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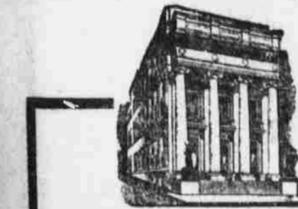
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RADICAL PAPERS BLAMED FOR BIG STRIKE'S CALLING

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.
(Special Correspondent of The News Scimitar.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Nothing has awakened such surprise here in some time as the fact that a coal strike is actually in progress in the United States in the face of an overwhelming public sentiment to the contrary. The impotence of public opinion as affecting at least 500,000 men has been so forcefully demonstrated that official Washington is searching for the fundamental causes thereof. Why do 500,000 men in America defy or ignore the wishes of the whole country? Do the miners read the daily newspapers and are they simply unresponsive to any expressions therein or are they absolutely ignorant of public opinion, taking their doctrine from the lips of radical leaders and agitators?

Inquiry at the department of justice, where a sharp eye is kept on radical publications, reveals the startling fact that during the war and since the armistice at least 400 publications have sprung up of a radical tendency, including about 300 published in foreign languages. Their combined circulation reaches many millions, not a few of whom are negroes.

When it is considered that there are 1,700 papers published in German and Russian and that they are preaching in their columns a disregard and distrust of the great bulk of the English language newspapers, and when it is considered, too, that the circulation of these radical publications is rapidly increasing, some idea of the causes of industrial unrest in America can be obtained. Just how the newspapers of America are beginning to worry about a possible shortage in white print paper. Owners of paper mills say the demand is greater than the supply. Usually the blame is placed on the increased size of the Sunday newspapers, but it would be interesting to discover how much print paper goes to the radical publications that circulate clandestinely.

Suppression has again and again been suggested but officials are not altogether sure that is the best way to cure the evil. It is true that many of the radical newspapers which were started during the war have since the fact that they had been denied the use of the mails. They began circulating secretly, partly by sent by express and in other roundabout way or distribution being made at radical meetings and labor gatherings.

The difficulty in reaching treasonable publications by law is that the espionage act, under which use of the mails had been denied to many rebellious sheets, will expire when the war is officially declared at an end. Already one large socialist daily in New York has filed suit against the postoffice department to recover the privileges of second-class mail matter on the assumption, doubtless, that the purpose for which the denial was made had now been served by the termination of hostilities with Germany. There is plenty of talk about extending the espionage act into times of peace, but officials do not seem to have any sympathy with the idea that the radical publications can be effectively checked that way.

The defenders of the radical press are insisting that the laboring masses have lost faith in the daily newspapers and are turning to the other side of publication. Questionably many labor leaders have been preaching such a distrust of the larger newspapers for many years, arguing that capitalist interests have controlled and are controlling the daily press. In many cities where these charges are made and where radical newspapers have sprung up, the effect has been to give greater attention to labor questions and to demonstrate in the columns of the big newspapers by their treatment of labor news that the attitude of the editors is not prejudicial, but social, in other words, an effort is being made to fight intelligently the radical movement by carefully exposing the fallacies and absurdities expressed by the leaders and at the same time giving due attention to what may be the just grievances of the laboring masses.

A healthy growth of radical newspapers is observed incidentally in those places where the daily newspapers have taken an uncompromising and unfriendly attitude toward labor as a whole, whilst the effect has been correspondingly beneficial to the cause of conscientious and determined labor centers where publications have adopted a well balanced and judicial attitude toward the problems of employers and employees.

A distinction must be drawn between the various kinds of radical publications. Some are preaching what they believe to be an advanced liberalism. Others are openly for rebellion. There is no federal law today making it a crime for an individual to conspire in times of peace to overthrow the government, though many bills of that character are pending in congress. But the coal strike is a revelation. Many thousands read radical publications, many thousands read so-called publications whatsoever, being guided solely by the inflammatory utterances of agitators, and a great many are unable to read English, but take their daily diet of information and guidance from newspapers published in their own tongue, the editorials of which never come under the eye of the great majority of the editors of English language papers, and therefore are seldom brought to the attention of the English speaking masses. (Copyright, 1919, by David Lawrence.)

