

Green Denounces Fascist Labor Plan As "Autocracy Gone Mad"

SAYS WORKERS ARE SUBJECTED INTO SERVITUDE

American Federation President Likens Mussolini Dictatorship to Soviet Rule

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The Fascist "Charter of Labor" promulgated by Premier Mussolini at a special meeting of the Fascist Grand Council Thursday, was denounced yesterday as "a proclamation of enslavement" by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

"The world has never witnessed a greater exhibition of autocracy gone mad," declared Mr. Green, adding that the working people of the United States would resent the step taken by the Fascist government.

"The press reports concerning the Fascist 'Charter of Labor' proclaimed throughout Italy yesterday," said Mr. Green, "shows that Dictator Mussolini believes the best Government is that which governs most."

"This is contrary to the teachings of Jefferson, who said 'that is the best Government which governs the least.'"

"The so-called Fascist 'Charter of Labor' is a proclamation of enslavement in that it reduces the working people subject to it to a condition of industrial servitude. It is a blow at human freedom and sets up compulsory methods in industry for private initiative and freedom of contract. It completely destroys the principle and processes of collective bargaining."

Sees Domination Over Liberty

"The world has never witnessed a greater exhibition of autocracy gone mad. The principles underlying the so-called 'Charter of Liberty' are the same as the principles underlying the industrial and political policies pursued by the Soviet Government in Russia. Each of them seeks to establish the superiority and domination of the State over the individual and over individual liberty and human freedom."

"Through decrees they impose upon the individual rules and regulations which control the most sacred and the most priceless possessions of human life."

"There can be no freedom in any nation except where the people are industrially free. This applies to both employers and employees. Government regulation and Government control of

Wants Americans Out Of China and Nicaragua

DOYLESTOWN, April 23.—Addressing 500 members of the Ku Klux Klan of Bucks County in the Sixth Regiment Armory here last night, United States Senator Thomas J. Heflin, Democrat, of Alabama, advocated the removal of all American citizens and missionaries from China and Nicaragua and let them fight out their own disputes instead of sending American troops to those countries.

Heflin criticized the press of the United States for not publishing his preachings in reference to the Ku Klux Klan. Speaking of Governor "Al" Smith, of New York, Senator Heflin declared that "Smith would not receive enough votes for President in the South to wad a shotgun."

industry and the relationship between employer and employee such as is proposed is most reprehensible and is resented by all those associated with industry. It discourages capital and makes the workers slaves.

"Evidently democracy in the affairs of the nation, as well as in industry, throughout Italy has perished."

Says Autocracy Cannot Endure

"It remains to be seen how long the masses of the people of Italy will submit to the yoke of tyranny and autocracy."

"The working people in America deplore the new development in Italy and resent to the utmost the exercise upon the people of that great country to organize into free, democratic trade unions and to bargain collectively with their employers."

"Autocracy cannot endure. It abuses the power which it exercises and ultimately destroys itself. This will happen in Italy. The pendulum of reaction and autocracy, which has swung so far under the direction and guidance of Dictator Mussolini, eventually will swing back and democracy and freedom will be substituted for autocracy and enslavement."

Bradley Explains Check

Leslie Bradley, of Norway Avenue, nabbed on a charge of passing a worthless check for \$4, was released on his own recognizance when he appeared in Police Court today. Bradley declared that he had made the check good and that its going to protest was a mistake. The defendant was acquitted in Mercer Court last week on an embezzlement charge.

MRS. PRATT CLEAR OF BURNING BABY

Court, by Vote of 2 to 1, Holds Child's Story Highly Improbable

NEW YORK, April 23.—Mrs. Carolina S. Pratt, of Des Moines, Iowa, was acquitted in Special Sessions yesterday of the charge of degree assault, which grew out of the story by Robert Jane Pratt, her 6-year-old foster daughter. Justice Arthur C. Salmon in announcing the decision said he and Justice Henry W. Heiber, who voted to acquit, Justice Elsworth Healy, however, voted to convict Mrs. Pratt of having beaten and burned the little girl with a curling iron in the Hotel Plaza three weeks ago.

Justice Salmon prefaced the announcement with the statement that the case was one of the most unusual ever to be presented in the Court of Special Sessions.

