

Socialism Throws Down Gauntlet to Capitalism in the House of Commons, Demanding Change Now

PHILIP SNOWDEN IS SPEAKER FOR CHANGE

He Denounces "The Capitalist System" as Failure and Wants Legislation to Supplant It Now.

MUCH INTEREST IN CHALLENGE

Attitude of Labor Party Toward Socialism is Expected to Be Determined by House Vote.

London, March 20 (By the Associated Press).—Socialism throws down the gauntlet to capitalism in the House of Commons tonight when Philip Snowden, one of the leaders of the Independent Labor Party offers a motion denouncing "the capitalist system" as a failure and proposing that legislation be directed toward its gradual suppression "by an industrial and social order based upon public ownership and domestic control of the instruments of production and distribution."

It will be the first time in history that socialism has launched in the British parliament a direct formal challenge of the existing order, and the event discussed in the press for several days, is regarded as one of the most significant happenings in a long time.

All the other parties in the House are united in opposing Mr. Snowden's motion, and their whips have urgently called their respective supporters to attend tonight's session.

Amendments have been framed by every party. That proposed by the conservatives declares that "in view of the admitted efficiency of the capitalist system, the amendment concludes with the declaration in favor of giving workers in each industry "an opportunity of being associated legitimately with its direction and management."

Inasmuch as the motion will not be submitted until 8:15 o'clock and as the discussion will presumably end at 11, it is therefore uncertain whether the motion will go to a division.

If a decision is taken it will first show how many laborites are prepared to avow adhesion to socialist principles. Forecasters differ on this point, some predicting solid labor support and others declaring that certain members dislike the motion and will not vote in any case.

THINK FRUIT CROPS OF STATE WERE DAMAGED

In Western Part of State Temperature Dropped From 45 to 13 Degrees Above Zero.

Asheville, March 20.—Following a sudden drop in temperature from 45 to 13 degrees above zero early this morning, fruit growers of this section expressed the belief that tremendous damage has been inflicted to the peach, plum and pear crops of western North Carolina. But slight damage has been suffered by the apple crop, it is believed, the buds being not sufficiently advanced.

L. R. Harrell, county club agent, said he believed all the fruit save apples and trees in protected places had been annihilated in this county. The temperature this morning was the lowest in Asheville for as late a day as March 20 since government records have been recorded, 22 years.

NEW SCHOOL CODE TO BE SUBJECT OF MEETINGS

To Be Held in Various Part of State By Dr. E. C. Brooks, Superintendent of Schools.

Raleigh, March 20.—A series of meetings in different sections of the state with school superintendents, members of boards of education, and county commissioners in attendance, has been called by Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction, for the purpose of discussing the new school code.

The meetings will be held in Asheville April 11; Charlotte April 13; Greensboro April 13; Raleigh April 20; Greenville April 25 and Wilmington April 27.

Citizens Hotel Company Soon Will Sue Four Other Persons.

Charlotte, March 19.—There are outstanding subscriptions aggregating \$50,000 additional to the \$70,000 which the Citizens Hotel Company sued E. D. Latta for. Those against whom action is to be brought are E. S. Holt, W. B. Foreman, A. A. Kneeb, B. L. Scruggs and Vernon Porter.

Mr. Latta's attorneys are preparing to argue before Judge R. F. Long the question of setting aside the verdict rendered against their client Saturday.

Fifty members of the Rotary club and their wives left tonight for Charleston, S. C., to attend the annual conference of the Rotary clubs of the 35th district, of which Carroll Jones, of Columbia, is governor.

Situation in Europe is Worse Now Than It Has Been in Years

(By the Associated Press.) Denver, Col., March 20.—Hamilton Hall, New York journalist and lecturer, touring the west in the interest of America's joining the league of nations, in an address here last night, said Dr. Mazon, the Norwegian explorer, "who knows more of the Russian situation probably than any other man, told me personally and repeated his statements on the floor of the league of nations, that self-sold human flesh is being sold as food in the markets of Russia."

"Austria is following Russia over the brink of catastrophe; Germany is following Austria," Mr. Harding added.

"Then comes Italy and France, and England is not so far behind. This most profound thinker in every country united in the statement that the situation in Europe is worse today than at any time since the armistice. Civilization virtually is at stake."

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The address which Mr. Todd will deliver here will be delivered later before the student body of Princeton University. It was prepared especially for delivery at Princeton and publication in the American Magazine. It will be delivered for the first time in this city.

Mr. Todd was the builder of the Cannon Building in New York City, and soon will build a terminal in New York City to cost between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000. He has also been associated in the building of other great structures in various cities in the United States.

The young men and boys of the city have been extended a special invitation to hear Mr. Todd, whose address has been prepared along lines that will be of special interest and benefit to them.

