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Current Events

CALVIN COOLIDGE may trail the letters "M. D." after his name in the future if he wants to. The International Post Graduate Medical Association of North America presented the president with a diploma. The president earned it. He eats country sausage for breakfast and keeps his mouth shut most of the time. A man who can survive these two penalties is entitled to any honor running around loose. Be that as it may, methinks Cal would be happier if some political soothsayer guaranteed him a third term.

AN impersonation of Arthur Brisbane turning out his column. Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray killed a man. What of it! The trouble is, they did not know how to make a clean getaway. Now, had Mr. Gray taken an airplane and flew to Rochester the Bomb Squad would have never heard of him. 50,000 airplanes stationed at strategic points could protect New York from the worst that the Abyssinian army could do. And if Calvin Coolidge is reelected he will not serve a third term. 100,000 airplanes would be cheaper than one earthquake.

THERE is a paper called "The Yellow Jacket." Its aims and objects are meritorious. Here are a few of them: "To swat liars and leeches, hypocrites and humbugs demagogues and dastards." What a dastard is he do not know but they can go as far as they like against the humbugs. In all probability the editor of "The Yellow Jacket" is a champion humbug. He makes a living at it.

BEFORE these words appear in print Great Britain may have sundered diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. The raid on the Soviet trade delegation headquarters did not produce any sensational documents but enough to give the British government an excuse for breaking off relations. That was the motive for the raid. The struggle between the political idea back of the Soviet government and the capitalist system, will continue until one or the other bites the dust. The capitalist system is doomed to kiss mother earth because evolution decrees it. The Soviet Union represents the new form of society which is developing in the womb of capitalism. The British government is playing the role of social abortionist, without success.

THE president of the French republic and the foreign minister of the same country did not visit England merely to see the beef eaters in the Tower of London. The visit was merely the consummation of an agreement already reached between the British and French foreign offices. The main note of the supposed agreement was hostility to the Soviet Union. Of course, agreements often times fall by the wayside. It is quite possible that some other group of French politicians may wreck the present entente between England and France. And it is also quite possible that before the Tories reap the fruits of the new understanding, a general election may send them to the sticks. All those possibilities and probabilities must be taken into consideration. Life is not simple and politics is worse than that.

DURING his thirteen years of married life a gentleman from Hoboken managed to desert his wife ten times and had ten children by her. Yet a hard-boiled judge confronted him with the alternative of spending a year and a day in jail or posting a bond guaranteeing \$20 a week to his wife for the duration of that time. The defendant is still undecided as to what he should do. The man might have made the New York to Paris flight and won the title of the "Perfect Fool."

HERE is one reason why Marshal Pilsudski is running and running Poland: The inhabitants of a Polish village near Danzig recently broke into the house of a wealthy landowner intending to kill him and demolish a wireless set which they believed was responsible for a thunderstorm that raged through the night. The wealthy landowner not wishing to die before he spent some more of his health dropped on the floor and laid as if dead. Those who came to kill did not remain to pray. They fled in dismay. Of such is a Fascist government composed—until the militant minority gets busy.

THE peace mission of Mr. Stimson to Nicaragua is healthy laughing food but not for the Nicaraguans. Mr. Stimson believed that he could purchase the revolution by buying up all the Liberal rifles. He offered ten dollars for each surrendered gun. But it seems that the Liberals got real nasty after they made the sale and there have been more casualties after peace was declared than before.

SMITH CRACKS WHIP OVER TRANSIT CZARS

TORY CABINET SPLITS ON ARCOS RAID; FEAR EFFECT OF SOVIET TRADE BREAK

Officially Admitted Police Failed to Get Evidence of Mysterious "State Paper"

Izvestia Warns War Makers That Workers of U. S. S. R. Want Peace But Fear Nothing

LONDON, May 20.—The Conservative Party cabinet is hopelessly split over the excuse that is to be given the House of Commons for the raids on the headquarters of the Soviet Union trade delegation and the offices of Arcos, the Anglo-Soviet Union trading corporation doing a big business between the two countries as a result of the trade agreement.

In all quarters the fact that the government had to abandon its announced intention of giving a statement to the House of Commons yesterday, and beg for another week's time, is taken as a sign of weakness, weakness such as few British cabinets have ever survived.

It is admitted by all that the police did not find the "important state paper" the finding of which could alone justify or even appear to justify the violent breach of diplomatic immunity which Home Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks committed in the raiding of Arcos House.

Entire files of the letters and records of the trade delegation and Arcos were carried off to Scotland Yard by the raiders.

"All the documents have been examined and the so-called stolen document untraced," Arthur Ponsonby, Under Secretary in the Foreign Office under the Labor Premier MacDonald, remarked to-day. "Why, then, cannot the government make a report? I dismiss the idea that they are fabricating forgeries in the interval. A government which was born by a aid of a Russian fraud may conceivably find its death in the same quarter." This last is a reference to the "Zinovieff Letter" forgery which won the Conservatives the last general election.

Might Knock Out "Jinx."
It is known that the group in the cabinet following Joynson-Hicks intended yesterday to publish documents of very dubious authenticity showing a connection between the Communist International and the activities of members of the trade delegation, and to demand a severance of diplomatic and trade relations between Britain and the U.S.S.R. on this basis, incidentally, of course, solving the question of an excuse for the raid.

The more moderate wing of the cabinet, led by Baldwin, who fears to wreck British industry altogether by checking the growing trade with the Soviet Union, and afraid that public ridicule would follow another such open forgery as that of the "Zinovieff Letter," has at least temporarily vetoed the plan.

Baldwin seriously considered disavowing the raid, and asking for the home secretary's resignation, but realized that the die-hards were strong enough in his party to wreck the cabinet and force another general election. The quandary continues.

Would Remove Immunity.
The extreme die-hard faction is led by Winston Churchill, Lord Birkenhead and Sir William Joynson-Hicks. Though it bears no more love for the Soviet Union than the Churchill group, the other faction believes it wiser to pursue a more moderate policy. It holds the view that the

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"Professional Patriots" Begins Serially in The DAILY WORKER Monday

How the business interests of the United States help to enforce the "goose-step" in the schools and colleges thru the aid of the American Security League, American Legion, American Defense Society and kindred organizations are explained with startling vividness in "Professional Patriots" which begins serially in THE DAILY WORKER on Monday.

This book, edited by Norman Haggood, also tells just who play the "rich angels" to the organizations who disguise their labor-hating activities as guardians of the public good.

"Professional Patriots" is based on material gathered by Sidney Howard and John Hearley. It is published by Albert & Charles Boni.

HELPERS OUT AS BOSS PLUMBERS' LOCKOUT FAILS

Progressives Demand Support for Brooklyn

Plumbers helpers yesterday served notice on plumber bosses in Manhattan and the Bronx that they would continue their strike for the five-day week and the recognition of the union despite the collapse of the lockout against the plumbers.

Astonished by the rank and file rebellion in Plumbers' Local 1 against the arbitration demands foisted upon it by the bosses and the international union, the Building Trades Employers' Association called off the lockout yesterday. Using the excuse of a week old injunction which previously they had ignored, the master plumbers opened their jobs and asked the journeymen to return to work.

In the meantime international officials had hastily deserted the city, the executive board members scattering to all parts of the country while President Coefield and Secretary Burke retreated in the direction of union headquarters in Chicago.

Brooklyn Plumbers' Local 1 continues its strike for the five-day week and the \$14 scale, determined to stay out all spring, if need be. That victory is probable is seen in the collapse of the Building Employers' front. Their adamant stand against any further wage increases for any building crafts was crumbling under the solidarity and militancy of the Brooklyn strikers.

No Help from International.
International officials, exposed by members of Local 1 as working hand in glove with the bosses seeking to force arbitration upon the workers with no assurance that the shorter week would be granted, disappeared yesterday, leaving the Brooklyn men to fight their own battle.

Plumbers' helpers will hold a general building trades meeting Monday night at Cooperative Hall, 347 East 72nd St., between First and Second Aves., to consider to plan the next steps in their fight. Many building trades locals have passed resolutions commending their stand.

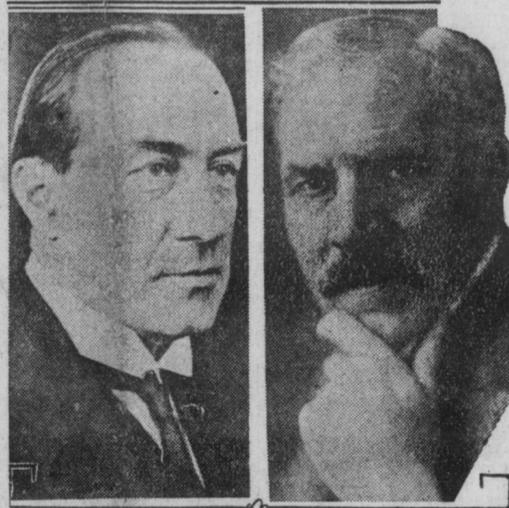
The Plumbers Progressive Group of Greater New York issued a statement yesterday which commanded wide attention in building trades circles. It reads:

Threaten Scab Work.
The plumbers of Greater New York must learn a lesson from the struggle that is now going on in the industry. The bosses are threatening to man the Brooklyn jobs with non-union labor. They do this because they have not only the support of the Master Plumbers of all boroughs, but also of the Building Trades Employers' Association—a strong powerful alliance of all contractors in the building industry, which is out to crush every attempt of the workers to better their conditions.

