
Untermeyer Rouses Bourbons' Ire: Pacifist Clergyman Listed as Suspect by Administration Spies

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The "Suspect" list, known as the postal censorship, contains some surprises. Not many, it is true, but still a few. We understand readily why the mere fact of a man or woman being a Socialist should attract the attention of the sleuths. We would no more expect them to be popular with a Bourbon or his agents than we would expect an effective police department to be popular with the Burglars' Protective Association.

A Bourbon instinctively feels that the principles of Socialism are opposed to political and industrial Bourbonism. And so he naturally uses his power to do what he can to crush it.

It is in dealing with those known as Liberal that it is sometimes hard to follow the mental processes of the secret police. There are names of Liberals on the list, however, whose presence it is comparatively easy to explain.

Untermeyer Hated by Union Leaguers; His Name Now Adorns Censor's List.

Samuel Untermeyer, one of the leading lawyers of the United States, is on the "suspect" list. It is almost needless to state that Untermeyer is not a Socialist and has not even posed as a radical. That he was never pro-Prussian is also sure, for, if he had been, he has accumulated so many enemies in years of strenuous litigation that they would have certainly taken advantage of such a suspicion to wreak as much harm as possible upon him. He supported the war quite vigorously.

We do not know who put his name there. We do know, however, that there were men of the type of [Archibald E.] Stevenson engaged in compiling this list. We do know that Untermeyer has enemies among the Union League crowd, made through his activity in attack-

ing certain corporate abuses, and we think this probably explains why his name is found on this list.

We also know that Untermeyer has always championed the rights of freedom of the press and speech, and that several times he has defended the right of citizens to give expression to view with which he himself was not in sympathy. His presence as counsel for the Rand School is an example of this.

This spirit is of itself sufficient to shock the Bourbon mind and gain for the offender a place upon such a list as the Postal Censorship one.

Howard Mellish's name is put down without the title of Reverend before it. This is doubtless intended for the rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity. This well-known clergyman is a pacifist.

He has, however, not been what might be called a militant pacifist. But he has been the friend of those more outspoken than himself, and to be the friend of a "suspect" is to be also a "suspect" yourself.

Watson, Editor of Jeffersonian, Democrats' Enemy, Also Suspect.

Thomas E. Watson, "suspect," could best be described as a "Populist." He came out of the Democratic Party, claiming that it had betrayed the principles of Jefferson. He interfered very much with the Democratic machine in the South, where he is popular.

He is probably as far away from any taint of pro-Prussianism as any man in America. He did, however, fight the passage of the Conscription law, claiming that it violated every principle of democracy, and his paper, *The Jeffersonian*, which had a large circulation in Democratic states, was suppressed.

The Democratic administration was not going to allow an opportunity like this to go by to suppress the activity of one who had been a political thorn in its side. We suppose he is on the list for the same reason that his paper was suppressed. Of course, no one who knows anything about the writings of Watson would even consider him a Liberal in the true meaning of the term.

We could continue these articles for quite a long period, putting down and commenting upon the various names. The names of women active in the woman's peace movement are found on the list. The names of those who dared to lift up their voice to protest against the terrorism let loose on the members of the IWW are there.

Religious societies are there. Publications are there. One publication is called *The World in Perplexity*. We suppose the name is treasonable in itself.

And Still the Democratic Party Was Engaged in Saving World.

Everyone should know that the Democratic Party was engaged in “making the world safe for democracy.”

Other names among those active in the movement for Irish freedom are there. But we think we have told enough, for the present, of the attempt of this misnamed Democratic administration to found in the United States an espionage system similar to those in the monarchies of Europe, and infinitely more stupid than any spy system that the world has yet suffered from.

We want to tell the story, beginning tomorrow, of the muddle this administration has made out of the Russian situation. Raymond Robins is going to tell it to our readers.

With all the strikes now going on, and with new ones breaking every day, we have not the space to devote to any more stories of this sinister attack upon the freedom of thought and action of the citizens of this country by those who have muddled our affairs as they have never been muddled since the nation was born.

Of one thing our readers may be sure: The espionage system sounds the death-knell of the Democratic Party, just as the Alien and Sedition law sounded that of the Federalist Party, which fell, never to rise again.

Unless we are a nation of imbeciles, we never again shall be content to suffer at the hands of Bourbon Democracy. We may suffer at the hands of others, but not in the same manner.

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