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## Who Are the Criminals? Asks American Civil Liberties Union

(By The Federated Press)  
New York.—Three times has the American Civil Liberties union called upon William J. Burns, head of the government spy system, to tell why federal agents were involved in the arrest and prosecution of the Communists at Bridgeman, Mich. Twice there have been evasive and reluctant replies. Then Burns, in an interview published here, was quoted as saying: "There is an organization at the present time in New York called the American Civil Liberties union, that is seeking to investigate us in order to determine why we had men at Bridgeman, Mich.," and adding that this is one of the difficulties the department of investigation experiences in "curbing radical activities."  
This Burns statement has evoked another demand from the Civil Liberties union upon Burns for a real explanation of the activities of his men in a state case.

### ROOF PLAYGROUNDS FOR NEW YORK CHILDREN

(By The Federated Press)  
New York.—A thousand roof playgrounds within the next two years is the aim of the Childhood Safety Roof Playgrounds Assn., organized here "to remove the bulk of our one million child population from death dealing, body maiming, health destroying dangers and the demoralizing influence of the streets." The association, urging the cooperation of all citizens, calls attention to the fact that last year 1054 children under 16 years of age were killed here in street accidents; that there are 307,283 licensed automobiles in New York city, and that the police department head is doubling every 3 years and already traffic is beyond the control of the department.

### OKLAHOMA TO FOLLOW NORTH DAKOTA'S LEAD

(By The Federated Press)  
Oklahoma City.—The state of Oklahoma may acquire a \$400,000 mill and elevator to form a nucleus about which the state mill system pledged by the victorious farmer-labor movement is to be built.  
When state banks were failing by wholesale during the past two years, due to the looting of the state guaranty fund by public and bank officials, a big mill at Guthrie came into the hands of the Oklahoma banking board as one of the assets of the Guthrie State bank. The former owner now seeks to buy it back for \$25,000. League officials are bending every effort to stave off the sale until the coming session of the legislature, when the state can pay the bank a fair value for the mill and still save a great sum which would be necessary to install a new plant.

### DID USEFUL WORKERS BUY AND ENJOY THEM?

(By The Federated Press)  
St. Louis.—The first shipment this winter of Florida strawberries to arrive in St. Louis sold at retail for \$1.75 a quart. They were received by a local commission merchant and sold wholesale for \$1.35. The retailers passed them on to the consumer for \$1.75 a quart.

### BABSON ISSUES WARNING

Washington.—Pointing out that the prosperity of the country depends upon the purchasing power of its pay rolls, Roger W. Babson, Boston economist yesterday warned against wage reduction. He was addressing a meeting of Washington business men.

**BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY**

In speaking of a person's faults,  
Pray don't forget your own;  
Remember those with homes of glass  
Should never throw a stone.  
If we have nothing else to do  
Than talk of those who sin,  
'Tis better to commence at home  
And from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a man  
Until he's fairly tried;  
Should we not like his company,  
We know the world is wide.  
Some may have faults—and who has not—  
The old as well as young?  
Perhaps we may, for aught we know,  
Have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan—  
And find it works full well—  
To try my own defects to cure  
Ere others' faults I tell;  
And though I sometimes hope to be  
No worse than some I know,  
My own shortcomings bid me let  
The faults of others go.

Then let us all, when we begin  
To slander friend or foe,  
Think of the harm one word may do  
To those we little know.  
Remember, curses, sometimes,  
Like little chickens, "roost at home."  
Don't speak of others' faults until  
We have none of our own.  
—Unknown.

*The Man of The Hour*



### CANE PULP AS BY-PRODUCT NOW UTILIZED BY COLONY

Cane pulp, the pressed stalks of the sugar cane, are not usually of any value. They are somewhat tough, have no food value, and are to some extent a nuisance to get rid of.  
But a use has been found for them here.  
The fertilizer plant, using the Coleman's process, is putting them in and making compost of them. If used directly on the ground it would be months before they would rot, and meanwhile they would be a handicap in working the land.  
But in the compost tanks they are quickly reduced to fertilizer when put through the proper process. It means that the humus which these stalks will make is restored to the land, making it more productive. The fertility and productiveness of the garden has been vastly enhanced by compost from the pits, and the use of the pressed cane will augment the supply materially.

