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SENATOR FRANCE PRAISES BOLSHEVIK GOVERNMENT

Is Enthusiastic Over Statesmanlike Rule Of Lenine And Trotzky

Returning from his mission to Bolshevik Russia, Senator Joseph I. France, of Maryland brings first hand reports of the conditions in the country now ruled by communists and declares that "I found the Russian government is handling the situation in a statesmanlike way."

Among the first questions pelted at the senator were those relating to the spread of the revolution to other countries and if Moscow was planning to effect a world movement for the overthrow of international capitalism. To these Senator France replied:

"I know nothing about the Third Internationale. But no man worthy of any attention ever believed that propaganda could start revolutions. Conditions are the best propaganda, history shows."

Fulfilling every fear that the capitalist press expressed about the impressions Senator France would get of Soviet Russia, his statements burn into the reams of lies that the newspapers have rolled out and leaves them with nothing but the shame of nakedness in face of a people hungry for facts.

"America has been denied uncolored Russian information. All witnesses have been prejudiced," said the senator.

"I tried to be impartial. My sole interest was in America.

"After three weeks of devoted and the hardest work I ever expected to do, filled with interviews with the executives of the central government at Moscow, with an examination of the records and short and limited personal examination of conditions, I confirm the impression I had upon entering Russia namely, that the United States should immediately resume trade relations with Russia.

"I find no indication that Russia is deteriorating. On the contrary the government officials are in harmony and they are working patiently and intelligently to bring about order and industry.

"Recent decrees have inspired confidence among the Russian people. It is up to the outside world now to help.

"Neither England nor Germany hesitates to extend this aid and I don't see why America should.

"Coming out of Russia I met an English delegation entering. I saw a flatcar bearing an auto carrying on it the British lion and coat of arms.

"I saw no reason why the American eagle should fear to go where the British lion ventures.

"The famine condition in the Volga region unquestionably is bad. The government officials do not conceal their anxiety. The fact that the Gorky commission is appealing for help with the knowledge and approval of the government makes discussion unnecessary.

"I cannot comment on the report that the terms of the United States for the extension of aid to Russia, including the demand for the release of the American prisoners, are accepted by Russia, save that this friendly contact will be of immeasurable benefit.

The Real I. W. W. Spirit DO NOT WANT PRINCE TO VISIT

The Wichita boys who were released from Leavenworth Penitentiary the other day are back on the job again. They came into Chicago, grabbed an arm load of supplies and went back to the harvest and oil fields, to start in where they left off when they were arrested three years ago. They are giving their services now as they did then. No pay, not even transportation.

There are a few people who call themselves rebels who will do no more than they get paid for. In other words, they are in the organization for what they can get out of it. Let us profit by the example set by the Wichita boys and see what we can put into the I. W. W.

Communist Mayor Ousted; Re-elected

Marseilles, France. — The communist mayor of Cadolive, near here, who was removed from office by President Millerand because he had refused to sign the official papers ordering mobilization for the advance on the Rhine, has been re-elected by the municipal council, which was called to elect a successor. The vote for the ousted mayor was unanimous.

SEVEN UP

Seven companies control seventy per cent of the total output of anthracite coal in the United States. The remaining thirty per cent comes from mines operated by less than one hundred companies and individuals.

ARE YOU HELPING BIG BUSINESS TO STARVE CHILDREN IN RUSSIA?

WORLD events are fast shaping themselves in the direction of another international war, more stupendous, more cruel than history has yet recorded. In the daily Big Business newspapers are countless columns of misinformation designed to bring about that end—deliberately intended to produce another conflict and a consequent orgy of patriotism and profiteering for outstripping anything the world has ever seen. Does this seem exaggerated? Here are just a few of the outstanding facts:

A few days ago The Federated Press carried a tremendously significant story from its London correspondent. It stated that English labor leaders saw in the action of the British military authorities who raided the Russian trade bureau at Constantinople on June 29 the forerunner of another "White rising" in Russia, which would serve as an excuse for another intervention by the allied powers.

Just now the employers' press is brimming over with news about the famine in Russia. That famine is an ugly fact. It is partly the result of the stupidity of the American state department, which persisted in aiding the allied powers in enforcing the most criminal of blockades against Russia, the while the allied powers and American capital were secretly backing the civil wars of Kolchack, of Denikine, of Wrangel and of lesser counter-revolutionary leaders who had the support of the grand duke and nabob elements of Russia exiled to other lands.

WORLD BIG BUSINESS is the CRIMINAL which is responsible for the STARVING WOMEN AND CHILDREN of Russia today. World Big Business wants "BUSINESS AS USUAL" throughout the world; that is, PROFITS FOR THE LAZY WHO EXPLOIT THE WORKERS. In Russia the workers are trying to get along without these barnacles. They are conducting an experiment in actual workers' rule that threatens the profits of Big Business.

AND SO BIG BUSINESS HAS LAID ITS PLANS CAREFULLY TO CAPITALIZE THE FAMINE, WHICH BIG BUSINESS ITSELF IN THE FIRST INSTANCE PRODUCED, TO BRING ABOUT THE OVERTHROW OF THE SOVIETS.

"Mendacious!" exclaims the American patriot.

"Abominable falsehood," echoes the lickspittle white collar who believes the bunk about all American born lads becoming president some day, and who otherwise has a cross-eyed viewpoint on world affairs.

All right. Out of the mouths of the agents of Big Business may come occasionally a few words which you will believe. Here is Norman Hapgood, writer for William Randolph Hearst's sheets, which dish out poison every day in this glad land of profiteers and patriots. Norman is a pretty decent sort of a newspaper writer, even though economic determinism is constantly trying to put patches on his breeches, and sometimes he manages to put over an item of truth on Hearst.

Hapgood prophesies an attempt to restore a czarist regime in Russia, and points to the group of Russian refugees in this country, headed by such people as Boris Bakmatieff and A. J. Sack, with their associates of the type of Princes Cantacuzene, who will be found on the side of the czarist advocates at the proper moment. Then he says:

The United States government is preparing to spend some money directly on propaganda (against the soviet regime in Russia) in addition to what it spends indirectly through Mr. Sack. A LONG ANTI-BOLSHEVIK REPORT IS BEING SECRETLY PRINTED IN THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. It was prepared in England by a committee, headed by a very noble lord, to oppose Lloyd George's trade policy. Senator Lodge, who is FEROCIOUS ON THE SUBJECT OF RUSSIA, is much pleased with it, AND SO IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

Hapgood does not state, what is undoubtedly expected in Washington, that THIS REPORT WILL BE PUT IN CIRCULATION DURING AUGUST. Do you remember that it is the month of AUGUST in which the English labor leaders expect the "White rising" to be TURNED LOOSE IN RUSSIA?

This is the situation which is being developed through the employer owned press. You are being propagandized so that you will excuse any overt act that the allied powers and the big international bankers may pull off in Russia.

Don't forget that when the next war comes it will be you, the worker, who will shoulder the gun and march off to new trenches in new battlefields, beside which those of Flanders and France will have been playgrounds.