The officials of our own United Association with the methods they use, are helping the bosses in this fight. They threaten to dissolve Local 1 if the men will not go back to work pending arbitration. This is an unheard-of procedure by union officials, while workers of their own union are out on strike against the bosses. Vreeland Coefield and Secretary Burke are, by their actions, betraying the New York plumbers and playing into the hands of the bosses. We must say to them: "Hands Off Local 1," or you will have to deal with the membership of all three New York locals.

Only thru a united front of all

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Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, left, and former Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, right. Baldwin shoots up Chinese villages, and MacDonald sent airplanes to bomb Hindu villages. MacDonald has just been repudiated by his own party, the Independent Labor Party, and Baldwin is getting into hot water with that section of his class which wishes to continue trading with the Soviet Union.

Communist Deputies in Polish Parliament Wire Sacco-Vanzetti Protest

"In the name of the Polish Communists, we protest energetically against the murder being committed by the American bourgeoisie in the Polish Dist."

This was the text of a cablegram made public yesterday by the International Labor Defense from the Communist deputies in the Polish sejm, or parliament.

FENG TAKES NEW TOWN IN HANKOW DRIVE NORTHWARD

Brand Anti-Nationalist Rumors As Lies

SHANGHAI, May 20.—Feng Yuhsiang, "christian general," who has pledged his support to the Hankow Nationalist government, is moving rapidly southward along the Peking-Honan railway. His troops have taken Chintukwang and are sweeping toward Kumghsien—strategic city in southern Honan.

Feng's troops are well-disciplined and their great restraint is winning for them the support of the peasantry in Honan, reports state. They are receiving a political education and learning the objects of the Nationalist movement.

No Attack on Hankow.
Reports that Chiang Kai-shek is moving against Hankow were officially denied by Chiang before leaving Shanghai for Nanking. Rumors about the imminent fall of Hankow being circulated by the British are utterly without foundation. No news that has been received from Hankow indicates that the Nationalist government is in any danger.

With four armies marching against Canton, with armies sweeping north from Hankow and with Feng leading 250,000 well-drilled and well-equipped men in a two-fold drive against the war lords, the Hankow government appears to be in an extremely strong military position.

Observers here state that the British are circulating rumors about the "imminent downfall of the Hankow government" in an effort to create American sentiment for the severance of diplomatic relations with the Nationalists. Britain has already recalled her representative, from Hankow.

To Examine Mme. Borodin.
PEKING, May 20.—The Russian White Guardist Rasumoff, adviser of Chang Tsung-chang, Shantung war lord, has been sent to Peking to participate in the judiciary examination of Mme. Borodin and the Soviet Union officials captured by Chang Tso-lin in his raids on the embassy compound.

ENGAHL SPEAKS AT OZERY MAY DAY CELEBRATION

Anxious to Learn About the United States

By J. LOUIS ENGAHL (Special to The DAILY WORKER)

OZERY, Moscow Province, April 30, (By Mail).—This is to convey the greetings of the 10,000 textile workers of Ozery, about 100 miles south of Moscow, to the textile workers of America.

This greeting is extended especially to the heroic fighters in the textile mills of Passaic, New Jersey.

It goes also in the warmest comradely spirit to the textile workers of Massachusetts, the state that now plays the role of assassin of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

I pledged myself to extend these greetings of the textile workers of Free Russia to those in America, still victims of capitalist oppression, at the impressive May Day gathering held in the local theater here on the eve of May Day. My promise met with instant and great enthusiasm.

May Day Eve

The big demonstration was to be held on the morrow, May Day. But tonight there was a preliminary gathering that filled the theater with the full representation of the Local Soviet, the members of the leading committees in the Communist Party in Ozery, as well as the active workers in the trade unions, delegations of workers and others admitted by card only.

Here were assembled the working men and women who are responsible locally for the building of the new social order.

Foreman Once Owner

"What has become of the former owner of the factory?" I asked later as we were riding off to the station, for the return to Moscow.

"Oh, he is a fireman in our mill," smiled the worker who rode with us, one of the officials of the union.

"He is the leader of our chorus," added this worker.

"And does he sing the International, too?" I asked.

"Oh, yes," came the answer. He leads in the singing of the International and he sings, too. And his son and daughter are also in the chorus, and they also sing the International."

My instructions on leaving Moscow were to carry the greetings of the Communist International and of the

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Motorman Killed In Long Island Wreck
One man was killed, and five passengers injured yesterday afternoon in a collision between a freight and a passenger train of the Long Island Railroad near Woodside, Queens.

The dead man was Michael Santa Croce, motorman of the passenger train. None of the passengers was badly injured.

FORCING HEAVY FINANCIAL INTERESTS TO BACK HIM FOR WHITE HOUSE RACE

Traction Commission Not Suddenly Overwhelmed With Concern for Subway Riders

Yesterday's Disclosures:
The Traction Trust is about to perpetrate the 10c fare steal. The City is being plundered of more than \$11,000,000 yearly. Those involved in the Traction Swindle include, Governor Al Smith, Mayor James J. Walker, the members of the Transit Commission, the Executive Editor of a large Metropolitan Daily Newspaper, and many others yet to be revealed.

By ROBERT MITCHELL.

Samuel Untermyer's sudden outcry on behalf of the "people," the unexpected decision to summon the transit czars before the equally unexpected hearings of the transit commission, the whole hubbub over the nickel fare has aroused the suspicions of New York workers.

Why is the political gang so anxious to force hearings right now? What, and who, is behind the present transit investigation and the so-called open hearings?

These are questions the workers are entitled to have answered; these are the questions with which THE DAILY WORKER will concern itself in this series on the Traction Swindle, Inc.

First, let us examine frankly and openly the purpose behind the investigation. It can be stated flatly, and will be proved in this article, that the transit commission hearings are dummy proceedings whose real purpose is far different than that offered by Samuel Untermyer or any other of the interested principals.

These transit hearings are the weapon which Governor Al Smith is holding over the heads of the traction czars, with whom he is temporarily at odds and whom he is seeking to force onto his bandwagon, headed for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Bee Was Unexpected.
This temporary and unexpected tussle which has arisen because of Al Smith's presidential aspirations is a development which no one anticipated at the time the secret traction deal was made about two years ago.

Previous to the election of James J. Walker as mayor of New York when the outstanding problem before the traction interests was to eliminate that bone of contention, the then Mayor John Hylan, there was held the secret conference already mentioned.

At this conference were present Frank Hedley, president and general manager of the Interborough Rapid Transit, Gerhard Dahl, chairman of the board of directors of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit, Governor Alfred E. Smith, James J. Walker, candidate for mayor and Herbert Bayard Swope, executive editor of the New York World.

Among other things the conference decided that the issue of the five cent fare should be kept for the coming campaign but that at the proper moment the mayor of New York and the Governor of the state should "deliver."

Ditch Hylan.
On the basis of this deal, Walker was nominated for mayor; Hylan was properly "dumped"; the five cent fare was dangled aloft and the first act of the drama had begun.

Almost immediately, however, the wave of popularity which had washed the debonaire Jimmie Walker into port, had the effect of turning his head. It had been agreed that he was to speak of the five cent fare before election but Jimmie found the popularity so pleasing that he continued the racket even after the November returns.

In the emergency, the traction barons sent Swope, the executive editor of the World to interview Jimmie Walker, the mayor, and to remind him of his pledge. Walker thereupon completely denied having attended the conference!

Also Jimmie began to ingratiate himself more and more firmly with the old guards of Tammany Hall as against the "New Tammany Hall" which Al Smith was building up. Of this most interesting situation more will be said at another time. Here it is necessary only to remark that the Governor retaliated with the spectacular series of raids on the old Tammany clubs and gambling joints.

These raids, conducted by the recently departed Police Commissioner McLaughlin, the personal friend of Al Smith, nearly split the Tammany organization asunder.

Blame It On Al.
When the old guards came to Jimmie for protection, his only reply

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ASK KELLOGG TO BAR BRANTING AS SACCO'S LAWYER

Boston Tories Aroused by "Outsider" in Case

BOSTON, May 20.—Reactionaries who are fighting for the execution of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti on July 10 are bringing pressure to bear on the State Department, it became known today, to bar Georg Branting from the United States.

Branting, a noted Swedish lawyer, is the son of the late Hjalmar Branting, former labor premier of Sweden. He has been named by the Scandinavian Sacco-Vanzetti Defense committee, comprising labor groups in Sweden and Norway, to assist in the defense of the two Italian anarchists doomed to die for a crime they did not commit.

The brilliant young Swedish lawyer is due to arrive in New York on the Rotterdam next Thursday, but he will be greeted not only by friends of Sacco and Vanzetti but by hostile immigration authorities of local Tories succeeded in persuading Kellogg to bar him. According to the Boston Herald, they object to "outsiders" and especially foreigners interfering in a "purely domestic, state case."

William G. Thompson, chief of defense counsel, was closeted with Governor Fuller for the entire afternoon yesterday, presenting evidence requested by him. Transcript of the evidence in the Plymouth trial, in which Vanzetti was betrayed by his own counsel, was laid before the governor by Thompson.

