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## C. W. MORSE IS CHARGED WITH FRAUD

### Twenty-four Men Accused Under Federal Indictment of Selling Worthless Stock

New York, April 27.—Charles W. Morse, New York financier, his three sons and 20 others, some prominent in shipping, legal and brokerage circles, were accused in a federal indictment today with having used the mails to defraud investors in the stocks of various steamship companies.

The aggregate authorized capital of the sundry corporations ran into scores of millions of dollars, and included the United States Steamship Company and its subsidiaries, United States Transport Company, Inc., and the holding organization known as the United States Shipping Corporation.

"The principal defendants," charged with conspiring since May, 1919, to defraud investors and put their alleged swindling scheme into effect by use of advertising matter sent through the mails, were named as follows:

Charles W. Morse and his sons, Edwin A. of Washington; Benj. W. New York; and Harry F. Greenwich, Conn.; Martin J. Gillen, formerly assistant to the chairman of the United States Shipping Board; William A. Barber, former attorney general of South Carolina; Mark L. Gilbert, former president Ship Construction and Trading Company, Stonington, Conn.; George M. Burditt, attorney for Morse interests; Nehemiah H. Campbell, Brooklyn, one time head of several Morse enterprises; Richard O. White, New York, former president United States Transport Company; Stuart G. Gibbons, lawyer; Glenbard S. Foster, Orange, N. J., former head of G. S. Foster & Co., curb brokers; Henry E. Boughton, Warren, Mass., former head of a concern dealing in investments and securities; William H. Dennis, certified public accountant of New York; Jas. G. Sullivan, publicist for Morse, and Milton Quinn, alias Milton C. Quimby, former Morse agent.

These men, the indictment alleged, have since May, 1919, conspired to defraud investors with a view to their own profit by divers schemes and artifices.

Among these was alleged misrepresentation in advertising that the United States Steamship Company with an authorized capital of \$25,000,000, and its underlying companies, such as the Cronin Iron Works, Virginia Shipbuilding Company and Hudson Navigation Company, were going concerns, with large contracts, both governmental and private, for building and repairing ships and carrying freight, and that they were paying bona fide dividends, and were backed by valuable assets, and that, therefore, to buy stocks in these organizations would prove profitable to investors both in speculation and in dividends.

The contracts were not as represented, the grand jurors alleged; nor were the assets, and the companies were not paying dividends. The indictment charged that the defendants knew investors had been precluded from profiting by their own mismanagement.

The "principal defendants" knew they sent 1,000 letters through the mail, the indictment alleged, that the assets and prospects of the companies were not as valuable as represented.

The defendants were accused of having intended to pay themselves excessive salaries, "to waste and dissipate" the resources of the United States Steamship Company, appropriate its assets to themselves along with some of the capital stock without making any valuable return, and to permit the corporation to incur excessive obligations.

There also were included agreements alleged to have been entered by Mr. Morse as the representative of Charles W. Morse & Co., and James O'Brien & Co., brokers, were given an option to buy 300,000 shares of the stock of the United States Shipping Corporation, with a par value of \$10, at from \$3 to \$8.50 a share.

There were carried in the indictment letters saying the companies had a \$40,000,000 contract with the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and that if the Shipping Board had lived up to its contracts instead of having "done everything possible to wreck our subsidiaries," the concerns would be in better shape.

## MAY DAY IS MOVING DAY IN CHICAGO

### Tenants' League Hold Mass Meeting in Protest of Excessive Rents

Chicago, May 1.—As May Day, spring moving day dawned, it was predicted by representatives of the tenants' league that thousands of flats would be vacated after moving had subsided. Mass meetings were held in protest of excessive rents.

Chicago, May 1.—The battle for the possession of Peking is continuing with the advantage apparently going to the forces of Gen. Wu Pei-Fu driving toward the capital from the south. The tide of battle is rolling eastward towards the southern walls of Peking.

## CHINESE BATTLE FOR PEKING

### Under the circumstances, it has seemed to me wiser to submit a revised version of this action and that the ruling will be withdrawn pending further consideration of the matter.

## IRISH ARMY RAID BANKS

Belfast, May 1.—Over a hundred thousand pounds sterling was taken by the Irish Republican army irregulars in raids at various branches of the Bank of Ireland in the south.

