

# A Window on the World.

## SAMUEL GOMPERS' COUNTRY

**M**R. SAMUEL GOMPERS, of the Civil Federation and National Security League, arrived in New York last Thursday from Europe, where he has spent an interesting three months getting thrown out of the Labor Movement.

The papers report that as he walked down the gang-plank he cried, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty," while the tears rolled down his cheeks. On the way over he made three addresses on "Patriotism."

Well, well, it must seem good to get home again to the only country in the world where the workers stand for him.

## KEEP YOUR EARS BUTTONED

The American troops in Archangel have mutinied. It appears that they were poisoned by Bolshevik propaganda. The papers say indignantly that when the boys were ordered to the front, they asked their officers embarrassing questions, such as "Why are we fighting these people?" "What have they done to us?" "Has the United States Government declared war on Russia?" The fact that the officers couldn't answer these questions is a minor matter; the horrible thing is that these are the same questions which the Bolsheviks have been asking.

"In my long service," said General March, Chief of Staff, "I don't recall another instance where American soldiers did not want to fight. They always have said 'Lead us to it!'"

As a matter of fact, the "propaganda-proof army" of which the capitalist press has been boasting, has been found to contain reasonable men who want to know why they are fighting. Naturally the military authorities are amazed that Americans won't go out and kill anyone they're told to.

What's to be done with them? The Government can't allow them to come home—perhaps they would refuse to mob Socialist meetings and smash in the eye people who refused to buy Victory Loan bonds.

In the meantime, friends, look out for this Bolshevik propaganda. It's everywhere. If you hear anybody whispering anything about Industrial Unionism, scream for a policeman.

## IMMIGRANTS EMIGRATING

Byron R. Newton, Collector of the Port of New York, notes that the rush of aliens from the United States to Europe has reached a total of 1,000 a day. The capitalist press is beginning to get a little worried about it. With immigration stopped to keep out Bolshevism, and all the foreigners here going home, the day will come when unemployment ceases—and then what will become of the capitalist system in America?

Sick of brutal oppression, cowering from the shameless industrial tyranny of this country, unmatched anywhere in the world, our disillusioned aliens are returning to their own lands in full sweep of Social Revolution, or illumined by its lightnings. The "melting pot" is cooling fast.

Deportation? Let the Government deport ten thousand foreign-born, as it has threatened to do. A hundred thousand would welcome deportation with open arms.

And when they are gone—what then? Will America speed up industrial production, manufacture huge surplus of products

to dump on foreign markets, and thus capture world trade? The workers will strike—and there will be no unemployed to fill their places. Shut down the mills and starve them? They will take the mills.

Stop immigration to keep out Bolshevism. Then stop emigration to prevent Bolshevism. Then let in all the parasites of Europe fleeing before the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

What is the result?  
Bolshevism!

## PRUSSIANISM IN NEW YORK

Like the French ci-devants, the American ruling class "learns nothing"—but it forgets a good deal.

Mayor Hylan and his illiterate Board of Aldermen forget that Bismarck, backed by the military machine of Imperial Germany, tried to put over a "Red Flag Ordinance." He forgets that both the Kaiser and the Tsar tried to prevent persons who spoke foreign languages from holding public meetings in Germany and Russia. In Germany this was called "Germanization;" in Russia, "Russification;" and in America, with fatal logic, it is called "Americanization."

Recently, but not too recently for Mayor Hylan and his thugs to forget it—something happened to the Kaiser and the Tsar.

And now the ruling class of New York is openly arming against the workers. The "Evening World," of April 12th, prints an account of a new bureau attached to the New York Police Department, to be known as the Bureau of Special Service. At its head is Special Deputy Commissioner John M. Shaw, of the New York Stock Exchange. The personnel—between 3,000 and 4,000 men, who have givenne...rm-nirrlshs-rm men, who are given police authority and serve without pay—is composed of "Wall Street men and prominent citizens."

Commissioner Shaw says, "The bureau is non-political, and its purpose is to forward Americanism." The following answer to a reporter's question is significant:

Reporter: "Will the new service be used to enforce Prohibition?"

Commissioner Shaw: "No, indeed. It is to keep America for Americans. It is absolutely non-political in character and some of the best men in Wall Street will come in it."

We judge that he means "keep America for Wall Street." Probably based on the theory, "Set a thief to catch a thief"—set a Wall Street man to catch a worker trying to steal back his living.

## DON'T SHRUG YOUR SHOULDERS IN A SEDITIOUS MANNER

**A**lderman William T. Collins has introduced an ordinance before the Board of Aldermen making it a misdemeanor for three or more persons to assemble and "advise or advocate, whether by words, signs or gestures against the enforcement of the laws of the United States or of this State, prescribing punishment for crimes and misdemeanors or against the public peace of the people of the United States or of this State." It is stated by the press that this ordinance is satisfactory to Mayor Hylan but we refuse to believe that His Honor is so easily satisfied.

As it is usual to search for the graft behind any ordinance we are of the opinion that somebody is contemplating starting a course in public gesturing and of course people will pay well to be taught how to avoid going to jail. Just think of a well-meaning real estate agent, overcome by the beauty of the site he is trying to foist upon a Bronx family, who throws his arm towards the horizon and who realizes, all too late, that Bill Haywood uses this self-same gesture, or of the irate old gentleman, the back of whose neck has just stopped the violent flight of an over-ripe tomato, turning round to shake his fist at a group of small boys when he suddenly remembers having seen a Socialist Alderman employ this same gesture when refused tickets for a parade!

## The Telescope

**M**artial law for five Irish Counties is one of the glorious achievements of the war for small nationalities, but then strikes in Limerick, Cork and Dublin are the achievements of martial law.

We learn on dubious authority that the A. F. of L. is bringing pressure to bear on some members of the Right Wing of the Socialist Party to have charges preferred against Comrade Gerber for employing non-union porch-climbers to get the Left Wing minutes.

It is rumored that the State Committee has reduced its appropriation to the Call printing plant by half in order that it may have funds to start an enquiry into Bolshevism.

In reply to Constant Reader we would state that the best method of keeping the cops friendly on election day would be the establishment of a Party owned and controlled cigar factory.

No, Old Subscriber, you have not got the situation quite right. A Communist is a person who is too fastidious to belong to the Right Wing and not fastidious enough for the Left Wing.

In view of the fact that we are in a condition of suspended animation with regard to membership in the Socialist Party owing to the action of the State Committee in moving our expulsion, we would like to know if it will be correct to speak of our friends of the Right as semi-comrades?

Lloyd George when making campaign speeches used to ask, in a tremendous peroration, for \$100,000,000,000 indemnity from Germany; but it understood that England is now willing to give 80% discount off for cash. Small profits and quick returns!

Premier Clemenceau informs the French Deputies that everybody in France is as anxious as they are about the terms of peace "and for that reason, in the present circumstances, all have a right to the same information." Consequently nobody gets any information, which is one of the uses of democracy we had quite overlooked.