"Cases involving the charge made here come into this court frequently," he said. "But this case is unique. It is the opinion of the majority of the court the version of the incidents as told by the child is highly improbable. It seems to the majority of the court her story of how she received the burns is impossible."

"Her testimony was that her shoes and stockings were on her feet when the burns were inflicted. But from the position and shape of the scars and the fact her garments were not scorched it would seem this was impossible."

"Parents sometimes grow cool toward their offspring. But in this case, when a perfect stranger goes out of his way to befriending a poor waif of industrial precocity, it is highly unlikely that after two years such a person should suddenly turn and commit the fiendish crime charged here."

"As I have said, a majority of the court has found the story of the child whom the child received its burns. We must, of course, give the defendant the benefit of the doubt."

"Justice Healy is satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt, and his dissent from the majority opinion. He is satisfied beyond all doubt that the defendant is guilty, but the direction of the court is that the defendant be acquitted."

While the Justices were deliberating Robert was sent for and her scars were re-examined. The Court also examined the electric curling iron which, the defense contended, the child had burned herself and lied about the incident.

Testifying yesterday, Mr. Pratt insisted that the child had been cruelly treated by Mrs. Pratt, although she had been chastised as a corrective measure. He said he first opposed the plan to adopt Robert, but since his plan to love the child and wants to have her again. His opinion as to how Robert might have received her burns was "she probably fooled with the curling iron and got it on her face to tell Mrs. Pratt about it." He left the witness stand to demonstrate how the machine was operated and how the child might be burned by it, exhibiting the scars on his left hand which he said was caused by the machine.

Mrs. Pratt, who preceded her husband and denied she had beaten or burned Robert, testified that her treatment of the child always had been considerate, but that Robert was destructive and given to the use of bad language.

"I only punished her by putting her to bed or in a closet for correctional purposes. Only occasionally did I spank Robert," said the witness.

Robert sticks to Her Story

Robert after being closely questioned as to her knowledge of an oath, truth and lies, sworn. She told substantially the same story she had related to the agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The little girl was self-possessed and answered all questions clearly during her examination of ninety minutes. She said Mrs. Pratt had burned her with the curling iron and had beaten her with a shoe. She said Mrs. Pratt had pushed the curling iron "under" the stockings in inflicting the burns.

Frank W. Winder

Mr. Winder is general chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the testimonial dinner to City Commissioner Swan at Eliebrecht's next Wednesday night. Mr. Winder is being assisted by the following: John P. Hogan, George Purvis, Frank Marshall, Edward Black, Gus Traub and Reid Budd.

John E. Gill will handle the role of toastmaster and the principal talks are to be made by former Governor Stokes, Democratic State Chairman Heber and Mr. Swan.

In Charge of Dinner



Special features were introduced at the dinner dance of Bethlehem Shrine, White Shrine of Jerusalem, last night at Eliebrecht's. The attendance was large. Miss Edith Prescott Luckett, leading woman of the Trenton Stock Company, and associates, presented a playlet.

BETHLEHEM SHRINE SEES PLAYLET BY STOCK CAST

Support Ordered

Judge Marshall yesterday ordered Loy E. Watson, formerly of Pennington, to pay \$10 a week toward support of his wife and three minor children. Watson is under \$1,000 bail on a desertion charge.

KEEGAN RELEASED

Frank Keegan, of East Detham, Mass., who yesterday surrendered to Lieutenant Heber saying he was wanted in that place for wife desertion, was released today. The East Detham authorities told Chief Wain that they would not extradite the man, and his discharge was ordered.

SEEN THIS MORNING

- Cake of ice in theatre lobby.
- Pie sliding from baker's tray to floor.
- Woman carrying five wooden boxes.
- Factory hand riding to work in taxi.
- Office clerk riding to work on bicycle.
- Bluejay.
- Woman beating rug before 7 o'clock.
- Child pulling baby chicks in experiment wagon.
- Fragrant girl minding her steps along East State Street, happily unconscious of long tear in silk stocking.

KLAN MEMBERSHIP DENIED BY PIDCOCK

City Commission Candidate Issues 1,000 Letters to Explain His Position

Former Freeholder Robert B. Pidcock, who is now campaigning for City Commissioner made an absolute denial last night that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, that he had ever been connected with the organization or that he ever expects to be. Mr. Pidcock's remarks were delivered at a meeting of the Twelfth Ward Democratic Club last night, at which he was the guest of honor.