A cynic likely would tell you that the only thing that things a flap-jack wears are her paint and her head.

## THOUSANDS HOMELESS IN FLOODED AREA

### Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Acres Under Water in Louisiana and Five Mississippi Counties Are Flooded

Natchez, Miss., April 29.—Over fifty thousand persons will be homeless or suffer heavy financial losses and the total property destruction will amount to many millions in central and eastern Louisiana as the result of the recent crumbling of the levees of the Mississippi river, it is reported on good authority.

Five Mississippi counties are flooded with backwaters. Preparations for the care of seventeen thousand refugees there are going on. Approximately seven hundred thousand acres are under water in Concordia, Catahoula and Tensas parishes, Louisiana.

Natchez, April 29.—Thousands of acres at Concordia, Catahoula parishes planted in cotton are flooded. Damage to crops, ruined highways and devastation to fertile plantations amount to many millions. The fight to hold the levee line is costing thousands of dollars daily. Valuable lumber has been washed away, and railroad beds are seriously affected. The river here is two feet above previous high record. Eight hundred blankets, five hundred coats and many army kitchens expect to arrive from New Orleans tonight.

## RICHARD CROKER DIES IN IRELAND

### Man Who Once Ruled Tammany Hall Had Lived Near Dublin For Years

Dublin, April 29 (By the Associated Press).—Richard Croker, formerly leader of Tammany hall, New York, died at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at Glenciar castle, Sandford, a few miles from Dublin. His wife was at the bedside.

The former political leader spent the better part of the last ten or twelve years in Ireland, where he owned extensive estates, making occasional visits to the United States. The last of these visits was in the spring of 1921 when he went to New York in connection with the legal proceedings instigated by his sons to prove him incapable of managing his own affairs.

Shortly after he returned to his home at Glenciar castle, he became seriously ill and his condition was described as so bad that it would be impossible for him ever to leave his bed. But he soon showed signs of improvement and early this year he was reported to have regained his health and spirits.

Croker took a keen interest in the negotiations between Ireland and England looking to a settlement of the age-long controversy over freedom for Ireland. When the treaty providing for the free state was signed he gave it as his opinion that by the pact Ireland gained practically all she fought for in the last 700 years. He believed 98 per cent of the people in America was in favor of the treaty.

## Mellon Withdraws Ruling on Wilson Foundation Fund

Washington, April 29.—Secretary Mellon today ordered withdrawn pending further consideration the ruling of the internal revenue bureau that contributions to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation were not exempt from income taxes.

Announcement of Mr. Mellon's action was made in a letter to Senator Glass, of Virginia, made public tonight by the treasury. The letter was made public following a conference of Mr. Mellon with Assistant Commissioner Smith, of the revenue bureau, acting in the absence of Commissioner Blair.

The letter to Senator Glass said: "The question of whether the contributions to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation were exempt from the federal income tax has only come to my attention since the publicity given to the ruling made. While the case differs essentially from the McKinley Memorial Association, it seems to me that in the present ruling due consideration has not been given to the effect of the congressional interpretation as to what constitutes an 'exclusive' educational purpose in the incorporation of the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

"I have accordingly asked Commissioner Blair to have the ruling heretofore made reviewed with a view to determining whether the contributions for the Woodrow Wilson Foundation should not be treated in the same way as those made to the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

"Under the circumstances, it has seemed to me wiser to submit a revised version of this action and that the ruling will be withdrawn pending further consideration of the matter."

## COAST GUARD CUTTERS

### Take Four Vessels into Port of Savannah

Savannah, April 29.—The coast guard cutter Caloika and three submarine chasers, Vaughan, Ceylan and Smith, were brought into port by the coast guard cutters Yamacraw and Seminole. The Caloika was proceeding south with the submarine chasers in tow and the hawser parted in the heavy weather, fouling the propeller of the Caloika. The Yamacraw answered an SOS message Saturday afternoon and was joined by the Seminole, sent out from Charleston. The Seminole sailed for Wilmington after coaling here.

## GEN. M'ANDREW PASSES AWAY

### Chief of Staff Under General Pershing Dies in Washington

Washington, April 29.—Major General James W. McAndrew, who served as chief of staff of the American expeditionary forces for more than a year, beginning in May, 1918, as successor to Major General Harbord, died at Walter Reed hospital tonight, after an illness of more than two years. General Pershing had spent much time with his former chief of staff and right hand man during the three major American offensives at Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne, during the last days of his illness and was at his bedside almost to the end.

