

## Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

**CALVIN COOLIDGE** is not credited with being a fount of wisdom but he certainly is wise in refraining from delivering impromptu speeches as a rule, judging by the effect of his recent observations on Hoover's unknown position on the Chinese question.

**THE** president's spokesman, alias Calvin Coolidge amazed the hardened news hounds of Washington with an unexpected oracular statement that there was no difference of opinion in the cabinet over the administration's Chinese policy, that Hoover was one of that policy's stoutest defenders and that even if Kellogg resigned as secretary of state, Hoover would not take his place.

**THIS** kind of language might be expected from one tottering on the verge of insanity or from one in delirium tremens, but coming from such a canny fellow as this ex-bill collector from Vermont it hit the ears of the reporters like the sound of an exploded firecracker in a powder magazine. Journalistic noses went immediately to work to sniff out the truth but to date the sum total of the result of the collective sleuthing is a serious of presidential grunts each less enlightening than its predecessor. That there is a difference on the administration's Chinese policy is evident. But what the nature of the difference is, is yet a secret.

**IT** is not necessary to inform our sophisticated readers that neither Hoover nor Coolidge is a friend of the Chinese nationalist movement. Both are loyal servants of Wall Street and competitors for Wall Street's favor. Hoover has presidential ambitions and it looks as if Coolidge would like to succeed himself. This may be the key to the president's unexpected comment on the secretary of commerce.

**CHIANG-KAI-SHEK** has set up a rival government in Nanking of the legal Nationalist government with headquarters in Hankow. The traitor general's chief support comes from the Northern militarists who recently deserted and joined the Nationalists. There is no doubt but Chiang-Kai-Shek has been preparing for this coup for a long time and that he gave the deserting war lords of the north to understand that he would take care of them later on. It remains to be seen how much mass influence Chiang will manage to hold. Shanghai correspondence appearing in the capitalist press is extremely unreliable with the exception of Special dispatches to the New York World which are fairly accurate and unbiased. We have reason to believe that the overwhelming mass of the workers, peasants and the army will support the legitimate government.

**THE** downfall of the Japanese cabinet is likely to be more nearly related to the Chinese situation than to the crisis in the affairs of the Bank of Formosa. The government favored giving the bank financial aid but the Privy Council rejected the proposal. There are rumors that the next government is liable to favor a "stronger" policy in China. Which means a more hostile policy towards the Nationalist government. But as most of the news dispatches are written by people hostile to the Chinese revolution this prediction may be only the still-born child of a wish.

**THE** daughters of British peers are learning the womanly art of dancing with a view to making a living out of it. Two daughters of Lord Ruthven are dancing professionally in Manchester. The girls are wise in preparing for the future. Had their Russian prototypes displayed equal foresight they would not now be driven to the extremity of massaging automobiles and slinging hash to proletarians. With Winston Churchill trying to explain away a treasury deficit of over \$300,000 to an astounded tax-paying population and with the Independent Labor Party figuratively fastening an empty cracker-can to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's evening dress it is hard to say what little lords and their progeny may have to do to keep the teeth from getting rust.

**THE** attempt of Ramsay MacDonald's supporters to minimize the strength of the wallop he received from his own party in convention assembled is amusing to those who know something about the political situation in Great Britain. Arthur Henderson, secretary of the Labor Party tells us that the booted premier will have the support of the overwhelming majority of the or-

**GREAT NECK, N. Y., April 19.**—Stephen Geston, thirty-nine, whose skull was fractured a week ago during an altercation with John Rinkowitz, according to the police, is dead at his home here.

# 44 BOSSES LOCK OUT 1,000 FURRIERS

## LATIMER SEIZES MORE TERRITORY IN NICARAGUA

### Stimson Arrives on Fake Mission

**MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 19.**—In spite of American military aid given the conservative imperialist-created fraud that passes for government under Adolph Diaz, the liberal forces still menace the regime of that agent of Wall Street. Rear Admiral Julian Latimer, in command of the invading forces of the United States has just declared the important inland city of Matagalpa to be "neutral territory," which means that he is giving aid to the Diaz forces against those supporters of the duly selected president, Dr. Juan Sacasa.

**Population Against Diaz**  
The population of Nicaragua is almost to a man against Diaz, the creature of American imperialism and Latimer knows that only the armed power of the United States can maintain even a semblance of government under Diaz. Throughout the whole country the United States government is despised and its political and military agents are looked upon as beasts of prey. Even in the red light districts of the coast cities the denizens scorn American soldiers.

**Another Agent Arrives**  
Former Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, arrived here the other day on a special mission from President Coolidge. He claims he is here to study the state of affairs of Nicaragua, but he fools no one as his mission is recognized as an attempt to whitewash the Diaz supporters and furnish a clean bill of health to the Coolidge administration to be used at the next session of the United States congress.

## DAILY WORKER IS MENACED BY NEW JOINT ATTACK

The legal basis for an attack by the federal authorities on The DAILY WORKER Publishing Company and the second-class mailing privileges of The DAILY WORKER was laid yesterday when the corporation was served with a summons in the Essex Market magistrate's court.

According to Joseph Brodsky, attorney for William F. Dunne, and J. Louis Engdahl, editors, and Bert Miller, business manager, summoning The DAILY WORKER Publishing Company signifies an attempt to involve it in the charges brought against the editorial and business management by the Keymen of America, the American Defense Society and other "patriotic" bodies.

**Purpose of Attack.**  
"It is evident," said Brodsky, "that the prosecution is preparing a line of attack similar to that by which Carlo Tresca was forced to serve six months in Atlanta penitentiary, and that the forces behind the prosecution will try both to procure conviction of The DAILY WORKER staff under state and federal statutes and revocation of second-class mailing privileges."

Brodsky expressed the opinion that even without the existing wave of censorship and reaction, that the case would be a serious one requiring systematic publicity and organization of defense forces in labor and liberal circles.

### Thomas Wright Will Speak on Problems Of Painters Union

"The situation of the past and present organized painters of New York." On this interesting topic, Day Secretary of District Council No. 9, Thomas Wright, will speak on Saturday, April 23, at 2:30 p. m. at the Labor Temple, 243-47 East 84th St. All union painters are invited.

Auspices Inter-Local Club of members of Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America in the city of New York.



## UNITED FRONT OF UNION WRECKERS

### Conference for Sacco-Vanzetti Will Be Held At Labor Temple, Friday

The Sacco-Vanzetti Emergency Committee calls upon all trade unions, fraternal and other working class organizations to have representatives at their special conference to be held Friday evening, 8 o'clock at the Labor Temple 243 East 84th St., where the next move to save the lives of Sacco and Vanzetti will be acted upon. The question of a national conference and a general strike will be discussed. No working class organization should be absent.

## SACCO-VANZETTI FREEDOM DRIVE GAINS STRENGTH

### The Socialist Opposes Mass Meetings

(Special to The DAILY WORKER)  
**BOSTON, April 19.**—Governor Fuller is understood to be weakening under the pounding of the nation-wide criticism of Massachusetts persecution of two innocent workers. The leaders of ultra conservative bodies have been forced by the tremendous volume of labor protests to warn the governor that Sacco and Vanzetti must not be murdered.

**Tide is Turning.**  
The defense forces here feel the tide is turning. The great New York mass meeting last Saturday has stimulated mass meetings throughout the country.

Edward Horton, wealthy Boston liberal was arrested today for proving in Braintree that Sacco and Vanzetti could not have committed the crime of which they are convicted. He was making surveys of the territory and was nabbed for refusing to move on.

**Fanuil Hall Meeting.**  
Mrs. Glendower Evans is trying to persuade Mayor Nichols to permit the use of Fanuil Hall, cradle of liberty, for a protest meeting.

Thousands of names on hundreds of petitions poured into Governor Fuller's office today demanding pardons or a new trial.  
The efforts to put punch in the local labor councils appeal failed when the Irish catholic majority steam rolled the left wingers. The council ask for a commission, but will follow up by asking President Green of the American Federation of Labor to bring pressure on the governor.

**Socialist Opposes Meetings.**  
A rabid speech against protesting the Sacco-Vanzetti decision by mass-meetings or demonstrations was made on the floor of the Boston Central Labor Union today by a socialist, Fellerman, delegate from the Cigar-makers' Union and chairman of this

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## MANUFACTURERS AND RIGHT WINGERS UNITE TO BLACKLIST WORKERS; STARVATION—NEW WEAPON OF REACTION; 10,000 RALLY TO THE JOINT BOARD

### Losovsky Speaking On China Over Radio



Above is a picture of Losovsky, general secretary of the Red International Labor Unions, delivering a broadcast address.

## THOUSANDS LOSE HOMES IN FLOOD OF MISSISSIPPI

**MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 19.**—With the entire Saint Francis basin in jeopardy from a break in the levee near New Madrid, Mo., government engineers today directed the efforts of hundreds of workmen to prevent a change in the course of the Mississippi River at that point.

Engineers said only a sudden stoppage of the waters can prevent the flood of the Saint Francis basin. The water was still rising steadily today. Reports that the levee at Farrensburg, on the Little River, has broken were denied, but it was admitted that water was lapping over the side. All night long more than 1,000 men labored to prevent the levee from crashing before the pressure of the waters.

The flood situation, especially in Arkansas, Mississippi and along the lower Mississippi valley, became worse today. A dozen deaths are more or less attributed to the floods, while nearly 30,000 are homeless. The

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### New Offensive Begins While Gold and Other Strike Leaders Are Denied Bail

## Four Huge Meetings Will Take Up Challenge of Union Wrecking Combine

Another detective of Nassau County yesterday swore to the "helpfulness" of the reactionary right wing forces of the A. F. of L. and the International Fur Workers' Union in the attempt being made to put Ben Gold, I. Shapiro, S. Mencher and 8 other fur workers behind prison bars.

In a frantic effort to crush the Joint Board of the Furriers' Union while Ben Gold, its manager, and ten other leaders are on trial at Mineola on a trumped-up "assault" charge inspired by officials of the A. F. of L., working in collaboration with bosses and the police, the Associated Fur Manufacturers yesterday afternoon locked out more than 1,000 furriers.

**Want "Company Union."**  
The refusal of the workers in 44 shops to register with the fake union being concocted by the "Reorganization Committee" of the A. F. of L., is the cause for the present attack by the fur bosses. This latest action is the final evidence showing how the reactionary officials of the International Fur Union are working hand in hand with the employers in an effort to form a docile "company union."

A huge mass meeting of the locked-out workers was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th St. Samuel Liebowitz, acting manager of the Joint Board of the furriers, Fannie Warshefsky and Esther Polansky were heard enthusiastically when they announced that the latest attempt to smash the workers' organization would fail.

**Picketing at Once.**  
Hundreds of workers will begin immediate picketing of the 40-odd shops tomorrow morning.

**Protest Thursday at 5.30.**  
A protest demonstration against the imprisonment of Ben Gold, manager of the Joint Board of the Furriers' Union, together with the ten other leaders now on trial at Mineola, will be held tomorrow at 5.30. Four halls, Cooper Union, Astoria Hall, Stuyvesant Casino and Manhattan Lyceum will be used to voice the determination

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## MacDonald Cold On Sacco, Vanzetti; But Eats With Governor

**BOSTON, April 19.**—"The Sacco-Vanzetti case is purely an internal affair and a matter of government. No outsider has any business to express any opinion. The matter must be left to yourselves."

