THE DAILY NEWS Tuesday, December PAGE FOUR dispensed. Abel Deane refused leaders. Your people may be more round the last few days have in-for that blasted raid, and I'll pendence. You must never forget ly fingers. lenient in Russian-perhaps they sisted upon the Atrium and no- for that blasted raid, and I'll pendence. You must never forget ly fingers, for that blasted raid, and in period. Some of us don't go so far Bretskopf, who had spoken it was they who tracked that. Some of us don't go so far Bretskopf, who had spoken it wine but smoked a pipe. as Frankland and his friends, and the during the meeting, "Since the subject has in a way are content with what you do for where else? come up,' 'he said quietly, "and we them. Anyway there are going to "Why should the manager serve Thornton down." of X.Y.O. come up,' 'he said quietly, "and we them. Anyway there are going to have a moment or two to spare, be some nasty things said about us with champagne when he had "I thought that was the mill- as yet we have not subscribed to across the table; in his the international doctrines." by E. Phillips Oppenheim hand he gripped a tumblerful have a moment of two to spart, I'd like to allude to a personal matter. My comrades and I de-cided that I ought to mention it." Malakoff frowned. "I'll answer them," Malakoff memory Ma I'd like to allude to a personal that night, and you'd better get refused so many other people? It tary police?" "I'll answer them," Malakoff promised with an evil smile. "It's my behef that the whole business this morning that the Home Of-They've got that against us, too. "It's an idea," Deane murmur-on almost the only night Frank-ed thoughtfully. "Greatson told me this morning that the Home Of-They've got that against us, too. heir faces "Let' it be remembered, Deane ed thoughtfully. "Greatson told me land and I had ever been there?" with forced moderation, "are at find the Home Of- They've got that against us, too. fice had started a new secret ser- One isn't used to that sort of will come, and before long, when this talk of commission to lister. Deane assented. was a put-up job." "In what respect?" "It was a most unfortunate ocwill come, and before long, when this talk of commissions. On currence," he said gravely. "It won't do us any good, nor you, I am afraid, if we continue the idea of your campaign in the north before. Why should we have had of your campaign in the north before. Why should we have had won't do us any good, nor you, I "A put-up job to discredit us vice branch we should have to thing." INSTALMENT XXXXII. The Prime Minister had never country. Our working classes don't cards of invitation at our hotel right for once in his life," Mala- visiting delegates, Malakoff, from sal." chance of a century." day, but he did laugh. He lean-back in his chair and yielded and breaking the law by their skopf and I have been taking was going to run it himself. It's couragement and the money you ashes from his pipe, produced a (To Be Continued Thursday) himself up to unrestrained mirth at this unexpected appeal to his sense of humor. "Mr. Marabels,' 'he pronounced, rising and shaking the ashes from Christmas Eve Delivery his pipe, "you are at any rate consistent. You're clear-cut in all your views, and unencumbered, I should imagine, with a superfluity of sentiment. I wish you the same success in matrimony as I ima-

gine you will achieve politically." It was in its way a meeting of giants, that hastily summoned conference. At the opening of the proceedings there had been a certain amount of uncertainty. Macpherson should have taken the chair, but declined it.

"You go-ahead fellows have assumed command," he said. "Abel Deane or Frankland had better preside."

Abel Deane was voted into the chair-a man of lank physique, pinched features, the hollow eyes of the visionary, a man with long arms which he used continually and to great effect when making speeches, and a voice amazing in its power and quality. He had been a schoolmaster and still preserved his habits of correct speech and somewhat severe deportment.

There was nothing of the hallfellow-well-met about him. His views were violent enough but his expression of them was always guarded, and mingled with it all he had a redeeming leaven of common sense. He opened the meeting with a few noncommittal words. The Government had sprung an amazing surprise upon him. He, for his part, would like to know how it appealed to their foreign visitors.

"It is their despairing effort, their swan song," Malakoff declared, stroking his beard and noting with disappointment that there was no sideboard in the room. "They realize what our coming means, the writing upon the wall, the doom of the bourgeoisie."

"Nevertheless," Abel Deane observed dryly, "I think you will all admit that this is the most astute move which has been made. To be brief, Marabels' speech has made



the carrying-out of our original scheme, which you-most of you -know all about, almost impossible."

impossible?" Bretskopf "How manded gruffly.

"Because the Government has cut away the ground from under our feet," Abel Deane pointed out. "They have admitted our great principle. They offer a readjust-

"There's no reason why we should tinker about with all these blasted commissions," Frankland declared angrily. "Why not let them know the truth at once? We don't care about their cooperative system."

Bretskopf glared. But it was perfectly obvious that his side was in the minority.

"Very well, then," Malakoff said shortly. "Agree to their commissions, if you must, but there's one condition which in common justice you should make. We're supplying the money bags over here. One of us must be an honorary member of each commission. They're not fools. They know what we're over here for. They'll see the justice of it."

"I am not at all sure that they are likely to agree," Deane feared. Malakoff tugged at his beard with long, nervous fingers.

"It may be difficult," he admitted, "but it's got to be done. We're over here with five millions behind us, and more if it's necessary. pedgled to the alteration of the whole constitution of your industries in favor of the working man. We've got to be recognized, and your Prime Minister can put that in his pipe and smoke it." Abel Deane inclined his head. "I will include it in our conditions," he conceded. "I may tell you that it is nearly the only one we shall make. I have not yet met a member of our own party, with the exception of Mr. Frankland and a few who are absentees from here this afternoon, who is against the Government's proposal. Frankland is on his way up from Wales but his is only one vote and we shan't wait for him. I put it to you in this way, gentlemen -is there any on here against the Government's proposals?"

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"Not so long as we don't bind ourselves," one or two stipulated.

"Then the business of the meeting is at an end," Abel Deane declared. "I will see the Prime Minister myself tonight with Mr. Macpherson, and let him know your decision. I have still half an hour to spare," he added. "Is there any matter any one would like to discuss?"

One or two hurried off, but the majority remained.

"If I stay," Malakoff insisted, "you'll have to find me a drink."

Abel Deane rang the bell. "We don't allow drinks in the

he explained. formal part of meeting is over now. We have a few million critics behind us, you so we have to be careful." Malakoff smiled sourly

Drinks were brought

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