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## BEGINNING SECOND MONTH OF COAL STRIKE

### No Settlement of the Controversy Yet in Sight. Union Plans to Close Non-Union Fields

Indianapolis, May 1.—The second month of the nation-wide coal strike began today with the official United Mine Workers declaring no settlement was in sight for the wage controversy involving over six hundred thousand. The peak of strength they said, had not yet been attained. The union program called for further efforts to close the nonunion fields.

## BREEDLOVE JOINS TOBACCO ASS'N

### Well Known Veteran of Tobacco Trade Becomes Assistant Manager

Raleigh, N. C., April 29.—Breedlove of the Export Leaf Tobacco company, another well known veteran of the tobacco trade has joined the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association as assistant manager of the leaf department, according to announcement from General Manager R. R. Patterson, received today at headquarters of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association.

Mr. Breedlove began his career with J. E. Noel Tobacco Company in Danville, Virginia, as buyer in 1897, later accepting a position with the Imperial Tobacco company, as buyer at Greenville, N. C., and Paducah, Kentucky. Later severing his connection with the Imperial, he joined the American Tobacco Company in 1905 as buyer on the Danville, Virginia, market, continuing this service on various markets of the bright belt until the dissolution of the American Tobacco Company, and his appointment as supervisor of the South Carolina and Eastern Carolina markets in 1912 for the Export Leaf Tobacco Company.

Mr. Breedlove's position with the Export Company has taken him to practically all markets in the Carolinas, Virginia, and Kentucky. In commenting on his appointment, General Manager R. R. Patterson said: "Mr. Breedlove's knowledge of the various types of tobacco extends through the bright, fine curing sections in Virginia and the Carolinas, also the dark fired section in Virginia, and all types grown in Kentucky and Tennessee. In securing the services of Mr. Breedlove for this association, we feel that he is without a peer in his knowledge of the tobacco business. His popularity with the trade, both farmers and buyers, is too well known to need comment."

Other recent appointments announced from headquarters of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association are those of A. V. Bobbitt as a district manager of the warehouse division for Eastern North Carolina, with headquarters at Goldsboro; W. Wesley Singleterry, manager of warehouses for Lake City, South Carolina, and W. E. Lea, as representative of field service for South Carolina.

Among the managers of warehouses named were T. E. Roberts for Chase City, Va.; W. K. McIntosh for Kinston, S. C.; G. T. Conway, S. C.; J. F. Behea, for Latta, S. C.; J. F. Lane for Danbury, S. C.; and J. F. Rogers at Blair Bluff, N. C.

A thousand acres of tobacco in Person County, N. C., were signed up in a single day last week with the marketing association, and more than five hundred contracts have reached Raleigh headquarters within a week, following successful meetings throughout North Carolina.

## TO AID TRUCK GROWERS

### Four New Specialists Will Be Appointed

Clemson College, April 29.—Four experienced specialists in the grading, packing and standardizing of truck crops are to be appointed in the near future by the extension service to help the farmers in the new trucking sections in getting their truck crops ready to put on the market in acceptable condition. The extension service realizes that many farmers in certain parts of the state have gone into trucking this year as their first experience, that those farmers are not familiar with the requirements and methods of grading, packing and shipping truck crops; and that there is consequently much danger of great loss to such farmers unless guidance and assistance are given at the right time. Director Long feels therefore that the greatest service to be rendered these new truck growers lies in helping them to prepare in an acceptable manner for market the produce which they are now growing.

Two of the specialists who will be engaged for the truck crop season will be located at Florence and the other two at Aiken, conveniently to the needs of sections where many farmers are growing new crops. The men will be secured from the older trucking sections of South Carolina if possible. If not, a representative of the extension service will go to Florida to secure men who have had large practical experience in work of this kind. It is hoped to have them on duty early in May.

