

WORKER-PEASANT RED GUARDS CAPTURE CANTON

Mine Fight Sharp on All Fronts

COAL CONFERENCE FAILS; OPERATORS WILL NOT COME

Miners' Union Wants General Strike

(Special to The Daily Worker)
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12.—The arrogant and final refusal of the coal operators to take part in the joint conference proposed under federal auspices, and which constituted a Coolidge gesture aimed to placate the miners, has brought home with smashing force to the rank and file here the bankruptcy of the official policy of appealing to the state and national government.

Even former supporters of John L. Lewis realize now that the time has come for the union to fight—or be exterminated.

Call for General Strike.
Sentiment for a general strike is increasing steadily. Local Union 570 at Portage, District 2, Central Pennsylvania, where thousands of miners and their families are on the verge of starvation, has sent out a resolution to all local unions in the district asking for joint action in demanding that President Lewis call a strike in all coal fields unless a settlement is reached by Dec. 15.

Follow Mellon Lead.
All important coal companies have followed the lead of the Pittsburgh Coal Company and Pittsburgh Terminal Company in regard to the proposed conference. All the companies adopt the attitude of the Mellon concerns in ignoring the union as a factor in the situation.

S. H. Robbins, president of the Ohio Coal Operators' Association wired: "We will not meet with representatives of the United Mine Workers with whom we have no contract and with whom we have severed all relations and who have no interest in the properties we control."

West Va. Operators Hostile.
The Monongahela Coal Operators' Association, an organization controlling a number of mines in West Virginia, wired in response to the conference invitation: "There is no connection, contractual or otherwise, between the members of our association and the United Mine Workers and therefore we would not be interested in or affected by any of the problems that might be considered at the conference."

STRIKE VOTE AT LOCAL 41 MEET NOW PREDICTED

A general strike vote will be taken at a mass membership meeting called by the Tuckers, Pleaters and Hemstitchers Local 41 International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, for Thursday at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St., after work.

The strike if called will be effective against all manufacturers in the pleating industry, except those who have recently renewed their agreements with the union.

Violation of the injunction recently obtained against Local 41 by the Manufacturers' Association in the industry led to the arrest of 16 more strikers yesterday who were picketing the shops of the Harrison Pleating Co., Landau Bros., and the C. C. Pleating Co. which had locked out their workers. The arrested workers were discharged in Jefferson Market Court yesterday afternoon by Magistrate H. Stanley Renaud.

"Sigman Will Fail."
M. E. Taft, manager of the union, said in spite of the hired thugs he Morris Sigman, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, thru whose assistance the injunction had been obtained will not succeed in compelling the membership to register in the dual local he has established was sending into the shops.

"If the bosses think that they can conspire with Sigman to break our union and destroy the union conditions of our members the workers will make them change their minds," Taft added.

"Next Thursday's strike meeting will show them that if they want to continue in business they will have to deal with us."



Wm. Watkins, president, Switchmen's Union, St. Paul (chairman of the delegation); R. S. King, Machinists' Union, New Haven.

U. S. UNIONISTS ARE BACK FROM SOVIET RUSSIA

Meeting Is Planned For Rank and Filers

Eight members of the second trade union delegation to the Soviet Union will return to New York at 8 o'clock tonight on the Cunard liner Berengaria, which will dock at Pier 54, in the Hudson River at West 14th St. The other members of the delegation are expected to return Dec. 27.

The delegation left America Oct. 21 and reached the Soviet Union in time to participate in the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Russian Revolution. Before starting on their return trip the delegation issued a preliminary report urging the American workers to resist the imperialist attacks on the Soviet Union.

To Hold Meeting.
A mass meeting to welcome the return of the delegation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 21 at Cooper Union. The meeting will be held by the New York Committee of the American Trade Union delegation, the same committee that arranged the large Madison Square Garden meeting for the first trade union delegation, headed by James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor. Henry T. Hunt, former mayor of Cincinnati, will preside. Members of the delegation will speak.

Those Returning.
Those returning today are: William Watkins, chairman of the delegation and president of the Switchmen's Union, Local 206, Minneapolis; Peter Jensen, secretary of the delegation, of the Machinists' Union, Chicago; Ben Thomas, Machinists' Union, Philadelphia; William G. Hearing, Stamford, Conn.; William McKenzie, Carpenters' Union, Stamford, Conn.; Edward Rome, United Mine Workers, Nanticoke, Penn.; Edward Stock, Electricians' Union, San Jose, Calif., and E. P. Cosh, Amalgamated Association of Steel Workers, Pittsburgh.

25,000 WILL ATTEND WORKER-FREIHEIT BALL; PROLETARIAN, POET AND PEASANT TO BE THERE

Proletarians, poets, playwrights and enough ordinary human beings to reach the big total of 25,000 are expected to gather in the mammoth auditorium of Madison Square Garden, 51st St. and Eighth Ave., next Saturday night, when THE DAILY WORKER-FREIHEIT ball will be held.

Under the direction of the Joint Arrangements Committee 500 volunteers will be groomed Thursday evening, 7:30 p. m., at Manhattan Lyceum, 64 East Fourth St., to handle the great crowd.

According to reports received by THE DAILY WORKER this affair promises to be the biggest ever staged by the revolutionary labor movement in New York City.

HUNDREDS OF PRIZES.
A jazz band unexcelled for the encouragement it gives to trippers of the light fantastic has been secured and the number and originality of the costumes promise to establish a new record. Hundreds of prizes will be awarded.

For the first time the editors of THE DAILY WORKER and THE FREIHEIT can be seen under the same roof. Morris Pass, Freiheit cartoonist, and Fred Ellis, who performs a similar function at THE DAILY WORKER, will appear disguised as two prosperous real estate agents.

The members of several local unions have informed THE DAILY WORKER that they will attend the ball in a body.

The thousands of Workers (Communist) Party members in New York City are actively engaged selling tickets for the ball. The success of the ball means much for the future of the two Communist organs and the Workers (Communist) Party expects every member and sympathizer to do his (her) duty.

COLORADO NOW RECOGNIZES THE MINE STRIKERS

Evidence Lays Shooting to Rockefeller

By FRANK PALMER.
DENVER, Dec. 12.—The State Industrial Commission "ate dirt" Saturday when it announced the acceptance of petitions by the strike committee and called hearings on its grievances.

For this, it recognized the legality of the strike and recognized the committee, which the Commission knows was I. W. W. after wild statements that the strike was illegal and would never be recognized and that the commission would not deal with the I. W. W.'s. Hearings will begin early this week and will be concluded by Christmas, the Commission says. Annual Continues Strikebreaking.
Chairman Anear promptly announced that half of the men had gone back to work in the northern fields, doubling the wildest claims of the militia who always had figures by a wide margin. Anear has shown himself an ineffectual but determined strikebreaker during the controversy but is not intelligent enough to cause a real break in the ranks.

The strikers who believe the Commission will be afraid to give a decision as bad as in the past and are confident that victory is near, would not consider scabbing after almost ten weeks of wonderful solidarity. Democrat Heeler Led Raid.
It has been learned that the man leading the raid of militiamen Friday night named White may be Captain Charles White, secretary of the democratic party, of which Anear is chairman. The party has been supported by the Colorado Labor Federation for ten years, especially by the Anear-White group.

(Special to The Daily Worker)
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 12.—A mass of circumstantial evidence pointing directly to the Rockefeller Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. as responsible for the massacre of striking miners at the Columbine mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Co. awaits the coming of the Federal Council of churches' investigating committee.

Many here believe that it will only take the right to put certain individuals on the stand to reveal the story of how the bloody Rockefeller company conspired to hang the killing on another company, and get control of a leading company in the northern field. Here is the chain of evidence.

The Background.
Just about the time the strike started Miss Josephine Roche, a member of the Juvenile Court staff under Judge Ben Lindsey, inherited dominant (though not a majority) interest in the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company. She discharged Walter Belk, notorious since Ludlow days, as head gunman at the Columbine and announced they would not dig coal under guard.

Fire Pearl.
She "accepted the resignation" of George Peart as general manager and of Judge Jesse G. Northcutt, the leader in the fighting at Ludlow, as general counsel.

Then they ordered that Ted Peart, son of the former general manager (Continued on Page Two)

Children Starve, No Job, Man Offers Self As Slave for a Year

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 7 (By Mail).—Because he is unable to provide food and clothing for his wife and five children, Alexander Christian Maddox, 31 year old war veteran is ready to sell himself into slavery. The public auction, which is scheduled to take place on the lawn of the Tarrant County Court House, will not be interrupted by them, county officials said. Maddox has been unable to find employment for a long time, and as a last desperate means to raise money to feed his family, he offers to sell himself into a year's voluntary slavery. His "master," he says, will be able to impose any kind of work and any number of hours of labor he chooses.

The only condition Maddox demands, is that his "buyers" provide his children with the necessities of life.

PROBE OF HEARST STORIES SEEN AS CRUDE FRAME-UP

Seek to Learn Secrets of Mexico

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The introduction of a resolution to investigate the story of bribery of United States senators by the Mexican government introduced by Senator David A. Reed, old guard Mellon republican of Pennsylvania, is meeting with opposition from the representatives of the Mexican government. From unofficial sources it is learned that the Mexicans consider the proposed investigation merely a pretext to secure information regarding the Mexican government that will be of interest to the imperialists of the United States.

The whole Hearst series of articles against Mexico is known to be based upon forged and fake documents of the calibre familiar to the Hearst chain of papers. However, their publication may serve as a pretext to try to learn secrets of the Calles administration that have not yet been learned through the regular spying activities of American agents in Mexico.

Would Question Elias.
One of the subpoenas issued by the senate is for Arturo Elias, Mexican financial agent in New York, through whose hands the money is alleged to have passed. The Mexican embassy considers that Elias has diplomatic standing and is immune to subpoenas, but a contrary view is taken by some senators.

Consular officials and other employees of foreign governments are not exempt from summons except where it is so specified in treaties, according to senate authorities. No such treaty exists with Mexico. To this contention the Mexican embassy replies that it is "established practice" to consider consular officers in the same class with other accredited diplomats.

DISCLOSE HEAVY TAMMANY GRAFT IN SEWER RING

That sums totaling many millions of dollars of public funds have been obtained in graft, that the whole Tammany machine in the Borough of Queens is directly implicated and that in all probability the Walker city administration is likewise involved in the proceedings, are facts revealed in the investigation of the sewer scandals in Queens County.

The investigation came as a result of recent charges by George U. Harvey, republican alderman of Queens. It is being conducted in a taxpayers' hearing before the Board of Assessors in the Municipal building.

When the hearing was called to order yesterday it became apparent that Tammany Hall, represented by Commissioner of Accounts James A. Higgins, was determined to control the hearing as far as possible in an attempt to shield its appointees. The commissioner refused the request of Henry H. Klein, attorney for a group of taxpayers who are sponsoring the investigation, that a joint investigation (Continued on Page Two)

Militarists Lose Base in South; United States Sends Warships

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12.—Three United States gunboats are rushing to Canton as the result of the capture of the city by workers and peasants under Communist leadership.

The gunboats Sacramento and Pampango were immediately despatched from this city when reports received here announced that armed workers and peasants had taken over control of the city. The U. S. gunboat Asheville is heading for Canton from Hongkong, it was learned.

GRECO-CARRILLO DEFENSE SHOWS UP PROSECUTION

State Witnesses Fail to Break Alibi

From the Bronx County courtroom Donato Carrillo who, together with Calogero Greco, is being tried on a murder charge instigated by local fascists, yesterday gave out a brief message to the American workers:

"We are confident," said Carrillo, "that our innocence will be established through the good work of our lawyers and the Defense Committee. Tell all the good comrades—"

At this point the questioner was interrupted by a court attendant and Carrillo was forbidden to continue.

Defense Outlined.

A definite promise to show how the Fascist League of North America has been guiding the police in building up the murder charge against Calogero Greco and Donato Carrillo was made yesterday morning in Bronx County court by Clarence Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hays, defense lawyers.

"There has been a relentless, resourceful group pursuing the definite objective to 'get' two victims for a murder which they are unable to solve," said Hays in his speech to the jury.

Henderson Demands Death Verdict.

Hays spoke after Assistant Attorney Henderson told the jury that he would ask them to return a first degree murder verdict against Greco and Carrillo.

"The police," declared Hays, "overlooked many clues which might have led to the real murderers in an effort (Continued on Page Five)

CHICAGO TRANSIT WORKERS RESENT OFFICIAL DELAY

(Special to The Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Rising pressure of the rank and file members of the Chicago local of the Amalgamated Union of Traction Workers may yet force the officials of this union to call a strike on the Chicago surface and elevated lines.

Incensed at Company.

Resentment by the workers of the company refusals to deal with the union has been rising since the threatened strike last summer. This resentment reached its breaking point last week. On Monday a meeting of the executives of both the elevated and surface lines under pressure of the rank and file forced a decision to strike.

Call Off Mass Meeting.