### CANADIAN FARMERS LEAD IN CO-OPERATIVE PRODUCTION

A co-operative that handles 40 per cent of the wheat raised in three provinces and does an annual business of \$100,000,000 in its marketing, warehouse, and livestock departments, is the remarkable record achieved during the past year by the United Grain Growers, Ltd., of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, after only five years of organization. The United Grain Growers is the largest and most successful co-operative achievement of the farmers of Canada, says the All-American Co-operative Commission. Organized in 1917, the big farmers' co-operative has marketed during its brief lifetime nearly 400,000,000 bushels of wheat, and has extended its activities into many of the most important branches of productive co-operation. In the three wheat-raising provinces it owns or leases 341 elevators, as well as two large terminal elevators with capacities of 2,500,000 and 600,000 bushels respectively.  
Seven subsidiary producers' co-operatives have been organized by the United Grain Growers to take care for the numerous economic interests of agriculture. A sawmill co-operative last year cut 15,000,000 feet of lumber, which meant a saving of many thousands of dollars to the members. An insurance department covers fire and hail insurance in co-operation with other mutual insurance companies. A land commission agency has been organized to bring the buyers and sellers of farm lands together. A co-operative printing shop publishes the weekly paper which goes to all co-operative members and has become so efficient and successful that it now does the fourth largest job printing business in Winnipeg. The Grain Growers have also organized a livestock co-operative, with offices in Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, and Moose Jaw, where expert salesmen are employed to handle more than five thousand cars of livestock annually for the farmers on a no-profit basis.

### FRUIT CLUBS MAKE ENCOURAGING REPORTS

The agricultural class held a very interesting meeting on Friday night, December 15. Comrade George D. Coleman reported the arrival of and planting of a lot of fine blueberry plants. It is a special variety suited to the South, and it is successfully grown in Florida and Texas. They were planted in a highly favorable location. Well-watered and securely fenced against roaming stock. A supply of two-year old large English black mulberry trees is also on the way and will be planted on arrival.  
Comrade Jones made a very interesting report of an orchard location near the Ford ranch. The ground is very diverse in character of soil physics and offers an ideal spot for many different varieties of fruit and berries. A number of acres have been cleared of stumps and are ready for all kinds of young trees, cuttings and plants of the berry type, grape vines, etc. If you are a lover of fruit, send in your contribution and help us to secure a large supply of them for you when you come to make your home at the colony.

Comrade Darth reported that a two-acre plot for a vineyard has been cleared by the grape club and they are now desirous of getting a supply useful in their line. A lot of grape cuttings have been received from our Mother Blair from the State of Washington, for which we are very grateful, but a great deal more are needed.  
Some two acres of strawberries have been set out and Comrade Howard Buck and Comrade Frank Cotton feel highly elated.  
The hour of meeting was changed to be from 7 to 8 o'clock.

### JOHN ROHNER LIKES COLONY

Mr. John Rohner, from Alabama, who visited the Colony a few weeks ago, writes after getting home that the Colony just suits him to a dot, and he is coming back to make his home in Newllano just as soon as he can arrange his affairs to come. He is convinced that in a few years this co-operative Colony will be the best home town and the most enjoyable community in the land.

### WINTER WEATHER FOR CHRISTMAS TIME

The weatherman at Newllano is a northerner, and consequently he cannot imagine that Christmas can be carried on with fairly warm weather. So what does he do but catch the tail-end of a zephyr from the far north and drag it down to the highlands of Louisiana to give natives and visitors as near an approach to Christmas weather back home as the circumstances would permit? Read it for yourself, however, and see what a mess he made of it:  
Dec. 12—max. 61, min. 50  
Dec. 13—max. 54, min. 40  
Dec. 14—max. 81, min. 40  
Dec. 15—max. 74, min. 62  
Dec. 16—max. 76, min. 47  
Dec. 17—max. 74, min. 47  
Dec. 18—max. 57, min. 38  
Average Max. for week, 68.01.  
Average Min. for week, 46.02.  
.97 inch of rainfall was recorded on the 12th, .30 inch on the 17th, and .10 inch on the 18th—1.37 inches in all.  
Indications.—It seems as if the week will be one of cold rains with alternating sunshine—but mostly cold.

### INTERESTING PICTURES AT THE LLANO THEATER

Thanks to the courtesy of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, three interesting films were shown at the Llano Theater on Sunday night, December 17. The first picture was of the Bird Refuge in the Gulf of Mexico, established, maintained, and protected by the government. The second showed prize dairy stock and gave us the first opportunity of seeing some of the finest cows and gentlemen bovines that ever has been our good fortune to behold. The third film illustrated the manner of poisoning the boll weevil pest. Pictures were very interesting and highly instructive. Thanks.  
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### CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY HAS A THOUSAND PATRONS

One of the largest co-operative creamery organizations in the United States, with 1000 patrons scattered over a territory that is fifty miles wide by one hundred miles long, is the achievement of the Danish Creamery Association in Fresno, California, organized in 1895. Twenty-five trucks are required to haul the cream to the two plants. More than 8,000 pounds of butter are made daily, on which the co-operators realize \$30,000 a year in profits which they divide up according to good co-operative principles.  
The Danish Creamery Association, in co-operation with six other co-operative creameries, has established a central selling agency in Los Angeles. During 1921 it sold 6,850,000 pounds of butter for over \$3,600,000. This was an increase of 10 per cent in the quantity handled in 1920, and made possible a decrease in the cost of selling from 1.8c a pound to 1.5c in 1921.  
From one end of the country to the other, from New York to California, such producers' organizations as the New York Dairymen's League co-operative Association and the Danish Creamery Association of Fresno, Calif., are making remarkable strides in emancipating the consumers of the country from the exploitations of profit-making middlemen and in winning for the producers a fairer return for their labor.