President H. A. Garfield of Williams College and head of the famous International Institute of Politics has appealed to the governor for the "full and possible investigation" of the case while Dr. John Haynes Holmes, the liberal New York pastor derides the idea that radicals commit criminal offenses. In a friendly letter, he "challenges" the governor to "search all the history of radicalism for the past 100 years and you will not find a single socialist, Communist, anarchist or radical of any stripe who ever became involved in highway robbery, banditry, or any other crime of that character."

Jack Rubenstein Free on Judge's Writ of Error in Passaic Textile Case

(Special to The DAILY WORKER)
PASSAIC, N. J., May 20.—Jack Rubenstein, one of the leaders of the recent textile strike was released on \$5,000 bail yesterday by Judge William Siefert in Hackensack Court. Joseph Feder, his attorney secured his release on a writ of error.

The case will come before the state supreme court at Trenton for final action in the near future.

Rubenstein was recently sentenced to six months in jail and given a fine of \$500.

The defense committee here is in need of funds to fight the case to a successful conclusion.

COOLIDGE GANG FEARS FACTS ON FLOOD SCANDAL

Could Easily Avert Grim Disasters

(By A Staff Correspondent)
Washington, May 20.—The contest in the next Congress on flood control legislation will center about the O'Connor bill. The measure has been before Congress for more than a decade, and once, from 1917 to 1919, was actually a law. But the power and pressure of the contractors who build levees was strong enough to force its repeal and it has been fought over since.

The O'Connor bill was originally formulated by Senator Newlands of Nevada, and was known as the Newlands bill. It provides that an independent commission, consisting of representatives of the war, navy, interior and commerce departments, as well as engineers from civil life, be created for the purpose of studying flood control and preparing a plan to prevent such disasters as that now ravaging the Mississippi River Valley. For this work an appropriation of \$500,000 is authorized.

Millions Squandered.
A half million dollars is a large sum, but it is merely a drop in the bucket compared to the hundreds of millions that have been poured out in the futile plan known as the "levees only" method for flood control. Since 1879 more than \$200,000,000 has been spent by the federal and state governments for the building of levees and yet every time a great flood takes place these breastworks have been broken and swept away to the ruin of thousands of poor farmers and workers.

Plea for More Graft.
Of course this is great business for the contractors who build levees. They have grown rich and politically powerful. In fact so influential are they that in the midst of the present disasters while levees after levees were SCHILLER

crumbling and sinking, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover and Secretary of War Dwight Davis had the brazenness to issue public statement announcing that the "levees only" plan was the only commendable method for controlling floods and urging the necessity of building higher and greater levees, costing of course tens of millions of dollars.

Of course levees are essential. No one denies that, certainly not those who criticize the present policy of putting the whole burden of flood control on levees. But levees do not prevent floods. They confine the excess water but outlets must be found for it. And outlets are found by either blowing up the levees and inundating great areas as Mr. Hoover himself did in the present flood, or the river sweeps over the levee or brushes it aside and creates its own outlet.

Could Avert Floods.
If a system of levees were built provided with spillways, artificial openings that allow the water to run off in prepared passes, it would mean, of course, that once the system was built the fat, juicy contracts for perpetual levee building would end. And this is what the politicians with their eyes on patronage, graft and appropriations do not want. And so Mr. Hoover and Mr. Davis, with the approval of the good Mr. Coolidge solemnly denounce the spillways plan as visionary and cry loud for more levees.

But there are indications that the South is somewhat aroused and has made up its mind that it has been fooled long enough. Appropriations, fat ones, as much as \$25,000,000 in fact, will have to be made to restore the shattered levees. But at the same time it is the determination of those urging spillways that the O'Connor bill be again enacted into law and an independent survey of the situation made.

Army In On Same.
The army engineers, who have flood control work in charge, have proven too willing accomplices of the politicians. They are a part of the vicious wasteful system and it is now proposed to make a disinterested inquiry and draw up an intelligent method for dealing with the problem. Pitiful as is the sum asked for by the O'Connor bill in comparison with the tens of millions to be expended for more levees nevertheless it has already incurred the disapproval of "economy Cal." After Mr. Hoover's profound observations about the idea being "visionary" Mr. Coolidge further damned it by parading his old wooden war-horse "economy."

But Coolidge and Mr. Hoover are going to be very much outsiders at the next Congress. The Democrats and the farm bloc are going to be in control and there are indications that they propose giving the president and his ubiquitous secretary of commerce a hard time of it. At least all of Washington, including their Republican colleagues, hope so.

White River Rises.
INDIANAPOLIS, May 20.—After hours of labor with sandbags, city police and firemen and three companies of the Indiana National Guard succeeded in holding White River within its bounds today.

SACCO and VANZETTI SHALL NOT DIE!

HOOVER SEES HOME ENGULFED



This remarkable photo, snapped from a coast guard patrol boat, carrying Secretary Herbert Hoover's party into the flooded parishes of Louisiana, was taken less than five minutes after the levee broke at Borodino. The raging water is seen engulfing the home of a wealthy planter in the "Sugar Bowl" district.

Needle Trade Defense

All New York Workers Will Be At The Reception Ball Given In Honor Of The Recently Released Prisoners.

Due to the strenuous efforts of the Joint Defense and Relief Committee, the furriers who were condemned at the famous Mineola trial were released on bail. Chas. Wolfish who was behind bars for over four months, was also released recently. Chas Wolfish is a man of about 40 years of age and has been for over 18 years a good standing member of Local 2, I. L. G. W. U. He was at all times a devoted member of his union. Four months ago he, together with several other cloakmakers was tried by the famous Judge Rozalsky and sentenced to prison, thanks to the efforts of the Sigman machine. After serving his term, he is now released. The New York workers are preparing a big reception ball for the released fighters of the working class. The reception will take place at the Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave., on Friday evening May 27th. The ball is being arranged by the Joint Defense and Relief Committee. All the released prisoners will be present, also their brother workers whom they did not see for such a long time.

A Metal Worker Sends \$5.00.
We received the following letter:
Dear Comrades: Enclosed please find a check for \$5.00. I am sorry I cannot send any more at present. I wish you success in your fight against the hoodlums of the right wing machine. You have a hard fight, but your victory will be the more glorious.
With greetings,—A metal worker from Toronto, Canada.

Two Lonesome Immigrants In Cuba Send Four Dollars.

Dear Comrades: As I am very far from any center and there are only two of us here, we cannot raise lots of money and we therefore send you our \$4.00 and hope that you will be successful in your fight against the traitors of the working class.
With greetings,—M. K., Cuba.

You Can Get The Jungle.

The Joint Defense and Relief Committee wants to give those of you who have not read The Jungle, a chance to read Upton Sinclair's famous book before they see the picture. The book will be sold at the office of the committee, 41 Union Square at reduced prices. Come and get your copy of The Jungle.

Tomorrow A Mass Meeting.

Next Sunday, May 22nd at 1 p. m., there will be a big mass meeting arranged by the East New York Workers Club for the arrested cloakmakers and furriers. The mass meeting will be held at 864 Sutter Ave., Brooklyn. Well known speakers will address the meeting.

Twenty-six Seamen May Die on 'Indiana Harbor'

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—As a last resort in the battle to save the lives of 25 seamen on board the steamer Indiana Harbor, breaking up on the Northern California Coast, an army plane took off this afternoon for the scene of the wreck. It will attempt to drop a line on the stricken ship which will enable coast guardsmen to rig a breeches buoy and take off the endangered men.

I.L.G.W. Shop Chairmen Meet Next Thursday

Shop chairmen and active members of cloak and dressmakers locals affiliated with the New York Joint Board will meet in Cooper Union next Thursday, May 26, right after work to discuss various union problems including the transfer or the unemployment insurance fund to Sigman's hands. Possible legal action on this matter will be considered by the workers.

Seek Three For Crime.

A rigid search was being continued yesterday for the three men, believed to be gunmen from New York, who escaped from a cordon of Greenwich, Conn., police.

Railroad Stocks Advance Despite Commission Order

The stock market pooh-poohed the Interstate Commerce Commission's action in turning down the proposed Lorie merger of southwestern railroads when railroad stocks advanced yesterday.

The Commission's rejection of the Lorie deal, by which the anti-union boss of the Delaware & Hudson, who is trying to build a fifth trunk line system between New York and the west, fought to gain control of the Missouri-Texas region, simply didn't faze the gamblers in rail stocks. Apparently well informed that the Commission would eventually ratify the merger when certain objectionable details were changed, the speculators advanced the entire stock list in a vigorous advance. Many stocks went to the highest price of the year.

It was stated in Wall St. that Kansas City Southern, the Lorie road attempting the merger, would take prompt measures to comply with the Commission's requirements for the promotion of the merger.

Imminent Danger of Fall for Tory Cabinet

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trade of the Soviet Union is necessary for tottering British industry. Would Remove Immunity.

The more moderate faction is said to favor the abrogation of the agreement of 1921 and the signing of a new agreement devoid of the rights of immunity. That the Soviet Union will consent to an agreement that does not guarantee the safety of her representatives of the immunity of her offices is extremely unlikely.

Moderate Note.

MOSCOW, May 20.—Commenting on the note of the Soviet Government the Pravda writes:

"Our note written in the hour of danger to international peace will enter history as one of the most moderate and peace-seeking documents ever penned. Chamberlain's note and the raids on the Arcos offices were carried through against the will of the international proletariat.

"Our policy was dictated directly by the interests of the masses of the Soviet Union and the toilers of the world. Our government's words were preceded by a powerful mass protest. We want peace and trade, but the British Government must be careful not to try the patience of the workers and peasants of the masses of the U.S.S.R."