It is because of this sinister propaganda that is being fed to you in column doses through the kept press that The Federated Press is interested in getting over the real truth. The Federated Press is the organization of the workers who will have most to sacrifice in the event of another war. It is The Federated Press that is attempting to keep you informed as to the course of world events, and their significance to the world labor movement. Will you do your part in keeping The Federated Press by helping its members, the labor papers which are here for you to read every day or every week? If you are of the stuff that really counts, YOU WILL.

E. J. COSTELLO, Managing Editor,
The Federated Press.

A SCISSOR BILLS IDEA OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE AND WHAT IT MEANS.

An old rebel walking along Vine street the other day was approached by a young, husky-looking fellow, who asked him for something to eat, and the following conversation took place:

Old Man—"Out of work?"

Young Man—"Yes."

Old Man—"Do you know why you are out of work?"

Young Man hesitating.

Old Man—"There is a class struggle going on in society today, and you are a party to it. We have the capitalist class on one side and the working class on the other. You are a member of the working class, and it will be necessary for you to read some literature so you will be able to understand your class position. Have you ever heard of this class war?"

"No, sir."

"Well, I will give you fifty cents to eat on, and when you get on fifty feet I would advise you to read up a little bit."

The young man walked on down the street to where his partner was waiting for him, and as he came up close to him he cried out: "Say, pal, that guy you saw me talking to is all right. He gave me fifty cents, and he is a class struggler, too, by God!"

SOVIET FUNDS IN AMERICAN BANKS

(Federated Press.)

New York. — Russian government funds on deposit in local banks are the property of the Russian Socialist Federated

public and the release or payment of any of these funds to Boris Bakmatieff, former ambassador of the Kerensky regime, or to any other than the representative of the Russian soviet government, will be constructed as a diversion of the funds, the banks have been warned by Charles Recht, legal representative of the United States of L. C. Martens, former Russian soviet trade representative here.

The National City bank of New York also has been notified by Mr. Recht that \$1,406,788 paid by the shipping board to the account of Bakmatieff prior to August 5, 1918, also is the property of the present Russian government. The funds belonging rightfully to the soviet government now in local banks alone total \$178,000,000, Mr. Recht said. Legal proceedings will soon be started to recover these sums, he declared.

OSBORNE RAPS PRISON SYSTEM IN AMERICA

Famous Warden Of Sing Sing Says Judges And Penal Institutions Are Rotten

Thomas Mott Osborne, most noted of all authorities on prison reform, startled the members of the Minnesota State Bar association at the closing meeting of their annual convention with his revelations of prison horrors, his condemnation of existing practices by the police and the courts, and his extraordinary tales of actual reformations accomplished through the development of humane methods of handling criminals.

Weeks spent in Auburn, Sing Sing, and the Portsmouth naval prison as a voluntary prisoner have given Mr. Osborne an insight into the true opinions of the underworld. His observations were supplemented by several years as warden and supervising officer in all of these institutions.

"Old methods of prison supervision were designed solely to make good prisoners, not good citizens," Mr. Osborne declared. "Yet the only important thing about prison is what attitude the men will possess toward society when they get out.

"All our penal institutions are rotten. The proof is in the fact that two-thirds of the inmates are repeaters, and most of them began in houses of refuge for children, or reformatories for youngsters.

"It was only 100 years ago that men were being hanged for crimes too numerous to mention. As yet, our prisons are not old enough to be respectable, yet many people look upon their methods as sacred and incapable of change.

"There is no such thing as either a physical or a mental defective. Criminals are moral defectives. Generally speaking, crooks are on a higher mental plane than the general run of the public.

"In general, the crook comes in contact with the law in three places, the police, the courts, and the prisons.

"The trouble with our police, especially in the big cities, is that they are neither honest nor efficient. Nor are there any examinations to check them up. It may surprise you, by the way, to know that crooks have told me that even a thief who hauls off three job a day can't make much of a living. Most of their money, they say, goes to the police and the lawyers.

FIXING OFFICIALS.

"The fixing of court, too, is common, and the distrust which the crook has of the methods of administration of justice is dangerous.

"Police think they are right, too much of the time, and once they have made a mistake, they refuse to admit it.

"The trouble with our courts is that they deal too much with the individual, and not enough with the facts of the crime alone. Mental specialists have no place in our courts before sentence is passed.

"Michigan has no grand jury, and I believe it would be a good idea if other states abolished it. It becomes only a dangerous weapon in the hands of unscrupulous district attorneys.

"Another trouble with our courts is the expense. Crooks believe they cannot get justice because they can't afford it.

"Self-respecting hogs would refuse to live in some of the cells where two or three men were placed when I first came to Sing Sing prison.

COME OUT HATING EVERYBODY.

"The result of it all is that crooks come out of prison hating everybody and everything and resolving only to get even with all the world."

"Organization of the Mutual Welfare league, an organization run solely by the prisoners, has proved to be the agency that has caused a reformation in the spirit of the inmates of prisons, Mr. Osborne declared.

"By working on the principle of loyalty to the gang," Mr. Osborne said, "we make a man a member of a miniature society in which he becomes entirely responsible for the enforcement of the law."

TYRANNY BULLS IN CALIFORNIA

Oakland, Cal. — Harry Wilson, Patrick Casey, Michael Dunn and James Laughlin, recently arrested at a meeting in this city, are held in \$1,000 bail each under charges of "criminal syndicalism." Three other men arrested at the same time have been released for lack of evidence. John Hannon, another of the prisoners, is charged by the police with being an I. W. W. organizer for California, Nevada and Arizona. Mere membership in the Industrial Workers is sufficient to cause conviction under the California criminal syndicalism act.

A WAR TROPHY

"Oh, mamma! Come here, quick!" "Well, well, Mabel; what is it?" "Lookie! Papa's found a quarter in his vest pocket!"

MOONLIGHT
EXCURSION
Postponed on account of Rain till
SATURDAY
AUG. 6th
Don't Leave 5th Ave. Dock at 8:30
Get tickets and Come Early!

DEFECTIVE PAGE

HENRY FORD—TERRORIST

The highly development individualist named in the above title gives no conscious aid to radicalism. Every month or two, however, he blasts the employing class—his own—with the propaganda of the deed, which is more formidable by far than the verbal propaganda of all the radicals put together for a year's time.

Henry Ford maintains a minimum wage—which includes unskilled labor—of six dollars per day. (Perhaps it is higher now; he raises it every little while.) Henry Ford owns a railroad, and this month he has voluntarily reduced freight rates twenty per cent. We will say that Henry Ford is interfering with business!

You cannot batter into the head of the average numskull even the vaguest outline of the profit system with the most fervid eloquence or the subtlest approach. No indeed—does he not know that "wages have to come down before prices come down"? Hasn't he been reading that in the papers and the Saturday Evening Post for two or three years?

But—let the same ivory head read about a millionaire capitalist who RAISES WAGES AND LOWERS PRICES and still makes money, and he instantly conceives a deep contempt for the other capitalist who cannot or will not do the same thing. Worse still, he knows at once that they are liars by the clock!

Yes, this man Ford is the terror of his class.

—BUTTE BULLETIN.

ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR INNOCENT WORKERS

Plea To Save Sacco And Vanzetti From Death Made By Advocate Of Justice

We publish the following letter written by J. A. H. Hopkins, Chairman of the Committee of 48, to show how far reaching the case of Sacco and Vanzetti has become. It is a second Mooney-Billings case and requires the attention of the workingclass of this country if we are to make ourselves secure from being railroaded to death by the tyrants of present capitalism.

