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CURRENT EVENTS

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

THE Paris Commune, the first Proletarian State in the history of the human race was established by the workingmen and women of Paris fifty-six years ago, next March 18. In 1871 the German invader was at the gates of Paris and the French bourgeoisie, true to their traitorous history had secretly contracted to betray the city into the hands of the enemy, in order to slaughter their own working class whom they feared more than the legions of Prussia.

BUT the workers of Paris rose in their wrath, established the Commune and defended the city for two months against the invaders and their treacherous allies, the French bourgeoisie. The Commune was crushed. Over 13,000 workers were slaughtered, men and women. But the heroic deeds of the Communards were not in vain. They will be remembered by the workers forever. The anniversary of the establishment of the Commune will be used in all lands to fire the exploited with new ardor. The International Labor Defense of New York has a Commune commemoration.

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Green Silent While Cuban Terror Rages

A. F. of L. Head Takes Sugar Trust Agent's Word Killings Will Stop; But They Don't

WASHINGTON (FP).—President Machado of Cuba, now seeking re-election, will not stop the persecution and systematic murder of labor union organizers in that island, carried on by his police during the past year and a half.

This is the opinion of observers of the Pan-American Federation of Labor, after a secret visit to Cuba. It appears that when the Cuban workers sent a delegation to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, at St. Petersburg, Fla., in January, and the council was disposed to direct President Green to appeal to Coolidge and to congress, agents of Machado offered vague promises that if the appeal were withheld Machado would call off his killers. The Cuban ambassador in Washington is reported to have denied, on the one hand, that his government had had any part in the murder of 100 union leaders and the disappearance of over 200 rail strikers, and on the other hand he was confident that the persecution would cease.

Green and his associates, not wishing to have on their hands the blood of any more labor men who might meet death if the appeal were publicly made to Coolidge and Borah, sat silent. Congress has now adjourned. Coolidge has his own hard-boiled ambassador, Gen. Crowder, in Havana. Crowder's word, when he cares to give it to Machado, is law. American sugar companies and railroad companies dominate Cuba, and can overturn the government at any time that Crowder winks. Crowder is satisfied with Machado's regime. And it is noted that the anti-labor terror began after American corporations had complained to Machado at the rail strike of 1925.

If Machado calls off his killers, it will be because the American corporations are satisfied that the labor movement has been crushed or because public opinion in other Latin-American countries has begun to shame him and to undermine his political position.

PRIMO DE RIVERA WITH U.S. AGAINST CENTRAL AMERICA

Stop Spanish People to Speak for Nicaragua

By JAR (Special to The Daily Worker). MADRID, (By Mail).—Since 1923, Primo de Rivera has been the representative of Spanish ultra-nationalistic aims. Spain being economically smashed since the 1898 war with the United States, it was impossible to develop the imperialist aims which characterize the Spanish monarchy under King Alfonso XIII. Spanish international policy was constrained to confine itself to defense of its interests in Morocco although this has always been affected by the interests of more powerful nations like England, France and Germany.

Spanish nationalists made good use of the world war in order to obtain a better position in Morocco. From the very beginning, the Spanish nationalists were enthusiastically in favor of Germany. They hoped that in case of a German victory, this country would give Spain all the northern part of Morocco, including Tangier.

All those dreams ended when they realized the end of the had come. Since then, Spain, in order to obtain a better position in Morocco, has followed a policy of alliance towards France or England, depending on the moment's possibilities.

Spanish-Latin-America Union. King Alfonso XIII does not aim to extend his monarchy's power only on Spanish territory. His desire is to emulate the "past heroic deeds of his ancestors" by extending his influence.

Uruguayan Flies Again. MADRID, March 11.—Major Larre-Borges, commander of the Uruguayan Trans-Atlantic flight, and his companions, are today flying in Spanish planes from Cape Juby, Africa, to Casablanca, on the Moroccan coast, according to dispatches received from Cape Juby.

Larre-Borges and his comrades crashed in the sea off the African coast recently, and were held for a time by a wandering tribe of Moors.

Police Kill Strikers In Athens; Crowds in Demand for Lower Tax

ATHENS, Greece, March 11.—Two persons have been murdered and fifteen injured here in an attack by the police on a crowd of strikers demonstrating against the high taxes and increased rentals. The strike started day before yesterday, and is participated in by the working class, and by small shopkeepers.

Three Members of Crew Drowned from Schooner

Three members of the crew of the schooner Jessie E. Noyes, Brunswick, Ga., for Boston, were drowned shortly before the ship was abandoned on March 8, according to wireless advices received here today. The White Star liner Pegina, which is bringing eight survivors to Halifax, said the men were rescued by the Swedish motor ship Topeka, the crew of which risked their own lives by piloting a life boat to the stricken vessel, through heavy seas. The victims were Fred Brown, Carl Peters and Daly Bouffet, all of Boston.

Green Tries To Forget Charge Of Bribery

"Matty" Woll Also Suffers Loss of Memory

Denying that they ever had made any charges of graft against members of the New York police department in connection with the fur strike of last year, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Matthew Woll, a vice-president and acting president of the National Civic Federation, emerged from a visit to Mayor Walker late yesterday afternoon with the announcement that they had only called on His Honor to present information which had been given to them by members of the Furriers' Joint Board during their investigation.

Green Forgets Charges. According to President Green's written statement, the representatives of the American Federation of Labor make no charges against the police.

When questioned by a DAILY WORKER reporter concerning the inconsistency of this stand after the charges which Matthew Woll made to members of the Federation's Executive Committee, and to the press, last January in Florida, President

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Hyman Shows up Sigman's Scab Supporters

Reactionary Tries to Fire Workers But Cannot

Louis Hyman, manager of the Joint Board declared yesterday that the "threat of the International to throw workers out of the shops because of their refusal to register or for their activities on the picket lines, will frighten nobody, and the Joint Board will continue to defend every worker, if necessary by calling strikes."

He pointed out that "Sigman has mentioned a few shops where out of 50 workers, only a few have refused to register but he has forgotten to mention the many large shops where only a few have gone to the International to register in Sigman's fake union."

Sigman Tried and Failed.

Answering Sigman's declaration that no steps had been taken against workers who refused to register up to this time he said: "That more workers were not discharged for this reason was not due to the generosity of Sigman who has hired gangsters to assault and beat up and knife the workers loyal to the Joint Board. At the present time there are under arrest for assault of our pickets gangsters who have criminal records for offenses ranging from hold ups to white slavery and who have served prison sentences for those crimes.

Joint Board Protects.

"These are the henchmen of Sigman, and his lawyers defend them in the courts and the International uses the money it gets from workers to furnish bail for them.

"The reason that more workers have not been deprived of their bread and butter at Sigman's instigation was that the employers have refused to take his orders, since there are so many thousands of workers who refused to register that their discharge would have meant the weakening of the industry. If Sigman and the employers begin to send down workers now the Joint Board will defend them, and even call strikes against shops that discharge for that reason."

Scabs Support Sigman.

Mr. Hyman also commented upon the statement of Sigman that the L. Greenberg shop had voted to give a day's pay to the International and had paid dues twenty weeks in advance. "This shop is one of the worst scab shops in the industry," he said. "In the last strike it was scabbing the entire time. Half of its workers would pretend to picket while the other half worked, and then they would change places.

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PARIS COMMUNE CELEBRATION AS CLIMAX OF LABOR DEFENSE BAZAAR

The Labor Defense Bazaar in Star Casino, 107th street and Park avenue enters its last day with the celebration of the Paris Commune. So far it has been a most magnificent demonstration of solidarity.

Tomorrow it ends with a grand climax. The Paris Commune celebration takes place at 1 p. m. A word picture of the courage, energy and working class honesty of purpose of the Communards will be given by the various speakers including Joseph Brodsky, Juliet Stuart Poyntz, Wm. F. Dunne and Carlo Tresca.

