

MEXICO CATSPAW FOR COMMUNISTS

TROUBLE BELOW BORDER

Recent Interference by That Country in Central American Affairs Seen as Evidence

by the way, has been sent to Mexico. States have underestimated the world-wide activities of the Russian communists. But now that some of these activities are bearing fruit the public is beginning to sit up and take notice. Mexico has to all intents and purposes a bolshevik government. And one of the cleverest communist politicians in the world, a woman is good evidence that what Nicaragua to promote friendly relations between the two governments, for these are already more than friendly, but to assist in fomenting the red revolution in other tropical American states.

In Nicaragua
The first victim has been Nicaragua, which has been in the throes of a revolution for some time, a revolution which it appears was started by the communists and is now getting its sole aid from Mexico. Indeed there is good evidence that what Nicaragua is now suffering is not a revolution but a disguised attack by a red Mexican government which hopes, in time, to sovietize all of Central America, with Mexico acting as the big communist brother.

There are evidences of bolshevik activities elsewhere in the western hemisphere. The cabinet in Chile has resigned and another has been chosen which has for its object the more effective combating of the soviet attack in that progressive South American country, and in all of the states of Central and South America it is said, communists are spreading propaganda and doing everything possible to further their cause.

But for the movement the Nicaragua situation is by far the most serious. If the Mexican plan succeeds the Central American states one by one will collapse into the lap of bolshevism and the red menace will have crept down to the Panama Canal.

America Interested
The American government is properly taking an increased interest in these developments in Central America. A hegemony of communist states to the south of us, with Mexico as a leader, is not a pleasant picture to contemplate. Already Mexico has been given a hint that this business of aiding the red revolution in Nicaragua must stop. The time to check bolshevism is when it is beginning to spread and not when all of Central America may have caught fire.

And yet there are some well-meaning Americans who declare that Russia has reformed and that we ought to recognize the government which is at this very time plotting against us in Mexico and Central America.

UTILITY HOME RULE IN SMALLER CITIES

Opinion of Lyons Newspaper That System Not Good; Too Much Political Graft

Commenting upon a recent meeting in Berwyn where the so-called "home-rule" of public utilities was discussed, the editor of The Monitor, the official newspaper of the Village of Lyons, Illinois, says:
"For smaller towns, particularly in Cook county, home rule as pertaining to public utilities would deprive them of adequate transportation. What the small towns need is through systems of car lines. How can street railway companies be expected to comply with conflicting ordinances in the various towns through which they must pass and serve."

"The same pertains to gas and electric service. A unified system means a reduction in overhead expense. It is becoming apparent that governmental affairs in smaller towns are

not 'improving'—they do not function properly, either through lack of ability or regard for public welfare. Public utilities, like any other business, can improve as their volume of business increases and to improve 'service' they must not be hampered by small town politicians who know nothing whatsoever about 'successful' business methods. It will be a sorry day when public utilities must bargain exclusively with village and town governments.

"These questions must be dealt with on broad and constructive lines. The theory of Home Rule would mean that if Berwyn or Riverside, or any other towns separating Lyons from Chicago, would be in a position to deprive us of adequate service by refusing transportation companies to pass through their territory. Lyons had a taste of Berwyn 'Home Rule' when they tore up the street car tracks on Stanley avenue, thus depriving Lyonsites of service. Another fine example of 'Home Rule' is the closing of Plainfield road, a township highway, by a mere handful of men (McCook village board), who are employees of the stone quarries and railroad company. Self interest (individual interest) has no place in the present age. The rights of every one must be respected.

"Home Rule—what does it mean? 'Gravy' for unscrupulous politicians."

TELLS CONDITIONS UNDER BOLSHEVIKI

What Communism Has Done to Russia Indicated by Report of Visitor

Some important admissions relative to conditions in Russia under communism are contained in the statement of Kirby Page, member of the Sherwood Eddy expedition, written from an extremely friendly standpoint, says the current issue of the National Republic. Some of these are that "moral and religious conditions in Russia are such as to cause alarm for the future. There can be no doubt that organized religion in Russia is meeting the most bitter opposition of modern times. The communist theories of marriage and the family have undoubtedly increased sexual looseness since the revolution. The present government of Russia is a rigorous dictatorship by the Communist party, which now contains slightly more than a million members. No opposition party is allowed. Even within the Communist party no freedom of discussion is permitted

after a party decision has been reached. There are drastic limitations upon the freedom of the press and public assembly. Public criticism of or opposition to decrees of the government that is construed as counter-revolutionary activity is severely punished. An elaborate and effective spy system, known as the G. P. U., is maintained. The soviet government has signed numerous treaties with other powers in which provisions against propaganda were included. And yet we know that communist propaganda and agitation is carried on by Russians in many different countries, notably in China, India, the Balkans, Germany and Great Britain.

