

Labor's Blow To Caste

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Quietly and without violence a social revolution has happened in England with the advent of the labor party to the power of government. There is no outward sign of a new era in the history of England, beginning with the premiership of Ramsay MacDonald. One sees no difference yet in the daily life of the masses. There has been no alteration in state ceremonial and the ritual of parliament. But every one is aware that the strongest barriers in the social structure of Great Britain have been smashed.

One forever is the age-long allegiance to the caste system dividing class from class by invisible but deep-dug trenches of sentiment and prestige.

There has been no word of civility from the aristocrats to the democrats on matters of form or social custom, which formerly were considered of the highest importance. But it is idle to pretend that among the people of the old regime there is not a sense of the world having slipped beneath their feet when the government of Great Britain and its offices of state have been taken over by six coal miners, three mill workers, one iron moulder, one engine cleaner, two engineers, one telegraph operator, one hairdresser, and three elementary school teachers—although Ramsay MacDonald has added to his cabinet two or three peers, a former viceroy of India, and a sprinkling of "highbrows."

It is a shock to every tradition of English government that a man like John R. Clynes, a real son of the people, born and bred in mean streets, should be lord privy seal of England, an office which in former days was given only to great noblemen. It is almost a matter of applexy to elderly generals, who went from Eton to Sandhurst before joining expensive regiments and commanding the forces of the empire, that the secretary of state for war should be little Stephen Walsh, who was brought up in a board school and who would fall off a horse if he knew which side to mount.

But it was the doorkeepers of the government offices, who were the most astonished men, the most outraged caste, on the morning when the labor party took over the reins of power. The new ministers had blessed hands with the king on receiving their seals at office, and one of them, anxious to do the right thing, had gone down on two knees instead of on one when the king held out his hand after a genial speech to all of them. Then on the following morning they came down whitehall at an early hour—far too early for the permanent officials—wearing dump hats and rather shabby overcoats, carrying hand bags, and looking rather like commercial travelers on their morning round.

J. H. Thomas, formerly the leader of the railwaymen and now colonial secretary, tells the story of his first appearance at his office.

"I was met by a porter on the steps. 'Whom do you want to see?' he asked very haughtily. 'I'm not quite sure,' replied

Mr. Thomas. 'I want, the colonial office.'"

"Yes, but whom do you want to see?"

"I want to see the office," said Thomas. 'I'm the colonial secretary.'"

"The porter looked at him with arrogance and contempt, and then turning to another porter said in an audible voice:

"Oh, another shell shock patient!"

"I was not very flattered," said Mr. Thomas, "but at all events I had arrived."

Stephen Walsh, the new minister for war, or 'Little Stee' as he is called, is entirely unable to conceal his reverence for generals, and whenever any of them seek his presence he stands almost to attention, refuses to sit while they are standing, and show them to the door which he insists upon opening himself. "Look here," said Field Marshal Sir William Robertson, "you mustn't do that, you know! You're my chief now."

But "Little Stee" shook his head. "I know my own place," he said. You have commanded armies in the field when I was nothing but a private in the ranks."

The wife of one of the members of the government worked as a servant-maid at Oxford while her future husband, J. J. Lawson, who was one of ten children of a Cumberland miner and was himself a miner at twelve years of age, studied economic history at Ruskin college, where his fees were paid by the trade union. Another minister's wife never allowed her husband to make a speech unless she sat on the platform by his side, and she now feels aggrieved because she cannot act as his secretary in Whitehall and shelter him from all those despicable females who haunt the streets of London and lie in wait for innocent Scotsmen.

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Murder Inspired by Kindness Not a Crime in Switzerland
(By Mail)

GENEVA, March 23.—Fraulein Helene Moeller has been exonerated of murder, in spite of the fact that she admitted giving her mother poison to put her out of the misery she was suffering as the effect of an incurable malady.

McAdoo's Son Hides Face from Camera After He and Palmer Attend Senate's Oil Lease Inquiry



These photographs were made as Francis McAdoo, son of William G. McAdoo, and A. Mitchell Palmer, former Attorney General, were leaving the Senate building in Washington. Palmer was before the committee to explain his activities as counsel for E. B. McLean, Washington newspaper publisher, who sought to avoid being called to tell what he knows about the oil scandal. Young McAdoo, who was to be called later, tried to avoid a battery of camera men when he left the Senate building.

