

THE FEDERATED PRESS RELIABLE NEWS

EXCHANGE VALUE JOCKEYING BY THE GOLD IDOLATORS

(By The Federated Press)
Prague, Czechoslovakia. — Industrial paralysis is threatening Czechoslovakia because the high exchange value of the crown makes it impossible for neighbor states to trade with it.

HE DOESN'T SHOW IT

(By The Federated Press)
Washington. — "Mr. President, I know that you are a just and humane man. These political prisoners occupy a very humble place in our social life, and they have been members of a despised and reprobated labor organization. . . . Their very weakness and lowliness and social obscurity should make a special appeal to all who desire and have the power to administer impartial, aye, even unpopular justice."

In the above language, Dr. John A. Ryan, member, National Catholic Welfare council, terminates a lengthy letter to President Harding. The letter, dated Oct. 17, is partly in response to a letter from the president written Sept. 26, in which Ryan and other advocates of amnesty were urged to have more patience, and it is partly a protest against the unfair conditions imposed upon Fletcher, Nef and Walsh in the conditional pardons offered those members of the I. W. W. still in Leavenworth.

THE CAUSE OF HIGH-PRICED LUMBER

(By The Federated Press)
Milwaukee. — Complaints have been made by lumberjacks that wages paid in the north have dropped to where a man cannot make a decent living. They claim lumber camp owners are not paying more than 8 cents per 16-foot log. Formerly they paid as high as 20 cents, it is claimed.

POLITICAL GRAFT FUNDS

(By The Federated Press)
Washington. — When Secretary Fall head of the interior department, threw the Teapot Dome oil reserve to the Sinclair petroleum interests he tapped a gusher which has filled the Republican campaign treasury to overflowing. As recently as six weeks ago the Republican national congressional committee was short of funds. Today its treasurer can write checks with a free hand and ship the big guns of partisan oratory from one point to another on the electoral battle line. "How come" inquires the friendly stranger in town who had heard the tale of poverty everywhere among Republicans in the late summer. And the answer is made: "It's all right now, the oil men have come across."

COMPLETE REJECTION OF WAR

(By The Federated Press)
London. — The Friends' Peace committee is issuing on behalf of the Society of Friends in England and America, an appeal to the churches of Christ to take the lead in a great crusade for a warless world. The appeal says: "We see two roads before us. One leads inevitably to another war by renewed preparedness; the other begins with a complete rejection of war."

A UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS

(By The Federated Press)
Seattle. — Seattle's labor college has been turned into a university on wheels with the adoption of schedules proposed in Tacoma, Everett and Bremerton, nearby cities, that lecturers at the local college duplicate courses in the other cities. John C. Kennedy, of the Farmer-Labor party, Dr. Robert Whitaker, radical pastor, and Mark Litchman, of the Workers' party, will be the visiting lecturers.

BOLSHEVISM DEFEATS GREEK OFFICERS AND PRIESTS

(By The Federated Press)
Cyprus. — Fugitives arriving from Smyrna, Asia Minor, declare that the defeat of the Greek army by the Turks is largely due to bolshevist propaganda. Half of the Greek army, they assert, had become converted to communism, refused to fight in what they considered a capitalistic war launched by Greece for imperialistic ends. These fugitives contend that the troops burst out into one vast volley of cheers for Lenin and Trotsky and threw away their guns and abandoned the artillery. All efforts of the officers and of the priests to make the men stick to their guns were in vain.

A MIGHTY HOT PROPOSITION FOR THE KU KLUX KLAN

(By The Federated Press)
Milwaukee. — Milwaukee will become "the hottest place this side of hell for the Ku Klux Klan if any of the clan pounce upon one of our citizens, whether he be black or white, red or yellow, Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant." So Mayor Daniel W. Hoan wrote in a letter he sent to C. Lewis Fowler, a member of the faculty of the Klan's Lanier university, Atlanta, Ga., in reply to a letter protesting that the organization has been misrepresented and offering to aid the mayor in the maintenance of law and order in Milwaukee.

