

## WORKERS TO LAUNCH BARRAGE FOR NEW "WORKER" READERS

### Lenin-Ruthenberg Drive Spurs Workers to Buy Additional Papers for Distribution

#### Powerful Press Necessity in Building of Mass Revolutionary Movement in United States

A meeting of DAILY WORKER agents will be held next Monday evening at a hall to be designated tomorrow for the purpose of organizing for the drive to increase the circulation 10,000 in New York City, said D. Ravitch, circulation manager of the DAILY WORKER today. It is expected that all agents will attend this important meeting.

To Popularize Paper. One of the first tasks in building circulation is to popularize the paper. Each reader of THE DAILY WORKER can aid in the drive to build the Workers (Communist) Party in Greater New York by purchasing two additional copies of the paper and distributing them to other workers in the great Lenin-Ruthenberg drive to get 10,000 new readers for the paper and 5,000 new members for the Party of Lenin.

Buy On News Stands. Many of the sub-hustlers are now buying additional papers on the newsstands and giving them away to other workers whom they know, pointing out the manner in which THE DAILY WORKER is different from the other papers, its class struggle character and the fact that it is the only paper in the English language that can always be depended upon to give them the facts of the labor struggle and to help direct that struggle.

Foundation of Party. The increasing of the circulation of THE DAILY WORKER is one of the principal tasks of all members and sympathizers of the Party. It is one of the indispensable foundation-stones upon which must be erected a mass Communist movement in this country.

Chicago In Action. The first reports of the drive have come from Chicago and show that the comrades there are in action with each unit of the Party vying to obtain the greatest number of new subscribers in the next six weeks. In New York, the city of publication, the circulation must be increased to 10,000 readers for the metropolitan area alone. Only through circulating additional copies of the paper can workers become aware of what THE DAILY WORKER means to the labor movement.

## NEW TEAPOT DOME GRAFT UNCOVERED

### Former Secretary Fall Got \$499,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Former secretary of the Interior, Albert B. Fall, received no less than \$499,000 from the two oil magnates, Edward L. Doheny and Harry F. Sinclair, a short time after the lease of the Teapot Dome and Elk Hills naval oil reserves, according to facts brot out yesterday and today before the senate committee investigating the disposal of certain liberty bonds known to have been placed at the disposal of Fall.

M. T. Everhart, son-in-law of Fall sprang a sensation when he blandly admitted on the stand that Harry F. Sinclair, head of the oil concern that bears his name, had given to Fall \$269,000 worth of liberty bonds, for a share in a New Mexico ranch owned by Fall. This sum, added to the amounts received from Doheny and Sinclair previously brings the total to \$499,000 received for the \$100,000,000 oil land grants made illegally under the Harding-Coolidge administration.

Everhart swore that Sinclair became "interested" in the project because Fall wanted to establish a "country club" for wealthy men in New Mexico. Some improvements were made on the property after the Sinclair payment, he added, but the improvements would have benefitted the property if it were used as a cattle ranch, as it had been previously.

## OVERCOME ESCAPING COLD.

Three men were found unconscious from coal gas fumes in the basement of a garage in Long Island City today. They were later revived. The three men went to the basement of the garage last night to escape the cold and fell asleep with a stove burning nearby. They were found unconscious by employees of the Warner-Quillan Company this morning.

## CHAMBERLAIN FORCED DOWN.

MIFFLIN, Pa., Jan. 25.—Clarence Chamberlain was forced down here this afternoon when his biplane ran out of gasoline.

# MORE JAILED TO STOP CUBA PROTEST

## A. F. of L. Reaffirms Fruitless "Non-Partisan" Policy

### UNION OFFICIALS FIGHT SENTIMENT FOR LABOR PARTY

#### Rank and File Enthusiasm Is Rising

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## Oil Workers Pumped Wealth For Many Besides "John D."

The filing of an accounting of the estate of Anna N. Harkness with the New York state department of taxation and finance yesterday indicates the almost fabulous wealth that has been drained by other private interests than the Rockefellers from the oil resources of the United States, interests with less fame than the Rockefellers.

## MUSSOLINI FIRES LOCAL FASCIST

### Had Scored Failure of Greco Frame-Up.

Because he openly condemned the "ineffective" methods used by local leaders of the Fascist League of North America in their recent unsuccessful frame-up of Calogero Greco and Donato Carrillo, Agostino De Biasi, one of the founders of the local blackshirt group, has been expelled from the organization, it was learned yesterday. It is reported the order for his expulsion was cabled from Mussolini in Rome last Saturday.

De Biasi wrote an article recently in the "Italian Review," of which he is the editor in which he declared that the methods used to frame the two clothes workers were crude. Legal methods should not have been used to "avenge the death" of Nicholas Amoroso and Joseph Carisi, fascists, killed last Decoration Day, wrote De Biasi. Greco and Carrillo were acquitted in the Bronx County court recently. During the trial it was revealed that the entire prosecution was instigated by the Fascist League of North America.

## Mussolini Order.

When the issue of the "Italian Review" reached Mussolini in Rome, it is reported, he immediately cabled local fascist leaders to expel De Biasi. It is expected that several black-shirts who criticized the methods of the local fascist organization will also be summarily dealt with soon, and their places filled by members of the "squadristi," the terrorist section of the fascist organization who will be sent here from Italy.

## Still a Blackshirt.

Altho expelled from the Fascist League of North America, De Biasi declared yesterday that he still considers himself a loyal fascist.

About a year ago the fascist editor was honored by order of Parini at the time secretary of foreign affairs of the fascist party.

## Shoe Workers Meeting to Discuss Conditions

Information was secured yesterday of a meeting of rank and file shoe workers which is being called for Tuesday, Jan. 31 at Lorraine Hall, 790 Broadway, near Sumner Ave., Brooklyn.

The purpose of this meeting, it is learned, is to bring together members of the trade in a discussion on conditions in the industry and a consideration as to the best form of union organization which is suitable to the present circumstances. A large attendance is expected.

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Mrs. Rachel Getto, wife of a striking miner of Bentleyville, Pa., conferring with Fannie Rudd, secretary of the Women's Relief Committee, at their headquarters, 799 Broadway, New York, as to the best way to raise money, food and clothing for the miners fighting for the whole labor movement against the employers' union smashing campaign.

Despite the terrible destitution facing the thousands of miners, their wives and children, their spirit is still unbroken. "We mean to stick," Mrs. Getto said yesterday. "The women are alongside the men, and even the children go on the picket line."