Dear Sir:

The conviction of the labor organizers Sacco and Vanzetti of the murder of the paymaster and guard employed by the Slater and Morrill Shoe Company at South Braintree, Mass., on April 15, brings before the public in striking form the danger of circumstantial evidence and the brutality of our capital punishment laws. No one of course except Sacco and Vanzetti themselves know whether they are guilty or not. They have both protested their innocence earnestly and apparently sincerely. The evidence against them is entirely of a circumstantial nature, and in many respects of the flimsiest character.

The public prosecutor, in his charge to the jury, was several times called to account for misstatements of facts, which he was forced to admit. The character of the prisoners was attacked on various grounds entirely foreign to the crime with which they were charged. The fact that they were labor organizers, their alleged war record, their foreign birth, and many other extraneous matters were stressed very forcibly, and while Judge Thayer properly charged the jury to disregard any evidence in relation to these matters it is impossible to imagine, human nature being as it is, that the jury was not influenced, perhaps unconsciously, by these references.

In any event, the men were convicted of a capital crime, and unless their appeal is granted will go to the electric chair, on evidence of an entirely circumstantial nature. Time and again the weakness of circumstantial evidence has been demonstrated. Hardly a day passes that does not give us ample proof of the misleading character of circumstantial evidence, even in regard to the little things of life; and it is a disgrace to our civilization that convictions should be allowed on evidence of this character. It may be true that direct evidence is frequently unavailable, but we should do well to remember the admonition that it is better

for ninety-nine guilty men to escape than it is to punish one innocent individual. Humanity has forgotten this admonition. The spirit of it has almost entirely disappeared from our legal processes, and the hardening effect of this gradual drift is bad for us all.

Capital punishment, moreover, is a relic of barbarism. It is contrary to all the ethics of Christianity. It is contrary to the legal principle that restitution should be made for legal mistakes—for there is no possible reparation after the electric chair has done its work—and it has been conclusively proved that it is contrary to the best interests of society. Furthermore, so long as we admit the legal principle that a man has no power over his own life we cannot honestly contend that society has the right to take the lives of others. Capital punishment is a blot upon our civilization and a disgrace to our vaunted Christianity and humanity. It should be wiped off the statute books of every State in the Union.

Perhaps the effort to save Sacco and Vanzetti from the electric chair will lead to this result. If so their suffering and the agony of their families will not have been in vain. In any event, it is to be hoped that the most strenuous effort will be made to bring about a reversal of the verdict against them, and all those who have a sense of justice in their souls will lend their support to this effort.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. A. H. HOPKINS.

LABOR FAKER SLIMY TRAITOR

Washington. — Tom L. Lewis, once president of the United Mine Workers of America, now "commissioner" for the New River Coal Operators' Association in West Virginia, was the star witness presented to the senate committee investigating the Mingo county mine strike on Thursday by the Mingo operators.

Lewis left the union for the operators' service after he had been defeated for re-election by John P. White. His present opinion of the coal miners' organization is not high. Turning state's evidence, so to speak, he seeks to show that the organization left the safe and sane path of regular trade unionism in 1912, when it adopted its demand that the worker receive the "full social value of his product."

Counsel for the operators went much farther than Lewis, denouncing this program as being "socialistic and anarchistic," and designed to utterly confiscate the property of the mine owners.

USED TO IT

"I'm sorry to see you here," said the friend of a convicted bank embezzler.

"Oh, there isn't much change, after all," said the prisoner, cheerfully.

"No?"

"You see, I had been shut up in a cage and looking through bars for years before I came here. These bars are just a little thicker, and instead of being brass they are steel."

UNIONS RUN FACTORIES

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.
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MOSCOW. — The trade unions occupy a position of power and influence in Russia such as is enjoyed by no other labor movement in the world. So great is their weight that Lozovsky, president of the All-Russian trade unions, is able to state truthfully that there have been no important measures of any kind entered upon in soviet Russia unless the consent of the trade unions has first been secured. As things now stand the labor organizations take part in many activities. They participate immediately in the government through direct representation in the soviets. They carry on all sorts of welfare, health, educational and disciplinary work in the mines, mills and factories. They also have an important share in the management of industry, as we shall see in a later article about the supreme economic council, the organization which superintends production and distribution.

But the principal function of the Russian unions is to regulate the wages, hours and working conditions of labor. In this sphere they are supreme. Utterly unlike the labor organizations of other countries the Russian unions do not have to submit their "demands" to their employers. They submit them to themselves, as the responsible controllers of this phase of Russian industry. That is to say, they constantly survey the industrial situation and see to it that the workers enjoy the best conditions possible under the economic circumstances. When the unions decide upon a certain policy within their jurisdiction about all there is left for the governmental powers to do is to formally endorse it. This is indeed a different situation from that in other countries, where the workers have to fight for years against parasitic employers and repressive governments to secure even the most trivial reforms.

The October revolution fundamentally altered the functions of the Russian trade unions. Before that great event these organizations were, like the unions of all other countries now are, essentially fighting bodies whose aim it was to wring every possible concession from the exploiters. But the revolution wiped out these capitalistic enemies and set up in their stead as the employer the proletarian state. As this body is composed of workers and inspired by labor ideals the unions do not have to fight it for concessions — on the contrary, they are themselves fully entrusted by it with the regulation of labor conditions and made largely responsible for the continuation of industry. Thus the revolution has brought the unions out of the era of industrial warfare and into that of industrial peace. It has changed them from organs of combat to organs for carrying on production.

A long evolution has been required (and it is by no means finished yet) to change the trade unions from militant fighting bodies into peaceful producing organizations. An indication of some of the phases of this evolution may be instructive:

In the fierce industrial struggles just before and after the October revolution the Russian workers developed a military of spirit practically unknown in western countries. One of their weapons for carrying the war to the capitalists was the "shop committees." These shop committees, to begin with, were mostly independent of the unions. This was because at that time the latter, either through their craft form or numerical weakness, or both combined, usually did not include all the workers, whereas the very breath of life of the shop committees was that they acted in behalf of all the workers in given plants and industries.

In the last months of the Kerensky regime the shop committees conquered great power. They wrested from the employers a large share control over the labor and business sides of production. This power they greatly increased in the industrial turmoil which followed the October political upheaval. In fact, they became the cutting edge of the industrial revolution. To a great extent they were the means used by the workers to confiscate the factories. Often they simply drove off the capitalists (who were busily doing their best to sabotage and ruin the industries) and took charge themselves.

In many cases the shop committees tried to carry on production. But in this they were not a success. Although they were able fighting organizations they soon showed that they were unfit to manage in-

dustrial successfully. Much confusion resulted from these local bodies trying to operate the big factories which, considering their markets and raw material supply sources, are essentially national in character. Consequently the militant shop committees, having fulfilled their war-like mission, had to give way.