The Izvestia says that the British Government must have courage to loudly declare that it is initiating a rupture with a government occupying a huge part of the earth and representing one hundred and fifty million people.

"While the people of the Soviet Union are ready to receive a sincere conciliatory reply, they face a rupture without astonishment or anxiety, firmly believing not only in their right, but in their strength to achieve final victory."

Taffy Pulling Ends.

LONDON, May 20.—The state visit of President Doumergue, of France, and Foreign Minister Aristide Briand came to an end today. The French statesmen spent three days in England.

the morrow, or return for the demonstration to be held in the Red Square, before the Kremlin, in Moscow. This was the Tenth May Day since the overthrow of czarism and Moscow had planned to make much of the International Labor Holiday. Moscow won. America is far from the Soviet Union. The trip is not made often and 10th Anniversaries do not happen so frequently perhaps as one would desire. The Capitol won, therefore, over the provinces.

So we left Alexsei V. Nikolaev, Chief of the Financial Department of the Moscow, speaking, reporting on the latest achievements of the Soviet Government. A group of earnest, questioning children followed me out of the building, wanting information about the children in America. I gave what I could in the time allotted me, then waved "Good Bye!" "Das viedania!"

Pioneers in America should write to these children of the textile city of Ozery, of Kolomo, and of other cities of the Soviet Union. They would get interesting letters in reply.

New Rulers of Russia.

Just a word about Comrade Nikolaev, the type of worker who is taking command in the Soviet Union. Nikolaev was formerly a baker. His father was a peasant. He was in the Red Army in Yaroslavl Province in the North in 1918. His father still lives here. The chairmanship of the village soviet was but the stepping stone to more responsible work. For the past six years he has struggled with Soviet finances. Now he is not only the chief of the Financial Department of the Moscow Province, but also a member of the provincial executive committee of the Moscow Soviet. The population of the Moscow Province is now 4,200,000. Moscow itself has a population of 2,100,000. Comrade Nikolaev bubbled figures but he was most proud of the fact that the Moscow Province spends five times as much on education now as it did five years ago. Russia is coming up.

"King's" First Wife



Mrs. Angelina Purnell Barnett, first wife of King Benjamin Purnell of the House of David, came from her present home at Portsmouth, O., to testify at St. Joseph, Mich., where the state of Michigan is trying to dissolve the cult. She testified that the "King" married her fifty years ago at her Kentucky mountain home when she was 15 and Ben 17 and that he deserted her a few years later.

Man of God Accused By Women in Trial Of "House of David"

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., May 20.—Mrs. Virginia Wheeler, of New York, a well-gowned matron of 33, was the second woman accuser of "King" Benjamin Purnell in the state's suit to dissolve "The House of David."

On the witness stand Mrs. Wheeler testified that Purnell assaulted her in 1910 when she was 16, explaining that he was the "younger brother of Christ" and could give her eternal life.

Details of the numerous group marriages, said to have been engineered by the religious leader to cover him from investigation, were told by the witness.

CHICAGO, May 20.—"Improper conduct with a woman" was the reason given today by Bishop Thomas Nicholson for the suspension of Bishop Anton Bast of the Copenhagen Methodist Episcopal Church.

Let's Fight On! Join The Workers Party!

In the loss of Comrade Ruthenberg the Workers (Communist) Party has lost its foremost leader and the American working class its staunchest fighter. This loss can only be overcome by more militant workers joining the Party that he built.

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Distribute the Ruthenberg pamphlet, "The Workers' (Communist) Party, What It Stands For and Why Workers Should Join." This Ruthenberg pamphlet will be the basic pamphlet throughout the Ruthenberg Drive. Every Party Nucleus must collect 50 cents from every member and will receive 20 pamphlets for every member to sell or distribute.

Nuclei in the New York District will get their pamphlets from the District office—108 East 14th St.

Nuclei outside of the New York District write to THE DAILY WORKER publishing Co., 33 East First Street, New York City, or to the National Office, Workers Party, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Gives Blood; Faces Trial

WILLIMANTIC, Conn., May 20.—Leonard Cline, playwright under detention here because of the death of Sunday of Wilfred P. Irwin, of Lexington, Va., probably will not be given a preliminary hearing for several days. Surgeons at St. Joseph Hospital where Cline is under treatment following a blood transfusion operation Sunday night when Cline attempted to save Irwin's life, this afternoon declared Cline too weak to leave the hospital.

Vanderbilt Family Breaks Up.

PARIS, May 20.—The final attempts of the Paris courts to effect a reconciliation between Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, II, failed today and it is expected that a divorce decree will be granted Mrs. Vanderbilt within a fortnight.

Worcester Workers Call Strike After Refusing U. S. Aid

WORCESTER, Mass., May 20.—A general strike of laborers was declared last night at a special meeting of Local 620, International Hod-carrier's Building and Common Laborer's Union.

The strike starts at once and will affect every construction and building job in Worcester. A roll call of members was taken before adjourning the meeting and pickets were assigned to the various jobs which will be picketed en-masse.

Have Support.

Local 210, Hodcarriers, have agreed to walk out if necessary and other locals as well as bricklayers will be asked to support the strike to a successful conclusion. About 700 men, mostly members of Laborer's Local 620 are expected to quit work.

The main object of the strike is to gain recognition of the union and establish a minimum wage of 65 cents an hour for laborer's.

Two contractors have already signified their intention to pay 58 cents per hour, but with an effective strike they will come across.

Strike Is Late.

This strike is about 3 weeks late. Miss Anna Weinstock, a representative of the U. S. Dept. of Labor intervened in an attempt to avert the strike when news of the impending strike reached Washington.

Many futile conferences were held and while the International representatives were suggesting that the local present Miss Weinstock, the government conciliator, with some "suitable token of appreciation for her efforts to settle the controversy peacefully," the rank and file members demanded that she be kept out of this struggle and replied that since Miss Weinstock gets paid by the government, it would be more appropriate for Calvin Coolidge to give her a present for her efforts since she is of no earthly use to the workers.

"Any one that is on the payroll of a capitalist government is not paid to be of service to labor," was the general cry at the meeting.

R. B. Moore Speaks at Big Negro Meeting in Philadelphia Sunday

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—Richard B. Moore, who was a delegate to the Brussels Conference against Imperialism held early this year will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Lombard and 12th Sts., tomorrow afternoon at 3.

Arranged by the local branch of the American Negro Labor Congress, this meeting will be the first of a series to plan a campaign of agitation among Negro workers.

De Pinedo Halts Again For Fascist Speeches; Doesn't Mind Accidents

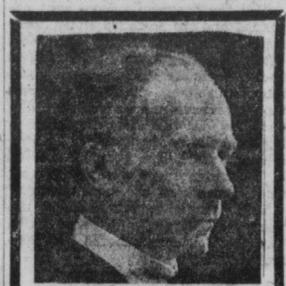
SHIPPEGAN, N. B., May 20.—Francesco De Pinedo, aviator, propagandist for Mussolini, arrived here after a series of minor accidents. Disillusionment is being felt in many quarters about his reputed skill as a result of the aviator's difficulty in getting around the country in spite of the fact that he is receiving the active support of both Italy and the United States.

De Pinedo left Detroit several days ago, after a large fleet of Henry Ford's planes had been sent out to search for him. The large number of "forced" landings which the aviator has made during the past few days coincides happily with his pre-arranged program to make fascist speeches at receptions in his honor in numerous cities of the United States.

Boston Scab Taxi Co. Enters Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—The scab Yellow Taxi Company owned by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. will soon find itself competing with the Checker Cab Co. of Boston which will buy the bankrupt Quaker Taxi Co. of this city.

Taxi drivers will not be affected materially as the Boston Corporation is open shop. A fight for power between the two large corporations is expected.



They Have Tried It Before and Failed

"PRAVDA," the oldest Bolshevik newspaper, and the central organ of the Russian Communist Party celebrates its fifteenth birthday triumphantly, after many years of the same kind of attack which our DAILY WORKER is undergoing. They tell us "It was suppressed, persecuted, confiscated; its editors and collaborators were arrested and banished, but it always rose again. . . always with the same determination and the same will to victory." And finally "When the first Bolshevik Labor newspaper had only existed for a little more than five years, the one hundred thousand workers, who had stood by "Pravda" in the years 1912-1914, had increased in such a way that in November the Party and "Pravda" were backed by the majority of the population of the country which had carried off victory in the revolution."

Today we are under the fire of the same black forces which attacked the "Pravda" in Czarist Russia. The example of our Russian comrades has inspired us with the same indomitable spirit of resistance to the forces of reaction. With the firm support of thousands of workers throughout the country, The DAILY WORKER will not only overcome successfully the present attack, but it will succeed in carving out for itself the same influence and power among the American masses which the "Pravda" won for itself in Russia. To work, comrades, for the defense of our DAILY WORKER!

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LAUNDRY OWNERS ASKED TO RENEW UNION CONTRACT

Strike Probable June 1 If Bosses Refuse

New York may be in the grip of a city-wide laundry workers' strike on June 1.

This possibility, while deprecated by union officials yesterday, results from a demand for the renewal of the present contract, which expires on that date. Seventeen hundred hand and steam laundries have been notified, according to Secretary Joseph Mackey.

Laundry owners will hold a mass meeting Sunday at 2 p. m., at Harlem Casino, Lenox Ave. and 116th St., to consider the union's demands. A peaceful settlement hinges on the attitude taken by the bosses at that meeting.

