishing artistic touch is the cinchure girdle of dull silver links. Truly it is a superb example of sartorial art.

It can be readily appreciated that Walnut Street prices are not necessarily high, when it is possible to get ravishingly attractive frocks as low as \$29.50. To be sure, this is a special price, many of the frocks being of sixty-five-dollar value, but this particular shop of L. Stone Co., at 1306 Walnut street, frequently offers unusual values such as these in frocks, suits and wraps. The dresses at \$39.50 are well worth looking at, and I would suggest your investigating before the attractive group is depleted at the same time you may find some other delightful "buys," as the shop is having a post-Easter sale.

Utterly captivated was I by an afternoon frock to be seen at Sterling's, that satisfactory shop you know at 1210 Walnut street. Considering the quality, beauty and yet the "well-bred" simplicity of the frock, I was amazed to discover the low price of \$75 upon its tag. Truly, I thought it must be over the hundred mark! The skirt of the frock is graceful smartness itself, being of dull, soft black satin, accordion pleated and ever so slightly pouched to a straight foundation. The supreme feature of the frock, however, is a French blue, short-sleeved, collarless smock of exquisite silk duvetyne, straightly embroidered in heavy black silk. Such a frock can be worn in the afternoon for dress or even in the capacity of a glorified sports garment—and yet so versatile is it and so lovely that it is perfectly correct for many informal evening occasions. Oh, what a charming frock! You must at least see it, even though you do not buy.

Week of April Fourth  
**Paulette**

**WHERE WE STAND in the COAL SITUATION**

In view of the disturbing stories relative to the price of coal that have gained circulation while miners and operators are in conference over new wage agreements, we feel it incumbent to present a few facts. Justice to the public, the coal-producers and ourselves demands that the true condition be made known.

The wage agreement between the anthracite miners and operators expired March 31st. The sub-committee appointed to negotiate a new wage contract is now in session in New York trying to get a satisfactory adjustment to both sides as soon as possible. It is hoped that this will be reached within a short time.

No one can foretell what the findings of the committee will be, and, therefore, to prevent taking chances of financial losses resulting from an increase in miners' wages, we are accepting all orders subject to the price prevailing on the day of delivery.

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