Eventually the newly organized national unions came to the front, expanding themselves into industrial organizations and taking in all classes of workers. They amalgamated the shop committees into their official machinery and restricted their activities principally to the local control of labor in industry. To a large extent the national unions took over the supervision formerly exercised by the shop committees. But now the national unions, in turn, are also gradually yielding their direct control over industry, which has largely passed into the hands of the various boards and committees of the supreme economic council. To begin with, the national unions insisted upon proportional representation in a practical control over these economic bodies carrying on production. This was a natural result of their fighting instinct, their intense suspicion of all outside bodies and their determination to protect the revolution at all costs.

With the passage of time, however, the national unions are diverging from this militant policy. They are becoming convinced that their capitalist enemies are finally defeated and that the new order of society can be trusted with the operation of industry. Moreover, they are learning that to carry on industry special ability is necessary and that this ability must not be hedged about with red tape or ignorant meddling. Hence, the tendency now for them is not to insist upon "mechanical representation" in the producing organizations, but to aid in the selection of able executives, and when these are selected, to give them power to go ahead in purely technical matters.

How far this evolution will go, to just what extent the trade unions will lay aside their militant industry, will of course depend upon the general course of the revolution. One thing, however, everyone here is certain and controlling the multi-tude of the workers as they do, have before them a future of constantly expanding service and influence.

The fundamental change in status of Russian trade unions from in-

dustrial war to industrial peace has naturally greatly altered their viewpoint in many matters. One of these that may be profitably mentioned relates to the question of strikes in industry.

In all capitalistic countries the right to strike is jealously guarded and fought for by the best and most militant elements in the working class. Moreover, this vanguard exercise it freely themselves and seek to get the great masses to do likewise. They consider it one of the best means to advance the interests of the workers.

But not so in Russia. Here the situation is just the reverse. Although the workers have the legal right to strike, the labor movement is decidedly against using it. It is exactly the militant workers who condemn the strike weapon and try to prevent the less advanced masses from making use of it. The explanation of this is perfectly simple and logical: the Russian unions realize that the supreme task before them is to reconstruct industry. They know that strikes in this country do not better the condition of those taking part in them, but only make it worse, and render still more difficult the problem of rehabilitating industry. Moreover, they know from bitter experience that the counter revolutionists, who are fully aware of Russia's great industrial needs, systematically incite the backward masses to sabotage and labor walk-outs. The fact is that strikes under the workers' government have been practically all the result of counter revolutionary activity, or the work of ignorant toilers rebelling against absolutely unavoidable cuts in rations, etc.

Strikes in soviet Russia are nothing less than so much scabbing on the revolution. Hence the militants are dead against them. The best elements in the working class are unreservedly for bearing with present bad conditions and for fighting the thing through to final victory. And they know that this can only be done by staying in the work shops and helping to satisfy Russia's crying need for life necessities, a need which must be satisfied or the revolution will surely fail. They look upon slackers who go on strike with about the same contempt that good trade unions in capitalistic countries do upon weak-kneed workers who sneak back to their jobs during industrial struggles.

Such is the natural and justified basis for the anti-strike sentiment in soviet Russia, which some unscrupulous and ignorant trade union leaders have tried to make use of as an argument against the Russian revolution.

AMERICANIZED AMERICANISM PATRIOTIC PATRIOTISM

All over the country mob rule is increasing and the violence of the American Legion is beginning more and more rampant. The government appears helpless in the face of the business element that has decreed that it may take vengeance on any one it does not agree with.

Here is another list of applied Americanism and patriotic patriotism:

Mob Violence.

1. Florida. Rev. Philip S. Irvin, archdeacon of the English Episcopal church at Miami and a British subject, was tarred and feathered on July 17th by masked men, who it is claimed, took offense at his association with an organization of British overseas veterans.

2. Warning him to stop advising Negroes to "demand the right to vote, to refuse to enter Jim Crow cars, and to defend the honor of their women at any cost," a band of Ku Klux Klan took Rev. H. H. Higga, a Negro minister of Cococanut Grove from his home on July 7th and whipped him.

3. Texas. Mrs. Beulah Johnson, out on bond on a bigamy charge, was taken from the porch of a hotel by unidentified men at Tena on July 16th and tarred and feathered.

4. J. W. McKnight of Nacogdoches was beaten by masked men at Timson on July 17th. McKnight received recently a Ku Klux Klan warning.

5. Ben Pinto of Fort Worth was tarred and feathered by masked men on July 6th and ordered to leave Tarrant County within 48 hours.

6. Louisiana. Four Negroes were killed and one white man was wounded in a conflict near Monroe on July 16th when a Sheriff's posse, attempting to arrest two Negro women met resistance from armed Negroes.

7. Missouri. On July 18th masked men whipped Richard Johnson, 68 years of age, a retired farmer of Warrensburg, and warned him to leave the county.

8. Oklahoma. Walter Pollard, Negro porter at an El Reno hotel was seized by seven men and severely horsewhipped on July 12th because he had been "too free" with the hotel guests.

9. South Dakota. 103 I. W. W. harvest hands were driven from Aberdeen on July 15th by citizens' posse aiding Sheriff Elliott of Brown County, who notified neighboring towns to "keep the men moving."

10. Minnesota. A. C. Townley, president of the Non Partisan League, under 90-day sentence for conspiracy to obstruct enlistment in the war, was denied a petition for reargument of the case by the Minnesota Supreme Court on July 16th.

11. New York. A charge of "disseminating anarchistic and dangerous literature" was made against Samuel Rohrlack, arrested in Brooklyn on July 9th for selling the Liberator without a permit.

12. West Virginia. A writ of habeas corpus to release the nine United Mine Workers of America leaders arrested on July 9th for unlawful assemblage was denied by the State Supreme Court on July 15.

The men were remanded to the custody of the military authorities, who released them with the understanding that they will leave the state within a week. The court upheld Gov. Morgan's new martial law proclamation, declaring that the recently organized volunteer guards constituted a militia.

13. Wisconsin. Michael Sucha and Joskim Mokorovitch, arrested without warrants at Milwaukee for distributing Communist literature were released on habeas corpus writs issued by Federal Judge Ferdinand Geiger, on July 11th.

TODAY

Today is the day of hunger, the terrible day of need
When the workingclass must suffer in a system built on Greed;
When the women-folk and children in agony shown by tears
Appeal to the men of Labor, who are filled themselves with fears:
They're full of the fears of workmen, when a job cannot be found,
Yet by duty sworn by manhood to feed their own they're bound.
So, in terror millions shudder, while the master-men are mad,
With the onward march of Hunger—when no bread is to be had.

But today is the day of thinking, and of earnest planning, too—
For the time has come when Labor must devise some scheme to do.
It is time to wreck this system when it ceases to provide
For the needs of common people, and it cannot stem the tide:
The tide is the storm of protest of the hunger-driven earth
As it rushes on to Freedom, to herald the New Day's birth.
When the people rise united they must get their justice then,
For Rebellion knows no master when it grips the hearts of men!

Awake, O Men of Labor! for the time is surely here
To banish the reign of hunger, of misery and fear.
Today is the day to conquer, and conquer the earth you must
For the masters know no limit and will crush you to the dust!

—HAL BROMMELS.

LAWLESS LEGION VOTES AGAINST LAW AND ORDER

Anarchistic Organization Defeats Resolution To Uphold Constitution

Federated Press)

New York.—By a vote of about two to one the New York county committee of the American Legion has defeated a resolution upholding the principles of free speech, free assembly and freedom of the press. By the same vote, the Legion committee refused to repudiate the lawless acts committed by members of the organization in all parts of the country, ranging from mob violence by stealth to open and flagrant defiance of law and of its own constitution.