The miner's wife is cooperating with various New York relief committees who are raising funds to relieve the families of the strikers.

## ROCKEFELLER CO. CHEATS MINERS

### Svanum Appeal May Curb Commission Power

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 25.—Evidence practically forced before the state industrial commission sitting in Trinidad, Colorado, show awful conditions existing in the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. mines in the southern field. The Colorado Fuel and Iron is owned by the Rockefeller family, and maintains a company union. It has to its credit the Ludlow and Waisenburg massacres.

Witness after witness testifies that a rotten graft exists in the Colorado fuel and iron mines under the contract system, and that favored contractors get good contracts by bringing the superintendents.

The evidence shows that the Rockefeller company is the worst employer in the state in the matter of no pay for dead work, and delays in getting supplies to the men. One witness testified that some days he averaged only two hours work a day, because he could not get cars.

The case of Kristen Svanum, organizer for the I. W. W. who was convicted Monday of inciting to strike in a strike declared illegal by the industrial commission will be appealed, in an effort to curb the present power of the commission to declare strikes illegal, and thus bring penalties of a year in prison for "inciting to strike" to any workers who are active in them. This law was first invented by McKenzie King, and brought to Colorado after the Ludlow massacre to save the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.'s reputation.

Svanum was arrested Nov. 6 in Berwind Canyon and has been held without bail in jail ever since. Judge A. C. McChensney will sentence him some time during the week.

## Worker's Body Found

FORT LEE, N. J., Jan. 25.—The body of Edward Underhill, a worker drowned with two others in the repairing of the dam at the Hudson River piers here Dec. 23, was recovered yesterday when the repaired dam was pumped out. The other two bodies were recovered the day following the accident.

The speakers will be Cong. James M. Fitzpatrick, Dr. Paul J. Bauerberg, S. W. Del Bello, Irvin E. Klein, Rev. Geo. M. Stockdale, John A. Ungavarsky and Jeanette D. Pearl, field organizer of the National Council for the Protection of Foreign Born Workers.

The Yonkers council is calling a conference for Sunday, Feb. 12, at 2 p. m. at Krug Hall. All labor, fraternal, religious and civic organizations are being invited to send at least two delegates.

## New York Workers Hear of Miners' Heroic Struggles

"Rather than have our husbands and fathers go back into the coal pits, taking chances of not coming out alive, working for pay that doesn't get us enough to eat, we would rather starve striking," declared Rachel Getto, wife of a Bentleyville miner, before a mass meeting at Hunts Point Palace last night. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Women's Miners' Relief Committee.

"Before the United Mine Workers' Union was organized in western Pennsylvania," she said, "our men used to work until late every night. But they never made enough to feed their families, so the women and children had to work too. The miners went thru terrible struggles to achieve the conditions we had before the strike. Now the mine owners want us to go back to conditions of 25 years ago."

Labor Movement Concerned. "They are trying to break our union and make our men work for \$2.50 a day. What can a family of ten do with that pay?" asked the miners' wife.

Mrs. Getto pointed out that the victory or failure of the miners' strike would affect the entire labor movement in America. For, she declared, if the miners' union is destroyed, the bosses will start an open shop drive in every other industry in the country.

"The women's auxiliary sent me here to tell you that we count on you to help us through this fight. We can stand the abuse of the bosses, their police, the cold, but we need food. Many are sick, and we need medicine. If you stand behind us, we will win this strike!"

Ray Ragozin of the Teachers' Union, who presided at the meeting, declared that the women collected \$7,000 on tag day and about \$1,000 in small donations within the last month, aside from tons of clothing. The women, (Continued on Page Five)

## Amalgamated Local 5 Elections Yesterday

Elections for local officers of Operators' Local 5, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, were held yesterday from 1 p. m. until 9 a. m.

Altho the voting was done by machine, the results will not be made public until today.

In addition to the locals' paid functionaries, the executive board and delegates to the Joint Board were also selected.

## SCAB-HERDING AGENT 'INTERVIEWED'

### Only Married Men Wanted as Coal Field Strikebreakers

One of the methods adopted to break the strike of the Pennsylvania miners is graphically illustrated in the experience of an unemployed plumber's helper Richard D'Connor, who yesterday sought to hire out to one of the numerous labor agencies now herding men for the open shop Pennsylvania mines.

Attracted by the usual sign before the "B. & S. Labor Agency," 133 Bowersy, he decided to investigate the nature of its activities.

"On a bill board before the door," he said, "is a sign which reads: 'Coal Miners—Married Men Only. Open Shop Conditions. Pennsylvania State. Cash Fee.'"

"Hundreds of men go there every day to apply for jobs. 'Say young fellow,' the man in charge shouted when I went in, 'what do you want?'"

"I told him I wanted a job. 'You look pretty young,' he replied. 'Are you sure you're married?'"

"What do you care?" I answered. "I'm a good worker. That's all you need to know."

"Why say," he shouted, "you couldn't get this job if you gave me a \$100. We've got to have married men so they will be steady and have to stay on the job. It's no use talking. You're out of luck."

"When I tried to find out the company he was hiring men for he told me I was getting too damned smart."

## DEPORTATION AND CENSORSHIP ARE MACHADO'S AIDS

### Communist Handbills Confiscated

(Special Cable To DAILY WORKER.) HAVANA, Jan. 25.—The reign of terror instituted by the Machado regime to prevent any protest against United States imperialism in Latin-America continues unabated. By wholesale arrests and deportation and by a rigid censorship over the press, the Machado government has prevented any open demonstrations against United States imperialism.

Thousands of handbills, printed by the Communist Party of Cuba and the local section of the Anti-Imperialist League have been confiscated by the police. Workers and students who distributed the handbills were immediately seized by the police and rushed to jail.

## Martial Law.

Havana, despite its gaudy holiday appearance, is virtually under martial law, with almost every soldier in the Cuban army stationed in the city. The houses of a number of workers, students and liberals have been raided without warrants and subjected to rigorous search. The number of persons arrested is believed to total well over two hundred.

The reign of terror, it is stated, has been prompted by United States officials, who are anxious to prevent any demonstration hostile to the United States.

## U. S. Crushes Free Speech.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—That the United States has instigated the suppression of free speech and free press in Cuba and the deportation of foreigners critical of United States policies in Latin-America, was charged yesterday by the National Council for the Suppression of War. The organization bases its statements on reports from its Havana correspondent.

