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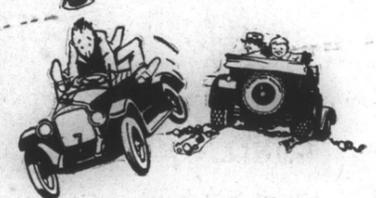
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A WORLD MENACE.

Winston-Salem Journal.

The world is scarcely rid of one Kaiser before another attempts to rise. Mussolini, of Italy, now boasts that his dream is to restore his country to the glory and grandeur and power of the Roman Empire, under Caesar.

Mussolini is the world's present arch enemy of democracy. His addresses of late sound a good deal like the egotistical ravings of former Kaiser Wilhelm, of Germany. He is an outspoken apostle of ruthless government domination. His creed is summed up in his recent pronouncement, which is as follows:

Democracy is hypocrisy. The theory of personal liberty is a cruel farce. Such slogans have no place in the fascist scheme of government, because the State cannot be ruled through democracy, or by people who believe in the gospel of personal liberty.

Machiavelli is my tutor and master; Caesar is my symbol as a statesman, and Napoleon is my idol as a ruler and conqueror.

The proponents of democracy and personal liberty are idle verbiologists while the gospel of fascism preaches action and result.

Democracy is built on illusion, fascism is built on realities.

Two years ago when the black legions of Italy presented me with a sword on which was engraved a saying of Machiavelli, "Governments do not rule by words," I received my greatest inspiration.

I have read and re-read Machiavelli, the most virile, the most illustrious, and the greatest statesman that ever lived in any country. I have pondered over my master's gospel of government, and I have seriously considered the applicability of his teaching to the government of Italy.

I have become convinced that if a State wishes to rule and rule efficiently, it must rule with acts; therefore, it must be ruthless.

The head of a Government who believes this is a dangerous leader. Italy appears to be in grave danger of being misled by this man. Europe has suffered much from the mischief wrought by firebrands of the Mussolini type. And that continent is destined to suffer much more unless something is done to check Italy's dictator. The only reason he is not now endeavoring to stride across the continent like another Napoleon is that he does not have a sufficiently strong army at his back. Mussolini will bear watching by all the peoples of the earth who are friends of democracy and love peace.

TEXTILE WORKERS ARE WELL PAID, SAYS GRIST

Commissioner Thinks Cost of Living and Climate Should Be Considered.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Textile workers in North Carolina, on an average, receive as much for their work as do the textile workers in the State of Massachusetts, according to Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, who has just completed a compilation of statistics showing the relative wages paid mill workers in North Carolina and Massachusetts.

"Textile workers in the South," said Mr. Grist, "really make more than those in the North, when the facts are taken into consideration with regard to the high cost of living and climatic conditions in New England."

On the basis of wages paid mill workers in this state last year, the adult worker received, on an average, an approximate salary of \$20 per week while in Massachusetts, on an average, the adult mill worker received \$19.19 per week, according to Mr. Grist, who stated that his figures were based on reports from fourteen industrial cities in the New England state.

He'll Try 'Em



This is Federal Judge Urias of Tia Juana, Mexico, who will try Police Chief Zenaido Llanos and the others who are accused of attacking Clyde and Audrey Petet, American girls.

THE ITALIAN PEST.

Charity and Children.

Mussolini is fast following the course of all dictators who depend upon the mob for support. Dictatorship is like a narcotic drug—it must be taken in constantly increasing doses to be effective. Mussolini became dictator by defying a few Communists and other radicals. He strengthened his power a little later by defying Greece. Now he is defying Germany. But at this point the game grows dangerous. Defying the Communists was popular, rather than other wise, with the world outside of Italy, and a good many otherwise sensible Americans went to the length of hailing Mussolini as a deliverer. Defying Greece was not so pretty small potato among the nations and what happened to her did not greatly affect the rest of the world. But when Mussolini goes to threatening Germany it is a different matter. The world cannot afford to have any more arrogant swashbucklers blowing upon the smoldering embers of the fire that so nearly consumed as all ten years ago. The fire seems to be out, but that is no reason for permitting anyone to start scattering sparks merely for amusement. If Mussolini's position at home is getting dangerous, he is just the type that would unhesitatingly plunge his country into a foreign war to divert the attention of the Italians from his own shortcomings. But he cannot start a war with Germany without involving the rest of us, and the rest of us are not banking for any more wars. We may not be particularly anxious to befriend Germany, but we don't want any more wars. When Mussolini threatens to start one, he becomes an international nuisance. It is about time for the League of Nations to take him firmly by the ear and start him toward the woodshed.

