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**Negotiating**

Evidently, the leaders of the "Irish Republic", Lloyd George and the other parties to the Irish dispute have reached the stage known in diplomatic circles as "negotiation".

The exchange of "terms" between Mr. DeValera and Lloyd George do not indicate that "ultimatums" have been delivered.

Undoubtedly, both Irish republicans and Lloyd George leaders will have to make concessions which will be disagreeable and unpalatable to the rank and file of their followers.

We really believe that better days for Ireland are not distant.

**Queer Country**

Just whither are we drifting? A body of striking miners in West Virginia arm themselves, set up military formation and march in battle array upon the mines where they formerly worked to overawe and, if need be, destroy the plants and kill off the strikebreakers who had taken their places.

The National Guard is called out to deal with the strikers' army. No attention paid. Orders issued for Federal troops to proceed to the scene of difficulty. No change in the situation.

The district president and secretary of the United Mine Workers appear on the scene and press to, change! The miners' army halt, go into camp. The president and miners general or captain confer. Orders are forthwith issued to back march and hostilities cease for a while.

Are we reading that stage where a new order will prevail and the workers will, by force of arms, demand a new Wagner Charter?

Fruit of Tom Watson's anti-Catholic crusade in Georgia is seen in the dismissal, without any justification or promulgation of charges, of Julia Riordan, a Catholic teacher, by the Atlanta, Georgia, School Board.

Be sure your boys and girls are on hand, on time at the opening of our Catholic schools.

**Pellagra**

Quite often the theorists who have fastened themselves on to the Government payroll in Washington send out wild scares as feelers to induce propaganda where they not only will retain their jobs but will be able to secure, handle and disburse large appropriations of Government funds.

During the last few months we have been treated to a scare about a threatened epidemic of pellagra. Dr. E. M. Perdue, of Kansas City, denounces this as heedless alarm, as he claims the investigations conducted by Professors Alessandrine and Scala in the Institute of Hygiene in the University show that pellagra is an endemic and not an epidemic disease. Dr. Perdue goes on to say:—Pellagra is an endemic and not an epidemic disease. It is a chronic acid intoxication and not infectious or communicable in any sense. It is not hereditary.

Pellagra is essentially a disease of a fixed agricultural population living upon an eroded and exhausted soil of determinate geological origin. Pellagra has a definite geological-geographical distribution. It has no relation to labor, diet, domicile or sanitary environment.

Pellagra is caused by drinking soft water coming from a clay soil.

Pellagra is prevented by drinking hard water whose "hardness" is due to the presence of the carbonates of calcium and magnesium.

Pellagra is cured by the hypodermic administration of a 10 per cent. solution of sodium citrate.

Pellagra in the United States is prevalent in the regions of the Atlantic Coastal plain, the Piedmont plateau, the Gulf Coastal plain, the Ashland plateau, certain inland regions of the flanks of the Ozark, Boston, Oachita, Arbuckle and Wichita mountains and where the soils are derived from the shale of the Pennsylvania series. Pellagra is also occasionally found in Northern states covered by glacial drift from the great Precambrian Shield around Hudson's bay.

Pellagra has the same geographical distribution as pine timber. Prairie countries to do have pellagra, as prairie soils are necessarily lime soils.

**In Straits**

Possibly, the following from the Rochester "Herald" may have application, ere long, much nearer home:—We wonder if it can be possible that the "come-ons" are increasing in wisdom.

Something of the sort is suggested by a recent wail from out of Socialist headquarters at Chicago. The party is in dire straits. It is, in fact, dead broke. The debt is \$21,000, we are told, and a cry for help was sent out. Twenty thousand dollars is needed at once to satisfy pressing creditors within thirty days, but, sad to say, but \$5,000 could be raked or scraped together.

The dispatch explains that "the leaders of the party attribute its difficulties to the fact that too many of its members are out of work and current expenses are too great. Hence the large headquarters in a residence at 220 South Ashland Avenue—which cost \$30,000, but is not paid for no longer contains a staff of twenty-five, but only eight, headed by Otto F. Branstetter, business manager."

Maybe a better explanation of the situation is that the fellows who have been "digging up the dough" have begun to realize that they are wasting their money. That Socialism is getting them nowhere, and that their contributions are merely providing soft snaps for a few leaders.

So Emma Goldman wishes to leave the Soviet Russia she once extolled so highly? United States is a pretty good sort of a place, Emma?

**Craft's Is Right**

It is not often that we find our selves in accord with Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, the international patron of blue laws, but we heartily agree with his talk and action regarding the revival of the notorious "Ku Klux Klan" as evidenced in the following letter to President Harding:

"To the President: "I was recently in Cincinnati and found there a strong revival of the Ku Klux Klan. The Times-Star had a picture of a great host of them meeting in the woods around a throne marked 'Invisible Government.' A leading merchant told me his partner had been solicited with the statement that no Jew or Catholic could join the Klan. Of course, no negro could join. In a leading Cincinnati church on Sunday morning, when I had condemned this organization of hatred and prejudice, some of the people came to me and said: 'You don't understand. This is a new Ku Klux Klan to promote 100 per cent. Americanism. Several of our leading members have joined it.' I condemned the movement again in the evening at a union meeting of Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches of Madisonville, suburb of Cincinnati, and was told there was a bunch of Ku Klux in the middle of my audience. I also learned that the negroes of Cincinnati were buying all the revolvers and other weapons they could secure at second-hand stores.

"On my return to Washington, a preacher told me one of his members over the border in Virginia had asked his advice as to whether he should join this Klan. It aims at nation wide extension. In view of the inconsistency of all this with 'government of the people, for the people, by the people,' it seems to me and others who will join me in this request, that a proclamation by the President would be appropriate, calling on all loyal citizens to withdraw from this un-American 'invisible government.'

"Yours for a 'better world' here and now.

"Wilbur F. Crafts."

The State Income Tax Bureau announces that 7,500 Smith's pay income tax in New York. And yet they could not re-elect "Al." Smith!

Every year in May the melon and peach crop is to be a failure! But we notice there is generally quite a supply at goodly prices, to be sure.

Direct primaries appear to have little charm for eminent citizens these days. After they get their names in print and reap considerable free advertising then they decline the tendered designation.

General Weyler whose atrocities as Spain's military ruler of Cuba helped to rouse the civilized world and played a large part in achieving the independence of Cuba recently declared he could subdue the insurgent Moroccans but the Spanish Government respected him because "he is too cruel!". Verily, times change!

Queer legal decisions:—That if a man orders liquor by mail from the United States to be shipped from Canada, that is legal but if he goes to Canada and there completes the purchase it is illegal! That is under the Ontario section of the Canada Temperance Act!

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