In order to forestall this eventuality leaders of the International, including Wm. D. Mahon, president, have called off the rank and file mass meeting scheduled for next Wednesday in order, it is believed, to prevent the inevitable strike vote.

Progressive Group Circulars.
Circulars pointing to the failure of past arbitration proceedings and calling upon the workers to yield to no compromise have been issued to (Continued on Page Two)

FILL UP REFORMATORIES.

ALBANY, Dec. 12.—Boys who are being sent to Elmira reformatory these days are a more hardened type than those of previous years, according to a report of the state commission of correction, made public today. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, 710 young men were sent to the Elmira reformatory. Of these 466 were under 21 years of age.

BUKHARIN TELLS PARTY CONGRESS OF SOVIETS BEING FORMED IN CHINA

MOSCOW, Dec. 12.—N. Bukharin, secretary of the Communist International, speaking before the Congress of the Russian Communist Party, now in session, stated Friday:

"The tremendous impetus of the Chinese revolution, which is still alive despite temporary defeat and is accumulating its forces despite the terror for a new onslaught. . . The Chinese revolution is not crushed; it is not dead, but develops on an absolutely different basis than hitherto. Most probably we will witness in the near future new forms of the Chinese revolution, as all the revolutionary forces of the proletariat and peasantry are now consolidating in China. Considerable revival in the revolutionary movement is noticeable.

"A real Soviet government is being organized in many districts, and is fighting a war against the gentry and all counter-revolutionary forces."

BUKHARIN REPORT SEES REVIVAL OF CHINESE REVOLT

Hits A.F.L. Bureaucracy at Party Congress

MOSCOW, Dec. 12.—"We have entered a new phase of revolutionary struggle," Nikolai Bukharin declared in his report on the international situation before the Fifteenth Congress of the All Union Communist Party.

"The tremendous impetus of the Chinese Revolution, which is still alive despite temporary defeat and is accumulating its forces despite terror for a new onslaught," he declared, "the Indonesian rising, the beginning of the revival of the nationalist liberation movement in India, the awakening of the colonial peoples of the East is of a general character. The colonial front of world imperialism is collapsing.

"The British general strike and the coal strike and the Vienna rising revealed the internal decay of the capitalist system in Europe. The rising (Continued on Page Three)

Postpone Case of Four Workers Arrested For Distributing Leaflets

The cases of four Workers (Communist) Party members arrested last week for distributing anti-injunction leaflets were postponed until next Monday by Magistrate Iota in the Ninth District Court, Brooklyn, yesterday.

"Anti-labor injunctions are threatening to paralyze the entire labor movement in America," said Rose Baron, secretary of the New York section of the International Labor Defense which is conducting the defense.

"The International Labor Defense," she said, "will bail and defend any workers arrested for demanding their rights to organize. The charge against the men who distributed the anti-injunction leaflets has been defined as 'conspiring to undermine the respect for the courts of law.' If the courts must resort to such methods in order to bully workers into submission, then we are pretty well on the road to a Mussolini dictatorship.

"Here in the city of New York we have witnessed the attempt of the Interboro Rapid Transit Co. to secure an injunction against the 3,000,000 members of the American Federation of Labor."

HONGKONG, Dec. 12.—Workers and peasants, aided by five thousand military reservists, rose in armed revolt early this morning and swept counter-revolutionary elements contending for Canton from the city, according to reports received here. A mass meeting was held to decide upon the formation of a workers' and peasants' government in the city.

The attempt of General Chang Fak-wei, who set up an anti-working class government in Canton several weeks ago, to recapture the city were frustrated when the Seamen's Union called a strike which tied up boat and rail service.

Take Over Offices.

Armed peasants and workers with red bands on their sleeves are patrolling the streets of the city prepared to meet any counter-revolt. All of the offices of the government have been taken over. Committees of workers and peasants are in full control of the offices of the Kuomintang, the Department of Finance and Military Affairs. All telephone, telegraph and railway stations are in the hands of the workers.

In a proclamation posted thruout Canton, reports state, General Li Chai-sun, reactionary leader, Wang Chin-wei and General Chang Fak-wei are denounced as traitors to the revolution. The proclamation announced that the workers and peasants had taken over control of the city.

"The Red peasant, workers and soldiers are the only ones who can protect the masses," the proclamation stated.

Maintain Order.

The workers took the city after a bitter six hour struggle which started at four o'clock this morning. Hundreds were killed and wounded in the fighting. Armed patrols of workers maintained perfect order in the city after its capture and prevented looting.

Officials of the government set up by General Chang Fak-wei several weeks ago are reported to have fled to Honan Island.

HONGKONG, Dec. 12.—According to advices reaching here of the "red" revolt in Canton, the revolutionists have not interfered with or molested the foreigners in the city.

The capture of Canton by armed workers and peasants end at present the hope of the counter-revolutionary group headed by Wang Chin-wei to set up a government at Canton. The session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, just closed, clearly revealed that General Chang Fak-wei, who had taken the city from General Li Chai-sun several weeks ago, was backing Wang Chin-wei and that the whole basis of the Shanghai conference was a program of extermination of the workers' and peasants' organizations.

General Li Chai-sun, who was driven from Canton by Chang Fak-wei, represented the interests of the Nanking government.

Chiang With Imperialists.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12.—After making an open bid for the support of the United States and other imperialist powers, Chiang Kai-shek, leader of the right wing forces in the Kuomintang, launched an attack on the Soviet Union. Chiang's statements made in an interview yesterday are regarded as forshadowing a clear and open alliance between Chiang's faction and the imperialist powers against the Communist workers and peasants who are reported to have taken Canton.

Attacks U. S. S. R.

"Regarding foreign policy," Chiang declared in an interview yesterday, "I will do everything in my power to gain the friendship of the powers with the possible exception of the Soviet Union."

Referring to the United States, Chiang declared, "President Coolidge, I have heard, is considering the appointment of a commission to study the Chinese treaty question. China would consider such action a friendly gesture.

"It would help tremendously to unify Chinese opinion and might result in the Nanking and Peking governments uniting on a commission to meet the United States delegation."

CHIEF ENGINEER OF ARMY ADMITS LEVEE PLAN BAD

Proposes Another Which Will Leave Graft Intact

Speaking before the National Republican club recently, Chief Engineer General Edgar Jadwin of the U. S. Army admitted that the levee system for control of Mississippi floods was disastrously bad, and if continued might lead to untold loss of life.

Instead of switching to the plan European experts have almost unanimously advocated, of reservoirs at the headwaters, with government owned power plants as an almost necessary corollary, was not suggested by Jadwin, however.

Spillway Scheme.

The army engineering department's present plan, said Jadwin, is to build low levees, moved farther back from the center of the river in some cases, and to arrange broad spillways to carry part of the water.

Senator F. M. Sackett of Kentucky and Senator J. E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, replying to General Jadwin, did not object to a plan which will permit lots of contracts for local grading companies at good profits, but too violent umbrage at the proposal by the general that the national government stand eighty per cent of the estimated \$300,000,000 cost and the state governments in the valley make good the rest.

"The flood this year took a toll of something less than 200 lives, made 700,000 people homeless for approximately a month and inflicted an actual property damage estimated to be upward of \$200,000,000," said Jadwin, and continued: "Others estimate it at twice that amount. Hoover says \$400,000,000."

"The estimated cost of \$206,400,000 for the construction of flood control and navigation work does not include the costs of rights of way nor possible damage to structures which have invaded the natural flood bed of the river. It is expected that these, if any of them are legal and proper, will be borne by the states or other local interests who will in general be greatly benefited by the execution of the plan."

\$224 Per Acre.

"Several estimates of different well-protected parts of the Delta Valley result in an average price per acre of \$224 when towns and all property, such as houses, roads, railroads, land, etc., are included. The total area of the valley originally subject to overflow is 29,780 miles, or 19,565,600 acres, 12,000,000 acres of which is usable. This 12,000,000 acres at \$224 per acre is worth \$2,688,000,000."

"The value and population behind the levees are increasing all the time."

"Lateral Spillways."

"The plan for river control contemplates spending about \$300,000,000, or about one-sixteenth of the value estimated. On the basis of 12,000,000 acres of usable land, this is an average expenditure of about \$25 per acre."

"The plan of the Army engineers differs fundamentally from the present project in that it limits the amount of flood waters carried in the main river to a safe capacity and sends the surplus water through lateral floodways. Its essential features and their functions are:

Over the Open Country.

"Floodway from Cairo to New Madrid, from the Arkansas River through the Texas basin in the Red River, and from the Red through the Atchafalaya Basin to the Gulf of Mexico. These will relieve the main channel of the water it can not carry and lower the floods to stages at which the levees can carry them."

"A controlled spillway to hold the levees down to safe stages at and near New Orleans."

"Local setting back of the levees in the main river at bottle necks to increase its carrying capacity and reduce its flood heights."

"Greater protection against crevasses by strengthening the levee by reducing flood heights through the increased widths of channel afforded."

Work Daily for the Daily Worker!

Biggest Event of the Year
January 13th

Disclose Big Tammany Graft In Sewers

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tion be conducted with the board of assessors of the borough.

Neglected To Act.

Charges were immediately made by Attorney Klein that the office of Commissioner of Accounts Higgins during the past two years had received numerous complaints in the matter under investigation and that the Tammany-controlled official had neglected to act.

The first witness was James A. Rice, chief engineer in charge of sewer construction in Queens. The questioning of Rice, whose only qualification for the office appeared to be that he had been employed as foreman of laborers, disclosed that during the last 12 years he had specified contracts to a total of some \$40,000,000. Of this sum many millions were shown to have been unnecessary and excessive.

Trick Specifications.

Specifications for a particular make of Type B iron pipe had been made by Rice in such a way as virtually to determine the contractor whose output should be used for the construction.

It was further revealed that connections between the contractor and Rice, acting for the administration of the Borough of Queens, had been maintained through a certain John M. Phillips, general agent and "dictator" for the contractors, and that Phillips had since conveniently taken a "pleasure trip" to Havana.

Appointed by Connolly.

Rice, who was appointed to his position by Borough President Connolly, it was disclosed, had never passed the customary civil service examination and had given out the contracts in most cases without having investigated the firms with whom the contracts were drawn. In one case, typical of some 26 others, an admitted excessive charge of \$75,000 was disclosed.

Work Not Done.

Other costs running into many hundreds of thousands in each instance, were the subject of questioning. A case in point was the practice of specifying certain water proofing operations paid for on all construction work but actually put in on none. Rice further testified that he had never visited any of the jobs over which he had charge. He indicated that he had been sent to the investigation "to provide a goat" for the Tammany machine.

At G. O. P. Orders.

George U. Harvey is believed to have instituted the investigation for the republican party to retaliate against Tammany Hall for the exposure of Florence E. Knapp, republican former secretary of state. Harvey announced yesterday that he possessed enough evidence of corruption in the Queens sewer situation "to send several people to jail."

The hearing will resume next Wednesday at 11 a. m.

Flexible Shaft Case Against Pickets Will Come Up on Dec. 15

CHICAGO, Dec. 12. — The petition of the Chicago Metal Polishers union for dissolution of an injunction against picketing the Chicago Flexible Shaft Co. issued by Judge Denis E. Sullivan will be heard on Dec. 15. The union obtained a change of venue from Sullivan's court because of his notorious union hatred and the petition will be heard by Judge Oscar Hebel.

The Chicago Flexible Shaft Co., which locked out 85 members of the union in May when they asked for a wage increase, has hired gunmen and state police to patrol the property. When the unionists appeared in Judge Hebel's court the room was packed with these gunmen and with scab workers to impress the strikers. Picketing of the company has been discontinued until after the hearing.

FIRE ENDANGERS INSANE.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 12. — Two hundred inmates of insane wards at the Hillside Home of the Scranton poor district, at Clark Summit, near here, fled to safety today when fire swept two wards. The fire did \$15,000 damage to the four-story building, which forms part of the dozen building institution.

EVICTED COAL MINERS MOVE INTO UNION BARRACKS



Top, families of evicted striking coal miners departing from their homes at Harmarville, Pa., near Pittsburgh, with all their belongings in near-zero weather. Below, they may be seen moving into barracks erected by the United Mine Workers of America.

Left Wing Ziegler Miners Must Serve Terms, Court Rules

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (FP).—Four members of the United Mine Workers of America at Ziegler, Ill., who were charged with murderous assault as a result of a fight at a union meeting in 1925 between "left" and "right" elements must serve sentences of from 1 to 14 years, the Illinois supreme court ruled. They are Henry Corbushley, former local president, Steve Meonovich, Ignatz Cimmich and Ed Naliski, members of the "left" group.

They were blamed for the beating that Delbert Cobb, subdistrict vice president, received in the general fight. Cobb is the official who "outlawed" a strike called by the Ziegler local to protest cheating by company check weighmen. Following this action Corbushley was ordered removed as president. On Aug. 11 a meeting was called to elect new officers of the local. Cobb attended to oversee the election. Feeling was high between members of the local and Cobb's group. No one knows just how the fight started.

