

Current Events By THOMAS J. O'FLAHERTY

FROM Berlin by telegraph comes an except from a catholic paper predicting that the Mexican government's anti-clerical policy may cost Calles his political head.

THE immense power wielded by the Roman church in the United States can be judged from the fact that hardly a single capitalist paper in the country has the courage to come out and tell the truth editorially of the causes leading up to the present imbroglio.

THE church keeps its hands on its subjects from the cradle to the grave. It is unequalled for organizational efficiency. It taxes the members of the flock when they are baptized, when they get married and exact toll when they die.

THE only reward offered to the rank and file of the church is a promise of heaven beyond the grave, provided they give the priest all that is coming to him, chiefly in money.

MANY of the leaders of the Knights of Columbus are not particularly devoted to religion. Many of them do not go to church. But they are honored by the pope, because the organization puts money in his pocket.

BISHOP GALLAGHER of Detroit only a few years ago threatened the organization with papal displeasure if its leaders continued their attitude of independence towards the hierarchy.

ONE of the most amusing charges made by the valiant Knights of Columbus against Mexico is that the family is a myth and marriage a degradation to the leaders of the government. It is a standing joke in Mexico and in every country from there to Cape Horn.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN COMMITTEE MEET POSTPONED, TO MEET THIS WEEK

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The Trade Union Congress officially announces that the meeting of the Anglo-Russian committee for world trade union unity, scheduled to have met July 26 in Paris, had to be postponed until the second week in August.

The Central Council of Trade Union of the Soviet Union, found it impossible to get their delegates to Paris by the date fixed, the T. U. C. announces. Those delegates are five in number, including Melnichanski, Dogadov, Andreyeff, Lepse and Schwarz.

UNITED STATES FRAMING WAR WITH MEXICO

Sheffield Hands Calles a New Threat

MEXICO CITY, August 8.—United States Ambassador Sheffield selected an opportune moment to reopen the standing quarrel between Wall Street and Mexico over the petroleum laws. When Calles had his hands full with a manzard scrap with the catholic church, Sheffield called at the foreign office and left a note.

Mellon in Rome. It is also noted here that the presence of Andrew Mellon in Rome bodes no good for the Mexican republic. Mellon is the actual leader of the United States government and represents American "big business" in the Mexican imbroglio.

Peasants With Government. The government is perfectly well able to handle the situation here. The peasants, among whom General Obregon is popular, are with the administration.

Engineers Are Murdered. Reports of assassinations are rife. Two engineers are reported murdered by fanatical catholics. An insane girl went thru the city claiming that she was a "virgin." The public became so infuriated at the obvious swindle that they stoned her to death.

Sen. Howell Prepares to Fight Coolidge on Muscle Shoals Issue WASHINGTON—(FP)—Aug. 8.—Sen. Howell of Nebraska, who has taken a leading part in the fight for federal ownership and distribution of hydro-electric power plants, has gone to Canada to study the power sites along the proposed deep waterway connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic.

Coolidge is Dumb. PLYMOUTH, Vt., August 8.—President Coolidge refused to comment for (Continued on page 2)

Cook County Politics in Limelight



Chicago and Cook County politics have been exposed to the limelight thru various investigations of municipal, county and senatorial primaries of April 13. In these primaries thousands of votes were stolen, ballot boxes stuffed and candidates in both republican and democrat parties bought by Samuel Insull, public utility magnate, and other Illinois open-shop employers. These elections differed little from the previous ones.

BROPHY ENTERS RACE FOR HEAD OF U. M. OF A.

Platform, Organization and Nationalization

CLEARFIELD, Pa., Aug. 8.—(FP)—John Brophy, president of the central Pennsylvania miners, is a candidate for the office of international president of the United Mine Workers of America, the post that John L. Lewis has held since 1919.

His Program. The announcement of his candidacy, from the headquarters of District No. 2 in Clearfield, gives the two leading issues of his campaign. The first is, organization. Save the union by winning back the great coal fields the U. M. W. of A. has lost in the last few years.

Appeals from many parts of the organization brought the decision to go before the union's voters in the December election, say Brophy's friends and supporters. His own statement follows: For Nation-Wide Campaign. "I pledge myself to a national campaign to win back the non-union coal fields when I am elected," said Brophy.

Twenty-Six Lose Lives in Shipwreck RIO JANEIRO, Aug. 8.—Twenty-six lives were lost when the Brazilian steamship Bitar was sunk off the coast north of Para. Many of the passengers and crew of the vessel were saved by the steamer Sao Pedro.