The resolution, notwithstanding, received the staunch support of the representatives of Willard Straight Post, No. 842, who declared in the debate that unless the Legion ceased its covert encouragement of law breaking and began to practice the principles it pretended to stand for it would cast aside its power for good.

Several months ago, before the publication of the series of articles in the Nation by Arthur Warner, arraigning the Legion and its officers for lawlessness and hypocrisy, and before the publication of detailed and verified charges of many such offenses, compiled by the American Civil Liberties union, Willard Straight post made a long and carefully documented report to the Legion's county committee showing the Legion members had taken active and leading parts in lawless and anarchistic acts in various parts of the country. The purpose of the report was to place the Legion on record against the activities of this sort which have been discrediting its leadership and identifying its membership with hoodlumism throughout the nation.

The resolution voted down by the county committee was as follows: "Whereas, the American Legion has lately been publicly attacked on the charge of having shown an alleged spirit of lawlessness on the part of some of its members and posts, and upon the further charge of having failed to take any steps to curtail such lawless action.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved: "That the American Legion of New York county indignantly repudiates this charge of lawlessness, and standing adamant for law and order and for justice under the law, and believing that men are free to think as they will, to speak as they will, to write as they will, provided thereby they do not trespass on the like privileges or do injury to others, wishes to record itself as condemning any activities in the direction of suppressing that rich inheritance from our fathers, the most cherished of all rights guaranteed by the constitution, the lawful exercise of freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of public meetings; and "Be it further resolved, that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the state executive committee, to our national commander and national executive committee and to the press."

Following the defeat of the resolution, officers of the Willard Straight post declared: "The real significance of this vote was that the delegates, more than 100 in number and representing 15,000 members of Manhattan posts representing the general sentiment of the Legion in this country, were unwilling to commit themselves to

any declaration which would seem to admit in any measure the truth of the charges (published in the Nation and by the Civil Liberties union). The vote and the sentiment expressed showed that the majority of the delegates really do not believe in the principles of free speech or in condemning extra-legal and illegal 'policing' by the American Legion."

Mr. Germer declares that the Legion, or its members, go from corner to corner to corner inciting residents, who have never been annoyed by hundreds of meetings in recent years, to protest the meetings. "At meetings after meeting at which this has occurred," he said, "the men who have tried to stir up disorder and who have promised trouble in the future, have loudly proclaimed themselves to be Legionnaires."

PRINTED PAGE IS ALMOST HYPNOTIC

New York. — The Delineator has just completed the publication of three articles by Vice-President Coolidge in which that stalwart apostle of "Americanism" warns the nation of "the radical menace" in the women's colleges. Now, in an article published in a New York daily, the associate editor of the Delineator, Miss Leonarda Goss, permits a glimpse into the way periodicals are edited and the editorial duties and activities of the persons who decide what the American public shall read.

"... a day-long series of conferences with visitors or associates. One goes today to an authors' tea, tomorrow to a social conference, next day to a luncheon of political leaders. One dines on the avenue or on the east side. One receives at one's office autocratic successful authors or humble beginners eager to accept either advice or encouragement."

And then: "The personally ambitious editor is a threat to society. His or her control over millions who believe, literally, every word of the printed page is almost hypnotic."

FLAG IRRITATES N. Y. MERCHANT

New York. — Frank Richardson, a commission merchant at 62 Leonard Street, New York, passed the Sixty-ninth Regiment armory here and noticed a flag of which he did not like the looks. He wrote to Governor Miller about it and demanded haughtily by what right the flag of "an alleged republic" was displayed there. "The flag in question," he wrote, meaning the Sinn Fein flag, "has no standing except in the minds of a few rabid people."

The matter was referred to Lieutenant Colonel William Costyan of the Sixty-ninth, who wrote the governor:

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KU KLUXER IS COWARD

BUTTE, Mont. — Thomas E. Baber, organizer of the Ku Klux Klan, has departed from this city though his work was not completed.

Larry Duggan, sheriff of this county, elected by labor last fall, read an ad calling for "100 per cent Americans," published in the Butte Miner and a news story describing the objects of the organization. Duggan publicly stated that if the Ku Klux attacked in this community "they tempted any of its customary would be shot down like wolves."

DINNER PAIL EPICS

By Bill Lloyd.

From lots of signs that I can see, it really now has got to be a social blunder in a way to notice Independence Day. It is so very out of date, in this here Colony of late, to jog the mind of old John B. that we thrashed him on land and sea. And then, it ain't exactly wise to pull the nose of any guys whose debts to us is such a pile that if they should stay mad a while they might refuse to borrow more and even drive Sims from their shore and give the raspberry and the sack to every Anglomaniac!

I can remember, as a kid, on every Fourth we raised the lid. The merchants kicked in quite a pot and for the fireworks spent a lot. The biggest lawyer in the town thundered a speech that shook the ground and manuevered the Lion's claws, at which the folks clapped applause.

But now, dear folks—and here's the rub—the average Commercial Club ain't feeling absolutely gay about this Independence Day, and Sons of Revolution fame is holding cards in this here game. The crime of Bunker Hill, they say, was hatched by Prussians of that day—a sort of Wilhemstrasse plot that makes our patriots awfully hot. Those Concord farmers, sung of old, might just of taken Russian gold. Our early his'tries all was lies; for Franklin we apologize! If we refund the British debt perhaps she'll kill all Irish yet!

And to teach "Independence" so, is mighty ticklish, don't you know. This freedom stuff ain't just the thing that our best people like to sing. Old Jefferson was not so rock; perhaps he was a bolshevik, and that old document he wrote somehow just has a Russian note. He was of that misquid school that thought the common folks should rule.

And so, about this year. the Fourth, short many a cheer. Harding, they say, will make no speech, although his front porch is in reach. They'll celebrate the Armistice in hopes that Freedom won't be missed!

France to Enter Russia
NEW YORK.—Advises received here declare that Senator Joseph I. France finally has been authorized by the Russian government to enter Russia to make a first-hand investigation of conditions there with a view to the re-establishment of trade relations.

It is stipulated that while the Russian government expects Senator France to occupy himself in investigating matters relevant to trade conditions, he will be given full and complete co-operation along these lines. He is not to make any attempt to interfere in the cases of such Americans as may be under detention in Russia.

A Song of the Future

How proud we are to realize
Past hope and dreams come true;
The strife of war is past and gone;
No battles cloud the blue.

Yes, gone with war are graft,
intrigue,
And profits of a wrong.
Enlightenment of this great year
Builds peaceful life and song.

The exploitations of the past
Made dwarfs of countless young;
Brought silver locks before their
time,
And heroes died unsung.

The sorrow of the days gone by
Lends aid to mental sight;
The darkness of much wrong we've
turned
To daylight of a right.

Receding shades of past reveal
A useful happy morn;
While roses and the lilies now,
The weedy spots adorn.
D. S. Dietz.