One of the Ziegler men was shot and killed by a Cobb follower, Alexander Hargis. The man killed was Mike Sarovich. Hargis was never prosecuted.

No Evidence.

Three other Ziegler men were convicted, Frank Corbushley, Stanley Paturez and Mike Karovich, but the supreme court reversed judgment on their cases, ordering a retrial. The court ruled there was not enough evidence to convict them. Attorney W. H. Holly, representing them, does not believe their cases will be called, however, and so these men will go free, it is expected.

Much interest has been shown in this case in miner circles and throughout the labor movement. The Ziegler miners were known to have had "left" leanings. Cobb represented the "right." At the trial the prosecuting attorneys continually referred to the defendants as foreigners, using that to build prejudice against them.

Negro Team to Debate British on Attitude of Whites to Negro

The Negro debating team of Lincoln University of Pennsylvania will meet the British Union Team, representatives from three of Britain's largest universities, to debate on "Resolved that the Attitude of the Anglo-Saxon Race Toward the Colored Races Under its Control, is Unethical and Prejudicial to Progress." The debate will take place at the Mother Zion Church, 137th St., near 7th Ave.

The Lincoln debaters, Malcolm Dade of New Bedford, Mass., Richard Hurst Hill and Thurgood Marshall, both of Baltimore, will cite the Ku Klux Klan and mob lynchings parties as shining examples. Students from the London School of Economics, Edinburgh University and the University of Reading will deny that the white man's attitude is either "unethical or prejudicial to progress." This is said to be the first time that a Negro college team has debated a white team here.

BOOST THE DAILY WORKER!

Colorado Commission Recognizes Strike

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and superintendent at the Columbine, leave the gates open and allow the strikers to hold their meetings in the Columbine, Miss Koche saying, as it is reported, that she would "sell her stock for 50 cents if blood were shed on the property."

Rockefeller Wanted Control.

The News has printed the statement that the Rockefeller Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. is desirous of getting control of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Co. The C. F. & I. is the hardboiled, labor-hating, strikebreaking and dominant influence in the Colorado coal industry, but it has no mines in the northern field, where the Columbine lies.

Knowing the situation, J. F. Welborn, president of the company, would have gone straight to George Peart who naturally repented the new regime and who belonged to the old C. F. & I. school of labor-smashing tactics. George Peart would have gone to his son, Ted, and the company end of the frame-up would have been taken care of.

How Plot Formed.

Mr. Welborn or Mr. Peart could then have gone to "Pat" Hamrock and reached Louis Scherf, the chief of the state police, who was for years a captain in the Rangers under Hamrock and learned his strikebreaking from him, and also Sam Lee, second in command, who is even worse than Scherf.

In the state government are Adjutant General Newlon of the National Guard who wanted trouble to prove the militia ought to be called; Tom Annear, chairman of the Industrial Commission, who was frantically eager to get the men back in the mines at any cost.

Ready to Murder.

Despite the orders that the gate be left open and the strikers allowed to hold their meetings on the road in the mine, on the morning of the massacre Ted Peart had chained and padlocked the gate shut! And Peart was on hand to take part in the proceedings. Four days later he "resigned"! Machine guns were at the Columbine and the strikers insist they were used. Certain it is, they were set up before, during or immediately after the killings.

It is definitely established that Louis Scherf reports to "Pat" Hamrock at the state house as often as he reports to the governor and sometimes, apparently in emergencies, before he sees the governor.

Just Before the Slaughter.

An hour after midnight just before the massacre, Sheriff sent to Denver for the steel helmets of his troopers! Tom Annear and Colonel Newlon were also on hand at the Columbine that morning to see what happened. Annear went immediately to the governor with glowing praise of Scherf and his men, saying, "Scherf ought to have a gold medal". For the moment it seemed that Annear's industrial commission had been saved.

Publicity Prepared.

The Saturday before the Monday that morning to the strikers had gone to the Columbine. There was no evidence of trouble to come. Yet Scherf had left the south where there seemed some probability of trouble to go to the Columbine that Monday. Annear and Newlon were there, and they had a newspaper reporter there from the Denver Post, the coal operator organ! Everyone was prepared for the massacre but the strikers.

Authorities Fear Investigation.

The strikers hope an investigation by such a body as the Federal Council will get all the facts, clear back to Rockefeller. The state police fear the same thing and plan to have themselves tried for murder before the facts come out so they can be freed and never tried again.

Cold Greatest Enemy Of Striking Miners, Need Clothes, Food

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12.—In the mining camps near here, most of which are only 5 to 20 miles away, 1,495 families have recently been evicted or will be evicted within the next few days. The evictions cover 13 camps—400 families at Vesta, No. 4, 5 and 6, 105 at Coverdale, 100 at the Soudan mine, 134 at Castle Shannon No. 2 and 3, and so on throughout the other towns.

Cold Increases Suffering.

The cold wave of the last few days has brought intense suffering to the barrack dwellers. There is no escape from the cold. Outdoors the bitter hill wind pierces the thin worn clothes and many walk barefoot along the frozen roads.

Inside the flimsy barracks it is not much warmer than outdoors. One inch boards with big chinks between them for walls, boards for roofs, a kitchen stove in one room, but no heat at all in the others. The snow drifts in through the cracks in the walls, and the wind blows through.

Bosses Refuse Conference.

The arrogant refusal of the biggest coal companies in the district, the Pittsburgh Coal, Pittsburgh Terminal, and Vesta Coal Companies, to attend the conference with the union officials called by Secretary Davis, is definite proof that the grim warfare will continue all through long winter months.

In this terrible siege warfare on men and women and children hunger is the greatest weapon in the coal owners' hands.

Ask Money, Food, Clothing.

Don't let the coal barons defeat the miners and break the union through starvation asks the Miners' Relief. Give quickly and generously to the fund for helping the miners and their families in their struggle. Send money, food and clothing to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn Avenue, Room 207, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Legion Wet and Dry Poll Is Called Off

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12. — The proposed prohibition poll by American Legion posts was called off here today by National Commander Edward E. Spafford who suggested it in a recent New York address.

"After careful consideration it seems that the matter is so controversial as to cause misunderstanding among our own members and I have decided not to bring the matter before this body nor shall I bring it before the National Executive Committee," Spafford told the National Conference of Department Adjutants and Commanders of the American Legion here today.

Up-State Republicans Would Name Governor

SYRACUSE, Dec. 12. — Up-state leaders of the republican party will arrive here Friday to formulate plans to nominate one from their own ranks for governor in next year's election. At the present time the outstanding potential candidate is Charles G. Hanna, republican mayor of this city.

This move, almost a year in advance of the gubernatorial election, is regarded as early notice to the republican party leaders in New York City that the up-state leaders are determined that the next nominee must be an up-state man.

Chicago 'Transit Men' Resent Official Delay

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the workers by progressive groups within the union. Indications now point to the possibility of the situation getting out of the hand of the union officials should they continue to oppose the rising strike sentiment.

Indignant at Mahon.

The indignation of the workers has been further stimulated by the reports of the last Saturday conference between Wm. D. Mahon, Mayor Thompson, officials of the traction lines and leaders of the union locals. Nothing was accomplished by this conference and the announcement was made that arbitration which had been previously insituted and which had been rejected by the company should continue.

Try To Stop Action

This move, the workers interpret as a ploy attempt to forestall action by the rank and file, pointing to a similar move made in the New York traction situation last July in which the leaders of the Amalgamated together with the officials of the New York City administration were successful in preventing a strike.

Upholsterers in Phila. Strike for 100% Union, Against New Wage Cut

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 12. — Although wages have been slashed until they are only one half of what they were a year ago, the Becker and Son Upholstered Furniture Co., of Third and Girard Ave., one of the largest open-shops of its kind in the East, orders that an additional wage cut be inflicted upon the workmen of the shop.

This new slash in salary, added to the intolerable working conditions, was more than the workers would put up with, and 100 went out on strike Tuesday, Dec. 5, under the leadership of Local 77 of the Upholsterers' International.

Conditions Impossible.

Workers in the shop describe conditions as being as bad as the worst open-shops can boast. Numerous petty tyrannies are inflicted upon them, such as forbidding them to speak to one another in the shop, or to play ball during the one-half hour lunch period. Toilets are in such a wretched state, that they are not fit for use.

100% Union Shop Is Goal.

The present wage scale which the bosses wish to lower, are \$10 a week for learners, \$18-22 for second-class mechanics and about \$35 for mechanics. The bosses are attempting to mobilize scabs in Baltimore and Chicago to kill the strike. The strikers are appealing to upholsterers to stand by them and refuse to betray their striking brothers.

The men have put up with so much during the past years, that they are determined to win their strike at all costs, and establish a 100 per cent union shop.

Ameer of Afghanistan On His Way to London

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.—The Ameer of Afghanistan who is on his way to London, was greeted by large crowds as he entered Karachi, according to reports received here.

The Ameer is accompanied by his wife and his son.

NEW DRIVE FOR ENTERING WORLD COURT LAUNCHED

Plutocracy Urges Action by Coolidge

Another organized effort to get the United States government to adhere to the permanent court of international justice (world court) which was the principal issue before the last session of congress, is being made by Edward W. Bok, the son-in-law of Cyrus C. H. Curtis of the notorious labor-hating Curtis Publishing company of Philadelphia, and proprietor of a chain of newspapers.

Spent Millions for Court.

During the debates in the senate charges were made by the opposition to the democratic-republican Wall Street coalition that voted adherence of the United States to the world court, which is the back-door to the league of nations, that Bok, through his American peace foundation had spent millions of dollars buying up newspaper editors, preachers, chataqua orators and other "moulders of public opinion" to bring pressure to bear on congress to vote for the world court proposals.

New Drive for Court.

The object of the American imperialists was to wrest control of the court from European nations and use it for its own purposes as the legal cloak for the imperialist campaigns carried out against colonial and semi-colonial countries and weaker peoples generally. The European nations in the league refused to permit the United States to enter.

Since the last congress the Wall Street propaganda machine under control of Bok got busy and organized a new array of "notables" to demand the reopening of the question in a new drive to get the country into the world court.

Appeal To Coolidge.

In a letter bearing the signatures of 395 prominent men and women throughout the country—politicians, ex-governors, present office holders, bankers, editors, labor fakers and stock brokers—urged President Coolidge to resume negotiations with the European powers in the league of nations that might lead to the entrance of the United States into the world court.

The chairman of the "presentation committee" is Irving T. Busch of the Busch terminal of New York. Among the individual signers are Edward W. Bok, Wall Street propagandist; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, prominent Tammanyites and leaders of the national democratic party; John P. Frey, secretary of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor; Ralph Pulitzer, publisher, and Herbert Bayard Swope, John L. Heaton, Charles Merz and Walter Lippmann, editors of the New York World, a Wall Street-Tammany publication; Raymond Fosdick, preacher and trustee of the Rockefeller foundation; Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad; William Allen White, editor of Emporia, Kansas; Walter Dill Scott, president of the Northwestern University, Chicago, and Edward A. Filene, head of a Boston department store and one of the original Coolidge supporters.

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FILIPINOS RIPE FOR REVOLUTION, DELEGATE SAYS

U.S. Workers Must Aid; Osmena Offers Scheme

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12.—The Philippine Islands are ripe for revolution declared the Filipino delegate, Alemanias, in a resolution offered at the League Against Imperialism yesterday.

Asserting that a capable leadership alone is lacking, Alemanias maintained that the independence of the Philippines can only be secured by the full and complete understanding and cooperation with the American workers. Alemanias' resolution calls for the immediate nationalization of the railroads, the mines, the sugar refineries, and all other important industries in the islands.

When Thieves Fall Out.

MANILA, Dec. 12.—The struggle between the American imperialists and the Filipino politicians took a new turn with the report that Senator Sergio Osmena has been dickering with the U. S. War Department which directs the government of the Islands, for the selection of cabinet ministers from the majority party. This would ensure the supremacy of the Osmena-Quezon politicians since it is proposed that the cabinet ministers retain their senatorial seats.

The American imperialists are indignant over the proposal and it is believed that it will be immediately crushed.

More U. S. Marines to Terrorize Nicaraguan Plantation Workers

MANAGUA, Dec. 12.—More Nicaraguan coffee plantations have been invested by United States marines. Nearly all the coffee plantations in the country are now "enjoying" marine supervision, since the owners find the marines invaluable in suppressing strikes among the plantation serfs.

Concessions to U. S.

MANAGUA, Dec. 12.—The government of Nicaragua, supported and dominated by U. S. marines has recently granted concessions in favor of certain American firms which have important affairs in Central and South America.

New Peasant Revolts In Philippines; Order U. S. Troops to Prepare

MANILA, Dec. 12.—Fearing an uprising of Moros in the province of Lanao, the constabulary of Mindanao (led by American officers) has been ordered to prepare for trouble, according to a special dispatch received here today by the newspaper La Vanguardia.