This was the comment of J. Ramsay MacDonald on the case of the two framed-up Italian workers yesterday. Last evening the former "labor" premier of Great Britain accepted an invitation to have dinner with Gov. Alvan Fuller of Massachusetts.

This brutal coolness on the part of MacDonald is all the more remarkable in the face of the fact that 22 leaders of his own party in the British parliament have demanded the immediate release of Sacco and Vanzetti in cables to the governor.

## Propaganda Charge To Be Answered by Union

The charge that the American Civil Liberties Union "fed propaganda" to the Liberal Club of the Westchester, Pa., normal school, made by the American Legion post in West Chester, Philadelphia at a public meeting, it was announced yesterday by Forrest Bailey, director of the union.

Bailey said prominent speakers would attack the legion "for its warfare on free speech and freedom of education."

## NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT FIRES CHIANG; APPOINTS GENERAL FENG

**HANKOW, April 19.**—General Chiang Kai Shek was dismissed as commander-in-chief of the Nationalist armies in a mandate issued by the Nationalist Government today. Branding him as a traitor to the Chinese liberation movement, the mandate ordered his arrest and punishment.

Marshal Feng Yu-shiang has been appointed his successor, while General Tang Seng-chi, governor of Honan, has been appointed associate commander-in-chief.

**People Back Hankow.**  
Declaring Chiang Kai-shek a rebel against the Nationalist Government, the mandate orders General Tang to march against Nanking. With the solid support of the workers and peasants and the backing of large sections of the army, it is expected that General Tang will have little difficulty in suppressing the counter-revolutionary "government" set up by Chiang at Nanking.

**Prevent Economic Crisis.**  
Declaring that Chiang Kai Shek and the imperialist powers are trying to create an economic crisis, the Nationalist government has placed an embargo on silver. Soldiers have been posted outside of all banks to prevent the removal of the metal from the vaults.

The platform adopted by Chiang Kai Shek at Nanking calls for the expulsion of left wing members of the Kuomintang.

**Plan Attack On Hankow.**  
**SHANGHAI, April 19.**—Imperialist warships are concentrating at Hankow in preparation for a possible attack on the Hankow government. Forty-two war vessels are at Hankow now, and more are patrolling the Yangtze River between Shanghai and the Nationalist capital.

The powers are reported to have delayed their answer to Eugene Chen's request for an international investigation of the Nanking affair in the hope that Chiang Kai Shek, who has betrayed the Nationalist government, will set up a new gov-

ernment and split the Nationalist movement.

**Foreign business men here are planning to forcibly annex territory lying outside of the international settlement. Military experts are surveying the surrounding territory with a view to conquest and annexation.**

**Blessed By American.**  
The plan contemplates the conquest of all the native cities adjacent to the international settlement, the removal of all Chinese troops in the area and the suppression of all labor organizations as well as the activities of the left wing of the Kuomintang. Although the plans have not yet been approved by the governments of the imperialist powers, they have been sanctioned by Stirling Fessenden, American lawyer, acting as mayor of the international settlement.

Reports from Hongkong state that three villages were burnt by right wing members of the Kuomintang.

**Continue Raids On Labor.**  
While anti-labor raids are being carried out by Chiang Kai Shek's supporters in Amoy, Canton and other centers, the left wing is reported to have gained full control of Kiangsi province.

A series of strikes are being conducted in Canton to protest against the right wing raids on unions.

**Chang Kills 26 Nationalists.**  
**PEKING, April 19.**—A Tientsin dispatch states that fourteen students, alleged Nationalist sympathizers, who were arrested last November in the British concession have been executed by Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian war lord.

Twelve other Nationalist sympathizers are reported to have been de-

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# The Prosecution Scores a Point We Must Hit Back Hard!

The District Attorney has decided to take action against The DAILY WORKER Publishing Company. With the transference of the responsibility from the staff of The DAILY WORKER to the corporation, the prosecution makes an important move to take direct action against our mailing rights. If they succeed in taking away our second-class mailing privileges, it will mean the suspension of our paper.

Comrades! You do not realize the seriousness of the situation. The ruling class will make use of any and all expedients to fight and exterminate the fighting organ of the exploited class. They will even use the publication of a poem.

You must be on your guard. Failure to respond in the present emergency will be disastrous.

The Ruthenberg DAILY WORKER Sustaining Fund is being used at this time for the purpose of covering the expenses of the trial. Pledge books have been sent to District DAILY WORKER Agents throughout the country. We ask our friends and supporters to take up this matter at once, to devise ways and means of raising funds, through donations and loans. All party units should make this a major order of business. All our forces should be mobilized to protect the party's chief weapon, The DAILY WORKER. Stand by our paper. Don't delay. Act now.

Send all contributions to DAILY WORKER, 33 First Street, New York City.

# Editor of New York World Calls "Big Four" Unfair

## WHAT'S WHAT IN THE INSURANCE EXPOSE.

The ensuing is the ninth of series of thirty articles exposing the fraudulent operations of the "Big Four" weekly payment insurance trust, which is composed of the Metropolitan, Prudential, John Hancock and Colonial Life Insurance Companies. In the preceding articles Mr. Harrison has made specific charges of fraud, misrepresentation, overcharging and misuse of "mutual" funds belonging to the 40 million American workers who are insured with this powerful combine. Names prominent in the expose thus far have been Charles Evans Hughes, Charles M. Schwab, Haley Fiske, Supt. of Insurance James A. Beha, Albert H. Wiggin and others.

### ARTICLE IX.

By CHARLES YALE HARRISON

Bucking billions of dollars is a heartrending proposition. News-papers who are ever ready to take up their editorial cudgels to beat down "art magazines" and other fake liberal causes turn green with fright at a proposal to expose a billion dollar plunderbund.

When the present writer completed his series of stories exposing the fraud of "industrial" insurance and its attendant evils, he was naive enough to think that all he had to do was to take it to some nice, public-spirited editor, and to behold the trick would be done.

#### Advertisers Pay.

But that was in the days before he realized that a fat advertising contract is more potent than all the truth in the world.

So very naively he went to a friend of his who edits a liberal weekly and asked for counsel and guidance. The liberal editor read his weighty manuscript and it was decided that the facts warranted widespread publicity.

Here was an expose that involved 40 million people. Here was, editorially speaking, popular appeal, statement and table of statistics was footnoted giving the official source of information. The liberal editor was enthusiastic. Here was a big "story." In newspaper parlance a piece of news is referred to as a "story."

#### Try It On the World.

Finally, through a process of elimination it was decided that the New York "World" would be a suitable medium for the "story."

The reasoning that led to this decision was something like this: the editorial staff of the "World" is composed of amiable, forward-looking liberals. "The World" has always been in the vanguard in protecting the people's interests. Look at the anti-peonage campaign in Florida, look at the anti-lynching campaign in the south, look at the statement of editorial policy which heads the editorial page, written by none other than the Joseph Pulitzer himself. We read:

THE WORLD, as established by JOSEPH PULITZER May 10, 1883: "An institution that should always fight for progress and reform, never tolerate injustice or corruption, always fights demagogues of all parties, never belong to any party, always opposes privileged classes and PUBLIC PLUNDERERS, (capitals ours) never lack sympathy with the poor, always remain devoted to the public welfare, never be satisfied with merely printing news, always be drastically independent, never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty."

All of which sounded very liberal and broad-minded. We read the Pulitzer manifesto again and finally decided that the World should be the paper to attack the "Big Four." Surely the "Big Four" were PUBLIC PLUNDERERS, surely the Wall Street gang who sat on the top of the defrauded heap were "privileged classes," surely there was an opportunity "to attack wrong," and to oppose "injustice and corruption." Yes, the World was the paper to handle the story.

#### Well Introduced.

The editor of the weekly liberal journal knew the "boys" over at "The World." Knew them well. Would he be so good as to give the present writer a letter of introduction to one of the editors. With pleasure. So he sat himself down at his typewriter and wrote the following letter. It read:

"Dear Bill:—I don't know a thing about insurance, but Charles Yale Harrison has just come in with a whale of a story on 'industrial insurance.' If his facts are right—and he seems to be well documented—it ought to start another Armstrong investigation. I think it will be worth your while to give him some attention."

#### And He Signed It.

Eventually a series of conferences started with this net result. The World decided that it would undertake to expose the "Big Four." A story a day for thirty days. Yes, the price was quite satisfactory.

#### They Talk It Over.

Several editorial councils were held. Ways and means were no doubt discussed and the writer was informed that he would be notified as to the first day of publication.

Several weeks went by and no news. Attempts to get Mr. Herbert Swope, the managing editor, were abortive. A polite secretary smoke-screened the executive editor.

"Unfortunate" them... one day the articles exposing

# Herbert Bayard Swope Says Insurance Conditions Are "Unfortunate" and "Unfair"

The World

December 13, 1926.

My dear Mr. Harrison:—

I was much interested by the insurance matter you placed before us, but I am afraid that I do not find it available for use in The World. I doubt if the conditions you complain of are properly described as "scandalous." I incline to the view—and it is supported in authoritative quarters—that the conditions are characteristic of almost every business which, seeking to correct. From your own statement to me it appears that certain of the companies, (notably the Metropolitan; you say) are seeking to reform the matter of payments on industrial policies.

If you should not place the material elsewhere, The World might be interested in one article from you in which you might point out where industrial insurance might be strengthened and its costs reduced. Such an article might be helpful, even though it lacked sensationalism.

With thanks for the thoughtfulness that prompted you to submit the subject to The World, I am Faithfully,

Charles Y. Harrison, Esq.  
1722 - 72d St.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

The opinion of the editor of the New York World, one of the great capitalist dailies of America, emphasized above, is corroboration of the charges made in our exposure of the "Big Four." Please note that Swope solicited an article from Harrison which would be of assistance to the insurance companies and a reminder to them that reforms were needed in order to forestall public indignation.

## MacDONALD FOE OF LABOR, SAYS MINERS' CHIEF

### Charge Former Premier Assisted Capitalists

By A. J. COOK (Special to THE DAILY WORKER)

The government representing the Federation of British Industries, has introduced its bill to attack the Trade Unions. The government has been forced to oppose the Trade Unions in consequence of the great fights put up by the workers last year during the General Strike and the miners' struggle.

The determined mass resistance of the rank and file, last year, not only amazed the right wing leaders, it frightened the government and the capitalist class. This explains why an attempt is being made to break the organized power of industrial labor.

#### Need For Unity

One would imagine that, in face of the government's reactionary onslaught upon the Trade Unions, the Labor Movement would be as united as a solid rock in defence of the struggles put up by the workers last year. This, however, is not so. Just at the moment when the government launches its offensive, Mr. J. R. MacDonald, writing in an I. L. P. journal, declares:—

"Trade Unionism today is suffering as it has never suffered before, because last year it was misled into battles where defeat was inevitable, and because the men who could have saved it were temporarily pushed aside by those who could not."

This is the sort of stuff that gladdens the heart of the reactionary Tory who is plotting to find any sort of excuse to attack Trade Unionism. He takes it up—as it was by Mr. Spencer, the Nottinghamshire renegade, and also by the "Morning Post"—in order to show the need for "reforming" Trade Unionism in the interests of the community.

The statement by Mr. MacDonald is almost on a par with his declaration to a Rotary meeting of business men in South Wales, that if he were prime minister he would be in favor of appointing a commission of inquiry into Trade Unionism! Any real labor premier would tell the upholders of capitalism to keep their hands off the Trade Unions; and he would do everything in his power to strengthen the industrial power of the militant masses.

