

GREATEST "RED" PLOT IN YEARS IS FRUSTRATED

Many Caught in a Midnight Raid in Michigan Hills

Leader is Captured — Pine Knots Lighted Conference in Lonely Valley—Eighteen Prisoners.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—In the arrest of William Z. Foster, head of the Trades Union Educational League, in Chicago, the seizure of seventeen members of the Communist Party of America, an underground revolutionary organization, and a nation-wide search for more than fifty other persons, including Rose Pastor Stokes of New York, federal and Michigan state authorities announced the breaking up of one of the greatest radical conspiracies of recent years.

The majority of those held were captured in a midnight raid in the hills of Berrien county, Michigan, twelve miles south of Benton Harbor, where the Reds had assembled for their annual convention in a lonely glade at the bottom of a heavily timbered valley. Pine knots furnished the light by which their business was transacted; there they heard the reports of personal representatives of Lenin and Trotsky of Russia; there, the federal officials avert, plans whereby the existing railroad strike was to be used as a means of spreading their programme of violence, were discussed.

For three days federal officials watched them, powerless to act without authority from Washington. Then came a tip to the radicals, and all but seventeen disappeared inside of an hour.

The rest were surrounded by sixty deputy sheriffs, members of the Michigan state constabulary, and agents of the department of justice.

Foster, one of the escaping ones, was trailed to Chicago. He turned up at his office. He was arrested just after he had issued a statement denying his implication in the convention. He was taken to the detective bureau, thence to the Fifth street station, where warrants and extradition papers were awaited.

Mrs. Stokes was one of the escaping ones, federal officials say. She is particularly wanted; her home in New York city is being watched. It is said here, as well as the homes of her numerous acquaintances.

The Communist Party of America was organized in Chicago in 1919. During its early struggles, schism developed in its ranks, and later the Communist Labor Party was organized from the dissatisfied element. The remaining element was the ultra-radical group—those who openly avowed their belief that violence was the only method by which they would hope to overthrow the government of the United States. At first they were an open organization. Then, on New Year's Day, 1920, agents, under the direction of States Attorney Hoyne, swooped down on their quarters in a series of raids which netted virtually all their leaders. A few escaped. Many were convicted.

Worked Under Cover. Since that time the party has been working at all times under cover. Now and then pamphlets would appear from some mysterious source. In each case they were revolutionary in tone. "Fang the capitalists and seize the government" was their motto.

Last year a convention was held in the hills of Michigan. The federal authorities appeared, but two days too late.

This year the story is different. Last Thursday morning strangers began dropping from trains at St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Mich. All later turned up at the Forest House, a resort conducted by Karl Wulfskel and his wife, an eighth of a mile from the village of Bridgman.

By Saturday morning there were sixty of them, and on Sunday morning agents Spolanski and Edwards of the department of justice left Chicago on a mysterious mission. All Saturday night these two men lay in a drizzling rain on a hill top a mile from the Forest House watching the groups assemble and confer and disappear again. The rain did not bother these revolutionists. They built a bonfire and gathered around it, discussing their plans.

"The first man I saw and identified was Foster," Spolanski said tonight. "The second was Boris Reinstein, personal representative of the Communist Internationale of Russia, sent here to aid Foster in his campaign of 'boring from within.'"

That night local representatives of the department of justice asked William J. Burns, chief of the department at Washington, for authority to make arrests. Chief Burns in turn communicated with

the Michigan state constabulary. Through the latter, Sheriff George Bridgman of Berrien county was notified.

Some time Sunday the radicals became restless. They began to leave. By midnight Monday only seventeen were left. Foster and Mrs. Stokes were among the absentees.

Just before dawn on Tuesday, Sheriff Bridgman and the federal agents swooped down and the entire seventeen were rounded up. Chief among them was C. E. Huthenberg, once a candidate for mayor of Cleveland, one of the most widely known radicals in the nation.

Arrested a number of times, he is still under indictment in Chicago for his activities with the party here in 1920. He is now the national executive secretary of the Workers' Party of America, a radical organization, and is the head of its activities in this country.

Equipment Seized. Following the raid the federal agents discovered a mound of fresh earth and below it two barrels. One contained five typewriters and a mimeograph machine. The other contained seventy-three bulky parchment envelopes, containing lists of membership of the Communist Party; opposite the name of each member were calligraphic markings to denote their standing in revolutionary work.

Plans were found written by secretaries of Lenin and Trotsky in Russia, plans whereby the government of the United States might be supplanted by a government of Soviets. There were scores of pamphlets, some in English, some in Russian, all advocating the utmost in revolutionary tactics. The story of how the army and navy and police system was to be overcome in the final battle between "the proletariat and the capitalist" was retold.

Warrants for Foster, who as the head of the Gary steel strike and later as the organizer of the Trades Union Educational League has achieved more actual publicity than any radical, were sworn out by the federal officers. When he turned up at his office he was immediately arrested.

Foster declared his intention of employing the best of counsel to fight not only extradition but the charges. "This whole thing is a frame-up," he declared. "They can't prove that I have ever advocated any revolutionary tactics in my life. I have not had anything to do with advocacy of revolutionary tactics, and they know it. This is a scheme to block the holding of our national convention in Chicago on August 26, that's all."