A large number of Moros were killed in peasant uprisings several months ago.

Terror Reigns as Rumanians Harry Pogrom Witnesses

PARIS, DEC. 12.—Terror reigns in Transylvania, where Rumanian students have been engaging in pogroms against Hungarians and Jews, according to a Budapest dispatch.

Rumanian committee, the dispatch stated, is investigating the disorders and while doing this is terrorizing witnesses who present evidence implicating Rumanians.

Excitement was described as intense. The Rumanian Minister of the Interior was urged by the Hungarians to visit the district and dismiss the Rumanian Committee, the dispatch said. Hungarian members of the Rumanian Parliament, it was added, have been urged by their constituents to resign.

More than a score of victims have already lost their lives during the pogroms and more are expected to die which are said to have been incited by the reactionary Bratianu regime. The property losses to the Jews and Hungarians are estimated at over a million in Klausenburg alone, the total is not yet known. Refugees are reported in full flight from the terrorized regions.

U. S. CAPTAIN STABBED.

VIENNA, Dec. 12.—Rumanian students stabbed Captain Gottfried Keller, an American, during the recent anti-semitic riots at Grosswardein, according to an account published in the Budapest newspaper, Az Est.

The trouble is said to have started when the chief of the telegraph office at Grosswardein refused to send a message of complaint from Keller to the American consulate at Bucharest.

BUILD THE DAILY WORKER! Pass the Paper to a Fellow Worker!

Bukharin in Report Sees Revival of the Chinese Revolution

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strike wave in Germany and other countries complements and completes the summary of two years stabilization.

Lower Standards.

"The world bourgeoisie, by means of desperate pressure on the working class, the systematic lowering of its living standards and wages have brought production to a pre-war level and in some cases beyond that. On the other hand, by means of fascist violence in some countries and social democracy in others, it has restored the state apparatus and attained a certain political stability. The feverish convulsion of the capitalist world in the immediate post-war period is temporarily driven inward. But only the blind social democrats can speak of beginning of a new epoch of "organic development" of capitalism.

"The post-war capitalist crisis is not overcome despite a certain stabilization and growth in production, technical reconstruction and organizational achievements and despite a partial and temporary improvement in the situation of the home countries, not only in America, but also Europe.

Undermine Capitalism.

"This crisis continuously undermines the very foundations of the capitalist world. Its destructive action is not eliminated nor can it be eliminated, although it proceeds on a new basis and takes new forms. The bourgeoisie did not and will not succeed in the prevention of structural changes in world economy. The industrial centres shifted across the ocean, the colonial east ceased being the inarticulate object of capitalist plunder and the ousting of Britain from world production proceeds at a terrific rate.

"Britain is converted from 'the great workshop of the world' to a dividend-hunting country living on the income of its raw material monopoly and not on production as formerly.

Role of U. S. S. R.

"Despite the German economic successes, insurmountable difficulties arising from the Dawes plan exist, fettering Germany. European Balkanization, mass unemployment, the impoverishment of the masses and the contraction of the home market have brought Italy and Czechoslovakia to the threshold of a crisis.

"Finally, the elimination of the U. S. S. R. from the capitalist sphere, the appearance and the consolidation of a vast country under the proletarian dictatorship, is a real and most powerful factor in capitalist decline. Contemporary capitalism suffers over the pre-war capitalism by the enormous inequality of its development. The greater the inequality of development of the various capitalist countries, the less stable are all its contracts and agreements and the closer it comes to a new partition of markets by the imperialist robbers and to new war catastrophes.

Low Wages.

"European-American antagonisms arouse among the capitalist powers tendencies toward economic consolidation observable in forms of growing trustification and hitherto unprecedented in the development of finance capital. New peculiar forms of state capitalism are extensively developing in Europe.

"However, the social-democratic conclusion drawn from the partial stabilization of capitalist economy that an epoch without wars is setting in, is absolutely unfounded and thoroughly opportunistic. The fact is that within the limits of stabilization, contradictions mature and the crisis is accentuated. Partial economic successes of individual countries proceed at the expense of the intensive exploitation of the working class.

"Except in the United States, wages nowhere reach the pre-war level and capitalists are now considering the question of further wage reductions. The capitalist offensive against the working class is conducted with the close collaboration of the social democrats and the aristocracy of the opportunist trade unions. This collaboration generates new methods of influencing the workers, a new 'industrial peace' ideology.

Hits Green Bureaucracy.

"The chief spokesman of these ideas is the American Federation of Labor led by highly paid bureaucrats. It is followed by so-called company unions, labor banks, etc. This movement finds fertile soil in America owing to the high material level of the American workers. Simultaneously, however, the American Negro workers are subjected to unparalleled exploitation, working a ten or eleven hour day for a pittance. The 'industrial peace' idea is intensively advocated by the social democratic and opportunist leaders of the British trade union movement endeavoring its cultivation on European soil.

"This cannot succeed because an absolutely different economic situation exists in America. The European bourgeoisie cannot even throw tops to the upper layers of the working class as the American bourgeoisie does.

Communist Successes.

"The working class is beginning the development of a counter-attack in retaliation to the bourgeois offensive. The Communist successes in municipal elections, the growing Communist authority among organized trade union workers, the growth of open working class action (for instance, the British strike), the Vienna uprising, the Sac-

Arrest Sixteen Spies For Rumania; Trial to Take Place at Odessa

MOSCOW, Dec. 11.—Sixteen Rumanian spies, a number of them former Russian White Guards, are being tried at Odessa on the charge of having operated under the leadership of a Bessarabian who received orders from a French army captain in the Rumanian army at Smalgit.

Rich peasants near Kiev organized a conspiracy and assassinated the Communist president of the village council to prevent his reelection in January because of the alleged "repressive" measures against the rich peasants in favor of the poor peasants.

co-Vanzetti campaign), show the revolutionization of the working masses.

"It would be wrong to think that capitalist countries face a direct revolutionary situation. No such situation exists yet, but the working class has already overcome the consequences of recent defeats and is beginning a new offensive period.

"The main task of the Communist International is all-round support for the beginning of the revolutionary movement. The Communist International must devote all its attention to strengthening its influence on the working class, to take the leadership of the struggle in its hands.

"The Communist International is striving to meet the counteraction of the Second and Amsterdam Internationals. A whole series of incontrovertible facts show that the Second International frequently makes a sharp turn to the right, capitulating to the bourgeoisie. The social democrats aim at a peaceful socialization of factories, at a peaceful democratization of trusts, and finally at a peaceful democratization of the state, striving for the realization in Europe of the American principles of agreement between labor and capital.

"The social democratic and Communist differences were never greater than today. The social democratic leaders were never so 'socialistically disarmed,' that is, never so unsocialistic as today. The social democratic and bourgeois attitude toward the U. S. S. R. is identical, being expressed in the formula, 'We have nothing against the U. S. S. R., but demand the cessation of Communist international activity.'

For United Front.

"The Social Democratic attitude to the U. S. S. R. sharply contradicts the ever growing working class sympathy toward the U. S. S. R. The main task of the Communist International is the preservation and the development of the united front tactics among the social democratic working masses. The development of this tactic must proceed along a line of intensified struggle against the Second and Amsterdam Internationals. In connection with pending parliamentary elections in many countries, the Communist Party policy must be directed toward a ruthless struggle against the social democrats and other bourgeois parties."

Colonial Problem

Bukharin dealt in detail with the colonial problem, regarding it as the most important problem from the viewpoint of the tasks facing the world revolution.

"The international capitalist economic crisis," he declared, "is fully reflected by economic conditions in the colonial countries and class relations there. Lenin spoke at the Second Communist International Congress on the necessity of the differentiation of capitalist countries as subjects of exploitation from colonial countries as objects of exploitation. Lenin saw the possibility of support of the national liberation movement under certain conditions.

Revolution Not Dead.

"It can be easily proved by the Chinese revolution, for instance, that the Radek-Piatkov theory, in principle, does not hold water. The Chinese working class, at the beginning of the Revolution when the bourgeoisie raised the anti-imperialist struggle primarily against the British, could not remain neutral and could not act against the Chinese bourgeoisie, as doing so would be tantamount to action on behalf of British imperialism.

"Despite the Opposition's opinion, the Chinese Revolution is not crushed; it is not dead, but develops on an absolutely different basis than hitherto. Most probably we will witness in the near future new forms of the Chinese revolution, as all of the revolutionary forces of the proletariat and the peasantry are now consolidating in China.

1000-Year Sentences Given 123 Communists In Pole Terror Court

WARSAW, December 12.—One hundred and twenty-three Communists have been sentenced to jail terms totalling one thousand years by the Appellate Court of Lublin. Nine were condemned to life imprisonment, twenty to fifteen years each, and sixty to five years each.

The victims are chiefly Ukrainian peasants who were found guilty on the charge of planning an uprising in the Ukrainian districts of Poland

Considerable revival in the revolutionary movement is noticeable.

"A real Soviet government is being organized in many districts and is fighting a war against the gentry and all counter-revolutionary forces.

Different Tactics.

"Many problems are facing the Communist International in the sphere of colonial policy which is thoroughly tested by the Chinese experience. Caution is necessary in determining concrete tactics concerning individual colonial countries. The tactics applicable to India must radically differ from the tactics in China, because in India there is an alliance of the Indian bourgeoisie and British imperialism exists, class correlations are entirely different than with the Chinese.

"The colonial problem is of tremendous importance also because it serves as the object for the gathering of all revolutionary forces in colonial countries. The Anti-Imperialist League of Colonial Peoples gains ever greater sympathies among the colonial masses. The colonial problem in recent years assumed such importance that the Executive Committee of the Communist International decided to raise it in its full scope at the World Congress, May, 1928.

"The most important European parties of the Communist International show an increase in membership during the last two years.

New Struggle.

"This is due to the process of the revolutionization of the working masses of the European capitalist countries. Despite the shortcomings of fraternal Communist parties, a new phase favorable to Communist international development has set in.

"We have entered a new phase of revolutionary struggle on the basis of growing class antagonisms and class struggle in capitalist countries and the development of the struggle of colonial peoples for national liberation.

"If the bourgeoisie plots war, it should be emphasized that the working class will enter that war as an organized revolutionary force which, at the first shot, will bring to their feet the best internationalist elements capable of starting a counter-struggle for Communist triumph."

(Special Cable to Daily Worker.)

MOSCOW, Dec. 11.—The Sunday session concluded the discussion on Bukharin's report. Finkovsky from Krivoirog said that trade union work in the Communist International sections lags considerably behind the transpiring changes in the European working class. The Communist International, he said, must intensify its work in the sections and secure greater Red International of Labor Union activity in attaining the necessary successes in this field. Democratic and fascist work among women must be counteracted by Communist international work. The tremendous significance the women masses will play in the coming war must not be forgotten. This obliges the Communist Parties to gain the sympathy of the women masses as their ally in the struggle for Communism.

Heo, representing the R. I. L. U. said that a series of facts shows the extreme weakness of the trade union work of the Communist Parties. The membership of the Czechoslovak trade unions has remained for years constant. This is primarily due to insufficient attention to trade union work by the Communist Party. Attention must, besides, be devoted to intensification of work among women and the youth.

Intensify Work.

Khitarov, member of the Young Communist International said after many mistakes of the committee of the Chinese Communist Party, a certain change is now observable in the general situation of the Chinese Revolution and Communist Party. The Chinese Communist Party is now on the right path. The immediate future will witness a new impetus in the Chinese Revolution under the leadership of the Communist Party newly elected, which is rectifying former blunders.

Build Left Unions.

Artukhina showed the necessity for intensification of the work of Communist International sections among women. The so-called left trade union movement of France is splintered. The French Communist Party must achieve unification of the proletarian forces. Trade union work in European countries must be adapted to the transpiring radicalization of the working masses. "It would be wrong," he said, "to withdraw our followers from reformist unions and build at all costs independent left unions. We must strengthen the connection between existing independent revolutionary unions and minorities within the reformist unions. Intensifying our work in this way, we will be able to win the workers still following the Amsterdam International."

Larin declared that the Communist International doesn't sufficiently point out the achievements of the Red Army to the European working class with sufficient energy, although such propaganda could play a great role in revolutionizing the working masses. Citing comment of the capitalist press concerning the Red Army, Larin declared that the Communist International must familiarize the broad working masses with history and achievements of the Red Army.

Find Oil in U. S. Canal Sector in Nicaragua; Large Deposits in East

MANAGUA, Dec. 12.—Oil in extensive deposits has been discovered by American engineers in areas well within what will be the zone of the Nicaraguan canal, according to an Associated Press dispatch in La Prensa.

The deposits are reported to be especially rich near the shores of the Gulf of Mexico and along the Caribbean sea coast.

Reactionaries Are Beaten by Mexican Federals in Battle

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12.—Counter-revolutionary bands commanded by Felix Barajas and Damasco Felix were severely defeated by federal troops in the State of Jalisco, it was learned today.