Owners of hand laundries were meeting a crisis from another quarter with the filing of charges with Attorney General Ottinger that they were operating a monopoly in restraint of trade. The Manhattan and Bronx Laundry Owners Assn., and the New York Hand Laundrymen's Assn., are involved in the charges, filed by a laundryman.

The hand laundries in reality do little or none of their laundering, it is claimed, but send the family wash to one of the four big steam laundries operated by the association. The little laundries do only the ironing.

The little hand laundries control the association through \$100 shares. Recently they subscribed \$100 each for the erection of the new Giant Laundry on West 116th St.

Plumbers' Helpers Out, Altho Lockout Ends

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plumbers locals of greater New York and the united action on the part of all building trade unions will be able to combat this monster alliance of the bosses and the union bureaucrats. We must demand, on the floors of our local unions, the immediate organization of a Joint Council of the three plumbers locals of Greater New York.

In Manhattan and the Bronx the lockout was officially called off. There is no guarantee, however, that unofficially the bosses will not suspend work by discharging workers here and there, and in this way get around the injunction. The bosses can be fought only by the mass power of the workers thru strikes and picketing. By going to court the officials of local 463 have given up the power of strike which is the only real power of a trade union, and thereby have given up the opportunity to help the Brooklyn plumbers by joining them in the fight for the 31-day and 5-day week.

Unite the Locals.

Such occurrences can be prevented only by uniting the three plumbers' locals of Greater New York.

Brothers! The fight in Manhattan and Bronx is not finished. We must demand of the bosses full compensation of all losses caused to the workers by the lockout. We must demand full pay for the time we were out. Action against the Employers' Association on this matter must be taken immediately.

Brothers! The fight in Manhattan and Bronx is not finished so long as the Helpers Union is not recognized. The helpers are still on strike. We are union men and will not betray our younger brothers by working with scab helpers.

Brothers! Wake up! Learn the lesson of the present struggle! Resist all the attacks of the bosses and those who play their hand.

Demand: Unity of all three plumbers locals. Hands off Local One. Full support to the Brooklyn plumbers. Three weeks back pay to the Manhattan and Bronx plumbers, who were locked out. Union helpers on all jobs.

In a letter sent last night from a meeting of the American Association of Plumbers Helpers, held in Ace Hall, 182 Claremont Hall, Brooklyn, the master plumbers of New York City were informed that the helpers would remain on strike until their demands are granted, no matter whether the Manhattan lock-out is ended or not.

Irrespective of the return to work of the New York men, the 4000 helpers are going to stick. There letter says, "Gentlemen: This is to inform you that the Plumbers' Helpers in your employ are on strike and will continue to fight for their demands. We are ready now, as at all times, to meet your body or any committee that you may designate for such purpose, to negotiate for our demands. We wish to call your attention to the fact that there is no other organization representing the striking plumbers helpers."

(signed) American Association of Plumbers Helpers, C. E. Miller, president.

The attitude of the plumbers helpers in this situation was also made known to Thomas Burke, secretary of the plumbers' union, in a communication sent by the 1700 helpers who attended last night's meeting.

Isaac Levy, 65, was found yesterday in an overflowing bathtub in his Brooklyn home. A note indicated he had committed suicide.

Offer Sharkey \$150,000 to Throw Decision to Maloney, Board Told

Jack Sharkey, Boston boxer, told members of the New York State Athletic Commission yesterday afternoon that the report was true that a \$150,000 bribe had been offered his manager, Johnny Buckley, if Sharkey would "throw his fight tonight with Jimmy Maloney."

A stranger approached Buckley last night with the proposition, both Sharkey and Buckley told Commissioners William Muldoon and James Farley. The stranger was promptly ejected, they said.

Regarding purported stories written by Sharkey by newspapers telling of the bribery incident and incidentally commenting facetiously on the boxing commission, Sharkey explained that he had signed a blank paper and did not write these stories himself.

He also declared that the bribery attempt had been related "in confidence" to a newspaperman and he was greatly surprised when it became public.

Smith Using Transit Hearings to Push Race

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was: "Boys, I can do nothing. The Governor is behind it." Thus was Jimmie brought to terms. But the presidential bee now bit Al Smith for a second time!

The growing prospects of his presidential candidacy threw an entirely different light on the whole political and traction deal. Al was shrewd enough to realize that he would have to secure the backing of Wall Street before the traction deal was put over. Otherwise he might face the prospect of being "dumped" at the proper moment even as better and more honest grafters before him had been given the gate.

But at this turn in events Wall Street jumped over the traces completely!

Citizens of this much besmirched metropolis will recall, no doubt, now with clear insight, a series of conferences held between John Delaney, chairman of Walker's transportation board and the representatives of the traction interests in which a complete and rosy "unification" plan was worked out and agreed to by both sides. The traction moguls had abandoned Al for the more congenial Jimmie but the course of their new love was to run no smoother.

Al Answers Bosses.

The present transit investigation dodge is Al Smith's answer to the move on the part of the traction interests in eloping with the already discredited Jimmie Walker. It will be recalled that almost immediately after Jimmie Walker's new "unification" plan was announced last autumn and had been "accepted" by the traction companies, the New York state transit commission announced its own plan, vetoed the Walker project and began an "investigation" of the whole situation.

In the next article will be explained the meaning of the threats of "stock manipulation disclosures" which are being held over the heads of the traction companies, the editorial in the New York World warning Al Smith and Samuel Untermyer, the connections between the traction commissioners and the Smith maneuver, the appointment of former Governor Nathan Miller, this most unashamed tool of the traction trust to the defence of his bosses in the coming hearing.

One thing must here be emphasized at all costs: The people of New York must not fall into the illusion of believing that because Al Smith and the traction barons are for the moment at odds that therefore the 10c fare stall will be prevented from going over.

Peace Will Come.

At the right moment their temporary antagonisms will be reconciled. Al Smith will be taken back to the bosom of his masters and the people will most surely be sold out!

And this is the gang whom the citizens of New York state unwittingly permit year in, year out to remain in power. This is the Al Smith of whom even such blind but liberals as Norman Haggood have written peans of eulogy, extolling him as the hope of the workingman. The New York World is the paper for which these same liberal minded kindergartners have held their endless and silly briefs.

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SCAB'S WORD IS TAKEN AS TRUTH; FURRIER SUFFERS

"Let 'Em Starve" Jailer of Nine Told

The court of Special Sessions yesterday refused to change the six months' sentence of Oscar Mileaf who was convicted on a charge of disorderly conduct made by a right wing scab who said he had "threatened with assault."

The unjust conviction and sentence were upheld, and Mileaf must serve the balance of the six months. There was no witness against him except the man who made the complaint; yet on this flimsy charge he is held in the workhouse on Welfare Island. If it were not for this frame-up, he would now be released on bail with the others who left Mineola Thursday.

The proprietor of a restaurant at Mineola who was supplying food to the men in jail ever since their conviction three weeks ago gave the Joint Board yesterday a graphic example of the attitude of the International officials toward these active union men whom they framed-up.

The restaurant keeper had heard that the men were to be released on Wednesday and he did not know whether or not he should prepare food as usual. He tried to reach the union by telephone, and by mistake was connected with the scab International on 27th Street. When he asked "shall I send food in to the boys today?" the reply from International headquarters was:

Let Them Starve.

"No don't send them any food; let them starve there. Let them all die in their cells."

This is the group of union saviors who yesterday distributed thru the fur market a leaflet, signed by H. Schless, manager, denouncing the Joint Board for its "betrayal of the workers." The amusing part of this "warning to the fur workers," is that the International officials "threaten" to stop Saturday work. They should rather have said "promise" to stop Saturday work for it is they, the right wingers, who have been permitting their followers to break the union rules and work on Saturdays; it is they who have been attempting to break down the forty hour week, gained by the workers after a long and bitter struggle. The overtime permitted by the agreement recently signed with the fur trimming association allows overtime only on five days of the week—not on Saturdays at any time.

Official Bouncer on Hand.

Announcement was made in the capitalist press yesterday that "the union" had named delegates to the convention at the meetings called in the Rand School on Thursday night. It is reliably reported that before this meeting began, a burly individual came out of the building and announced, "I am the official bouncer of this meeting." Those who met with the bouncer's O. K. then went in to hear Edward F. McGrady, head of the furriers' reorganization committee give an impassioned speech on democracy in the union. Unfortunately there were not very many present to hear this novel address.

Three fur workers arrested on Wednesday for defending themselves against an attack launched by International scabs were arraigned yesterday morning in Jefferson Market Court and held for further examination next Wednesday, May 25.

Trimmers Gaining.

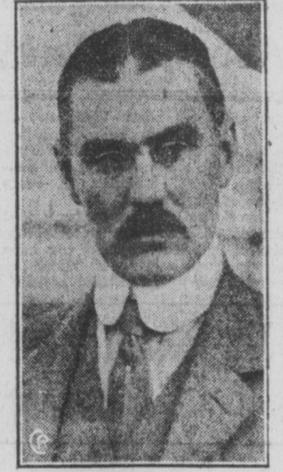
According to a report published yesterday in Women's Wear Daily, 8 new firms joined the Fur Trimming Manufacturers' Association, Inc., at its meeting on Wednesday evening. Three of these were said to be former members of the Associated Fur Manufacturers, Inc. The president of the trimming men, Maurice L. Steingig, refused to announce the names of the firms involved.

