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Scared But Saved

Mere mention of Bolshevism or Communism is sufficient to throw the state department into panic. During the Hughes administration the government was in a constant state of terror over the Reds and the same condition prevails under Secretary Kellogg. So to save the nation, Shapurji Saklatvala, British delegate to the annual meeting of the Interparliamentary Union to be held in Washington on October 1, has been barred from entry as a menace to the peace and safety of the country.

This gentleman with the unique name is a mild-mannered native of India, a big business man who has become a theoretical communist, a member of the British parliament, where his course has not yet shattered the foundations of empire. Had it not been for the advertising given by his exclusion by Secretary Kellogg, with the approval of the president, he could have come and gone and few in America ever have known of his presence. He would have been powerless to have accomplished anything and remained in obscurity.

It will be remembered that a few months ago a gag was placed upon Count Karolyi of Hungary during his visit to America, lest his utterances disturb the country's serenity. So he crossed into Canada, said his say over the radio—and attracted no attention, because the red story is a many told tale in this land of the free.

What is bureaucracy afraid of, that it applies the gag and exclusion to anyone holding a philosophy of government differing from the divine order of stand-pattism? Why is it necessary to alter the traditional policy of the republic, which for 150 years let everyone have his say, with faith enough in the intelligence and common sense of the people to know that they will reject the false? Does the bureaucracy think its wisdom so superior that it must shield the public to prevent our going astray?

Says the Oregonian, which voices the viewpoint of the administration—

Safety consists in rigid exclusion of all evangelists of revolution, their speeches and writings, no matter in what guise they come.

Which contrasts very forcibly with the experience of democracy as expressed by Jefferson who found a free press and free speech:

Monuments of the safety with which errors of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it.

A Beer Compromise?

Brewers are said to have made a proposal to Anti-Saloon League leaders for a compromise that would allow the manufacture of beer with a larger alcoholic content than now permitted, in exchange for a pledge to give all aid possible to driving out the boot-legger and stopping the sale of rum. The proposal does not include the making of light wines, in which brewers are not interested, and is quite favorably received by Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, who states that the League is open to a compromise through which prohibition can be made effective.

Light beer is not intoxicating and one would be nauseated long before he became intoxicated drinking it and as a change of some kind seems imperative to save the Volstead act we may see the strange coalition of brewers and preachers vs. boot-leggers and moonshiners. The same alliance used to be very effective in politics and might be equally so for prohibition.

Any such change in the law would be a fortunate outcome for the Willamette valley as it would ensure a domestic market for hops and rehabilitate our hop-yards, half of which have been abandoned. Hops, in proportion to acreage, are the most valuable and profitable crop, on the average, that can be grown in this district, which is naturally one of the premier hop sections of the world. At present the only outlet for the curtailed output is abroad, though home-brew and boot-legging brewers furnish a limited domestic market.

The Husband Tamer

By Violet Dare

UNWELCOME VICTORY

Patricia's eyebrows lifted into half circles of disdain, so that was how he felt about his wife, about her sister Carol, one of the loveliest and prettiest girls in her set and before she married him. "He doesn't know what he's going to get before I'm through with him," she retorted, as she followed him into the study.

Tomorrow—Unwelcome Victory. At half-past five that afternoon Patricia telephoned Gregory Hewitt. She was still reluctant to do it, but Keith was more insistent than ever. And now that she had definitely committed herself to taking him away from Larch Drake and restoring him to Carol, Patricia intended to go through with her plan, to accomplish it by furthering his business interests. But she did not dare remember Gregory Hewitt's face and tone when he had spoken to her so ardently the evening before. She must not encourage him, she must not! Her code included strict prohibitions on that score. Married men were barred as soon as they showed any special interest that might lead to anything definite.

tered to Keith. She got the number with some difficulty, and asked for Hewitt. She was told that he was not there and drew a long breath of relief. "He's not there," she told Keith, who was standing beside her. "Tell them he's expecting you to call," he urged. "Probably he's pretending not to be in except to people he wants to talk to."

