

The Other Side

SAVED—BY MASSACHUSETTS.

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The child labor amendment, now before the legislatures, was dictated from Moscow and was slipped over on the American congress by the evil genius of Trotsky, Zinovieff and the rest of the followers of Lenin. Just think of it! That this innocent-looking measure, masquerading under the cloak of humanity, should be as red as a bolshevik's battle ax!

This startling fact might never have been known had not Massachusetts, famous for a number of things, decided to hold a referendum on ratification. A referendum does wonderful things sometimes—it did in this case. Here is how a Sherlock Holmes in the old Bay state doped it out:

When the amendment was before congress, Mrs. Florence Kelley, daughter of a former Pennsylvania congressman, was called in to give the house and senate committees the benefit of her knowledge of child labor. She was one of many whose advice was sought. Now, behold, some Back Bay statesman, trying to save childhood for the factory, mine and mill, discovers that many years ago Mrs. Kelley was married to a man named Wischnewetsky. Their married life was brief; she returned to the United States, assumed her maiden name and has made it for a good many years a synonym for thoughtful, constructive work in the protection of childhood and the development of better conditions. But that other name was enough; the enemies of childhood were hot on the red trail. The Boston City club, to keep up the pack's morale, sent out over the signature of its president this statement concerning the amendment:

"This is the most dangerous assault upon our institutions ever publicly proposed. Nationalization of youth is the keystone of the Red program—a challenge to every thinking American."

That ought to give the "s-k-y" story good standing, if any one is so squeamish as to question it. And thus Massachusetts, so tender with its childhood that an investigation made after the Lawrence strike of 1912 showed children in the woolen mills who were getting \$3 a week paying 10 cents for drinking water and wearing cotton underwear in winter because they could not afford the wool, is saving the Union from the Red terror.

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"That a new girl you're paying attention to?"

"No, dad—just the old one repainted."—Sydney Bulletin.