#### Helping the Enemy

Mr. MacDonald's reference to the Trade Unions being misled into inevitable defeat is another sneer at the General Strike resolution passed at the conference of T.U. Executives last May Day.

If he knew the policy was stupid

## Weisbord Stopped From Speaking In Forum

(Continued from Page One) underworld elements of this city, who are staunch supporters of Preskell, gathered in the rear of the hall and tried to terrify him during the entire time he was present.

#### Issues Statement.

After he was stopped from speaking Weisbord issued the following statement:—

"I must protest against the way the Dundee Republican Club conducted its political rally last night. These rallies are supposed to permit all of the candidates to express their views on the issues involved in the election.

#### No Free Speech.

"Citizens came to listen to all candidates. "What must be the astonishment of the citizens lured into such rallies to find that free speech and fair play are confined only to those candidates whom the local politicians of the club desire to speak. As a nominee of the labor ticket with Bambach and Selikson, I believe I should be treated the same way as the others.

#### Ruled Out Discussion.

"Officials of the Dundee Republican Club ruled out all discussion relating to certain activities of the present commissioners. If we speak of women's club, it is slander. When we speak of gas bombs, it is throwing mud. When we criticize the commissioners, we are thrown off the platforms. Let the other candidates declare, are they going to raise their voices for free speech, or under the guise of free speech rallies quash all points of view but their own?"

#### Wants Debate.

"I challenge the candidates, especially Mr. Preskell to debate with me on the issues of the campaign. I also challenge the candidates to answer—free speech, or no. Given free speech and the ticket must win."

## Coolidge, Having Done His Job, May Withdraw Troops from Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Coolidge hopes to be able to withdraw a considerable number of the U. S. marines from Nicaragua in the near future, he informed callers at the White House today.

The Diaz government forces, aided by the marines, are gradually getting the upper hand in Nicaragua and conditions are becoming more stable.

Why did he not say so? He was on the platform and actually spoke in favor of the decision!

His criticism of Trade Unionism, like that of Philip Snowden's in the Tory press, is not only an attack upon the organized workers; it is placing ammunition into the hands of Labor's enemies, as he will know when Baldwin introduces his bill against Trade Unionism into the house of commons.

## Jury Tampering Is Charged in Ford-Sapiro Libel Case

DETROIT, April 19.—Charges of jury tampering are flying thick and fast in the Ford-Sapiro million dollar libel suit, during the recess occasioned by the sudden illness of the chief of Ford's attorneys, Senator James A. Reed.

Official notice was given that a mistrial would be demanded upon reconvening of the court. The action is to be taken by Stewart Hanley, of Ford's counsel. The action is said to involve serious charges against one of the women jurors.

#### Sapiro Also Kicks

Anticipating the action of Ford's lawyers, William H. Gallagher, chief of the Sapiro legal battery, created another stir by complaining that the Ford secret police, or spies who are maintained by the labor-hating lizzie manufacturer, have been talking to jurors. "Whether they are trying to learn their state of mind, or influence them, I am unable to say," said Gallagher.

#### Woman Dislikes Ford

The charges against the woman juror are that she remarked five weeks ago that she "would give Ford the limit" in the libel case. A number of affidavits to this effect were filed with the court.

Judge Raymond appeared greatly interested in the charges of the Ford attorneys, but waved aside as of no consequence the complaints of Sapiro's attorneys. This has caused considerable speculation to the effect that Judge Raymond is influenced by the Ford interests in Detroit and many anticipate a victory for Ford.

## Thousands Lose Homes In Great Floods

(Continued from Page One) property loss will be many millions.

#### Kansas Flooded.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 19.—Southeast Kansas was today in the grip of a flood, the third in two weeks, with rivers rising at a rapid rate following heavy rains.

Burlington, Kans., and Iola, were hardest hit the Neosho River at the latter place spreading out over lowlands for three miles.

The Verdigris River at Madison was rising at the rate of thirty inches an hour during the night and by morning had flooded lowlands and driven residents from the town.

#### Many Again Homeless.

Many were again homeless today after they had returned from the two floods last week to set their homes in order.

Several small twisters visited the vicinity of Eastern Oklahoma but no lives were lost. At Texarkana, Ark., one was killed and four injured in a tornado.

#### Spread In Illinois.

ST. LOUIS, April 19.—New breaks below this city late yesterday inundated additional territories in Southern Illinois and Arkansas.

The latest reported was in Illinois across the river from Cape Girardeau, Mo., driving 25 families from their homes. These refugees and others between Reynoldsville and Gale, Ill., are being taken across the river to Missouri for safety while hundreds are being housed in tents erected on high ground near Cairo.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 19.—A series of small tornadoes struck central Illinois today, causing a number of deaths, many injuries and heavy property damage.

One twister struck near Lincoln, Ill., killing two school children, Hobart Baker and Murray Goodwin as they fled from the village school of Chestnut, near Lincoln.

Another tornado was reported to have struck De Kalb, injuring several and causing heavy property damage. All wires were reported down. Elkhart, Ill., Mt. Pulaski, Galesburg, Quincy and other points throughout the state were affected by the torrential rains which at times took on cloudburst proportions.

Thousands Homeless In Flood. MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 19.—Thousands were added to the huge army of homeless today following the crash of the St. John's Bayou Levee near New Madrid, Mo.

Twenty-one towns in Arkansas and Missouri probably will be inundated in another 24 hours, and the course of the Mississippi River changed by the greatest flood in history.

The flood waters are reported sweeping through a mile-wide gap, and rushing down the Saint Francis Basin in a westerly direction, emptying back into the Mississippi at the mouth of the Saint Francis River.

Mock Passover Affair Yields \$30 At a mock celebration of the Passover Feast, held by "Yugend," a Jewish workers' monthly at 35 E. 2nd street, last Sunday, an appeal to aid the defense, made by Sam Liptzin netted the sum of \$30.85.

## French Miners Fight Plan to Slash Wages

PARIS, April 19.—The idea of general strike is spreading. The mining companies are beginning to dread the anger of the miners. And they are attempting to maneuver quickly, with the aid of the bourgeois press, a lowering of the salaries of the miners. M. Pigot, president of the Committee of Mines of the Loire, has made the following statements:

"Fellow workers," he said, "the English miners were beaten, their salaries were lowered and their work day was lengthened. Then look at Germany. The miners work an hour longer and produce double the amount of the French miner."

His conclusions were to the effect that a lowering of the price of coal was impossible without a diminution of salaries. The lowering of salaries would naturally mean a decrease in purchasing power, but this would not be as high as the losses sustained by striking.

#### Oppose Wage Cut.

The delegations of miners from Carmaux and Cagnac have passed a resolution refusing any diminution of salaries. They declare that they will oppose in every way the reduction of salaries, and will demand of the federation, very energetic action, even to the point of a general strike.

The miners of the Saar Basin, have decided to take similar action, so that now, 83,000 miners—70,000 in the Saar, and 13,000 in the basins of the Aube and Tarn are actually on the eve of industrial war.

## Extent of Flood



#### Entertainment In Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 19.—The Slovak Dramatic Society will hold an entertainment for Fraction 1, of the Czechoslovak Section, Workers' (Communist) Party. It will be held Sunday, April 24 at Walsh Hall, corner of Noble St., and Milwaukee Ave., beginning at four o'clock sharp.

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## MISSISSIPPI'S FLOOD POURS THROUGH CITY



A scene common along a 1,500-mile stretch of the Mississippi river—in this instance, the city being Hickman, Ky., with flood waters eight feet deep in Clinton Street, the main thoroughfare of the city, and two feet more expected.

CURRENT EVENTS By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

(Continued from Page One) Organizations affiliated to the Labor Party.

NO doubt he will have the support of the right wing labor leaders but if the Independent Labor Party of which MacDonald is the leader accepts the Communist program for a united front in the trade unions and in the Labor Party, the right wing leaders will get left. The repudiation of MacDonald by his own party may mean the beginning of a decisive struggle between left and right that may end with MacDonald, Snowden, Thomas and Co., lining up with the liberals and splitting the Labor Party. The sooner those elements quit the Labor Party the better it will be for the British workingclass. And what a dirty trick the I.L.P. played on the Jewish Daily Forward that paid Mac's expenses to this country?

COUNT BETHLEN, the Hungarian premier returned recently from Italy after having concluded an alliance with Mussolini. The count intends to introduce Fascist "reforms" in Hungary learned in the Italian school. Bethlen did not state the nature of the reforms he intends to adopt but it is safe to predict that they will keep the executioners of the workingclass busy. Thirty Hungarian workers are now before a court-martial with the possibility of being executed immediately after a decision is rendered. No doubt Mussolini explained to Bethlen how to commit mass murder successfully and win the esteem and the dollars of Wall Street bankers.

A NEGRO janitor was walking along an east-side street yesterday morning when one of a group of little boys

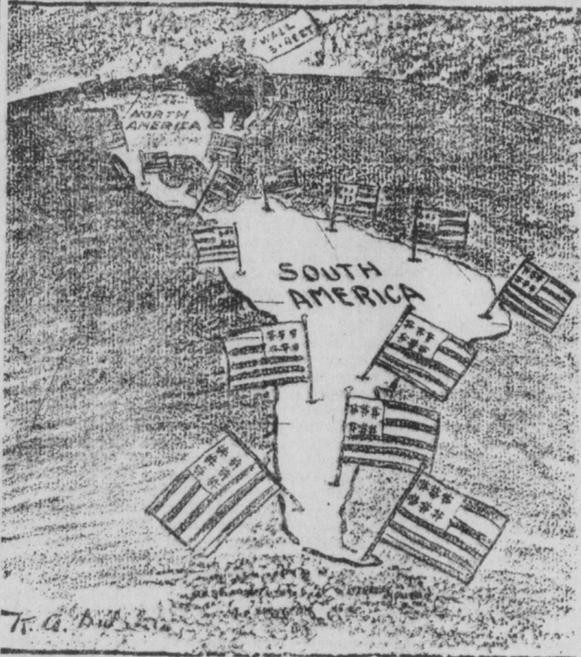
playing in a doorway shouted: "Nigger" at him. The Negro lectured the little fellow sternly until the young culprit screamed with fright. A passer-by suggested that the little fellow should be excused on account of his extreme youth but the Negro was of the opinion that youth was no excuse. "I know he is young" retorted the janitor "but his mother ought to have taught him better. I never saw anybody like or shyer. I admit being called a nigger makes me sore. I wouldn't mind so much if they only called me a Chinaman."

THERE was a time when the average Negro would not resent an insult. The poison of slavery has sapped his manhood. He suffered from a real inferiority complex. The fear that was bred in the soul of his ancestors by the swish of a million lashes wielded by the slave drivers, was transmitted to him. But the Negro is no longer the meek and humble individual of yore. Like the Chinaman he has developed guts. Like the Chinaman his exploiters have forced him to organize and fight back. When the Negroes organize their tremendous collective power the white morons in the south will stop lynching them and the white morons in the north will stop hurling insults at them.

Dr. Parkhurst Marries

LOS ANGELES, April 19.—Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, 85, pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of New York, and veteran crusader against crime and vice, and Mrs. Eleanor Marx, 65 who for 20 years has virtually been a member of the Parkhurst family, were on their honeymoon here today following a quiet ceremony here.

Wall Street's Conception of the Monroe Doctrine



SACCO - VANZETTI SECRETARY LOSES JOB WITH STATE

By PHYLLIS FENIGSTON. BOSTON, April 19.—General E. Leroy Sweetser, of Lawrence fame—for turning the guns of the militia on the striking textile workers and now Commissioner of the State Department of Labor and Industries, has done himself proud again.

