

# SECRET (An American Story) By WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD

Everything was in full swing in the street when I stepped in on the scene. The red light district occupied the rear street, populated by white men and Chinese women.

Cabins and little houses, the homes of the married miners, were scattered about the surrounding mountain sides. The snow fell deep that winter and there was little to mark their locality save the snow drifts and an occasional chimney, sticking up thru the snow.

The following morning as I came to work I passed McCann's Pullman Gulch. A light was shining from the window.

That morning the old dope-head was arrested at the stage office. He came early with a box to be taken to Salt Lake City. The man who had made him was taken to the stage office and the man who had made him was taken to the stage office.

Every early morning came his own house. The one I mention in this story is the one in Salt Lake City. The man who had made him was taken to the stage office.

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It was growing dark. Mac's every nerve was vibrating. His brain was aching. He trembled as with tangos. He knocked on the grated door with a gun. The sheriff came. Mac and I went out. "You got that staff for me, I've been busy." But encourage me. "I'll be before the store again. You know the names of the class men, do you Mac?" "Of course I do," came the response in a shrill, shrill tone. "I thought you'd," took upon examination the box was found to contain high-grade ore, that would have several failures to the pound.

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From a painting by Louis Lozowick.

## Views on Some of the Big Events of the Week

### Brass and Cash

Whatever one may say of our own capitalist class, no matter how much one may denounce the American employers, all must agree that our capitalists are not to be despised. And that is why they have the cash, too.

This seems to be the era of super-bonuses for the powerful capitalists by the Government. A person, nowadays, doesn't get the chance to put his paper and finish reading about one huge bonus given by the Government than another edition of the same newspaper is rushed to him with the story of a new and more gigantic bonus given to the bossing class.

Now it is another shipping steal. The Shipping Board has just sold seven high grade ships, of the President type to the United States Dollar Steamship Company of California for less than four million dollars. These ships cost the American workers and farmers \$30,000,000. Then the steamship Los Angeles was sold to the Los Angeles Steamship Company for \$100,000 after the Shipping Board wisely invested close to three million dollars merely for installing improvements on it.

This surely looks like good business. It undoubtedly is a monument to that off-headed capitalist virtue of private enterprise. Then, to seal these profitable contracts to the capitalists, Chairman Farley of the Shipping Board hands in his resignation. The members closed. The last prayer of the departing Chairman Farley is that the details of the contracts cannot be made public because such publicity might injure the companies in competition with their foreign rivals.

This is a mighty clever game, isn't it? When you haven't a leg to stand on, call in the flag, national pride, and what not. Patriotism still is the best refuge of the worst scoundrels. Our capitalists are bragging to their Government at Washington surely have the brass to commit such brazen holdups in broad daylight. But that is precisely why they have the cash and own the government, body and soul.

### Civilizing Porto Rico

Many of us may recall that one of the lessons most fervently impressed upon us in our school days was that the United States alone of the nations of the world played the role of the Good Samaritan towards its weaker neighbors. The pictures given us of the happy lands we made out of the Philippines, Hawaii, Cuba and Porto Rico are still green in our memories.

Now, since this is the open season for investigation, let us do a bit of prying into some of these beautiful pictures painted for us by our poor school teachers, who very often unconsciously propagandize the most poisonous imperialist traumas. Let us take, for example, one of these lands made happy by our marines, bluejeans, or khaki boys.

Taking a good look at Porto Rico, which has been in the brutal grip of the ugly civilizing hand of Wall Street for twenty five years, we find a totally different picture from what we were given by our good-hearted teachers in school. The Stars and Stripes proudly wave over Porto Rico, more than half of its children of school age are not in school. More than half of its population of ten years and over are illiterate. Most of the people, the working masses, live in thatched huts having wretched sanitation. The seasonal requirements of the American capitalist-controlled sugar and tobacco crops have created a great group of migratory workers who have no homes of their own, are almost completely dispossessed. Their children are deprived of the slightest opportunity of being educated. The steady rise and development of the sugar and tobacco plantations controlled by Wall Street, are driving the poor farmers off

### Nailing Their Own Hides

The political atmosphere of Washington is reeking with graft and corruption. One can hardly walk a street in the Capitol without being in danger of walking into some new sewer which is being splashed by the filth of some exposure.

"Smelling committees" are on the job investigating every thing under the sun and almost every section of the great green globe of ours. This a Washington evening paper one finds the following instructive headlines: "Senator Walsh Inferns Fall is Graft"; "Senator Pokes Fun at Polar Flight"; "McKellar Flays Traction Companies on Fare"; "Hughes Gives Data to Senate Inquiry"; "Wood, in Fear, Lets Up on Filipinos."

What's all this terrific noise about? Why are these "gentlemen" and senior and junior senators from Maine to California going after each other hammer and tongs? Why are they trying to nail each other's hide on the door of their own political shanties? There must be some deep going reason for senators to look into matters as trifling as the cost of the Philippines and from poor Washington street cars to oil wells in Wyoming.

The facts are these: A national election is on our heels. There is a great volume of discontent. The capitalist political parties of all shades and stripes are now vying with each other in the game of throwing mud in order to capitalize as much of this discontent as possible for the sake of getting control of the government administrative machinery out of the hands of one capitalist political clique and into the hands of another employing class clique. Investigators and investigated only reflect the present conflicting interests among the various layers of the ruling class, the vagueness and indistinctness of the present rifts within these sections of the owning class of the country is best mirrored in the chaos and general purposelessness of the whole puppet show now going on in Washington.

But let no one take these fights too seriously, important as they are. None of these capitalist politicians is willing and ready to go out swinging the axe against the system responsible for this diseased condition. They are only nailing each other's hides for their immediate petty party advantages. They will go thus far and no further.

