

RED OR NOT A RED MOOTED QUESTION FOR DEPARTMENTS

Sharp Differences Arise Over
Question of Post's Alleged
Friendliness for Some Aliens.

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Washington, April 17.—Conflict between the department of labor and the department of justice as to the proper course to be pursued in deporting "radicals and communists" has raised some fundamental questions which may revive the whole matter of the justice or injustice of the wholesale raids against "reds," and the efforts of the government to combat radicalism.

The government intends to inquire into supposed friendliness of Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of labor, to aliens by cancelling arrangements against them issued by the department of justice by no means political or partisan. There are Democrats as well as Republicans who are up in arms about it, but it is unlikely that impeachment proceedings will be begun.

CONTRAST WARM

The action of Representative Mondell, Republican floor leader, in asking Representative Hoch, Republican, to withdraw his resolution for impeachment was due to a desire to follow an orderly procedure through the rules committee instead of being subjected to the danger of elimination on a point of order in the house itself. Out of it impeachment proceedings are not probable, but a thorough investigation by a committee of congress, with an opportunity for Assistant Secretary Post to express his viewpoint, is contemplated. The facts are not doubted, but the viewpoint or attitude toward aliens which the rather liberal minded department of labor takes as opposed to the more or less conservative ideas of the department of justice has developed an interesting controversy.

SOMETHING IS WRONG

In the opinion of Democrats as well as Republicans, something is wrong, a mistake has been made somewhere. For instance, out of 1448 cases handled by the department of labor, 322 have been found to be within the meaning of the deportation laws. Fully 1053 have been cancelled and 63 have been referred for further study or consideration. The conclusion which has been reached by members of congress is that either the department of justice has been overzealous in arresting innocent people and subjecting them and their families to hardships, or else the department of labor has been over friendly to the aliens and construed the law in such a way as to nullify its enforcement.

CASE OF THOMAS RUSS

The attitude of the department of labor as expressed by Assistant Secretary Post is described in the case of Thomas Russ, which has just been decided in the latter's favor because he

was not deemed to have become a member of the Communist party, although he had permitted his name to be signed to an application before he was aware of its purposes, says Mr. Post.

"Under the law aliens must be deported if they are members of or affiliated with the Communist party of America. If this clause be construed as meaning that aliens who have once technically become members of the Communist party must be deported, even though they have no guilty knowledge, or that the principle of once a member always a member applies, it might be possible to spell out of the Communists in this country a membership for which deportation would be mandatory. Having applied for membership before the prescribed organization was born and withdrawn before its constitution was brought even perfunctorily to his attention, this alien would seem to a fair American mind to lack the requisites even of technical membership. Were an present, nevertheless, the congress of this United States should not hastily be presumed to have intended that resident aliens be arrested and deported as members of an unlawful organization when all the Communists show the alien himself to have been innocent of any guilty knowledge or motive in taking membership and when it appears not to be typical of a large proportion of those who have been wholly free from any hostile purpose toward the government, but that he is sympathetic with our democratic institutions.

INTENDED BROADLY

"Some members of congress may possibly have intended, when they voted for this law, to have it construed in a narrow and un-American fashion; but it would not be reasonable to infer that congress, as the constitutional law making body of this country, enacted this law with any such un-American purpose. I shall, therefore, assume in this case, as I have in a large number of similar cases, that congress intended the act of October 18, 1918, to be considered reasonably with reference to the individual knowledge and intent of persons drawn innocently into an unlawful membership."

"I have described this case at length because in most, if not all the essentials, it is typical of a large proportion of fully 1000 cases I have decided after hearings in which warrants of arrest had been issued by the department of labor in prima facie proof of probable cause furnished by special agents of the department of justice. The aliens are arrested and imprisoned, while in prison they are subjected to a police office investigation, an affidavit showing probable cause upon information and belief is thereupon presented to the department of labor, whereupon the latter department issues its warrant of arrest, takes over the custody of the alien, as by law it is required to do, and proceeds under the expulsion clause of the immigration law. When the hearings at immigration stations are reported verbatim in regular course to the department of labor and the secretary or his lawful representative comes to examine these records, it is found in a large proportion of the large number of cases I have examined that there is a better reason for deportation than is disclosed in the present case.