Abuse of the Padlock Procedure.

New York World.

In the application of the Volstead act, through the padlocking device, it is now proposed to make of the Hotel Brevoort a conspicuous example by closing it from top to bottom. Whether other hotels, or how many, have been subjected to similar treatment the records will show. That some other than the Brevoort did not happen at this time to come under attack may be a matter of accident. But under the methods that have been employed in the name of prohibition enforcement, sooner or later the question was certain to arise how far this particular contrivance of the law could be made to serve.

The capricious character of the padlock procedure was never more clearly revealed. If on the charge that liquor was sold somewhere on the premises whole properties may be summarily vacated and large establishments required to suspend operation. It is likely to lead to serious abuse of the processes of the law. In the case of the Brevoort, it is sought to padlock the entire building. Accepting that rule, there is no limit to the power to take property out of use and for all purposes virtually place it under confiscation.

If this may be done in one case it may be done in thousands of cases. For the offense of some one, responsible or not, in dispensing drinks, whole blocks may become untenanted, legitimate concerns driven out of business and the severity of the law equally visited upon owners and rent-payers. Aside from the primary question of justice as affecting individuals, there may follow immense civic waste.

It is a stupid, blind, inexcusable method for the administration of a law of which the failure is admitted by those charged with its enforcement.

He Loses



John F. Taylor, wealthy auto dealer of Portsmouth, O., must pay \$70,000 to Miss Lorraine Schlichter, school teacher, a jury has decided. He had appealed the verdict, which Miss Schlichter won on a charge of breach of promise.

PIERCING WOMAN'S LEG, PIPE PINS HER TO CAR

It Snaps When Run Over by Trolley, Comes Through Floor and Strikes Victim.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Madeline Slaick, 24, is near death today as the result of the most peculiar street car accident in the history of Chicago. Surgeons at the American hospital today removed from her body a 33-inch section of one-inch pipe.

Mrs. Slaick, with her husband, was riding in a street car last night when the front wheels of the car ran over a piece of pipe two yards long, throwing it through the flooring of the car. The pipe struck Slaick, knocking him down, then pierced his wife's leg and imbedded itself in the woodwork of the car, holding Mrs. Slaick fast.

Firemen were called and released her after three-quarters of an hour by cutting the pipe away from the woodwork with an acetylene torch. Mrs. Slaick was then taken to the hospital where it required thirty minutes for the surgeons to extract the pipe. Mrs. Slaick lost much blood during the 45 minutes she was pinned to the street car and doctors said it was remarkable that she is still alive.

Legislature Will Not Make a Monkey of Self.

Raleigh Times.

R. E. Powell from Washington sends word that the Liberty Association has listed North Carolina among the five States that are at this time planning to pass a law prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. Red and the Liberty association both have something on which to base their report. It is admitted that there are in this State men who expect to do something about this "monkey" business.

Some of them are misguided good people who really believe that God Almighty needs their assistance in defending Himself and His Holy Word from the machinations of the devil. Others are trimmers who seek to build up a bit of character and perhaps curry favor with Providence. A third and not inconsiderable class consists of those who have made material—and can we say spiritual?—investment in the established order and will stop at nothing to protect it.

Fortunately, while a majority of the church membership of North Carolina is essentially Fundamentalist in doctrine, there are not a sufficient number of viciously self-righteous to set up the stake and return to burning heretics. The author of the Poole resolution at the last session of the General Assembly, and who will probably return to the next Legislature with another proposed law against evolution, is a man of approximately sixty summers—spent for the most part in the rather thankless job of getting out a country weekly—whose gentle life is a constant refutation of his dyspeptic dogma.