LENIN ON THE PRODUCE TAX

"Pravda" gives the concluding words of Lenin on the Produce Tax in its report of the conference of the Russian Communist Party. Lenin expressed his satisfaction over the discussion which gave a standard for the application of the new regulations in the provinces. He also dealt with various objections: "We are fighting for the suppression of capitalism and the setting up of Communism. When we make concessions to the peasant class who feel themselves exhausted more than all others it is done actually to prepare the arrival of Communism. This policy rests upon the class principle."

"We are ready to make all concessions so that we may maintain the power of the proletariat, to strengthen it and in spite of all hindrances to the abolition of class, to arrive at a practical application of Communism."

Lenin now dealt with the discussion over the report of Swider-ski and presented the principles of the agreement between the state and the Co-operatives. The latter carry on business for the state, the large industry, and the proletariat. Thus they are working in the interest of the proletarian state. Lenin now pointed out that it was necessary to give the Independents who had proven their spirit of enterprise an opportunity to co-operate. In the present period the Communist Party must occupy itself first of all with practical problems. The provincial meetings must encourage the initiative of the Provinces. In conclusion Lenin recommended all those present at the conference to study the economic situation on the spot where the decree was to be applied. When this is put into practice the Soviet republic would make rapid progress.

BIG STEALS IN SHIPBUILDING GAME

Washington. — Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, in his speech in the senate demanding an investigation of charges that British influences are back of the anti-labor policy of the United States shipping board, warned congress and the country that this policy spells the death of the American merchant marine. He asked for the passage of his resolution providing for a formal inquiry into the truth of the

charges and into the whole industrial situation involved in the seamen's strike.

Four billion dollars of American money, taken from the people by congress, have gone into the building of the merchant fleet which now is being robbed of its seamen by the failure of the shipping board to maintain peace with labor, he said. If the men are driven from the sea, if Americans cannot be persuaded by good conditions to remain on the ships, then these billions will have been squandered and the dream of American sea power will have been shattered.

The man who carried the seamen's act through congress against the will of the Republican and Democratic leaders was frank in his statement that the shipping board named by Harding is identical in policy with the one named by Wilson. Both are playing the game of the private ship owners and both appear to have been influenced by propaganda from abroad, where the fear of America's gaining power in ocean trade is ever present.

LaFollette called attention to the fact that the members of the International Seamen's union have not signed any agreement, but are awaiting the first favorable moment to renew the struggle in which general industrial conditions have for the time being worsted them. Until the seamen are treated as men and their industrial rights and an American standard of living are guaranteed them the problem of creating an American merchant marine will have been merely postponed.

ADHERE TO THIRD INTERNATIONAL.

Lille, France. — A majority of one vote in favor of adhesion with the Third (Moscow) Internationale was given yesterday by the congress of French metal workers now in session here. The vote stood 113 for adhesion and 112 against.

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"The Daniel who went into the lion's den?"

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THE OUTLAW NATION

A very clumsy editorial appeared in the Duluth Herald last Saturday under the caption, "Russia — An Outlaw Nation."

It is necessary to quote somewhat extensively from this editorial to show how really clumsy it is:

For centuries among the nations there has existed a code of international law to which all states subscribed, in the same way, speaking by a comparison which is not entirely precise, as the citizens of Duluth agree to, and obey the laws of the city, county, state and nation. True, nations often violate this international code, just as private citizens often violate the laws over them.

When a man sets himself outside of the ordinary law he is called, and is, an outlaw, and when any nation casts to the winds the settled rules governing nations, it is an outlaw nation as to the states which adhere to the code.

One of the simple rules of international law is that each member of the society of nations shall not interfere in the internal affairs of the others. Russia, as now governed, rejects this rule and proclaims revolution in every land and sends out emissaries to promote it. She has done this in all the chief countries of the world.

In the first place we do not see what the Herald is sour over as far as Russia is concerned. The Herald never advocated that we should invite her into the "society of nations." Fact is that the Herald's government has not recognized Russia and can therefore not chastise her, any more than the commercial club can chastise Bill Haywood.

In the second place, Russia has not interfered with the internal affairs of this nation or those of any other nation. Where are the "emissaries" sent out by Russia into this country? Point them out. The department of justice will give you a million dollars a head. Be a sport and give your information. The nation is holding its breath till it hears from you.

Or you might point out the emissaries of Russia in some of the other countries. Who is the emissary in England? Mention the one in France or Italy.

Come across, or admit that you are talking thru your stovepipe hat.

There are citizens that proclaim "revolution in every land" and there are citizens in America who proclaim it here. There are good reasons for it. But they are not sent hereby Russia as her emissaries.

Another rule and practice is that all states shall admit travelers and traders from other states and treat them on terms of equality. Not so in Russia. Only those are admitted from whose presence the Soviet expects advantage. Others are starved in filthy prison, or otherwise killed. Another rule is that a nation shall pay its external debts Russia repudiates them. She uses the railroads built with money loaned by French peasants and workmen but refuses to return the money or acknowledge the debt.

That is a rather innocent way of putting it. Admit travelers and treat them on terms of equality! That seems to be the way we treated the Soviet ambassador, Mr. Martens. That is the way we have treated several hundred deportees. That is the way we have treated the traders from Soviet Russia. It seems that the Herald is not well informed, or that it has forgotten what it was taught in the Sunday school about the fate of full grown liars.

And "that a nation shall pay its external debts." That is a good one. It would seem that a fellow with even a very small portion of self-respect would want to forget about the old debts that the pretty little czar contracted before he went to heaven. The czar never put the money he borrowed from other countries into railroads. He spent it on palaces and in a riotous living and squandered it among strange women and in drunkenness. The railroads the Bolsheviks are using now were built by themselves and the workers of Russia. They owe nobody anything.

But why does the Herald tackle Russia even tho it were true that she owed money to other countries? Why not tackle England and France who just the other day practically informed us that the \$15,000,000,000 she owes cannot be paid and that we must cancel the whole affair? Has the Herald forgotten that so soon? Or does the Herald call England and France "outlawed Nations" too?

The Soviet violates the practice of civilized states everywhere. Why do they not attack her? The reason is they have had enough of fighting for a while, and furthermore are not able to join in an effective war against the Soviet. And there are other reasons. Russia has insulted Great Britain, France and the United States in various ways. They hold back and await the turn of the tide, considering this to be wiser than to mobilize.

There is a lot of truth in the first sentence of the above. Russia violates several practices of civilized states. She violates the practice of unemployment. She has put every able-bodied man and woman to work. Here we put children and cripples to work while we let the strong go idle. She violates the practice of civilized states in respect to exploitation and graft. She has no shipping board scandal and no Lenn Small dodging the sheriff. She violates the practice of civilized states in omitting cases like those of Jake Hamon and James Stillman. She violates the practice of civilized states by refusing to have grain gamblers and packing trust and oil thieves and coal pirates and twelve hour a day steel mill slaves. Of course she does. Those are mighty good violations.

Yes, and the reason "civilized states" do not attack her is that she would lick the daylight out of them. The workers in those "civilized states" are getting wise, and cannot be depended on in a fight against a country that has a workingclass government. It might be hard to find soldiers who would not be converted by the snowstorms of Bolshevik leaflets that would flutter down from the Soviet flying machines just before the battle. That's what got the goat of the kaiser. It is liable to get the goat of other kaisers.