NOT FOR SALE

(By The Federated Press)
Seattle. — Higher-ups behind the scenes of the Democratic party's campaign made a final desperate attempt recently to buy off James A. Duncan, Farmer-Labor candidate for U. S. senator, and eliminate him from the race. Duncan refused point-blank and informed the Democratic emissary that the offer had demonstrated as nothing else could the power that lies within the ranks of the Farmer-Labor party. The Farmer-Labor man was offered any political position he might wish and was authoritatively informed that this bribe was decided upon at a secret caucus of Democratic chiefs where it was agreed that C. C. Dill, Democratic nominee, would have a chance to beat Miles Poindexter, reactionary Republican, if Duncan were bought off.

No fusion with the Democratic forces will be considered by the Farmer-Labor party in this state. Democratic agents have been forwarding schemes of coalition by splitting the tickets in various counties.

"It wouldn't be fusion at all, but confusion," declared State Secretary, John C. Kennedy in opposing the suggestions.

UP AGAINST A ROW OF STUMPS

(By The Federated Press)
Washington. — The department of justice is manifestly pleased with its new formula for handling the political prisoners—a formula which reveals at one stroke the desire of the administration to save its own face and to rid itself if possible of an embarrassing problem. "There will be no public sympathy," officials say, "for men who intend to break the law, and if they don't intend to break the law they will agree to this form of release." The new form permits the government to yank the man back to prison without trial if it charges law-breaking.

THE DEVIOUS WAYS OF MALICIOUS PERSECUTION

(By The Federated Press)
New York. — Efforts to discover by what authority the department of justice directed federal agents to conduct the raid and prepare evidence against the Communists seized at Bridgman, Mich., in August and now held for trial under the state criminal syndicalism act, have been unsuccessful, the American Civil Liberties union announces, after correspondence with the attorney general.

The organization protested to the attorney general against the department's participation when there is no federal statute authorizing them to make arrests under state laws, and when the appropriations granted to the department cover only the enforcement of federal laws.

The union is preparing to raise the issue of the participation of the department of justice in this raid at the hearings in congress in December, which will be held on the impeachment resolution brought against the attorney general.

WHY NOT OPERATE ROADS IN UNITED STATES IN GENERAL

(By The Federated Press)
Washington. — The Alaska government railroad will be in shape to run cars direct from the wharves at Seward into Fairbanks, a distance of 467 miles—nearly equal to that from Washington to Boston—according to Associate Forester E. A. Sherman, just returned. The people of southern Alaska are pleased with the efforts of the forest service and the bureau of public roads, Sherman states, because of the roads built and the establishment of a pulp and paper industry in the territory.

THE SINISTER MACHINATIONS OF RUTHLESS PROFITEERS

(By The Federated Press)
Berlin, Germany. — There is a persistent rumor in Berlin to the effect that the recent colossal drop in the mark, by which for a time one could buy 2600 marks for the dollar, while its former worst position had been 900, was engineered by big business for no other purpose than "to show labor its place." The theory is advanced that, by dropping the mark so low, the manufacturers, dealers in the necessities of life, and business men in general could fix their prices at three to four times their former height; that this would affect labor so directly and immediately that workers, out of fear of losing their jobs and thereby being deprived even of their starvation wages, would more readily accept the dictates of the bosses; and that then, after the mark had been allowed to climb again, these prices would still be maintained.

The rumor at first seemed absurd. Yet things are happening daily which would seem to bear out the theory. For one thing, the mark has risen again. From 2600 to the dollar it rose to only 1250 or 1300. In other words, the mark, measured in foreign exchange, is worth double what it was during the closing days of August. But the cost of the necessities of life has not dropped accordingly. On the contrary, prices today reflect the panic of the 2600-to-the-dollar days.