More than a hundred reactionaries, among them a Catholic priest, Jose Cabrales, were killed in a battle with Federal troops commanded by General Avila Comacho. The Federal troops took large quantities of dynamite and ammunition from the counter-revolutionists. The dynamite, it is believed, was intended for use in wrecking passenger trains.

Several defeats for counter-revolutionists in the State of Michigan were also reported to the War Department by General Juan Dominguez. A large force of counter-revolutionists is believed to have concentrated in Michoacan.

League of Nations Council Adjourns With Nothing Done

GENEVA, Dec. 12.—With nothing accomplished but a "settlement" of the Polish-Lithuanian controversy which settled nothing, the Council of the League of Nations adjourned today until March. The Polish agreement ending the technical state of war existing between Poland and Lithuania, settled none of the issues existing between the two countries.

The problem which chiefly confronted council members today was Italian expansion in the Mediterranean and the Balkans. The Italian-Albanian treaty and the recent demonstration of the Italian fleet at Tangiers was discussed by Foreign Minister Chambrlain of Great Britain and Briand of France in a conference today.

VACA FLAYS U. S. IMPERIALISM AT CONCESSION MEET

Describe Nicaraguan, Cuban Dictatorships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—That another massacre of Nicaraguan Liberals by bombing from American airplanes may soon be announced, was the prediction made by Dr. T. C. Vaca, Liberal spokesman in this country. At the opening sessions of the Foreign Concessions Conference held by the Anti-Monopoly League here. He showed that 650 Nicaraguans have been killed since last May in the "pacification" of his country, while large numbers of suspected sympathizers with the Sandino revolutionists have been taken prisoners and set to hard labor or mistreated in prison. He declared that American control over Nicaragua is "the death-warrant of the much dreamed Central American Republic."

Brands Cuban Dictatorship.

Dr. Flora Diaz Parrado, a Cuban lawyer, flayed the Machado regime, saying that President Machado, acting as spokesman for American interests in the sugar, railroad and other basic industries, has set up a ruthless dictatorship. She reviewed the assassination of liberal editors and labor leaders who dared criticize or oppose Machado's plans.

Robert H. Murray, former correspondent of the New York World in Mexico, said that "Our Department of State forces our diplomatic agents to serve as diplomatic bullies," collection agents and shyster lawyers" in Mexico, because American investors in that republic are not compelled, under normal hazards of business, to stand on their own feet.

Coerce Mexico.

"This action," he said, "commits the people of the United States, without their knowledge and against the will of the majority of them, to policies which breed potential wars. The United States government has attempted to coerce Mexico by threatening intervention on behalf not only of American but of British companies. In 1912 it did this with respect to concessions held by two British concerns, though the Doheny and other American interests were involved."

Murray then told of recent litigation over 2,500,000 acres of land in the zone where foreigners' ownership of land is prohibited. The lawyer for the American corporation that sought title was a former American cabinet officer, son of a former President. (The only man who meets this description is James Garfield of Ohio). When he lost his case in the courts he induced the State Department to demand that title be given to his client anyhow. The department "is still bullying the Mexican government over this case."



Daily Worker Indictment Upheld

The decision handed down by the Federal Grand Jury upholds the sentence in the case of David Gordon, a contributor to The DAILY WORKER. This decision means 3 years in jail for Comrade Gordon unless The DAILY WORKER can arouse mass sentiment against this attack.

In addition to the jail sentence, The DAILY WORKER is fined \$500.00. This is not an isolated incident but is in line with the policy of the Dollar Patriots to stifle every radical movement which might be in their way of involving the workers in another world conflict.

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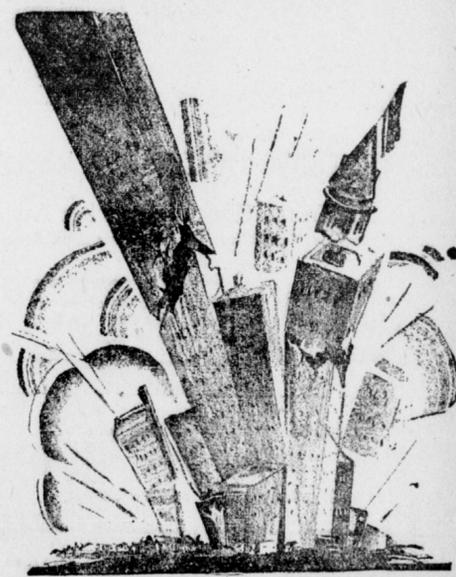
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Resolution and Revolution

By CARL HAESSLER
 MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (FP)—Memories of almost a quarter of a century began to stir in an American union pattern maker. Recollections of radical activity while working in the Brooklyn navy yard in 1905 began to revive. It seemed a dream impossible of realization, this matter of resolution turned into reality by revolution. He looked about him in the darkened auditorium. A few familiar faces in the huge audience, but almost a thousand unfamiliar ones.

Yes he was in Moscow, in the former Hall of the Nobles, now the House of the Trade Unions. And before his eyes was unfolding the terrible, fascinating film, Cruiser Potemkin, the abortive rising of 1905. He had seen it in America, but the American censors had chopped and slashed it so that the full terror of the Cossack massacre of the people of Odessa and the full majesty of the marines and crew of the Potemkin as they asserted worker control were lost to the American public.

The patternmaker mused on the exciting news of 22 years ago when the Potemkin mutiny was cabled across the Atlantic. The Socialist party, of which he was a member, had called a mass meeting near the Brooklyn navy yard and as secretary of the meeting he read a resolution that was adopted greeting the first Socialist navy in the world and hailing the red flag that had been hoisted up its mast.

The czar managed to crush the revolt in the cities and in the navy. Years passed. The successful revolution of 1917 came out of the world war. All the Russian warships hoisted the red flag. It is flying there now. And by a turn of fate the resolution-reading Socialist worker

in the American navy yard found himself in 1927 in Moscow witnessing the re-enacted screen version of the Potemkin's heroic career. It had been produced by the revolutionary government's state-owned movie industry as part of the popular record of the swelling tide of radical revolt against the czar and the tyranny of capitalism.

REMUS CALLS TAFT DEFAMER.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 12.—John S. Berger, a star witness for the defense of George Remus, on trial for the murder of his wife Imogene Holmes Remus, threatened to sue Charles P. Taft, prosecuting attorney who is responsible for the indictment of the witness or a perjury charge, for half a million dollars for defamation of character.

PLEADS FOR PEACE TREATIES

The Executive Committee of the New York Peace Society at a meeting on Friday adopted a resolution urging the president and senate to immediately negotiate a treaty of arbitration with France as proposed by Briand, "to renounce war as an instrument of national policy," urging that similar treaties with other governments be negotiated. The resolution pointed out that European powers are negotiating such treaties among themselves.

RAIN HALTS IMPERIALIST PLANE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Bad weather may cause a ten-day postponement of Charles A. Lindbergh's flight to Mexico City.

Lenin on Kamenev and Zinoviev in October, 1917

SATURDAY The DAILY WORKER published the first of two letters written by Lenin on the occasion of the desertion of Zinoviev and Kamenev during the decisive days of the Russian proletarian revolution of October, 1917. Today we publish the second of the two.

The following letter of Lenin was written after the letter that was published in yesterday's DAILY WORKER. It was written either on the 31st of October, 1917 (Oct. 18 by the old Russian style), in the evening (on this day there took place the meeting of the Petrograd Soviet mentioned in the text, at which Comrade Kamenev came forward), or on the 1st of November. The letter is printed from a copy (type-written copy) from the year 1917 which was preserved in the archives of the Lenin Institute. The Institute considers it necessary to adhere to the text in that form in which it arrived in our hands, without making any improvements in style.

Lenin's Letter

DEAR COMRADES!

A Party which respects itself cannot tolerate any strike-breaking or strike-breakers in its midst. That is quite clear. The more one thinks over the proclamations of Zinoviev and Kamenev in the press not belonging to our Party, the more evident it becomes that their attitude amounts to a complete act of strike-breaking. The excuse of Kamenev at the meeting of the Petrograd Soviet is absolutely contemptible; he is, just see, completely in agreement with Trotsky. Is it then really difficult to understand that Trotsky could not, ought not and should not say more before the enemies than he did? Is it really difficult to grasp that it is the duty of the Party which has kept the decision secret from the enemy (the decision of the necessity of an armed revolt, as well as the decision that it has completely matured, the decision of all-round preparation etc.), that this decision, in the event of public demonstrations, pledges to cast not only the blame, but also the initiative on the enemy? Only a child can fail to grasp such a thing. The excuse of Kamenev is simply a piece of trickery. The same must be said of Zinoviev's excuse, at least of his "letter of justification" (in the Central organ, I believe) which I have just read, (for a separate opinion, an alleged separate opinion, of which the bourgeois press makes a great show, I, a member of the C. C., have up to now never seen). From the arguments of Zinoviev: "Lenin has sent his letters . . ." "They have also not protested before the acceptance of any decision." That is what Zinoviev actually writes, and underlines the word before four times. Is it really hard to understand that before the decision of a question of the strike by the Centre one can agitate for and against, but that after the decision in favor of the strike (and after the supplementary decision to conceal this from the enemy), to agitate against the strike means strike-breaking. Every worker will understand this at once. The question of the armed rising was discussed in the Centre since September. At that time Zinoviev and Kamenev could have and ought to have put forward their objections in writing in order that all could realize by means of their arguments their complete defeatism. To conceal his views from the Party for a whole month until the acceptance of the decision, and then, only after the decision, to publish his separate opinion, that means nothing else than to be a strike-breaker.

Zinoviev acts as if he did not know the difference, as if he did not understand that after a decision to strike, after a decision of the Centre, only strike-breakers can agitate among the lower bodies against the decision. Every worker will grasp this.

Zinoviev, however, has agitated and violated decisions of the Centre, both at the Sunday meeting, where he and Kamenev did not receive a single vote, and in his present letter. Zinoviev has the impudence to maintain that the Party was not asked, and that such questions must not be decided by ten people. Just think! All members of the C. C. know that at the deciding meeting there were more than ten members of the C. C. present; that the majority of the Plenum was present; that Kamenev himself

declared at this meeting, "This is a meeting competent to make decisions"; that the absent members of the C. C. were perfectly aware that the majority was not in agreement with Zinoviev and Kamenev. And now, after the decision of the Central Committee at the meeting, which Kamenev considered to be competent to make decisions, a member of the C. C. has the impudence to write, "the Party was not asked," "such questions must not be decided by ten members"; that is nothing short of strike-breaking. Up to the Party Conference decisions rest with the C. C. The C. C. has decided. Kamenev and Zinoviev, who before the decision did not bring forward any objections in writing, began to combat the decision of the C. C. after it had been adopted.

This is a complete case of strike-breaking. After the adoption of a decision no opposition is permissible when the matter concerns the immediate and secret preparation of a strike. Zinoviev has the effrontery now to charge us with "warning the enemy." Are there, then, no limits to impudence? Who else has injured the cause, has betrayed the strike by "warning the enemy" but the people who have come forward in the press not belonging to the Party?

To come forward against a "decisive" resolution of the Party in a newspaper which in the given question goes hand in hand with the bourgeoisie! The Party which permits such a thing renders itself impossible, ruins itself.

To call that a "separate opinion" which Basarov learns and publishes in a paper not belonging to the Party, that means to treat the Party as a joke.

The proclamation of Kamenev and Zinoviev in the press not belonging to the Party was particularly despicable because the Party cannot openly refute their contemptible lies; I am not aware of the decision regarding the time, writes and publishes Kamenev in his own and Zinoviev's name. (After such a declaration Zinoviev is fully responsible for the whole behavior and proclamation of Kamenev.)

How can the C. C. refute this? We cannot say the truth in front of the capitalists, i. e. that we had decided on a strike, and that we had likewise decided to conceal from them the time fixed for the strike.

We cannot refute the contemptible lies of Zinoviev and Kamenev without injuring the cause still further. Therein, indeed, consists the boundless baseness, the real treachery of these two persons, that they have given away the plan of the strike in face of the capitalists, for if we keep silent in the press, then everybody will see how the matter stands.

Kamenev and Zinoviev have betrayed to Rodsjanko and Kerensky the decision of the C. C. of their Party regarding the armed revolt and regarding . . . concealing the preparation of the armed revolt, the choice of the time for the revolt, from the enemy. That is a fact. This fact is not to be refuted by any excuses. Two members of the C. C. have, by contemptible lies, divulged to the capitalists the decisions of the workers. To this there can and must be only one answer: The immediate decision of the C. C.

"After establishing the complete case of strike-breaking in the proclamation of Zinoviev and Kamenev in the press not belonging to the Party," the C. C. expels both from the Party. It is not easy for me to write this of comrades with whom I was formerly closely associated, but I would regard hesitation here as a crime, as otherwise a Party of revolutionaries which does not punish strike-breakers among its prominent members is bound to come to ruin.

