

Current Events By THOMAS J. O'FLAHERTY

BOSTON is not only the hub of American culture, but it is also the motherland of Nordicism. Which means that Boston is the repository of all the virtues fit to print.

AN English novelist uses an air plane for atmosphere for her writing. This is going up in the air literally. Most novelists are always there figuratively, tho a few of them keep near enough to the ground to get within reach of a publisher's cash box.

FRENCH, German and Belgian steel magnates imbibed champagne at an informal luncheon in a Paris restaurant recently.

Russian Unions Urge Anglo-Russ Unity Committee Push Relief for British Miners; Send More Funds

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Replying to an inquiry from the General Council of the British Trade Union Congress about the time and place of the next meeting of the Anglo-Russian trade union committee, the Central Council of the Labor Unions of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics proposes a meeting in Berlin on August 20 for a discussion of relief to the miners.

Restaurant recently. They had just put the finishing touches to their plan for an international steel trust. England was invited to come in, but refused.

THIS is a very important development, and one that should produce repercussions in the chancelleries of Berlin and Paris. It means the consolidation of the steel and coal industries of Germany, France and Belgium, and those powerful interests will undoubtedly be able to exert pressure on their respective governments with the object of establishing such political conditions as promise to guarantee the maximum of profits to the steel and coal trust.

THIS powerful combination will be followed by others in other industries. A copper export trust is about completed and the dye and textile industries are slated for similar treatment.

EVERY time a Krupp gun fired a Krupp shell into a group of French or British soldiers the profits made by Krupp on the sale of that shell to the German government was divided between the stockholders. French investors got some and so did British investors.

GREEN EVADES FUR WORKERS' MAIN DEMANDS

Takes Responsibility for Interference

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—When shown the correspondence made public by the New York joint board of the International Fur Workers' Union between the board and President Green of the American Federation of Labor, concerning the unprecedented investigation by the A. F. of L. executive council of the recent successful strike in New York which was directed by the board, Green said that the investigation had been in progress some weeks and was almost completed.

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CATHOLIC PLEA FOR MEXICAN WAR REFUSED

Knights' Charges Were False, Says Kellogg

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 17.—That the appeal of the Knights of Columbus for intervention in Mexico based on alleged indignities and atrocities perpetrated on American citizens was predicated on false information is the astounding announcement made by the state department and is responsible for the president's remarkably frank statement thru an official spokesman that intervention in Mexico over the religious controversy is out of the question.

FACTLESS FACTS. Secretary of State Kellogg is alleged to have informed the president that "facts" submitted to him by supreme grand knight Flaherty of the K. of C. were unvarnished lies.

Kellogg declared that he had positive assurance that no Americans suffered indignities in Mexico in violation of treaty rights and those who had suffered more or less thru their own fault turned out to be non-Americans. Knights To Stage Comeback. It is reported that the Knights of Columbus will rally the whole power of the church in an effort to regain the prestige it has lost thru the failure of the government to respect its wishes.

PAUL MCKENNA WILL SPEAK IN MILWAUKEE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Paul McKenna, national executive board member of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, will speak before the Milwaukee Central Trades and Labor Assembly, Wednesday night, August 18.

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An Open Letter to the British Miners' Delegation

The following letter, issued by the Trade Union Educational League of America, is addressed to the delegation of the British Miners' Federation to the United States to raise funds to assist the strike of the British miners. The head of the delegation is Ben Tillet of the English Dockers' Union and includes, besides, Ellen Wilkinson, M. P. four officials of the British Miners' Federation. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 17, 1926. COMRADES—The left wing in the trade union movement, organized in and around the Trade Union Educational League, bids you welcome. We extend greetings and pledge you our most active co-operation. We are now devoting our utmost efforts to muster support for the striking British miners and we will do all in our power to make a great success of your present mission of stirring up the American labor movement to assist the striking British miners.