Foster was held incommunicado at the Fifth street station awaiting extradition papers from Michigan.

The search for Mrs. Stokes and for others in the convention was well under way. It was rumored that six persons already had been arrested in Chicago, and that two more arrests were to be made later. These rumors could not be confirmed.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere. Three Chinese were brought to the city yesterday from Boston, and will start for Vancouver tonight, to be deported to China. Two immigration officers arrived last night from Montreal to take the trio in charge. The party includes a woman, her son and an adopted daughter.

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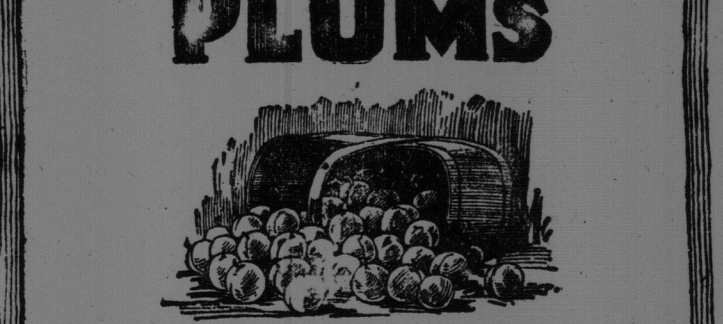
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"The Rosary" is fraught with tremendously emotional scenes and some incidents of gasping excitement. It is sufficiently translated into pictorial form and with such players as Lewis Stone, Jane Novak, Wallace Berry and others is a masterpiece in acting. The Imperial anticipates a big rush of business to see "The Rosary" not only because it is a good picture with a stellar cast, but because it has a spiritual quality, through the medium of Father Kelly, as portrayed by that dignified leading man Lewis Stone, that lifts it far from the ordinary play or moving picture. Musically "The Rosary" will receive appropriate treatment from the Imperial's splendid orchestra. This is a special attraction, and the 30c. scale will obtain.

MAIL ORDERS FOR BOSTON ORCHESTRA

Just two weeks in advance of the concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the mail order bookings may be made. This starts them on Monday of the following week, namely the 28th. On Friday, September 7, the box office will be opened at ten o'clock a. m. for personal selection of seats. As this is the first time the Boston instrumentalists have visited this city, it is expected the concert will be marked by a large and fashionable audience. Although the entertainment will be of the highest artistic order—genuine Boston Symphony Hall concert—a moderate scale of prices has been agreed upon—\$1.50 downstairs, \$2 boxes, balconies and boxes at \$1.50, the balance at \$1 and 75c. Persons taking advantage of the mail order system of buying will please remit by marked cheque, money order or postal note, as the Imperial treasurer cannot be held accountable for currency funds remitted through the mail.

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REACH AGREEMENT TO SETTLE STRIKE

Representatives Agree on a Settlement in Nova Scotia Coal Strike After Lengthy Conference.

After a long conference yesterday, the representatives of the British Empire Steel Corporation and the United Mine Workers of District 26, arrived at an agreement for the settlement of the strike. The contract will run for sixteen months. Acceptance or rejection rests with the 12,000 striking miners of the province, who will vote on Wednesday, August 30.

The rates and conditions as mediated are: (A) Minimum daily rates (\$4 be increased to \$3.20 per day, with a minimum increase of 40 cents per day and adjustments of the higher rates as per an attached schedule.

(B) Daily minimum rate at Sydney Mines to be brought up to the Dominion Coal Company minimum rate, namely, \$3.20, with increases in the other daily rates corresponding to the increases given in the Dominion Coal Company mines, plus 12 cents per day.

(C) Contract rates to be increased 12 1/2 per cent. One-half per cent to be added for machine-cutting, 75 per cent to be added at Sydney Mines.

(D) Contract to cover all classes of men included in the Montreal agreement of 1921.

(E) Contract to extend to Jan. 15, 1924, and shall not terminate on the date unless forty days' notice previous to Jan. 15, 1924, be given by either party to the contract. Failing such notice the contract shall automatically continue but may be terminated at any time after Jan. 15, 1924, on forty days' notice.

(F) Contract to be made retroactive to July 15, 1922.

The minimum daily rate in 1921 was \$3.80. This was cut to \$2.44 at the beginning of the year under the general 33 1/3 per cent. wage cut put in force but was adjusted to \$2.85. The company offered to increase to \$3.00, and on August 15 to \$3.25. Contract rates since the beginning of the year have been fifty-nine cents per ton against eighty-three cents in 1921.

NEW BRUNSWICK HEALTH ACT IS DISCUSSED

Criticism and defense of the New Brunswick public health act featured the morning session of the meeting of the Union of New Brunswick municipalities at Edmundston. Among the speakers were Commissioner John Thornton and Dr. G. G. Melvin. Honorary membership was conferred upon Dr. H. E. Bigelow, of Mount Allison, who was one of the speakers on the programme. A life

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The accident was at Elmsford, when Mr. and Mrs. Percy McIlraith of Rockaway, N. J., were on their way to catch a ferry at Tarrytown. Ryan's car shot across in front of them and turned over as it was struck. Ryan was the only one hurt.

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