Four nominees for impartial chairman have been agreed upon by the Joint Board Furriers' Union and the Fur Trimming Manufacturers, Inc., under their new agreement, so it was announced yesterday. The names have not been made public, and until the men suggested have been consulted on the matter there will be no further discussion of the problem by the two groups.

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Nationalist Turkey Breaks Foes' Iron Ring



Joseph Clark Grew, Under Secretary of State, who is expected to go to Turkey as ambassador, a post which has not had an incumbent for ten years.

Anti Saloon League Demands Control of Prohibition Offices

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Official announcement of the resignation of General Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury, since April 1, 1925, has headed Federal Prohibition enforcement, was made late today by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. Seymour Lowman, former Lieut. Governor of New York, was appointed to succeed Andrews, who has been under fire from the Anti-Saloon League.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—The Anti-Saloon League today delivered to President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon a demand that the new dry regime set up by the reorganization act of Congress, be made virtually an independent arm of the government.

Snub Distiller Mellon.

The League's pronouncement, contained in a resolution of its executive committee, reminded Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Mellon that the act was passed with "the unmistakable understanding" that the new commissioner of prohibition "would be entirely free and unhampered in the performance of his duties."

While the prohibition chiefs refused to amplify their statement, it was declared to be tantamount to an open declaration that the new commissioner must be independent of the dictation of Mr. Mellon and Lincoln C. Andrews, supreme dry bureau chief, to satisfy them.

Money For Politics.

The present budget of the League is \$450,000 a year, McBride said. The special campaign will amount to increase to \$750,000 a year until after the 1928 elections.

The executive committee of the League, meeting behind closed doors here, affirmed the main goal of the organization—to prevent the nomination of a wet candidate for president, and to prevent any tinkering with the dry law in the platforms of the two major parties.

"Look Out Al!"

"This means," said a formal statement from the executive committee, "that a strenuous campaign will be waged against Gov. Al Smith, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Gov. Ritchie and Senator Reed of Missouri, and any other candidate who does not stand square on prohibition."

While the League heads were meeting, Senator David I. Walsh (D) of Massachusetts, issued a statement severely arraigning the organization.

Notorious Gangster In Court on Charge Of Shooting Picket

"Little Augie," the gangster so well known to pickets during the cloak strike last summer, was brought to court yesterday on a charge of shooting Samuel Landman in front of 22 West 26th Street last July.

The case is being heard by Judge Mancuso in General Sessions. In addition to producing 6 witnesses who declared "Augie"—whose real name is Jacob Organ (sic)—was at home at the time he shot Landman, the gangster also defends himself by declaring that he was not a hired agent of the employers but a respectable manufacturer, none other than a partner of Klop & Gold, at the West 26th Street address.

Landman, the complainant, testified that he was shot in the back but did not see who attacked him. David Wit-rack, another strike picket, identified "Augie" as the gunman, and stated that he fired with a black-handled pistol.

Pickets On Job At Cloak Shops

Workers who want to show their solidarity with the Cloak and Dress-makers Joint Board can join each morning with the pickets of the Metro Dress shop, 306 West 87th St., which has been declared on strike as a result of the activities of the officials of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.

This firm, some time ago, moved to new premises and attempted to discharge its workers. The shop was called on strike and refused all attempts made to settle it. Finally when the height of the season arrived, it settled with the Joint Board and took back its workers.

Then the International began approaching the boss with offers of a new set of workers if they would sign with them, and finally on this promise the shop locked out its workers this past week, and the shop has been called on strike by the Joint Board. Picketing is being conducted regularly.

Caron Bros. Struck.

Another shop now on strike is Caron Bros., 247 West 88th St. where part of the shop has registered with the International. Last Monday, the boss sent down one girl who had not registered. The entire shop, including the registered workers, stopped work and went to the International for a meeting. A business agent went to see the boss, and when he returned he announced that not only the one discharged girl, but 19 others who had not registered must leave the shop.

These twenty workers are now on strike and picketing to prevent the introduction of scabs.

Registered workers, from shops of the Associated Fur Manufacturers, Inc., will meet on Monday right after work at Manhattan Lyceum.

A meeting of all shop chairmen will be held in this same hall on Tuesday, right after work.

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TRANSIT OUTFIT BALKY ON PROBE BY SMITH'S MAN

Flying Sparks Expected in Gov.-Mayor Fight

By WILL DE KALB.

Open defiance of the transit commission, and a distinctly hostile attitude toward the transit inquiry will be manifested by the interests in control of the B. M. T., it was indicated in a note made public yesterday by the corporation.

When the transit inquiry, which begins on Monday, gets under way, it is understood, officials of the transit companies on trial will be instructed to openly defy Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the commission, when he calls them to the stand. Untermyer may have to resort to court action to force officials of the transit companies to testify at the hearings.

Yesterday, the B. M. T. definitely maintained that inasmuch as it is a holding company, and not a transportation corporation, it is beyond the jurisdiction of the Transit Commission and the investigation it is about to conduct.

This, students of the transit problem point out, may result in the further complication of the situation, the blanketing off the probe, and the strengthening of the hold of the transit companies on the city's property. The possibility of transit relief becomes more remote as the situation becomes more complicated, it is said.

In a statement to the press, Samuel Untermyer denounced the present attitude of the companies as "indefensible," and expressed an intention to continue hammering the B. M. T. and the I. R. T. until he has hung them by the heels. However, it is intimated that Untermyer will not pursue this extreme policy after he has been "talked to" by representatives of the transit companies.

LINDBERGH OFF ON LONE FLIGHT

Charles Lindbergh was over the Atlantic last night, headed toward Paris at the rate of 120 miles an hour. He took off in his non-stop flight at 7:51 yesterday morning and headed up the Atlantic coast following the Great Circle.

All day long bulletins came in telling of sighting him further and further to the northeast.

"He has passed Boston," "He has passed Halifax," "He has passed Rome Island," "He has passed Fortune," the bulletins read. All said he was flying low and traveling fast.

Ramea Island and Fortune are in Newfoundland. He passed Fortune at 4:55 o'clock Atlantic daylight time, just thirty minutes after passing Ramea Island, sixty miles back.

Then he headed out toward the Atlantic, where sundown caught him and is still going in the dark.

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Give Sinclair Three Months for Contempt, But He May Not Serve

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Harry F. Sinclair, multi-millionaire oil magnate, was sentenced today to three months imprisonment in federal prison for contempt of the United States Senate. He also was fined \$500.

Sentence was pronounced by Justice Hitz in District Supreme Court before whom the oil magnate was tried and convicted some weeks ago of refusing to answer questions propounded to him during the Senate's investigation of his lease of the Teapot Dome Reserve, notorious because of charges of wholesale bribery of U. S. Cabinet officers.

Sinclair, however, will not begin to serve his sentence, as his attorneys have appealed the conviction to higher courts, and will eventually take it to the Supreme Court if necessary.

Liberals Protest Reign of Terror in Pilsudski's Poland

A stirring appeal to the Polish government from a group of liberals, revealing a wholesale disregard of political, religious and personal rights in this country and begging for their restoration was received yesterday by Jan Ciechanowski, Polish minister to the United States.

The revelations are made by a group of Americans including Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Clarence Darrow, Sherwood Eddy, Felix Frankfurter, Norman Haggood, David Starr Jordan, William Allen White, Paul U. Kellogg, and 38 others, organized under the name of the International Committee for Political Prisoners.

Six thousand individuals, according to this committee, are imprisoned in Poland today for political reasons, and wholesale brutality and torture are visited upon them by the authorities. Many detailed cases are cited. Civil liberties have been virtually wiped out under the Polish republic. As evidence it is stated that 267 out of 287 eastern orthodox churches in one province have been suppressed; and that 80 per cent of the issues of some anti-administration newspapers have been suppressed. The forcible abolition of minority parties, labor unions, and political clubs is also found to be of common occurrence.

Surprised as he lay asleep in his hotel room, Harry Vislitzner, 20, was arrested yesterday for the murder of Detective Morris Borkin. Vislitzner confessed the killing, according to Detective Captain John J. Ryan.

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Reaction Hits Snag in Building Trades.

The action of Local Union Number One, Plumbers Union of Brooklyn, in defeating attempts to establish the principle of arbitration of basic questions like the five-day week, will be welcomed by every worker who has been sickened by the shameful display of reaction recently in the needle trades and other unions.

The 1,700 members of this union of highly skilled workers made their protest so emphatic that the international union officials were forced to recede from their stand. The support given Local Number One by the large Bronx local shows that the spirit displayed by the Brooklyn plumbers is no sporadic flare-up but is the product of deep discontent with existing conditions and the methods employed by the union officials to meet them.

The injunction secured by the union officials against the bosses is just as ineffective as might be expected. The injunction is the bosses' weapon and can not be used successfully by labor organizations. It weakens the morale of the workers and creates false confidence in the impartiality of capitalist courts. Only officials who are too close to the bosses to be of much value to the workers will attempt to use the injunction as a major weapon.

The rank and file plumbers have shown their dissatisfaction with such methods and the officials have replied, according to reports, with threats of revocation of charters. It is noticeable that right wing union officialdom, when the membership shows every intention of fighting the bosses, always turn in anger upon the rank and file instead of the employers.