KUYBUSHEV SUCCEEDS DZERZHINSKY AS HEAD OF ECONOMIC COUNCIL

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Aug. 8.—Vladimir Kuybushev is the successor of Felix Dzerzhinsky as head of the supreme economic council. Kuybushev was chief of the peasant-workers' inspection corps and in this role was dreaded by all crafters in the Soviet Union. He cooperated with Dzerzhinsky in unearthing corruption and meting out punishment to offenders.

TWO MORE FUR SHOPS SETTLE WITH LOCAL 45

Injunctions Sought by Two Bosses

Nathan Seltzer, 58 East Washington St. and Downing and Barnett, 20 1/2 South Wabash, both members of the Chicago Fur Manufacturers' Association, have signed an agreement with Local 45, Chicago, Fur Workers' Union granting the demand of the union. The 24 workers employed in these two shops return to work this morning.

Eight strikebreakers imported by the bosses from St. Paul to break the strike of the fur workers here for better conditions have been sent back. One of these strikebreakers, before leaving Chicago, told the bosses that he was being threatened by union business agents and this his life was in danger.

Three union officials were arrested and are being held on a "kidnapping" charge on the flimsy evidence presented by this professional scab.

Miller and Company, 618 South Michigan and J. Owen McElroy, 3 1/2 South State St., are seeking injunctions against the striking fur workers.

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CHARLESTON, VA. PRINTERS ARE OUT ON STRIKE

Strikebreakers Brought from Philadelphia

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 8.—The local printers' union is on strike against the Charleston Daily Mail and the Charleston Gazette. Fifty-two men are on strike.

The publishers, after scouring the country for printers willing to take the jobs left vacant, finally engaged the services of the notorious strikebreaker, Flagg, of Philadelphia.

This worthy received \$5,000 as a retaining fee for supplying the strikebreakers and the hoodlums he collected are given \$10 a day besides hotel and other expenses.

Scabs Driven Out. With the aid of those scallawags the Gazette is coming out in a fashion.

Public sympathy is with the strikers. The scabs were originally housed at the Holley Hotel, but their presence was so unwelcome to the other guests that the newcomers were obliged to move.

HOPE HELD OUT FOR FIVE MEN IN COAL MINE

SALEM, Ky., Aug. 8.—Holding out the faint hope that five men entombed in a flourspar mine, four miles south of here, are still alive after being trapped for more than 30 hours, mining engineers and rescue workers today began the slow task of drilling thru 75 feet of flourspar and mud in an effort to get air and food to the men.

The miners were trapped at 10 o'clock Thursday night by a "slide" of mud and rock and no communication has been had with them since that time.

Five dollars will renew your sub for a year, if you send it in before August 15.

British Miners Firm; Delegates Seek Aid in U. S.

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker) LONDON, August 8.—The one hundred day strike of the British miners is as firm as on the first day. In spite of the pressure of the leaders, a great majority of the Lancashire, Cheshire and Cumberland miners rejected the so-called church memorandum.

The government is increasing its persecution against the heroic strikers. During the past week there have been 586 new arrests.

The assistance of the international proletariat has reached a figure of 850,000 pounds sterling, 500,000 of which being collected in the Union of Soviet Republics.

A. J. Cook, secretary of the Miners' Federation, has declared that Premier Baldwin's "message to America," alleging that the miners have good living conditions, is an utter falsehood, intended to prevent the miners' delegation now in America from obtaining the financial help America can give and which the miners and their families so badly need to carry on the struggle against longer hours and lower wages.

Miners' Delegation Arrives

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(FP)—"We'd like to cable back quickly that American workers will contribute one or two million dollars—or five—to the million striking British miners," declared Joseph Jones, general secretary Yorkshire Miners' Association and executive member British Miners' Federation, upon the arrival of the British workers' delegation in the United States. "It is a critical time. We have been out 14 weeks and we need more help from American workers. The Russians, from all their unions, have sent 500,000 pounds (\$2,500,000) already and we'll gladly take as much more as they send."

The Delegates.

James Robson, president Durham Miners' Association; Paul McKenna, agent for the Scottish Miners and British Miners Federation executive member; Oliver Harris, treasurer South Wales Miners Federation; Ben Tillett of the Transport Workers representing the British Trades Union Congress on whose general council he sits; and Ellen Wilkinson, labor member of parliament and representative of the Women's Relief Committee, comprise the rest of the official delegation seeking aid for the striking British miners.

Need Nationalization.

