

**REDS ARE ACTIVE; MEXICO AND CHINA**

ALSO IN UNITED STATES

**Communists Busy With Propaganda Everywhere; Some Instances Pointed Out by National Republic**

One of the offensives now being conducted by the reds is pretty well advertised. It is the offensive in Mexico; which has already succeeded to a point quite satisfactory to the heads of the movement in Moscow. This offensive is now entering the second phase, which has for its purpose the bolshevizing of the American continent from the Rio Grande to the Panama Canal. It has become pretty well known because of certain activities at Washington which have been necessary to safeguard American interests and the peace of the western world.

But there are other red offensives which are not quite so well understood by the general public, says the National Republic. One of these is being conducted in far off China. The Chinese situation, where civil war seems to be the prevailing fashion, and where armies are led against each other by generals with unpronounceable names, generally spells confusion to the average American who knows little about oriental affairs.

**Chinese Puzzle**

It ought to be pointed out, however, that the crafty gentlemen at Moscow have a hand in this Chinese puzzle. Cantonese armies, it is quite generally believed by those in touch with the situation, are under the influence of the Moscow government, and these armies are opposing forces which have the support of the British and French governments. So in China again we are having a phase of the conflict of communism against western civilization.

It might be said that with this red offensive the United States has little concern, but there are other activities nearer home which will bear watching. In the United States the reds are fighting, not with armies, but with propaganda. They are seeking to break down the morale of the American worker, and in doing this are attempting to penetrate and destroy the American labor unions.

**Points Out Danger**

One of the labor organizations which has been most subject to the fire is that of the miners. The official organ of the union miners only recently had to call attention to a vicious pamphlet, directed to miners, which the Journal says, "is merely a part of the campaign which communists and communist sympathizers are waging against the United Mine Workers of America." The Journal advises its miner readers to pay no attention "to the mouthings of blatant demagogues" and says that the offending pamphlet was probably written by one of those reds in New York City who are known as "Greenwich Village coal miners."

Those comfortable Americans who believe that communism is merely a bogey man with which to frighten children to sleep will find some direct evidence here to the contrary. The American labor leaders know something about the activity of communism because they are constantly dealing with it.

**Parlor Pinks**

Of course if communism were fighting alone in America it would never "get to first base" as the saying is. But it has the support of "Greenwich Village" miners, and other kid glove socialists and parlor pinks, who are constantly adding fuel to the flame and keeping communism alive in America.

**HAREM RESCUERS GET \$5 AN HOUR**

**Aleppo Is Center of Adventurous Activities; Girls Removed from Turk Control**

Aleppo, French Syria, which is about 250 miles north of Jerusalem and just over the desert border from Turkey, is the center of adventurous activities by which 2,000 Christian girls have been rescued from Moslem harems at a cost of \$5 each.

After the armistice, the League of Nations was given guardianship over Christian girls who had been made captives in Turkish and Arab harems. For a time the work was carried on briskly from the league offices in Constantinople, but then the appropriation ran out and the work languished. During the past year it has been carried on by British and American volunteer workers in Aleppo, who have offered \$5 a head for girls rescued from harems. The work has the support and approval of the British Society of Friends of Armenia and the American Near East Relief, and is endorsed by the British and French governments. So important has the enterprise become that Miss Karen Jeppe, League of Nations commissioner in Aleppo, recently traveled from Syria to Switzerland to report its details to the League Council in Geneva.

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**CURIOUS RULES OF OLD ENGLISH CLUB**

**Artist Comments on Them In the December Number of Scribner's Magazine**

Curious rules of an old English club are cited by Royal Cortissoz, art critic, in commenting on the exceeding humanness of art collectors in his department in the December Scribner's Magazine.

"Your eighteenth-century young nobleman," says Mr. Cortissoz, "penetrated the foreign market with a certain pride of opinion. He made much of experience. There is a world of meaning in one of the regulations adopted by the Society of Dilettanti, founded in 1734: 'No person can be proposed to be admitted to this society but by a member who has been personally acquainted with him or her in Italy.' I love some of their old pronouncements. Ten years later there was a curious addition made to the decree just cited: 'It is the opinion of the society that Avignon is in Italy.' But, the oddity runs on, no other town in France is in Italy. Other rules are as quaint. It is resolved 'that a Roman dress is thought necessary for the president of the society.' I can imagine that old rip, Sir Francis Dashwood, in it. They thought that 'the proper dress to dignify the Arch-Masters' was 'a long Crimson Taffeta Robe full plaited with a rich Hungarian cap and a long Spanish Toledo.' The dress of the secretary had to be nothing less than a reproduction of that worn by Machiavelli. Walpole girded at the Dilettanti and in a letter to Horace Mann gave them a fearful blast: 'The nominal qualification is having been in Italy, and the real one, being drunk; the two chiefs are Lord Middlesex and Sir Francis Dashwood, who were seldom sober the whole time they were in Italy.'

"That was in 1743. Long afterward there was an even worse blot upon the society than that left by wine-bibbing. The Dilettanti withheld their aid from Elgin in the historic campaign through which he brought the Parthenon marbles to England, and Payne Knight, a powerful member, went out of his way to discredit them. But it is the very humanness of this episode, as well as the drinking-bouts, that somehow commends the society to my imagination. They were not pedantic amateurs. They lived and took works of art in their stride."

**LEAGUE OF NATIONS HAS LARGE MUSEUM**  
It might be supposed that the League of Nations was scarcely old enough to have a museum, but rapid progress is being made in the organization of such a department at Geneva. The exhibits are to include historic documents, sketches and portraits of those connected with the establishment and progress of the league. Under Dr. Nansen's direction, a very complete record is being prepared of the league's humanitarian efforts, including its co-operation with the Near East Relief and other American agencies in Russia and the Levant.

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**INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THIS STATE**

Ninety-eight per cent of the coal used in Illinois is mined within the state.

Illinois harbors the birthplaces of 1,608 prominent persons mentioned in the current edition of "Who's Who."

The largest factory in the world devoted exclusively to the manufacture of electric meters is located at Springfield, Illinois.

Shohokon, Henderson county, was once the western end of the "old California trail" and during the height of its prosperity was the trading post of hundreds of frontiersmen.

An old grandfather's clock, the property of a Peoria inventor, has been ticking steadily, keeping perfect time, for 300 years and through six preceding generations of the present owner's family.

There are 2,345 feet of telephone wire in Illinois for each man, woman and child in the state.

A Mormon church, the Mansion House, the Mormon arsenal and other relics of the Mormon heyday in Illinois are still to be seen in Nauvoo.

The Illinois Traction System was the first electric railway in the world to operate sleeping cars.

Illinois was ceded by France to Great Britain in 1763.

The old-fashioned man who used to drive to the county seat on Saturday night and tie his horse to the courthouse hitchrack, has a son who can leave home at dark and go to the city in time for the opening of the regular program at the Purple Cat.

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