CO-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT SHOWS BIG SUCCESS

(By The Federated Press)
Champaign, Ill. — Co-operative management has put the Twin City Review, the local labor weekly, on its feet. The Twin City Co-operative Press reports a surplus of \$848.26 on its capital stock of 3943.50, after eight months of operations. Started shortly after the inauguration of the 44-hour strike in that city, the press provided a place for the printers of the Twin City Review, the local labor paper. During the eight months of its operation the balance sheets of the co-operative press show an increase in value of the stock from \$5 to \$6.25 a share.

FINANCIAL PIRACY RUNNING AMUCK

(By The Federated Press)
Washington. — Nominal evacuation of Santo Domingo by the armed forces of the United States, and the return of its government to its own people, was celebrated October 21.

This alleged native government, which will supplant the illegal American occupation of the past seven years will be headed by Juan Batista Vicini Burgos. The proclamation issued by Rear Admiral Robison states that the provisional native regime shall be empowered "to provide reorganization of provincial and municipal governments, to enable the Dominican people to amend their constitution as they may deem appropriate, to hold general elections without the intervention of military government," and henceforth "to be alone responsible for its acts."

A reference is made in the proclamation to "such further powers and duties as are specified in the plan of evacuation." These unspecified duties are dictated by Washington. The whole matter has been closely veiled by the American censorship.

SUPERIORITY OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE OVER POLITICAL

(By The Federated Press)
New York. — If the water power of the state of New York were properly utilized, 500 steam locomotives now in daily use would not be needed, and the 15,500 coal cars now hauled to New York could be used for other needed purposes, says Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, electrical wizard and American Labor party candidate for state engineer. There are in this state, he declares, 5,500,000 horse powers unused in the water power possibilities of the state's water courses. "If the wasted water power," he says "were turned into electric power it would enable us to scrap every steam locomotive in the state and run all the industries, electric light and power stations and all the railways, without smoke, soot or cinders, which now poison the air of industrial towns." "We could save \$140,000,000 every year and cheapen electric light and power and make it available for all classes." Without knowledge there can be neither true morality nor piety.—Talmud.

FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES ARE CHARGED

(By The Federated Press)
Milwaukee. — Charges of financial irregularities, which trail the Ku Klux Klan about the country, were made against the Milwaukee clan when the American Unity league made it appear in Milwaukee with the arrival of G. K. Rutledge, secretary.

Rutledge issued a challenge to Kleagle W. M. Wiesemann, to explain where the \$20,000 initiation fees, taken from the clan's alleged 2000 members here, has gone. Rutledge declares that \$4 out of every \$10 initiation fee has gone into the kleagle's pocket, while the other \$6 has found a repository in the jeans of Imperial Wizard Edward Young Clark, Atlanta. The extra \$6.50 required by the clan for the nightgown and pillowslips which constitute the "robes" also goes to the higher ups of the secret organization, Rutledge charged. He asserted that the nightgowns are made and pocket the profits. "The clan is purely a commercial organization," Rutledge went on. "At the head of the order are a little group of crooks and money makers. I was intimately acquainted with Clark, the 'imperial wizard,' and know him for nothing good."

THE WITCHES BREW OF EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY

(By The Federated Press)
Washington. — Great Britain fears France. Lloyd George tried by diplomacy and the threat of force at Constantinople to check the power of France. He failed and he has been thrown out of office by his imperialistic backers at home.

British labor detested Lloyd George and would have turned him out of office by its own strength and for excellent reasons in the course of time. But his going at this time is the work of the imperialists alone. In his place they have set up for the time being, at least, Andrew Bonar Law, a notorious foe of France and author of the letter made public a fortnight ago in which the French were warned to beware of British vengeance.

The French reply to that threat came quickly enough, and was known to the world 48 hours before Lloyd George fell in London. The newspaper Le Temps, organ of the French Imperialists, reversed its editorial policy of two weeks earlier and said that an alliance between France and Russia must be arranged as a balance against England and a restored Germany.