SUGGESTIONS GIVEN FOR STARTING CAR

If Certain Precautions Are Taken Trouble May Be Eliminated

Cold weather means stiff motors and an attempt on the part of motorists to assist their batteries by hand cranking.

Every year at this time, accidents occur, because of the failure of car owners to see that their gears are in neutral when cranking by hand.

The accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club advises motorists to set the hand brake, shift gears to neutral, turn off the ignition and to pull out the choke when limbering up a stiff motor by means of the hand crank.

"The motorist who takes this precaution" says a bulletin issued by the club, "will never be jammed against a garage wall by the car, the gears of which have been left engaged.

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FOUR BILLIONS NOW IN FARM MACHINERY

More than four billions of dollars are now invested in farm mechanical equipment in this country, according to a council appointed by Secretary Jardine to study the subject. Over \$330,000,000 was expended for such equipment in 1925. Power and labor costs of farm crop production on the average make up about 60 per cent of the total costs. In view of these facts, even minor improvements in farm machinery will result in large savings.

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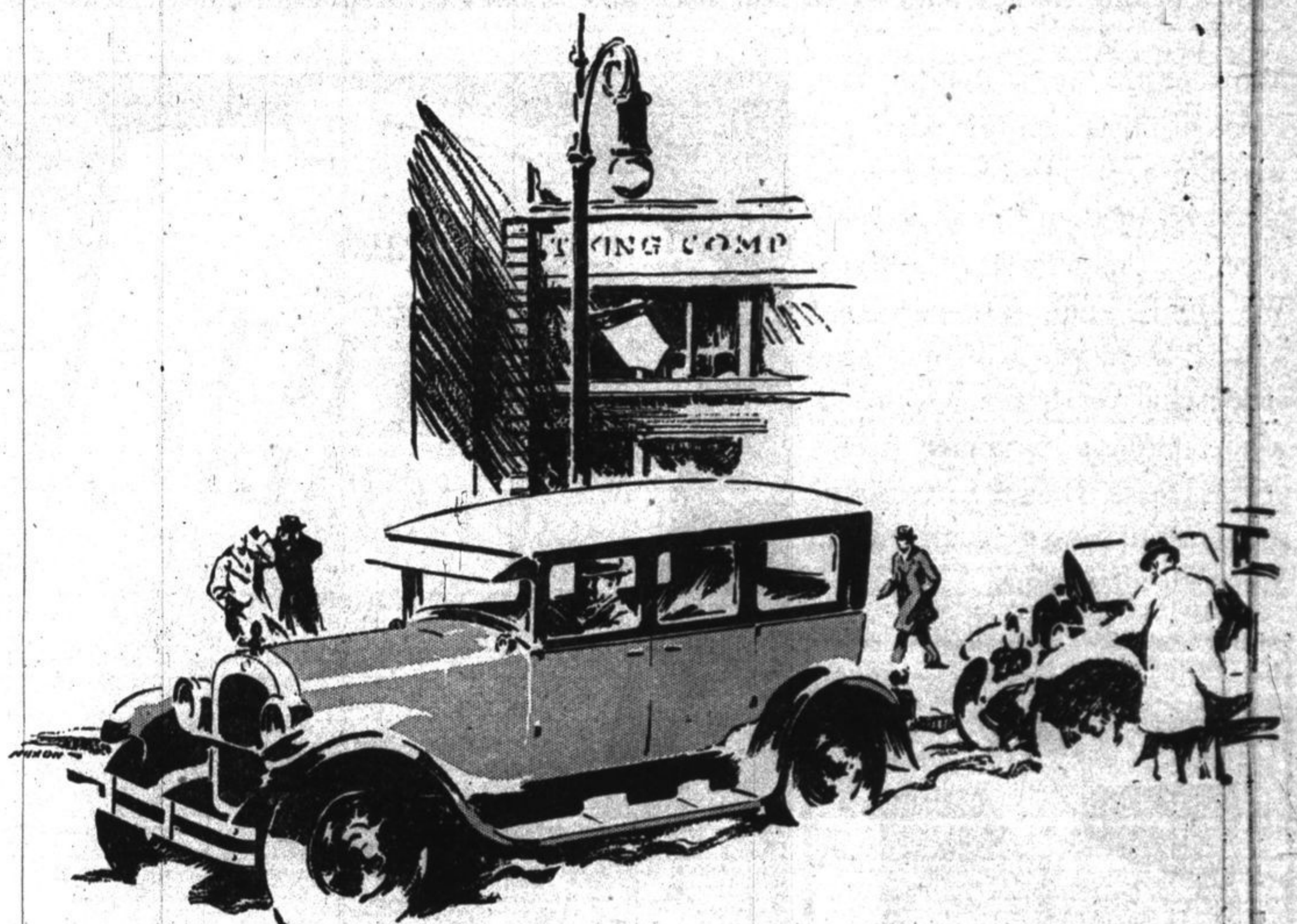
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