Tableau of Workers Paris.

An interpretive tableau portraying the bloody walls of Paris will be given. Miss Tilda Schocket and pupils will dance, accompanied on the piano by Miss Susan Hotkin.

After an interval during which supper will be served in the restaurant the grand "Finale" ball will commence. It will be a real fraternal gathering of all who have the interest of the class war prisoners at heart.

Members of leading working class fighters will mingle with the crowd. Come and meet them. Trade unions and I. L. D. branches are planning to have a grand parade culminating in a big membership drive for the I. L. D.

The real success of the bazaar depends upon its ability to help build

a strong, active I. L. D. membership organization throughout the various branches for the big summer campaign now being planned.

The following telegram has been received from the National Office: "A powerful International Labor Defense is the only thing that counts. The bazaar must bring in 1,000 new members."

Today is the time to carry out this order.

Admission for both afternoon and evening fifty cents.

Never in previous history has such a large attendance and spontaneous enthusiasm been shown at the International Labor Defense Bazaar. Over 1,500 people crowded into the hall on the opening night, filling the place to its utmost capacity.

And well they are rewarded. Splendor and glory in abundance. The gayety of color and crowd almost gives the bazaar the atmosphere of a venetian carnival. Music and singing, of a well arranged program, send cheers into the hearts of thousands, whose ordinary life is only too drab. Smile and laughter all around. One might almost think that some joyous folk-fest is being staged.

Funds To Aid Pioneers.

And yet it is a benefit bazaar, the purpose of which is to raise funds; (Continued on Page Three)

Jugoslavia Refuses to Recognize Bessarabian Treaty Before U. S. S. R.

BELGRADE, March 11.—More complications in European politics are seen as a result of Italy's ratification of the Bessarabian treaty that gives that country to Roumania.

According to statements issued by Yugoslav leaders they will not recognize the treaty. One of them went further and said that "Yugoslavia will not recognize Roumania's annexation of Bessarabia until Russia does." As it is a known fact that the Soviet Union has no intentions of recognizing the treaty the position taken by Yugoslavia is of great importance.

Yugoslavia is convinced that Italy, as a necessary preliminary to occupying Albania, is trying to isolate her and thinks that Rome has won over Roumania by ratifying the Bessarabian annexation.

All signs point to a break of the Roumanian-Yugoslav alliance and with it the breakdown of the little entente.

Nationalists In New Battle For Shanghai

Soviet Union Warns Chang-Tso-Lin Citizens Be Freed

SHANGHAI, March 11.—The Nationalists have opened a drive against Sunkiang.

The long expected battle in the Yehing sector of Sunkiang and also in the Taiping Chen region of Anhwei now appears to be in full progress.

Heavy fighting continues in the Chusan Yehing sector, where the nationalists are receiving reinforcements, including many Russian volunteer detachments. A major engagement looms on this front.

Tomorrow is the second anniversary of the death of Sun Yat Sen and it promises to be an eventful day. Chinese workers have laid plans for a one day general strike.

Another Soviet Protest.

PEKING, March 11.—The Peking government today received a second note from the Soviet government declaring that any violations of the safety of Madame Borodin or the three couriers arrested by Chang-Tso-Lin's mercenaries might bring about serious consequences. The Soviet charge d'affaires held a lengthy discussion with the Peking minister of foreign affairs today. The foreign minister assured the Soviet charge that all the prisoners are alive, at Tsiman.

Wounded Fengtien soldiers began arriving in Peking today from the Honan border, where General Chin Yi-Poo's forces attempted to prevent the entry of the Fengtienites into Honan Province en route to attempt the recapture of Hankow from the Cantonese.

Marshal Wu Pei-Fu, who nominally governs Honan, appears to be helpless at the hands of Chin, who, a former subordinate of Wu's, recently seized command of all Wu Pei-Fu troops in Honan. Although Chin is definitely opposing the advance of the Fengtien forces, he is not openly an ally of the Cantonese.

Settled Out of Court.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 11.—A fifty thousand dollar damage suit brought against the New York Central Railroad by Mrs. Bridget Ryan, for the death of her husband, a track walker on the road, was settled out of court today for \$16,250, after the plaintiff had presented her side of the case before Supreme Court Justice Frank L. Young and a jury.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF ENGLAND SENDS REGRETS FOR DEATH OF RUTHENBERG

The Communist Party of Great Britain has sent the following telegram to THE DAILY WORKER as a message of sympathy for the death of Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg:

"Communist Party of Great Britain sends condolences to the American comrades at the death of Secretary C. E. Ruthenberg. We deeply regret the loss of the American and the International movement of a courageous, proletarian fighter. "ALBERT INKPIN, For the Secretariat."

Acquit Striker Who Claimed Innocence

The Third Degree On Regan Failed; So Did the Trial

By ESTHER LOWELL. (Federated Press).

HACKENSACK, New Jersey.—Tom Regan, young picket marshal of the long Passaic textile strike, is free. After five months in jail, Regan won acquittal on police charges that he was involved in "bombings."

Policemen after policeman testified before Judge Seuffert that Regan was a leader of Forstmann-Huffmann mill strikers. He was a delegate to the union. But not a policeman nor detective could prove that Regan had ever had explosives "with intent to injure persons" or "with intent to damage property."

Five men and seven women constituting the jury refused to believe that the young strike leader had had anything more dangerous than "giant salutes." The jurors seemed to know that these big noisy fire-crackers couldn't do anything more than scare a scab, as Regan's third degree statement told.

Harmless "Bombs."

That statement, beaten out of the 24-year old striker, was the only direct evidence against him. Assistant Prosecutor John Breslin didn't produce any of the "bombs" for the jury's view. The police didn't say that they had found any "bombs" on Regan.

Burly Garfield and Clifton township police solemnly disclaimed on oath, but with crooked faces, that they had beaten and tortured Regan into signing a statement. They admitted that they had trotted him from station to station, trying to pin some sort of indictment on him. Detective William Hindenburg got all bawled up under cross-examination by defense attorney Arthur Garfield Hays.

Regan Maltreated.

Attorney John A. McKenna of Newark and other defense witnesses testified how badly beaten Regan looked a day or two after his arrest, and even a week later. Regan said he had not been able to eat on one side of his mouth for months. But the pale parchment-skinned prison doctor couldn't recognize Regan as one of the prisoners he had treated. Nor would he admit that the union doctor had been barred from the jail. "Riot law" Nimmo—sheriff of Bergen county—and devoted defender of Forstmann-Huffmann, poked his gimlet jaw into the court proceedings repeatedly. He tried to bar Hollace Ransdell, secretary, Passaic Joint Defense Committee, from the courtroom, and eyed her like a hawk when defense witnesses were on the stand.

Fellow Workers Testify.

Fat under-sheriff Donaldson, spectacles perched above bulging cheeks and pursed mouth, presided when Nimmo sat back on the benches. And the courtroom was filled with former strikers and other friends of Regan, many of whom testified to the young strike leader's excellent character and reputation, as they knew him during his seven years' mill work, mostly at Forstmann-Huffmann.

Regan is the first of the strike victims held in the so-called "bomb" cases to be acquitted. One other young striker, Joseph Toth, remains to be tried. Of the others, the four tried in Paterson are now in state's prison, (the fifth received a suspended sentence); and the four others tried at Hackensack are awaiting sentence. Regan's acquittal should help shorten their possible terms, since they had the same sort of fire-crackers and not "bombs" as police declared.