April 1 Crop Report

WINTER WHEAT

Oregon is the favored state in the matter of winter wheat prospects to date. No other important winter wheat state shows an April 1 condition above 94 per cent, while the Oregon condition figure is 101 per cent, of normal, says F. L. Kent, Agricultural Statistician, U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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Assuming about the usual abandonment of acreage seeded last fall the April 1 condition of the crop indicates a probable United States winter wheat production in 1924 of 549,415,000 bushels. The actual production may be more or less than this figure, depending on conditions prevailing from now until harvest. Last year's preliminary estimate on April 1 was 572,327,000 bushels, and the December estimate was 572,340,000 bushels.

There was an estimated reduction in the planting for the 1924 crop as compared with the 1923 crop of 12.6 per cent, but the higher condition of the crop on April 1, 1924 is responsible for the forecasted fall off in production of only 4.0 per cent.

While the Oregon winter wheat crop condition is now estimated at 4 points higher than last year at the same time it does not seem probable that the actual out-turn at harvest time will be in excess of the 1923 crop. The acreage seeded last fall was about the same as the seeding of the year before, and it now seems probable that the abandonment will be slightly less. But the average yield per acre in which is now estimated 26.7 bushels is more than five bushels in excess of the 10 year average yield of 21.4 bushels per acre.

The usually high condition of the Oregon winter wheat crop as a state average, is due to the very high condition reports from the larger producing countries. In the western part of the state most reports ranged from 90 to 100 per cent, but in eastern sections practically all were 100 per cent or higher, a few placing their estimate at 110 per cent of normal.

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The United States rye crop for 1924 is estimated at 59,135,000 bushels, compared with 63,023,000 over last year. Condition of the U. S. crop on April 1, this year was 83.5 per cent compared with 81.8 a year ago, and the ten year average of 88.6 per cent.

Farm Labor

The Oregon supply of farm labor is reported at 91 per cent of normal compared with 89 per cent a year ago. Demand for farm labor is reported at 88 per cent of normal compared with 93 per cent a year ago. The Oregon farmer is still doing as much of his own work as possible, thereby lessening the demand for hired help. A very favorable spring for seeding has enabled the farmer to get more than the usual amount of work done at this date.

The U. S. Labor supply is placed at 83.4 per cent of normal with a demand of 90.4 per cent. A year ago the figures were 83.6 per cent, and 94.6 per cent respectively.

Farm Wages

Monthly farm wages on April 1, 1924 were reported as follows:

	With Board	Without Board
Oregon	\$48.09	\$72.05
United States	\$37.71	\$72.05

F. L. KENT,
Agricultural Statistician.

"BIG SISTER FARM" TO OPEN

"Big Sister Farm" will open June 16 and will care for eight girls this year. Only one group will arrive as this is the first year the founders have received girls. They will remain until July 1, and at that time Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Lyon, who own and conduct the farm, will spend all the rest of the summer caring for boys they will take to the Big Brother Farm, which will reach the number of 150 this year. Eleven years ago only 12 boys were cared for.

It is hoped by Mr. and Mrs. Lyon that as the years go by they will see their way clear to care for a like number of girls.

In commenting upon the work to be carried out with girls, Mrs. Lyon, who will have direct charge of the "Big Sister Farm" activities states: "One of the finest contributions a mother can give to society is to teach her daughter to become a 'home maker' and 'home lover'."

Each girl coming to the Farm will be supplied with a doll and will be instructed regarding proper care to be given. The Lord's Prayer is learned by every girl and is repeated by all just before going to bed.

Friends are welcome to visit the "Big Sister Farm" at any time, visiting day is every day at any time.

Girls coming to the "Big Sister Farm" come from homes where parents are unable to pay for their care and training.—Jefferson Review.

