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CURRENT EVENTS

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

ADMINISTRATION newspapers are laughing at senator King because of his failure to secure permission to enter Haiti, the island republic that is actually a branch office of the National City bank. King delivered a speech last year in which he said that Haiti was not free but was actually a puppet of the state department. To prove that King was not stating the truth President Borno put up the "no admittance" sign for the senator and the state department says: "Now, who is running Haiti?"

THE state department will not insist on the president of Haiti granting King a visa to enter the country. But if President Borno treated a Wall Street banker in this fashion, a few of the battleships that are not engaged protecting Wall Street's interests in China, Nicaragua and the Philippines would be churning the ocean immediately on the way to Haiti to show Borno where to get off at. Which proves that a senator who falls foul of the money barons does not amount to much.

RAMSAY MACDONALD is coming to the United States and there is some talk that the more progressive wing of the Labor Party are in favor of giving him a permanent vacation. MacDonald got in wrong with his party on the Chinese question. British labor leaders have a habit of taking an ocean voyage when home life gets too strenuous. J. H. Thomas came to the United States after he betrayed the miners a few years ago. When he helped to betray them last year he went to Canada and to recuperate from the same kind of activity Ramsay MacDonald went to the Sahara desert. Things move slowly in England but the British working class are preparing to send their reactionary leaders to the political wilderness.

KERENSKY tells us that Stalin hates the peasantry and that the only difference between Stalin's policy and Trotsky's is that the latter wants to kill them right away while the former would go about the business of extinction more methodically and cautiously. Kerensky declares quite correctly that the peasantry comprises about 95 per cent of the population of the Soviet Union. Yet these peasants seem to like their enemies. Kerensky's lies are so feeble that even the capitalist newspapers decorate them with invisible question marks.

POOR Mr. Kellogg has a terrible time trying to deny that he instructed the American charge in Nicaragua to bring about the election of the reactionary Diaz. It is reported that Mr. Dennis, the charge in question who is returning to the United States to become head of the Latin-American section of the state department has such a document in his possession. It may be lese majeste to say that Mr. Kellogg is lying but the secretary of state has been caught so often taking liberties with the truth that his denials carry no more weight than a preacher's tirade against the devil.

THE Nationalists are forging ahead in China. Shanghai, the prize city of the Orient, seems to be ready to fall into their lap. If they had to deal only with the feudal militarists their task would be simple. Even despite the opposition of the Imperialist powers whose money is financing the militarists the revolutionists appear to be on the verge of attaining victory. Too much stock should not be taken in reports of conflicts inside the Koumintang Party. Of course there are differences on questions of policy and there is no doubt but the

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KELLOGG AGAIN DISCRIMINATES; REFUSES VISA TO PIATOKOFF

MOSCOW, March 15.—George Piatokoff, who had been designated to be head of the Soviet Trading Corporation at New York, has returned here from Berlin where he stayed for the past three months awaiting his visa for entry into the United States. The state department at Washington, D. C., is maintaining its usual policy of silence and has not notified Piatokoff what it intends to do in his case.

Piatokoff, whose application for entry had the endorsement of a group

Smith, Mellon Scramble Over Water Power

Governor Favors General Electric Company

ALBANY, March 15.—Republicans and democrats in the legislature are at each others' throats in their scramble for water power. Back of them stand the General Electric Company and the Mellon interests pulling the strings.

The fight between the republicans and democrats was brought to a head last night when Governor Smith in a special message to the legislature flatly rejected the republican proposal for an "investigating commission," which, by wasting time, would permit republican leaders to hand over New York's rich power resources to the Mellon interests.

"Public Ownership." Making a plea for "public ownership" of the power resources of New York, Governor Smith introduced bills in the legislature providing for a New York State Power Authority empowered to submit a comprehensive plan for "public development" of state water power. Governor Smith's plan would permit the General Electric Company to muleet the public for power generated by the state. Owen D. Young, vice-president of the G. E. C., was a prominent contributor to Governor Smith's campaign fund.