The union intends to appeal the cases of those who have been convicted. (Continued on Page Three)

BUY THE DAILY WORKER AT THE NEWSSTANDS

Sun Yat Sen Memorial Meeting Sunday, March 13, at the Chinese Theatre, 165 Bowery

Speakers: Wm. M. Weinstone, William F. Dunne, B. D. Wolfe, John Dewey, Harry F. Ward, Senator Black, Davis S. Ogino, Kuomintang Members.

At 1:30 P. M. Sharp.

Called by the Kuomintang Party of New York

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# KUOMINTANG GENERAL PROMISES THE BRUSSELS CONGRESS HIS LOYALTY

## THE RED FRONT FIGHTERS

By MANUEL GOMEZ.

FRANKFURT, Germany.—Delegates to the world congress against imperialism who were invited to address meetings in Germany following the close of the sessions at Brussels, are impressed by the uniformed, well-drilled proletarian battalions which stand guard at revolutionary working class gatherings throughout the country. These are the Red Front Fighters ("Rote Front Kämpfer"), 100,000 strong, formed to protect the labor movement from fascism and other forms of reaction on the heels of the setbacks of October, 1923.

Made up principally of non-party workers, left wing Social Democrats and Communists, the Red Front Fighters have earned the respect of all class-conscious workers. They are organized upon military lines, although they are of course without weapons. Their discipline and pride of organization are the envy of the fast-waning reactionary detachments. It is admitted on all sides that the Red Front Fighters may be destined to play an important role in the future struggles of the German working class.

### Welcome Delegations.

A demonstration led by Red Front Fighters met Chung Ling Fu, of the general staff of the Cantonese army; B. Gumede, of the South African National Negro Congress, and myself upon our arrival at Frankfurt. The huge crowds at our meetings here, and in Hannover, Berlin and Dresden, are indicative of the tremendous interest which the Brussels congress has awakened. The European press, with the exception of the English press (which apparently has its own reasons), devotes considerable space to the affairs of the congress—even today, nearly two weeks after the sessions are closed.

Altogether I have addressed seven meetings in Germany—together with Gumede, Chung and others, including General Lin, second in command under Feng Yu Hsiang in north China; El Bakri, outstanding chief of the fighting nationalists in Syria; Matta, of the Rifian nationalists, and Daniel Colrairie, vice president of the Trade Union Congress of South Africa. Other delegates have taken part in meetings at Hamburg, Cologne and other cities of north-eastern Germany.

*The article printed below is part of a series written by the delegate of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League to the Brussels Congress Against Colonial Oppression and Imperialism. The congress was made up of delegates from anti-imperialist organizations, peace societies and labor unions in the European, American and other imperialist nations, from labor bodies and nationalist organizations in the colonial countries, and from subjugated races even in countries with full sovereignty.*

Important resolutions were passed, for the practical carrying on of the work of freeing conquered peoples from their slavery. A survey of the work of the congress and the personalities attending, which have made it one of the great events of this era, will be found in these articles.

### III.

#### Real Warriors There.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 13.—That the Brussels congress is no mere gathering of talkers was dramatically expressed yesterday with the arrival of two revolutionary nationalist leaders who have been facing the armies of imperialism on the field of battle. These are General Lu Chung Lin, who commanded the Kuomintang forces of the north during Feng Yu Hsiang's absence in Russia, and Mazhar Bey El-Bakri of Syria, foremost chief of the Syrian National Assembly. Both will return

to the battle-front at the conclusion of the congress.

#### Remarkable Soldier.

General Lu, greeted with tumultuous applause, immediately took the floor. He talked in slow, measured tones for about fifteen minutes. He spoke without oratory and almost without gestures, but his speech was the most remarkable address that Europe has ever heard from the lips of a soldier.

"Comrades," he began, "while you are gathered here a war is going on in China which involves the whole future of the human race. Peace is a great thing. I hate war. I am fighting to make it impossible. But it is childish to assume that there can be any peace under imperialism. I am a soldier and must remain one. I shall remain faithful to my conception of the tasks of a soldier, which is to fight against imperialist oppression, to combat militarism and to defend at all times and against all enemies, the interests of the workers and poor peasants.

"Military leaders have been the sustaining force of reaction. But I pledge my word here that, although a soldier, I shall never sell myself to the enemy of the workers and peasants, nor lend myself to the schemes of the imperialists. You are my leaders, you here in this congress. I endorse, without qualification, all the actions you have taken. I shall try to carry out your decisions in the future."

After tracing the progress of the Chinese revolution, addressing special words of greeting to the working class representatives from the imperialist countries, and to the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, he concluded with the words: "Long live the world revolution!"

Yesterday's arrivals included W. J. Brown, secretary of the (Amsterdam) International Federation of Trade Unions, who addressed the congress in his own name, urging the union of all the forces of labor against imperialism and capitalism. The British delegation was enlarged by the addition of Ellen Wilkinson, M. P., John Beckett, M. P., Helen Crawford of the International Workers' Relief, and John Williams of the Young Communist League. George Lansbury, vice-president of the British Labor party, will be here tomorrow.

Edo Finmen led the discussion on the fourth point of the agenda. Finmen, besides being the leader of the International Federation of Transport Workers, has a credential from the Mexican Federation of Labor (C. R. O. M.). He called attention to the fact, revealed in the special trade union committee of the congress, that seventeen trade union organizations with 7,962,000 members of all races are officially represented and participating here.

These include such organizations as the Unitarian General Confederation of Labor of France (C. G. T. U.), the Minority Movement of Great Britain, the South African Trade Union Congress, the All-China Federation of Trade Unions and the C. R. O. M. of Mexico.

Finmen was followed by Herclot, of the C. G. T. U.; Daniel Colrairie, vice-president of the South African Trade Union Congress; Chen Kuen, of the Chinese Canton-Hongkong strike committee; Mohammed Hatta, of the Dutch East Indies, and Manuel Gomez, secretary of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League (United States Section).

## Grain Fraud Charged To Armour Company Being Investigated

CHICAGO, March 11.—The board of trade today completed preparations for the opening of the investigation tomorrow into the Armour Grain Company, held by Arbitrator Edward E. Brown to have been guilty of "fraud and corruption" in its dealing with the defunct Grain Marketing Company.

The investigation by a committee was expected to require several weeks. It will go into all details of the asserted "deliberate" changing of samples to indicate a higher quality of wheat was in the Armour elevator than was actually on hand, preliminary to the merger with the \$250,000,000 cooperative organization.

## HOOVER PLANTS TRAPS FOR TEN BILLION TRADE

### Government Establishes Network of Agents

WASHINGTON, March 11.—A drive to boost American foreign trade over the \$10,000,000,000 mark annually has been launched by Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

Forecasting exports of close to \$5,000,000,000 and imports of about \$4,400,000,000 in 1927, the commerce department today announced details of an expansion program to further stimulate both foreign and domestic business.

#### New Posts Abroad.

New foreign trade posts were announced tentatively in the following cities:

Oslo, Norway, Berne, Switzerland, Winnipeg, Canada, Caracas, Venezuela, and Wellington, N. Z.

New domestic district offices will be established in Los Angeles, Norfolk, Va., Wilmington, Del., Mobile, Ala., Jacksonville, Fla., and Kansas City.

#### Hoover's Net Work.

With establishment of the new posts and others in the Far East, Latin America and Europe, now under consideration, the United States will have a network of foreign trade offices extending to virtually every quarter of the globe. These "outposts of trade" are charged with keeping American manufacturers and exporters in touch with the demands of every market, thus furnishing outlets for surplus goods to form a general prosperity stabilizer.

In addition to the new posts the department plans an increase in the commercial staffs in the important offices at London, Berlin, Rome, Buenos Aires and other capitals. Where the posts are located in national capitals the appointees will rank as commercial attaches; otherwise as trade commissioners.

