

The Great Class Worm Beginnig To Turn

Oppression From Above and Below in England To Be Met by Organized Resistance—To Organize Along Lines of the Soviet.

By RALPH COURTNEY.

The middle classes in England have decided to resist oppression. Monopolistic capitalists above and organized labor below will now have to reckon with the sovietized middle classes. The middle classes have taken a leaf from the extremists' book. They have decided to organize themselves on soviet lines as the best method of defeating their enemies.

Captain Stanley Abbot, who was induced to forsake party politics in order to undertake the task of the Tribune that the middle class union had sprung almost spontaneously from the needs of the day.

Since its inauguration in March, 1918, thousands of members have enrolled themselves in its ranks. It now has a parliamentary group of more than fifty members of the upper and lower houses pledged to press the objects of the union.

The grand council of the union, which sits in London, is now fed by more than 140 branch soviets in the leading towns of England. Local branches may spring up anywhere. The rule is that as soon as a local branch has more than 250 members it receives a "warrant" from the central body which entitles it to send a member to the grand council in London. The grand council is divided into management, parliamentary, or "White" guards as opposed to the labor "Red" guards should these products of civilization ever invade the ancient soil of Britain—New York Tribune.

May Even Strike. The Middle Class Union, in pursuance of its ends, will use the strike weapon if necessary. Mr. Kennedy Jones, M. P., one of the leading enthusiasts of the union, says:

"On the day the middle classes strike the despised bourgeois will prove himself a more despised and obedient animal than the bolshevist. Not a shop, nor a bank, nor a church, nor a hospital, nor a dispensary, nor a theater, nor a cinema would open. The whole business and pleasure of the country would stop. No Parisian bull of excommunication in the Dark Ages would have caused more complete paralysis of national life. This is carrying self-protection to its logical conclusion.

The Middle Class Union is enrolling every one from viscount to the meanest member of the ship-keeper or professional classes. Mr. Kennedy Jones states:

"A peer with a moderate income may be hard hit by unfair taxation that he is practically unable to live. A retired greengrocer may be so overburdened by the state demands on his hard earned savings, combined with the shrinkage of the value of his hoard of money, that he is on the verge of beggary.

"Both peer and retired greengrocer are of the middle classes in the union's political use of the phrase, without the union neither has any to defend his cause.

"This state of affairs is so manifestly unfair that the tone wonders how it has continued so long. The reason probably is that only just before the war the political power labor has gained through its unions was fully realized. Unless this power be confronted by other powers of nearly equal or of greater strength, human nature being what it is, it is bound to be abused. The victims will be the weak, those unable to defend their rights.

Solution is Organization. "It is the denial of civil justice, rights and liberties of the dominant class for the time being. It matters not whether it be upper, middle or lower, that has led, and always will lead, to revolutions and rebellions. Let all classes be strong, and there will be peace in the land; good neighborhoods where self-respect abounds. But at the present stage of civilization, as society is constituted, there cannot be strength without organization.

"The class or section of the community that has no union is a mere mob of individuals; a union welds it into an army powerful for good or ill.

"Organized labor and organized capital, when in dispute, actually regard the general community; they regard their interests simply as weapons for their own purposes, and they treat the middle classes, as Germans did the women and children in lighting the shields of the fighting men.

"The middle classes are the most powerful community in the political world, but they are impotent, because their power is not organized. They are the backbone of the body politic, but a backbone without force or life, but a backbone which is separate and not for a game of knucklebones by street urchins."

So, at the instigation of Mr. Kennedy Jones and other enthusiasts, the middle classes formed themselves into a trade union, under a provisional management committee of some thirty distinguished Englishmen, including Sir H. O. Baz-Ironside, K. M. C. G. S. F. Edge, Sir J. Forbes-Robertson, E. P. Hewitt, K. C.; C. F. Highman, M. P.; Colonel J. R. Pleyman-Newman, M. P., and others.

The ideal which the union set before itself was: "To organize the middle classes for collective action to protect their interests."