At a public hearing at the state house, a sensational appeal was made by Mary Donovan, for ten years a factory inspector in Sweetser's department, against her discharge by him for having stayed out twice without getting permission to do so.

Sweetser Hates Workers. With the assistance of a woman police spy who followed Miss Donovan for a week, Sweetser brought out evidence to show that Miss Donovan had visited the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee, of which she is secretary, during working hours. For this, it was to be supposed, she was being dismissed after ten years of service in the department.

Miss Donovan made it evident however by her statement at the end of the hearing, that it was her too great earnestness in protecting the workers by enforcing the labor laws violated with impunity by powerful or favored employers, that brought on the hostility of her superiors in office.

Fought Night Work. "Discrimination against me started seven years ago," she said, "when I reported the case of a woman working night in violation of the law in a machine shop in Brookline. The next morning I met Mr. Bliss, the employer, accompanied by Senator Bliss coming from a visit to the department.

"Mr. Meade then told me we could not prosecute this case as the woman in question was employed on clerical work, and the law did not apply to clerical workers. This was a lie for another inspector and I had seen the woman assembling machinery at ten o'clock at night.

Protected Youth. "Next came a howling alley case in Hyde Park, where boys under sixteen were being employed at night. That was five years ago. Two years previously the proprietor had been hauled into court and had pleaded nolo. Again in this case he pleaded nolo. Again in this case he pleaded nolo. Again in this case he pleaded nolo.

"In December of 1923 I found that girls were being employed fifty-four hours a week in the Roxbury Exchange of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. I went to Mr. Meade and he put me out of his office.

"Then I wrote him a letter stating I had heard that girls were being employed in other telephone exchanges more than the legal limit and said if he did not wish the inspectors to report these cases to state so in writing, I told him his violence to me led me to suspect that there was some ulterior reason for his attitude toward me."

Meade, Employers' Spy. The reason for this violence, Miss Donovan said was her refusal to divulge the name of her informant, because in previous cases she had found it meant immediate dismissal for the worker.

There were other cases against shoe factories, where Miss Donovan declared proper enforcement of the labor laws was blocked within the department following her reports. It was just one week after one of these shoe factory owners told her she was causing him too much trouble with her persistent demands that he observe the laws safe-guarding workers, and that he would have her discharged—that she received the notice of her dismissal, while this employer's case was pending in court.

Drive to Free Sacco and Vanzetti Gains

(Continued from Page One) district of the Workmen's Circle. The most conservative delegates had taken the floor to favor a resolution appealing to Governor Fuller for an investigation and re-trial. Even John P. Kearney had called attention to the fact that officials of the A. F. of L. have set a precedent of criticism in the cases of anti-labor decisions of the American courts.

Introduced by Vanvaranwyck. Signed by 15 local unions including the Typographical Union, Painters, Upholsterers, Cigarmakers and Leather Workers, this resolution was introduced by John Vanvaranwyck, president of the Mass. State Federation of Labor. This was the request which brought forth denunciation from a socialist against participating in a militant protest of labor at the monstrous miscarriage of justice.

The Labor Herald, edited by John P. Kearney, received the endorsement of the C. L. U. today with the proviso that the C. L. U. supervise its editorial and advertising matter.

Maurer Demands Pardon.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 19. (FP)—James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, demands a pardon for Sacco and Vanzetti and assails the courts that doomed them. He says:

"We used to believe that our courts and departments of justice were established for the purpose of dispensing justice. But their action in the Sacco-Vanzetti case makes it seem that their chief purpose is to execute innocent men, and indirectly to foment revolution. In the face of evidence which overwhelmingly discredits the verdict of 1921, Sacco and Vanzetti are denied a new trial, and are sentenced to be electrocuted some time during the week of July 10. The only possible explanation of this action of the Massachusetts courts is the hatred which the judges feel toward the radical doctrines of these two men. If the day has come when men can be executed for holding radical beliefs, American democracy is doomed.

150 Years Ago.

"But surely that day has not come. A hundred and fifty years ago the men of Massachusetts defied tyranny at Bunker Hill. Seventy-three years ago they dared death in their endeavor to prevent Anthony Burns, a runaway slave, from being returned to servitude. Gov. Fuller has it in his power to make the year 1927 as memorable, in the history of the long

What's What in Washington

Coolidge Violates The Constitution In Nicaragua War

By LAURENCE TODD (Federated Press) WASHINGTON, April 19.—Dr. Albert H. Putney, former chief of the Near Eastern division of the State Department and a nationally recognized authority on international and constitutional law, has found President Coolidge guilty of making illegal and unconstitutional war against the people of Nicaragua.

He does this in an article published in the National University Law Review, just issued. "One of the most remarkable chapters of the constitutional history of the United States," says Putney, "has been the gradual passing of the war making power, at least insofar as war can be made with the military and naval forces already existing, from the hands of the legislative department of the government to those of the executive. One of the most important questions which today confronts the citizens of the United States, one which must affect their future to an extent which is only just beginning to be appreciated, is whether such transfer of power must be accepted as permanent."

An Issue. Quoting President Coolidge's message to Congress in which the policy was declared of using the navy and army to "preservation and protection of the lives, property and interest of American citizens and of this Government itself" in Nicaragua, Dr. Putney says Coolidge has brought the question squarely to an issue.

"It is, in effect," he says, "here asserted that the President has the power to wage an offensive war, upon his own authority, against any country, and for any reason which in his opinion appears to affect the lives, the property and the interests of its citizens and of this Government itself."

Constitution Not Effected

"In the determination of the constitutional question involved it is not necessary to consider whether the United States in its attitude towards Mexico and Nicaragua, towards Santo Domingo and Haiti, has acted in the role of a disinterested philanthropist or in that of a self-interested exploiter. The construction of the United States constitution cannot be affected by such questions as whether Mexico is endeavoring unjustly to confiscate American-owned property, or whether the United States is endeavoring to collect by threats or force claims against Mexico which, in the minds of the claimants, are so dubious that they cannot safely be submitted to arbitration; whether Calles is destroying religious liberty, or whether he is upholding religious equality, whether intervention in Nicaragua was necessary to protect legitimate American interests, or whether, as it is charged, in support of a rebellion financed by American interests who desired to keep control of property in Nicaragua after they had sold the same to the government of Nicaragua; and whether the only American in one of the towns occupied was a single beachcomber, who arrived in town only a few hours ahead of the marines."

Well Known Actor Dies.

LOS ANGELES, April 19.—Ray Raymond, well known actor and husband of Dorothy Mackaye, screen actress, died in a hospital here today after a short illness.

struggle for liberty and justice, as the years 1776 and 1854. A pardon to Sacco and Vanzetti will proclaim to the world that Massachusetts still honors the doctrines for which her early patriots died."

Changes in Mexico Since Land Revolt Told by the Embassy

(By a Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, April 19.—A graphic picture of what the land revolution in Mexico has meant to the people of the Central American Republic is presented in the formal figures of a report issued by the Mexican embassy on the findings of a study of agriculture in Mexico. The facts show that the break-up of the once huge landed estates and the return of the land to the people, and the liberalization of the masses from the yokes of peonage and serfdom in the past few years has not only materially increased the quantity of agricultural production, but that modernization is entering into the field of farming. This is of the greatest importance when it is remembered that agriculture is by far Mexico's greatest industry.

Heavy Increases. Compared with the average annual production that obtained from 1906 to 1910, the last years of the Diaz tyranny, the average annual crops harvested from 1923 to 1926 show not only heavy increases in production, but that the trend is away from the extensive cultivation of a few food crops, such as corn, wheat and beans, and more and more attention and effort is being paid to the modern method of diversified farming.

During the years 1923 to 1926 heavy increases of production took place in ten of the most important products: chick-peas, coffee, cotton, potatoes, beans, rice, sisal, sugar, tobacco, tomatoes, bananas. The increase in production of these crops, figuring the prices at the lowest carload rates, amounted to \$51,641,230, Mexican pesos.

False Statements

There has of late been much propaganda disseminated by interventionists that Mexico has been compelled to import corn, wheat and beans from the United States. The implied inference was that the break-up of the huge estates has resulted in losses in production. This is unqualifiedly false. The drops in production of corn, wheat and beans this year have been due to the devastating floods that have laid Southern Mexico, particularly the rich Guanajuato fields, in ruins. The importations that have resulted, despite the tremendous losses have amounted to only 14 per cent of the present average production of corn, wheat and beans, respectively.

Not New.

These floods are no new experience. The Mexican Year Book published in 1909 under the direction of Diaz devoted much attention to the losses from inadequate irrigation facilities. The report points out that there are under way great irrigation and flood control projects, whose completion within a few years will put an end to the recurring destruction.

New Civic Campaign

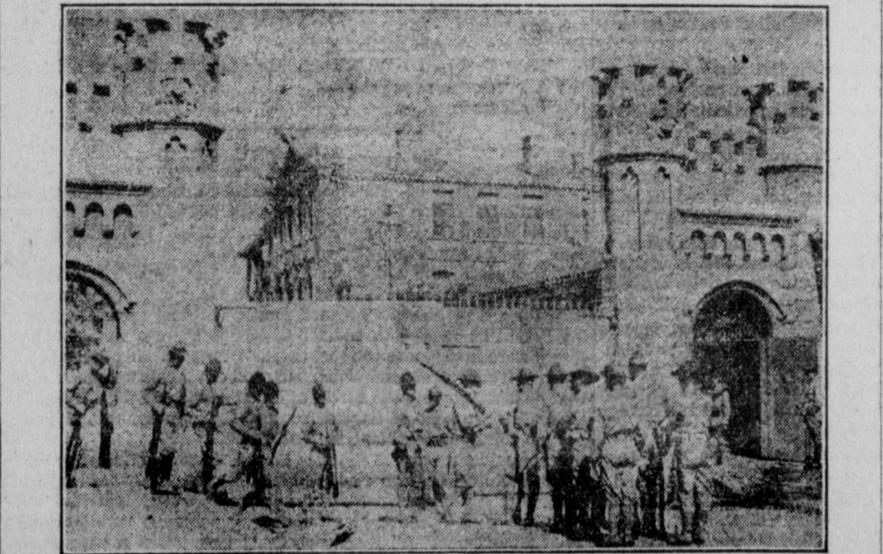
Determined to round up the unusually large number of stray dogs now roving the streets, Dr. Louis I. Harris has written to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Chief Magistrate William McAdoo and Dr. William H. Parks, director of the Bureau of Laboratories, asking for cooperation.

Palisades Fire

WEEHAWKEN, N. J., April 19.—Authorities today were investigating the origin of a fire at the Palisades Amusement Park atop the Palisades here which last night caused damage estimated at about \$15,000 despite the efforts of firemen from Fort Lee, Cliffside and Edgewater.

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AMERICAN MARINES IN PEKING



American marines before the United States consulate in Peking, the seat of the northern forces in China. It is believed that the Nationalist army will soon occupy this city. What the above pictured marines would then do, is a matter of speculation. That they will act as the navy did at Nanking is not out of the question.

Announce Steel Merger. CANTON, April 19.—Henry A. Romer, President of the Superior Sheet Steel Company of Canton, today announced a \$15,000,000 steel merger involving his own company, the Kokomo Steel & Wire Company, of Kokomo, Ind., and the Chapman-Price Steel Company of Indianapolis, Ind.

