

have the look of a much nearer approach to proper treatment of veterans than has been given heretofore. Some of the wrongs which the law will correct—for there is no substantial doubt of the bill's passage—were undoubtedly the result of defects in the laws controlling the Government's dealings with the veterans. Others may have been—judging from the evidence adduced by the Committee, very likely were—the result of deliberate wrong-doing. However those things be, there is a large measure of gratification in the fact that the Committee sought first of all to do justice to the veterans, leaving the meting out of justice to other hands.

The Committee, by the hands of its chairman, has presented to the Senate a report of its counsel, General John T. O'Ryan. In addition, Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, the chairman of the Committee, announces that the written evidence and the transcript of the testimony taken for the Committee have been presented to the Department of Justice and in turn have been presented to the Grand Jury in Chicago. The Committee has submitted a second preliminary report in which it expresses its agreement "with General O'Ryan's characterization of the wretched incompetence, waste, and dishonesty of the administration of the Bureau under Director Forbes."

### Herrin Again

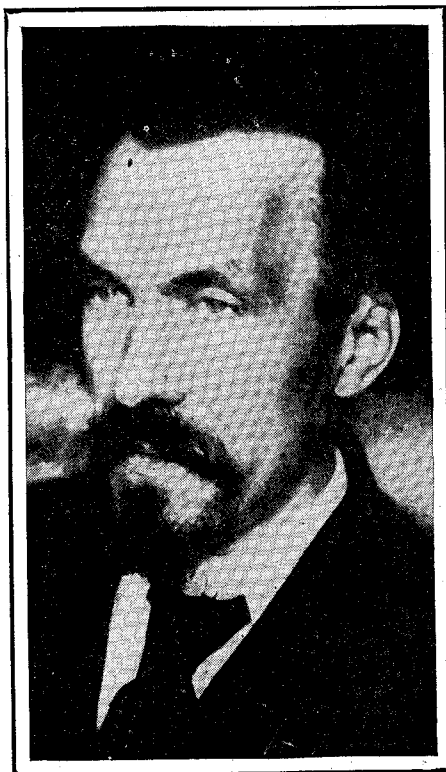
**H**ERRIN, Illinois, which a few months ago achieved National notoriety by a massacre in a mining strike, has been the scene of a new disorder.

In this case it has taken the form of a fight between those purporting to belong to the Ku Klux Klan and those reputed to be of an opposing organization, known as the Knights of the Flaming Circle.

Apparently in this little war there have been involved two questions which have stirred up Klan activity in other parts of the country—bootlegging and the alleged influence of aliens.

In the case of the former disorder, resulting in the cold-blooded murder of men who were taking strikers' places, the attempt to administer justice in the course of law ignominiously failed.

When lawful means for the prevention of public abuses prove unavailing, people in any community that is not wholly supine have recourse to other means. The consequence of that is plain to see—the breaking down of those institutions



Keystone

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of order without which men have never been able to secure and preserve liberty.

### Investing in Education

**F**ULLY half of our elementary and high school teachers are young girls, "not only immature, but most of them quite without training for their very responsible duties." Thus said Dr. William C. Bagley, of Columbia University, a few days ago, at the weekly luncheon of the National Republican Club.

Glenn Frank, editor of the "Century Magazine," added his belief that the aim of American educational institutions should be to produce graduates "scientific in their attitude toward ideas, democratic in their attitude toward wealth, puritanical in their attitude toward character, and aristocratic in their attitude toward work."

Now this is all very well. Certain it is that our schools give but a smattering of education, and the fewest essentials to those who need them most—the large numbers who leave before reaching the high school. We know, too, that they fail largely in training for intelligent and efficient citizenship. Obviously, there are many teachers who should have been better prepared. On the other hand, there needs to be a sufficient number desiring this preparation. Too few sufficiently able young women, and disastrously few men, are attracted toward the teaching profession, not only because of

the comparatively low pay, but because in most cities the immense and crowded classes of our overfull school buildings make a teacher's life almost a burden, and efficient teaching only a pleasant but impracticable dream.

