

COMMUNISM IS ALWAYS A FAILURE

STRIKING INSTANCES TOLD

Writer in National Republic in Story of How Co-operative Attempt Lost in Puritan Days

Plans based on communism have been tried frequently in the United States and have always resulted in failure, according to Etta V. Leighton, secretary of the National Security League, who has written a series of five articles on the National Constitution, the second of which is appearing in the February issue of the National Republic.

"It was natural that landing in a wilderness, depending in the beginning on supplies brought with them from the mother country, the colonists should for a time share all in common," says Miss Leighton. "But the communistic plan of holding supplies in common in Virginia proved a failure, and John Smith finally declared that 'He that will not work shall not eat.' Governor Dale's Great Reform was apportioning land to each man and levying on the yield of each one's ground certain bushels of produce as his tax to the community.

Experiment Fails

"So also at Plymouth the experiment was a failure. There, too, at first, the colony was conducted on a communism-in-industry plan though we must be careful to remember that no such theories as today characterize communism, were held by the God-fearing Pilgrims.

There probably never existed a group of people more earnestly anxious to do right in all things. If ever an idealistic phase of government could come to success it must be among a people united in a common desire so strong as to make them leave quiet homes in England and exile themselves to Holland, and stronger still, strong enough to make them dare the dangers of the Atlantic and the perils of the wilderness.

History Makes Clear

If ever the system of communism was to bring happiness surely it would be to such a group as this. But the historian West writes, "One serious hindrance to success even among the sober goodly men was the system of industry in common"; according in the third year, when famine seemed imminent, Governor Bradford, with the approval of the

chief men of the colony, set aside for agreement with the London partners in the matter, and assigned to each family a parcel of land, and this, says Governor Bradford, had very good success, for it made all hands very industrious, as otherwise would have been and so the danger of famine passed and when the pilgrims by great effort bought out the Plymouth Company's share in the colony, each on his own land, reaping the rewards of his labor, began to prosper."

NEW STYLE DOGS ARE HARD ON CANVASSERS

Old-Time Agent Tells of Experiences; Says Women Seldom Home Now

"From an old-time door-to-door canvasser for various household articles, I learn that new styles in dogs have raised the Old Harry with his line of business," writes Fred Kelly in Nation's Business Magazine.

"In the old days," says this man, "we had nothing to fear from a fuzzy little fat white poodle or a pop-eyed Boston bull, but these cold-eyed police dogs and husky Airedales make a fellow hesitate to enter strange premises. For that reason, I have quit trying to sell any article that isn't itself a fairly good weapon. Last year I sold a new kind of long-handled carpet sweeper, and now I'm introducing a wonderful window enamel, guaranteed to last a lifetime. I figure that with any kind of swordsmanship at all when thus armed, I can ward off a dog and perhaps save one leg, if not both. It's an honest to goodness fact that many canvassers

have quit selling small articles in favor of a line in which the sample is a weapon.

"Next to facing modern dogs," this man went on, "the most serious problem we now have is to catch enough housewives at home to give us a chance to work steadily through a neighborhood. If we find one woman at home and stay to tell her of a new device she should have, by the time we reach the house next door, the wife there has finished her simple household duties and is gone for the day. Maybe she has an office job. At any rate she doesn't stay at home."

PROBABLY FORGETTING WHAT THEY OWE U. S.

Numerous and sundry members of the faculty of the University of Texas have signed a pronunciamento expressing suspicions of the purpose of the United States government in demanding protection for the lives and property of Americans in Mexico, and suggesting that the matter be arbitrated. One argument the professors failed to bring out: that if the province of Texas had arbitrated its grievances with the Mexicans about a hundred years ago there would have been no University of Texas, and not much of a Texas.

If the weather is changeable, many people will complain that they don't know what to depend upon, and if it keeps along about the same, they kick about the plaguey monotony.

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