Internally, Russia has abolished all freedom. There are no elections. Autocrats dominate because they have weapons in their hands. No one, in the cities at least, can own a house, a box of provisions, an extra garment, or the labor of his hands. Labor unions are abolished. All are the slaves of the state. They are seeking to

put in practice the code prevailing among the Peruvian Indians under the Incas before Pizarro. There is to be a dead slavish level for all the people, excepting the masters whose will is to be law. Liberty of the citizens is abolished. Freedom of election, of speech, of action, is forbidden.

The above is such a fine description of the capitalist governments that it would seem superfluous to comment. In this country there is such love for labor unions and such lack of autocrats that we should perch as an example on the highest church tower to exclaim our noble condition.

According to Senator France and Claire Sheridan and Arthur Ransome and Frank Vanderlip and other well informed and honest people this last paragraph of the Herald editorial is wide of the mark and plainly untrue.

The Herald should read about the labor unions in Russia and it would find that the unions are in full control of all industries. The unions are the boss. They hire and fire and decide what conditions shall obtain in the factories. They have grown under Bolshevism from a mere handful to over eight million. In January 1917 there were 1,385 members of the trade unions. Now there are 8,485,800 members. The Herald says that "Labor unions are abolished."

In Russia the people own everything. There are no masters to own the industries or the homes. The workers own them. No capitalist exists there to rob the workers of the product of their toil. The workers get all they produce. There is freedom to live and to act. There are no slaves in New Russia. There are elections every six months when the people can select their own representatives. Only workers are elected for there are no others to elect. People are free in Russia. In America there is no freedom. The best citizens of our country are in prison. The workers are not allowed to organize here. They are not allowed to hold meetings except as the masters permit them. Their literature is confiscated and their offices are raided. We have no freedom to think or to speak or to write except as permitted by a few dictators of the capitalist class.

The Herald editorial is very clumsy and very foolish and very untrue. It is a typical capitalist editorial.

THE NEW STRIKEBREAKER

There has been trouble at the docks these last days and the workers have found a lot of education in the methods adopted to queer the blacklist.

The companies have found it profitable to cut the wages of the slaves and at the same time raise the wages of the slave-drivers. The straw bosses become better drivers if they get a little better pay and the masters thought it a good investment to put a few more dollars a week into their pay envelopes.

For these straw bosses immediately demanded that the slaves put an extra sack on the truck they have to shove up the steep gang plank. There was for years a rule that about four hundred pounds constituted a load, and the men have not kicked. But now comes the order that an extra hundred pounds must be added. That was too heavy. Also it required that the last sack be placed right up on the arms of the men and this caused both hardship and inconvenience.

So the boys simply quit one forenoon. They had learned to quit when the boat was half loaded and the cars half unloaded. It meant that the boss was up against it as neither boat nor cars could be moved until the job was finished.

The boys returned the next morning only to repeat the walkout stunt when the boss demanded the unreasonable. It is not a strike in the old sense. It is just quitting work whenever the boss does not give the men a square deal.

An advertisement was then put into the cap press calling for 500 men. The idea was to replace the old ones with obedient fellows who were not onto the trick. But the caps did not reckon with the I. W. W. For at the same time the cap ad appeared the wobs sent a wire for 500 of their members and they mixed them with the raw recruits so as to get about half of them into the new crews. These wobs could then pull out the crew in the same way as before. Of course they were spotted and blacklisted, but there were more wobs to mix each day with the new crews, so no matter how careful the bosses are there will always be enuf wobs in the gangs to pull the workers off when the straw boss demands that the men add another sack to the load.

The company is scared stiff at the number of I. W. W. members that wedge into the new crews, and there seems to be no remedy for it. The worst of it is that the recruits get next to the game and it affords the best opportunity to make wobs that has ever been presented on the docks. Hardly a man who has been shipped in by the bosses remains without a wob card.

This is something that the caps had not figured on. It is handy to have a lot of unemployed, but what's the use if they are all wobs?

So the men are now carrying their usual load and the caps are kicking themselves for having raised the wages of the straw bosses as they cannot get any more bold out of the workers than before.

The trick is so easy if the workers only get wise and stick together.

The next trick will be to take over the whole works and omit to give profit to the masters at all. That's it.

PEEVED AT NAKED FACTS

When Thomas M. Osborne, of prison fame, was here last week, he said things that seem to have peeved the reactionary press quite a bit. He spoke before the bar association and gave the lawyers several jabs that they had not expected to get. But many of them took it in good humor and felt they had learned a lesson.

Not so the Tribune. This old timer stretches its face even further and claims Osborne was far from the facts.

This is part of what he said that the Trib cannot swallow on account of old age:

That "all penal institutions are rotten."

"There is no such thing as either a physical or a mental defect."

"The police in the big cities are neither honest nor efficient."

"The fixing of court officials is common."

"The trouble with our courts is that they deal too much with the individual and not enough with the facts of the crime alone."

Of course Osborne as well as others are aware that there are exceptions. But the general condition of our penal institutions is so bad that the few bright spots can hardly be considered. The system as a whole is rotten and cannot be patched or fixed by any reforms or attempted improvements. Our social environment makes criminals out of the very officers of the law, and

brutes out of the men and women who have charge of our prisons.

The warden and the jailer are made to believe that the victims under them are guilty of innate wickedness, while as a matter of fact they are guilty of nothing but the accidents of having been born in a vicious environment. The power that keeps them over the prisoners makes them brutes and brings them to the lowest stratum of animal degradation.

That the courts are rotten is so manifest that only the most hardened and ignorant can muster up courage to defend them. One needs only to go back to the trials of the I. W. W. and the Communists of the past years. There are the cases of Mooney and Billings and Debs and Mollie Steimer and Jim Larkin and Ben Gitlow. There is the farce of Townley and Gilbert. Rotten is no name for it. Osborne was right.

And the courts and the prison system are all a part of the capitalist machinery to keep the slaves in subjection and provide jobs for the hangers on who by their very jobs become servile to the class that is in power. In a large measure the whole judicial system is a drummed up business. The grind is like that of a factory. And like the capitalist factory it turns out a small product for the benefit of society, but the great proportion of its activity is for the profit that accrues to the select circle in control.

When capitalism goes the whole outrageous institution of courts and prisons that has become a blot on civilization will go with it, and in its place we shall have the administration of justice by a people who will first of all make environment decent and then take such care of the delinquents that they may not become worse and multiply as they now do thru the degrading crime factories called courts and prisons.

SENATOR FRANCE

Senator France has come back from Russia. His reports are most disappointing — to the reactionary and plutocratic people of this country.

Before he went and at time he left our shores the kept press lamented that such a man should be allowed to go to the country of blossoming Communism. They feared that he might not be true to the capitalist position, and that he might bring back reports in favor of the new government of Russia. Long editorials condemning his going were ground out by the mental prostitutes of the capitalist editorial sanctums. A veritable cry went up against his proposed trip to see for himself the land of promise. He saw and he is enthusiastic over what he saw.

Senator France tells us that Lenine and Trotzky are statesmen and that they are handling the situation in a creditable manner.

That is where the shoe pinches. No one can come to America and pay such a compliment to Harding and Hughes. They are far from handling the problems to the advantage of the people of this country. They are satisfactory to the small class that dictates to them. They are weak and without political or economic vision. They are narrow minded and prejudiced. They have a grudge on.