## Argentine Defiant.

HAVANA, Jan. 25.—The Argentine delegation will not sign any convention that does not state that the reduction of tariffs in inter-American commerce is one of the duties of the Pan-American Union, Dr. Honorio Pueyrredon, head of the Argentine delegation to the Pan-American Conference announced today. The Argentine delegation, it is understood, especially opposes the high duties levied by the United States against Latin-American products.

The United States, it was made clear, would fight the incorporation of the Argentine proposal in any convention drawn up at the conference.

## GROCERY CLERKS IN UNION CALL

### John Michelangeli Sent to Germany

John Michelangeli, an active member of International Labor Defense in St. Louis, Missouri, was deported a few days ago to Germany.

Michelangeli was ordered arrested some time ago and deportation proceedings started because he was an active opponent of the fascisti in St. Louis. The fascisti aimed to get rid of Michelangeli and to deport him to fascist Italy where he was in danger of imprisonment or even worse. International Labor Defense undertook the defense of Michelangeli and although not successful in stopping the deportation, the I. L. D. succeeded in getting permission for Michelangeli to be sent to Germany. International Labor Defense also presented Comrade Michelangeli with \$50 in order that he might have some means of getting started when he landed in Germany.

## 26 HUNGARIAN TROOPS KILLED.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 25.—Twenty-six Hungarian soldiers were killed near Diosgyoer when a military motor bus, in which they were being conveyed to artillery practice, overturned, said a dispatch from that place today.

# Transparent Trick by Secretary Wilbur to Increase Naval Appropriations

## UNDERESTIMATION COMBINED WITH A WAR SCARE TALK

### Plunkett Reproved for Letting Out Secret

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Secretary of the Navy Wilbur's seventy-one ship program which was to come before the House committee on Naval Affairs today, involves a trick by which much more than the estimated \$750,000,000 will be spent on the naval race with Britain, it became known when experts pointed out that the actual building propositions, which Wilbur sets "roughly at three quarters of a billion" will actually amount to at least a billion dollars, and the program, once embarked upon, can not be easily abandoned.

The strategy of the navy department seems to be to deliberately underestimate the cost, get Congress to authorize the "economy program" of which Coolidge has signified his acceptance, then cultivate a war scare at the right moment to get the extra appropriation.

It is rather expected the schemes will succeed.

Cal is Vexed. President Coolidge speaking in his usual equivocal terminology, today "reproved" Real Admiral Plunkett, U. S. N., for starting the war scare too soon.

Statements of the character of Admiral Plunkett's, naming directly certain countries as those with which the U. S. will have war in the near future, the President is represented as saying in substance, "are ineffective in influencing Congressional action," and interfere with the state department's diplomacy abroad.

Plunkett Repeals.

Plunkett yesterday spoke before the Sons of the Revolution at the Waldorf in New York, and defended his "right" to talk about the next war in the following language:

"We don't spend \$724,000,000 without a reason. We have got to explain to the people of this country why we spend this money."

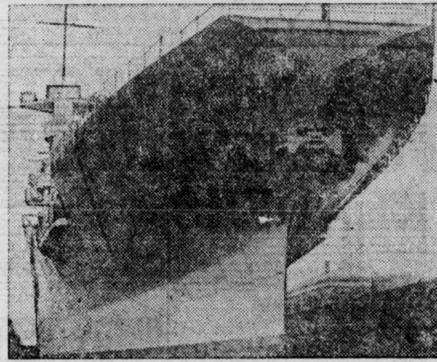
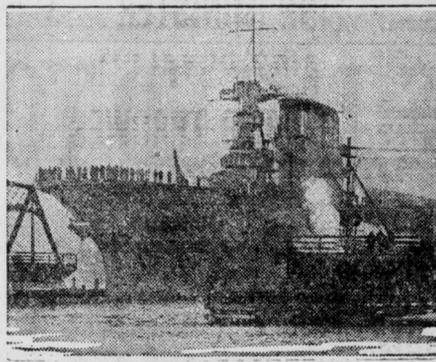
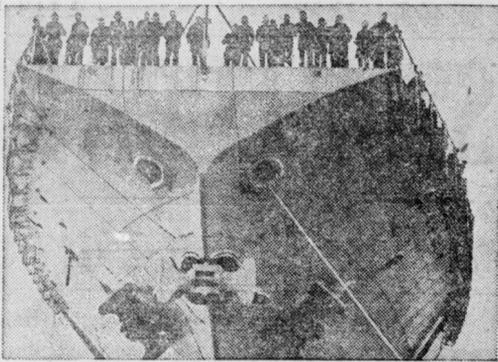
War Over Trade.

The transcript of the first Plunkett speech, in which the direct reference was made to war with Britain has been released, and shows the admiral, discussing the possibility of an American merchant marine competing for the carrying trade of the world, as saying:

"Just so long as you make that your policy and you follow it through, you are going to have war. I don't care whether it is with Great Britain or some other nation, you are going to have war just as surely as you are sitting in this room with me, if you dare to contest the control of the sea with your goods, not with your guns."

The address was delivered on Saturday at the National Republican Club.

## CARRIES PLANES TO DEAL DEATH WHERE BANKERS INVEST SUSPECT TRICK TO SPLIT SHOE WORKERS' RANKS



The latest addition to the Navy, the Lexington, a gigantic plane carrier, is part of a ten billion-dollar program for warships, to be used for the killing of the natives of countries like Nicaragua and China for the protection of American millionaires. Three views of the Lexington are shown above.

### 800 Vote Strike Aid as 9,000 Stand Firm

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—What is believed to be an attempt to break the strike of the 9,000 shoe workers in Haverhill, is to be made by the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration. The Board announced yesterday that it will investigate the causes of the strike.

Leaders express the opinion that the Board may be preparing to issue a partial or small concession in an effort to detach part of the shoe workers and split the strikers' ranks. The Board declares, however, that the main purpose of the investigation is to determine why certain shoe manufacturers want to move out of the state.

Their intention is to call representatives of the manufacturers and the unions to testify under oath before the Board. The books of the firms and the unions will be examined also.

The recent threat made by three firms, tied up by the strike, that they will move from the state is believed to have started state action against the strikers.

