

RUSSIANS WORK FOR SOVIET STATE, SAYS BRITISHER

George Lansbury, who sent the subjoined wireless dispatch to a Socialist member of the English house of commons. His paper, the Daily Herald, is the official organ of British organized labor. Much surprise was manifested in British official circles recently when it was learned that Lansbury had obtained passports to Russia and in some quarters his voyage was linked with Premier Lloyd George's avowed efforts for peace with that country.

By George Lansbury
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(Special Radio Dispatch to Universal Service)
Moscow, Feb. 25.—All Russia will become united all-Russian cooperative society of workers—that is our aim," said Nicolai Lenin, Bolshevik prime minister, to me the other day.

I have visited several state factories here, where automobiles, bicycles and airplanes are being built. There we could see how much was accomplished during the period of trouble.

Before the revolution, Russia was dependent upon the outside world for nearly all machinery. Now, with her own raw materials she is building airplanes, automobiles and bicycles.

I have seen tool makers, foundry workers, machine minders and engineers working at full speed, and I have mentally compared them with the thousands I have seen in England and France. The only difference—and it is a vital one—is that the men here are their own employers. They are working not for a boss or to produce rent profit interest, but for the soviet state, which means themselves.

They participate in the organization and direction of their industry. The people of England often talk of waste in government and municipal enterprises. In Russian workshops exactly the contrary is the result.

The products of factories are carefully inspected and stamped. All inferior work is returned. In the Moscow waterworks the workers have control and they show extraordinary initiative and enthusiasm. They have helped relieve the fuel shortage by new methods of peat burning and by the construction, on their initiative, of a narrow gauge railway.

The "Red" armies could not possibly have been fed and supplied with munitions, nor could the nation have been kept alive except by this sort of enthusiasm. Not a single person I have met dreams of altering these conditions. All believe things would be much worse under any other government than the present.

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY
The position of the women in industry here would give complete surprise to every leader of the women's movement. Women work in industries here side by side with the men, and they are recognized upon terms of absolute equality as citizens of the state. Every post is open to them. In one thing only there is inequality—women are working on day rates and are al-

lowed the same wages as men though their production falls 15 per cent below that of the men.
In piecework their is a minimum wage which is the same for men as women. In cases of sickness and unemployment full rates are paid and the sick get extra food. The workers are given ten church holidays yearly, also eight public holidays yearly and Sundays and Saturday afternoons, as well as two weeks' vacation with pay. Vacations are extended where necessary.

Overtime is paid at the rate of time and a half for the first two hours and double time thereafter.
Much overtime is being worked at present and a good deal of voluntary work is being done, which means that the people work in other than their normal occupations in order to assist the nation.

A big wave of enthusiasm is rising among the people, who talk now about the "bloodless front," meaning the industrial field.

Herr Paul Appointed For American Post

Berlin, Feb. 25.—Herr Paul, former German minister to Cuba and later minister to Brazil, is said to have been selected for the post of German charge d'affaires at Washington. Herr Paul is at present head of the American affairs division of the foreign office. Although the American government sent a charge d'affaires to Berlin recently with the title of American commissioner, Germany is waiting for the ratification of the peace treaty by America or congressional action officially ending the state of war between the two nations, before sending a diplomatic representative to Washington.

BRITISH WAR MINISTER REBUKED FOR SNEERING REMARK ABOUT AMERICA

London, Feb. 25.—"An unseemly sneer, the less excusable as coming from a man who is himself half American," is the way the Daily News characterizes War Minister Churchill's remark in the house of commons yesterday that Britain in abolishing conscription was setting an example to all the world, "even to pious America."

Those of the London newspapers that are combatting the violent anti-American campaign being carried on by a section of the British press, comment indignantly on the fact that Captain Wedgwood Benn, who leaped to his feet when the war minister had made the remark and interposed the objection, "a disgraceful sneer" was practically shouted down by the majority of the house which thus virtually went on record as endorsing what Churchill had said.

Northcliffe's Times, which leads the opposition to the anti-American campaign, apologizes for Mr. Churchill today, and says his remark must not be taken seriously. "But," the newspaper adds, "the whole passage shows how great are the dangers of speaking with too great energy in the world's whispering gallery."

New Irish Bill to Be Introduced
London, Feb. 25.—(U. P.)—Premier Lloyd George's bill outlining his plan for a new scheme for home rule in Ireland will be introduced in the house

of commons this afternoon. There will be a debate and no comment, it was understood.