There have been rumors bandied about for some time. Mr. Pidcock said, that he was affiliated with the hooded society, and he has felt called upon to deny them from time to time. He declared that he has sent out 1,000 letters to organizations and individuals asking them to disregard the stories.

Others who spoke were Democratic State Chairman Henry Heber, who reviewed the history of the Democratic Party; Dr. Edward J. Jennings, secretary of the Democratic County Committee; and County Chairman Charles E. Cook. Commissioner George E. LaBarre discussed his department of the city government. Commissioner George W. Page was present and was introduced.

After the speeches, dancing was enjoyed and a buffet luncheon was served. About 350 attended the affair.

D. A. R. ELM TREES PLANTED IN RAIN

Colonial Grove Arranged at Washington Crossing Park

With the ceremonies carried out in a driving rain, 13 American elm trees were planted yesterday in a colonial grove at the Washington Crossing Park. The trees were planted in a grove under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Girl and Boy Scouts. The plants are the gift of Charles Russell T. Edwards, of Washington, and Mary Helling, of Titusville, members of the American Tree Association, D. C.

Those who took part in the planting were: Mrs. John Gendler and Mrs. Paul Cort of the D. A. R.; Margaret Paterson, Mary Abel, Jessie Black and Elizabeth Wylie, of the Girl Scouts; Alfred Skelton and Stephen Skelton, of the Boy Scouts; Russell T. Edwards, of Washington, and Mary Helling, of Titusville, members of the American Tree Association.

The trees will be registered in the Hall of Fame, for trees with a history, of the tree association. The New Jersey tree was placed in the center of the colonial grove with the blooms representing the other colonies grouped around it. The grove will be appropriately marked.

Clubs Give Up Bridge For Study of Music

CHICAGO, April 23 (AP).—Music versus bridge from a woman's standpoint was discussed before the National Federation of Music Clubs yesterday by Miss Edith M. Rhett, educational director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Miss Rhett told of progress in educating the school children of her city along musical lines, and the subsequent interest of the parents.

"Father and mother soon got tired of making the same reply to the children's questions, 'Ask your teacher and begin to study music yourselves,'" she said. "Soon most of the clubs of the city began to study appreciation of music, and I ask you, isn't that better than playing bridge?"

NO RECONCILIATION MRS. DODGE SAYS

Heir to Motor Millions in Seclusion After Fight with Reporters

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Horace E. Dodge, heir of the motor millions and hero of a high-speed Odyssey from Detroit to Honolulu, supposedly in a dash to regain the love of his estranged wife, kept friends and reporters still guessing as to his whereabouts here today, after indulging in a fight with newspapermen that resulted in his being arrested for assault and battery and fined \$50,000.

The fight followed the arrival yesterday of Dodge, still traveling incognito, and his wife, on the liner President Madison, from Honolulu. The ship was boarded by reporters at Quarantine, but Dodge outwitted them by locking them in a stateroom. They had succeeded in entering in traveling Mrs. Dodge, who denied there had been a reconciliation and said she was going to Los Angeles to be with her children.

As Dodge walked down the gangplank he charged the battery of news cameras trained upon him. Another Smith, photographer for a New York newspaper, declared the young millionaire kicked him and smashed his camera. John McDonald, press association reporter, also was involved in an exchange with Dodge. Although he was arrested on two charges, preferred by Smith and McDonald. He was released in a \$500 cash bond, posted by Hubert H. Lohr, his traveling companion. The damage suit was filed later by Smith.

Since a cash bond does not require appearance, Dodge's acquaintances declared he probably would not appear in police court. Last night the young millionaire was apologetic. He declared he was sorry about the encounter and conversed with the two press representatives. But on the subject of the reconciliation he was silent. Early today when the inquiring reporters started another search for him he could not be found.

Officers of the liner said Dodge had traveled under the name of Edworthy and that although he and Mrs. Dodge occupied staterooms on different decks, they had been seen together often during the trip from Honolulu.