During the last six months close upon two hundred meetings were held by the union and its branches in various parts of the country. On behalf of the union the taxation committee gave evidence before the royal commission on income tax to the effect that, among other things:

There is no move which can be taken by labor extremists that the "committee for the maintenance of essential public services" is not prepared to counter.

When the scavengers of Kensington in addition came out on the other day on a lightning strike they found themselves up against the organization of the Middle Class Union. Volunteers were immediately called out by the committee, and the strike thus rendered ineffective.

Nevertheless, the Middle Class Union declares that it is not a strike breaking organization, to interfere in ordinary industrial disputes, but merely an emergency to carry on essential public services.

Although the middle class soviets are set up for the resistance of oppression from above as well as below, the union makes a sharp distinction between monopolistic capitalism and the ordinary variety, toward which the union has the most benevolent feelings. What it fears most is oppression from below. Organized labor stands as the greatest enemy of the Middle Class Union. Among middle class enthusiasts will be found volunteers, such as those who came forth in hundreds when Lloyd George called for a citizen army for the protection of the country during the last railway strike, and who may form the nucleus of the "White" guards as opposed to the labor "Red" guards should these products of civilization ever invade the ancient soil of Britain—New York Tribune.

AIRSHIPS ARE POSSIBLE IN ANY KIND OF WEATHER

U. S. Must Prepare for Commercial Air Navigation, Says Hensley.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Commercial air navigation is coming and the United States must prepare to meet it, declared Colonel C. Hensley in a report to the air service, United States army, from Germany, where he is studying dirigibles.

"Airships are now possible in any kind of weather," Colonel Hensley wrote. "No weather conditions, except a strong, cross head wind, prevent the Bodensee—the commercial air-liner built since the armistice by the Zeppelin Airship Works at Friedrichshafen, on Lake Constance, from making its daily flight (390 miles) to Staaken, 13 miles from Berlin.

"Because she flies between Berlin and the neutral outlet to Switzerland the accommodation is as a premium. Bookings have been made four weeks in advance at 475 marks.

"The design of the Bodensee is the latest in airships, so far advanced that it is believed that one led to express the opinion that airship construction (and operation as well) all other countries are mere 'babes in the woods' compared to the Germans.

"Commercial air navigation is coming, and we must meet it as a premium. Let us be prepared to choose our course so that we shall make as few mistakes as possible. The building up of the present small commercial enterprise in Germany has meant numerous heartbreaking experiences. Millions of marks have been lost in the beginning, and lives of members of crews have been lost, but let it be said, to the eternal credit of the German people, that the first idea of his subordinates, that not a single passenger carried on a Zeppelin airship has been injured or killed—and to date the total carried has reached the sum of 140,000.

"This airship does not mean that casualties will not occur. Irresponsible boys can take airships in the air and bring them down in flames in the heart of a large city, or careless officers can drop the body from a dirigible on the ground and burn a number of spectators; but we can at least conduct our service along scientific, known principles, that can be obtained from an intimate study of the German methods, and thus minimize the number of disasters.

"America is by nature the chosen spot of all the world for commercial airship work; with her great expanse of territory within her far flung territories and insular possessions, with her commercial possibilities in Central and South America, with her centers of population disposed so as to require more rapid transport than is yet in operation, with her supply of helium gas equalled in all the world, should bid strong for that which is unquestionably, her way in the path of progress."

MEETING PLANNED BY PRESBYTERIANS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 21.—Decision to call a meeting of committees from the various branches of the Presbyterian church some time in February has been placed to the order of the day to consider establishment of closer relations between the divisions was made at today's sessions here of representatives from 14 of the 16 synods of the Presbyterian churches of the United States. (Southern) it was announced tonight.

Dr. A. M. Frazier, of Staunton, Va., moderator of the last general assembly of the southern church, which the committee in session here was authorized to conduct a survey looking to closer relationship among the various branches of the denomination. Dr. Frazier was elected chairman and Dr. Homer McMullan, of Atlanta, secretary. Similar committees have been appointed by other assemblies and it is with these the southern body proposes to meet in February. The other action was taken today. It was announced after tonight's session. The committee will continue its discussions and is expected to complete its work by tomorrow night.