Not so with Lenine and Trotzky. When the offer came to them to release the American prisoners in return for food to be sent they smiled and said yes.

When Russia offered trade with this country that would give employment to the millions that now go hungry within our own border the foolhardy blunderbusses of our government stood there like peanut tyrants and answered no.

That is the difference between the statemanship of the bolsheviks and the capitalists. The bolsheviks are in for feeding the hungry at any cost. No pride stands in their way. The capitalists are in for starving the people unless there is profit in feeding them.

Senator France also spoke to the Russian Government about the release of the American prisoners, and in a kindly manner the Bolsheviks told him they were glad to release them if the senator would vouch for their keeping their mouth shut and not run over the country with a lot of lies. He consented to this and there was no more question about holding the prisoners. The only thing that seemed to offer a difficulty was to get the prisoners to make up their minds to go. Some of them will remember the kindness of the Bolsheviks as long as they live. Mrs. Harrison of Baltimore after being released said that she was treated with utmost kindness, and that her apartment was not a jail but a roomy house, and that her food was better than that allowed the heads of the government.

She may get sidetracked and over paid when she comes home, and thus she may go back on every principle of decency and run the sword of lies thru the heart of Russia. We hope not. She has so far not given the capitalist press any reason for rejoicing. She will gain the joy of a true soul of she sticks with the people who were fair to her and who are proving their worth by their loyalty to the suffering humans in their own and all other countries.

We welcome Senator France back to our shores, and we welcome his message of truth to the workers of our republic, and we shelter the hope that he may be a mighty factor in helping to establish a soviet government in our own great country.

BORIS BEKHMETIEV

This is the most hard-killed animal alive, as far as history and science are able to relate.

Boris Bekhmetiev is the name of the ambassador from Russia under the regime of the czar. He came to Washington and landed in the most exclusive society of that exclusive city. He had the friendship — and has it yet — of every royal skirt-lifter at our democratic capital.

When the czar left for worlds unknown and Russia became a free country under a workingclass government many of the old crew acknowledged that they had lost their job. Most of them have gotten a new job doing useful work and earning their living.

England and France and Sweden and other European countries, as well as the heathen countries of China and Japan and Mexico, together with the provinces of South America, fired their ambassador from Russia and told him he had to find cats at other trauhts than those of these particular governments. And it appears that the terminated ambassadorships left no choice to the defunct ambassadors. So they either went to work or went out to beg for their grub.

Not so Bekhmetiev. He hung on like a crab to a bathing girl's little toe. He is still holding on. He still struts about as "The Russian Ambassador." He cannot get it into his head that the workers are in charge in his country and that they have not seen fit to appoint him their ambassador to this or any other country.

And not only Bekhmetiev is in this state of mind. Our own government seems to share his delusion. For it is given us by good authority that this Bekhmetiev is not as yet short of funds tho no one seems to think that

the Bolsheviks have sent him a check for over three years. It appears that among the savings that have been inaugurated by the Harding administration may be counted the nifty sums that the treasury has saved for Boris Bekhmetiev, as a sort of bonus given him for services rendered in the trenches of the profiteers.

Tenny rate Bekhmetiev is an interesting animal. Which reminds us of our youth: Way out on the prairies where we started our young life we would find snakes — long black ones. Generally we followed Scripture and crushed their head with a stick or cut them to pieces with a spade. Old wizards among the settlers would tell us that even if we killed the snake in the early hours of the forenoon its tail would wiggle till the sun would set in the evening. We never staid to watch if it did wiggle that long.

Neither are we going to waste time to watch Boris Bekhmetiev.

SOME ECONOMY

The Harding administration is wonderful, after all. It certainly cuts expenses — in some places.

Didn't we have the cut out of the soldiers' bonus — about \$4,000,000,000? That was a dandy cut.

But we are not to be left to think that this is the only great saving of Harding's wonderful regime. No, no!

Our brainy and faithful Tribune comes along and brags of Harding as a school kid brags of his big brother who can eat more eggs on Easter morning than any other guy, and informs us in a long editorial that the secretary of the navy has hit upon one of the grandest projects of economy ever evolved in the brainy brain of a rooster.

This is the big of it:

Many of the camps of war time are to be abandoned. A few are to be kept up and the soldiers are to be moved from the abandoned camps, in some cases a couple of thousand miles. Under ordinary circumstances this would cost money. But the shrewd secretary of war has fixed all that. "The secretary expects to have the troops now in the camps slated for abandonment hike to their newly designated quarters, thus saving transportation charges."

The Tribune cannot get over the wonderful idea that has originated in the head of the war secretary, and keeps up the raving over the saving propensities of the administration by continuing: "The secretary feels it would be poor business to deliberately load such a charge on the fund which Congress says he shall have for the maintenance of his department."

So, Hike, boys, hike! It saves money for the profiteers, just as your hiking in France saved them a swag.

"I frequently find myself thinking," says one of our congressmen. This is encouraging if true.

Reports have it that a terrific explosion tore up one of the streets in Minneapolis something awful. May be that is what happened to our own Superior street a few years ago and the city dads forgot to mend it.

One good way to make the people of this country forget their hunger is to direct their attention to the food shortage in Russia.

Mrs. Harrison didn't find the Bolshevik prison near as bad as the plute press finds it. If she keeps up telling the truth she will likely learn more of the American prisons unless her country gives her passage on the next red ark.

The capitalist press seems sick in the face at the thankless public that has such disrespect for it that it will not believe plain and pouty lies even if they are written by a baptized Billy Sunday convert.

The unemployed are finding employment studying Communism. People will just simply refuse to be idle these days in spite of the slack times.

"Business is picking up," says headline. Polite for picking pockets.

Says the new chairman of the shipping board: "Had the books been kept with a view to cheating and deceiving the country they could not have been kept in much different shape than they were." There are still babies in long dresses who imagine that they were kept for any other purpose.

"Harding to make known his railroad views," is the page headline. Life is certainly one damn thing after another.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Correspondent: "Will you kindly tell me what is meant by 'doughboy'?" Yes, sir. A doughboy is the fellow who gets the dough. There is no connection between this and the ancient notion that a doughboy was one who fought in the trenches.

Inquisitive: "Is it true that they have a chaplain who prays for Congress?" No, ma'am, he brays.

Bible Student: "To whom did Isaiah refer when he said, 'The ox knoweth his owner and the Ass his master's crib'?" According to the latest authorities on homiletics this refers to the Methodist preacher of Two Harbors, tho personally we doubt that he knows even that much.

Puzzled: "I am so puzzled about the passage in Luke 8:27-33, and wonder if the Legion of Devils that the poor man had might in any way refer to the American Legion. Can you help me out?" No.

Anxious: "Has a young lady (?) who happens to be clerk in a post office at \$9 per week the power and right to spank everybody who does not agree with her about the Bolsheviks?" Of course she has. You must remember that she is in charge of everything while god is taking his vacation.

Lady (?) disturbing meeting: "If Russia is such a good country why don't you go there?" We don't like to leave you in ignorance and darkness.

War Veteran: "What is the difference between the shipbuilding board and the returned soldiers?" \$4,000,000,000.