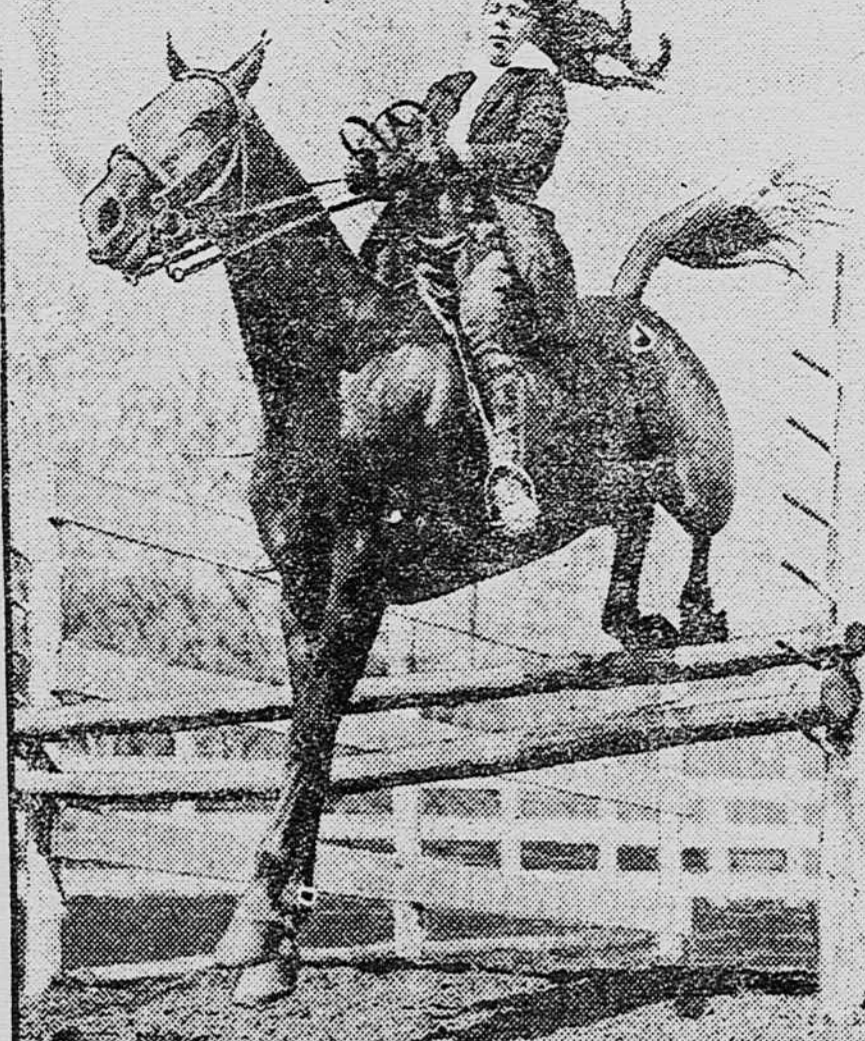
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## Rides Like a Vet



Harriet Mitchell, daughter of General Wm. Mitchell, taking a jump in the Junior Horse Show at Washington, D. C.

## INVESTIGATES THE DEATH OF MISS HANNA

### Grilling of John Wyman, Brings Out Further Facts

Hoopeston, Ill., April 29.—Information obtained through the grilling of John Wyman, a farmer, in connection with the mysterious death of Gertrude Hanna, a former school teacher, whose body was found in a basement of an unoccupied house here will be placed before the grand jury May 15. Wyman insisted he is innocent, but admitted he was the father of her unborn child.

Gertrude Hanna was classified by the Cook county psychopathic hospital as a paranoiac, it developed today. Accompanying her record there was an official remark "she has ordered a revolver and ammunition to protect her from the man she believes is following her."

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## MAY TEST TAX LAW

### Baker Not Sure Income Measure Retroactive

Florence, April 29.—Senator D. Gordon Baker today expressed serious doubt as to whether the state of South Carolina could enforce collection of any taxes on incomes for last year, and stated frankly he believed the courts would decide against the state in any case it might bring against delinquents. The senator pointed to the supreme court decision on the inheritance tax law. The recommendation of the committee as published in the house journal, he said, is altogether different from the bill as published. It was stated here today that the law would probably be contested by a citizen of Florence.

## THREE DIE IN WRECK

### Locomotive Overturns in Memphis Yards

Memphis, April 29.—Three trainmen were killed in the railroad wreck here early today when a Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis freight train ran into a switch and was derailed. The engine turned over, killing two almost instantly, while a third later died of his injuries at a hospital. The dead, all of Memphis, are: F. E. Ballard, engineer, R. C. Allright, train foreman, J. L. Simpson, fireman.