OFFICIALS RENAMED FOR OCEAN COUNTY

Judge Gorman and J. Mercer Davis Approved by Governor

Common Pleas Court Judge Arthur G. Gorman, of Ocean County, and Prosecutor J. Mercer Davis, of the same county, whose ad interim appointments expired with the adjournment of the Legislature on Thursday, were renamed to office by Governor Moore today. The appointments were filed with the Secretary of State.

Likewise the Governor renamed Common Pleas Court Judge Henry H. Eldredge, of Cape May County. The refusal of Senator William H. Bright to move for the confirmation of Judge Eldredge when his name was presented to the Senate by the Governor last year, has become a political issue in the South Jersey courts. As a result, Senator Bright will be opposed for the Republican nomination to the upper legislative branch at the coming June primaries by Assemblyman Charles C. Read.

Ross Matthews, of Jersey City, was reappointed by the Governor to the New Jersey Real Estate Commission and James J. Delaney, of Jersey City, was named as Hudson County Harbor Master. J. W. Ruttus Beson and Daniel S. Evers were named as members of the board of trustees of the Hoboken School for Industrial Education.

PAIR HELD IN JAIL FOR CHICKEN THEFT

Cloyd Henry Cannon and George Washington Davis, Negro farmhands, who were arrested yesterday for stealing chickens from their employer, L. W. Stevenson, of near Mount Holly, are being held in the Mount Holly jail for a hearing. The pair were trapped yesterday by Sergeant Haussling and Trooper Doyle of the Columbus State police, and confessed to a series of poultry thefts from their employer. Sergeant Haussling and Trooper Doyle went to the farm yesterday at the request of Stevenson, who said that 50 chickens were stolen from the ten houses in the past several weeks. Haussling questioned and admitted the thefts, implicating Davis as his accomplice. He said the stolen chickens were sold to a Camden dealer.

FIRST M. E. CLUB MEN DINE

Under direction of the Men's Club of First Methodist Church, a banquet was served last night at Eliebrecht's. Sixty-three persons were in attendance. Elwood C. Williams, president of the club, was in charge of arrangements and acted as toastmaster. Talks were given by the Rev. Harry Ayres, Baptist pastor of the church, and Dr. Francis H. Green, of Pennington Seminary. Howard J. Truex directed the musical program.

STEPSON FILES SUIT TO BLOCK INHERITANCE

John R. Ditzmars of Brooklyn has filed suit in the Federal District Court here to prevent his stepmother, Mrs. Katherine L. Ditzmars, from securing dower rights in his late father's property. Young Ditzmars charges that the woman was not legally married to his father, although a ceremony was performed. He maintains that Ditzmars' first wife was still alive and legally wed to the father at the time of the second marriage. The elder Ditzmars died some time ago.

In addition to the dower rights element of the suit, young Ditzmars asks an order that the stepmother be not entitled to burial in the family plot at Greenwood Cemetery, New York, on grounds that the burial provisions restrict interment to lineal descendants of two ancestors.

ACCUSED OF RING THEFT

Allan Desark, of 435 Klagg Avenue, who was arrested yesterday for alleged theft of a gold ring from Miss Julia Papp, of 308 Geneva Street, was held under \$300 bail by Justice of the Peace McRae.

Feel at Home In This Store

Many women come every few days to look around the store. Many times they buy—sometimes they do not. But all are welcome. They wish to see the new merchandise as soon as it arrives and we are only too glad to show it. Our customers know we like to have them visit us and we try to make them feel at home. Smiling courtesy is the prevailing characteristic. And though you may not need any immediate purchase you will find us ever ready to display for you the newest arrivals in any department. We invite you to come and look around and inspect the lovely things of every kind, for we gather all this varied merchandise for you.

If-- You Cook With a CHAMBERS Fireless Gas Range

COOK with the GAS TURNED OFF!

You can go to the movies; Go shopping; Go calling; Go motoring; Or go to sleep; And Your dinner will be cooking right along, with the gas turned off! We sell it on deferred payments. Let us tell you all about it and give you a demonstration.

Trenton Plumbing & Heating Co. Offices and Show Rooms 366 South Broad Street

Time Will Change Tomorrow
THE CLOCK WILL BE MOVED.
AN HOUR AHEAD

1 more hour of daylight
1 more hour of sunshine.
Another hour of leisure.
Another hour for play.
You need extra things to enjoy that hour to the fullest extent.
The Big Store is ready to serve!

