

EDITORIAL

DECLINE OF RADICALISM

Recently an internationally known liberal made a statement to the effect that radicalism, of all sorts, in America was at its lowest point in many generations. This statement was borne out by the remarkably poor showing of the leading disenting party, the Socialists, in the last election.

We do not need to look far afield for the answer. There are two outstanding reasons; one is the growing liberalism of American capital and the other the high status of American labor with its increasing knowledge of the inseparable economic relationship between capital and labor.

The classic idea of capitalism pictured a few wealthy men, acting as ruthless dictators controlling the people of a nation and exploiting labor. Today, in contrast, Capital, as exemplified by our great industries, is understood to represent the accumulated savings of millions of investors, rich and poor alike.

Labor exploitation, in any form, is a thing of the past. Employers understand that satisfied employes, earning high wages, are the nation's greatest asset in home market buying power. Employee-ownership of stock, pioneered by the electric light and power companies, and now generally adopted by all industries, was the forerunner and continuous incentive for the idea of making the words "labor" and "capital" synonymous.

The agitator today is hard put to find an enthusiastic audience in industrial America. The Utopian dream of friendliness and co-operation between the worker and the financier seems to have been realized in America, the land of opportunity for the individual.

TAXES AND EDUCATION

One of the most important educational steps in years is being considered in the state of California, where a county unit system school law has been proposed and supported by many authorities.

The proposition which was designed by the Taxpayers' Association, is, briefly, a plan by which all school districts having a total of less than 1500 pupils in average daily attendance, shall be consolidated into one district. At the present time a great number of school districts have an attendance of only six to 15 students daily.

Not only will this plan, if it goes into effect, save the state and the taxpayers vast sums of money, but, as well, it would seem that it would improve educational facilities. Under present conditions, it is obviously impractical to equip the small schools with such books and supplies as are enjoyed by the larger institutions. The county unit system would give every school the best of teaching equipment.

This plan is of importance not only to California but to every state. It is a rare suggestion that can both improve education and lower its cost.

Progress of Federal Measures Endorsed by

The breathing space between the adjournment of the 17th Congress and extra session of the 71st Congress, which is called for April 15, gives us an opportunity to consider the status of the league's federal measures and their chances in the next session.

Maternity and Infancy Legislation (The Newton Bill)

There was progress on this measure as was reported in the Voter of last month and this. While the measure died with the adjournment of Congress, the successful hearings and the recommendation of the House committee in Inter-State and Foreign Commerce give us definite assurance that a measure requiring the continuance of support given to states under the Sheppard-Towner Act will be introduced in the next Congress, possibly at the extra session. It is the certainty of a continued federal program of Maternity and Infancy Hygiene

which the league urges.

Muscle Shoals

It is probable that before the special session convenes we shall know the decision of the Supreme Court on the case which involves the legality of the pocket vetoes. Perhaps as a result of that decision Senate Joint Resolution No. 46, which we supported last year, will be held to be a law. In that case no new legislation will be necessary, but if pocket vetoes at the end of a session's adjournment are upheld, we must again support the enactment of a proposal for government operation of the government's resources on the Tennessee river.

Lame Duck Amendment

There has been no action in respect to this proposal during the short session, but if league support is effectively expressed, it is not too much to hope that this next Congress may submit to the states for ratification an amendment embodying this much-needed reform.

General Treaty of Inter-American

Arbitration

This is one of the two treaties signed on January 5 by representatives of 20 American states meeting in conference in Washington. The other, a convention providing for the submission of political controversies to the process of conciliation, has already been ratified by the Senate. Action upon the Arbitration Treaty will offer in the next Congress a most important test of the determination of this country to pursue a peaceful course in the settlement of disputes of a legal nature arising with any Latin-American nation and to give practical meaning to the Kellogg Pact.

Reapportionment

After passing the House, the measure which would require congressional reapportionment in accordance with the 1930 census was unexpectedly defeated in the Senate. This may have been due to the jam of legislation rather than to opposition to the measure. Sponsors of the measure are confident that it will be passed in the extra session.