The new organization, which will own and operate all three plants, will be known as the Continental Steel Corporation. Romer will be manager and president. The Kokomo factory is valued at about \$8,000,000; the Indianapolis plant about \$4,000,000, and the local concern approximately \$3,000,000.

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## Kerensky Doing His Stuff

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

LIKE a trained poodle showing off his tricks on a stage under the direction of his owner, Alexander Kerensky, short-lived premier of Russia last Sunday performed before an audience in Mecca Temple to the satisfaction of Matthew Woll, vice president of the American Federation of Labor and acting-president of the National Civic Federation.

Kerensky's theme was the general wickedness of Communists in general and of the Communist government of the Soviet Union in particular. Kerensky finds it hard to forgive the Russian working class for booting him out of office and out of the country. He is as sore as an insurance agent with a bunion on his heel. The brief taste of power still haunts his lips. But the Russian workers and peasants consider him a political leper and Kerensky is wise in staying away from home. Of course he expects that some day the fatted calf will be slaughtered for him, but it is more likely that Kerensky will be found playing the veal role.

The ostensible object of the meeting which was addressed by this tool of world imperialism was to appeal for assistance for the so-called political prisoners that are in Soviet jails. That there are no workers in Soviet jails for having an honest difference of opinion with the government as to how the interests of the workers and peasants should be served is well known. The people that Kerensky is appealing for, are tools of capitalist governments who have never ceased to plot against the Soviet Union. They are imprisoned for actively engaging in war on the people's government and the government which is entrusted with the responsibility of guiding the progress of the revolution would be guilty of criminal carelessness—for which they would pay with their lives—were they to allow paid agents of capitalist governments to carry on their destructive work.

The working class of the world has no sympathy for the so-called political prisoners that Kerensky is panhandling for. Of course, Kerensky's object in coming here is something else again. Here let me call attention to the fact that on the day previous to the one on which Kerensky delivered his tirade against the Soviet Union, approximately 30,000 people listened to speakers in Union Square from four platforms urging the American working class to rally in a great united front effort to save Sacco and Vanzetti, two militant labor leaders, from the electric chair which is being rigged up for them by the capitalists of New England. Kerensky had no word to say in behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti. Neither had Matthew Woll. Those two lapdogs of big business,

were helping the Massachusetts executioners in their plan to send the current of death thru the bodies of Sacco and Vanzetti by staging a fake appeal to the Russian Czarists who now occupy Soviet cells.

Neither did Kerensky nor Woll have a word to say in behalf of the victims of fascist rule in Italy, Hungary, Lithuania, Bulgaria and in every other land where capitalism suppresses the workers under one form of government or another. At this very moment scores of Hungarian trade unionists are liable to be facing a firing squad two hours after a court-martial decision sentences them to death. Kerensky and Woll agree that workers who fight the capitalist system should be executed. Therefore they have no word of criticism for the White Terror. And if the black flag of fascism instead of the red symbol of Communism flew over the Kremlin, Woll and Kerensky would have no word to say in behalf of the hundreds of thousands of workers that would be mowed down by cannon and machine guns, after the fashion of the mass slaughter of workers by the Finnish white guardists and the carnage that took place in Germany when the social-democrats saved that country for capitalism by turning the guns on the revolutionists.

Kerensky declared that there is more terrorism today in Russia than there was under the czar; that there is no freedom of speech and that the prisons are crowded.

Kerensky is a liar. Even capitalist correspondents that have sniffed the ejectors of the Riga fiction factories for years are now compelled to turn to some other kind of blackguarding for a living. Their stories of terrorism, revolts and atrocities became so stale that even the socialist papers refused to publish them.

Undoubtedly things were better under the czar's regime for the Kerenskys. They are better under the Wall Street regime for the Wolls. The fact that should be borne in mind by the workers in connection with Kerensky's charges against the Soviet Union, is that the workers have freedom of expression in Russia which they did not have under the czar. The capitalists have not. The workers are flooding the land with papers and books. The capitalists cannot print a paper as large as a postage stamp. Under the czarist regime the workers' press was almost always outlawed. Under the czarist regime militant workers went to prison for any offense against czarism, ranging from the organization of workers into a trade union to throwing a bomb at a tyrant. Now, czarists go to jail for trying to organize conspiracies against the Soviet Union and for attempts on the lives of Soviet leaders. The truth of the matter is that the

shoe is on the other foot. The workers now rule and they intend to retain power.

The new-found interest of the American Federation of Labor bureaucracy in the socialist Kerensky is indicative of the international character assumed by the struggle against the Soviet Union and all that it stands for, by the imperialists of all countries. The right wing labor leaders and socialists in all lands are being used as tools by their respective governments in this struggle. Their foreign policy is a diplomatic and economic war on Russia and their domestic policy a war of extermination against the Communist movement. The vagrant Kerensky and the lame duck Ramsay MacDonald are in thoro accord with Matthew Woll, the Civic Federation, with Winston Churchill and Benito Mussolini on this program. But MacDonald and Kerensky have been repudiated by their own former followers. The British workers rewarded the former labor premier for his united front with the tory government against the Communists, for his aid in defeating the general strike and for his tacit support of the government's policy in China, by trying the can to him while he was wandering thru New England on his way to keep tryst with some ancient Mrs. "Doe," who befriended him in the past. Kerensky's posterior still feels the impact of the gigantic Russian proletarian boot that kicked him into permanent exile.

The American working class will some day confer the "Order of the Boot" on their own MacDonalds and Kerenskys. For a while yet, the Wolls and Greens will sit pretty.

The comic side of the Kerensky meeting was supplied by Woll who asked the speaker the pre-arranged question: "What can American wage-earners do to promote democracy in Russia?" And Woll answered his own question thru Kerensky's mouth by telling the American wage-earners that they can do this by stamping out Communism in the United States, by helping the United States government stop the spread of "Soviet influence" and by insisting that the government refuses to recognize the Soviet government.

This is the program with which the A. F. of L. bureaucracy concerns itself, at a time when the imperialists are on the rampage in China, in Central America and riding rough shod over the rights of people everywhere. While the coal operators are busily engaged wiping out the miners' union in the bituminous coal fields, Green, Woll and Company in an unholy alliance with the yellow socialists are engaged in a war to smash the progressive wing of the trade union movement in this country and to turn the unions into capitalist auxiliaries.

All the tools of imperialism from the scurvy labor faker of the Woll type, to the West Point graduate who commands the gun for his master are being lined up in the most widespread and ambitious program against the working class that was ever conceived. Against this motley horde of social scavengers the working class will struggle and will succeed eventually under the leadership of the Communist International in establishing Soviet governments in all lands.

### Ruthenberg Drive In Chicago Continues; Circularize Workers

CHICAGO, April 19.—The Chicago District Ruthenberg Enrollment Campaign is gradually going ahead, and promises to bring substantial results for the party. To date, the following steps have been taken by the District Committee to push the Drive:—

1. Ruthenberg Memorial Meetings were held in the main cities of this District. Propaganda meetings are held regularly in every city in the District. Also by the Sections in Chicago. Open propaganda meetings are also being arranged by Nuclei. All possible efforts will be made thru personal approach, visiting of membership lists of workers' organizations to bring in all sympathizers.

2. Every language faction has been instructed to compile lists of members formerly having belonged to language branches to draw them into the campaign, to organize propaganda meetings in every language, draw in sympathizers through activities in language fraternal societies, etc. Language fractions to send regular reports to the press and to the District Office.

3. In addition, we are planning to circularize all the signatories to the Ruthenberg for Mayor petitions to bring them closer to Party activities.

#### "Friends" Exposed By Record.

The labor party movement in the city of Los Angeles should receive a great impetus from the publication of the story in the Citizen, official labor organ, that Assemblyman Lyons and Woolwine, elected with the endorsement of organized labor on a "reward your friends" policy, voted against a bill which would strengthen the women's 8-hour law of California.

Carpenters Join Chamber Commerce. The Carpenters' Union, Hollywood local, has become "respectable" by affiliating with the Chamber of Commerce of Hollywood.

### Force Coolidge and Kellogg Into the Open—Make Them Say What Their Chinese Policy Is!

The imperialist forces in China are concentrating on Hankow, the seat of the Kuomintang government, as shown by the concentration of some forty warships in that port. Hankow is now the center of the Chinese liberation movement and the biggest heavy industrial district in China.

The strategy of the imperialists is obvious. It is to keep the mass liberation movement in check, even to the extent of bombarding and occupying Hankow, while the traitor Chiang Kai Shek is to be allowed a free hand to consolidate his counter-revolutionary forces.

But it is becoming more and more evident as the days pass that not only has Chiang failed to secure the support of the most influential leaders of the Kuomintang but that he has no substantial following either in the trade unions or the peasant organizations. He has been able only to organize sections (how large is not known here) of the northern troops which joined the People's armies after their long succession of victories. The days of military dictators in China have passed, however. Chiang appears nakedly as an imperialist tool and the masses will have none of him.

No leader can get to first base in China today without the support of the labor movement and it is precisely because he and his native and imperialist supporters feared the shifting of power to the trade unions that he split with the great majority of the Kuomintang and chose to ally himself with the murderous plunderers of the Chinese masses.

That the defection of Chiang has been a severe blow to the liberation movement no one will deny. That the imperialist powers will use him to the limit, that they are anxious to turn the guns of forty warships on Hankow and its masses of militant organized workers, that in every other city the imperialists will aid Chiang's attempts to kill off the trade union and left wing leaders and suppress the unions cannot be doubted.

The Chinese liberation movement is a mass movement and it cannot be crushed. Neither is it defenseless. It can—and it will—rather than submit, employ the mighty weapon of the boycott and starve the imperialists and their mercenaries out of China.

It is clear now that the liberation movement must prepare for a much longer struggle than appeared necessary two months ago. But the issues of the struggle have been immensely clarified and only a few traitors are left in the ranks of the Kuomintang.

Chiang has failed in his main purpose—to rally the Kuomintang for a war on Communists and their supporters. In the north of China, Chang Tso Lin is executing Communists and trade unionists. Chiang Kai Shek executes Communists and unionists. The Chinese masses see at once that Chiang Kai Shek and Chang Tso Lin are applying the same old murderous militarist-imperialist game and for the same reasons.

Without his imperialist backing the Chinese masses would deal with Chiang Kai Shek in summary fashion.

The position of the American government in this situation is decisive. If it continues to support Great Britain by deeds while disclaiming in words any such intention, it means a long and bloody war—the slaughter of great masses of workers and peasants and a new world war.

It is time that Coolidge and Kellogg were called to account. The American labor movement can focus attention on the whole bloody conspiracy against the Chinese labor and revolutionary movement by demanding that the state department say now, plainly, so that all can understand, what its policy in China is.

Are Kellogg and Coolidge to be allowed to hide in the dark holes and corners of Washington, send more armed forces to China (as they are doing) and stall off protest by the most shameful lying ever indulged in by a state department?

Who is framing American policy in China—Coolidge and Kellogg, or the Shanghai municipal council composed of five Britishers, two Americans and two Japanese?

Why is not the suggestion of Eugene Chen, foreign minister of the Peoples Government for an inquiry by a commission into the Nanking massacre, acceptable to the United States government?

Will American warships take part in the bombardment of Hankow which is scheduled under the pretense of protecting the handful of Americans who are there but who long ago were ordered out by the consular authorities?

Why are Americans in so much danger in Hankow, requiring seven warships to ensure their safety, while not a single German has left Hankow nor has a single German been injured in spite of the fact that there are no German warships or troops in China?