Brilliant European Swindler Booked as Habitual Criminal

(By Mail)
BERLIN, March 24.—Stephan Otto, born near Brussels, who posed as a major in the Belgian army in 1919 and decorated Major General Henry T. Allen, commander of the American forces at Coblenz, with the Belgian military medal of honor, and who has since been arrested as a swindler in half a dozen European cities, has been doctored by Berlin detectives as a "habitual criminal." Despite this, the young man may soon slip from the German prison because no specific charge has been filed against him. His latest exploit was an attempt to obtain a high priced car on the pretense that he was a member of the Inter-Allied Commission of Control in Germany.

Otto has associated with high officials in Paris, Vienna, Constantinople and other cities, and the story is even told that on one occasion he actually slept a night in Buckingham palace.

Irish Plan Postoffice COD From Producer to Consumer

(By Mail)
DUBLIN, March 25.—The Free State government has decided to introduce at an early date legislation on the cost of living. There is universal complaint of profiteering by retail traders, and it is admitted that farmers and fishermen get only a trifling percentage of the prices at which their produce is sold to customers. It is argued that, nevertheless,

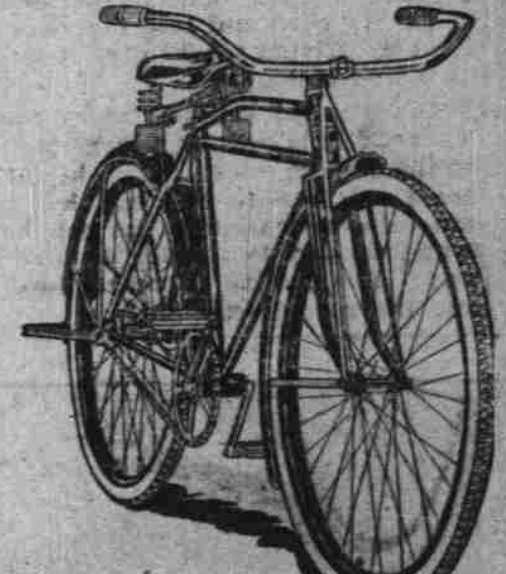
the traders are not found to be making large profits, and the explanation is given that the reason is the multiplicity of small traders in Irish cities where there are hardly any big stores.

It is suggested that the government may consider as part of its scheme the possibility of establishing direct contact between producer and consumer through the post office, and enable farmers to sell goods direct to consumers by parcels post on the cash on delivery system.

TEACHERS CHOSEN FOR NEXT YEAR

The Jefferson school board announce the employment of the following teachers for the coming year:

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33x4 1/2	21.20	21.20	21.20
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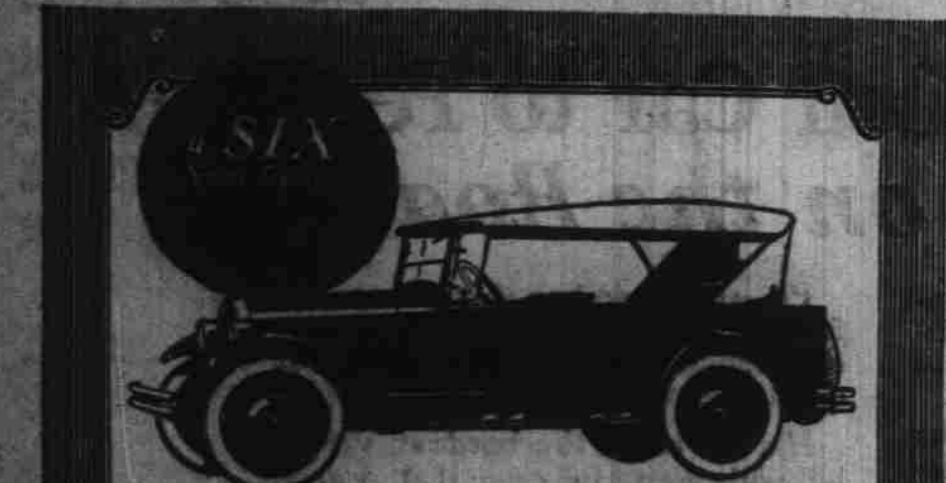
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