The question of the armed revolt, even if the strike-breakers who have betrayed the cause to Rodsjanko and Kerensky have postponed it for a long time, is not pushed into the background, by the Party. How can we prepare the armed revolt and commence it, if we tolerate "noted strike-breakers" in our midst. The more noted, the more dangerous, the more undignified a "pardon," as the French say. Only one out of our own midst can become a traitor.

The more "noted" the strike-breakers, the more incumbent it is to punish them by immediate expulsion. Only by such means can one make the workers' party sound, purge it of a dozen intellectuals without character by closing the ranks of the revolutionaries; only thus can the great and greatest difficulties be met, only

thus can one go with the revolutionary workers.

We cannot publish the truth, that after the decisive meeting of the C. C. Zinoviev and Kamenev had the audacity to demand at the Sunday meeting a reconsideration, that Kamenev shamelessly called out, the C. C. has made a fiasco, for it has done nothing for a week I could not refute this, for one cannot say what has actually been done; but Zinoviev, with an innocent air, moved the resolution that had been rejected by the meeting: "Nothing shall be undertaken before the conference with the Bolsheviks, which must meet on the 20th for the Soviet Congress."

One could not believe it: After the decision of the Centre regarding the strike, to propose to the meeting of the masses to postpone the question, to entrust its solution to the Congress (to the Congress on the 20th—the Congress was, however, postponed later . . . the Zinovievs believe the Libers and Dans), to refer it to a collegium which is not provided for in the statutes of the Party, over which the C. C. has no control, which Petrograd does not know.

And after this Zinoviev still had the brazenness to write: "One can hardly strengthen the unity of the Party by such means."

Can that be described as anything else than a threat to split the Party.

I replied to such a threat, that I shall go to the end, that I shall obtain the right to speak before the workers, that I shall at all costs brand the strike-breaker Zinoviev as a strike-breaker. To the threat to split the Party I reply with the proclamation of an inexorable fight until the expulsion of the two strike-breakers from the Party.

The Executive Committee of the Trade Union Federation has, after long months, of debate, decided: the strike has become inevitable and the time is ripe, the time fixed for the strike must be kept secret from the employers. Thereupon two members of the Executive Committee go to the masses in order to combat the decision, but fail. Then these two go to the press, and by means of treacherous lies betray the decision of the executive committee to the capitalist press, thereby ruining the chances of the strike by a good half and, by warning the enemy, cause it to be postponed to a less favorable time.

That is a complete case of strike-breaking. And that is the reason why I demand the expulsion of the two strike-breakers and here by reserve myself the right, in view of the threat to split the Party, to publish everything when the time for doing so shall have come.

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DRAMA

Hauptmann Honored On 60th Birthday

Hamburg, Germany did honor to a great playwright last month in honor of the sixtieth birthday of Gerhard Hauptmann, noted German playwright. A world premiere was given of Ottorino Respighi's four-act opera, "The Sunken Bell," the libretto of which is based upon Hauptmann's fairy drama of the same name.

Werner Wolff, who conducted, also made the re-translation of the Italian libretto into German, adhering closely to Hauptmann's diction. This was the first world premier of an Italian opera in Germany since the war. The leading critics of Germany and Italy were present. Herr Hauptmann was called to the curtain after each act.

"The Weavers," Hauptmann's most translated play of the poverty-stricken weavers of Germany, was produced here in English and German some years back.

VELOZ AND YOLANDA



Piasta Dancers in "The Love Call," Sigmund Romberg's tuneful operetta at the Majestic Theatre.

Screen Notes

Lewis Stone will play the leading role in "The Freedom of the Press" which George Melford will direct for Universal. Marcelline Day, Donald Keith and Robert Emmett O'Connor are also members of the cast. The picture is screened from an original story by Peter B. Kyne.

"The Bellamy Trial," from a story by Francis Noyes Hart, will be made into a motion picture by Metro.

Mel Brown is nearing the end of production of "No. 13 Washington Square," adapted from the stage play and novel by LeRoy Scott. Jean Hersholt plays the leading role.

Edward Sloman has started work on "We Americans," an adaptation by Al Cohn of the play by Max Siegel which ran at the Harris Theatre here last season. George Lewis and Daisy Belmont play the lead.

Robert Flaherty, director of "Moana," and "Nanook of the North," sails today from Los Angeles for the south Pacific, where he will make "Robert Flaherty's Southern Skies" for Metro.

"Home James" is the title of Laura La Plante's next picture and was written by Morton Blumenstock. Laura has just completed "Finders Keepers," adapted from the story by Mary Roberts Rinehart.

Save Greco and Carrillo!

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Plans for Defense Bazaar Nears End; Have Big Problem

Arrangements for the nine-day bazaar to be held by the Joint Defense Committee, Cloakmakers, Dressmakers and Furriers, beginning Dec. 23 at Grand Central Palace, Lexington Ave. and 43d St., are nearing completion. Carnival shows, games, dancing, music, motion pictures and bargains are being prepared, according to the arrangements committee. The Joint Defense Committee is in immediate need of a large sum of money, it was stated last night, since many workers are being arrested daily on the picket line. The appeal in the Mineola case, moreover, will be heard soon. The Defense Committee headquarters are at 41 Union Square and are open daily until 7 p. m. until the opening of the bazaar.

Colorado Mine Strike Victims Need NY Aid

WALSENBERG, Colo., Dec. 12.—The announcement is made here today by representatives of the striking miners that money is needed for the victims of the Columbine mine shooting who survived the attack of the police but are now suffering from their wounds in the hospital here. Twenty-seven are in the hospital. The miners' representatives state that all money for hospital expenses of the wounded men should be sent to the Colorado Coal Miners' Relief Committee, Post Office Box 93, Lafayette, Colo.

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Workers Party Activities

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

Night Workers Will Discuss the Russian Opposition This Afternoon.

A special membership meeting of the night workers will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at 108 East 14th St. A representative of the district office will address and lead the discussion on the subject of "The Russian Opposition." All members must attend without fail.

Branch 5, Section 5.
Branch 5, Section 5, will hold its regular meeting tonight at 2075 Clinton Ave., Bronx.

Branch 3, Section 5.
A business meeting of Branch 3, Section 5 will be held tonight at 2075 Clinton Ave.

2F, SS 2D Meet Called Off.
Unit 2F SS 2D has called off its meeting arranged for tomorrow night.

Subsection 2E Executive.
Subsection 2E executive committee will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Freiheit building.

Discuss Injunctions.
Injunctions will be discussed at the meeting of FDI, SS 2E at 6:30 p. m. tonight at 126 E. 16th St.

Blanks Not Returned.
Report blanks are now overdue at the district office from many units. Blanks have been submitted by the following units: 1B1F, 1D3F, 2A1F, 2A3F, 2C1F, 2D1F, 2D3F, 3B4S, 3E1F, S4B4, S6F5, 6BS9, S711, S716. Night workers 1S, A. M. Jersey City. All units which have not yet submitted their reports are instructed to turn them in at once to 108 E. 14th St.

Traction Week!
This is traction week! All Party members should see their unit, subsection or section organizer at once about important work that must be done.

To Discuss Injunctions.
A mass meeting for a discussion of anti-labor injunctions has been arranged for Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p. m., at Bryant Hall, Sixth Ave. and 42nd St., by Sections 2 and 3 of the Workers (Communist) Party.

An important meeting of IF, ID will be held Friday at 6:30 p. m. at 126 E. 16th St.

Sport Meeting Saturday.
The district sports committee will meet Saturday at 1 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St.

Pioneer Theater Party.
The Young Pioneers League will have a theater party at the New Playwrights' Theater, where the "Centuries," is playing, Friday evening, Dec. 23.

INJUNCTIONS TOPIC OF MEET.
Injunctions and the value of a labor party will be discussed at a meeting next Tuesday arranged by Sections 2 and 3 of the Workers (Communist) Party for Bryant Hall, Sixth Ave. and 41st St., at 6:30 p. m.

The speakers will be Jay Lovestone, secretary of the Workers Party, and William F. Dunne, of The DAILY WORKER. Juliet Stuart Poyntz will preside.

Volunteers For Worker-Freiheit Ball to Meet This Thursday Evening

Volunteer workers for The DAILY WORKER-Freiheit ball, to be held at Madison Square Garden next Saturday night, are expected to attend a meeting at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Greco-Carrillo Defense Gains

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to fasten the crime on two anti-fascists. The fascists, working with the police, were unable to get the real murderers; they therefore determined to get victims in order to save their own prestige.

Alibi Stated.

Hays declared that the defense of his clients would be simple, basing it on the physical impossibility of being in two places at the same time. Both Greco and Carrillo, Hays said, were at home part of the day with friends, on Decoration Day when the killing of the two fascists took place.

Hays outlined briefly the background of the two clothing workers who are being threatened with death in the electric chair. Greco, he related, was born in Italy, in 1892. He was first a shoemaker, and then a mechanic. He served five years in the Italian army during the war and came to this country in 1920 with his mother, and later became a tailor.

Arrested 6 Weeks After Murder.

In addressing the jury, Hays pointed out that Greco and Carrillo were arrested more than six weeks after the murder took place, and when they were arrested, it was in a general dragnet of Italian anti-fascists. They were originally held as material witnesses. However, when their lawyers proceeded to get a writ of habeas corpus in order to release them from jail, the district attorney asked the grand jury to indict Greco and Carrillo on a charge of murder.

Mussolini Directs Propaganda.
Hays stated that he was prepared to show how Mussolini, through Count Di Revel and other agents in the United States, was actively supervising fascist propaganda here. While Greco and Carrillo are not members of any anti-fascist organization, they are, nevertheless, known as opponents of Mussolini's regime, which they considered had deprived the Italian people of their liberty.

Witnesses Self-Contradictory.
Clarence Darrow, chief of the defense council, closely cross-examined several witnesses called by the prosecution. Two of these were patrolmen attached to the Bathgate Ave.

station, situated in the precinct where the murder took place. Both men contradicted themselves a number of times, and one of them who took charge of the bodies, admitted that there were no eye witnesses to the killing.

Darrow's Objections Sustained.

Judge Albert Cohn, who was presiding, sustained Darrow on several occasions, when he objected to the questioning by the district attorney of witnesses about the dead fascists' service in the United States army during the war, and also to the so-called military funeral which they received.

Under Darrow's questioning, the witnesses admitted that the funeral was attended largely by fascists who wore their army uniforms.

"No Mere Murder Case," Says Defense.

The trial of Calogero Greco and Donato Carrillo, anti-fascist workers, on charges of killing two fascists last Memorial Day, now in progress in the Bronx County court, is more than a mere murder trial, according to a joint statement by the International Labor Defense and the Greco-Carrillo Defense Committee last night. The statement follows:

"The fact that Clarence Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hays have offered their services as counsel is proof that there is more involved in this case than the killing of two fascists.

Sure of Innocence.

"We are convinced of the innocence of Greco and Carrillo. Moreover, we know as a matter of fact that the prosecution against these two innocent workers was instigated by the Fascist League of North America with the connivance of some of our government officials.

"The Greco-Carrillo case must not be allowed to drag on for years as did the Sacco-Vanzetti case. We have secured the most able legal counsel obtainable so that Greco and Carrillo will be sure that every effort is being made to prevent the frame-up against them from being successful.

"Our activity does not end in the courtroom. By means of leaflets,

pamphlets and a general appeal, we intend to make known the plight of Greco and Carrillo, who stand at the bar today solely because they are anti-fascists and militant workers."

Cloak, Dressmakers Hold Big Meeting Tomorrow Evening

Announcement of a call for a mass meeting of all cloak and dressmakers to demonstrate on the anniversary of the beginning of President Morris Sigman's right wing attack against the left wing in the unions has been made by the Joint Board of the Cloakmakers' Union.

The mass meeting will be held at Cooper Union, 8th St., and Fourth Ave., tomorrow evening at 6. It will launch a renewed movement by the rank and file to fight until the union has regained its earlier mass strength and until it has eliminated all the union wreckers from the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, it was declared yesterday.

Expect Large Attendance.

At the office of the Joint Board, it was announced, large numbers of rank and file members are expected to attend this meeting. Preparations are pending for the hiring of additional halls to accommodate the overflow.

Officers of the Joint Board pointed to the increasing signs of the growing resentment on the part of the workers against the destructive tactics of the International president and gave as proof the sentiment expressed at the recent two day conference under the impartial "committee of 50" at Webster Hall.

This conference, these officers declared, indicated that the workers have been driven to the limit of their endurance.

LABOR AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Needle Trades T. U. E. L.
All secretaries and organizers of needle trades group of the Trade Union Educational League will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at Ukrainian Hall, 15 E. Third St., to hear a report of past activities and prepare for future work.

Local 38 Members!
Members of Local 38, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, are urged to take articles for the Joint Defense Committee Bazaar to Lena Leib, care of Goodman, 1 W. 111th St.

I. L. D. Meet Tonight.

The regular monthly meeting of the Yorkville English branch of the International Labor Defense will be held tonight at 8 p. m. at the Hungarian Workers' Home, 350 E. 81st St.