### Fight Wage Cut

The decision of an arbitration board that the shoe workers' wages be cut from 10 to 35 per cent precipitated the walkout of the workers. They had called together the members of the local organizations of the Shoe Workers Protective Union and immediately voted for a strike call. The response resulted in a tieup of 38 plants of the employers' association.

In spite of the threat of the bosses that they will apply to the courts for attachments on the workers' savings in addition to injunctions, the workers' ranks were increased by strikes in a few more shops. The union's officers in Haverhill announced that many independent plants had renewed the 1927 agreement since the strike started almost a week ago.

The strike was almost unanimously voted despite the opposition of the national officials of the union.

### 800 Stitches Vote Strike Aid.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 25.—Eight hundred members of the shoe workers' local of the Shoe Workers Protective Union, many members of which are out on strike against a cut in the wage scale of 1927, today voted to pay assessments of 10 per cent of their wages as a strike benefit to the stitchers who are on strike. There are 1200 stitchers out on strike.

## Scabs on the "Royalty" M. OLGIN DESCRIBES LENIN PAGEANT

### 'Expression of Collectivist Spirit', Says Writer in Appreciation

By MOISSAYE J. OLGIN

The Lenin memorial meeting held at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, Jan. 21, was more than a political demonstration. It was an extraordinary mass expression of collectivist spirit. It was a vista opened by class conscious proletarians into the future.

There will come a time when the class struggle with its waste of its precious human energy will be no more. The exploiters having been wiped off the face of the earth, classless mankind will, in Communism, attain tremendous heights of mass culture and mass spirituality, with creative energy let loose. There will be no more sordid elemental struggle for a bite of bread. There will be no brutality and no fear. Mankind then, will know the joy of collective work which will be like play, and of collective play which will be the outgrowth and the background of creative work. Mankind will have holidays chosen to mark significant turns in the colorful flow of its existence, and the sign of its mass celebrations will be the white fire of the mass spirit.

### Glimpse of Future.

This future of which only a bare idea can be formed at present, of which even the outlines can only be conjectured, touched the "Garden" gathering last Saturday night, and transformed it into proletarian beauty. A realization, at once hoped for and thrilling, of what life might be under a new system, suddenly came to these twenty-odd thousands to make them vastly more than just listeners to political speeches or spectators at a mass performance. It was as if all of them were suddenly transplanted into a new land, with new skies overhead.

### A Leninist Spirit.

Yet there was nothing dreamy or sentimental about the affair. The speeches were sober, pointed addresses devoted not so much to Lenin as to Leninism; not so much to the history of the Russian Revolution as to the inevitability of the American revolution; not so much to the American revolution in the future as to the class struggles to the present time that lead to the overthrow of the strongest capitalism in the world. Realistic, scientifically grounded expositions they were, of the forces working throughout the imperialist world and hastening its doom. Those multitudes that filled the vast building from the first tier to the top gallery, were given to understand that upon their own will, organization, determination, clear-sightedness and correctness of action depend the hastening of the historic process.

### Historic Forces.

Yet, beyond and above the speeches there was something even bigger than the tasks outlined. There was the keen feeling of historic landmarks. There was the almost palpable throbbing of momentous historic forces. The march of hundreds of millions reverberated in the hearts of the mass. Obstacles were being swept away. Walls crumbled. Fortresses fell. Rocks were levelled to the ground. Uncounted millions marched to their freedom. Above the irresistible onrush loomed the figure of the leader who showed the way to power. Vladimir Ilyitch Lenin.

### Proletarian Visions.

It was not surprising, therefore, that the speakers' platform should suddenly become populated with shapes and ghosts. The platform

was only impersonating the visions that lived, unformed, in the mind of the mass. Art, here as everywhere, was whipping human potentialities, class potentialities, into living form. The actors, if actors they may be called, were an integral part of the gathering itself. The presentation only continued, in a different medium, the speakers' discourses. The idea remained unchanged. The mood was unbroken. It was only heightened. The mass lived in the scenes.

How much more elating and significant was the playing compared with anything a "legitimate" theatrical undertaking can offer! How different the whole! Here they were, one thousand and entirely untrained women and men, among them hardly a handful of workers who had at least an idea then, will know the joy of collective work which will be like play, and of collective play which will be the outgrowth and the background of creative work. Mankind will have holidays chosen to mark significant turns in the colorful flow of its existence, and the sign of its mass celebrations will be the white fire of the mass spirit.

### Proletarian Achievement.

The beautiful chorus-singing was drowned in the vast spaces of the hall. Still, behold! Here is the mass of the Russian people, poorly dressed, bent-backed men and women of the Czar's empire. The crowd moves un- easily, the crowd is in deep despair. The cocksack comes. Lashes swish in the air. Thongs cut the people's backs. The crowd disperses, vanishes. Black forces reign. Tall posters, akin to Russian church banners, advance as if moving of their own will. Grotesque figures, they are, of the rich man, the prince, the priest, the general, the Czar. Ludicrous cartoons. We all know it's "made for fun." Yet somehow terrific anger seizes. Hatred grips everybody's heart. Fists clench. The huge gathering is one crouching monster, ready to leap. There is a stifled cry in the hall. When the young figures draped in red finally appear, driving away the red partitions, one greets them like a true liberating force.

They are the purifying storm. There is abandon in their sweep. There is release in their abandon. We all know: this is Edith Segal, our own comrade, these are other friends whom we meet every day. But now they are transformed. We are with them, in their vigorous gestures, in their flashlike rush, in the turmoil at once harmonious and chaotic like the revolution itself. Is it the Russian revolution? Who knows. Is it happening on the stage? Not at all. It is an event of major importance in our own lives. Somehow, we, ourselves,

are living these great events. Living them intensely, deeply.

And that scene that embodies the first session of the Second Soviet Congress! Did we care much whether the actors really resembled Lenin and Trotsky? Was it of great importance whether the uniforms or even the gestures were "true to life"? There was something truer and more real than mere appearances in that scene. There was the truth and the reality of our own feelings, our own determination. We all merged in a flood of revolution. We knew it was coming, it was there.

When the comrade bearing the Red Flag appeared on the edge of the platform to appeal for aid to the U. S. S. R., we did not think of anybody acting. A comrade was, in truth, appealing to us. Everybody swore to do his utmost to drive away the black shapes that crawled from everywhere. Were we children once more? No, we were fully aware of reality. We were a collective body with a collective mind. We left our inherent unity with our brothers over there. We experienced class unity, through the power of impersonation. This is, perhaps, the greatest task a proletarian performance can strive for.