Obsequiously she speaks into the receiver. "This is a friend who was asked to phone Mr. Hewitt this afternoon," she said. "Are you quite sure he's not in?"

"Who is it?" asked the man at the other end. Reluctantly Patricia replied, "Mrs. Gieve."

line, but her voice was sweetly cajoling as she replied: "Oh, but I want to see you! You're not too much rushed for that, are you? And, you see, I spend so much time at restaurants and such places when I'm in New York that it's delightful to me to be here—there are such pretty walks along the shore of the lake, and the garden is so pleasant in the evening—it's a wonderful place to sit and talk."

She hated herself; she felt that she was cheapening herself in her own eyes. "I'll go anywhere and stay any length of time if I can sit in a moonlit garden with you," he exclaimed eagerly. "Will you walk by the lake with me, little Pat?"

"Yes, surely," she answered faintly. He needed know just yet that Keith would be waiting with them! And if they sat in the garden, Keith would sit there, too, thank heaven! There'd be no telephone this evening, she told herself, quite forgetting that a man who had shown Hewitt's amazing skill in out-generalling some of the smartest financiers in the country for his own benefit was hardly likely to be fooled in so simple a matter as this.

"I'll be there in about two hours," he told her. "I've just come in from eighteen holes of golf, and will have to change. Look at the little watch that you finally let me give you and mark off the time till I come, will you, child?"

"Yes—just two hours of it," she answered, her voice rippling with amusement, and hung up the receiver. Keith was looking at her with wide-eyed admiration.

"Pat, you're a wonder!" he exclaimed. "It wasn't going to come, was it?"

"No, he had another engagement, but he's coming," she answered wearily, as she rose to leave the study. "He'll be here at seven."

my fault!" she exclaimed to herself as she went to her room to dress. "But never again will I do this sort of thing, never!"

LINEN MILL PROSPECTS VERY BRIGHT

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board of directors will mean that the mill will be in operation within six months after the first meeting of the board in October.

Plan Three Shifts.
The mill, according to present plans, as soon as the first running on an eight-hour shift is put on a satisfactory basis, will be turned over to a 24-hour shift with fully 600 people employed and probably more. This will be possible through assurance that immediate market can be found for all of the product of the mill as fast as it is turned out.

Time Also Saved.
Colonel Bartram's recent trip to Canada and New York directly in behalf of the new organization, he states, has resulted in the saving of fully three months' time in getting the mill under way, as investigations have been made and knowledge gained for submission to the board which would have been secured following the

election of the directors if it were not already directed.

Colonel Bartram not only discovered that new and modern machinery can be secured at a materially lesser cost than first estimated, but he also found that skilled labor in various departments can be brought from Canada and New York at a very reasonable compensation. No arrangements were made for procuring this labor, this being a matter for the board of directors, but all the facts in regard to it were marshalled and ready for the board when it needs them.

Hand Work Replaced.
Colonel Bartram stated that at Ontario he located an automatic scutching machine which replaces all hand work. It produces spinning tow with a capacity of 500 tons of straw per hour and will mean that all of these operations can be centralized and cut down overhead to a wonderful extent. In addition to personally investigating the automatic scutching, he also, personally investigated an artificial drying machine, which has been a proven success by turning out over 400 tons of straw in perfect shape. This also assists in centralizing operations and in addition does away with the necessity of rebaling as the straw can be sent directly from the drier into the automatic scutching thus doing away with further expensive operations.

Colonel Bartram stated he went over the flax territory in Canada and found the crop below par this year, caused by too much cold weather and too much rain at certain periods. Indications are that there will be virtually a full representation of stockholders at Thursday's meeting, proxies having been sent out to all stockholders through the chamber of commerce, and it is expected there will be a full representation, either in person or by proxy.