The hypocrisy of Governor Smith's plea for public development of power resources was clearly indicated in his message which stated that the "Power Authority would finance the building of the dams and plants at the river through the contracts which it would make for selling the power to be generated to private companies which would finally market it to the people."

'Mystery Sunbeam' Car Can Go 200 Per Hour

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 15.—Major H. O. D. Segrave, British automobile race driver, will be accorded a rousing reception on his scheduled arrival here tomorrow with his revolutionary speed creation, the "mystery sunbeam," in which he will attempt to travel 200 miles an hour or faster on the Ocean Speedway at Daytona Beach. Segrave is said to already have made 172 miles an hour in his new car.

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Dunne Member C. I. Executive Following Ruthenberg's Death

William F. Dunne is now a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, following the death of Charles E. Ruthenberg. At the Fifth Congress of the Communist International held in June, 1924, Ruthenberg and William Z. Foster were elected as members with Dunne as alternate.

According to the statutes of the Communist International the members of the Executive Committee are elected by the Congress and not by the various sections.

Jury Picked in Ford-Sapiro Libel Suit

Anti-Semitic Issue Creeps Into Suit for Cash

DETROIT, March 15.—A jury of housewives, small salaried employes and small-town merchants, was finally chosen this afternoon to sit in judgment on the million-dollar libel suit of Aaron Sapiro, wealthy Chicago attorney, against Henry Ford, America's first billionaire.

What this jury will have to decide is whether the Detroit manufacturer was justified in declaring, in various articles in his magazine, "The Dearborn Independent," that Sapiro, organizer of more than 40 cooperative associations and author of a farmers' cooperative law, was the prime mover in a "conspiracy" of Jewish international bankers to throttle agriculture.

The issues are clearer. Lines along which the libel suit will be fought became clear with the examination of the prospective jurors. As the questioning by the high-priced attorneys progressed it was quite evident that even the defense, which has firmly maintained that Jewry was not an issue, nevertheless took sharp notice of the difference between the Jew and non-Jew as jury material.

One candidate for the jury box who testified that he once "joined the Ku Klux Klan, more out of curiosity than anything else," was subjected to hard questioning by lawyers for Sapiro, the man who wants Ford to pay him \$1,000,000 as damages for the statements which he made about him and his activities.

When the selection of the jury was finally completed, there were two Jews among the 12 talemans in the box. They stoutly maintained that they could give Ford a fair trial.

There seems to be slight interest in the case here. Should Ford suddenly make his appearance, however, there is no doubt that the case would take on "Peaches-Browning" interest in the public estimation.

Will Henry Ford Appear? Much legalistic discussion has taken place in the last 24 hours as to whether or not Ford has officially been subpoenaed to appear. Sen. "Jim" Reed, of Missouri, counsel for Ford said, however, that "there will be no trouble having Mr. Ford here if the court wishes his evidence."

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Another Bank Fails; Charge That Official Wrecked Institution

BOSTON, March 15.—Suspension of the Waldo Trust Company, of Belfast, Maine, with branches in Castine, Brooks and Unity, today led to a grand jury probe here of the activities of Norman H. White, of Brookline. Thirty-four banks in Ohio, New York, Boston, Connecticut, Maine and New Hampshire are said to have made loans based on alleged misrepresentations of White.

Loans are said to have varied from \$1,000 to \$75,000 with the total well up to a million and a half dollars. Both firms have filed voluntary petitions.

Woll's "Report" Apparently "Filed"

All Right to Lie About Fur Workers, But Not Tammany

Mayor Walker's office again stated today that it had no announcement to make on the contents of the report of last year's fur strike which was turned over by the Special Investigating Committee of the American Federation of Labor last Friday.

A copy of this report, in fact the only copy in existence so it is said, was handed to the mayor for his information because, according to President Green, it contained information supplied by members of the Furriers Joint Board relative to payments made to the police during the strike. What use he made of the report was left to his honor.

Tammany's Own Cops! So far Mayor Walker has made no comment at all upon the report. The rumor is that he is not going to make any, and that this will graft charge against members of the police department will be quietly shelved.

