

Lovestone Sees Alleged Radical Probers in Washington Getting Cold Feet in Daugherty Grill

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—The Daugherty investigation is proceeding without its early vim and vigor. Senator Wheeler, of Montana, has lost so much of his pep that he finds it necessary to announce publicly that he will go on with the investigation of the Department of Justice, "despite" the resignation of Daugherty.

Senator Dill, of Washington, who prides himself on being a progressive, has introduced a resolution demanding the resignation of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, because of his part in the Teapot leases, and because of his sending marines to clear the naval oil reserve area for Mr. Sinclair.

But, M. Dill has found it advisable to desert Washington for a speaking trip in the West right after he introduced his resolution. Mr. Dill has permitted his resolution to be laid on the table.

Senator McKellar has proposed that Mellon's financial connections be investigated, in view of the charge that he is holding the office of the Secretaryship of the Treasury in violation of the law which incapacitates anyone who has interstate commerce financial interests from holding this cabinet post.

But, Mr. McKellar, who always prides himself on being one of the "vigorous" democrats in the capitol, has allowed his resolution to go the regular route of the Senatorial legislative calendar. This means that McKellar has signed the dead warrant of his newly born political babe.

Democrats and Progressives Quitting.

Why this right-about-face on the part of the democrats and such so-called progressive as Wheeler, Dill and Brookhart? Why are these men not fighting for the vigorous continuation of the investigations of big business control of government?

Why is Wheeler doing nothing to turn the searchlight on the criminal strike-breaking activities of the Department of Justice and the Burns Agency against the trade unions and working class political organizations?

The story of the high-handed conduct of Burns and Daugherty in the last railway shopmen's strike alone is sufficient to put them behind the bars for scores of years, even on the basis of the present capitalist law. Yet, Messrs. Brookhart and Wheeler have done nothing to bring this information before the country.

Why is it that the regular and irregular democrats of all stripes are showing signs of wearying of the investigations and falling for, what they know very well to be just plain rot and buncombe, the appeal for "getting down to business and legislating?"

Why are these democratic hawks and eagles of yesterday becoming owls so soon and refusing to go ahead with the charges against Mellon, Hoover, Hughes and other cabinet members?

All Serve Same Masters.

There is but one answer to all these questions. The progressives, democrats, republicans and capitalist politicians of all stripes regardless of how radical the phrases they mouth may be, are first and foremost concerned with the preservation of the fundamental interests of the employing class. The danger signal for the capitalist class is the sign for their stopping these investigations. The revelations have already gone too far in shaking the confidence of the masses in the government.

The big employers of labor have felt that these investigations are going just a bit too far. For sometime they have exercised heavy pressure to put an end to the senatorial exposures. Now they are beginning to get results. The worm is beginning to turn. The democrats are making common cause with the republicans in organizing for more laws, in organizing to get what their masters have denounced only yesterday in the most bitter terms. The so-called progressives, the jellyfish backboneed radical wind-jammers are now giving into the demands of the big interests of course, their surrender is not as openly abject and not as

clumsily put over as the regular democratic party retreat, but, the more skillfully maneuvered, is is nevertheless as complete a betrayal of the interests of the masses as is the treacherous conduct of the Walshes, McKellars, and other democratic whips and dark horses.

This sudden dimming and cowardly action of the insurgent stars and democratic satellites in the Capitol should not surprise any worker or farmer. It should not even disgust any genuine progressive any real class enemy of the employers. This half-hearted wavering policy of the so-called progressives only adds further proof to the Communist contention that, regardless of what kidney or ilk he be, every capitalist politician must sooner, rather than later betray the working and farming class. The only point of distinction between the various schools of employing class politics is the degree of soonness with which they play the game of the biggest interests openly, one hundred per cent, and sabotage the needs and demands of the laboring masses.

The Lesson.

The way in which the sundry investigations are now being liquidated, drowned and sunk to the very bottom of the troubled political seas, by all shades of capitalist political panhandlers teaches the working and farming masses of the United States at least one worth while lesson. Out of the hasty retreat that the democrats are beating from the field of struggle and out of the weak-kneed, feint effort that the progressives are making in exposing the plunderers of the country's natural resources and the strike-breakers and union-smashers. There arises more painfully clear than ever the unquestionable urgent need for the organization of the workers and poor farmers into a national class farmer-labor party separate and distinct from the two old parties of capitalism and the plague of hybrid capitalist progressivism and employing class progressive-ifs.

Quaker City Trade Unionists Invited to Hear Communist Speak

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—Trade unionists are especially invited to the lecture, on Sunday, April 6, of A. Jakira, district organizer of the Workers Party, which will be given before the Philadelphia Open Forum, 521 York avenue. Comrade Jakira's subject will be "The New Trend in the American Labor Movement." There will be a discussion after the lecture. There will be no admission charge.

The lecture on the following Sunday will be on "Independent Unions," given by Comrade Baker.

Socialists and Liberals.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—A call has been issued to California liberals and labor men for a convention here under the auspices of the Farmer-Labor party June 1, to appoint delegates to the July 4 convention in Cleveland. It has the co-operation of the Socialist party, which has agreed to put no candidates of its own in the state field, and will not be opposed by the A. F. of L. and the railroad brotherhoods.

15th "Canned Heat Victim Dies.

TOLEDO, O., April 3.—The fifteenth victim of canned heat and denatured alcohol orgies, James McFadden, 45, died here at 3:40 p. m. yesterday, while two others are in a serious condition.