The address will be delivered at 8 o'clock, at which times the doors will be closed.

GASTON COUNTY NOW OCCUPIES THIRD PLACE

Now Has a Total Spindleage of 1,130,675.

Gastonia, N. C., March 20 (By the Associated Press).—Gaston county now has a total spindleage of 1,130,675, entitling it to claim third place in the cotton-spinning industry of America instead of fourth as in the past. This figure carries Gaston past Middlesex county, Mass., and leaves only Bristol county, Mass., and Providence county, Rhode Island, ahead of it.

The spindleage given is announced as the result of a survey completed by the Gaston Chamber of Commerce a few days ago.

Officials of the organization stated the survey had been promoted along "most conservative lines." Personal investigation was given each mill in the county. Only those mills in operation or under contract were counted, this bringing the total to ninety-eight. Others, which had given the county credit for over one hundred mills, are incorporated, but have made no move to start building. The figure of ninety-eight, however, gives the county more mills than any other in the United States. Bristol county coming second with ninety, it is claimed.

The survey shows that the mills of Gaston have a total capitalization of \$35,579,600. There are 3,546 looms. The total number of operatives employed is 16,188 and the annual payroll for 1922 was \$8,512,865. These figures are expected to be increased when two mills now in the course of erection are in operation. The mills maintain 5,282 cottages for their operatives.

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To Step Off There For a Game of Golf on His Return Trip to Washington.

Greensboro, March 20.—President Warren G. Harding, now enjoying a vacation in southern Florida, has been urged to return to Washington by this point, and to stop over for a game of golf on a "sporty course" by Mayor Claude Kiser and E. B. Jefferson, president of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce.

A. C. L. Will Add to the Rocky Mount Shops.

Rocky Mount, March 19.—Extensive additions to their present holdings at South Rocky Mount were announced here today by the Atlantic Coast Line with the acceptance of 15 acres of land tendered by the city for a coach shop. The program includes the building of shops costing in excess of a half million dollars and employing 400 additional skilled workmen with a yearly payroll of three quarters of a million dollars.

The shops will provide a unit for car construction and repair for the first division of the company identical with that on the second division located at Waycross, Ga. It was stated.

Like Old Wine.

An Oklahoma editor tells of an old Indian who came into his office to pay for his paper. The editor took the money; then the Indian wanted a receipt. The editor tried to talk him out of it. Mr. Indian insisted. After making it out, the editor wanted to know why he was so persistent about wanting a receipt. The Indian said: "Me die some time. Go to big gate and St. Peter ask if I been good Indian. I say yes. He say, 'Did you pay editor for paper?' I say yes. He say, 'Where is receipt?' I say no. He say, 'I have to run all over hell to find you and get receipt.'"

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NOTED BUILDER TO SPEAK HERE MONDAY

John R. Todd to be heard in Central Graded School.—No Admission Fee. Concord people will be offered a rare treat next Monday night, March 20th, when John R. Todd, one of the greatest builders in America, will speak here on "How to Get to the Top." The address will be delivered in Central Graded School and will be free to the general public.

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FASCISTI OF ITALY HAS HAD BRANCH IN AMERICA TWO YEARS

It is Claimed the Organization Now Has Membership of 20,000 in Leading Cities of the Country.

OFFICERS WILL BE CHOSEN SATURDAY

Members Here Will Not Take Part in Politics and No Upheaval is Planned by the Organization.

New York, March 20.—A branch of the Fascisti of Italy called the Fascisti of North America, was founded in this country two years ago and now has 20,000 members in numerous prominent leading cities of the United States and Canada, the New York Herald says today.

Temporarily the organization in this hemisphere is said to be under the direction of E. Menichetti, who acts as "political secretary." Officers of the New York headquarters of the American organization are to be elected at a meeting here Saturday night.

While in Italy the fascisti was of such political force that it swept into power its leader, Mussolini, no such end is sought in this country, the Herald quotes Signor Menichetti as saying. Besides promoting peace, he said the fascisti are here to see that Italians in countries other than Italy, understand the duties of Italian citizenship and obey the laws of the country in which they live. It will keep out of American politics, he added.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at a Decline of 11 to 25 Points Under Easy Liverpool Cables.

New York, March 20.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 11 to 25 points in response to reports of improving weather conditions in the South. May sold off to 20 1/2 and October to 23 1/2 on the call, or about 18 points below yesterday's closing quotations under scattering liquidation. Southern and warehouse selling. Liverpool was a buyer here at the decline, however, and the market recovered 9 or 10 points of its opening loss during the early trading on covering.

Cotton futures opened steady. March 20.77; May 21.00; July 20.24; Oct. 20.68; Dec. 20.12.