All of them tell the story of the miners' privation and suffering: years Harris. "Five years of unemployment and the breakdown of private capital in management of the industry. "Nationalization is the only solution," emphatically asserted McKenna, with the rest agreeing. "Of course if labor had the government it could tax the coal lords out and take control of the mines. Labor would sweep in if there were a general election now."

Baldwin Lies.

"If premier Baldwin told an American news service that there is no suffering among the British miners, all we can say is that he lied," stated Harris. "Five years of unemployment hasn't given the miners any savings. The strikers and their families—a tenth of the population—depend on relief. They are fighting for their very lives."

Government Starves Women.

"The government refuses to let Guardians of the Poor pay relief to any single miner," added McKenna. "Only the wives can get a bit. But it's the women who are bearing the brunt of the fight. The miners' women somehow managing. They get out and work in the soup kitchens from dawn on, their spirit never better."

A. F. of L. in Charge.

The British delegation is placing itself under the guidance of the American Federation of Labor and the United Mine Workers. Arrangements for the delegation's visit here begun at the International Miners' Federation meeting at Paris two weeks ago. The delegates hope to take their appeal not only to American workers thru the A. F. of L. but to all groups of the population. Miss Wilkinson will try particularly to reach American women's organizations. Evelyn Pres-

Dockers Adopt Miners' Children.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(FP)—Ben Tillett, British transport leader, who is a member of the delegation asking American workers to give big generous sums to their brothers from the coal pits across the sea told the Federated Press about labor solidarity over there. "London dockers who have only two days work a week are taking in miners' children," he said, "one and two to the family. Tens of thousands of children have been adopted for the time of the strike by workers in other industries. The working class of England is showing more class consciousness than ever in its history."

British War on Workers.

"In nearly fifty years of strike experience," continued Tillett, "I have never seen a more brutal attack on the workers than the employers and the British government is making. Before the reductions were asked the miners were already making less than your colored porters in the south."

"The suffering is terrible, especially in the exporting fields of South Wales, Durham and Northumberland. But with the additional support we hope to receive the miners can be saved."

Tillett is a wholesome plain blunt labor leader whose sinewy body looks as though he had kept himself fit by being very much in the fight.

Philadelphia and New York to Have Air Mail Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The post office department announced it will operate a special air mail service between Philadelphia and New York during the air races at the Sesqui-centennial from September 4 to 11.

SOVIET COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN NEWSPAPERS HASN'T BEEN HEARD OF IN SOVIET UNION, SAYS A. P.

Regarding the wild stories being featured in the capitalist press of the United States of alleged "revolts, mutinies and uprisings" in the Soviet Union, the Associated Press Saturday night received a dispatch from its Moscow correspondent as follows:

"Reports emanating from Bucharest, Roumania, that there is serious widespread insurrection in Russia, were denied here tonight as 'shameless fakes.' The same denial is made of reports that Trotsky has fled from Moscow and that there is an uprising in the Ukraine."

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Dispatches from Warsaw state that the Soviet ambassador to Poland is protesting against the publication of "false reports regarding military uproar in Russia," flatly denying reports emanating from many European capitals that counter-revolutionary activity had broken out in various sections.

Tuesday MASS MEETING August 10th

For the Support of the Striking British Miners at

CENTRAL OPERA HOUSE 67th STREET AND 3rd AVENUE

SPEAKERS: Norman Thomas, League for Industrial Democracy; Louis Hyman, Manager Joint Board, I. L. G. W. U.; Ben Gitlow, Workers (Communist) Party; Rev. Leon R. Land, Leader, Bronx Free Fellowship; and Others. Auspices: INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' AID, "The Workers' Red Cross of America"

TORY PAPERS SEEK TO BRIBE BRITISH POLICE

"Bobbies" Aid Strikers in Many Towns

By BILL ROSS, Federated Press. LONDON—(FP)—Although the anti-labor groups in Britain have done much since the general strike to win the goodwill of the police, their efforts have not been entirely successful.

Filipinos Fear for Liberty MANILA—(FP)—"Unless we are sadly mistaken," editorializes the Philippines Herald on the Carmi Thompson mission from the United States, "the American people will be greatly enlightened on how many thousands of tons of rubber could be grown in the Philippines."

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The Co-operative Movement

CHAPTER II.—SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN PRE-CO-OPERATIVE DAYS. WE must commence with a brief historical summary of the Industrial Revolution, as the Co-operative Movement is a direct consequence of the change then brought about in social relations.