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## Anti-Militarist Out Of Jail After Fast Of Thirty-eight Days

LOS ANGELES, March 11.—Karl Robinson, jailed for selling peace literature in a Los Angeles park in violation of a city ordinance when he discovered that the army was using the park for "militaristic propaganda," has been released. He is now recovering in a Hollywood sanitarium from his 38 days of fasting.

The Southern California Committee of the Civil Liberties Union protested against the application of the law and demanded either the right to sell peace pamphlets in the park or the removal of the army recruiting station. The Park Commission has informed the union that the permit for the recruiting station expires April 1 and will not be renewed.

## General Combines Red-Baiting Speech With a Plea for Larger Army

WASHINGTON (FP.) March 11.—Maj.-Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commanding the third corps area, has delivered a "red scare" talk to the high school cadets in the national capital, where school talks by pacifists have been frequently protested by the American Legion and D. A. R. groups.

MacArthur told the school boys that "With the red menace in Russia and turmoil and disorder in other parts of the world, there is little doubt that some day our streets will once more be filled with marching men."

Therefore he urged the boys to beware of "heretical teachings" of need for disarming the nation. He said it was as wrong to propose getting along without the army and navy, as to propose getting along without the police and fire departments.

When replying to these advertisements mention The DAILY WORKER.

## SINCLAIR CLAIMS HAD RIGHT TO BE SILENT IN QUIZ

### Would Upset Powers of Senate Committees

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The defense counsel of Harry F. Sinclair, oil operator on trial for contempt because he refused to answer questions asked in connection with the frauds charged in the Teapot Dome oil lease, is trying to set up the principle that senate investigation committees cannot compel answers to "non-pertinent" queries.

The inquisitorial authority of congressional committees is attacked in the principal contention of the defense—that no witness summoned before a senate or house committee may be compelled to testify relative to matters he deems to be beyond the scope of the legislative question before the investigating body.

#### Trial His Excuse.

Sinclair's refusal to answer seven questions centered upon the Teapot Dome leasing negotiations with former secretary of the interior, Albert B. Fall, in 1922, are justified, in the defense argument, by the fact that the Sinclair leases already were under fire in the Wyoming federal courts when he last appeared before the senate committee. The unanswered questions, the defense contended, involved matters directly concerned in the court proceedings then under way.

#### Jury Not To Decide.

The government won a major if not a decisive victory in the ruling of Justice William Hitz, presiding, that the issue of "pertinence arising in connection with the unanswered questions was one of law, to be decided by the court in his instructions to the jury, rather than one of fact, to be determined by the jurors themselves from the evidence. This question has never before been determined in the federal courts. It was the foundation stone of the Sinclair defense.

## Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Seriously Ill at Home Of Friends in Portland

The DAILY WORKER has received word from Portland, Oregon, that Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, champion of the cause of the workers for the past twenty-one years, has been seriously ill at the home of friends there.

Although she is not well enough to answer the letters of her friends, she is anxious to know what is going on in the movement in New York, according to the word received. Letters should be addressed to her in care of Dr. Marie D. Equi, Lafayette Building, Portland, Oregon.

## Moors "Friendly" To Spain; Won't Release Airmen Unless Paid

CAPE JUBY, March 11.—Negotiations were proceeding slowly but satisfactorily today between the Spanish authorities and the friendly Moorish tribe which rescued Major Larre-Borges and his three companion aviators for the ransoming of the Uruguayan fliers. The Uruguayans have been in the custody of the Moorish tribesmen since their hydroplane fell into the sea more than a week ago while attempting a trans-Atlantic flight.

## Bill to End Capital Punishment Beaten In Mass. Legislature

BOSTON, March 11.—Capital punishment will continue in Massachusetts.

On a voice vote the house of representatives today refused to substitute a bill calling for abolition of that mode of punishment for an adverse report by the legislative judiciary committee.

The adverse committee report was then accepted by the house without a record vote.

## Picket Loses Appeal To Appellate Court

WASHINGTON (FP.) March 11.—Dorothy Ferguson, convicted two years ago in police court for picketing a clothing store which was fighting the retail clerks' union, has lost her case in the appellate court of the District of Columbia.

The appellate judges held that police regulations against picketing of stores were not nullified by the Clayton law.

The American Federation of Labor assisted in the defense, after Mrs. Ferguson had been sentenced in the police court to pay a fine.

#### Governor Orders Bets Off.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 11.—Ordering every sheriff in Florida to stop any and all forms of gambling at any race track that may be open, either dog or horse, Governor John W. Martin today said that he would see that the State Supreme Court decision in reference to race tracks was strictly enforced.

## Treasury Investigates Charge Big Companies Violating Revenue Law

WASHINGTON, March 11.—An investigation has been started by the treasury to determine whether or not big corporations are violating the revenue laws by placing unauthorized funds in their accumulative surpluses for the purpose of defrauding the government.

So far a number of cases have been discovered that "approached the danger line of law violation", it was said at the treasury today.

Secretary Mellon takes the position that the law does not mean that corporations shall distribute all of their earnings, but that some funds may be placed for the credit of surplus.

A fifty percent penalty is provided in the revenue laws against corporations which place money in surplus funds for the purpose of evading the income tax.

## PRIMO DE RIVERA WITH U.S. AGAINST CENTRAL AMERICA

### Stop Spanish People to Speak for Nicaragua

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to other countries. The actual military government, therefore imperialist, has been since 1923 favoring King Alfonso's wishes.

The Directory has concentrated its international policy in one direction—the formation of a Spanish-Latin America Union. Major Franco's raid across the Atlantic (Palos to Buenos Aires) was only carried out in order to start propaganda to enhance the prestige of Spain in Latin America. When King Alfonso went to Huelva to welcome the airmen on their return to Spain, he said in his speech that Latin-American republics should form a new League of Nations with Spain.

#### The Aeronautic Congress.

Some weeks ago a Spanish-Latin America Aeronautic Conference was held in Madrid. In spite of the scientific and industrial purposes that were discussed, the conference had only political aims. This was one more step in Primo de Rivera's policy of influencing Latin America; and in this instance it consisted in the Aeronautic Conference establishing the basis for an international organization including Spain and Latin-American countries, to work against C. I. N. A.

The plans of Alfonso XIII and Primo de Rivera failed because Uruguay's delegation said its government would not sign any proposal contrary to the resolutions established by the C. I. N. A. of Paris. Uruguay's attitude followed immediately by other countries, was caused by the influence of some European diplomats.

Another fact that shows the Spanish government's policy toward Latin America, is the protection given to the coming Spanish-American exposition in Sevilla. Still another indication, is the big official subscription raised to help the victims of Cuba's last catastrophe. King Alfonso XIII wants to be popular in all Latin American countries.

#### Against Mexico.

Spanish Catholics, helped by the government, have started an active campaign against the Mexican government. Catholic priests expelled from Mexico have come to Spain, and they are very active in giving lectures and publishing pamphlets in which they relate the "Communist horrors" of the Calles government. Money is being collected everywhere to help their comrades still living in Mexico.

All this propaganda has of course brought protests from all over Spain. But Primo de Rivera has immediately found a way to keep this quiet. Censorship does not allow the press to publish any articles approving the Calles government, nor even to censure Spanish Catholics for campaigning against Mexico.

Last Sunday a group of intellectuals organized and secretly issued a manifesto, which as an expression of sympathy toward Mexico they took to the Mexican embassy in Madrid. The police were mobilized, and the professors and students who had organized this move were sent to prison, notwithstanding the fact that thousands of people were present to watch the proceedings at the embassy.

Sympathy for Nicaragua. The greatest part of Spanish public opinion watches with enormous interest President Coolidge's policy of attack upon Nicaragua. The Spanish government is against Nicaragua, side by side with Wall Street.