PAY TUITION WITH BLOOD

John Hopkins Students Collect \$50 for Each Transfusion.

Students at the John Hopkins medical school are paying their tuition with blood money, literally and without indignant connotation. They are selling their blood for transfusion purposes at \$50 a transfusion.

It is an easy way to make money, according to Dr. John G. Hutek, professor of medicine. All the student has to do is to lie down, sacrifice a little blood, and then collect the \$50.

But the fly in the ointment, from the students' standpoint, is that all are not eligible to be bled. The subject must be perfectly healthy. Then his blood must measure up to a certain standard. A red-blooded man for transfusion purposes must be more than a movie hero.

ITALIAN STEAMER IS REPORTED SINKING

Steamer Giulia Sent Out Distress Signal When 560 Miles East of Boston.

New York, March 20.—The Italian steamer Giulia is sinking 560 miles east of Boston, according to wireless messages received at coast guard stations here today. The message said the American steamer Wm. F. Herbin, 60 miles from the Giulia when it picked up the distress call, was rushing to its assistance, as was also a shipping board steamer, whose identity is unknown.

To Get Tourists For Eastern North Carolina.

Wilmington, March 20.—Purposing to develop and advertise eastern North Carolina as a tourist center, members of several chambers of commerce and other interested parties will meet at Wilson today to consider the advisability of calling an early conference on the proposition.

Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist and director, has advised Mayor James H. Gowan, who stated citizens in Wilmington are greatly interested in the project, owing to the beaches in this section and other attractions interesting to tourists. Mr. Pratt announced the meeting will be held at 10 o'clock this morning.

New President for Old Dominion Line.

Boston, March 20.—The election of Calvin Austin, president of the Eastern Steamship Lines as president of the Old Dominion Steamship Company was announced here today. He succeeded H. E. Walker, of New York, who was made vice president. No other changes are contemplated at present, it was said. The Eastern Steamship Lines recently acquired control of the Old Dominion Company.

ROTARY CONFERENCE

Charleston Entertaining the Twenty-Eighth District Rotarians.

Charleston, S. C., March 20.—The first conference of the Thirty-Eighth District, Rotary International, opened this morning at 10 o'clock in the Academy of Music. As president of the Charleston Club, Thomas P. Lescoe opened the conference and delivered a brief address of welcome. He was followed by Carroll H. Jones, of Columbia, district governor, who will thereafter preside.

The conference will bring together Rotarians and their ladies from 28 clubs in the western part of North Carolina and the whole of South Carolina. Indications are that more than 600 persons will be registered at Charleston.

Large representations came from Charlotte and Greensboro, as each is presenting a candidate for district governor—David Charles, of Charlotte, and Paul Schuch, of Greensboro. The district governor will be nominated on Wednesday afternoon by the official delegates to the conference, the election to be held by the international convention in St. Louis in June.

By way of entertainment, the Rotarians and their ladies will attend a songfest in the Academy of Music Tuesday night, going thence to the Artillery Hall, for a conference hall, from ten o'clock to midnight.

Tuesday afternoon, the visiting ladies will be guests of the Charleston Museum, the oldest museum in the United States. Wednesday afternoon, business being out of the way, the Rotarians and their ladies will be taken to Folly Beach on the Atlantic Ocean in automobiles for an oyster roast.

Information has been received from the Asheville Rotary club that it will present an invitation for the next conference to be held in March, 1924.

As usual, with Rotarian gatherings, the emphasis will be placed on fellowship throughout the conference. It is reported that a number of delegates will come here by motor and to meet them an airport will be established out from Charleston.

Opening Session.

Charleston, S. C., March 20.—Representatives of 28 Rotary clubs from North Carolina and South Carolina were here today for the opening sessions of the annual district convention of the organization. The sessions will last through tomorrow.

Supplemental Report on Near East Relief.

The following is a complete report of all money and pledges which I have handled in the Near East Relief campaign. Doubtless there is a considerable amount of yet unreported. Previously acknowledged: \$7,272.80

Mr. F. J. Hayward 60.00
Mrs. F. J. Hayward 60.00
Rev. T. W. Smith 5.00
Central Graded School, (Miss Virginia Evin's room) 2.50
Roberta School 1.45
Harrisburg School 22.02
Calvary Lutheran S. S. (credit) 27.20
Calvary Lutheran (Mr. T. H. (children's class) 4.00
Second Presbyterian S. S. (additional) 12.00
Kannapolis Lutheran S. S. (additional) 120.00
No. 2 Graded School (cash) .51
No. 2 Graded School Miss Rose Harris' room 1.50
Credits from Raleigh (additional) 82.71
Trinity Lutheran No. 4 Township 26.00

Grand total 87,668.48

This is four thousand, four hundred and two dollars beyond our quota. Or an over subscription of 23 per cent.