### "The Internationale."

When, at the end of the performance, the crowd joined with the platform in singing the "Internationale," when shouts of joy went up both from the stage and the mass, the climax was reached.

The performance is significant not only as an experience but also as pointing the way for a real proletarian mass-theatre. Where the actors are workers animated by the class struggle and participating in the battles of the working class, where the plays are giving form to the unclear but powerful strivings of the proletarian masses, where spectators and actors are united by a common bond of class emotions, where the things performed on the stage are of vital importance to all concerned, there the technique will not fail to assume an original form.

The Red Pageant marks, in this as in many other ways, a turning point in the history of our Communist movement. It was an expression of vitality. It summed up in a graphic fashion years of work. It revealed to ourselves the presence of something new that is more than sections and sub-sections, committees and units. It gave us all new courage for further work and further efforts.

## Chinese Celebration Quiet For Revolutionary Dead

Socrates Sandino, brother of Gen. Augusto Sandino, commander of the Nicaraguan army of independence, will be present at the Chinese Peasant Carnival tomorrow night at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth street, it was announced yesterday.

"We are celebrating more quietly than usual this year," said one of the Chinese musicians who will play at the carnival, referring to the Chinese New Year celebrations now taking place. "So many of our brothers and sisters are fighting and dying in China."

He is employed at the Chinese Theatre here.

### In Common Cause.

"Gen. Sandino's army of workers and peasants and the workers' and

peasants' armies in my country, China, are fighting the same battle," declared P. T. Lau, one of the speakers for tomorrow night's carnival, when interviewed at the office of the Hands-Off-China Committee yesterday. "Thousands of U. S. marines are being rushed to Nicaragua to crush the struggle of these people against American imperialism and to keep a puppet president in office, while tens of thousands of U. S. marines and soldiers are backing up reactionary war lords and puppet officials in China," added Lau.

"I shall be glad to meet Sandino at the carnival tomorrow evening and thru him send my greetings and the greetings of the workers and peasants of China—if I may be permitted to peak in their name—to Gen. Sandino and his brave army. China and Nicaragua must join hands."

Among musicians who have offered their services for the carnival are members of the orchestra of the Chinese Theatre, in New York's Chinatown. Besides instrumental numbers their program Friday evening will include Chinese peasant songs and songs sung by workers while lifting heavy loads or while pulling cargo boats along the canals.

Music will be furnished also by John C. Smith's Negro orchestra.

## Women Work, Tend Baby



Above is Virginia C. Gildersleeve, dean of Barnard College, who states that 2,000,000 working women in the United States must combine outside work and family responsibilities. Unable to live on meager wages of husbands, wives must secure job and care for children at the same time.

## Hickman Defense Asks Judge Disqualified

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—The trial of William Edward Hickman for the kidnaping and murder of Marion Parker today was adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon when defense counsel moved to disqualify Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy from presiding over the hearing.



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Party organizations should order thru their district organizers. Other working class organizations order from the National Office, Workers Party, 43 East 125th St., New York City.



The button represents a beautiful picture of Lenin surrounded by a lively group of children. Around the whole scene are the words: "Organize the Children."

Every workers' child should wear this button and every working class parent should get his button for his children.

These children's buttons may be ordered from the Young Pioneers of America, 43 East 125th St., New York City. The prices are: Up to ten, 10c per button; orders of from 10 to 100, 7c per button; orders of over 100, 5c per button.

## Famine Stalks Thru Hocking Valley, Says Relief Secretary

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 25.—The scourge of famine has made its appearance in the Hocking Valley, Ohio, mine region where the miners have been on strike for almost ten months, according to a report made by Vincent Kamenovitch, secretary of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. He has investigated the situation in that locality with a view to making arrangements to send relief to the striking coal diggers and their dependents.

At Hollister, Athens county, he found the children scantily clad and undernourished with about twenty per cent of them unable to attend school, because of lack of clothing and food. They had nothing for lunch.

No Food, Clothing.

At Jacksonville, the teachers were sending the children home daily because they were without shoes or stockings and without lunch.

At Floodwood, miners and their families had nothing to eat. One woman said all she had in the house was blackberries and a few beans. There was no sugar, coffee, or meat.

Live on Cabbage.

Kamenovitch reported that the teachers at Danville went out and begged for clothing for the children in their classes. He stated that in one locality a group of children reported their only sustenance for three weeks consisted of cabbage. Another group lived exclusively on tomatoes for two weeks. Some of the smallest children were without milk for months while their clothing did not protect them from the chill wintry winds.

"There is grave danger of a frightful epidemic among the working population of Hocking Valley which will take a terrible toll of lives because the undernourished bodies of the children cannot resist the ravages of disease," Kamenovitch said. "The condition of those little children calls aloud to every working man and woman and to every sympathizer in the United States for a quick and

## Rush Air Imperialism

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The navy today awarded a contract to the Wright aeronautical corporation of Paterson, N. J., for 100 4-cylinder air-cooled aircraft engines, at a total cost of \$1,141,020.

A contract to the Hall Aluminum Aircraft Corp., of Buffalo, for one all-metal experimental amphibian fighting plane, was also awarded.

The Goodyear Co. was awarded a contract to supply eight gas cells for use on the dirigible Los Angeles.

generous response to the appeal for money, food and clothing for the starving children of the striking miners sent out by the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee.

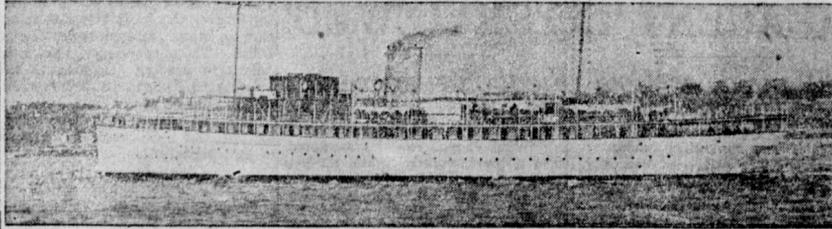
### Situation Desperate.

The desperate situation of the miners and their families in Glouster, Ohio, is revealed by the following appeal to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee from D. W. Wallace, secretary of the Sunday Creek Valley Relief Committee:

"Dear Friends: I note in The DAILY WORKER of Dec. 4, your appeal for help for the miners. As you may notice from the letterhead, this committee was formed to solicit help to save the children of this community by keeping them fed, shod and clothed for school. We are pleading with your committee to help the 11,000 miners with approximately 45,000 women and children who are in abject destitution at the present time by donating part of what you may collect to help us in our struggle for justice, liberty and the right to collective bargaining."