In most of our cities it would take an immense sum to provide proper space and equipment alone. And it would take another large sum, and this one annually, to provide an adequate number of teachers, and higher pay than at present to attract a greater proportion of capable women, and a still larger amount of pay to attract men teachers—the dearth of whom in our schools is no less than a tragedy of first rank.

But until our cities and States see that money thus spent is really a first-class investment—an investment in social betterment and progress—then we cannot expect to attain the high ideal suggested by Mr. Frank, and must worry along the best we can under the handicaps mentioned by Dr. Bagley.

### Rykov, MacDonald, Mussolini

**L**ITTLE is known outside of Russia concerning the man who has been appointed to take Lenine's place as President of the Council of Commissars.

That Alexis Ivanovitch Rykov can take Lenine's place in the minds of the Bolsheviki no one, so far as we know, expects. Indeed, it is thought that he has really been chosen because he is not likely to endanger the control of those who now are dominant in Russian politics.

Trotsky is distinctly out of the picture. Whether willingly or unwillingly, he is in retirement. He still retains his position at the head of the Red Army, and he will remain undoubtedly a latent power in Russia because of his extraordinary talent as an orator and theatrical *poseur*. But as a political boss Trotsky does not now count for much, if he counts for anything.

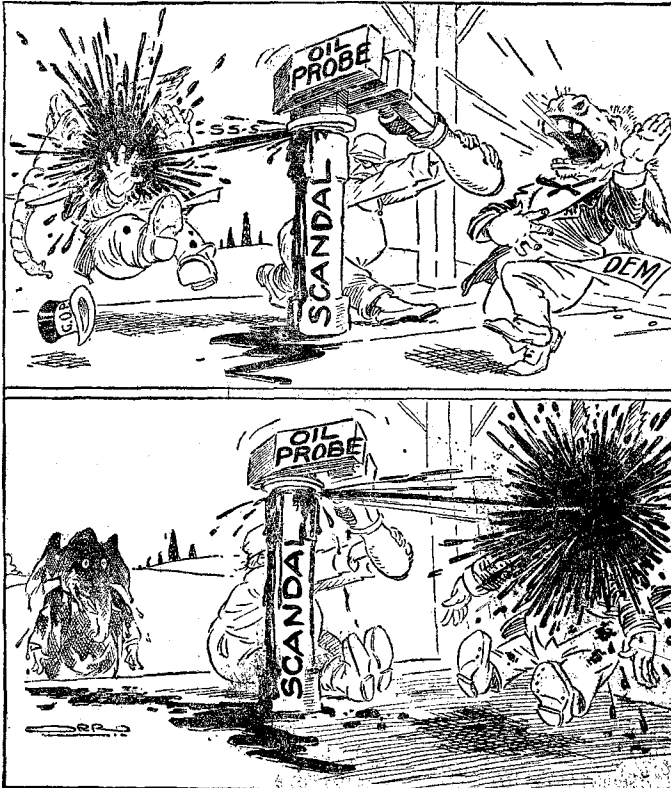
What is certainly not cheering to those who expect Russia to become a normal self-governing nation with democratic tendencies is the fact that the head of the Supreme Council of National Economy in Rykov's place is expected to be the sinister Djerjinski. History does not tell of any tribunal, not even that of the Spanish Inquisition, more merciless or terrifying than the Cheka, and Djerjinski was its creator and administrator.

There is no more trustworthy correspondent in Russia than Walter Duranty, of the New York "Times." It is he that

I think the devil will not have me damned,  
lest the oil that's in me should set hell on fire

(Falstaff in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, Act V, Scene 5)

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**An Interrupted Laugh**

From Thomas R. Beman, Chicago, Ill.

*Clubb in the Rochester Herald*



**What Is So Refreshing as a Cup of Tea?**

From Myra S. Logan, Rochester, N. Y.

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**"Knowing the Cop" Isn't Going to Do Much  
Good in This Case**

From E. H. Roorbach, Brownville, N. Y.

*Knott in the Dallas News*



**Polluting the Stream**