The struggle in the local building trades, not only because of the militancy shown by the workers, but because it comes at a time when the right wing is making every effort to prevent it, is of national importance. In addition to these strikes and lock-outs, there is a wave of other smaller strikes and organization movements which have the possibility of developing into more important struggles.

In certain sections of the labor movement the worker-employer-cooperation scheme seems to have hit a snag. It will pay the left wing to watch closely even the smallest signs of a revival of militancy and prepare to give direction which will broaden them into real mass movements against both the capitalists and their labor agents in official union positions.

Growth of Chinese Communist Party.

At the congress of the Chinese Communist Party held in Hankow beginning May Day figures were presented by Chen Tu that proved the rapid growth of the Party from a small and determined revolutionary group of only 994 members at the last congress in January, 1925, to 57,967 members.

In the same period the Young Communist League increased from 2,365 to 35,000.

In the trade unions and peasant organizations the growth was equally remarkable. In 1925 only 150,000 workers were organized in the trade unions, whereas the unions now have a membership of 2,800,000. The peasant unions increased in membership during the same period from 200,000 to 9,829,000. The student unions have a membership of 420,000.

Most figures are dull and uninteresting, but these figures eloquently testify to profound social changes that have taken place in China. Nowhere else has there been such an astonishing growth of the labor movement in a period of less than two years and a half. The last conference of the Communist Party of China was held on the eve of the great strike that broke out in February, 1925, and soon became general throughout the industrial centers of China. In that strike the Communists emerged from a small group somewhat isolated from the mass of workers and peasants into the one dynamic force in the labor movement. They became the leaders and organizers of the masses.

By applying correct tactics and throwing their energy into the Kuomintang, the nationalist liberation movement, they became the motivating power in the campaigns against imperialism; in building up the army they were the most energetic and had the advantage of the advice of comrades well-trained in the art of insurrection.

By virtue of their position as leaders of the working class and because the proletariat is the only force in China that is cohesive enough to lead an independent political existence, the growth of the labor movement kept pace with the growth and influence of the Communist Party.

In China, as well as in all countries where history has placed revolution on the order of the day, the Communists have shown, by their superior leadership and self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of labor that they alone are capable of directing the revolutionary forces against the power of the master class.

A party rooted as deeply in the masses of the workers and peasants as is the Chinese Communist Party cannot be exterminated no matter to what monstrous extremes the imperialist butchers and their lackeys go in their desperate efforts to forge the chains of slavery upon the masses.

The past achievements of the Communist Party give assurance that the liberation movement in China will drive forward against the imperialists to the establishment of a workers' and peasants' government.

Festival and Dance Tonight.

The festival and May dance arranged by the I. L. D. Downtown Branch will be held tonight at the Downtown Workers' Club, 35 East Second St. Feldman's Union Band will play until early morning.

Progressive Dance Tonight.

The progressive group of the Excavators Union will hold a concert and dance tonight at the United Workers' Cooperative, 2700 Bronx Park East, for the benefit of the clockmakers fund and the Italian progressive newspaper, The Class Struggle. Admission 25 cents.

"Breaking Chains" Makes I.L.D. Converts

AKRON, Ohio, May 16. (By Mail) "Breaking Chains," moving picture epic of the Russian Revolution, was presented here last night by the International Workers Aid, to an enthusiastic audience of 700 workers.

Carl Hacken, organizer for the International Workers Aid, outlined the aims of the organization and its role in the class struggle. At the conclusion of his talk, over a dozen workers filled out application cards for membership in the organization.

The Soviet Union Delegation at Geneva Exposes the Aims of World Imperialism

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE.

THE World Economic Conference at Geneva has been turned into an event of first class political importance for the working class by the delegation from the Soviet Union.

Into the sessions devoted to strengthening the capitalist economic front against the workingclass, the extension of trade agreements, negotiations between gigantic international trusts, discussion of tariff problems and preparations for placing still more of the burdens of "stabilization" upon the masses, the Soviet Union delegation has projected the two questions:

(1) Does the capitalist world recognize the existence of another system opposed to itself which has maintained itself for ten years?
(2) What are the intentions of the capitalist governments—peace or war?

HERE in the United States there is undoubtedly a strong tendency to under-estimate the importance of the appearance of the Soviet Union at Geneva and the negotiations that have taken place there. But European diplomats, who had planned to turn the Geneva conference into an offensive against the Soviet Union, and who heard gleefully the news of the raid on the Soviet Union Trade delegation offices in London, know that just as the raid itself has become a boomerang smiting sorely the heads of British imperialist government, so has the Geneva conference become a forum from which the Soviet Union delegation broadcast to millions of workers the contrast between their policy of peace and the war policy of the imperialist nations.

THE bluff of the imperialist nations has been called. Their representatives know only too well that substantial alleviation of the economic diseases of Europe, without Russian participation, is impossible.

They whistle to keep up their courage, but the clear formulation put forward by the Soviet Union delegation has gone straight to the hearts of the European workingclass.

Gregory Sokolnikoff put the issue squarely: Either economic relations with the Soviet Union or armed intervention as in China—war or peace. The responsibility rest upon the imperialist governments, not upon the worker and peasant government of the Soviet Union.

THERE are other important aspects of the conference which have not escaped the notice of the capitalist press correspondents who know something of the labor movement. It is, when all is said and done, in the labor movements of the various countries that the Soviet Union finds its strongest allies.

The New York World correspondent reports:

"Meanwhile agreement between the Russians and the International Labor Office, whose leaders are mostly socialists, has been advanced by private conference. Heretofore the leaders of the Second International have been the most active opponents of the Third, but now some of them are determined to secure Russian cooperation in their work."

THIS is another way of saying that the mass pressure for support of the Soviet Union and its anti-imperialist struggle is forcing even sections of the reformist leaders to abandon their position of unrestrained hostility.

In its directions to its various sections for their activities in connection with the Geneva Economic Conference published in International Press Correspondence for April 28, the following paragraphs are to be found:

"The order of business of the Conference does not contain a single question representing the requirements of the working class of Europe. The unemployment problem has been barred from the agenda. On the other hand, the Conference will be used for the purpose of preparing an attack on an international basis against the wage and labor conditions of the working class, an attack which the workers of the world can only meet by the creation of an internationally united and militant trade union movement."

"But it is not only for this reason that a watchful eye must be kept on this Conference by the working class. It is in close connection with the menace of war, which it is the duty of the international working class to combat. At the same time there can be no doubt that the illusions entertained by the Second International will be cruelly dispelled by the outcome of the Conference. Furthermore, the Conference demonstrates to the working class the existing imperialist antagonisms, which contain the germs of armed conflicts between imperialist groups and which can be solved only by the overthrow of the capitalist order of economy."

THE assertions quoted above, written long before the conference convened, have been borne out fully by events at its sessions. The presence of the Soviet Union delegation has brought out sharply the insoluble contradictions in capitalist economy from which arise the rivalries that make imperialist war an ever-present danger.

The presence of the Soviet Union delegation and their ultimatum to

the economists and diplomats of world imperialism has dramatized again, for the whole working class, the existence of Soviet State, challenging world capitalist on every point of its program.

The Soviet Union delegation, (aided greatly of course by the desperate acts of British imperialists who have convicted themselves of trying to provoke war) administered a politi-

cal defeat to capitalism at Geneva. It is the task of the Communists to state so clearly that every worker can understand the tremendous significance of this defeat in a period when British imperialism has been trying secretly for months to set up a war front against the Soviet Union which would appear at Geneva in the preliminary form of a united boycott by the capitalist nations.

The Forward Crowd Too Much Even For J. Ramsay MacDonald

By H. M. WICKS.

THIS is the age of internationalism. Face to face with the international bourgeoisie and its most loyal and valued flunkies, the second international, stands the international proletariat. But as capitalism itself, even within a given country, does not enjoy uniform development, there arise antagonisms within the ranks of the two historically opposed classes, so the unequal development on an international scale gives rise to groups and grouplets within the international organizations of the capitalist class and its auxiliaries, such as the socialist international.

In countries where capitalism is weakened because of inexorable economic and political forces the social-democratic parties and their leaders, the heroes of the second international, are catapulted into positions of responsibility where their task is to save what they can of the wreckage in order that capitalism may have a new, if short, lease of life.

Such was the condition in Germany after the world war, when the Scheidemanns, Eberts, Noskes and others launched murderous attacks on wholesale scale against the working class in order that their masters, the capitalists, might maintain control of the governmental machinery and thereby protect their right to the private ownership of industry. In England the ruling class also has to rely upon their good and faithful servants of the second and Amsterdam internationals to aid them in their fight against the increasing militancy of the working class. The rule is that in those countries where the impact of the class struggle has weakened the capitalist class the social-democrats play important roles as defenders of things as they are.

In the United States, because of the fact that the ruling class here is powerful and arrogant and feels itself capable of dealing with its own slaves, it doesn't require the aid of the MacDonalds or Thomases or Clines or Scheidemanns to maintain power. In the European situation the capitalist class is firmly convinced that it needs the aid of the reactionary leaders of the second international in order to maintain power. In the United States the capitalists feel that they are for the most part, powerful enough to do without such aid, or if it is required the Greens, Wolls and Lewises serve their purposes. So the main task of the yellow socialists today is to try to persuade the capitalists that they need them to hold the working class in chains. Since the only remnant of the old socialist party extant in the United States, aside from Victor Berger's outfit in Milwaukee, is that group around the Jewish Daily Forward and since the masses of Jewish workers are swinging to the left and deserting the American representatives of the second international, there is grave danger that the last vestiges of the discredited socialist party will be wiped out before its leaders have a chance to prove to the capitalists that they can be depended upon to more or less heroically defend capitalism when it can no longer stand on its own feet. Through theoretically pledged to carry out in this country the policy the parties of the second international carry out in Europe, historical development has relegated the American socialists to the miserable role of bootlickers of a labor aristocracy that developed independently of the alleged political parties of labor and that plays the role of agent of the capitalists that the socialists in other countries play.