Wicks To Speak Tomorrow.

The Workers' Educational Club has arranged an open forum meeting for a discussion of unemployment with H. M. Wicks, of The DAILY WORKER, as speaker, for tomorrow at 101 W. 27th St., at 2 p. m.

Harlem I. L. D.

Juliet Stuart Poyntz will report on the recent national conference of the International Labor Defense at tomorrow night's meeting of the Harlem I. L. D., to be held at 81 E. 110th St. at 8:30 o'clock.

Weinberger To Speak Tomorrow.

Harry Weinberger will lecture at a "special deportation meeting" of the International Anarchist Group of New York tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at 149 E. 23rd St.

Road To Freedom Ball.

A Road to Freedom group costume ball will be held Christmas eve at the Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave.

Bentall to Lecture.

J. O. Bentall will lecture on the foreign born workers at the Yorkville Workers' Forum Friday at 8 p. m. at 350 E. 81st St.

Workers Here Raise Funds, Send Clothes To Striking Miners

Reports received yesterday by the Miners' Relief Committee, 799 Broadway, from the strike areas of Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and Colorado depict an indescribable condition of hunger and want, especially among the children according to Fannie Rudd, secretary.

In Western Pennsylvania the situation is more acute than elsewhere, she said. In one camp in that district the strike has been going on since 1925. The need for relief is great she continued.

Clothing Sent.

The appeal for funds, clothing and blankets being made in this city by the Miners' Relief Committee to be sent to the striking miners of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Colorado, is gaining momentum, the committee reports. A large quantity of clothing was shipped yesterday. Several workers organizations and trade unions have contributed money. Several others have offered to help in the appeal for funds. Among these is the staff of the New Masses, which, besides donating a day's pay for relief, will circulate its subscribers in an appeal for funds.

The Amalgamated Food Workers, Bakers Local 164, has sent in a check for \$100 and the Workers Youth Center has contributed \$50.

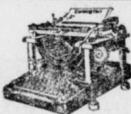
Plans are under way by the committee to have a miners' corner at The DAILY WORKER-Freiheit Ball next Saturday evening.

Pickens Made Appeal.
At the Inter-Racial Ball, held last Saturday evening, William Pickens field secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, made an appeal on behalf of the striking miners, and a collection was taken up from the floor.

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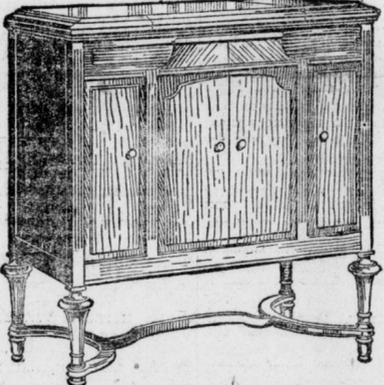
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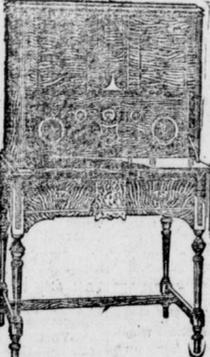
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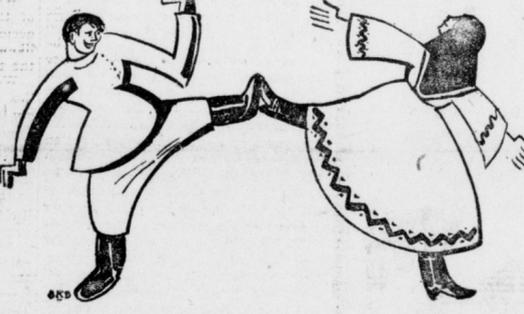


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The Personification of Pestilence

Washington to Mexico City in twenty-six hours is the goal and the estimated time set for the next flight of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. Like all similar ventures this is described as a mission of peace, the purpose of which is to consolidate the friendship of Mexico and the United States. This is the idyllic interpretation.

In reality Lindbergh's flight is in the nature of a scouting expedition. Just as one crow flies forth to survey a corn field before the flock descends upon it to pillage it, so Lindbergh also is the personification of the pestilence that will descend from Wall Street if the imperialists have their way.

Instead of welcoming Lindbergh the Mexican masses should be fully aware of the ominous nature of his flight and turn the demonstration from a glorification of a representative of dollar despotism into a demonstration against imperialism.

More than ever the very facts of history, of life, cry out for a rallying center around which can be mobilized the anti-imperialist sentiment of the southern republics. Mexico, as the most powerful of the Latin American group, as the nation that has suffered most from Wall Street depredations, has the historic destiny of initiating such resistance.

But accompanying the news of the Lindbergh plans is a story from Mexico City to the effect that the Calles government is to take aggressive action against Communists in that country. If true, this move can be interpreted as nothing other than a supine groveling before American imperialism, an attempt to cripple the labor movement and make it subservient to reaction. Such a move is not at all improbable as it is a well known fact Louis Morones, minister of labor and head of the labor federation, strives to confine the labor movement within reformist bounds and lives in fear of the day when the masses will demand a more aggressive policy than he has ever pursued.

President Calles of Mexico in an exchange of polite notes with Lindbergh aids the imperialists of this country in maintaining the illusion that such flights are symbolic of peace, rather than tests of military prowess.

Since his flight to Paris, Lindbergh has been one of the most valuable agents of predatory imperialism. No one, least of all Mexicans who have learned through long experience to hate and read the imperialist invasions, should for a moment be deceived by the proposed Lindbergh flight.

Calles' welcome to Lindbergh, his praise of the Wall Street assassin, Morrow, and the report of his anti-Communist drive, all indicate that he is swinging toward the camp of the imperialists.

The Mexican workers and peasants, many of them armed in the struggle against counter-revolution, are the sole guarantee of the independence of Mexico. If the government is compromising with Wall Street the next step will be a move to disarm the masses. This is the pivotal question and against such an attempt the workers and peasants must set their faces like flint, and resist with all their might any attempt to deprive them of weapons of defense.

Such a stand may do much to divert the government from orientation toward Morrow's policies and at the same time establish a rallying center for a Latin American bloc that will resist with all its might the inroads of the agents of death and destruction whose sole objective is to reduce the southern republics to a condition of vassals of Wall Street so that the natural resources may be plundered and the masses reduced to helpless slaves.

Instead of doves of peace, these American fliers are heralds of ravenous destruction and should be recognized as such by all Latin America.

The Workers Forum

Lima Leads the Way.
Editor, DAILY WORKER:

Why not a State and National Farmer-Labor Party? Let us have less talk and more action in building up a class party of working farmers and city workers. The move towards the organization of a National Farmer-Labor Party was well under way at St. Paul in 1924, but for some reason the ticket nominated at that time was withdrawn and the result was disastrous to the movement.

In Lima, Ohio, a city of 50,000 population, the Lima Trades and Labor Council conceived the idea of bringing together the various elements of the labor movement into a labor party—and have done so. In 1925 the Labor Party succeeded in nominating in the city primary two of their candidates for City Commissioner, Corbin N. Shook and Edwin Blank.

At the November election Comrade Shook was elected and the writer defeated by a narrow margin. Again this year the Labor Party led in the primary nominating their two candidates for City Commissioner, Edwin Blank and Frank C. Clay. At the general election in November last the writer was elected by a clear majority of 463 over his nearest competitor. Mr. Clay carried five of the six wards of the city by a majority of 700, but was defeated by the aristocratic 4th Ward by a small margin.

The campaign was made on class lines. It was the working class against Big Business. The labor candidates were called Bolsheviks and it was charged that in event of their election the city would be Sovietized.

standing all the capitalist propaganda the Labor Party is here to stay and anxious to assist in building a State and National Farmer-Labor Party. The Labor Party on the 1st day of January will have two of the five members of the City Commission. Let us have a National Farmer-Labor Party next year.

—EDWIN BLANK.

To The DAILY WORKER:—
The golden state of California brags about its sunshine, golden riches, and social equality. They have no "Jim Crow" law and inform the world in general that they recognize the constitutional fact that all men are created equal and have an equal right to the pursuit of life, liberty, happiness and bootleg whiskey.

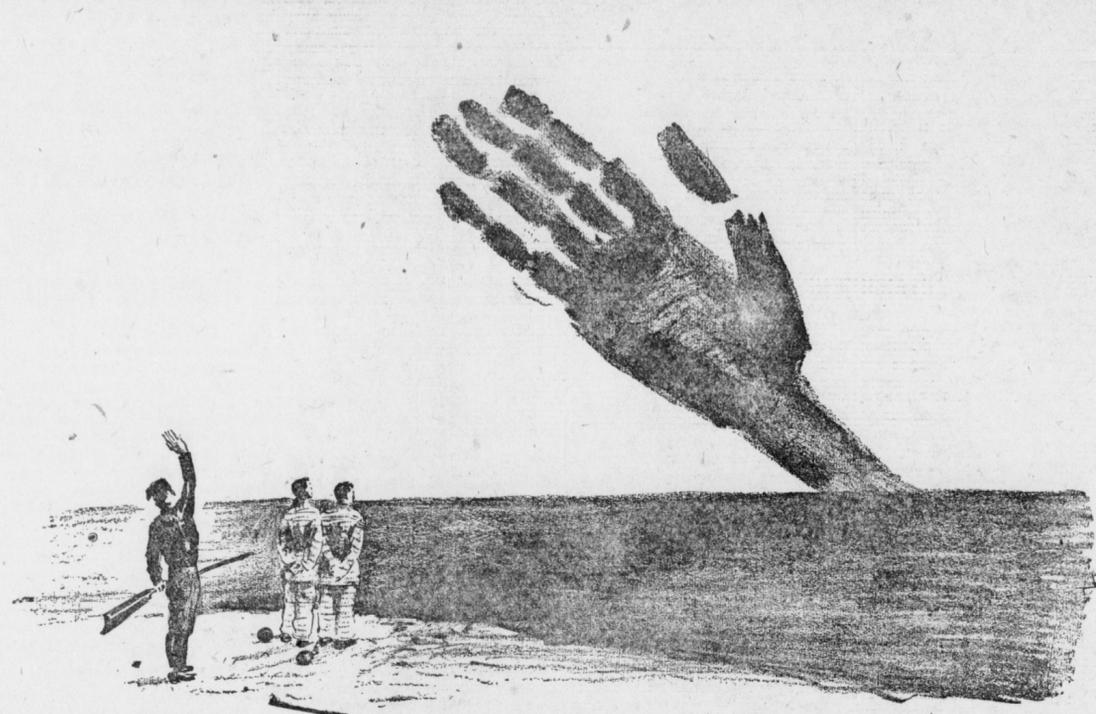
However, the Southern Pacific Railway Company does not see things this way. They discriminate against their colored waiters. The colored waiters receive \$67.00 for two hundred forty hours service while the white waiters receive \$85.00 for two hundred eight hours service.

The colored waiters collect tips on the average of a couple of dollars a day. They have to split this with the white steward in charge or their services are declared to be "unsatisfactory," and they are dismissed. The white waiters make from one dollar to a dollar and a half a day in tips and keep it all.

The white waiters are organized and the colored waiters are unorganized. This is another example of the capitalist exploitation of the colored worker in this western stronghold of capitalism.

—A WORKER.

THE HAND ACROSS THE SEA



Mussolini salutes the American fascisti engaged in framing up the enemies of fascism in the United States.

Money Writes

By Upton Sinclair

(Continued from Last Issue.)

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Paven Jerdanovitch

THIS book is supposed to deal with writers only; but it so happens that I have been privileged for many years to know a great painter, one whose revolutionary impulse may make American art, and it seems to me the reader will welcome a brief chapter about such a man.

Pavel Jerdanovitch is his name, and you will not need to ask the land of his nativity. He spent many years among the cannibals of the South Sea Islands, from which he derives his directness of approach to the goal of his desires. Now he lives in Hollywood, defending himself as best he can against the cannibals of commercialism. He began his painting only a few years ago, and I was present at the birth of his impulse, and saw his first masterpiece in becoming. Now his fame is international—his work has been exhibited in Chicago and New York, and has won the plaudits of eminent critics in Paris.

The most conspicuous aspect of this master's work is daring in the use of color. It was John Ruskin who first taught me to enjoy color in painting; I had been brought up on the pastel shades of the decadents, but Ruskin pointed out to me that strong and elemental souls love the brilliant primary colors, of which nature herself has been so lavish. The most famous of Pavel Jerdanovitch's pictures is called "Aspiration," and shows a woman of his cannibal tribes—the new and modernized cannibals who apparently have washbuds and wear cotton prints. The woman herself is stout, and colored like chocolate caramels; she wears a red turban with large black spots, and a yellow dress with what appear to be blue snails on it. She has what is known in the technicalities of high art as "a Gauguin eye"; that is to say, a front face eye set in a profile, which is rather startling until you have accustomed yourself to the conventions of the new art. She has a blue tub full of white soap-suds, and all about her is vivid green grass, and mauve mountains crowned by a supernally blue sky. In front of the woman sits a large red bird having green wings with white stripes and a yellow tail. From a clothes line there wave two black socks; also a merry shirt, pink on one side and blue on the other—the kind they are making now for sale to the cannibal trade. Behind the washerwoman is her house, which is white, with a red chimney and a yellow roof, and alongside it stands a cosmos tree with great white leaves. Close behind the woman stands a corse-colored milk-ing-stool, and on it rests her purse; a dark shadowy hand reaches out for it, but the woman does not notice, because her Gauguin eye is cast up to the bright colored bird in front of her.