VISIT THE BIG STORE OFTEN

GILBERG'S
Trenton, N.J.
"THE BIG STORE"

Beauty Shop—Call 6376

Lissner's

ONE-THIRTY-FOUR, ONE-THIRTY-SIX STATE STREET, EAST

Do Gentlemen Prefer Blondes?

Oh, perhaps—some might—though many a brunette has a winning way. But blonde or brunette, a smart coiffure is always a step in the right direction. And the maiden, fair or dark, who would attract any gentleman's eyes her way must begin by having her locks in becoming array. Let our Beauty Shop give your hair that health-giving lustre. Hair bobbing is done in the newest manner to suit the individual contour of the face.

Phone 6376

DARROW AND WHEELER PREPARED FOR DEBATE

(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, April 23.—Clarence Darrow, former Socialist deputy, and William B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, will clash tonight at Carnegie Hall, under the auspices of the American Forum, a debate on "Prohibition and Its Effect on 1928 Presidential Candidates." The debate will not be broadcast.

Mr. Darrow, who will uphold the cause of the "wet," will open the argument with a twenty-minute address. Mr. Wheeler will then have thirty minutes for his negative argument. Mr. Darrow will follow with twenty minutes for his reply, and Mr. Wheeler twenty minutes for closing. The debate will be concluded with Mr. Darrow's ten-minute affirmative closing.

30-YEAR TERM FOR MUSSOLINI PLOTTER

ROME, April 23.—Tito Zanboni, former Socialist deputy, who has admitted defiantly in court his guilt on a charge of plotting to assassinate Premier Mussolini in 1925, was sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment yesterday.

General Luigi Capello, who had prosecuted his innocence of the plot throughout the trial, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, as was Luigi Ursello, who is a fugitive from justice. Five other defendants received less sentences, one, Ezio Colotti, was acquitted.

AREB CLUB DISCONTINUES MEETINGS FOR SEASON

Members of the Arab Club have voted to discontinue their indoor meetings for the present season. The newly granted charter was ordered closed and the names appearing on the document will be charter members.

Those who will be known as charter members are Edward French, president; Leonard Whitley, secretary and treasurer; George Fairweather, counsel; D. J. Kennedy, leader; Miles Cannon, Norman Dotzert, R. L. French, Joseph Glendon, Edward Hoffman, W. H. Jenkins, Jr., Thomas O'Mara, D. Robinson, William R. Reed, Jr., George G. Stymiel, Jr., Joseph Spector, James Vandegrift.

BUS LINE APPROVED

Municipal consent granted by Hamilton Township to the Motor Transportation Company for the operation of auto buses through that community as part of the Trenton-Hightstown route was approved today by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners.

Pretty Spring Styles Girls' Coats & Dresses \$9.50 to \$13.50

Just the prettiest frocks for Springtime wear, daintily trimmed with smocking, laces, ribbons, tucks and hand-made flowers. Flat crepe, crepe de chine and crepe georgette. Sizes 7 to 14.

Smart Indeed Are These Girls' SPRING COATS \$9.50 to \$15.00

Some of them even have walking sticks! New checks, plaids, tweeds and twills, in models most becoming to young girls. Attractive new Spring shades. Wonderfully serviceable coats. Sizes 6 to 14.

HURLEY-TOBIN Co.
118 North Broad Street
110-112 East Hanover Street

206

When Winter Comes

WHEN BATTLING the snow and winds of a winter's day, there is satisfaction in knowing that the warmth and comfort of a well heated home awaits you—made possible by the Thatcher Progress Boiler.

This unusual boiler is built on the "triple-fire travel" principle which compels both the flames and gases to pass three times through the entire length of the boiler before entering the smoke flue.

It is particularly adapted to cellars with low ceilings because of the low water line which does away with the objectionable boiler pit and makes installation easy. Made for steam or hot water and burns all grades and types of coal or oil.

Mail coupon and literature will be sent you, describing in detail the many unusual features of the Thatcher Progress Boiler and other Thatcher Products

THE THATCHER COMPANY
CHICAGO NEWARK 1890 NEW YORK
341 N. Clark St. 39-41 St. Francis St. 217 W. 44th St.
Send literature on your Progress Boiler

Name.....
Address.....