MEMBERSHIP AUTOMATIC

"In some cases, the membership is 'automatic,' the arrested alien has been transferred from a lawful organization to the unlawful one by a vote of a group or branch of the former and without his knowledge. In some cases he has had knowledge of the transfer, but none at all of the character of the organization to which he has been transferred. In other cases, he has signed application before the existence of the unlawful organization and has never confirmed his membership by any conscious

YANKEE AVIATOR TELLS OF PROPOSED UPRISING OF REDS IN AMERICA

Col. Stehlin Says He Saw Mes-
sage to This Effect Taken
From Dead Emisary.

London, April 17.—(L. N. S.)—Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Stehlin, formerly of La Fayette escadrille and now commander of the flying forces of the Lithuanian army, declared today he has knowledge that the Russian Bolsheviks have issued a call for a "Red rising in America."

According to Lieutenant Colonel Stehlin, a copy of the proclamation has been sent to Washington for observation by United States government officials. Lieutenant Colonel Stehlin, whose home is at Sheepshead, N. Y., gave the following account of the incident: "Late in March, while on the Lithuanian front, I saw a message that had been taken from a false bottom of a trunk owned by a Russian courier. The courier was shot as soon as the contents of the message became known. The document was made up of three closely typewritten pages on linen paper and was addressed to 'The Bolshevik Forces in America.' It declared that the time for propaganda is now ended and that the moment has come to strike. The proclamation said that Bolshevism in Russia would be lost unless the Bolshevik movement got under way outside of Russia."

According to the American officer, the small border states adjoining Russia are making peace with the soviet because they were forced by the allies. The allies refused to lend money or give aid for a fight against the Bolsheviks. The money of the soviet states is so cheap that they cannot buy war supplies and if they do not make peace they will be caught by the Russian armies.

Lieutenant Colonel Stehlin expressed the opinion that if the border states continued to make war, probably all would fall, with the possible exception of Poland. The Russian soviet is waging a strong propaganda campaign in all the nearby states, Stehlin said.

act. An organizer or a friend has signed the application for him. As a rule the hearings show the aliens arrested to be working men of good character who are not anarchists or revolutionists or politically or otherwise dangerous in any sense. Many of them, as in this case, have American born children. It is difficult to consider the hardships to which they and their friends have been subjected during the last three or four months by arbitrary arrests.

LIKE CRIMINAL CONVICTION

"Long detention in default of bail beyond the means of hard working wage earners for nothing more dangerous than affiliating with friends of their own race, country, and language and without the slightest indication of sinister motive, or any unlawful act within their knowledge or intention, is wrong. To permit aliens to violate the hospitality of this country by conspiring against it is something which no American can contemplate with patience. "Equally impatient, however, must any patriotic American be with drastic proceedings on flimsy proof to deport aliens who are not conspiring against our laws and do not intend to do. Although these are not criminal proceedings but wholly administrative in their character, their effect upon the innocent individual who in this summary may be found to be guilty is as distressing to him and his family, to his friends and to his neighbors as the effect of conviction for crime by regular judicial processes."

RULES FOR GUIDANCE

As a consequence of the foregoing case Mr. Post has drawn up certain lines for the guidance of his department in handling deportation methods. These series of rules has come in for severe criticism at the hands of the department of justice on the ground that deportation is made virtually impossible. The concern of the two departments is a friendly one and the interest of the president himself has been elicited to straighten it out with the prospect that congress, stimulated by the outbreak of a strike, may also take a hand and investigate the whole question of the behavior of aliens.