The Industrial Revolution is the phrase used to describe the tremendous economic changes of the 18th and early part of the 19th century. Like other revolutions, it was the product of a long period of evolution. It neither commenced nor ceased at the dates usually given, e. g., 1760-1830. There had been inventions of an epoch-making character long before 1760—many of the most outstanding in the infancy of the human race—and inventive genius has flourished ever since.

These changes brot about the modern wage-earning proletariat, and the destruction of the peasantry. It is clearly to be seen that so long as capitalist production was dependent on handicraft its expansion was necessarily limited. The commercial wars of the 18th century stimulated demand; they were wars waged for the mastery of world markets. The problem to be solved, therefore, was "how to make industry adequate to meet commercial requirements."

The Essential Social Conditions for Capitalism. There are two essential social conditions for capitalist production: (1) A propertyless proletariat. (2) Capital accumulated in few hands (always bearing in mind that "Labor made capital before capital employed labor.")

The widespread "enclosure" movement provided the necessary "hands" for the factories, the "lands" being expropriated first, and the theft legalized afterwards. "Why prosecute the man or woman, who steals a goose from off the common, And let the greater felon loose, Who steal the common from the goose?"

NORTHERN STATES CO-OPERATIVE CONVENTION CHARACTERIZED BY CONSTRUCTIVE CLASS POLICY

The convention of the Northern States Co-operative League held in Duluth, Minn., July 18 and 19, was attended by 51 delegates and score of fraternal delegates.

The Northern States Co-operative League is the biggest and oldest district league of the Co-operative League of America. The secretary reported that the membership of the league was 51,945. Many new societies affiliated with the league during last year.

The convention was a live one. Most important questions were decided only after long and sometimes heated discussion and debate. This clarified the issues.

Important Decisions. After hearing the budget for the ensuing year and getting all facts pertaining to the question, the convention decided to have for the coming fiscal year a full-time secretary. Until now, the secretary has divided his time with the Franklin Co-operative Creamery's Educational Committee.

It decided to continue the publication of the Year Book and to empower the executive committee to change the bi-monthly magazine to a monthly, if the financial condition permits it. New constitution and by-laws were adopted.

Future Policy Outlined. A resolution, declaring that the N. S. C. L. should be "neutral in politics" was unanimously voted down by the resolution committee and the following substitute resolution presented: Co-operative Movement a Working-Class Movement.

"Whereas the co-operative movement in its nature is primarily a working class movement against the present based on profit, and

"Whereas a change in the present economic system of society can be accomplished only thru the united action of the whole working class,

"Be it resolved, that The Northern States Co-operative League declares the co-operative movement to be a part of the general labor movement, and therefore the co-operative movement should seek the co-operation of

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NEWS AND COMMENT

SEEK AUSTRALIAN AID



H. W. Wood of Calgary is sailing for Australia on the "Empress of China" where he seeks to enlist the co-operation of Australian wheat growers. Wood is the founder of the Canadian co-operative wheat pools. He is also active in the Canadian Farmers' Party.

AMERICAN DIVIDEND AND INTEREST PAYMENTS FOR FIRST HALF OF 1926 REACH TOTAL OF \$2,166,262,000

By LELAND OLDS, Federated Press. American dividend and interest payments the first half of 1926 were sufficient for a 25% wage increase for more than 12,000,000 wage earners. But this huge total was paid instead to the investing class. It sets a new record in the amount of tribute collected by the country's financial oligarchy.

Profit Increase. The total for the 6 months is \$2,166,262,000. In the same period of 1925 the investing class received \$2,049,120,000. The increase this year is about 6%. It continued the 1926 dividend and interest payments, will reach \$4,850,000,000. This will mark a gain of 28% since 1920 and 144% since 1914.

Last year's cash payments to the owners of stocks and bonds crossed the 4 billion mark for the first time in history. This year's will be well on to 4 1/2 billions.

Dividend and interest payments for July more than maintained this rate of increase, bringing the 7-month total to \$2,166,262,000. For the first 7 months of 1925 the total was \$2,049,120,000. The month to month record for each year reported by the department of commerce is:

Table with 3 columns: Month, 1926, 1925. Rows: January, February, March, April, May, June, July.

More than 2-3 of this steady flow of cash into the pockets of the well-to-do is interest on bonds. It represents

Nearing to Speak on British Trade Union Congress September 19

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Scott Nearing, who is leaving in a short time to attend the British Trade Union Congress, will deliver a lecture under the auspices of the New York Workers' School, on September 19, immediately after returning from Great Britain. His subject will be, "The Trade Union Congress and the Developments in the British Labor Movement."