No Spaniard is allowed to publish anything against the United States intervention in Nicaragua. The United States ambassador in Madrid has succeeded in convincing Primo de Rivera, and he will not permit any criticism of the Coolidge policy. Primo de Rivera is developing on this question a policy similar to the one followed with Mussolini.

King Alfonso XIII and Primo de Rivera, whose aims are to establish a Latin-American Union, join with the United States when it is crushing countries struggling against imperialism and for political and economic independence.

# American Economic Life

By WALLPROL.

## COAL MINED IS FAR AHEAD OF USUAL DEMANDS

### 100,000,000 Tons More Than Last 12 Months

Coal production keeps galloping ahead of all reasonable demand. Despite just midding industrial activity and very mild weather for the late winter months, production is still the highest on record in the last seven years. Production last week was 2,000,000 tons over the similar week of 1926. Nevertheless there is a slow and steady decline from 13,500,000 tons in the mid-February week to 12,750,000 last week. The nervous line on the Bureau of Mines chart will sag down badly within a few more weeks as the situation ahead of the industry becomes clearer.

Production in the coal year March 1, 1926, to February 28, 1927, is 110,000,000 tons ahead of the similar period for the previous twelfth month. This surplus represents in good measure the extra coal dug to help break the British strike and to lay up reserves against the prospective American strike. To visualize the figures, here they are for the "coal years" ending with February, as explained above:

	Net tons
1919-20	444,568,000
1920-21	500,137,000
1921-22	395,405,000
1922-23	386,885,000
1923-24	515,929,000
1924-25	430,387,000
1925-26	540,000,000

## West Virginia Gains 57,000,000 Tons Since 1923; Still Increasing

One millions tons of coal a week is an immense figure. That is four times as much as all New England consumes each week. Only four states produce that much or more.

But West Virginia has increased that much in the last four years. Actually, West Virginia produced last week 1,150,000 more tons of coal than in the corresponding week of 1923. Look at the respective figures:

1923	1,780,000 tons
1927	2,940,000 tons

That means 57,000,000 tons a year increase, or one tenth of the entire annual production of the United States. Compare West Virginia with the other three million ton a week states, in average February weekly production:

	1923	1927
Pennsylvania	3,000,000	3,375,000
West Virginia	1,780,000	3,150,000
Illinois	1,975,000	2,000,000
Kentucky	775,000	1,400,000

Pennsylvania, half union and half non-union, has increased but little, considering the heavy national production figures. West Virginia, entirely non-union, has leaped ahead 1,370,000 a week in four years, or 70 per cent. Illinois has barely held her own, while non-union Kentucky has almost doubled production.

What an indictment in these figures of the union-wrecker Lewis and the corrupt officialdom of the United Mine Workers!

Andy Says Its O. K. WASHINGTON, March 11.—The treasury's plan to exchange five-year three and one-half per cent bonds for second Liberties bearing a 4-1-4 per cent interest has met a favorable "reception." Secretary of the Treasury Mellon said today.

## LECTURES and FORUMS

### THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE

At Cooper Union (8 St. & Astor Pl.) at 8 o'clock. Admission Free. Sunday, Mar. 12—Ernest Boyd: "Comments on Ten Literatures." Tuesday, Mar. 15—Dr. Frankford E. Williams: "Possibilities of Youth Uncovered." Friday, Mar. 18—Everett Dean Martin: "What is the Matter With Modern Ideas?—The Biological Point of View in Modern Thought."

### AT MANHATTAN TRADE SCHOOL

Lex. Av. & 23d St., at 8 o'clock. Single Admission, 25 cents. Reduction for Course Tickets. Monday, Mar. 14—Dr. Morris R. Cohen: "American Philosophy—Theories as to Social Uplift." Wednesday, Mar. 16—Dr. Louis Casanovi: "How the Scientist Works.—The Nervous System." Thursday, Mar. 17—E. G. Spaulding: "Questions People Expect a Philosopher to Answer.—Are there any Antinomies?" Saturday, Mar. 19—Mortimer J. Adler: "Psychological Relativity: The Four Geometries of the Soul.—The Privacy of the Microcosm."

### LABOR TEMPLE

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### Back To Work

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At The Workers School Forum 108 East 14th Street. NEXT SUNDAY J. Mindel will speak on "The Role of Co-operatives Under Capitalism." ADMISSION 25c.

### THE EAST SIDE OPEN FORUM

of the Church of All Nations 9 Second Avenue, near Houston St. SUNDAY, MARCH 13th, at 8:30 P.M. CLINTON GOLDEN will speak on "The Brookwood Labor College and Workers' Education."

To Reduce Budget MEXICO CITY, March 11.—The treasury department announces that in the interests of general economy the Mexican budget bill will be reduced by 2,500,000 pesos in the forthcoming fiscal year.

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## ARGE CROWD MAKES MERRY AT I. L. D. BAZAAR PRISONERS TO BENEFIT FROM THE RECEIPTS

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nds to fight for freedom of our comrades, war prisoners in the battle against capitalism; funds to give aid to the needy ones who are left without support after the grim machine of capitalist justice has imprisoned their breadwinner.

This fact is recognized by all those present. Gay as the colors of the sorted goods are which have so generously been donated by individuals and labor groups, yet the cry that one is approached by no large staff of voluntary sales girls speaks only one language. One hears them say: "Comrade please buy this or that; you know comrade at we must raise funds, that we who are on the outside must fight or those on the inside, shut out from freedom by iron bars, strong iron bars of much stronger class justice, comrade, please buy."

Has Art Collection.

And the comrade buys. He may not always have need for the article, but in buying it he helps another comrade who is in prison. Still, many things may be bought here, at a reasonable price, that have a rare value and are products of art. A beautiful replica of Lenin's mausoleum, finished in white marble. Wonderful sketches and paintings by pupils from the Afro-Asian School at the Jewish Workers University. Articles of art and utility from a baby's rattle

to beautiful vases, carpets and paintings.

The bazaar, of course, also has a splendid program of entertainment and dance for every night. The grand finale is to be staged on Sunday, when, as a culmination of the bazaar, the I. L. D. will also commemorate the Paris Commune, the first historic achievement of a group of workers to gain control over a capitalist society. A grand program has been arranged for this day and every worker is urged to attend.

### "Beware of Fakers" Warns Garment Union

The Joint Board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers has exposed another faker.

Hyman, issued a warning to workers today that Rubin Bernstein, formerly a business agent of the Joint Board, who went over to the International some time ago, is attempting to collect money under false pretenses in the shops.

"Bernstein has been going into shops and representing that he is still with the Joint Board and attempting to sell theatre tickets for a supposed benefit for the defense fund, according to the information that has reached me," he said. "Bernstein is an agent of the International, and any money given to him will not go for the benefit of the Joint Board. Workers should refuse to purchase tickets from him," he declared.

## GANGSTERS WHO KNIFED PICKET HELD TO ANSWER

### Tried to Break Strike At A-1 Dress Shop

Three gangsters were held in high bail and one was refused bail by Magistrate Flood in Jefferson Market Court yesterday, and were bound over to the grand jury upon charges of felonious assault against Tony Burlo and Angelo, pickets who were stabbed near the A-1 Dress Shop, 361 West 36th Street last Wednesday.

Morris Goldenback was held in \$2,500 bail, Sam Schechter in \$5,000 bail, and Sam Gold in \$10,000 and Harry Liss, who is said to have a long criminal record, was refused bail.

Two others arrested with them, Isaac Robbin and Henry Morris, were discharged when attorneys for the Joint Board said that they would not press charges against them since identification was not perfect and the Joint Board had no wish to prosecute men who might possibly prove innocent, although there were several witnesses.

Slash Face. Burlo and Vacca were attacked on Wednesday as they were picketing the A-1 Dress Shop, which was called on strike by the Joint Board because of the discharge of a cutter who had refused to register with the International. Burlo received a face wound requiring thirteen stitches.