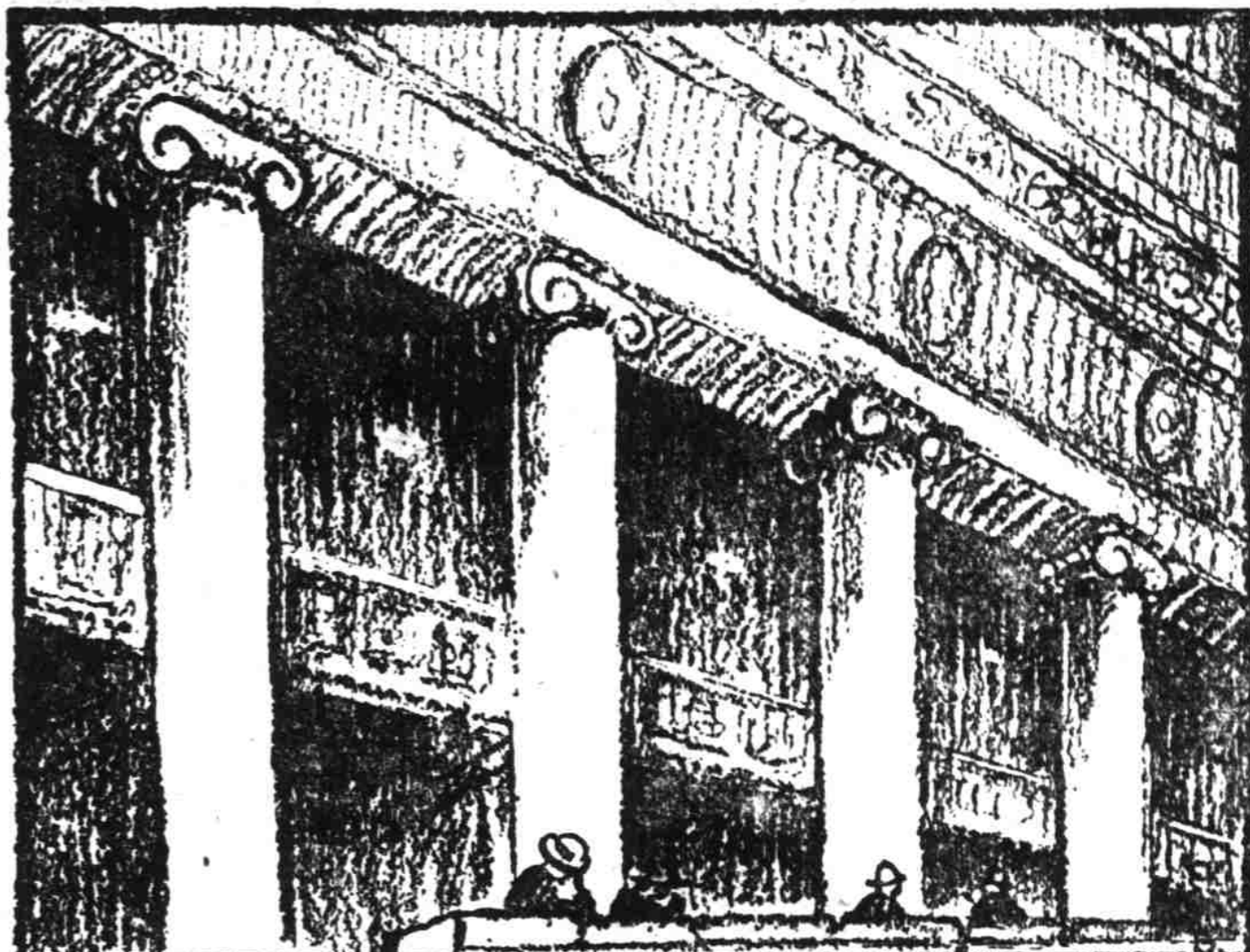
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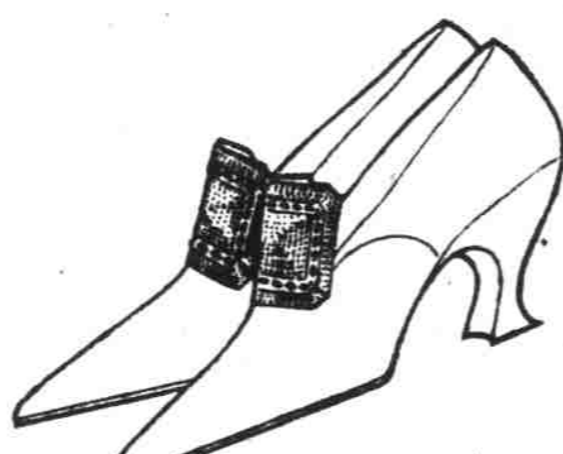