In New York the socialists are doing the dirty work of the Greens and Wolls, by leading the attack against the rank and file of the labor movement. But they are not meeting with marked success; the petty bourgeois elements that support the Forward gang have no roots in the working class—they have long ago graduated into all sorts of business-men. Aside from the petty bourgeoisie, only paid thugs and gangsters still follow in the wake of the Forward, and recent events point unerringly to the fact that long before the socialists here have a chance to defend the master class in its last extremity the workers themselves will have disposed of them.

In waging a fierce fascist campaign against the left wing in the

needle trades, the only industry in which the socialists of New York ever had the ghost of mass support, the Jewish Daily Forward, and its English speaking prostitutes of the type of James Oneal, were forced at first to call to their aid the riff-raff, the rag-tag and bob-tail elements of the defunct counter-revolutionary forces of Russia and finally, after the failure of such scoundrels and liars as the notorious menshevik, Abramovich, and the comic-opera ex-premier, Kerensky, they tried to use the politically bankrupt, J. Ramsay MacDonald, for their purposes.

It was a good scheme. There was nothing wrong with the strategy. Unfortunately for the Forward gang, it didn't work. Certainly J. MacDonald would never balk at the job of defender of a right-wing movement against Communists. His record in Britain has proved his love for that sort of thing. He is the defender of the official right-wing bureaucracy in the British labor unions. When J. H. Thomas is in a tight fix he can always rely upon MacDonald, the former leader of the Parliamentary labor forces, to come to his aid.

If Bill Green or John L. Lewis were in distress, J. Ramsay would defend them without hesitation.

But the Forward gang is not the American labor movement. It never was even an important part of it and never will be. In fact it is not a part of the labor movement at all these days. It speaks for the labor bureaucracy in the needle trades, a forlorn outfit of incompetent and unprincipled office holders who have been defeated by the rank and file and who only hold their positions through the practice of fraud and violence against their own membership. The main support of the Forward gang comes from people who at one time, when the Forward first started on the lower east side, were workers, but have evolved into other walks of life. While the Forward remained on the lower east side, its supporters moved up-town, to the Bronx and Washington Heights and graduated from the ranks of the workers.

Respectable petty shop-keepers, petty clothing and shoe manufacturers, grocery vendors, pawn-brokers, rabbis, advertising writers, movie show proprietors, restaurant-keepers, high-salaried officials of the United Hebrew Trades, thugs and gangsters, the right wing leaders of the needle trades, labor bankers, lawyers, doctors (chiropractors), pullers, psycho-analysts (chiropractors), garage proprietors, and all the innumerable petty business outfit and its official organ, the Forward. When celebrations are pulled off to commemorate some such thing as the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the Forward, at which MacDonald was advertised to appear—but didn't—this aggregation with their numerous progeny turn out in full force.

They do not bring their offsprings in order that they may learn something of the struggles of the workers, but in order to show them off. Since the parents have managed to get away from the shops on the east side, they want their precocious youngsters to get farther away so they yearn for them to become violinists, saxophone or piccolo players, operatic singers, contortionists, ballet dancers, pole vaulters, six-day bicycle racers, Al. Jolsons and Eddie Cantors, orchestra conductors, literati—in short anything but workers and revolutionists. Forward celebrations furnish opportunities for the youngsters to display before their fond mammas and pappas their budding genius.

It was just such an affair at which the distinguished J. Ramsay was advertised to appear. He, who had consorted in knee breeches and silk stockings with the royal family of Britain; whose eminence is unchallenged among the best people of England was to appear as court jester for pickel peddlers, sandwiched in between them on the program like Will Rogers in Zeigfield's Follies between Farcy Brice and Gallagher and Shean. This was the dismal prospect that faced MacDonald. What to do?

He left England in order to avoid being in the absurdly ridiculous position of being kicked out of political life by his own party, the Independent Labor Party, because of his treachery to the working class before, during and since his term as

FOOTNOTES TO THE NEWS

By EUGENE LYONS

TORY ANTHEM

Some gentlemen from Scotland Yard
They called at Moorgate Street;
Their etiquette was perfect,
And their voices they were sweet;
In the gentlest Cockney accents
They detained the Russian Reds—
They drilled some safes, they bust
some walls,
They punched a couple of heads.

You may talk of Alexander,
And Hector and Hercules;
Of MacDonald and Lysander
And heroes such as these.
When the sun sets on the Union Jack,
And Die-Hards die too hard,
The guardians of the Empire
They rush forth from Scotland Yard.

They drilled some safes, they bust
some walls,
And yet 'twas NOT a raid;
They merely sought a document
Lost, stolen, or mislaid;
They know the Reds at Moorgate
Street

Had learned some secret stories;
Thank God that Britain in her need
Is governed by the Tories!

At home the Empire's in a mess,
In China, in a fix;
But Birkenhead has hiccoughs
And the Cabinet has Hicks!
Though Arcos has no documents
For Scotland Yard to get,
Thank God that Mr. "Zinoviev"
Resides in London yet.

Last time we were in trouble
He composed a lovely letter;
This time, no doubt, he'll help us out
(Let's hope he'll do it better)
The China situation's bad,
The home one is no beauty,
O Downing Street expects each spy
To do his noble duty;

J. F.

Ramsay MacDonald, all considered, was a bad investment for the Jewish Daily Forward. He made a bad crack about not wanting to "shout socialism from the housetops." That was a hard one for the so-called socialists who paid his fare to swallow. Then he refused to comment on the Sacco-Vanzetti case, which the socialists are ostensibly supporting, upon a silly pretext.

Kerensky is turning out better for them. And so far as we know cost them less. At least the Forward probably did not pay his fare. He was good "front" for right-wing rallies and teamed up nicely with Matty Woll. But towards the end the A. F. of L. seems to have played him a little too strong to suit even the Forward crowd. This crowd, it happens, has maintained that it favors recognition of the Soviet Union by the American government. But now the A. F. of L. executive—on the basis of Kerensky's information—has reaffirmed its opposition to recognition.

A Professor Complains.—Harry T. Collings, Professor of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania (the same citadel of learning which kicked out Scott Nearing), bewails the difficulties of life in Brazil. In an article on the cost of living in South America, published in the current "Current History," he complains thus:

"Every family, even of the middle class, must have at least one servant and usually two, since the social customs of the country do not permit the wife to do housework. A servant's wage has now risen from \$15 to \$25 a month in the larger cities and wages represent only a part of the cost. The food for servants, entirely different from that of the family, costs a considerable sum each month."

There must be some way out of this sad difficulty, professor. Let's see. How about training the servants to do without food? This process may involve a number of casualties, but no great economic experiment has ever been accomplished without some sacrifice. Or—as an afterthought—why not have the family, even the middle class family, share the servants' food?

What the War Was About.—The "Montreal Gazette" carries this story out of Chicago, dated May 11:

"Two young engineers, who have worked shoulder to shoulder for more than four years in the peaceful haunts of one of Chicago's largest industries, today compared notes to discover that they once sought each other's life to achieve the grim ends of battle during the war."

"These men both cited for their bravery by Canada and Germany are Harry Ratcliffe, 28, whose home was in Winnipeg, and William Seligman, 29, formerly of Frankfurt."

"Comparing notes, these two men revealed coincidence as strange as fiction. During the great battle of Paschendale, Ratcliffe, a corporal of the Little Black Devils, 27th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, and Seligman, a private of infantry regiment 368, Imperial German Army, discovered that they were less than fifty yards from each other on that eventful day of November 5, 1917."

"From his secret vantage point, Seligman recalled he managed to mow down one Canuck machine-gunner after another. But there was one intrepid gunner that he could not oust from his gun which was spitting death to the Germans."

"That man, he is certain, is Ratcliffe, who routed the Germans in that war encounter. So fierce was the battle that Seligman was one of the 15 men out of 97 who escaped after failing to oust the sturdy Canadian machine-gunners."

The story does not tell how these two heroes feel about it now. But if they have any sense they must feel extremely foolish.

premier of Britain. Fleeing to these shores, he was to be made still more ridiculous by playing the clown before a mob of the petty bourgeoisie.

No wonder he suffered a severe attack of diplomatic illness and refused to come within a hundred miles of the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Jewish Daily Forward!

So, as far as the voyage of MacDonald was concerned, it was almost a total loss to the Forward and its hangers-on who hoped to regain some of their waning prestige. On the night that he left for England, MacDonald paid a short visit to some of the Forward crowd, which enabled them to somewhat save their faces before the petty bourgeoisie, but that is all. MacDonald has come and gone, but the left wing remains, stronger than before he came, because forces which the yellow socialists can neither overcome nor understand, are shaping themselves so that Abe Cahan, Morris Hillquit, James Oneal & Co. will never have the opportunity to play in this country the filthy role that the European leaders of the second international have played during and since the world war—that of voluntary executioners of the working class.