

Communist Paper Defeated Government

FAILURE OF SIR PATRICK HASTINGS TO CONTINUE PROSECUTION PRODUCED SCANDAL THOUGHT IT UNWISE TO MAKE MATTER OF THE EDITOR.

One of the most memorable issues of a newspaper in England for a long time, says the Mail and Empire, was that of the Workers' Weekly of August 1. It led directly to the downfall of the MacDonald Government, and of course indirectly to whatever consequences may follow that event. The failure of Sir Patrick Hastings, the Attorney-General, to continue his prosecution of the Workers' Weekly editor, one James Campbell, produced a scandal that aroused both Liberals and Conservatives and forced them into a temporary coalescence that led to the Government's defeat in the House. Mr. Baldwin admitted that the defence of the Attorney-General's action made in the House impressed him, but he thought that there should be a committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances, so that the public might be assured that there had been no improper interference with the course of justice. Mr. Asquith was of the same opinion, and offered to have Liberals excluded from the committee, so that it could not be suspected of partisanship. But Mr. MacDonald refused stubbornly to accept the amendments and rode to his fall.

Tampering With Soldiers.

The editor of the Workers' Weekly, which is an avowed Communist paper, was accused of sedition. It was alleged that he had attempted to seduce his Majesty's forces from their allegiance. The charge against him was not pressed. It was withdrawn on the advice of the Attorney-General, who said that he considered it unwise to make a martyr out of Campbell. A copy of the particular issue which was the basis of the charge has found its way into the hands of the New York World, and on that authority we learn that its most obvious peculiarity is the fact that it has two front pages, one on the outside and one on the inside. The outside page bears the title in large letters, "The Workers' Weekly, a cartoon showing the United States, with money bag and beard perched in the manner of the Secretary of State, hovering above the London Conference, and several articles on capitalism, strikes, etc. But by folding the sheet so that page five becomes the front page, it is transformed into The Forces, a service newspaper, with the following headlines in huge type clear across the page:—

"Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen!"
"Will You Kill Your Mates?"
"Remember—You Are Workers!"
"The Bosses Are Your Enemies!"

Intended For Soldiers.

Just below this, in type a size or two smaller, is the following:—
"Don't shoot strikers! They are workers like you. They are fighting for a decent living for themselves and their women and kids. If the profiteering capitalists, through their agents—your officers—tell you to murder British workers, DON'T SHOOT." On the back page is a little notice:—
"Every worker who is ready to help us fight war should keep our services page until he can get it into the hands of a soldier, sailor or airman. It can be used as a placard or the paper can be turned inside out and sold to 'his Majesty's forces'."

Presumably, it was not the reversibility of the paper, but its contents that caused its editor to be accused of sedition. Headlines on the second "front page" assert:—
"They Are Getting Ready. War Any Time Now."
"The Next War. Murdering Kiddies. What It Will Be Like."
"Is Ten Years."

Attack On MacDonald.

Under the head "We Appeal to You," soldiers are urged to "get ready to help your mates when they decide to throw over the warmakers and profiteers. And above all, don't let yourselves be used as blacklegs by the bosses. If the capitalists send you against strikers, don't shoot." Another article recommends that sailors from "their own committees" in depots, on ships, in barrack rooms and at air-dresses, to discuss grievances, notwithstanding that such matters have been declared by the Admiralty outside the province of such committees. The paper is sprinkled with bitter attacks on the Prime Minister. Here is one:—

"The Empire is great and glorious; she sits apart; we give her reverence—we offer her our homage."
"Go said MacDonald at Cardiff in March this year."

"Yet a week later cotton-mill operatives in Cawnpore, India, were being shot down and killed by the police merely for striking against a reduction in wages."

"Go MacDonald, the workers' leader, offers the workers' blood to his god—the Empire—to increase the capitalists' profits."

A Slave of Morgan.

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America. The Davies plan is referred
to as the "Slave Plan." Secretary
State Hughes is called "MacDonald's
master," and readers are assured
that: "The United States is coming
back into Europe. Whoever wins in
the Presidential elections, it is
Pope Morgan who wins." The inquiry
into the dropping of the prosecution
against Campbell having been made
to serve as the lever with which to
give the Labor Government the seal
shop, the unusual make-up of the
"Workers' Weekly" or "The Forces"
--according to which front page hap-
pens to be outside at the moment--has
aroused considerable interest, and
Britons are said to be speculating as
to whether the next innovation may
require them to turn their newspapers
upside down, as well as inside out.

Just Folks.

By EDGAR GUEST.

CONSOLATION.

Where there's neither hurt nor pain
God has taken him again.
Where no fever burns the brow
God is cherishing him now.
Where no hyphal leads astray
God is guiding him to-day.
God is keeping him for you,
Where no enemies pursue.
Never shall he weep not sigh,
Never fear again to die.
God has spared him all the care
Those of us who live must bear.
Did you wonder years ago
How he came to love you so?
Years ago, did you not say
You would hear his voice some day?
Then you never held a doubt
That his love would seek you out.
Out of all the throng, you knew
God would send him down to you.
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BRITISH COLUMBIA TO CARVE
HIGHWAY ALONG FRASER
RIVER.

VICTORIA, B.C., Oct. 21.--British Columbia is preparing now to commence one of the most difficult highway projects ever attempted in North America--the construction of a road along the rocky canyon of the Fraser River to provide complete connection between the Pacific coast and the Prairies. Tenders for the Fraser Canyon road, the last link in the Trans-provincial Highway, have been called, returnable November 10, and will go before the Provincial Legislature for consideration at its meeting here this fall. So difficult and dangerous is the project considered that contractors tendering on it will have to deposit bonds of unprecedented size to repay the Government for any damage that may occur in the course of construction.

The difficulties of the work are increased by the fact that two transcontinental railway lines already run along the Fraser River Canyon, one on each side of the river. In carving the new motor highway out of the face of the solid rock it will be almost impossible to avoid dumping quantities of blasted rock upon the railway tracks at many points. In other places where the road will go below the level of the railways there will be a danger of undercutting the railway grade and destroying it. For these reasons transcontinental trains will have to stop when reaching the point where road construction is proceeding and wait until they can pass safely.

The new highway will be one of the most spectacular in the world from a scenic standpoint. It will cling to the canyon sides hundreds of feet above the swirling torrents of the Fraser amid scenes unsurpassed in America. It is expected that the first section of the road will be finished next year and the project completed in 1926.

Enthusiastic Artists

Visitor (to newlywed)--"So you are not getting tired of studio life, eh?"
Artist's Wife--"Good gracious, no! It's most interesting. Jim paints and I cook. Then the game is to guess what the things are meant for."
--Pathfinder.

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