It was a nasty boomerang, and the sooner it is forgotten, the better.

For, what was intended as a frame-up on members of the New York Joint Board of the Furriers' Union, and planned as a means of discrediting them in the eyes of the workers and the public, turned out to be an attack on the city's police department—and not even A. F. of L. officials can hit Tammany Hall's police and get away with it.

Not Even True. It is reported that Matthew Woll, head of the investigating committee, acting-president of the National Civic Federation, and the leader of the reactionary forces, wrote the report of what he wanted to find in the investigation of the Furriers' Union and that all the other members of the committee signed their names, without reading carefully.

At Least Lose Majesty. Then Woll went to Florida and out came the newspaper headlines, "A. F. of L. Investigating Committee Charges \$100,000 Graft Paid to New York Police." The next morning, so the rumor goes, Inspector Broderick of the Industrial Squad visited Joseph P. Ryan, president of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council and a member of the Investigating Committee, and said:

"Hey Joe, whathehell!" And so Ryan telegraphed Woll, saying:

"Hey Matty, whathehell!"

Flat Contradiction. And then President Green telegraphed back that the American Federation of Labor was a responsible body and stood by its statements. Whereupon Ryan announced that the charges of graft were absolutely not true; and after that things began humming.

The result was that Green did not come to New York right away to see Mayor Walker as was the announced plan. Then the mayor had to go to Havana, and he was busy when he first returned. And finally by the time President Green, et al., reached the New York City Hall last Friday, they "made no charge against the police," and they did not even recollect that there had ever been any charges made at all.

No Money For Cops. Members of the Furriers' Joint Board have denied that they ever made any statements which would indicate that graft had been paid to the police, and they have dared the Investigating Committee, or the officials of the International to hold a public hearing on this and all the other charges made in the report.

Since Matthew Woll, and his committee have shown no desire to turn the light of day on the contents of this report, and since Mayor Walker surely does not wish to use against the police department reported statements which are flatly denied by those quoted, it looks as tho the matter would be dropped.

So the forces attacking the progressives in the trade unions once more defeat themselves.

Fatty Arbuckle Comes Back. LOS ANGELES, March 15.—Roscoe C. Arbuckle, rotund film comedian of other years, is about to stage a return to the silver screen, it was learned here today.

IT'S MORE THAN A DREAM



The situation in China as it is viewed by an Australian labor cartoonist, Will Donald.

Panic In State Department As Dennis Sails

Brings Letter Involving Kellogg in Diaz Plot

WASHINGTON, March 15. (FP)—Scandal and panic in the state department pious expressions of benevolence toward Nicaragua issuing from the White House, copies of documents, leaving from the American legation in Managua, quoted in the columns of the Washington Post, showing that Secretary Kellogg ordered that all possible effort be made to elect Adolfo Diaz as president.

That's the picture of the Coolidge-Kellogg-Nicaraguan intrigue presented a week after the adjournment of congress.

Dennis Peevd. A long letter of complaint by Lawrence Dennis, recent charge d'affaires at Managua, against high-hat and stupid management of state department publicity was the first document quoted in the press. It appears that copies of this letter fell into the hands of press correspondents now watching the Kellogg war in Nicaragua. Dennis roasted the "imitation British" snobbery of the Division of Current Information and the clique of so-called career men who dominate the policy of the department when the secretary is not actively giving orders.

His complaint was inspired by the fact that three of these members of the "club" of wealthy young men in the service had refused to accept appointments to relieve him in his disagreeable post in Nicaragua. They had not been punished for refusal. He had to resign in order to leave to come north.

Had The Evidence. Up his sleeve Dennis held a trump card which caused the White House and state department to writhe in agony. It was a letter of instructions, which came to him in the diplomatic pouch from Washington, bearing the signature of Secretary Kellogg, instructing him to see that Adolfo Diaz was chosen president of Nicaragua when Chamorro, close associate of Diaz and author of the military coup that overthrew the constitutional government, should get out.