AUTHORITIES 'SEEK' LEADERS OF MOB THAT LYNCHED VIRGINIA NEGRO (Special to The Daily Worker) WYTHEVILLE, Va., Aug. 17.—Authorities were seeking leaders of a masked mob which stormed the Wythe county jail and lynched Raymond Bir, a Negro, charged with an attack on a young white girl. The Negro was shot to death in his cell and the body later taken to the scene of the alleged crime and hung to a tree.

METAL TRADES ASKED TO JOIN INTERNATIONAL

3 Delegates Coming to Persuade U. S. Unions

By LAURENCE TODD, Federated Press Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. (FP)—Three fraternal delegates from the International Metal Trades Federation...

Years Negotiations. These men are going to lay before the convention of the Metal Trades Department in Detroit just preceding the convention of the A. F. of L. their arguments for American participation in a world-wide federation of the workers in the metal industry.

To Visit Industry. Landing in New York on Sept. 15, the visitors will be met by Arthur Holder, former editor of the Machinists Journal and legislative agent of the A. F. of L.

Dr. Klein's Confession. In connection with their inquiry into how American wholesale production is being developed, the statement of Dr. Julius Klein, director of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, department of commerce, will be enlightening.

What About Heavy Industry? The visiting metal trades unionists will notice, however, that Klein does not claim that American goods will drive European competing goods from the European market.

Pound Sterling Drops Slightly. LONDON, Aug. 17.—The pound sterling dropped today from \$4.86 to \$4.85 3/4 as the result of the increase in the New York bank rate.

Coolidge Henchmen Fear Butler May Lose Senate Seat. WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 17.—The loss of Senator William M. Butler, republican of Massachusetts, from the senate "would be a great blow to the administration and to the republican party throughout the country."

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"DISCHARGE SHERWOOD EDDY" IS FRANTIC CRY OF CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"The Y. M. C. A. is supported by selfish capitalism," the Chicago Tribune sarcastically reminds Sherwood Eddy, the Y. M. C. A. worker who has offended American capitalism by praising Russia for its challenge to nations ruled, as he termed it, by "swollen selfish capitalism."

The Tribune wants Eddy run out of the Y. M. C. A., indignantly adding that "the men who contribute so liberally to its upkeep, including the payment of the salaries of Y. M. C. A. workers, are capitalists and believers in capitalism."

MID-WEST LABOR GIVES FUNDS TO PASSAIC RELIEF

The Passaic relief work in the middle west is broadening as the situation of the 16,000 woolen strikers, who are about to enter the United Textile Workers after a 7-months' strike against wage cuts, becomes more sympathetically realized.

Wisconsin Doing Well. The Milwaukee conference has forwarded \$230 and obtained the donation of services of the bill posters' union in advertising its picnic Aug. 29.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS. LABOR BANKING. S. A. Darcy's article, "De-bunking Labor Banking," in the Aug. 5 DAILY WORKER is sound in every particular, so far as I can see.

Another "Friend of Labor" Helps Bosses Break Workers' Strike. GRANITE CITY, Ill.—(FP)—Federal Judge FitzHeny has issued a temporary injunction against 500 striking employees of the National Stamping and Enameling Co. of Granite City.

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LOUISIANA LABOR DEPARTMENT IN REPORT PROVING LOW WAGES AND LONG HOURS AND LABOR PEONAGE

By LELAND OLDS, Federated Press. Coolie labor conditions in the south are exposed in the biennial report of the Louisiana department of labor for 1924-25. The commissioner shows wages so low that even imported Mexican workers move on, while protection for child workers and for wage earners cheated out of their pay by dishonest employers is practically non-existent.

Conditions surrounding farm labor are pictured as so bad that in spite of considerable unemployment in industrial centers there is a constant shortage of farm help.

Practical Peonage. Irregular wages, no regular pay days, long waits for money, enforced trading at company stores which charge exorbitant prices—these are among the reasons given to the commissioner for shying away from agricultural jobs.

2924-5 Wages and Hours in Louisiana. Clothing industries 10 \$1.25 Clothing workers 10 1.25 Cottonseed products 12 2.25 Ice, light and bottling 10 1.50 Lumbering 10 1.75 Naval stores 10 1.75 Oil field workers 10 3.50 Rice mill workers 12 2.25 Sugarcane & farm wkrs. 10 1.25

And This is "Freedom." Such wages mean that thousands of adult workers earn less than \$400 a year, even if they secure full employment, which is not likely.