### BUSINESS RECOGNIZED MEXICO

(By The Federated Press)  
Washington.—"American business men have already recognized Mexico and the administration of President Obregon. We are now waiting for the state department to do the same."  
That statement is made by Dr. Chas. J. Owens, chairman of the American trade commission which has completed a long and comprehensive tour of inspection through the industrial regions of Mexico.

### INDIANA MINERS WON

(By The Federated Press)  
Terre Haute, Ind.—Indiana coal operators as an organization have surrendered to the miners and there will be no coal strike to enforce the check-off this month. Formal action withdrawing their refusal to deduct a \$4 international union assessment from the pay of their employes was taken.

### A WOMEN'S CONGRESS

(By The Federated Press)  
Washington.—The women's conference on industrial problems, to be held in Washington, Jan. 11-13, promises to be a "virtual congress of women," representing all groups and callings throughout the country, according to the woman's bureau, U. S. department of labor, through which the call for a conference was issued to nearly 100 national organizations.

### STRIKE CALLED OFF

(By The Federated Press)  
Groveland, Cal.—The strike at the Hetch Hetchy irrigation plant has been called off by the I. W. W., and the men have returned to work. This action has been taken in order to concentrate greater strength on the big strike at the Southern California Edison Co.'s construction camp at Big Creek, Fresno county.

### PERSECUTION RAMPANT

(By The Federated Press)  
Sacramento, Cal.—During January and February, criminal syndicalism trials will be held here of 28 members of the I. W. W. They include the 10 arrested at the Casdorf and Fisery trial, who have already had two trials resulting in a disagreement.

### AMERICAN WORKERS HOME CONVENIENCES

(By The Federated Press)  
Oakland, Cal.—Forty families of maintenance of way men are living at the city limits in 20 box-cars; two families to a car, and one well and one toilet to the entire 40 families.

## The Colony Diary

Being a Daily Report of Colony Life at Llano.

Wednesday, Dec. 13.—The Colony is continually afflicted with growing pains. In the last year, our population has nearly trebled. Many of our industries have enlarged and several new ones have come to life. As these changes take place, new organizations and reorganizations must be made—therefore the growing pains. Just recently, we have installed the cafeteria plan of feeding at the hotel, and now Walter Conlin has been put in charge, in order to systematize the work and create new equipment and ways of making it as efficient as possible. Now comes the change at our school. We are trying to get teachers enough on our staff to have a teacher for each subject; and this week great progress has been made. In fact, the school is now better organized than it has ever been before. Yet we want it better. We are after more teachers, and we feel sure they will come. Some day we will let the world know our Llano school by its products. H. Buck, McDonald, Wooster, Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Sutherland—these are the regular teachers; and Mrs. Conlin will teach Domestic Science and Comrade Jaques is teaching Mechanical Drawing. The industrial work will be taught by the different workmen. Myrtle Kemp and Mrs. Hendricks, with some of the larger school pupils, are holding the fort at the kindergarten. H. Bell is now being rushed at the store. Calls for Xmas crates to be packed and shipped—Mrs. Gaddis half a day at the school—Joe Gaddis helping at the syrup-making—these conditions leave Harry a busy boy. Conlin is using Mrs. Sanders and Daddy Bell as much as possible in assisting with making peanut butter. The bakers: W. Ewell, Carl Hansen, and C. Miller, keep their end of the store well-warmed up; and, with Comrade Sutherland at the head of the Farmers' Exchange, a large business is being handled. In fact, the largest we have ever had. Our building program is a big one, and we need

more brick men and teamsters to carry it on as we should like it to be. The new machinery building is gaining every day, and we look forward to the new homes, new school building, new hotel, new cold storage plant, and a new store. Gee! I must quit that, or I shall be accused of dreaming. A car of sweet potatoes is loaded and ready to move to Boise, Idaho. We are exchanging the sweets for a car of Irish spuds. Now for a car of wheat, for which we can send rice, and we shall be fixed for some months to come. Comrade Steadman, of Wyoming, signed up to-day as a member and will go to work at once. He said he did not come to look around; he came to join and help carry on our co-operative work. That's the spirit! May be he won't like everything and everybody here; but he has all of capitalism he wants and has cast his lot with us to help bring about a better social system. That's the real spirit. With it, we can't help but win. Tonight, the "Man Power" class met as usual at the club house. After this week, Wednesday evening will be devoted to music, orchestra, and band, from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 14.—To-day starts off like a summer day. The cold snap has passed and one looks with disappointment at the trees that have shed their leaves; because it seems unnatural for such a day not to be accompanied with fresh green twigs and leaves. Two teams are clearing away at the brick yard and we hope to be refilling the kiln in a few days. The brick masons are putting the brick in the wall about as fast as the boys haul them from the kiln; so a rush job must be staged to get ahead with enough brick to get the new kiln burned without holding up the masons. The print-shop has finished the Xmas number of the Vernon Parish Democrat, and it will go into the mail this a.m. It is  
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