Hearing on the injunction obtained by officials of Local 89 against the Joint Board was postponed to March 21 yesterday.

Meeting Called. The Shop Chairmen's Council, in accordance with its plan for holding meetings in every section of the city to acquaint all the workers with the facts in the present dispute within the garment unions, has called a meeting in Brownsville, at Hopkinson Palace on Sunday afternoon. All workers are urged to attend.

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## Mass Meeting to Defend Imprisoned Cloakmakers And Furriers - Tonight

A mass meeting called by the Joint Defense Committee of Cloakmakers and Furriers will be held at 1 o'clock today in Cooper Union. All workers should come to protest against the sentencing of the 16 cloakmakers and 7 furriers for their service during strikes.

## Ruthenberg Memorial Meeting In Brooklyn Tomorrow Afternoon

Tomorrow afternoon, at two p. m., a Ruthenberg memorial meeting will be held at The Workers Center, 63 Liberty Ave., Brooklyn.

The speakers will include: Bert Miller, business manager of the DAILY WORKER; Ben Lifshitz, secretary of the Jewish Bureau, Workers Party; Anton Bimba, editor of Laisve, Lithuanian Communist daily; Ray Ragozin and others. Admission free.

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## Acquit Striker Who Claimed His Innocence

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victed and sees in the acquittal of Regan a good chance for securing a reversal of the verdicts in the other cases.

There are also several hundred other workers, who were arrested on one pretext or another during the strike and are at present out on bail, whose cases are to come up soon and who must be defended by the union and those organizations helping in the defense of the Passaic strike prisoners. For this purpose, a large sum of money will be necessary, and accordingly, the union and its friends plan to launch a defense drive in the very near future to acquaint organized labor with the cases of these strikers, many of whom face twenty years in prison if convicted, in order to enlist the support of every worker in the task of defending these textile workers.

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## Building Co-operative will hold its

### Membership Meeting

MARCH 13, 3 P. M.,

143 East 103rd Street.

All those interested in going to Russia with this group should be present at this meeting as there are important reports to be given.

## Green and Woll Try to Forget About Charge In Fight On Furriers

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Green could not recollect that any charges had been made.

Turning to Woll, he asked, "Matty" Also Forgets.

"Do you remember any charges, Matty?" And Woll could not remember any charges either.

In response to further questions, President Green said that the committee which had visited the Mayor—including Green, Woll, Edward F. McGrady, Hugu Frayne, John Sullivan and Joseph P. Ryan—had merely submitted a report of what had been given at the St. Petersburg, Florida, meeting in January.

"No charges were submitted," said Green, "inasmuch as we have no evidence of any charges. Nothing specific was discussed. We simply talked over the report of the Joint Board of the Furriers, who themselves claim to have given out money to the police."

If Mr. Green and Mr. Woll's memories were not so poor, they might be able to recollect that in a statement issued January 14th it was announced that the A. F. of L. Investigating Committee charged that the police had been bribed by officers of the New York Joint Board.

Ryan Protests.

January 15th, Joseph P. Ryan, one of the members of the committee and president of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council, telegraphed Green protesting this charge; and in answer to this message, Green stated that "the A. F. of L. is a responsible body and they stand by the report."

Charges Buried. They went on to state that "the evidence" of this graft was contained in the testimony of fur workers; but members of the Joint Board immediately denied that any one of them had made such statements, and charged that the report of the investigating committee had been made public without ever being submitted to the Joint Board members for correction as had been promised.

"The statement issued today by Green is absolutely contradictory to the statements of the 14th and 18th of January," said Ben Gold, manager of the Furriers' Joint Board when informed of the DAILY WORKER'S interview yesterday.

Awful Memory. "It is strange that at this time President Green should turn around and deny that he made these charges. This proves, more than anything else, that the charge against the Joint Board is false and constitutes a frame-up. "We deny every other charge in the statement which President Green issued today. And just as this police bribe statement is false, so are all other statements made against the members of the Joint Board."

BUY THE DAILY WORKER AT THE NEWSSTANDS

## WORKERS AND FARMERS THROG TO RUTHENBERG MEMORIAL MEETINGS

Tribute to the memory of Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg, founder and leader of the Communist movement of this country who died last week, is being paid by tens of thousands of workers throughout the country.

Following closely after Wednesday's memorial meetings in New York, where thousands of workers filled three large halls—Carnegie Hall, Central Opera House and New Star Casino, reports are coming in of large meetings being held throughout the country where multitudes of workers and farmers who knew Ruthenberg and had participated with him in the working class struggle gather to pay him their final tribute.

Thursday, March 10, a large memorial meeting was held in Boston at the Scenic Auditorium; last night meetings were held in Philadelphia, New Haven, and several other cities. Tonight thousands of workers will gather in meetings in Pittsburgh, while tomorrow large gatherings will be held in Buffalo, Los Angeles and St. Paul. Among the cities that will hold meetings next week are Washington, D. C.; Duluth, Minn.; Superior, Wisconsin; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Stamford, Conn.; Niagara Falls and scores of other places.

At all these meetings appeals are made to join the Workers (Communist) Party as part of a Ruthenberg Membership Drive. At the New York

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Many sympathizers of the Communist Party realizing that the death of Comrade Ruthenberg is a great blow to the working class movement of this country as well as the world proletariat are joining the Workers (Communist) Party so that in their small way they can try and fill up the gap in the ranks.

This edition went to press too early for reports of the above mentioned meetings, which will appear in next week's editions.

## City to Erect Huge State Office Building

The Board of Estimate yesterday voted approval of the governors' proposal to erect a monumental \$7,000,000 state office building on the north side of the new county court house. The grounds for this proposed building has already been acquired by the city.

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Harbor Allen, Daily Worker Dramatic Critic, Writes:

Nobody before in the theatre has sold the buncombe of "art" and "European drama" to bourgeois school teachers, clubwomen, culture hounds, and dilettantes on such a grand scale. Almost everything the Guild produces is either "so artistic" or "so Russian," or "so German," or "so French," that there is nothing you can do but praise it. Unless, of course, you want to show how crude you are, how poor your taste. The Guild shrewdly knows that above all its dilettante audience and its New York sophisticates shudder at the bogey of "poor taste." From its ritzy foyer to its free cigarettes and the girl with the affected voice who peddles subscriptions during the intermission, the Guild is working "good taste" overtime. It brings in the mazuma.

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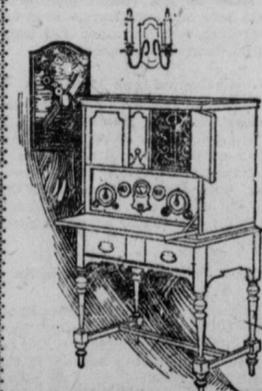
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## THE FARMERS WILL REMEMBER



News Item.—Cal Coolidge is planning to spend his vacation in the West.

## FOOTNOTES TO THE NEWS

By EUGENE LYONS

A report has it that Texas Guinan and Aimee McPherson will tour the country together. If true it marks a great advance in the technique of soul-saving and one that is quite in line with general industrial tendencies. Under the old system people sinned in one place and were saved in another. But with Texas and Aimee setting up shop together one could save as fast as the other turns them out. Business should improve at both ends through such concentration of supply and demand.

Among the more interesting recent developments has been the united front of the godly. Protestants, Catholics, Jews are contributing to each other's charities, chipping in for each other's churches, issuing united-front reports on strikes two years after they are over, etc. We have had railroad mergers, bread mergers, bank mergers. Is a religious merger in sight? It might be one way to stave off bankruptcy for that obsolete industry a little longer.

