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LABOR VIEWS STRUGGLE IN ORIENT

Agitation for a boycott of Japanese goods as a protest against the brutal slaughter of non-combatants in China is being carried on in Great Britain and the United States says the Canadian Unionist. The British Empire takes 28 per cent of Japan's exports and supplies 30 per cent of its imports. The United States takes 22 per cent of Japan's exports and supplies 32 per cent of its imports. Between them, the British Empire and the United States take 50 per cent of Japan's exports and supply 63 per cent of its imports. The United States takes 85 per cent of Japan's export of silk, the only Japanese export product not dependent on imported supplies of raw materials. Japan's imports of oil, an essential of modern war, are drawn from United States-owned sources, and the Dutch East Indies.

The great capitalist industries of Japan are heavily dependent on export trade. An effective boycott would soon weaken its economy. The failure of governments to ward off international anarchy seems to put it up to the people to develop a new technique to restrain the spread of ruthless terrorism. Unless the government of Japan is stopped in its mad career, the governments of other Fascist powers may be encouraged to resort to similar anarchist terrorism in the hope of saving their rotten regimes.

SOCIAL CRATER

Japan is a social crater, continued the labor journal. A volcanic eruption is overdue. A parasitic landlord class absorbs half the crops of the rice farmers. Millions of petty industrialists and traders are little better off than the poverty-stricken wage-workers and peasants. The modern capitalist industries are owned by a few great families, and because of the low purchasing power of the masses of Japan, such industries are largely dependent on export markets. The peasants nurse a bitter hatred toward the landlords and the usurers. The petty industrialists, the petty traders, and the handicraftsmen hate the plutocrats.

When the depression quickened unrest among the Japanese masses, the ruling caste started a diversion—the invasion of Manchuria. The big capitalist industries may have benefited by the conquest of that country, but the pressure upon the living standards of the masses of Japan was only increased. Wars of conquest and chauvinist propaganda are homeopathic panaceas. Some years of occupation of Manchuria having failed to show the Japanese nation a profit, the ruling caste sent its armies into other Northern provinces of China. This new aggression evidently did not meet with the approval of the Japanese people; at any rate, the elections for the Diet early this year resulted in a big vote of non-confidence in the government.

The ruling caste, however, did not hand over the government to the popular parties. Some changes in the personnel of the government were made, but occasion for a bigger war and more intensive chauvinist propaganda was sought as a means of checking the rising democracy. Of course, the Japanese rulers contend that imperialistic expansion is necessitated by the pressure of population. A plausible idea, yet not so convincing in view of the fact that there has been very little Japanese immigration into the vast area of Manchuria. If it is permissible for the Japanese government to encourage the increase of population, and then make a claim upon another country for the means of sustenance of that increase of population, what could the world say to a corresponding claim on behalf of 1,500,000 British workers who came into being to fulfil a world requirement, and are now unemployed because the industries on which they formerly depended have lost their markets, largely as a result of the aggressive competition of Japan.

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IMPRESSIONS OF VISITOR

Miss Phyllis Taylor of England Talks to Anglican Young People

The regular weekly meeting of the Anglican Young Peoples' Association was held at the home of Ernest Meadows, McBride Street. There was a highly interesting and instructive program during which Duncan Miller showed moving pictures taken around the Skeena River where he was stationed during the summer months. The pictures included some beautiful scenic effects of the mountains and the river.

Miss Phyllis Taylor, exchange teacher from Nottingham, England, read a detailed account of impressions received from the time she left England until her arrival at Prince Rupert. Miss Taylor described her crossing of the Atlantic, remarking on the informality of the life on the liner. She had looked forward with interest to her arrival in Canada and was warmly greeted by friends in Montreal. She was interested in the use of pulleys on clothes lines, never having seen them before. She was greatly amused by the size and beauty of Lake Superior and was thrilled with the thought of travelling on the Canadian Pacific Railway of which she had heard so much, also with the prospect of seeing the wild and woolly west. There was disappointment when at station after station smartly dressed men and women were only to be seen instead of the expected cowboys. The drought-stricken areas aroused her sympathies and it was with relief that she reached the foothills of the Rockies. During her short sojourn at Banff she had had the experience of encountering a wild bear. The scenery along the railway from the Rockies to Vancouver greatly impressed Miss Taylor. After being welcomed in Vancouver by relatives she was shown around the city. Miss Taylor was greatly amused by the informality of speech used by the youth in this country, stating that it brought out one's individuality. The journey from Vancouver to Prince Rupert was most enjoyable and the scenery impressive. She called Prince Rupert "the most beautiful place I know."

Following the program, delicious refreshments were served by the host. Miss Mary Easthope of South Memorial School teaching staff, sailed yesterday on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The Letter Box

CANON KUSHEROCK SPEAKS

Editor, Daily News:

In a letter over the signature of W. J. Pinne, the writer described himself as an ignorant fisherman. He need hardly have said so as ignorant fishermen are the bane of our fishing industry. There are many uneducated fishermen, however, who are wise fishermen and most successful.

Some of these great shoals of herring are now taken in Captain's Cove, or Kootath Inlet, and where are the spring salmon of this territory? What happened to the shoals at Jap Inlet, that almost clogged it in days gone by? I know that the remains of several hundred tons lie on the sea bottom just inside the second narrows, significant fishermen.

My knowledge also of the reduction plants, their processes and products, is considerable, mostly gathered through the kindness of a former operator of our local reduction plant, namely, Mr. Bushby, whose lectures I enjoyed.

This ignorant fisherman does not know that the writer has spent many summers with our fishing fleet that covers practically the whole area of the north. Mr. Pinne writes that I visit the biological station. I may safely say that I enjoy the confidence of several members of the staff and that they are at present more interested in the dead fish than the living. We are not dealing with the preservation of dead fish or their various products, but the conser-

Liquor Store At Ocean Falls To Open Next Week

A government liquor store will be opened at Ocean Falls at the first of next week in time for the Christmas trade. David Kearns has been appointed vendor at the paper town. The first stock of liquor was brought north from Vancouver by the Princess Adelaide on Thursday.

variation of the living. There is a cure for ignorance. In so far as the writer is concerned, this correspondence is at an end.

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