Thbet, of which so little is known by the outside world, is nevertheless larger than France, Spain and Germany combined, and has a population of six millions.

DRESS

BY ANNE RITTENHOUSE

The Ornamental Veil of Lace and Tulle Which Serves as a Neck Drapery Has Come Into Fashion On The Heels of the Afternoon Frock That Equals an Evening Gown in the Depth of Its Decolletage.

In France last year the women who wore the deeply decollete street gown did not bother to drape the neck with a veil. In truth, Paris was amazingly free of veils. When one saw a piece of net or lace over the face of a French woman it looked stilted. She seemed a bit prudish old-maidish. The French do not wear hair nets, therefore they have been consistent followers of the veil, using it as a means of enhancing the complexion, of softening their make-up, of hiding any possible defects in the neck. When therefore they adopted the extremely low gown for all hours and occasions, it was a contradictory thing to drop the veil. Yet this is what they did.

There have been few seasons like those during the war and immediately after when the face and neck of the French woman were entirely uncovered during the day. In the spring the shops sold veils, the milliners offered them, and hats were trimmed with blonde tulle, but when the summer came face coverings were swept aside as if the weather were too warm to tolerate such an addition to the costume. It seemed as if the crudities of war had imperilled many fashions based on modesty.

Many of the Americans followed the French. They discarded face veils. They did not, however, discard hair nets, for it is part of our religion of costume to keep the hair within bounds. The French do not look untidy and disorderly without hair nets; the Anglo-Saxon do. The French hair is glossy and rolls itself across the head in well-ordered waves, and even when it is pulled out, tangled, and made to stand on end after the fashion of some of the younger set in Paris it merely becomes picturesque. With such a coiffure the average American woman looks her worst.

Fortunately, the hair net and veil are both in fashion over here. True, one sees more uncovered faces than usual, but the ornamental veil of tulle and lace has appeared as a concealing adjunct to the deeply decollete afternoon frock. It will grow in fashion as the season progresses from cold to warm.

At present no woman wears a low-necked, short-sleeved frock on the street, without a coat, but when she removes her jacket in the house one sees a face uncovered from the neck to the throat. Another during the civil war. And by the way, it is amusing to hear ourselves calling this costume "shocking French" when all one has to do is to search the family album to see its prototype on those sainted women

as an adjunct to the bathing suit frock.

The Hat and the Veil. The sketch shows an unusual hat of straw and tulle which carries over one of these veils its most important reason for existence. The hat is like a beehive and the puff of tulle is so large that it gives great breadth to the hat over the eyes and ears. If one is imaginative one may liken it to a swarm of bees beating the air. It is entirely draped with a veil of lace and tulle which ties gently around the neck and falls in long ends over the shoulder. It serves as a scarf, an apology of a wrap to the unusual amount of uncovered skin that the frock permits.

THE HOUSEHOLD

Edited by Anne Rittenhouse.

A BIT OF PSYCHOLOGY.

Students of psychopathology not infrequently go to great pains when trying to cure or relieve persons suffering from nervous disorders to probe down deep in the consciousness of the patient to find the object about which the patient experiences the greatest uneasiness. Rarely can the patient herself tell just what it is. She may think it is something while in reality it will be something quite different. Or it may be part of her malady that she is practically incapable of mentioning the dread subject. Often the discovery is made only by accident.

Then the psychopathic specialist goes about it much as a farmer trying to break in a shy colt. He leads the patient gently up to the subject—the nete note. He talks about it, just as if it were the most natural thing in the world. And gradually, by showing that it is perfectly harmless or that it does not exist, he dispels the sensation of fear that has become an obsession. Sometimes he actually causes the obstacle to be removed. For instance, there are some persons whose fear of fire amounts to an obsession. By having that person sleep with a small case of a fire escape dispenser, the nervousness and brings back a normal state of mind. But it sometimes takes a good deal of probing on the part of the specialist to find that it is a fear of fire that has become an obsession.