These are questions that demand an answer. From day to day the heads of the government either maintain silence or issue insolent statements which are an insult to every intelligent person. Coolidge and Kellogg are playing with lives of millions.

They must be held responsible and the American masses must know that their attitude is one which has a sinister meaning. Nothing but the intention to involve the United States in a war on the Chinese people which will develop into a world struggle can explain the mysterious manner in which Coolidge and Kellogg are acting.

Knowing that the American masses are against them they dare not tell their plans.

The demands of Hands Off China must make itself heard in Washington. If it does nothing else it will at least force a reply from two mediocrities who by a combination of circumstances are able to juggle with the lives of workers and farmers in China and America; the humblest of whom is worth more to the world than they are.

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The DAILY WORKER is being attacked on all sides. Joining in the new drive on the only American labor daily are professional patriotic societies and the district attorney of New York City. Latest developments show that the federal authorities can be expected to join in the campaign to send the editors and business manager of THE DAILY WORKER to prison and bar the paper from the mails—strangle the most militant expression of the working class ever published in the United States.

The reason for this new attack are obvious to every reader and supporter of the paper. It has occurred because the allied capitalists and labor agents of capitalists in the unions know that THE DAILY WORKER is a stone wall against the wave of reaction that is sweeping the country. It holds together the left wing in the labor movement which fights the efficiency unionism policy of the officialdom. It exposes the war plots of Wall Street government, it fights for the workers and peasants of those countries American imperialism is trying to subjugate.

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### Nicaraguan Drive Continues.

The gunmen of American imperialism, under command of Rear Admiral Julian Latimer, have swept inland in Nicaragua and established military rule under the pretext of "neutralizing the zone," in the important city of Matagalpa.

In spite of the aid given the servant of imperialism, Adolf Diaz, that worthy is not able to establish his rule any place except with the aid of American armed forces. Liberal forces, supporting President Sacasa, threatened to occupy the city and the Diaz forces were inadequate to repel them. Hence Latimer steps in and declares it a neutral zone which, stripped of all camouflage, means that he is supporting the forces of reaction and stifling the legally chosen government of Sacasa, because that government will not become totally subservient to Wall Street.

Throughout Central America there is deep resentment against the frightfulness of American imperialism; a resentment that will eventually crystallize into an anti-imperialist upheaval that will challenge Wall Street and its gunmen with thunder and lightning. Such a movement will be encouraged by the class conscious elements of the working class of this country, who will not only demand that the United States get out of that part of the world but will aid those who are trying to drive them out.

## DRAMA

### Little Theatre Tournament Here Next Month

The fifth annual Little Theatre Tournament, participated in by organizations from all over this country and England, will be held here at a Broadway playhouse the week of May 2nd. The Little Theatre players will compete for the David Belasco cup, under the auspices of the Drama League.

The local organizations who will take part include: The United Players of Montclair; the Association Players of the Manhattan Y. M. H. A.; the Krigwa Players, of Harlem; the Garden Players, of Forest Hill; the Union Players of Bayridge; the Temple Players of Manhattan; the Thalian Players of the Bronx Y. M. C. A., and the Lighthouse Players. The last-named group is made up of blind people. Out of town groups will include: the Welwyn Garden Players from England; the Little Theatre of Shreveport, La.; The Memphis Little Theatre, the Indianapolis Theatre Guild, the Barnswallows of Wellesley; the Tulsa Players from Oklahoma; and the Central Players of Charlotte, N. C.

MARY FOWLER



Plays an important role in "Rapid Transit," Lajos N. Egri's interesting play at the Provincetown Playhouse.

The Stagers will return to the producing field with a melodrama "Wall Street," which opens at the Hudson Theatre this evening. James N. Rosenberg is the author.

"Mixed Doubles," the new comedy starring Margaret Lawrence, will have its first showing Thursday evening, in Great Neck. The supporting cast includes: Marion Coakley, Thurston Hall, Eric Blore, and John Williams. The play opens in New York April 25th.

### Broadway Briefs

Three new plays are listed for showing this evening: "The Comic," at the Theatre Masque; "The Gossipy Sex," at the Mansfield and "The Thief" at the Ritz.

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# 90 Days In Jail Given to Garment Worker Yesterday

Bruno Silva, a cloakmaker, who was arrested "on suspicion of carrying a weapon" in Brooklyn last month; was sentenced to 90 days in Special Sessions by Judges Featherston, Salmon and Voorheis yesterday, in spite of ridiculous contradictions in the testimony of the police officer who arrested him and was the only witness against him.

The officer testified that he arrested Silva when he "saw him hanging around and that an hour and a half later he discovered a "bludgeon" in an adjoining vacant lot, whereupon he placed a charge of carrying a weapon against Silva. Questioned as to whether he saw Silva with the weapon in his hand, he admitted that he had seen him make "some sort of gesture," but had not seen the "bludgeon" in his hand nor being thrown away.

"To Protect America." In spite of this weak story, Judge Voorheis, who presided, sentenced Silva to 90 days, delivering a lecture in which he declared that "anarchists" were "stirring up trouble," and that "America must protect her own interests." His case will be appealed.

Worker Freed. Bertha Seid, who was charged with violating the injunction obtained by the American Association of Dress Manufacturers by picketing the shop of Skarlen and Kauffman, was discharged in Jefferson Market Court today.

Held In High Bail. Samuel Kurland and Samuel Gold, furriers, were bound over to the Grand Jury under bail of \$5,000 and \$2,000 for an alleged attack upon another fur worker. The two were arrested on April 5 as they were leaving court where they were witnesses in the case of Joseph La Presti, who was severely slashed and beaten by gangsters in the fur market on that day. The complainant was told to "pick out the big one" (who was Sam Kurland), by attorney of the International, according to furriers who overheard the conversation, and Kurland and Gold were arrested upon this "identification."

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Of course you will come to our "Spring Festival Dance" this Saturday evening, April 23, at the Astoria Mansion, 6204 East 4th St. This rally is arranged by the Down Town Section of the Y. W. L. The proceeds go toward the upkeep of shop bulletins.

Postpone Section 3 Meetings. On account of the Furriers' Defense Meeting on Thursday, the Section 3 membership meeting arranged for that night to consider Ruthenberg drive has been postponed until Thursday, April 28, 6:30 p. m. at 100 West 28th St.

Women Workers Meet. The Fur Workers' Women's Educational Club will have an important meeting tomorrow after work at 115 West 23rd Street. The general situation of the trade will be taken up and discussed, and an important message from Ben Gold, leader of fur workers will be given to the members. All women are urged to be on time at the meeting. Speakers will be Samuel Liebowitz, acting manager of the Joint Board, Fannie Warshawsky, and other leaders.

Cloakmakers, Furriers Meet. The active members of the cloakmakers, dressmakers and furriers will meet in Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th Street, immediately after work tomorrow. All active workers are urged to be present.

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# MANUFACTURERS AND RIGHT WING MAKE EFFORT TO STARVE FUR WORKERS BY LOCK-OUT

(Continued from Page One)  
of the thousands of left wing fur workers against the conspiracy to railroad their leaders to jail for the crime of winning a strike after the reactionary officials had failed.

In the trial of these workers on a charge of complicity in an alleged assault at Rockville Center, just a year ago yesterday, Chester A. Evans, a member of the Nassau County detective force, appeared in the Mineola court room yesterday morning as a witness for the prosecution. Go To Scab Unions For "Evidence."

He repeated the testimony given by Detective Bernard J. Greeve on Monday to the effect that on the day they were seeking to arrest Phillip Lenhardt and Jack Schneider, in connection with this case, in March, 1927, the two detectives came to New York with Bernard Basoff, the stool pigeon. They went hunting thru the fur market, the detective said. Then they went to the Greek union, then the International, then two police stations, then to the Joint Board where the workers were found.

Questioned By Defense Lawyer. "How long did you stay at the Greek Union," asked Attorney Henry Uterhardt in cross-examination. "Oh, about half an hour." "How long did you stay at the International?" "About two hours." "What were you doing there for two hours?" "Working on the case." "On the case of Lenhardt and Schneider?" "No, on the case of the whole eleven."

Went To Picket Only. Another detective, Captain Harold P. King who was the prosecution's first witness yesterday morning, testified that he had seen Leo Franklin and Morris Malkin, two of the defendant fur workers, on the day of their arrest in Rockville Centre. He declared that both of them had told him they were sent out to picket the shop of Michael Barnett and his brother. They denied however that they had gone up into the shop.

Judge Upholds Defense. County Judge Smith, presiding in the case broke his record of overruling objections by defense lawyers when the district attorney attempted to introduce into the evidence a furriers' knife found on Joseph Katz.

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when he was arrested a few weeks ago, and with which it was alleged Michael Barnett was slashed last year by Detective Evans. In this instance, the judge sustained the objection of the defense lawyers.

With the testimony of these detectives, the state rested its case. After motion by all the defense lawyers for dismissal of the case on the grounds of insufficient evidence, the trial proceeded—following a recess—with the calling of the first defendant to the witness stand. This was Samuel Mencher.

Judge Shows Bias. From the moment he began to testify, the judge interposed repeated objections to his answers and ordered many of them stricken from the record as irrelevant. In an effort to prove the falseness of Basoff's testimony that he had been taken into the union without payment of any initiation fee—the implication being that he was taken in for strong arm duties—defense attorney Frank P. Walsh questioned Mencher as to the system practiced during and after the strike about taking in new members. The judge ordered Mencher's explanation stricken from the record. He also ordered that Mencher's testimony in relation to the settlement of the strike be stricken out. He refused to allow Mr. Walsh to file in evidence, or for identification, a copy of the peace agreement made by Hugh Frayne and William Green with the Joint Board just a year ago.

Tells Of Union Meeting. This peace agreement was important because it was presented to a meeting of shop chairmen, so Mencher testified, on the afternoon of April 19, 1927, when the Rockville Center raid occurred. This meeting was held in Manhattan Lyceum, and Mencher stated that he spoke there, and was present continuously from 3 o'clock to 6. He stated that Jack Schneider and Morris Rosenberg acted as guards at the door of that meeting, and were also there continuously during this time when the stool pigeon Basoff declares they were with him in Rockville Centre.

Mencher recalled that during this meeting his nephew was with him and he recalled introducing him to Mr. Zuckerman, reporter for The Day, who was on the platform. Mencher stated that Mr. Charles Green of "Women's Wear" was also present, and both Mr. Green and Mr. Zuckerman have been subpoenaed as witnesses in this case.

Refutes Stool Pigeon. Mencher absolutely denied all the statements made by Basoff concerning him, or concerning his alleged "orders" to the members of the General Picket Committee to damage property or attack people. He stated that he never saw the second stool pigeon, Charles Weisblum, until he saw him in court. Mencher showed that he had voluntarily submitted to arrest, going down to New York police headquarters with his attorney and surrendering himself. He denied that he had ever told Detective Greeve or Evans that he was at Rockville Center on April 19, 1927.

Prosecutor Asks Wild Questions. When the District Attorney began cross-examination of Mencher, he asked: "Were you at Rockville Center on April 19, 1927?" "No."

"If you had been at Rockville Center, would you have cut people, or would you have prevented your men from cutting people?" The judge refused the motion that this question be stricken out. He insisted it must stand, also he had previously refused to allow Mencher to answer questions of Mr. Walsh which would have shown that both he and Shapiro were busy on April 19 arranging for the 69th Regiment Army meeting of April 21.