Great Britain emerged from the Turkish crisis groggy and reeling under the blows of French diplomacy. Her Greek army had been destroyed, her oil wells in Mesopotamia imperilled, and her hold on Constantinople broken. France had brought the Turk back into Europe and was backing the demand of Russia for a seat in the coming peace conference.

That is not all. France had an envoy at Moscow all this time, in the person of Edouard Herriot, mayor of Lyons. On the day Herriot left Moscow to return home the Russian government revoked the great concession it had arranged to give the British Urquhart firm for the exploitation of a fabulously rich region in the Urals. Moscow did not conceal its motives, but said that the political hostility of the British made it unwise to grant the concession.

This long list of defeats brought British fear and resentment to a critical point and marked Lloyd George for slaughter. With the French espousing a Russian delegate to the peace conference and even hinting at Russian admission to the league of nations, the British must find new leadership without delay. With this new alignment of powers in Europe, with its threat of war between England and France, the United States can be expected to give at least moral support to the British. There are several groups at prejudice in America that John Bull can capitalize to fine advantage. The American Legion is anti-French. So are the German-Americans. So are those Jews who think England restored their racial home in Palestine. Of course the bankers are solidly for Great Britain, and their newspapers are already at the work blackening the name which French blunders and selfishness have earned in America. Great Britain cannot tolerate a rival in Europe. For presuming to become one Germany was destroyed. For presuming to replace or excel Germany as a continental pretender, France makes herself the target of British lightning.

FRANCE TURNING TO RUSSIA IS AN ACT OF DESPAIR

France turning to Russia is an act of despair. It is also an act that will further alienate the affection of official Washington. Lenin may be (as he is) the only statesman surviving in power since the world war ended, but our state department is not yet ready to take his proffered hand.

VICTIMS OF ALLIED CRIMES

New York. — More than 7,300,000 persons in desperate need of help from outside Russia to see them through the coming winter, and 1,000,000 "famine orphans" who must be cared for even longer. Such is the gist of the report on the 1922 Russian famine situation made by Capt. Paxton Hibben, recently back from Russia, to the American Committee for Relief of Russian Children. The causes for this year's aftermath of the great famine, according to the report of the Russian Commission of the Near East Relief, operated in 1921, and it may be said that they are certain to be the reasons of another crop shortage in Russia next year unless the economic reasons that have produced these results are remedied. These economic reasons are:

(1) Shortage of seed grain for both spring and fall planting.

(2) Lack of draft animals and agricultural machinery to till the soil.

Hibben's report calls for continued and even larger support of the work of the American Committee for Relief of Russian Children, the headquarters of which is at 110 W. 40th st., New York City. In respect to the work of this committee it may be mentioned that no "overhead" whatever is charged against contributions in the distribution of supplies in Russia. The fate of the child victims of the famine, he declares, is by far the most depressing element in the whole situation. He appends to his report a photograph of a woman who was convicted of cannibalism. Her husband had died, and she used his flesh to feed her children.

IRREGULARITY OF THE AMERICAN COURTS

(By The Federated Press)

(By Paul Hanna)
Washington. — Secretary of War Weeks must appear in court November 9, and show cause why Antoni Karachun should not be freed from the 20-year sentence he is now serving for desertion from the American army.

Karachun is a citizen of Russia, and he was seized by the American forces on Russian soil, although the United States has never declared a state of war against Russia. To hold Karachun legally Secretary Weeks must persuade the supreme court of the District of Columbia that Uncle Sam has a right to invade a friendly country, seize its citizens and bring them back for imprisonment in America.

Weeks must prove still more to the court. Karachun came to the United States before the war. During the war he enlisted in the American army to fight, as he supposed, against Germany. Instead of going to Europe for that purpose, Karachun was sent with the American expedition which invaded Siberia, and there ordered to fight against his own countrymen.

This test of the government's right to violate all laws in time of war is begun simultaneously with the recovery of all Siberia by the Russian revolutionary armies which this country and the allied powers aimed to frustrate by invading it as "friends of the Russian people."