PROHIBITION SUIT IS BEFORE ARKANSAS COURT

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 4. (Sp.)—The suit of C. H. Whittemore to compel the secretary of state to certify on a referendum on action of the legislature in ratifying national prohibition was submitted to the supreme court Monday.

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BARONESS VON STERNBERG.

Baroness von Sternberg, who before her marriage to the late Baron Speck von Sternberg, one-time German ambassador to the United States, was Miss Lillian May Lanyham, of Louisville, is returning to America, where she intends to live. Miss Lanyham was married to the baron in London in 1905. In 1907 she returned to America and was naturalized in the famous Roosevelt-Pennis Cabinet. She was recalled from diplomatic service and sent to Rome. Her health failed her there and she returned to Germany, where she died in 1908.

MANY DIE IN WRECK OF TRAINS NEAR PARIS

PARIS, Nov. 4.—The Simplon express, while at a standstill between Pont-Sur-Yonne and Sens (about 60 miles southeast of Paris), at 10 o'clock last night, was run into by a train bound for Geneva. Several persons were killed and a number injured. The authorities have gone to the scene of the wreck.

DEPUTIES BATTLE WITH WOMEN DURING RIOT

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 4.—Bricks and stones flew while deputy sheriffs fought with enraged women when a crowd of 150 women this morning attempted to prevent workers from entering the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company plant here. Five men and four women were arrested, charged with rioting. No one was seriously injured.

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THIEVES TURN TO GAUDY RAIMENT

Sated, Apparently, With Substantial Clothing Become Dilettante in Choice.

Taste as displayed for the past week or so by the gang of sneak thieves whose principal hauls have consisted of clothing, has run to the gaudy, but it remained for Monday's operations to bring out the most flamboyant sartorial fancies of the gang.

REVIVE HUN CLUB

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—The German club at the University of Chicago, abandoned during the world war, today was in the process of being revived. Fourteen men and 11 women of the school met yesterday and started reorganization. The club's aim is to glean the best from German language, art, literature and music.

Lads Set Out On Trip Round World; Rescued In River

The annual trip around the world, as Cartoonist Briggs would describe it, was brought to an abrupt and Monday night and a tour that might have ended fatally for Lloyd Hutton, Bethel avenue, and "Skeeters" Manning, Park avenue, ended with these youngsters of seven going to bed supperless.

METHODIST AGAINST ALL SUNDAY GAMES

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 4.—Under resolutions adopted at the concluding session of the Tennessee conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, today, a committee was appointed to ask the governor and the next legislature to enact laws specifically prohibiting professional baseball playing and the operation of moving picture shows and theaters on Sunday.

FRANCE OFFERS NEW FIUME PLAN TO U. S.

PARIS, Nov. 4. (Havas).—France has taken the initiative in presenting to the Washington government a new proposal for settlement of the Fiume question, according to the Echo de Paris, the newspaper says the move has the support of Great Britain.

PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED

MELBOURNE, Nov. 4.—The parliament of the Australian commonwealth has been dissolved. Elections for its successor will be held Dec. 13.

KEYS LOST? RING JOE.

Desk Sgt. Fitzgerald has a homeless bunch of keys at the police station. They were found Monday night by Officer Lucarini at Main street and Jefferson avenue.

Says Happiness Is Secondary Affair In Marriage Life

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—Happiness of man and woman is only a secondary affair in marriage, the prime purpose of which is to produce robust children, Prof. William J. Durant, of Columbia university, said in a lecture at the Ethical Society here last night.

VOTE TO RESUME JOBS.

BERLIN, Nov. 4. (By the Associated Press).—Anthracite and brown coal workers of Saxony, recognizing the critical situation due to the coal shortage, have voted to resume working eight hours a day, including Sunday and holidays, until March, according to articles in the Voelische Zeitung from Dresden.

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