Mr. Poole has served notice of his intention to reintroduce the "monkey" law. He will probably do it. The measure, however, is not apt to get so far as the next session as it did at the last. North Carolina will have proved by the example of Tennessee and Mississippi, and will cling to a sense of proportion which has always served to prevent its Legislature from becoming nationally ridiculous.

Joe—Do you know the difference between a parlor and a bathtub?
Eddie—No.
Joe—Then I won't invite you to visit at my house.

Englishman (at street accident in a Scotch village)—Give him some air.
Suspicious Native—Give him some yourself, mon.

MORE PAY DEMANDED.

New York World.

The strike of worsted mill workers in Passaic and adjacent towns is four weeks old today. Thus far it has been marked by picketing, dispersal of crowds by police, alleged intimidation of non-strikers, arrests, disorderly conduct sentences and threats of martial law.

The strikers have established coffee and sandwich stations, begun distribution of coal and groceries and are opening today a central distributing station to relieve suffering which they say already exists and is increasing. They are sending appeals to labor and other organizations for help. Mill heads say the strike has already cost them their spring business and is now endangering their orders for next fall.

The Botany Worsteds Mills in Passaic, the Garfield Worsteds Mills, the Passaic Worsteds Spinning Mills and the Gera Mills are closed or practically so. Most of the employees of the New Jersey Worsteds Spinning Mills are out. The Forstmann & Huffmann Mills in Passaic and Clifton, practically one plant with the city line running through it, and their Garfield plant have been picketed two weeks. They claim to have lost not more than twenty-five employees to the strikers, and that not more than 100 have stayed away, in spite of intimidation.

Under normal conditions these mills employ from 12,000 to 14,000. Estimates of the number out vary from 5,000 to 10,000.

The demands of the strikers, as stated by Albert Weisbord, organizer of the United Front committee of Textile Workers, are:

Retrospective payment of the ten per cent wage cut made by some of the mills last September, ten per cent increase over the rate that existed before the cut, time and a half for overtime, no discrimination against union members, recognition of the union, a forty-hour week and sanitary working conditions.

The employers have made no reply.

The group of mills affected comprises some of the largest of their kind in the world. They weave principally fine worsteds for women's garments.

The workers have not been organized by the textile unions of the American Federation of Labor. There have been strikes before, one in 1912 and one in 1919, which lasted several weeks. The latter reduced the fifty-five hours week to forty-eight.

During 1925 most of the mills ran short time and with small forces due it is said, to a slump in the woolen business. Last September the Botany Worsteds Mills announced a 10 per cent wage cut "owing to action taken in other textile centers several months ago, and on account of general market conditions."

Big Earnings Shown

The dissatisfaction caused by this cut was not lessened by the fact that April 21, 1925, an annual report of the Botany and Garfield worsteds mills had been made public showing net earnings of \$2,229,550, a net credit surplus of \$1,731,298 and distributable earnings of \$5.91 a share on class A stock and \$1.91 a share on common stock.

Organization among the workers is said to have begun in November. The United Front committee, according to Weisbord, is affiliated with various locals in Lawrence, Mass. He claims it has a membership of between 3,000 and 4,000 in the Passaic region. Weisbord says the average earnings of most of the strikers were \$12 to \$22 a week.

Weisbord says he is an American by birth, went to school in New York City, was in Camp Devon during the war, taught mathematics and English in rehabilitation work at the College of the City of New York in 1920, later was graduated from Harvard Law School, "solely to find out the tricks of the bosses," and has since been occupied in organizing labor.

More Walkouts Predicted.

News dispatches in 1923 show him to have been national director of the Young People's Socialist League of the United States. Before going to Passaic he was in Hoboken, where he was connected with a strike in the Hillcrest Silk Mills.

At strike headquarters it was predicted the Dundee Textile Mill at Clifton, a silk concern, and the silk mill at Lodi will go out within a day or two, and that the strike will become general, involving fifteen plants and 20,000 workers.

Orrin (irritably, to Friend Wife)—Why do you feed every tramp that comes along? They never do anything for you.
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