Saved The Letter. This letter was to have been burned, it appears, but for some reason of prudence Dennis not only preserved it but made a copy which he is bringing back to Washington. The original is said to be locked up in the legation files. While administration sources have replied by declar-

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Capture of Wuhu Big Victory for Nationalists

Nanking Now Next Objective Of Revolutionary Troops

SHANGHAI, March 15.—The City of Wuhu was reported to have fallen into the hands of the revolutionists. The fall of Wuhu to the Nationalists would mean the cutting of these two important cities, Nanking and would probably be the forerunner of the fall of Nanking.

Present maneuvers of the Nationalists appear to be directed towards Nanking, the campaign being based upon a belief that with the fall of Nanking the Shantungists would find Shanghai untenable.

Private advices and cable dispatches make it appear that the eventual success of the Nationalists is generally anticipated. General Chang Tsung Chang, who has taken over the defense of Shanghai, is apparently preparing to give up Nanking to the revolutionists. The evacuation of Nanking can only be followed by the surrender of Shanghai to the Cantonese, since Shanghai depends upon Nanking for its defense forces.

Two-Sided Drive. The Nationalists are making a two-sided drive to bring about the fall of these two important cities, Nanking and Shanghai, and unconfirmed reports state they have already captured Wuhu, which would mean the severance of the all important communications between Shanghai and Nanking. On the south they are attacking Sunkiang and on the north their drive is directed at Soochow.

Private advices intimate that General Chang Tsung Chang, the Shanghai defender, knows full well that he can not hold Shanghai or Nanking against the Nationalists and that he is merely maneuvering to secure all possible loot from these cities before he withdraws into his own territory to the north and permits the Nationalists to rule in full sway over Shanghai and Nanking.

Chang Fights Wu. Marshal Chang Tso Lin, who is the actual power behind the northern defenses, remains in Peking, apparently more interested in a "private battle" against his ancient enemy Wu Pei Fu than in the war against the Nationalists. Wu Pei Fu has failed to respond to Chang Tso Lin's demand for aid against the southerners, though it is reported that he personally desired to ally himself with Chang, but his subordinates refused. Chang Tso Lin has therefore sent an expedition of his Fengtien troops into Honan, the province considered sacred to Wu. These troops threaten to capture Chengchow, an important city, and to exact tribute for Chang Tso Lin from a territory heretofore ruled and taxed entirely by Wu Pei Fu.

Feng To Seize Honan. The Nationalists, however, are not prepared to let Honan pass under the Peking influence without battle. General Feng Yuh Siang is reported in Sianfu, capital of Shenxi, with 150,000 well trained troops, ready to march into Honan to attempt to oust the Fengtien troops and take control in the name of the Nationalist Government.

Further south in Yunan, a territory which has always been considered loyal to Peking, there are evidences that the revolutionists have sown seed and this territory may go over to the Nationalists at any moment.

The Nationalists at the present moment appear about to win sweeping victories, while the northern war lords wrangle among themselves.

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U. S. Takes Over More World Markets

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The United States made another heavy gain in foreign commerce in February when exports of \$373,000,000 were sent abroad, the commerce department announced today. It was an \$11,000,000 gain over February, 1926. Imports of \$312,000,000 were \$75,000,000 under the same month last year.

Foreign trade showed a favorable balance of \$123,737,000 March 1, as compared to a \$54,317,000 unfavorable balance the same date last year.

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RUTHENBERG MEMORIAL MEETINGS

ALBANY
Wednesday, March 16, 8:30 P. M.
Sons of Italy Hall, 120 Madison Ave.

CANTON, OHIO
Friday, March 18, 8 P. M.
Musical Hall, 810 Tuscewaras St.

NEWARK
Friday, March 18
Montgomery Hall.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.
Saturday, March 19, 8 P. M.
Swedish Brotherhood Hall, Main & Third St.

WARREN, OHIO
Sunday, March 20, 2 P. M.
Hippodrome Hall.

WASHINGTON
Monday, March 21
Typographical Temple

TROY, March 17. BINGHAMTON, March 18. ITHACA, March 19. NIAGARA FALLS, March 20.