The need for relief is urgent. Send all contributions to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Millionaire Makes Merry in Floating Palace While Workers Starve



Richard Cadwallader, Jr., a Philadelphia banker, spent \$2,000,000 to build the palatial yacht shown above docked in the East River. Meanwhile tens of thousands of miners in this banker's home state starve while struggling for a wage which would permit them to live under conditions befitting human beings.

## Books

### On Strikes

In Colorado—

THE miners are at grips with the bosses. This is only another of many great fights of American labor. There is inspiring reading in all these books that will show you the glorious fighting tradition of American workers:

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- THE GREAT STEEL STRIKE By Wm. Z. Foster Cloth \$1.00
- PASSAIC By Albert Weisbord .15
- THE PASSAIC TEXTILE STRIKE By Mary Heaton Vorse .35
- GOVERNMENT STRIKE-BREAKER—By Jay Lovestone Paper .30 Cloth .60

### In England

- THE BRITISH STRIKE By Wm. F. Dunne .10
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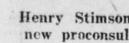
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# British Tory and Baltic States Help White Russian Plots, Letters Reveal

## FILIPINO LABOR DEMONSTRATION FOR FREEDOM

### Boycott Aguinaldo as Traitor to Cause

MANILA, Jan. 25.—A cold silence greeted the parade of veterans headed by General Aguinaldo Monday in honor of the short-lived Philippine republic set up in Malolos 29 years ago. Filipinos completely boycotted the celebration, which was generally regarded as an attempt on the part of General Aguinaldo, who is aiding the United States authorities in the campaign against Philippine independence, to increase his rapidly waning prestige.



Henry Stimson, new proconsul

Aguinaldo, who led the early rebellions against the United States, has now gone over to what Philippine workers term the imperialists and is opposing the native struggle for independence.

Along the principal streets through which the parade passed, the windows were draped with huge black flags with question marks on them. Placards placed at street corners denounced Aguinaldo as a traitor to the Philippine cause.

There is a good deal of criticism here of the appointment of Henry Stimson to the post of governor-general of the islands.

## Deport Palestine Labor Leader After Jail Term

BEIROUT, Jan. 25.—The labor leader Minkas has been deported from Palestine. The reason given for this measure is participation in a demonstration on May Day. Before his deportation Minkas was held for months in jail.

## VACA EXPOSES WALL ST. POLICIES

### Outlines History of United States Aggression in Nicaragua

(This article was written especially for the feature service of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League. The author was confidential agent of the Nicaraguan government in the United States up to the time of the exile of Constitutional President Sacasa from Nicaragua, virtually decreed by Coolidge's personal representative, Col. Henry L. Stimson.)

By DR. T. S. VACA.

(Continued from Last Issue.)

Against the charge of backwardness so unjustly flung in her face Nicaragua can point with pride, as the product of its culture, to a line of distinguished sons, in letters, medicine, law, music, etc. among whom towers the modern Poet of the Spanish language, Dario. Nicaragua began to build railroads and telegraphs in 1880; later on, telephones, water systems and electric lighting. In the early eighties, her system of public instruction (National Institutes, Schools of Medicine and Law, Normal, Graduate and Elementary Schools) had attained enviable efficiency and deserved reputation.

Needed No Help. All of this Nicaragua accomplished out of its own efforts, without the help of the New York financiers or the State Department, without incurring heavy obligations or defaulting the few that were acquired. All this is passed in silence by Nicaragua's defamers because they are facts that destroy their preconceived arguments. After setting the false picture of national desolation and backwardness they spring the all important argument: Loans to the Nicaraguan government by American bankers in order to develop the natural resources of the country and elevate its people to the requirements of civilization.

It is an old song that has been on their loud-speaker for the last eighteen years and not one improvement has been accomplished, though the Nicaraguan people have been religiously paying the piper all this time, with compound interest. We all now from past experience what a man stands for: Loan money kept by lender at interest and commission, as the delivery to the bankers, as security, of the national property: roads, bank, internal and external revenues, the means by which the Nicaraguan Government is kept out of their hands all the time.

The marines are near to see that arrangement is carried out. To see measures practiced in Nicaragua for 18 years a new one has been recently added by the State Department: the control of the Nicaraguan treasury forces by American officers.

## Irish Tories Come Here With Hat in Hand



President William T. Cosgrave of the Irish Free State has come here (silk hat in hand) in search of U. S. loans. With Cosgrave is William R. Castle Jr., assistant secretary of state, of the Irish tory government.

## PROTEST ATTACK LANDLORD EVICTS ON BULGAR LABOR JEWISH PEASANTS

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—The executive bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions has published an appeal protesting against the destruction of the Bulgarian independent labor unions by the fascist government of Bulgaria.

The appeal declares: "The violence of the Bulgarian reaction is a part of the offensive of world capitalism which is being carried on on an international scale against the organizations of the working class. The broad masses of the proletariat must protest decisively against the criminal act of the Bulgarian reaction."

"The executive bureau of the R. I. L. U. appeals to all its affiliated organizations to express their solidarity with the suffering Bulgarian proletariat by a press campaign, by the organization of protest meetings

BEIROUT, Jan. 25.—Twenty peasants have been arrested, several wounded and many are in hiding in the mountains as the result of the attempt of a large landowner to drive the peasants off their lands.

The peasants, Palestine fellahs, who have worked their plots for centuries, were ordered off the fields by a landholder, claiming that he held a 600 year old title to the land. Bribed judges upheld the landlord.

A heavily armed police expedition which was despatched to evict the peasants was resisted and several were wounded on both sides. Twenty of the peasants were then arrested and the rest took refuge in the hills.

## FINN MINISTER AIDS ROYALIST BOMB THROWER

### Pravda Sees Hand of British Tories

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—The "Pravda" publishes two letters which the Russian white guardist Baron Grevenitz, who terms himself the Finnish representative of the Russian monarchists, sent to the former Czarist ambassador Giers now living in Paris. These letters throw new light upon the criminal activity of the white guardists and their relations to the governments of the Baltic States.