ELECTION ON 4 MEASURES ARE DEFEATED

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all quite forcefully. **Thompson Not Satisfied.** "What I did say," answered the mayor, "was that I wanted the council to go into them very thoroughly and act on them on that basis, and not pass them with the expectation that I would veto them."

Alderman Thompson arose and said he believed he could understand the English language, and insisted that the mayor had told him. Alderman Engstrom and Johnson and City Attorney Kowitz that he would veto the measures if they passed. "I did say," he recalled, "that if the ballots were loaded down so none of them would have a chance to get by I would rather veto them than see the city put to the expense of placing them on the ballot."

Engstrom said his impression of the mayor's remarks was the same as Johnson's.

After some discussion of the difficulty the city would have in financing a special election the measures were tabled indefinitely.

Drunk Drivers Hit.
The ordinance making the penalty for driving automobiles while intoxicated conform to the state law brought an attack from Aldermen Patton and Williams when it came on for third reading, but it passed with only Williams voting against it. Patton insisted that the bill be amended so that hard labor would be required of persons convicted under the act, and Darcy was inclined to the same opinion. Williams was against it, declaring it was unnecessary duplication of the state law, and that offenders could be sent to the state courts. Mayor Giecy said that he himself had introduced the meas-

ure at the request of some of the best people in Salem and that it was not a matter of dollars and cents but of the lives of the people. Rosebraugh made a talk for it.

Plumbing Code Killed.
For some reason that was not made known the plumbing code was defeated. The council had been wrestling with the measure for several months. Mayor Giecy expressed regret that it had failed, declaring that it was very important to the health of the city.

Other measures that passed were: **Segregating the cost of improving Cross street from High to Church, 13th from Rural avenue to the south city limits.** Electric avenue from High to Cottage, Mill street from 21st to 23rd, Trade from Liberty to High, Howard from High to Church, North 17th from Center to D.

Changing the sidewalk line on the east side of North 14th.
Accepting for highway purposes property from J. W. Wigand and others.

Accepting for highway purposes the Rosecrans property.

Amending the parking ordinance to allow double parking for five minutes for the purpose of discharging freight or passengers.

Ordinance bills read the first time were: **Assessing the cost of improving Belmont street from Summer to Capitol.**
Assessing the cost of improving North 18th street from D to Market.

SEEK HOME FOR 12 YEAR OLD GIRL

Mrs. Nona White, county juvenile officer, still is looking for a home for a little 12-year-old girl, whose parents are separated. The little girl needs a home so that she can attend school. Mrs. White is not seeking for parents to adopt the child, but some one who will surround it with good influences, proper home environment and give her an opportunity to attend school.

"This little girl is a particularly sweet child," state Mrs. White. "It seems as though there should be some home around here that would be open to her to give her a chance."

Inquiries in regard to the little girl should be made to Mrs. Nona White at the county judge's office at the courthouse.

Registered Mail Stolen.
Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Registered and first class mail of an undetermined value was stolen today from the union station. The mail included a pouch of registered mail, a hand package which mail clerks say looked like a jeweler's box, a registered letter and a hand package containing about 25 first class letters.

Sacramento, Cal.—Congressman Charles F. Curry of California announced he would introduce a bill at the next session of congress to make Colonel William Mitchell a major general.

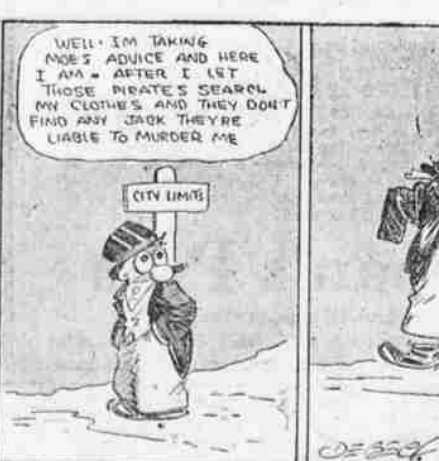
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By George McManus

By Billy de Beck

By Bud Fisher