Defense Objects to Prosecutor's "Stunts". The District Attorney's method of cross-examination was repeatedly objected to as creating prejudice, but these objections were constantly overruled by the judge. The district attorney made no attempt to disprove that Mencher had been at Manhattan Lyceum all afternoon on the day of the Rockville Center raid. He spent all his energies endeavoring to discredit Mencher in the eyes of the jury.

More Witnesses. A series of witnesses were asked to stand in the courtroom, among them I. Newman, Abraham Richman, Jacob Weiss, a Mr. Ellis and a Mrs. Jackoff. In each case Mencher was asked whether it was not true that he

had sent someone, or gone himself, to cut up these persons or wreck their shops. Defense attorneys objected that these were unproved charges not connected with the present case, but these objections were regularly overruled.

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"Yes." Judged Annoyed Only By Hisses. A burst of applause and one hiss greeted this remark. The applause was openly led by Miss Mary Fargas, the scab from the Barnett shop who testified against the fur workers. But

# Workers School Forum To Hear Joe Freeman On "Soviet Russia"

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Freeman, former associate editor of "The Liberator" and "The New Masses" and co-author of "Dollar Diplomacy," has just returned from a year's stay in the Soviet Republic, where he studied social, political and economic conditions. The contemporary cultural movements among the workers in Soviet Russia will also be described by the speaker.

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the judge was enraged only by the one hiss. He insisted that the person who did it be found and expelled at once. He ignored the clappers, even Miss Fargas who sat in the front row. When the defense attorneys pointed her out and asked that she be requested not to do that again, the judge ignored the request, even when Miss Fargas said loudly, "Yes, I did clap," in answer to Mr. Walsh's question.

Quotes Green's Letter. In further proof that the Joint Board was expelled, the district attorney introduced in evidence a story published in the New York Times on Monday quoting President William Green's reply to a letter from the furriers' shop chairmen's council. This letter contained a refusal of a request that he bring peace in the union.

Only For Evidence. This reply from Mr. Green was received two weeks ago. It was an old story.

The fact that it was given out for publicity by the A. F. of L. leaders on Monday was inexplicable until it appeared in the court room yesterday.

It was introduced to further discredit the standing of Mencher and his fellow-prisoners as union men.

"Is it not true that the Joint Board was expelled by the American Federation of Labor for just such tactics of cutting and wrecking of machines as occurred in Rockville Center?" asked the district attorney.

Does He Know Prominent Communists? "Do you know Mr. Lovestone? Mr. Weinstein? I suppose you never heard of Mr. Ruthenberg? Isn't 'The Day' a Joint Board paper? Isn't it true 'The Day' is a Communist paper? Isn't the Freiheit a Communist paper? Isn't it true that you call the people in the Joint Board 'comrades'? Isn't it true that Mr. William Green, Mr. Frayne, and Mr. Schachtman were not at your so-called 'peace meeting' on the 19th of April? (No, I don't want any explanation as to why they were not there.)"

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# The Chinese War

By WM. PICKENS.

THE war-makers are making progress, according to the reports of today (Apr. 7th). The northern Chinese general, whom the British and American imperialists seem to favor, has raided the Russian embassy in Peking,—"report has it" that he was assisted by "British soldiery." Whether this latter "report" is true or not, it is clear that Chang Tso-lin, if he can arouse Russia to enter the war against him, will at the same time furnish England with a good excuse for entering the war against the southern or Cantonese faction in China, on the plea that it is made necessary because Russia has entered on the other side.

People are so foolish in the world today that the "red" excuse would be a good one to start a new world war on. If only England can say to the people at home: "We would not have entered this war if it had been left to the two Chinese factions, but when Russia enters on the side of the Cantonese, then Britain has to enter on the other side to save China and the world from "bolshivism."

It is hard to believe that the human race can be so dull to learn a lesson. Anybody can begin a war but nobody knows what will be the end of that war. If you don't believe it, ask the ex-Kaiser; or call up Czar Nicholas or old Franz Josef in the other world and ask them. They will tell you that the END of war may be altogether different from its beginning.

If England, Russia or anybody else wants an Asiatic war, the United States ought to stay out of it and leave it to the pleasure of those who want it. But we are not staying out. We are bundling off our marines in large numbers to Asia, getting ourselves so "entangled" that when the calamity falls it will involve us in the ruin.

England is anxious, like all other imperialists, to see South China force fail, because those Cantonese represent the workers, the scholars, and the revolutionists of China. If South China succeeds, the day of big business robbery in China will be short.

We have helped to educate those Chinese leaders, but we were hypocrites: we did not mean to make full-grown men out of them. We thought, as men have often thought before, that somehow we could indulge in missionary zeal and Christian brotherhood teaching, and at the same time continue to be the "superior race."

We proclaimed it from the housetops that we were educating Chinese students, but when they got educated and showed it by demanding to be on a plane of equality with us, we were ready to shoot them for it. They are "radicals," "bolshheviks," and anything else hard to pronounce or not quite understood.

I met twenty generals of Feng's army in Europe. They were all splendid fellows and many were scholars, several speaking good English,—some educated in the best schools of America. If we are against their aspirations for human equality in their own country and in the world, we were hypocrites when we handed them their diplomas.

If we are saved from another world war, it seems that we cannot look to statesmen for the salvation. The prospective "cannon fodder" must do it.

## HITTING FORD BETWEEN THE EYES

It may not add to the joys of Henry Ford in these trying days that "THE FORD WORKER," the militant shop paper of the Ford industries, is celebrating its first anniversary, but to the workers the fact is an outstanding achievement.

To have been able to write, edit and print their own shop paper, which has kept them in touch with their fellow workers' problems, has exposed the profit-making machinery of the Ford system, and to have built the circulation of their paper to around 10,000, this is a creditable accomplishment to the sponsors of The Ford Worker.

Exposes Ford Myth.

Relentlessly, sometimes critical and sometimes satirical, The Ford Worker tears to pieces the "humanitarian" myth which has been built around Henry Ford, the man. Taking Ford at his own argument as printed in the Detroit Times, saying: "The money I have accumulated is not the product of downtrodden, underpaid, blood-sweat labor. It is clean money." The Ford Worker reminds Ford that it is just that, and every bit of "downtrodden, underpaid, blood-sweat labor," which Ford has made use of to accumulate his fortune.

Urges Auto Union.

Recognizing that a shop paper must have a constructive basis, The Ford Worker devotes much space to point out the necessity for an automobile workers' union. The Worker editors urge upon every reader, the workers in the Ford industries, to write up their own experiences and to have it published in their own shop paper, The Ford Worker. The response has been very gratifying and shows that the paper is not only read earnestly but that the workers actually realize the value of a shop paper.

We wager that the activity of the Ford Worker will do more toward bringing about the formation of a union than all the promises of William Green, and we are also ready to bet our last dime, that Henry realizes this much himself and that he has spent in the past and will spend in the future more funds to hunt down the sources of the Ford Worker and its correspondents, than he spent on his last spring suit.

—FRED HARRIS.

"Harvester Worker," April, 1927.

Another shop paper which is on hand just now is the April issue of the Harvester Worker, written and published by workers of the International Harvester Company, Cyrus McCormick's plant. Coincidentally we also have a copy of the Harvester Industrial Council, the organ of the company union, which contains the minutes of the company union meeting.

We are therefore in a position to evaluate the merits of both, and to render judgment. The H. I. C. organ brings the message that representatives of employers and employees met and discussed their mutual problems, for instance: "A suggestion was discussed that poldi steel be substituted for stellite in machining tractor main frames. Investigation showed poldi to be superior to stellite, etc., etc."

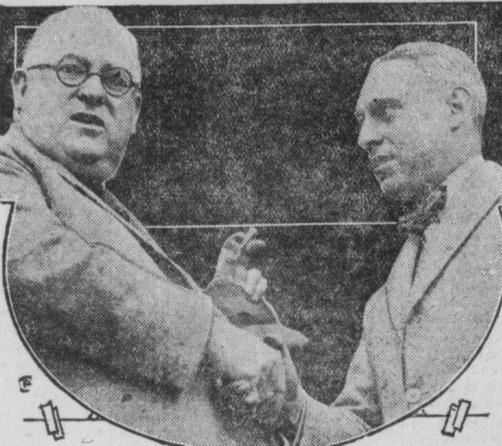
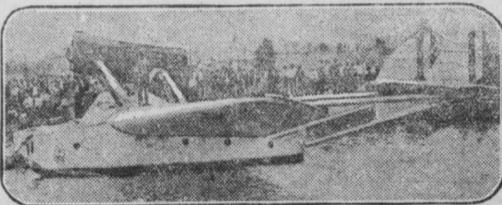
One may easily understand from this excerpt, what part the company union and its publication plays in bringing about better working conditions to workers. It proves itself to be an appendix to the bosses' administration.

We therefore lay the precious pamphlet aside and peruse the Harvester Worker and our face brightens up instantly. Here we have vigor and daring, a smasher of shams, tearing the Sunday school argument of McCormick about "reconciliation and employe representative plan" to pieces. It enunciates the class struggle and tells the workers that they must rid themselves from any and all illusions of class collaboration. It advocates the establishment of a strong workers' union, and to demand higher wages and an eight-hour workday.

Many contributions are sent in from the workers in the shops which gives the paper a real proletarian character. Thus by giving the workers a means of expression many brutalities by bosses and foremen are exposed and will result at least in protecting the workers from future attacks. The Harvester Worker is already in its second year and by now has a circulation of more than 6,000.

—F. H.

## DE PINEDO 'DOES' NEW ORLEANS



The fascist trans-Atlantic flier, Francesco de Pinedo, who is making an air tour of four continents in the interest of Mussolini's regime in Italy, touched the United States first at the "Crescent City," New Orleans, "the city care forgot." He flew there from Havana in his plane, the "Santa Maria," which is shown pictured above on the Mississippi at New Orleans.

## My Country 'Tis of Thee

By NAT KAPLAN.

Chimes From A Broken Pitcher

1. Spring Song.  
I chant the song of verdant Spring,  
Awakened from her sleep,  
Of Nature free, of birds that sing,  
Of woodlands, cool and deep;

I weave the tale of reborn sprites,  
The virgin kin of Pan,  
Who dance and play thru starry  
nights,  
Far from the haunts of man.

I sing my songs, through mirth and  
pain,  
When comes the vernal sign,  
I greet the sun, I hail the rain,  
At two bits per each line.

Notice

Not so long ago this errant scrivener was stranded in Montreal with less than two bits. A hobo, that day discharged from the local jail-house, approached him on St. Catherine street and asked for the price of coffee. We shot the works at Thompson's, then hoofed it to Delson and hopped the cars to Champlain, where we parted. We hate to boast—but if our former road companion reads THE DAILY WORKER this is to let him know of our present affluence. At this moment our wealth consists of twenty-six cents (cash) and four cents (postal stamps).

Also this note of obligation to the genial station-master at Rousse's Point who furnished us with food at a nearby lunch-wagon and lodging in the detention pen of the Custom's headquarters—direct all sightseers to the scenes of our notable visit. Some day when we find time we will head for Rousse's Point in the Rolls-Royce which we purchased after signing with THE DAILY WORKER.

All of the above is advance copy. We are going to incorporate it in an address: "America, Land Of Opportunity," to be delivered for the next Ad Men's Club meeting—if we are invited.

In The News

Paul Berlenbach, one-time light heavyweight champion, is engaged, according to the rumor. In view of his earlier retirement from the ring, this latest venture suggests that he is hopping out of the frying-pan into the fire.