J. V. Richardson, another member of the train crew, was seriously injured. Six men were injured when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into the wreckage of the freight train which blocked a street.

## RUSSIANS HARD TO SATISFY

### Soviet Delegates at Genoa Dissatisfied With Action of Allies

Genoa, April 27.—While the powers were today preparing the details of a document informing the Soviet delegates what the powers expected of them and what the powers on their part were ready to do for Russia, the Russian delegates issued an open statement which pertinently expressed their discontent because they were not being kept informed of what the powers intended to do.

Their statement insisted that Russia would protect her sovereign rights and contended that she alone was following the fundamental ideas of the Cannes resolutions touching the questions of reciprocity and economic construction. The text of the statement follows:

"After the meeting of the experts at which the Russian viewpoint on the first seven articles of the Cannes 'expert' report was presented in detail, no news has come to us concerning the attitude which the powers will pursue. Russia has not the least desire for a rupture, but she is determined to safeguard the principle of her sovereign rights and the principle of reciprocity which is the only possible basis of a community of peoples and economic reconstruction.

"Such indeed, constitutes the fundamental idea of the Cannes resolution and we believe that it is Russia alone which remains entirely faithful to the Cannes resolutions in all their essentials."

The document of the powers which is to be handed to the Russian delegates was considered today by Premier Lloyd George, Signor Schanzer, M. Barthou, M. Loeper and Baron Harashi, at Mr. Lloyd George's villa; it will be submitted to the subcommittee on the Russian interest is concentrated in the probable text of Mr. Lloyd George's non-aggression pact, several drafts of which have been drawn. It is learned that one of the drafts contain the proposition that the members of the Little Entente shall mutually agree to organize a kind of flying army corps, which will act as international policemen to protect the frontiers and punish violations of the non-aggression agreement. It is understood that the idea emanated from Russia, but several delegates gave it as their opinion that there seemed little chance of its being incorporated.

As the conference assumes broader aspects certain indications come to the surface that two distinct political waves, which being contradictory, are difficult to reconcile, are surely spreading throughout Europe. One is internationalism, which the thinkers of almost all countries are preaching, the other is nationalism. The latter has flourished particularly since the Great War and the birth of new states through the treaty of Versailles has only served to multiply nationalistic sentiments.

While few statesmen dare to speak openly of the possibility of attaining some form of federation of the European states, it is learned that many of them secretly possess ambitions to bring about harmony between nationalisms and internationalisms, and the basis of this new European construction would be principles of equity, justice and the fellowship of man.

Man's conference circles remarked today in the coincidence that two leaders so widely apart as Lloyd George and the Rev. Don Luigi Sturzo, leader of the Italian Catholic party, should be exhorting Europe that it must move along the lines of internationalism, based on equity and self-restraint, as well as justice and charity. It is understood that Mr. Lloyd George has a profound ambition to make his non-aggression pact the precursor of a broad movement to bring all the peoples of Europe, including Russia and Germany, closer together, perhaps as the first step towards some form of European federation.

Genoa, April 28.—The subcommittee on Russian affairs today considered and expected to approve the draft of the document stating the allies financial proposals to soviet Russia, with the hope of ending the present uncertainty and clear up the Russian question, the most important subject remaining. Louis Barthou, head of the French delegation, plans to leave for Paris to confer with Premier Poincare.

## ENGLAND AND FRANCE SPLIT OVER RUSSIA

### Delegations at Genoa Submit Documents That Are Radically Different in Important Respects

Genoa, April 28 (By the Associated Press).—Two historic documents dealing with the reconstruction of Russia have been submitted by France and Great Britain to the economic conference and tonight are in the hands of a special drafting committee appointed by the subcommittee on Russian affairs which will endeavor to harmonize the difficulties in them.

The special drafting committee will report to the full subcommittee Saturday morning, and the subcommittee after it is given the report will submit it to the Soviet delegation. The French document sketches at length means for restoring Russia's agricultural and industrial activities, while that of Great Britain devotes more attention to credit for Russia.

France insists on the full payment of Russia's war debts and the restoration of private property to foreigners; Great Britain favors a reduction in Russia's war debt and is willing to be satisfied if Russia grants former foreign owners the use of their property, instead of a return of actual ownership.