World Court

Another door through which we may enter the world court has been opened. Elihu Root, in conjunction with a committee of the League of Nations, worked out a formula which clarifies the famous fifth reservation. This formula, which outlines our procedure when an advisory opinion is asked of the court, will be sent to the members of the court and to the president and the U. S. Senate for ratification. It will probably be debated in the extra session.

H. S. Girls to Attend Conference on April 6

Eleven seniors, twelve juniors, four sophomores, and five freshmen of the Deerfield-Shields high school will attend the Girls club conference to be held at Ida Noyes hall on Saturday, April 6.

They will wear white bands on their arms inscribed with a blue "D" representing Deerfield-Shields. Catherine Preston has ordered the arm bands and is in charge of them.

The seniors who will attend are: Harriette Golden, Catherine Preston, Jean Coxe, Gladys Perrow, Fanny Kerr, Katherine Buhner, Josephine Hildreth, Gertrude Williams, Dorothy Becker, Ellen Truax, and Gladys Belcher. The juniors are: Jane Wenban, Margaret Kerr, Peggy Crawford, Frances Armalos, Virginia Engels, Eleanor Roberts, Marion Weisenberger, Dorothy Bard, Virginia Grant, Dorothy Campbell, Henrietta Jenkins, and Louise Smith.

The sophomores who will attend are: Marjorie Frye, Gwendolyn Sanders, Jane Hart, and Lillian Smith, and the freshmen are: Jane Kaufman, Myra Jane Hutton, Dorothy Hammond, Lenora Carpenter, and Hildegarde Balke.

Miss Brooks and Miss Connelly will also go to the conference, and perhaps Miss Parry.

As a means of determining to what educational advantage a boy's hobby may be turned, one-half of the new \$300,000 Harry Elkins Widener Memorial Science Hall at the Hill school for Boys, Pottstown, Pa., will be devoted to all manner of apparatus, literature and equipment which will aid active-minded boys in the pursuit of their avocation and is known as "Hobby Hall."

Things to Cook

Braised Liver

Calf's or lamb's liver
1 carrot
1 onion
1 stalk celery
3 peppercorns
2 whole cloves
1 bay leaf
3 cups stocks or water
4 slices salt pork

Skewer, tie in shape and lard the liver. Cut the vegetables into small cubes; put them in a baking-pan with the seasonings and bits left from the lardoons of salt pork; lay the liver on top; pour over all two cups of stock or water; cover closely and bake slowly (325 degrees) for two hours, basting occasionally and uncovering the last 15 minutes. Remove the liver to a platter; surround it with the vegetables; then make a brown sauce using the strained liquor and pour over all.

Fried Eggplant

Cut the eggplant in slices a quarter of an inch thick; pare them; sprinkle with salt and pile one upon another, placing over them a plate with a weight on top. Let stand for an hour, remove the plate, dip the slices in beaten egg, to which has been added a tablespoon of water, half a tablespoon of salt and half a teaspoon of pepper. Then dip the slices in dried bread crumbs; spread on a dish for 20 minutes or more and fry until brown in deep fat.

Winter Salad

1 small head lettuce
1 lemon
2 juicy apples
½ cup chopped celery
Mayonnaise Dressing
Pare the apples and lemon and cut them into thin slices. Mix thoroughly with the celery and cover with Mayonnaise or French dressing. Serve on crisp lettuce leaves.

Banana Cake

1½ cups sugar
½ cup butter
3 eggs
7 tablespoons milk
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1¾ cups flour
1 cup mashed bananas
Cream butter, add sugar gradually, cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks, which have been beaten until thick and lemon colored. Sift flour and baking powder together five times. Add one cup of flour to eggs and sugar and butter which have been thoroughly creamed. Add milk and remainder of flour and flavoring. Fold in mashed bananas and egg whites beaten thoroughly. Bake in three layers in oven at 350 degrees from 25 to 30 minutes.

Filling

1½ cups brown sugar
6 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons Karo syrup (white)
Whites of 2 eggs
6 marshmallows
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
Boil sugar, water and Karo together until it spins in thread. Then pour over egg whites which have been beaten, beating constantly until fluffy. Add marshmallows in small pieces. Spread between layers. This can also be served with whipped cream, which is very delicious.