The lecture will take place at the Central Opera House Sunday evening, Sept. 19, just two days after Nearing has arrived in the United States on his return from the congress. It will be the opening gun in the fall term activities of the Workers' School. Nearing is one of the many instructors that the school is adding to its staff for the coming year. He will give two short courses during the winter in addition to various special lectures.

U. S. CLASS WAR VICTIMS

GRANADA, Minn.—(FP)—Birthdays in September of political and class-war prisoners in American penitentiaries are announced as follows:

At San Quentin, Cal.: Sept. 10, G. J. Terrill, Box 38132; Sept. 15, James LaLonde, Box 38122; Sept. 22, Roy Carter, Box 38533; Sept. 24, R. W. Minton, Box 37492; Sept. 28, W. H. Wright, Box 38537; Sept. 30, Albin Bratland, Box 38363.

At Sioux Falls, S. D.: Sept. 17, Frank Godlasky, Box 911.

None of these are allowed packages at this time of the year, but cards and letters and money are permitted.

SENATE SLUSH PROBERS FOLD TENT AND GO

Reed Hints Prison for Insull; Sam May Smile

The senate committee, investigating the use of slush funds in the late Illinois primaries has departed after showing that over one million dollars was spent in the battle to win the nomination for Frank L. Smith, in the senatorial race next fall.

Were Not Available. Two millionaires for whom subpoenas were issued did not appear. It was said that warrants could not be served on them, because of their absence. They are: James Simpson, millionaire head of Marshall Field and Co., and Clement Studebaker, Jr., multi-millionaire utility man.

The committee promised to return here in the fall and clean up on the investigation.

Threatened with Jail. Senator Reed intimated that those cited to appear before the senate for contempt may see the inside of a jail. But millionaires and their servants are not used to jails. They are Samuel Insull, utility magnate; Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney for Cook county; Daniel J. Schuyler, Insull's attorney; Edward H. Wright, colored political boss of the south side and Thomas Cunningham, wealthy republican politician of Philadelphia.

The labor leaders who supported Frank L. Smith, millionaire, and friend of Insull, have not yet repudiated him.

A NEW NOVEL By Upton Sinclair

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WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE. J. Arnold Ross, oil operator, formerly Jim Ross, teamster, is unsuccessful in signing a lease with property holders at Beach City, Cal., because of intrigues of other operators and quarrels among the holders. While he is at Beach City, Bunnny, his thirteen-year-old son, meets his "holy roller," slightly older. Paul has run away from home. His father is a poor rancher in the San Elido Valley who is a "Holy Roller."

And Mr. Coffey puffed several more clouds of smoke and studied them, and said he felt friendly to Dad; but he thought it would be better if Dad would contribute two thousand dollars to the campaign fund, and carry five thousand for Mr. Coffey personally. And Dad, looking him in the eye, inquired, "Can you deliver the goods?" Mr. Coffey said yes, he could deliver them all right, Dad needn't have any worries. So it was a bargain, and Dad took out his check book and wrote out two thousand dollars to the order of the treasurer of the county campaign committee of the Republican party.

So then they shook hands all around, and the two got into their car, and Bunnny exclaimed, "But Dad, I thought you were a Democrat!" And Dad laughed and said that he wasn't deciding the tariff on hyperchlorides, nor the independence of the Philippine Islands, he was just gettin' a road to the Watkins ranch. Bunnny said, "There's one thing I don't understand, how can Mr. Coffey do all that, if he hasn't any office?" To which Dad answered that the big fellows as a rule avoided holding office for that very reason, so they were free to do business. Mr. Carey could be sent to prison if it were proven that he had taken money from Dad, but nothing could be done to Coffey, he was just the "boss."

Bunnny, of course, remembered what he had been taught in the "civics" class, and asked if that was the way the business of government was always run. Dad said it was practically the same everywhere, from the county up to the state, and on to the national government. It wasn't really as bad as it seemed, it was just a natural consequence of the inefficiency of great masses of people. It was all right to make spread-eagle speeches about "democracy," but what about the facts? Who were the voters here in San Elido county? Why, the very boobs that Bunnny had seen "jumping" and "rolling" and "talking in tongues" at Eli's church; and could anybody pretend that these people could run a government? They were supposed to decide whether or not Dad should have a road and drill a well! It was a sure thing they couldn't do it; and Jake Coffey was the feller that done the deciding for them—he provided that promptness and efficiency that business men had to have, and that couldn't be got under our American system.

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