In a letter dated the 23rd November in Wiborg, Grevenitz reports that in connection with the examination of a number of Russian monarchists he had been received by Relander, the President of the Finnish republic with whom he had a long conversation concerning the relations between a future Russia and the Baltic States.

"In accordance with the instructions," says the letter of Grevenitz, "contained in the letter of Your Excellence dated the 5th August No. 599, I permitted myself to point out a certain difference between our relations to Latvia and Estonia on the one hand and Finland on the other. I stressed the fact that with regard to these former States, no measures would be taken for their forcible re-unification with Russia, but that probably after a time Latvia and Estonia would themselves express the wish for a re-unification with Russia on account of economic reasons."

The Finnish president expressed doubts that a strong Russia would be prepared to put up with an independent Finland. Grevenitz attempted to allay the fears of the Finnish President and requests Giers to corroborate the statements of Grevenitz in this connection through some document or through a letter addressed to him.

In the second letter dated the 15th of December in Wiborg, Grevenitz reports that his efforts to prevent the expulsion of Colonel Grigoriev and Lieutenant Schuevov have been unsuccessful, the reason for this being partly, as the chief of police informed him, the incautious statements of Grigoriev. "As far as Laryonov is concerned," writes Grevenitz, "he, who threw the bomb into the Communist Club in Leningrad, the Minister of the Interior promised to release him in accordance with my request, and he is to settle down somewhere in the country. In the final session on this matter in the Cabinet Council, complications arose and the result was that Laryonov was expelled to Danzig to enter where no visum is necessary. At my request however, Laryonov received a visum to return to Finland which he used and stayed some time in Helsingfors."

Commenting upon the correspondence between Grevenitz and Giers, the "Pravda" writes: "This correspondence corroborates once again the statements which have been published in the Soviet press concerning the support accorded by certain of the Baltic States to the actively political Russian emigrants. In these States, particularly in Estonia and Finland, British influence is dominant. Therefore recently the attitude of these States to the Soviet Union has been becoming ever more hostile. All the more friendly, however, is their attitude to the white Russian emigrants."

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## CHINESE WORKERS GAIN Set Up Government in Western Kiangsi

SHANGHAI, Jan. 25.—According to unconfirmed reports in Chinese newspapers a Communist government has been set up in the western part of the Province of Kiangsi. Growing activity of workers and peasants is also reported from the Province of Hupeh.

In Nanchang numerous Communists have been arrested and a number of them executed.

There is a great deal of protest in this city against the shooting of a Chinese house boy by a British soldier. Also the native authorities are attempting to hush up the incident, workers here are protesting the shooting as an example of the treatment of Chinese workers by British in Shanghai.

PEKING, Jan. 25.—An outbreak of typhus is feared in Shantung and Chihli provinces where the lives of four million peasants are endangered by the famine. The number of pneumonia cases is increasing rapidly with the spread of the famine.

Also the situation is to some extent due to floods, it is chiefly attributed to heavy taxation levied against the peasantry by Chang Tso-lin and to the confiscation of crops by Chang's troops. At least nine million peasants in the famine area are reported to be undernourished, while four million are on the verge of starvation.

Important changes in the present Peking regime were foreshadowed today by the arrival of Generals Chang-Tsun-chang and Sun-Chuan-fang and other northern war lords for a military conference with Marshal Chang-Tso-lin.

## Waldemaras in Berlin To Take Up Question Of Germans in Memel

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Premier Waldemaras of Lithuania has arrived in Berlin and will confer with Foreign Minister Stresemann and Chancellor Marx.

It is understood that Waldemaras will open negotiations for a German-Lithuanian trade agreement and attempt to reach an agreement with Germany on the question of Memel. German residents at Memel complained that their rights had been abused by the Lithuanian government. An agreement reached by Waldemaras and Stresemann last year provided that the expulsions of Germans from Memel would stop pending the final settlement of the question.

## New Greek Loan

ATHENS, Jan. 25.—The Greco-American war debt agreement was ratified by the chamber today in order to enable the early flotation of the new Greek loan in the United States.

## Wants Imperialist Aid



Dr. C. C. Wu, former foreign minister of the Nanking government, will head a delegation of Chinese reactionaries, which will visit the United States and European countries for the purpose of getting more active imperialist support for the Nanking government.

## CALLES MOVE TO HELP U. S. LAND SHARKS IS SEEN

### Will Tour South Mexico With Dwight Morrow

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25.—President Calles will make a tour of southern Mexico, including the Tehuantepec Peninsula in February to inspect "the progress of agriculture and plans system of new roadways," it was announced today. He will probably be accompanied by Dwight Morrow, United States ambassador and former partner in J. P. Morgan & Co.

Calles' tour will be watched with a great deal of interest in view of the extraordinary powers granted him by the legislature to alter agricultural laws. United States speculators, who have invested heavily in Mexican lands and whose titles have in a number of cases been nullified, are particularly interested in the proposed tour.

Following the amendments in the oil laws, United States investors are looking to further changes favorable to United States investors.

Dwight Morrow is expected to return here from the Pan-American conference at Havana within the next few days. According to widely current rumors, he will unofficially represent J. P. Morgan in the purchase of unsold stock of the Bank of Mexico.

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# The Sanctimonious Hand of the Rev. Norman Thomas Withholds Relief

## SABOTAGED WORK OF COMMITTEE FOR THE MINERS

The DAILY WORKER is in receipt of the following letter from Harry Meyers, who until recently was the organizer of the Colorado Miners' Relief Committee of New York. In asking The DAILY WORKER to publish the letter, Meyers asked that it be made plain that he speaks only in his own name and not in the name of the committee with which he was formerly connected. As is apparent in the text, the letter relates to the efforts which the Workers (Communist Party) and others have been and are making to establish a united front of all forces claiming working class character, for the complete support of the striking and locked-out coal miners, both of the United Mine Workers in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, and of the Colorado coal fields, where the I. W. W. is the union involved in the struggle.

Editor, DAILY WORKER:

At this very outset I wish to emphasize that I solely am responsible for the statements contained below. I say this so that there will be no idea that any committee is launching an attack against certain personalities. Further, I am no longer connected with the committee so I am free to state certain things concerning the behavior of certain "public-spirited" personalities when they were asked to assist in relief work, and the creation of a united front committee for the Colorado miners.

