ARTISTS' HAUNT BEING WATCHED

Greenwich Village Is a Possible Center of Radicalism.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. — New troubles are hovering over "Greenwich village," the habitation at the foot of Fifth avenue of artists, literary folks are just plain "bohemians." Inquiries of Attorney General Palmer into "parlor bolshevists" are leading "among other places straight" down into "the village," and the "intellectuals with advanced thoughts," the declaimers on the "uplift of the downtrodden" and the opponents of "America's policy in deportation" are having cause to hold their heads nearer together over candle-lit tables and whisper in more awesome whispers than they have done in a long day.

Authorship of some of the most of "red" literature and of American propaganda which have been issued by the agents of the soviet government is being traced into the bohemia of the village. Not all of it has been written there, to be sure, but there is evidence that some of it has.

For several weeks the agents of Attorney General Palmer have been lurking around the village, and as before in all its existence, has it known such stirring times. Rumor rife that the "government agents are here" have furnished larger thrills than all of the headaches of art and literary effort that the Village has engendered. It has been reported and the department of justice has not denied it, that there have been a score or more government agents in the district as there were days of bolshevism.

Along in May, when the home of Attorney General Palmer in Washington was narrowly escaped by a bomb, William J. Flynn, former head of the secret service, was called to assume charge of the department of justice's activities and the chief agents of anti-American propaganda. Mr. Flynn made no statements or announcements. He did not give out interviews on recent arrests of the newspaper sort. He set to work, however, on the anti-bolshevist campaign and the chief agents of anti-American propaganda looking for evidence on which the government could get warrants for their arrests.

Some time later the officials of the department of justice do not care just how much the work of Mr. Flynn's agents figured in Greenwich village. It happened. That is enough. The village is the place for anti-American doctrines and he is there and wants them. There is food with the bomb-throwing anarchists.

Some of the bombs according to statements of the department had their origin in the village and some of the funds paid out to writers of "the political theory as they dream it" in Russia.

The "parlor bolsheviks" have not been regarded as particularly dangerous by the department. They have merely served to inspire others to do the dangerous things. They have talked and furnished money, while others have considered the ways and means of translating their sentiments and views into action.

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