A Chicago judge recently granted a lady a decree of divorce because her husband struck her after she overbid a bridge hand. More than a few bridge addicts we know would render a verdict of justifiable homicide in a similar case carried to a more conclusive extreme.

Not a Sunday passes by without the appearance of some speaker at the Brooklyn K of C who testifies that the Bolshevik are in control of Mexico. And Brooklyn, in its own somnolent way, seems to say: "Well, what of it?"

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman favors the formation of a protestant Holy Name Society. We would like to be around when the good preacher plays the game of his native heath and is stymied.

When McLaughlin leaves his job with the New York police to go to the Postal Telegraph Company here's hoping that he furnishes the messengers with flippers—or aeroplanes.

If the New York boxing commission persists in its efforts to elevate the cauliflower industry, the solons

## Never Left Home



The call of the wanderlust nevergriped Henry P. Bergman, who, although living on a paved highway only five miles from Fort Wayne, Ind., never has been outside of his home county during the 76 years of his life. He is pictured "seeing the world" through an atlas.

## Board of Education to Use Movies in Schools

A series of nation-wide experiments in visual education will be made this fall in four public schools in each of twelve cities of the United States, through the co-operation of Boards of Education. On April 21 and 22, a conference will be held in Rochester to consider the matter. By September, at least forty motion pictures for use in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades in geography, elementary sciences and hygiene will be ready. These will be shown in four public school classrooms in New York City; Newton, Mass.; Atlanta, Ga.; Winston-Salem, N. C.; Detroit, Chicago, Kansas City, Lincoln, Neb.; Denver, Oakland, San Diego and Rochester.

Spring Flood in Canada.  
WINNIPEG, April 19.—Thousands of acres of grazing land have been inundated by floods in Western Canada and heavy damage was reported today.

Spring farm work has been halted in many places.

will probably refuse to renew "Tex" Rickard's license when they discover that he once played marbles for keeps.

(All of the above may prove that brevity is the soul of wit—but brevity never did fill a column. Spring is very much in evidence. . . . Nature is arrayed in its latest garb, some girls are beginning to demothballize their spring furs—which should interest you and me while we try to figure how we can scrape together enough jack to get that fairly wearable light suit out of hock. Spring is here, and what the hell of it?)

## West Chester Normal School Fight

EDITOR'S NOTE:—In reply to a request for detailed information on the fight that is raging in the West Chester, Pa., normal school, THE DAILY WORKER has received the following statement of issues involved and the facts which indicate that the two professors and ten others were kicked out of the faculty because the munition makers and other war-mongers objected to criticism of the Coolidge-Kellogg policy in Nicaragua and Mexico:

ISSUES INVOLVED.

1. Refusal of Board of Trustees to renew the contract of 12 teachers, 3 men and 9 women. Two of the men, Dr. Robt. T. Kerlin and Prof. John A. Kinneman, state that they were fired because of their political beliefs, and radical tendencies. They are fighting to obtain a hearing before the Board of Trustees, all 12 being fired without warning or a hearing.
2. Dr. Andrew Thomas Smith, principal, prohibits students from signing a petition and presenting it to the trustees, asking for re-instatement of the two teachers.
3. Dr. Smith prohibits The Liberal Club, a student organization, from holding meetings.
4. Dr. Smith prohibits the "Green Stone," a student weekly publication, from referring to this fight in any way, and his command that the paper should not be published any longer.

THE FACTS.

1. The fight started this year (a previous but abortive attempt was made last year to induce Dr. Kerlin to resign), by Samuel Wesley Long, Commander of the Bernhard F. Slegel Post of the American Legion, sending a petition to Governor Fisher, asking for an official investigation into the activities, loyalty, etc., of the Liberal Club. Mr. Long has been, and to the best of my knowledge still is, employed by or is an agent of Mr. S. DuPont, or the Dupont de Nemours E. I. Powder Co. He has recently circulated literature for Mr. Pierre S. DuPont. It is also alleged that he was employed in the U. S. Secret Service during the war.

Agents of DuPonts.

2. Mr. Long's second in command is Dr. John A. Farrell, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

The objection made to the Liberal Club and the two teachers is the fact that the President's and Secretary Kellogg's policies in dealing with Nicaragua, Mexico and China were severely criticized at meetings of the Liberal Club, the inference being that the Knights of Columbus, desirous of American intervention in Mexico on behalf of the R. Catholic Church, and the DuPonts Powder Co. don't want anti-militarist propaganda in a teachers' school.

3. Certain Ku Klux Klan sympathizers, who are not coming out openly but keeping under cover, object to the two teachers because they oppose race discrimination against the Negro, and one of the teachers is charged with having entertained two Negro Principals of Negro Schools at his home.

4. Miss Isabel Darlington, a lawyer, whose sister is the wife of Congressman Thomas S. Butler, chairman of the Naval Committee in the House of Representatives, and advocating a lot of new ships for the U. S. Navy, and who is the aunt of General Smedley Darlington Butler, who is now commanding the American forces in China, is the secretary of the Board of Trustees. Col. A. M. Holding, a corporation lawyer, who spends most of his time practicing before the Public Service Commission as attorney for various corporations, including the United Gas Improvement Co. of Philadelphia, is the President of the Board of Trustees, and the dominant member of it. Herbert P. Worth, the treasurer of the Board is Vice President of the Farmers and Mechanics Trust Co., and President of the Board of Trade of West Chester.

Gang Accused of Graft.

5. Some years ago a graft scandal was started against the administration of the Normal School, charges being alleged that Steward Johnson and Dr. Phillips, Principal, were involved in various forms of petty grafting. Prominent business men, students and former pupils of the school are now alleging that the same or similar conditions are now existing in the school; it is alleged that Bursar John R. Hollinger gave the construction of a new building, said to have cost approximately \$525,000, to an out-of-town firm, to his own personal enrichment; that this building is already in bad condition, although not finished, having been constructed of the cheapest material, cracks appearing in it, although it has not yet been in use; that photographers, who take photos of the students, have to pay 25% commission to Mr. Hollinger; that vendors of potatoes, and other food supplies have to pay him commissions; that firms selling text-books, and other supplies, also have to pay tribute to him; that he also is financially benefited when celebrated musicians and other artists give entertainments at the school, and in general, business men allege that before they can do business with the school or the students, they first have to "sugar" Mr. Hollinger, as they express it.

Mr. Hollinger was a poor man when he took the position of business manager or bursar at the Normal School some years ago; he is now reputed to be well-off and the owner of two hotels in Atlantic City.

6. Principal Smith threatens to expel all student members of the Liberal Club if they continue in their "rebellious" conduct.

## The Daily Symposium

Conducted by EGDAMLAT.

THE QUESTION

Are you in favor of a mass protest in behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti?

THE PLACE

Fourth avenue between 14th street and Cooper Square.

THE ANSWERS

Henry Weber, 326 East 23rd street, plumber: "Yes. I don't believe they got a fair deal. They should be given a new trial. I have faith in their innocence."

Anthony Paresi, 126 First avenue, street cleaner: "Yes. A general strike might induce Governor Fuller to investigate the case. I am sure that an unbiased jury could have never convicted them."

Morris Bortnick, 46 Stuyvesant street, artists: "Yes. It is the revolutionary duty of the American workers to come to their defense. Sacco and Vanzetti are innocent—they have been framed for their radicalism. We must do all in our power to save them from the gallows."

Thomas Kelly, 191 Third avenue, laborer: "No. It would be more effective to have the Massachusetts state legislature force Governor Fuller to investigate the case. Personally, I believe both Sacco and Vanzetti are innocent."

Jack Davis, 75 East 4th street, chauffeur: "Yes. I don't believe they had a fair trial. Because they are radicals the government tries to get rid of them. I am sure they have been framed up."

Sol Mirk, 837 East 181st street, pharmacist: "Yes. There is every reason to believe that their conviction has not been reviewed impartially. A general strike might persuade Governor Fuller to intervene."

## FOOTNOTES TO THE NEWS

By EUGENE LYONS

AN ALL-STAR AMERICAN REPORTING TEAM.

Now that Prof. Will Durant, who put a kick into philosophy, has been engaged by certain yellow sheets to report the Snyder murder trial, we prophesy that Mrs. Ruth Snyder, if she gets away with it, will be signed up for a series of articles on philosophy. In fact, we would put her at the head of our all-star American reporting team. The line-up, by subject and reporter best suited to cover same, would be something like this:

- PHILOSOPHY—Ruth Snyder; Judd Gray, alternate.
- MURDER—Will Durant.
- LABOR—Elbert H. Gary.
- FOREIGN AFFAIRS—Jackie Coogan.
- RELIGION—Clarence Darrow.
- SPORT—Cal Coolidge.
- THEATRE—Helen Keller.
- POLITICS—Ringling, or any other circus impresario.
- LITERATURE—Big Bill Thompson.
- DIVORCE—Cardinal Hayes.
- FINANCE—Bert Miller.
- RADIO—Any phonograph manufacturer.
- WASHINGTON NEWS—The city editor of the Gopher Prairie Gazette.

Other suggestions for an all-star reportorial line-up will be welcomed by this department, with due credit to the suggestor. As soon as a perfect team is picked, we shall approach Otto H. Kahn to finance a paper for them.

## MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS 1927.

Sacco and Vanzetti—  
No murderers are you.  
But worse than mere assassins,  
That judiciary crew,  
Grim, black-robed and stony  
Like their Plymouth rock;  
Killing guiltless workers  
By electric shock.  
These judges hang together  
They ought to hang—by God!  
These foul birds of a feather  
Smell worse than putrid cod.  
Oh land of boasted freedom  
Whence liberty has fled,  
It seems that even your justice  
Is cock-eyed drunk or dead.

—ADOLF WOLFF.

## Let Young Poets, With Nothing To Say, Stop Writing As They Please a Little.

(With the customary apologies to Eli Siegal.)

Bold, bold in this world,  
And writing their damndest and boldest;  
And a young poet with nothing, absolutely nothing to say thinks of destiny or something; thinks (?) of this in a smoke-laden, low-ceilinged dive in Greenwich Village; and wonders who will pay his check.  
And he sits down next a young woman and tells her he's a poet.  
Can he write, though; can he, though. He'll say so!  
The young poet muses; while hands are clapped. Muses of unwritten sonnets; of verses free and unrestrained. Does he muse though.

Does the young poet worry about what the young woman tells him? Does he, though? (Does he?)  
Tomorrow the young poet with nothing to say will rise wearily; think of what the young woman told him; he will go to his "eating shoppe" in the Village; young poets with nothing to say do this; let young poets with nothing to say stop writing as they please a little even if they are hell out of luck, or aren't they, though. (Who knows?)  
My, though, how the unsavory, acrid aroma of stale coffee hovers over the head of the young poet with nothing to say.  
Let young poets, with nothing to say, stop writing as they please a little, young poets who go to eating shoppes and poetry salons, and who, somehow, go to them every evening (or is it every evenin?)  
Even though, presumably, they are hell out of luck.  
What would existence be without young poets with nothing to say; do you know?  
Hell, no, let young poets with nothing to say stop writing as they please a little;  
Even though—even though—well; even though we have to put them all together;  
Together, together—and drown them.

—PUNCHINO.

## CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW



Chauncey M. Depew, former U. S. senator from New York, chairman of the board of directors of the New York Central railroad since 1898. He will celebrate his 93rd birthday on April 23. Depew has gained prominence as an after dinner speaker, long being the pet delight of Babbitts all over the United States.