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Federated Press Gives Facts

BOSTON—Lincoln Steffens, speaking here under the auspices of the Boston Council of The Federated Press League, told his auditors that if they wanted the facts about conditions in Russia as well as about labor and political movements elsewhere in Europe, they must read the reports of The Federated Press.

"You cannot, you must not, pass judgment upon what is taking place in Russia, Italy, Germany, France and these other countries of the Continent until you have FACTS," said Steffens. "The Federated Press has taken the field to give you FACTS about what is transpiring in this world and if you want its valuable service you must do everything in your power to assist it."

At a noon luncheon of the Harvard Liberal Club of Harvard University, Mr. Steffens emphasized the immediate necessity of supporting a press that is willing to publish the truth about economic and political movements looking toward a "better order."

The Boston address of Mr. Steffens was his first since his return from abroad, where for several months he has been studying the features and the underlying causes of the Russian, German, Italian and Mexican revolutions. Like meetings have been arranged for him by Federated Press League Councils in other cities in the East and Middle West in an effort to inform the newspaper reading public of America of conditions in Europe so that they may judge of the inadequacy of the popular press properly to inform them. Other speakers will be sent out during the winter and spring by the Executive Board of the League.

DINNER PALEPICS

(By Bill Lloyd of the Federated Press)

I see as how the Prince of Wales has started out with all full sails from the county of his birth for to circumnavigate the earth. It makes a fellow almost sob to think how hard it is that there job. This being heir to England's throne is sure a job to make one groan.

Yet right this time in England's land there are a million more of hands who haven't any jobs at all, and haven't had, since long last fall. And they go traveling down the streets with weary legs and with sore feet, a-hunting for the jobs that ain't until they are most like to faint.

And we have unemployment here, and will have more, I greatly fear. Meanwhile we cannot trade with Russia, and cannot sell to bankrupt Prussia; and are still out with Mexico, and can't see where our trade will go.

Of course, we might use all we got, of which there is an awful lot, but folks a-working by the day can't always see how they can pay, and folks what ain't no work at all, can't listen to the market's call. So while the times is hard as horn, the farmer has to burn his corn, and lots

French Voters Elect Mufineer

by IDA GLATT

PARIS—Andre Marty, now serving a 15-year term in the Clairvaux prison of Paris, has been elected councillor for Charonne. The election is a gesture for amnesty for political prisoners.

The day after the election the conservative paper Le Matin stated that the workers of Charonne had chosen to elect a man serving a term for treason, court martialled for refusing to fight against the Bolsheviks and for surrendering to the Bolsheviks a French warship in the Black Sea. The workers of Paris call Marty the "hero of the Black Sea."

Andre Marty refused to fight against Soviet Russia on the ground that it was illegal to do so. France having omitted the little formality of declaring war against Russia. He therefore persuaded as many marines on his ship as he could to mutiny with him. These marines are now all serving prison terms in Clairvaux prison.

The night of the election The Federated Press correspondent went down to the twentieth district. At the Place de Gambetta, a huge square in the workers' district, an immense throng of workers surged around the municipal headquarters waiting in vain for the government to flash the returns, as it usually does in election contests. The pain of recording votes in favor of Marty was apparently too much for the officials. A procession formed at the head of which was the red flag.

The police were well represented in the crowd but did not interfere with the procession.

The parade and cheering for Marty, Communism and Moscow continued until far into the night when it was learned that their candidates had won 4000 to 1000.

The next day the conservative papers sourly admitted Marty's election but hastened to point out that it would be immediately declared illegal by the prefecture of police or somebody else.

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The Financial Post is responsible for the statement that there is every probability that not a man will be sent in to the woods this winter for pulpwood production. Ordinarily the industry employs 25,000 men.

The amount of pulpwood in existence comprises a mountainous pile of the product of 800,000 trees, which if cut from one spot would cover an area of 20 miles square.

Where formerly wages were \$100 to \$150 a month, they are now \$20 to \$25. The men who go down to the woods to hew will have to be content to cultivate the spirit of patience or quench the spirit of revolt within them.

Such is the situation in most other industrial lines. The steel industry, with large stocks and low demand, has only about one-fifth the number of men usually employed.

This is also the case with the electric and rubber companies.

The wages of the employees of the General Electric Co. have been cut three times, equalling about 40 per cent.

In addition to this, the workers are producing more per man than formerly.

A Montreal contractor says that increased production will amount to about 20 per cent, but that it is not sufficient.

Reduced wages, sweating processes, speeding up, are adding to the number of unemployed, while the masters cry, "confidence, return, return." "Dwell not forever in the far horizon, but come and make thy home among the children of men."

These are the hard-headed practical men whom we are told the world cannot get along without. "Are they inventors? No. Are they engineers, mechanics or workers? No. Do they work? No. Who does? Superintendents, on salary or wages, experts, but slaves also; and we, the slaves, believe we cannot get along without masters. We wonder if dogs think they must have fleas.

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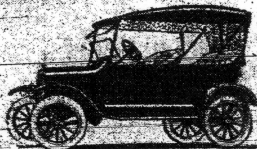
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