ALLEGED BROAD DAYLIGHT ROBBERY OF COAL PRICES

(By The Federated Press)

Belleville, Ill. — A case of alleged broad daylight robbery is being tried in circuit court here. Edwin F. Klein, treasurer of the St. Claire Coal & Mining Co., is charged jointly with his father, Frederick W. Klein, president of the company, and M. B. Rosenheim former weight clerk for the city water department, with obtaining money under false pretenses in conspiring to falsify weights of carload lots of coal delivered at the water plant.

The case on trial, which is based on several indictments, involves the alleged overweighing of cars during the period from December 24, 1918, to January 10, 1919, by which it is alleged, the city was charged for 292,000 pounds of coal which was not received. Under these indictments it is said the city was defrauded of \$9000. Rosenheim has been convicted and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary on the charges.

AIRPLANE PASSENGER SERVICE

(By The Federated Press)
Washington. — An airplane passenger service between Danzig, Warsaw, and Lemberg has been inaugurated according to a report received by the department of commerce from Vice Consul Bowman at Danzig. The technical organizations as well as the Danzig agency will be in charge of the Danzig air mail, and the planes to be used are of the Junker type, which have been operated heretofore in the service of the air mail.

POLITICAL ROTTENNESS

John W. Weeks said sometime ago, in a speech at Cleveland, Ohio, "The legislative branch of our government probably never has been at a lower ebb than it is today."

Julius Kahn, chairman of the military affairs committee of the lower house of congress, said in a speech at New York, "I have never known the time when the mental make-up of the house of representatives was so low as it is today."

Seldom is inside information allowed to get past the doors. The testimony of these two prominent old party politicians is invaluable—on the same theory upon which a court witness' testimony is considered good when he testifies against his own interest.

OPEN SHOPPERS WANT MORE IMMIGRANT ALIENS

(By The Federated Press)

Washington. — "A growing shortage of labor" is complained of by the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, which on October 18 adopted a resolution demanding that congress do something to permit more aliens to enter the United States. According to this resolution "necessary production" is being seriously hampered by the present immigration law, whose application allowed a net gain of only 110,844 immigrants during the last fiscal year, "68 percent of whom were classed as persons of no occupation, mostly women and children."

COAL MINERS SHOULD CONTROL COAL MINES

(By The Federated Press)

Sydney, N. S. Wales. — "Let those who work the mines control them," is the slogan now gaining weight through Australia. There seems to be a definite belief in the minds of the majority of the people of that country that coal mining should be a public utility, in common with other services, and outside the absolute control of a handful of wealthy coal operators.

A. C. Willis, general secretary, Australasian Coal and Shale Employees' federation, which covers all coal and shale workers on the Australian continent, holds that the miners, including managers and technical men, are entitled to, and should control the mines.

"Control by the miners," says Willis, "does not mean that the employes should own the mines for the purpose of exploiting them in their own interests only. Control, as we take it, must be taken to mean control by the management and the men acting in harmony to achieve the best results for themselves and the general community under the best conditions the industry can afford with a minimum expenditure of human energy."

"I do not think control of the mines by the miners would be possible under private ownership—that is, unless a collective contract could be made with the present owners under which the miners, as a whole, would undertake to produce coal into cars at the colliery siding at a price per ton, and the owner would undertake to provide the necessary capital for the successful working of the mine."

Under a proposal of this kind the fixing and adjustment of rates to pay the various classes of labor would be in the hands of the workers. It would also mean that the employers' organization would pay to the employes' organization one check for the total output. This proposal if given a fair trial, would be infinitely preferable to the present system.

"It would practically abolish sectional strikes because the onus of adjusting local differences would be entirely in the hands of the employes and if they struck it would be against themselves. With the miners controlling the mines a spirit of co-operation would replace the present spirit of hostility, with incalculable benefit to the general community."

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