A constant reader (yes, there is one! and it isn't nice of you!) advises thusly: "At Temple Emanu-el, where the rich Jews do their duty by a reformed Jehovah, the choir includes a Negro basso and a German Protestant alto. The organist is an American Protestant. There is a rumor that there are also Jews, but that is not as yet verified."

Our Greenwich Village correspondent alludes to a scandal. An eminent member of the intelligentsia whose reputation heretofore was spotless has been caught in a truth. It will take him years to live it down.

Signs of spring:

- a) Hedgehogs.
- b) The daily story about Coolidge's vacation plans.

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

1.  
Mary had a little lamb,  
You often have heard tell;  
Now Mary has no little lamb  
Because lamb is high as hell.

2.  
Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet  
Wishing for grub and sweets;  
Out came her mammy and said "Oh damn me!  
Again you must go without eats."

FRANK ENGLISH.

### DUMB-BELLES-LETTRES

(FORMERLY "LETTERS TO A LUNATIC")

Dear Lester:

Hello Lester darling. Here I am sitting down to write again though really and truly there is not much news to tell you. Because mostly everybody is busy explaining the student suicides and hasn't time for nothing else. I mean the way boys have been killing themselves on account of life being so useless and futile. My brother Percy says it's all a put-up job for publicity for the ministers and Fannie Hurst and Otto Kahn so they can write into the papers about it. But Percy was always a great kiddier.

He also says that Dr. Fishbein is very optimistic. I mean when he said the other day that ten years from now there will be ten million imbeciles if something isn't done about quack doctors. Personally I think that's pessimistic, don't you? But Percy says that there are twenty million imbeciles in the country now, so we should be thankful to the quacks if they reduce the number. I also want to tell you some of the news as best I can.

In the first place you will be glad to learn that Coolidge moved to a nice new house in Washington. It belongs to a man named Schlesinger so everybody is afraid Coolidge will lose the Ku Klux Klan vote but he is going to move soon to the west where men are men and women aren't. (That's one of Percy's wisecracks. Everybody in the Green Cat in Greenwich Village laughed at it, though I don't see anything funny.) Coolidge will take twelve weeks vacation to watch the farmers work and the farmers will be so pleased they won't mind his not signing some bill or other. Also congress closed for the spring and summer and winter after they passed the filibuster.

A Russian by the name of Kerensky arrived in town on a secret mission to raise money for himself. Also William Green, the labor leader, is in town to tell the mayor all about how Moscow tried to corrupt the New York police. They shoot people over there for bribery, in Moscow I mean, then they do such a thing to us, which all goes to show, doesn't it. Harry Daugherty, by the way, was freed again from the charge that he conspired with Miller to skin the government and Miller got eighteen months in prison for it. Isn't it wonderful how many innocent people there are in our country? You'd never think it from the looks of things.

You will also be glad to learn that this government has decided not to take over Nicaragua. The president of that country and the congress too have been begging us to take them over but Coolidge said nothing doing. So we are sending more and more marines into Nicaragua to stay there and prevent them from joining the U. S. A. by force. That's about all for now, Lester darling, because I can't find a razor to sharpen my pencil. So long dear.

Your own

MYRTLE.

### FROM A GALLERY OF FUTILITIES.

2. Nearly a Hero.

Manifestly Percy was born to play a romantic role in life, but in a piece, alas! which has never come off. There is about him a persistent sense of imminent adventure. He moves through an atmosphere charged with drama, tangy with the aromas of new excitements. You feel that it needs just the smallest spark to touch it off. . . . But nothing ever happens.

He is keyed-up for something big, impetuous, perhaps cyclonic . . . poised for action . . . the great gesture, the stirring speech hovering on the very brink of realization. . . . Once you become aware of this arrested drama in Percy, this quivering unreleased adventure, you are uncomfortable in his presence, waiting nervously for the thing to happen. . . . The signs of heaven's foiled intentions are upon him, even as he sits there in the cafe, a little bored, a little high-strung, a little nervous . . . a hero in the fetters of common circumstance.

And somehow Percy blunders into more and more of these fetters. At thirty he has a shrewish wife, three children, cumulative debts. . . . And each additional restraint makes the spectacle of dangerously suspended heroic more excruciating to look upon . . . a dam about to give way . . . a mountain about to topple over . . . the sizzle of a bomb about to go off. . . .

No wonder everybody runs.

### Fascism and the Amsterdam International.

So disgraceful and disastrous has been the surrender to Mussolini of D'Arragona and his followers in the Italian Confederation of Labor to the workers of Italy and the international labor movement that even the reformist leaders of the International Federation of Labor (Amsterdam) have been moved to protest.

The strength of the protest is weakened, however, by the fact that Amsterdam utilizes the incident to take a crack at the Communists. This is accomplished by the simple method of denouncing the tactic of boring from within the fascist "unions" as if this was the mistake made by D'Arragona and other reformist Italian trade union leaders.

The difference between the Communist workers who became members of the fascist unions and D'Arragona is that the Communists joined to work for the destruction of fascism while the reformist leaders capitulated to fascist dictatorship.

Today the leadership of the struggle against fascism is in the hands of the Communist Party of Italy and the struggle itself is carried on by the Communist workers and the wide masses of the Italian working class that endorse and support the Communist program.

It is not because the reformist leaders advised their followers to join the fascist union that they betrayed the whole labor movement but because they abandoned the struggle against fascism—gave no program and leadership to the workers who were and are ready to fight Mussolini and the black reaction he represents.

The Amsterdam statement lauds the Italian labor leaders (reformists) who have gone into exile but it does not mention the hundreds of Communist workers who have been jailed and tortured and murdered and the others who stay in Italy in spite of the daily danger to life and liberty and carry on the fight.

The workers and peasants of Italy will free themselves from fascism by supporting the Communist program and by no other means.

### Truth in the Chicago Tribune.

The Chicago Tribune is a policy paper—that is, all its material from news stories to editorials, health department, advice to the lovelorn and the "colym" are made to conform to the viewpoint of the industrial lords of the middle west in whose interest The Tribune is published.

But occasionally a slip-up occurs as on March 10 when the Tribune published the following, headed "Strong Government Seen Developing in China War," without comment:

Spurred by a new national patriotism which the rest of the world has considered impossible, China promises to develop a strong central government out of the present civil war, Lieut. Col. C. C. Haffner told members of the Military Intelligence association at a meeting yesterday in the Hotel La Salle. Organization of ignorant coolies and farmers into unions based on the soviet system, capable of political action, has given the southern government the real nationalistic impulse which probably will establish a strong national government in southern and central China and then spread north, Col. Haffner said.

Those who understand the technique of newspaper production will realize at once how this happened. The copy-reader's eye went no farther than the sixth and seventh lines, caught the name of the speaker and that of the organization he was addressing and concluded quite naturally that nothing said by such an individual to such an audience could be otherwise than 100 per cent against anything and everything not 100 per cent American.

Even the Military Intelligence association will be suspected for a time by the Tribune and a copy-reader will probably be looking for a job. Truth and The Tribune are bitter foes.

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oration on its program for next Sunday afternoon at 1 p. m., in the Star Casino. Every reader of the Daily Worker should honor the Communards by their presence on Sunday afternoon.

**CAPITALIST** statesmen continue to babble about peace at Geneva while their governments continue to build battleships. The British government plans an addition of twenty new war craft to its naval flotillas and cordially accepts Coolidge's proposal for a naval disarmament conference with the proviso that nothing should be discussed that would weaken British sea power. Coolidge lets it be known that unless the powers accept his policy the United States will embark on a naval-building program that will make the rest of the world pop-eyed. Just as we said. The proposal was a fake put forward to justify such a program.