That is why the picture is called "Aspiration," and you cannot really understand it unless you have been privileged, as I have been, to hear the master himself expound it. The bird is called the "cosmic rooster," and is a symbol of suppressed desires; it sits upon a cross, which is of course another symbol, and at the other end of the clothes line is the cosmos flower with white leaves, signifying immortality. The entire painting affords a marvelous illustration of the law of dynamic symmetry; everything directs the eye of the beholder towards the central sym-

bol, so that at first we are like the washerwoman, and fail to notice the hand of greed reaching for her purse. It is only after study and thought that we discover another stroke of genius: the only objects in the picture which cast a shadow are those which are intended to have mystical significance.

In short, this masterpiece of painting is a bit of hilarious absurdity, slapped onto canvas by my friend Paul Jordan Smith, who besides being a novelist and scholar, is a satirist and wag. He sat himself down before an easel, without knowing any more about painting than I do, and proceeded to caricature the rubbish which for the past fifteen or twenty years has been palmed off on the public as "futurist" and "primitive" art. Having finished his labors, he hung the result on his study wall, and said nothing; and presently his friends began to stare and ask questions. Paul Jordan, in his spirit of waggery, began to take it seriously; he evolved his "spiel" about the "cosmic rooster" and the "law of dynamic symmetry," and he found that, in the parlance of the advertising experts, it "went over."

So then he decided to become an international figure, and invented the romantic "Pavel Jerdanovitch," with the Russian birth and the life among the cannibals. He had photographs of himself taken, dark and ferocious of aspect, and wild of eye. He painted three additional horrors—one called "Exaltation," portraying the ecstasies of a native damsel who summons up the courage to defy the tribal taboo and eat the sacred banana; another called "Adoration," portraying a savage worshipping a piebald boa-constrictor in Alaska, and a third called "Illumination," because it is made up almost entirely of eyes. "Exaltation" was crated and shipped to New York, where it was shown at the Independent Exhibit, in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, March, 1925, and solemnly discussed by the critics, and made the subject of an elaborate article in a Paris art journal, "Revue du Vrai et du Beau," September 10, 1925, page 18. The picture of the washerwoman and the cosmic rooster was shown at the "No-Jury Exhibit," at Marshall Field's, in Chicago, January-February, 1926; and in the "Art World" of Tuesday, January 26, you will find a feature article, proclaiming this as the most brilliant exhibit of many moons. Out of the 480 pictures in the said brilliant exhibit, the great art journal selected for reproduction just one, and what do you think it was? "Aspiration," by Pavel Jerdanovitch! The cosmic rooster!

So once more the fame of the great cannibal painter reached Europe; he was appraised and celebrated in "Les Artistes D'Aujourd'hui," and in "La Revue Moderne," June 30, 1927, pages 18 and 19. This most exalted of art-magazines reproduces the cosmic rooster, and also the boa-constrictor in Alaska, and it says among a lot of assorted praise: "Constructed on a large scale, in masses, with care to mark the contrasts rather than the exact perspective, the paintings of Jerdanovitch have a decorative character which is very interesting, and which approaches them sometimes to the paintings of Cezanne in the new manner. Moreover the post-impressionists are among the spiritual masters of our painter, notably Gauguin," etc.

Magazines pass, but books endure; and "our painter" has achieved immortality in a sumptuous volume—I lack words to tell how elegant it is, but many painters would sell one of their Gauguin eyes to be included in it. The title is: "L'Art Contemporain; Livre D'Or: Avec Une Preface de M.

Gabriel Moussac; Paris." I open it, and behold, a full page reproduction of the cosmic rooster, "Aspiration, par Pavel Jerdanovitch." And on the adjoining page a text I translate:

"A seeker and an unquiet spirit, he cannot content himself with the beaten paths. He has done some beautiful portraits, then some strange symbolical works, very beautiful: 'Exaltation,' 'Illumination,' 'Aspiration,' compositions very personal, where the art represents things in symbolizing the sentiments from an angle which belongs to him, and which classes him altogether among the best artists of the advance-guard by a formula excluding all banality."

I don't see how anything could be funnier than this; and Paul Jordan thought the artists of America would appreciate a joke on their French confreres. Being invited to address the Art Association of Laguna Beach, where a company of our Californian artists gather to paint sky and clouds and sea, he told them about this hoax; and how did they take it? They were horrified at his act of blasphemy, and their leading critic published a review in the local newspaper, which for virulence outdoes anything I ever read,

even about my blasphemous self. The critic even declared that Paul Jordan had got away with the proceeds of the lecture—the fact being that the association had charged fifty cents admission and paid the lecturer nothing.

The creator of "Pavel Jerdanovitch" is a novelist—so, in introducing him, I have not departed from the program of my book. His first novel was called "Cables of Cobweb," and I suspect it is his own story, about a youth who grew up in Virginia, and escaped into the radical movement, but in the end went back to his ancestors. Paul Jordan has not gone back in person, but has gone a part of the way in spirit. Twenty years ago he was selling "The Jungle" from a soap-box in Chicago; but now he has lost his faith in the workers, and his hope for the salvation of his country, and devotes his time to reading James Joyce and James Branch Cabell, and writing expositions of their esoteric significance. And when I ridicule his idols, he is pained—exactly as the Laguna artists were pained by the blasphemous "Pavel Jerdanovitch!"

(To Be Continued.)

SAVIORS OF THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

By SPURE.

The Social Democratic Government, taking over power in December, 1926, declared that its first task will be to deliver the democratic state from the political and economic ruin to which the bourgeois parties had brought it.

On June 12th, 1927, the "Social Democrat" stated: "It is clear to all that after the chaos which existed in our state as a result of the bourgeois policy, only a firm hand is able to hold power." By this firm hand, the social democratic party was implied. When they took power the social democrats promised the bourgeoisie, on the one hand to reconstruct the national economy and maintain order, and on the other hand they promised the workers every blessing. But to serve the bourgeoisie and the workers at one and the same time is impossible.

We see how the social democratic government exerts itself for the bourgeoisie. The first step taken by the government was to quiet the unemployed. Several unemployed were arrested at the labor exchange and turned over to the secret police on a charge of Communist agitation.

The Minister for Home Affairs, Skueneks, a social democrat, brought administrative pressure to bear on the workers so as to avert the unemployed demonstrations. But the social-democratic government went still further: it forbade the Left Wing of the trade union movement to organize any demonstrations at all.

In the Seim the government claimed as one of its achievements the fact that it was able to keep the First of May demonstrations within the limits set by the democratic constitution, for which it received the thanks of the bourgeois bloc. The other "achievement" of the social-democratic government is the repressions set afoot against the Left labor press. The Left press criticized the treacherous policy of the social democrats, and exposed the machinations of the so-called "Left Bloc." If we compare the repressions and confiscations of the labor press by the Tsarist government with the present social democratic government, we note that the social democrats have gone far beyond the limits of the former Tsarist autocrats. "Edinstvo" (Unity), the organ of the Left Trade Unions, was first published in 1924.

In 1925, however, it had to change its title 5 times, and in 1926, under the social democratic government, 8 times. Despite all this the central organ of the Left unions continues to be published.

If we look through the statistics for the last few months we note an increase in the number of strikes during this year. This is to be explained by the attack of capital, and also by the policy pursued by the social democrats. An attack on wages is to be noted in the textile industry.

The employers in Riga lowered wages by 15 per cent despite the fact that the textile workers receive the lowest wages and work in the worst conditions. Before the war the Latvian textile industry occupied the third place on the present territory of Latvia. The average wage for women textile workers is 1 to 1.5 lat a day (1 lat equals about 10c.) for a 10-12 hour working day.

In the present attack on the textile workers' wages the social democratic government gave no mean help. It smashed the textile workers' union, arresting the entire executive. On August 31st, when the workers called a general meeting of textile workers to discuss the question of a general strike against the lowering of wages, the reformists attempted to evade the question, insisting that it was not worth while to declare a general strike at the present time.

The reformists succeeded in putting off the question of a general strike. The workers at the "Boston" factory had already declared a strike. Not being supported, the "Boston" factory workers will be forced to surrender, the employers having placed the question thus: either the workers return to work on the old conditions, or the factory will be closed. In other towns the textile workers are in the same position. Another phenomenon is also noted in Latvia.

For several months the workers receive wages, and then the factory is closed down, leaving the workers without a crust of bread. Thus, on August 31st, 400 workers in the plywood factory "Bertin" in Riga declared a strike, the workers not having been paid any wages for six weeks. The minister of labor up to the present has taken no measures to allay this state of affairs.

By Fred Ellis

Red Rays

THE United States Senate is jealous of its reputation for integrity. The charge made by William Randolph Hearst, that president Calles of Mexico paid \$1,200,000 in bribes to four senators is now the subject of an investigation. The solons are getting more particular every day. And more inconsistent. There was a time when it was considered indecent for a man to be elected unless he spent a lot of money on his constituents. Now, he is not allowed to take his seat if his campaign managers insist on getting receipts for the money used in buying votes.

CALLES is accused by Hearst of spreading Communist propaganda on the American continent and indeed throughout the world. That Calles is no Communist is a fact that is well known to Hearst and those who run his sensational rags. They have a purpose in charging Calles with Bolshevism. It is a form of blackmail. And to give added proof that he is not a Communist, Calles is reported to have issued an order barring all Communists from Mexico.

THE American Appeal, official organ of the socialist party has given up the ghost. Of course the party does not admit that the paper died of malnutrition. They soften the fall by claiming that it "amalgamated" with the New Leader, of New York. This leaves the socialist party now with only one weekly paper in the entire country, unless the Reading Labor Advocate can be considered an exception.

THE socialists lost the most important office in Reading, Pa., on a recount. When a socialist was elected treasurer, he promised to return to the city all but six thousand dollars of the yearly salary of \$26,000 that goes with the office. He spoke too soon. His successful rival is not showing similar consideration for the tax payers. He will take every dime of it.

THE army is getting religious. In a little booklet issued for the benefit of young Americans bored with the monotony of civilian existence, we are informed that a "voluntary attendance at religious services conducted at army stations last year increased more than 300,000 over the total of the preceding year. During last year the total attendance at divine worship was 1,339,473. This does not take into consideration the attendance of military personnel at services in the nearby communities. The army chaplain is a friend, a brother and a father to all soldiers."

A MAN and woman will receive \$25,000 each at a banquet on the anniversary of the late president Wilson's birthday for essays on "What Woodrow Wilson Means to Me." There are several millions of people in this country who would gladly pay money for the privilege of writing an essay on what Woodrow Wilson means to them.

S. S. KRESGE, the five and ten cent store multimillionaire of Detroit has promised to donate half a million dollars to the Anti-Saloon League as soon as the league has succeeded in raising an equal amount. The association against the prohibition amendment wants to know if the Kresge money will be derived from the sale in his department stores and five and ten cent stores of liquor glasses, decanters, cocktail shakers and hip flasks.

ARTHUR BRISBANE is on another of his frequent transcontinental jaunts. Out in the California sunlight, Arthur exudes optimism. Here is a sample of it: "This is a fine earth, own a little of it; and whatever you do, see the earth, beginning with your own country. Be able when you go to heaven, to tell the angels from other countries about the United States and why it is the finest country between the two poles." It looks as if the angels are in for a disagreeable time when Arthur gets to heaven.

MORE about the Queens sewer scandal: James M. Phillips, a sewer pipe manufacturer is reported to have made a profit of \$8,000,000 out of his contract work in Queens in 1925 and 1926. The total cost of the sewer work was \$16,000,000. This looks like dirty work at the cross roads. David Hirschfield, former commissioner of accounts who likes to interview two persons, ex-mayor Hylan and David Hirschfield, expressed himself thusly: "In fact it is said that since Hylan and Hirschfield have been out of office the sky is the limit. If Boss Tweed were now to come back to earth and find what a piker he was, he would return to his grave in shame." We believe that this is going a bit too far, since it was rather difficult to bring a blush to the Tweed-eyed countenance but perhaps Mr. Hirschfield knows what he is talking about.

GENTLE treatment will be recommended for Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, ex-secretary of state who administered a \$1,200,000 fund for the 1925 census in a way that left much to the imagination, but nothing to the census. Mrs. Knapp is the first woman to hold an important elective office in New York state and her record gives the lie to the charge that women are unfit for a political career.

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