The adoption of the 12 articles in the agreement with Russia which regulate the disposal of the Russian debt is favored by France. She demands that the Soviet conclude before December 31 an agreement with representatives of owners of Russian state bonds in order to provide for the payment of interest.

If an agreement is impossible, according to French contention, the Soviet must promise to accept the decision of a mixed arbitration commission, the president of which will be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court of the United States or by the league of nations or by the president of the court of international justice.

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The mixed arbitration tribunal of three members—one member for Russia, one for an interested government and the third, who would be president, to be designated by the chief justice of the supreme court of the United States—would decide disputed points.

Today's discussion of the two drafts brought forth a duel of words between Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain and Louis Barthou, chief of the French delegation, which the auditors described as both witty and satirical. Signor Schanzer of Italy, as usual, took the leading role in the discussion urging conciliation between the French and British attitudes.

## READY FOR BRIDGES

### Highway Department to Let Road Contracts Also

Columbia, April 29.—Plans for bringing Tiger river and Padgett creek in Union county on the Union-Whitmer road have been completed, the highway department announced yesterday.

Bids for the construction of about three and one-half miles of the Columbia-Sumter road in Sumter county will be received by the state highway department May 31. This work will be 18 foot hard surfaced paving. On the same date the Sumter permanent roads commission will receive bids for the construction of about one and one-half miles of the Camden road and about three miles of the Pinewood road. These bids will be received in conjunction with the state highway department.

## Aid Goes to Wrecked Oil Tanker

### San Francisco, May 1.—A fast guard cutter is hurrying to the aid of the oil tanker Whittier with a crew of fifteen, on the rocks at Point Arena, a hundred miles north of here.

## Deaths Due To Wood Alcohol

Charleston, May 1.—As a result of imbibing a mixture, the chief ingredients of which are thought to have been wood alcohol and lemon, two colored women met their deaths, and another is confined to the Roper Hospital, where she is reported as improving, though blinded from the effects of the concoction. The dead women are Josephine Alston, 560 Meeting street, and Georgianna Johnson, 344 Ochs street, the one still living.

A party is said to have been held at the last named address on Friday afternoon, and the fatal liquid is thought to have been brought to the house by Josephine Alston. The Alston woman was found dead at her home on Saturday morning, and Georgianna Johnson died Saturday night. The eyesight of both of them also having been affected by what they had drunk.

An inquest will be held by Coroner Mansfield, who has been investigating the circumstances of the case.

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## NEW FIGURE LOOMS AT THE CONFERENCE

### Father Luigo Favors Establishment of a Federation Based on Principles of Brotherly Love

Genoa, May 1.—A new figure is standing out on the skyline at the economic conference in Rev. Father Luigo Sturzo, leading the Italian Catholic party, who favors the establishment of an European federation, based on the principles of brotherly love, conciliation and co-operation. He plans to visit America and preach his ideals.

## SCHEME TO HURT LABOR CHARGED

### Plan Hatched in Moscow, Says Mr. Gompers

Washington, April 29.—An alleged new scheme devised in Moscow for destroying the American Federation of Labor and its constituent unions and replacing them with a Red revolutionary federation is discussed at length by Samuel Gompers in an editorial article in the May issue of the Federationist, official organ of the American Federation. The scheme was devised a few months ago, according to Mr. Gompers' article, which says it is proposed to destroy and disrupt the American Federation of Labor by changing the form of certain of the organizations affiliated with the federation and that when this reorganization is effected the unions shall be affiliated with the Bolshevik International at Moscow.

One of the best-known American Reds, the article says, spent several months in Moscow in consultation with Lenin, Trotsky and others, and it was at these conferences the plan was formulated. "This new would-be colossus of American labor has carefully selected single representatives in 1,000 American communities," it continues, "and these are the men who are to overthrow the American Federation of Labor and who are to direct the new structure. Readers who have observed the proclamations that have come from Moscow are fully aware of the fact that it is the hope of Moscow to follow the overthrow of the American Federation of Labor with the destruction of the American government."

"The whole scheme is preposterous to the point of being ridiculous. It merits serious attention only because of the fact that the determination of Moscow to undermine democracy is backed by an unscrupulousness of conduct that knows no limit."

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