Store Changes Hands

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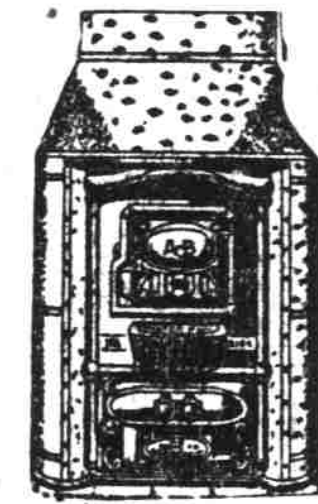
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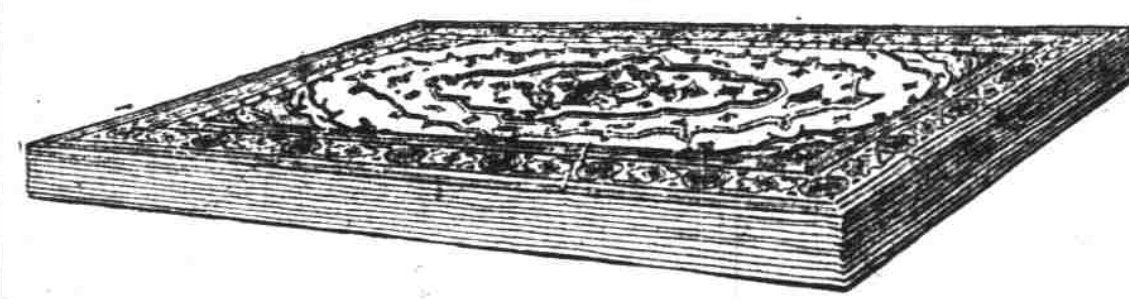
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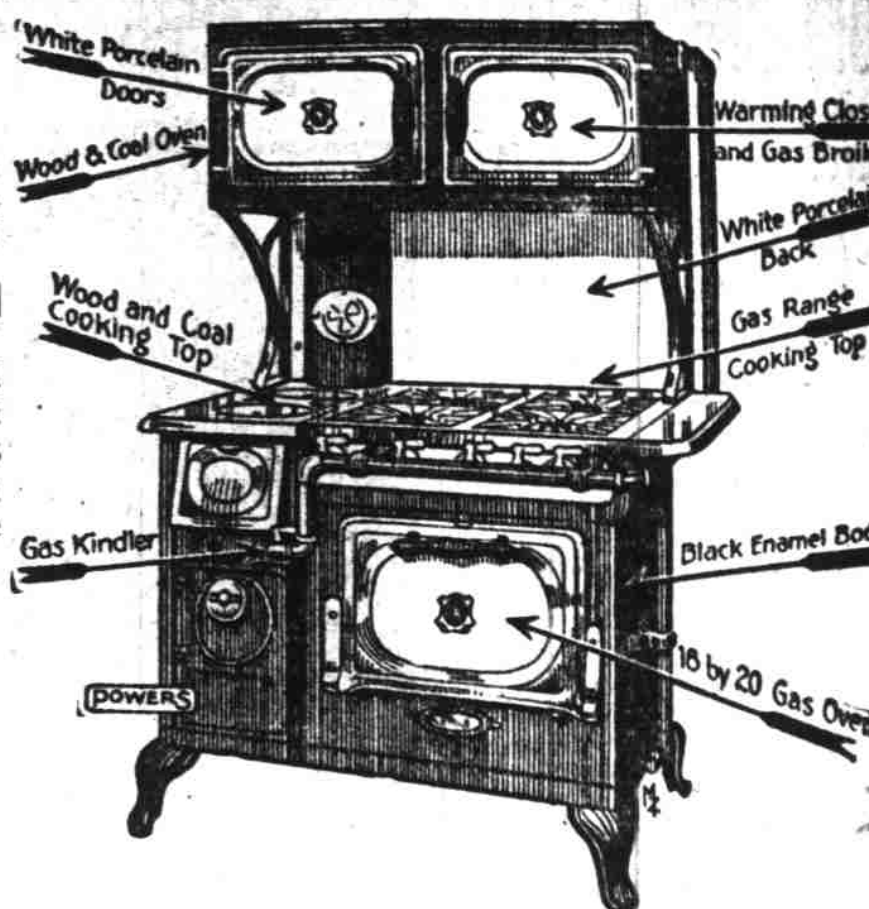
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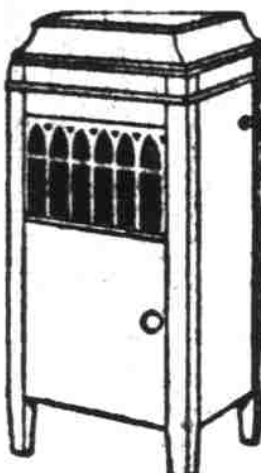