That is just a bit of psychology. The method of cure is one that may be applied to the housewife as well as to the nervous patient. For a good many housewives are really suffering from nervous nerves than from any work. It is the continual mental fretting that worries them more than the amount of work they do. And it frequently happens that the cause of this fretting has become so much a matter of daily existence that a man can hardly tell you what it is.

But most housewives can cure themselves. Just sit down and ask yourself what it is that worries you, what it is that makes you nervous. Then when you wake up in the mornings just what task is it that you dread more than the others?

One housewife sifted things down in her mind until she found that it was her ironing that worried her. She had her iron on a new box and it was leaky. It was constant source of annoyance. Things tipped over in it and usually just at the busiest time. So the curing of her state of nerves was simple. She realized that the only thing to do was to get a new iron box. It was expensive, but it was worth while, for with the old box replaced by a new one her state of nervousness had disappeared. She had worried over that for a long time, but it had assumed the proportions of a black beast.

Now it may be that there is some one thing in your household that is gradually assuming alarming proportions in your thoughts. Stop and think what it is. Then either show yourself that it is not such a fearful thing after all or remove the obstacle entirely.

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LATEST DECREE ON THE MODERN DANCE

Bans the "Half Nelson" and the "Shimmy Lock."

Reform Movement Undertaken By Dance Masters' Association.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Old fashioned, keep-your-distance dances, are to displace the modern jazz step, if the nation-wide reform movement undertaken by the American National Association of Masters of Dancing proves successful. The dancing masters, it is announced here, count upon the support of mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, dance hall proprietors, dancing teachers and hostesses—of any person reported or representing to exterminate the "half nelson," "body hold," "shimmy lock" and other imported ball room grips which are practiced by some dancers.

Cheap and vulgar music is also to come under the ban and, according to a circular just issued by the association, those in charge of community or public dances are urged to show their opposition to undesirable dances by displaying "You will please leave the hall" cards to those who persist in offending.

The women, it is charged are often as much to blame as their partners and, in some cases, dance hall proprietors are urged to pick out ten or a dozen objectionable couples and, if a warning is disregarded, to oust them at once.

"You will soon see," the circular reads, "that you have raised the standard of your establishment and that the loss will be more than made up by double the number of persons who have respect for you and your dances."

Some of the rules and regulations which all are urged to obey follow: "Dance music should be bright and cheerful, properly accented and the phrases well divided. Cheap, vulgar music of the extreme 'jazz' type invites cheap, vulgar meaningless dancing. It is to be expected that dancing when the music lacks all refinement, for, after all, what is dancing but an interpretation of music?"

The association has adopted the following measures, to be enforced by the masters as they regulate fast dancing:

"Waltz 48 measure to minute
Two-step 64 measure to minute
One step 66 measure to minute
Fox Trot 40 measure to minute

"Dancers should assume a light, graceful position," say the masters. "There should be no jerky half-steps for these causes undesirable variations. Partners should not dance with cheeks close or touching nor should the clasp be tight. 'Neck holds' are positively unparadonable. The gentleman's arm should encircle his partner's waist, his hand resting lightly just above the waist line. The lady's left arm should not encircle her partner's shoulders or neck.

"Steps or movements that cannot be controlled should not be taught by dancing teachers. Short side step, first right, then left, when done continuously, are not conducive to refined dancing and should not be permitted. 'Shimmy dancing,' a shaking or jerking of the upper part of the body while taking short steps or standing still, should not be tolerated. "The proper dancing step should be the same as a natural walking one except in exhibition dancing, which properly belongs to the stage, not the ball room. Exceptionally long or short steps are not in good form.

"Dancing should be from the waist down, not from the waist up. Copying of the extremes used on the modern stage is a bad taste. Remember that the majority of dancers desire to dance according to the best accepted standards, that is, without the slightest trace of offense to dignity or decorum."

"IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

Anthony Caminetti, whose department is in charge of the deportation of alleged reds from the United States has been commissioner general of immigration since the early part of the first Wilson administration. Commissioner Caminetti hails from California and has the distinction of being the first among men of Italian race stock to get any considerable political recognition from a federal administration. He is a lawyer, by profession, and from 1887 to 1892 was district attorney of Amador County. Then followed terms in both houses of the California legislature, and two terms in congress as a representative. Identifying himself quite early in life with the democratic party he had full recognition from that body as delegate to national conventions and as a candidate for elector.

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Bill To Ban The Movies Of "Wild And Woolly" West

By JOE L. BAKER. (Staff Correspondent, The Citizen.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—A bill designed to prevent the potential danger in the exhibition of pictures of the wild and woolly west has been introduced in the United States senate by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma.

While movie men rejoice that this bill would not place a ban upon the films that show the empire in her multiplicity of machinations, they fear that it is the beginning of a campaign for more strict censorship. And the movie men are not partial to any movement looking to restriction of S. O. business.

Senator Gore's bill would make it unlawful to bring into this country, or to transport from one state to another in the United States, or to send out of this country to another country, any picture, film, moving picture, film or film or other representation purporting to show or to simulate the acts or conduct of any ex-convict, desperado, bandit, train robber, bank robber or outlaw, or of any person reported or representing to have been convicted of crime or to or to have been a desperado, bandit, train robber, bank robber, or outlaw, in the commission or attempted commission of any crime or act of violence, or in escape or flight of any such person from the alleged scene of any such purported crime or attempted

crime, or act of violence, or of the trial in court or otherwise of any such person.

Penalty for Violation. For violation of this law, if law it becomes, Senator Gore would provide punishment by fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both. The same penalty would be imposed for sending any like films through the United States mails.

What the senate will do to it, of course, is a guess but over in the house there is a sentiment in favor of such a law. For instance, Representative Godwin, of the sixth district of North Carolina, would undoubtedly support the measure because he has recently had brought home to him the possibilities of danger in the exhibition of this class of films.

During the holidays his ten year old son was the victim of a pistol in the hands of a youngster just two or three years older. Both had been to a "movie" and had witnessed the bandits shooting up trains and one another. Then the young Godwin boy and his companion played "robber" and one was seriously injured.

The movie men, however, are preparing to fight the passage of the bill and already there are numbers of representatives of film firms in Washington waiting to appear before the senate committee on commerce, to which the Gore bill was referred.

PROGRESS REPORTED ON DISCUSSIONS OF TREATY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Marked improvement in possibility of concluding the senate deadlock over the peace treaty was reported tonight by leaders participating in the bi-partisan compromise negotiations.

Although the leaders yesterday came close to a break, today's meeting, it was stated, was a most important information, resulted in material progress toward a compromise. At one time since the bi-partisan conference began a week ago, one of the active leaders declared, have the prospects been so bright for an agreement between the four republican and five democratic members of the committee. It was added, however, that tomorrow might bring another change in the situation.

Possibility of harmonizing differences over the fundamental controversies—article 10 of the league of nations covenant and the question of equal voting in the league—were the basis of feeling among the conferees tonight that a compromise may yet be reached. The conferees also feel sure that, possibly with some difficulty any compromise which the bi-partisan conference could agree on would be accepted by the senate.

Another session of conferees will be held late tomorrow after the republican and democrats confer in separate councils earlier in the day. A number of the "mild reservation" republicans also plan to confer tomorrow prior to meeting of the joint conference.

IS MURDERED IN DUBLIN

Is Shot Down in One of Main Streets—Fires in Self Defense.

DUBLIN, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Assistant Commissioner of Police Redmond was shot and killed at 6:30 o'clock this evening in Harcourt street, one of Dublin's main thoroughfares.

When assailed, Mr. Redmond drew his own pistol and fired two shots in self defense. When he dropped to the ground he still had his automatic in his hand.

Mr. Redmond recently was brought to Dublin from Belfast where he had been a successful constabulary officer, to assist in co-ordinating the Dublin police and secure increased efficiency in the detective department.

THURLES, Ireland, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Another constable was shot and badly wounded last night while returning to his home here. Armed squads later searched the district and entered several houses looking for the assassins and also questioned pedestrians. No arrests were made.

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