### British Colonial Problem

Followers of Zaghoul Pasha, whom the English rulers of Egypt have kept in jail until recently, have been returned as a majority in the Egyptian parliament.

In India, the followers of Mahatma Gandhi, who likewise experienced the blessings of British democracy in prison, despite almost impossible restrictions on their suffrage, have piled up a majority in the Indian government.

All of which would indicate that Great Britain would have to inaugurate a new colonial policy and weaken the empire or lose some colonies and likewise weaken the empire. J. R. Thomas, the new colonial secretary, is going to have his hands full of a number of things.

Join the Workers Party!

## Look to Your Neighbor's Reading!

Next in importance to your own reading is your neighbor's reading. It is true that what we read determines what we know and what we know determines how we live. If we are to progress in applying our knowledge, however, it is also necessary for our neighbors and our friends to interpret correctly what is happening all about us.

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# TREASURES ON THE WORKERS' BOOKSHELF

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## The Problems of the British Labor Party

By ALEX BOLGAR.

NOT only has the English Labor Party thru its election victories become the most important political factor of its country, it has also become a deciding factor in the sphere of world politics. It is to be expected from it, that as in national problems, so also in international problems it will take an active part and help in the solution of such which its predecessors failed to solve. These problems, in their scope and complexity offer to the Labor Party not merely a large field of action in which it can demonstrate that it knows how to conquer, but also that it knows how to turn its victories to good account, they also involve many dangers which, if ignored, can produce a critical turn in the victory. Let us attempt to examine more closely a few of these points.

1. With regard to the inner political problems of the Labor Party, the most important thing is its position within the party machinery, its relation to the other parties, and the measure of unity within its own ranks. For upon this depends the question whether the Labor Party can provide a promising Labor Government, whether it feels itself able to meet the new turn in the political situation, and whether it is in a position to meet all the dangers which in the nature of things exist. All these questions merge together in the problem of a Coalition Government. The party is perhaps being decisively influenced in this direction not only by its party opponents but also by its own right wing in a very definite manner, besides by the demands of Parliamentarism which it has always respected and those of opportunism, which is not always to be avoided. On the other hand, this same Parliamentarism alone, would make it possible for the party to remain outside the Government, ignoring the persistent encouragement of the opposition parties, and continuing the role of opposition party, perhaps a more useful and less haphazard one at the present juncture of affairs. This would perhaps also be a more representative policy for the left wing of the party, which regards the socialistic development of the party as menaced by the excess of trade union bureaucrats, and late liberals. It is strongly within their recollection, that is the Scotch section and the leaders of the Independent Labor Party, that during the war period whilst the Labor Minister was toasting with the king, they themselves, also as "guests of His Majesty," were sitting in prison.

A second point hitherto unexplained is that, assuming the loyal support and benevolent neutrality of the Liberals, what would be the attitude towards the Labor Party, of the bureaucracy, the police, the army and navy, and the industrial and commercial apparatus? The Labor Party is in this respect thoroughly optimistic, but whether the officialdom, for the most part reactionary, of the Foreign Office and Treasury will not create sabotage against the Labor Government and the City will undermine its credit thru its great international influence, cause concern to many far-seeing Labor Party politicians in England as well as abroad.

2. Similar conjectures arise when one considers more closely the attitude of the Colonies to the central Labor Government in the great British Empire. Only a few weeks ago one saw at the Empire Conference the significance of the power of the dominions and colonies within the Empire. In after all the whole turn in English politics during the last weeks a direct result of the Empire Conference, in which the independence of the colonies showed itself in a very clear light, and an indication of the decay of British imperialism? Still at this conference the most important personality was the South African prime minister, General Smuts, who only ten months ago aroused much criticism when his barbaric oppression caused a rising on the part of South African Labor. But is it then to be assumed that the spirit which evinced itself in Smuts' activities and which was not restricted to South Africa alone, would be more favorably inclined towards a central Labor Government than it was towards a Conservative one? There are certainly a number of Colonies with very strong Labor Parties, but whether they possess enough strength to avert an attack, if only an economic one, against the governing party of the motherland, remains to be seen.

3. Continental politics also present no little difficulty for an English Labor Party. Certainly the Labor Government is much more favorably placed in this connection than an imperialistic one or one which is continually influenced by the war and the Treaty of Versailles, nevertheless many insurmountable obstacles can be put in the way of a Labor Government in discussion with France, in active participation in the reparations question, in the revision of the Peace Treaty, in the Second International, in all of which are unavoidable problems. To these may be added the unavoidable consideration of the German working class.

4. Further, the British Labor Party is the leading organization of the Social Labor International and thereby plays the same part as the German Social Democracy did in the Second International, very similar to it in idealistic respects, but in political judgment, in adaptability, in qualification for statesmanship considerably superior to the German Party. Whether in regard to its international obligations as the government party of the chief country in Europe it fall in the present situation as the German Social Democracy Party did in 1914, depends in large measure upon how far the class conscious opposition within the Labor Party can influence the actions of the Labor Government. Trade Union leaders and ex-liberals alone will not be in the position to conform with these international demands and a rupture in this sphere would also cause considerable damage to the remaining activities of the Labor Government.

5. But what is most clear and least contestable, on the part of its opponents also, is the policy of the Labor Government and also any other government with respect to Soviet Russia, which has already been made known. The complete diplomatic recognition of the Soviet Government must be taken for granted in the policy adopted by an influential Labor Party and will also be supported by the middle class Trade and industrial parties. The recognition of Soviet Russia is indeed already a demand expressed in the circle of employers. If the former Government from political reasons did not fulfill these demands, it is certain that many of their supporters will be thankful in secret to the Labor Party if they can set up organized diplomatic and economic relationship between England and Soviet Russia.

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