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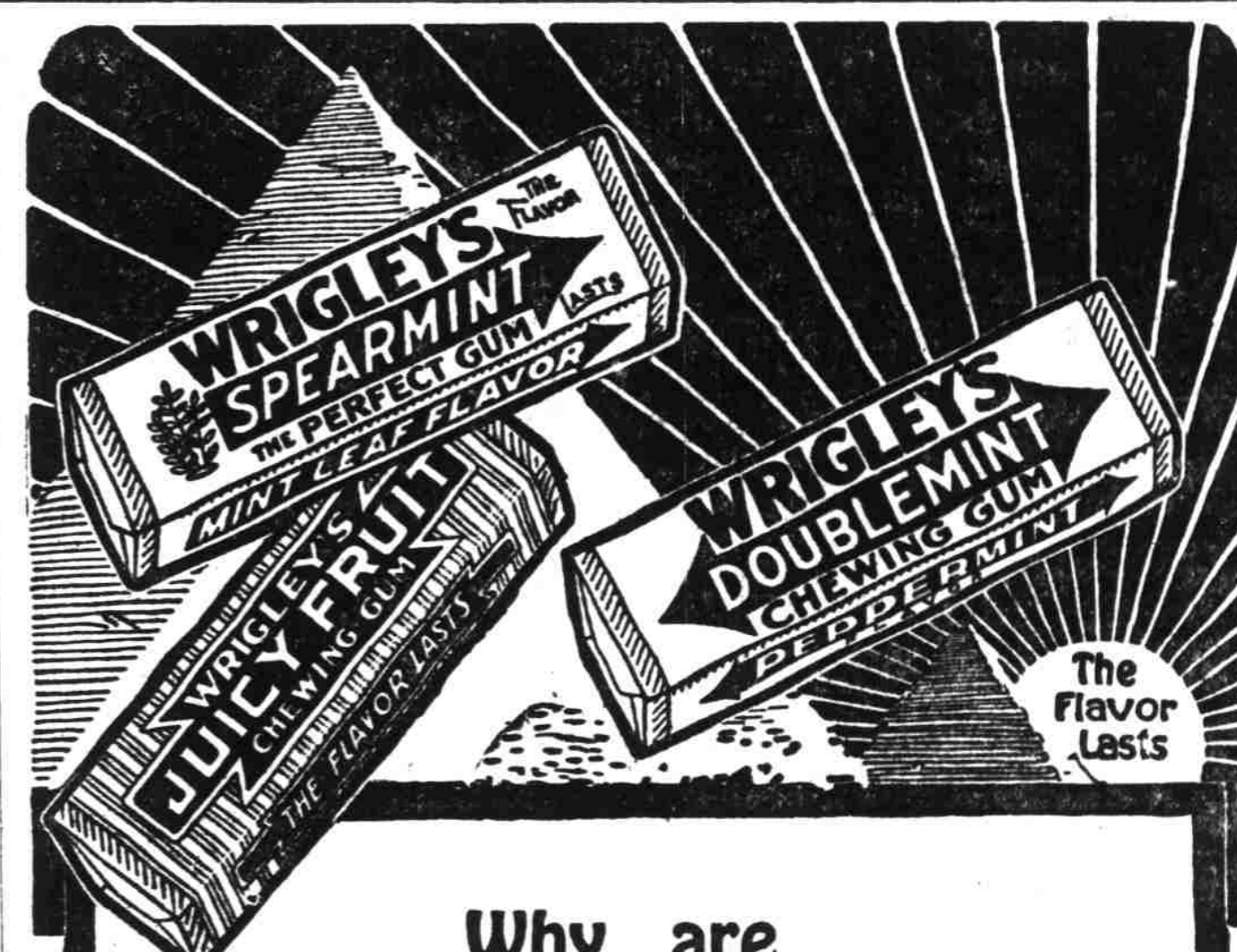
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