Child Labor. The commissioner emphasizes Louisiana's backwardness in child labor legislation. He points out that it is one of 18 states that do not require certificates of physical fitness for employment, one of 19 that have no compulsory education requirements, and one of four states allowing the employment of children 10 hours a day and 60 hours a week.

Building Contractor Cheats Workers Out of Their Wages Due. The practice of some employers of casual and unskilled labor to cheat their workers out of wages earned seems to be illustrated in the instance of a building contractor named Swan Swanson, of 2954 North Keating avenue.

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DEMANDS TREATY MAKING POWER FOR PRESIDENT

Wilson's Political Poodle Raises Hornets Nest

(Special to The Daily Worker) WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—National leaders of the democratic party were incensed today over the latest publication of Colonel Edward M. House, who served as a confidential adviser to Woodrow Wilson.

After arousing a storm of democratic condemnation by publishing a diary, in which he criticized the war-time president, House has stirred up a new imbroglio by a magazine article, assailing the constitutional power of the senate to approve or reject international treaties.

House Gets Panned. The newest House pronouncement drew a counter-attack today from Sen. Kenneth McKellar, Democrat of Tennessee, who charged the author was attempting to amend and reform the constitution "after having established that he was the only brains of the Wilson administration."

House's Many Roles. "It is a long step from being private adviser of the kaiser, counsellor of the king of England and his ministers, director of Woodrow Wilson and author of his own wonderful biography, in which he shows that Wilson was a pygmy compared to him," McKellar added.

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SEND IN A SUB! (To be continued)



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WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE.

When "Bunny" Ross, son of J. Arnold Ross, California oil operator, is thirteen years old, he goes with Dad to Beach City to sign an oil lease.

Bunny saw his father, and ran to join him. Dad was rallying the men; was anybody hurt? He got the crew together, one by one; they were all there, thank God!

Bunny started back; and on the way, here came Dad in his car. He was going after dynamite, he called to them; they were to keep away from the fire meantime; and off he went in the darkness.

Of course Bunny had heard about oil fires, which are the terror of the industry. He knew of the devices ordinarily used to extinguish them. Water was of no use—quite the contrary, the heat would dissolve the water into its constituents, and you would merely be feeding oxygen to the flames.

The two boys skirted the slopes, and got back to the well, on the windward side, away from the flames. There they found the crew engaged in digging a shaft, as close to the fire as they could get; Bunny understood that it was in preparation for the dynamite.

And suddenly Bunny thought of his father, coming with the stuff; he wouldn't be able to drive up the road, he'd have to come round by the rock hill-side, carrying that dangerous load in the darkness.

There were cars down on the road; many people had seen the glare of the fire, and come to the scene. Bunny inquired for his father; and at last there came a car with much tooting, and there was Dad, and another man whom Bunny did not know.

When Bunny got back to the well again, Dad and the man were already there, and the crew was setting the dynamite. They had some kind of electric battery to explode it with, and presently they were ready, and everybody stood back, and the strange man pushed down a handle, and there was a roar and a burst of flame from the shaft, and the geyser of oil that was rushing out of the well was snubbed off in an instant—just as if you stopped a garden hose by pinching it!

And nobody was hurt—that is, nobody but Bunny, who stood by the edge of the red glare, gazing at the stump of his beautiful oil derrick, and the charred foundations of his home-made bunk-house, and all the wreckage of his hopes.

"Gosh!" said Bunny. "That's really true, isn't it?" "True?" echoed Dad. "Why, boy, we got an ocean of oil down underneath here; and it's all ours—not a soul can get near it but us. Are you a frettin' about this measly little well?"

"But Dad, we worked so hard over it!" Dad laughed again. "Forget it, son! We'll open it up again, or drill a new one in a jiffy. This was just a little Christmas bonfire, to celebrate our bustin' in among the big fellers!"

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