**SIR SAMUEL HOARE** boasted of the success achieved by a squadron of British airmen in subduing a revolt of Indian tribesmen last year. In addition to the effectiveness of bombs, Hoare informed the house of commons that when the tribesmen were driven into caves by the bombs they were driven out again by fleas. Even the lowly flea recognizes the value of British imperialism to civilization! Yet we are decidedly of the opinion that subject peoples will free themselves despite all the bombs, fleas and Hoares at the disposition of imperialism.

**FOREIGN** Minister Stresemann of Germany is lording it over the League of Nations at this session. He

speaks German and does not give a darn whose ears are offended. The polite diplomats of the former allied nations no longer talk of the "Huns"; neither do capitalist scribblers quote Nietzsche. The Germans are now respectable because they have not turned "red" and because they have guns, men and some money. Here is a chance for a good poet (not good in the Quaker Sunday School sense) to picture the indignation of an allied soldier now in hell or in some equally agreeable place, who died to save the world from German militarism, on hearing from a new arrival that Stresemann of Germany was defending the pacifist aims of Great Britain at the league session.

**ONE** brief glance at any capitalist paper today should convince even an addict of the kind of liberalism that is purveyed by The Nation that nothing is more certain than another world war within a comparatively short period of time. The poison gas experts of all imperialist powers are working day and night, perfecting the most deadly gases for the next world carnage. The nerves of all governments are exceedingly jumpy. All this talk of peace and peace conferences, disarmaments, is so much smoke set up to screen the aims of the governments from the masses.

**THE** next world war will be more deadly than the last. For every person killed in that debacle ten lives will be wiped out in the next. The slaughter will be for the purpose of saving civilization perhaps from one or more hostile powers or perhaps from Communism, which means from the rule of the workers and farmers. The two deadliest indictments of imperialism are war and unemployment.

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

**THE** death of Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg, who was cut down in the prime of life and in the fullness of his service to the workers, comes as a great shock to our party. It is a grave loss which we can ill afford to sustain. The American working class is notoriously weak in leadership. Hence the loss of a leader in the cause like Ruthenberg, intelligent, devoted, untiring, and a clear-sighted Marxist, leaves a gap in our ranks that weakens the whole front against the enemy.

He Was Trained Leninist.

Comrade Ruthenberg devoted the best years of his life to the education and organization of the masses of workers for their struggle against capitalism. He was a trained Leninist. Not alone did he understand the necessity of educating and uniting the workers for the final overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of Communism, but also that this can be done effectively only by the revolutionists participating actively in the every-day struggles of the workers in order to give them practical leadership, organization and instruction in these battles.

Comrade Ruthenberg had an especially keen realization of the role of the labor party in the great task of ideologically and organizationally uniting the masses of workers against capitalism and laying the basis for the eventual mass Communist Party. The affiliation of the vast masses of workers to the capitalist parties stands as a tremendous barrier to the progress of the work-

ing class. It keeps open the very veins of the workers for an influx of poisonous and demoralizing propaganda from the capitalists. It strikes from the hands of the workers the weapon of the powerful political organization they should have.

The formation of a mass labor party will represent a great step forward by the working class. The labor party will emphasize class lines on the political field and will give an enormous stimulation will to the development of class consciousness and class organization.

The working class, thus cutting many of the treacherous class collaboration entanglements which now enmesh it and keep it helpless in the grip of capitalism will begin to tread faster than ever the road of class struggle which leads finally to a Communist mass party and the overthrow of capitalism.

This was one of the many great lessons which Comrade Ruthenberg never ceased in pressing upon our party. He was an untiring advocate of the labor party.

Sees Mistakes Liquidated.

The problem of finding the best way for the building of a labor party in the United States is a difficult one. Many factors conspire to make it complicated. And in working it out we have made many mistakes. At first we tended to ignore the importance of the labor party movement; later, awakening to it and suddenly, we tended to push the progressives faster than they would go in forming a party. Then, reaching hard for mass contacts, we almost drifted into an opportunist policy in-

ally, we tended somewhat to minimize the applicability of the labor party slogan.

Sometimes these errors were made by the party as a whole, sometimes only by sections of it. But finally, by dint of rich experience and the guidance of the Comintern, we have liquidated these mistakes and have arrived at a correct united front labor party policy. Our party is awake to the importance of the issue and we understand how best to struggle for its realization under the given conditions.

In all these labor party developments, which rank among the most vital experiences in the life of our Workers (Communist) Party, Comrade Ruthenberg played a central role. His influence in solving the many complex problems confronting us was invaluable. And in the application of the labor party policy he was indefatigable. Never an occasion was allowed to pass but what he pressed upon the workers the vital necessity of organizing the labor party and he gave them practical guidance in this task through our party. Whoever speaks of the labor party in America must acknowledge the work of Comrade Ruthenberg.

Comrade Ruthenberg is gone. The great cause for which he labored so loyally must continue. The masses of workers must be educated and organized for their final emancipation. Let us, therefore, apply ourselves to the work with renewed determination, drawing fresh courage and inspiration from the rich life work of Comrade Ruthenberg.

## Workers in Pledge to "Carry On"

**A Severe Blow.**  
**STREET NUCLEUS 1,** Woodlawn, Pa.—"We mourn the death of our gallant and brave leader, Comrade Charles E. Ruthenberg. His sudden death came as a severe blow to us as well as to the militant working class movement, and especially to the party that represents the vanguard of the American working class. He is dead, but his memory and career will inspire us on to the achievement of our goal."

**Will Live On.**  
**GREEK FRACTION,** New York.—"We mourn the sudden death of our comrade, C. E. Ruthenberg, one of our most militant leaders, at the prime of his life. "Ruthenberg was the uncompromising champion of the working class. He will always live in our hearts and serve as an inspiration and example to every worker in the fight against the exploiting class."

**Build the Ranks of the Communist Party.**  
**The Central Nucleus of the Workers Party of Minneapolis:**—"We received with deep sorrow the sad news of Comrade Ruthenberg's death this morning. "Comrade Ruthenberg's untimely death is a severe blow to the party, to the international revolutionary movement and to the working class everywhere. We declare that this will be felt throughout the entire working class movement—and therefore will be hailed with joy by the master class."

**"Realize His Ideals."**  
**LITHUANIAN WOMEN'S ALLIANCE,** Pittsburgh, Pa.—"The Lithuanian Women's Progressive Alliance, No. 60, expresses its deep regret at the death of C. E. Ruthenberg, which was a great loss to the revolutionary vanguard of the American working class. We call upon all working women to follow the ideals of Comrade Ruthenberg, which are the ideals of Lenin and the Communist International."

**Pioneers Pledge to Carry on Fight.**  
**Young Pioneers,** Stamford, Conn.—"The Stamford, Conn., section of the Young Pioneers wishes to express its deepest sorrow and heartfelt grief over the news of the death of our beloved leader and dear comrade, Ruthenberg."

**"Build Communist Party and Free Working class."**  
**"The City Executive Committee of the Workers Party Elizabeth, N. J.** in behalf of its members, mourns the untimely death of our beloved leader, Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg. And at his grave we close our ranks and pledge to build the Communist Party of America and liberate the working class of America."

**"We promise faithfully and loyally to stand by and recruit more Pioneers into our organization in order to produce such brave and able leaders as Comrade Ruthenberg."**

**Cablegram from Moscow.**  
**Haywood, Jones, Croll, Desalines, Nelson, Bankole; Moscow, U.S.S.A.**—"We grieve loss of an able leader of American and world revolutionary movement. With loss of our comrade, Ruthenberg, we must close the gap in our ranks and relentlessly fight for the victory of world revolution."

**Cloak Pressers Union Executive Sends Message.**  
**Executive Cloak Skirt Dress Pressers Union Local Thirty-five New York:**—"We grieve the loss to the labor movement of this country in the death of Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg one of the leaders in the front ranks of the working class."