J. FRANK ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

Rearing of Children Now Taught in School.

Greensboro, March 20.—Through the new practice home, recently completed at the North Carolina College for Women for the school of home economics, students are now able to perfect themselves in all the arts of home-making, and to learn through practice how to solve the problems of the housekeeper. Here they can cook, sew, and do all the things which are necessary to the proper rearing of children, with proper attention to food values, pursue their education, learn to economize in the expenditure by means of a family budget, acquire skill in the actual handling and rearing of children, apply principles of art to home decorations, and in general get acquainted with the problems of the home.

Each senior in the school of home economics must spend at least six weeks in this home and learn home-making at first hand. The work is under the direction of Miss Blanche S. Shaffer, head of the school of home economics.

Call's Turn on Death.

Sergeant, Ky., March 19.—Aaron Lucas, in his ninety-ninth year, is dead in this county at a time he had announced his friends that his end would come the middle of March. He arranged all his business affairs, called in relatives, bade them farewell, gave directions for his funeral and then awaited the summons.

A few days ago he became ill and pointed to that as the start of the fulfillment of his prognostication. He grew rapidly worse and died. Lucas had boasted that until his fatal illness he was never sick a day in his life. Notwithstanding his great age, he often walked alone for miles over mountain roads on visits to relatives. His eyesight was perfect.

D. A. B. Meeting.

The Cabarrus Block Boys chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Wm. M. Linker, on White street.

Snowden to Present Bill.

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FALL RIVER TEXTILE WORKERS DECIDE TO KEEP THEIR JOBS

United Textile Workers Ask For 29 Per Cent. Wage Increase and Others Seek a 15 Per Cent. Raise.

MILL OWNERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

And Members of Union Will Wait Until After This Conference Before Taking Any Further Action.

Fall River, Mass., March 20.—There will be no immediate strike of the cotton textile operatives of this city controlled by United Textile Workers of America, who have demanded a wage of 29 1/2 per cent.

Pending the decision of the manufacturers on the demand of Fall River textile council, a rival union organization, for a wage increase of 15 per cent, President Thomas F. McMahon of the United Textile Workers, announces he will withhold the strike call and seek in the meantime to gain control of the union forces in the city.

McMahon accused the textile Council of working in collusion with the manufacturers to bring about a small wage increase sufficient merely to avert a strike.

PLANS PERFECTED FOR STRIKE AT FALL RIVER COTTON MILLS

Manufacturers Refuse Demand of Operatives for 29 Per Cent Wage Increase.

Boston, March 18.—Thomas F. McMahon, international president of the United Textile Workers of America, left for Fall River tonight, after forming a meeting of the New England Conference Board of that organization here today that plans had been perfected for a strike of operatives in the cotton mills in the Fall River district.

A general mass meeting will be held in Fall River tomorrow night, President McMahon said, at which a strike vote will be taken, as a result of the failure of cotton goods manufacturers to accede to the demand for a 29 per cent increase in wages made by the United Textile Workers. The operatives, he said, have informally declared themselves in favor of walking out in order to enforce their demands.

Fall River, where 30,000 workers are employed in 111 textile mills, stands doubly committed to wage increase demand, as the Fall River Textile Council made formal demand for an increase in wages of 15 per cent, on Friday. A contest for control of the situation in Fall River is in progress between the Textile Council and the United Textile Workers of America, and the situation has been complicated by the different demands made upon the manufacturers.

President McMahon announced in New York recently that he would try to arrange a conference between manufacturers and workers in Fall River for today, but he said tonight that the manufacturers had refused to agree to a joint discussion of the situation.

PIGGLY WIGGLY STOCK TAKES ANOTHER JUMP

Stock Which Closed at 72 Monday Is Now Quoted on the Market at 123.

New York, March 20.—A sensational jump in the stock of Piggly Wigly Stores, which has advanced on a small volume of sales from Monday's close of 72 to 123 soon after noon today, again brought dealings in that stock on the New York Stock Exchange into prominence.

Recent transactions in the stock already are the subject of an investigation by the business conduct committee of the New York Stock Exchange.

Masons to Inquire into Schools. San Francisco, Calif., March 19.—Holding that the future of the public school system in America must rest primarily on the worth of teachers and textbooks, and that both these agencies of education are being played upon by influences inimical to educational progress, William A. Sherman, California Grand Master of Masons, has issued a proclamation for an observance of public school week in all Masonic lodges in California and Hawaii during the week beginning today.

At least one night of the week will be required for a closed session in which the school situation in California will be reviewed. It is expected that a new forward movement of "Inquiry and intelligent action" will result from the week's observance.

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