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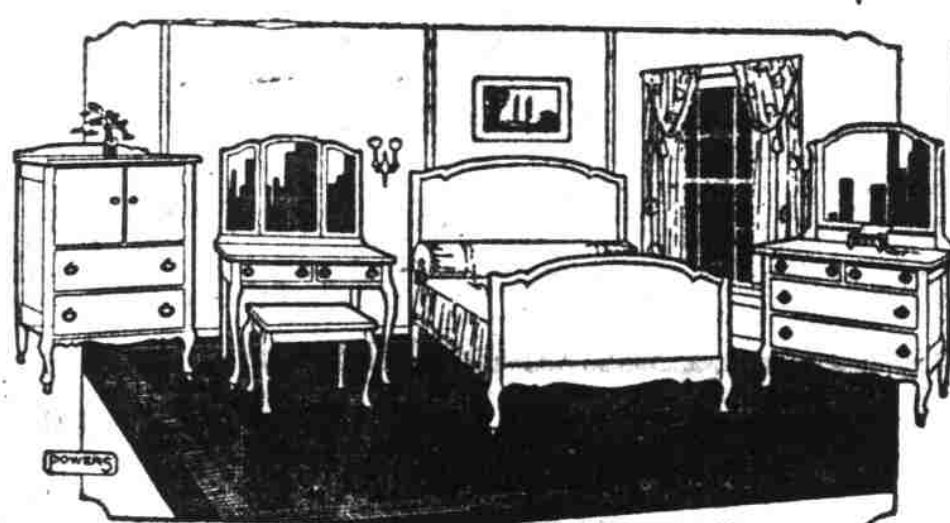
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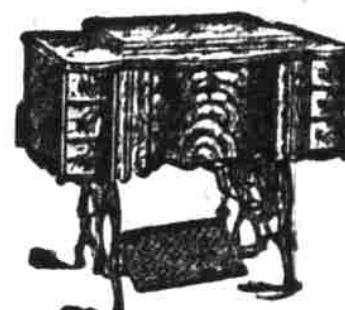
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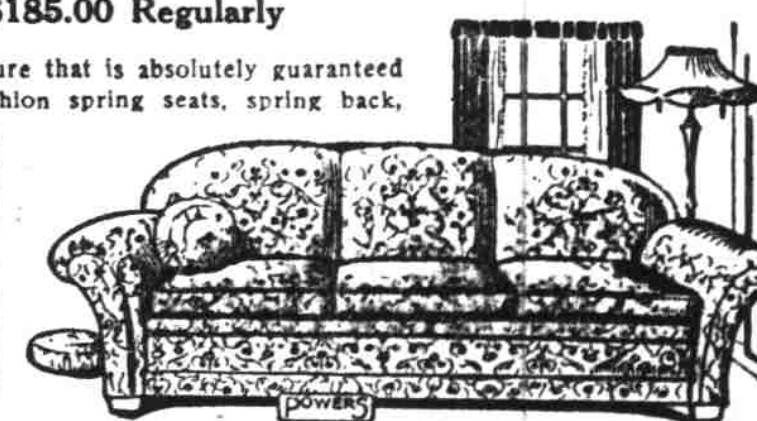
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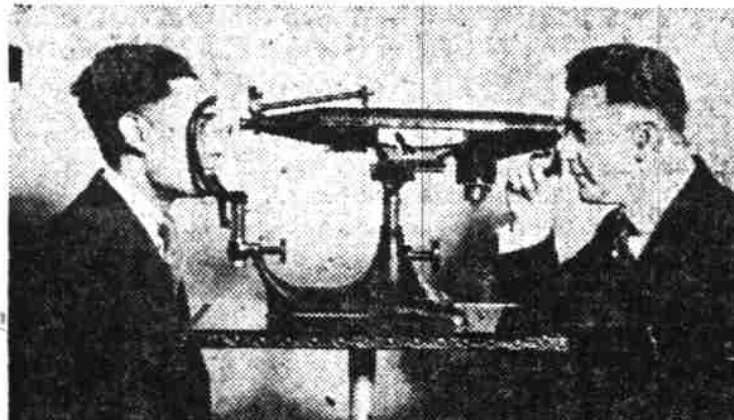
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