The Colorado strike was in full swing during the early part of November and still no effective relief committee had been formed. The only committee was a liberal committee on Fifth Avenue who were appealing for the strikers of Pennsylvania, Ohio and, as an afterthought, Colorado. An I. W. W. Committee was collecting money for Colorado. Some of us felt that the liberal committee was ineffective for soliciting money from the liberals, but that a new committee was needed to work among the trade unions and the workers in general.

**Call Conference.**

With this thought in mind a call was sent by a certain preacher who came from Colorado urging all trade unions and radical parties to send delegates to a conference. Among the organizations appealed to was the I. W. W., the Workers Party, League for Industrial Democracy, American Civil Liberties Union, and others. The date set for the conference was November 25th. At the same time a mass meeting was arranged in Union Square to protest against the Columbine Massacre. With these two undertakings in view I was sent to get the speakers and see if the delegates would be sent to the conference from the organizations invited. Together with Max Rose of the I. W. W. I went about my task.

Having heard a great deal of the generosity and public-spirit of Norman Thomas, he was the first I went to see. Being absent, Dr. Laidler told me that Thomas would write me. A day passed and I received the following letter:

"My dear Mr. Myers:

"I have told Dr. Laidler that I vigorously object to the formation of a special committee on the Colorado situation—at least to the L. I. D.'s (League for Industrial Democracy—Ed.) taking part in it. The L. I. D. helped to found and back the Emergency Committee for Strikers Relief. This committee will, according to its best judgment, distribute the funds it raises in different mine areas—emphatically including Colorado. It must be assured that relief can and will be administered in Colorado and that the funds will be used for the purposes designated. To this end Miss Paxton has already made careful inquiry. Emphatically, the L. I. D. cannot help to create or support a committee which duplicates in some measure work which a committee of its own organization is doing. I say this with the utmost eagerness to see the proper relief given to Colorado.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) "Norman Thomas."

This letter was written on the stationery of the League for Industrial Democracy. I did not know then that similar letters were written to prominent liberals. The next day someone in his office phoned and left a message that Thomas would cooperate in any way except to raise funds.

Knowing that Thomas had spoken for us a month ago I called up, repeated the message and asked him if he would speak at the mass meeting in Union Square. Instead of answering, he growled and hung up. Imagine a man of the Christ-like spirit of Rev. Thomas growling when asked to speak.

That was my experience with Norman Thomas. I believe that he has done more to embarrass the work of the committee I was connected with than any other single person.

**Calls on Bailey.**

I then went to another celebrity. At one of four past meetings Forrest

## BOOKS

### Labor Unity

LABOR UNITY, February 1928. Published by The Trade Union Educational League, N. Y. 20 cents.

The left wing in the American labor movement begins to respond to the deep-seated crisis in which the unions find themselves. The keynote at the Third National Conference of the Trade Union Educational League was "Save the Trade Unions," and this conference, the largest and most representative of workers in all industries of any so far, voted unanimously to issue a popular and yet scientific, a readable and yet analytical and informative monthly journal, under the auspices of the League. "Labor Unity" published by The Labor Unity Publishing Co. was taken over, and made the organ of the Trade Union Educational League, and its format changed from a newspaper to a magazine style.

The February issue is the first in the new make-up, and for a beginning is excellent, this in spite of the haste and pressure under which it was produced—crises do not wait.

The crisis itself is carefully and adequately analyzed by that old war horse in the western labor movement, Bill Dunne. The motives and the objects of the present terrific attack on organized labor, Dunne classifies under three heads: (1) that of the government, especially through injunction, some of the latter of which actually prohibit strike action outright; (2) the assault of the employers, who are thus far successful

Dailey had spoken for the Colorado miners. It is true he had not been enthusiastic about the strike. He admitted at this meeting that he could not be very enthusiastic about any strikes.

Notwithstanding the cold-shoulder speech I went to his office and broached the conference and the mass meeting. I asked him if he would send a representative so that the American Civil Liberties Union would be represented. He declined to speak at the mass meeting, but gave me permission to use his name and said that he would take up at a meeting of the Civil Liberties Union the advisability of sending a delegate to the conference. The next day I received the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Myers:

"When I agreed yesterday to allow you to use my name on the new joint committee in the interest of the Colorado strikers, I supposed that this committee was a united front of various labor groups... not an agency for collecting funds. Since I am already treasurer of a committee... I must therefore ask you to leave my name off your list.

(Signed) "Forrest Bailey."

Why the sudden change? The fine hand of the Rev. Thomas reveals itself. Mr. Bailey in his letter says "I have since learned." How has he learned it? Few people knew of the formation of the committee, among them the Rev. Thomas. While no tangible proof exists it is easy to deduce the source of Mr. Bailey's information.

But Mr. Bailey also wrote a letter to the preacher who was sending out the call and in this letter Mr. Bailey writes that the Civil Liberties Union will be unable to participate because the new committee would duplicate and overlap the committee on Fifth Ave. Almost the same language that the Reverend used in the letter above-quoted.

**Chaffee is Out, Too.**

Friday arrived and the conference was on. During the conference the Rev. Chaffee who had helped us greatly by contributing his auditorium gratis called me out. He told me that he would be unable to serve as treasurer and showed me a copy of the letter he had sent me. Therefore, he was compelled to decline. The sanctimonious hand of Rev. Thomas showed itself again.

A committee was selected at the conference and we proceeded to work. We had hired the Community Church for Dec. 4th. Dr. Holmes had given us the church for \$60. But, lo and behold, a letter arrived in which we are told by the Rev. Holmes that he regrets he cannot let us have the Church. Once more a liberal had been terrified by Rev. Thomas.

So the white hand of the Rev. Thomas kept on showing itself. We got a congenial woman to act as treasurer and behold, she resigned suddenly.

I wish to emphasize the fact that no organization is responsible for this statement. In view of the seriousness of the situation in Colorado I believe that now is the time to expose the weak-kneed policy of some of our liberal and socialist tin-gods. Realizing that a committee would find it inconvenient to do this, now that I am no longer connected in any capacity with the Colorado Miners Relief Committee of New York, I take this opportunity to do this on my own initiative. Notwithstanding that I am with no committee I shall continue to support the work of the committee with which I was connected and help in any way the miners of Colorado, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

—HARRY MEYERS

### Upton Sinclair



Upton Sinclair, whose new novel "Boston" is nearing completion. The book is the story of the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti. Because Sinclair exposes the class justice of Massachusetts law and the part of the New England oligarchy in executing the two workers, the Rumford Press, which publishes "The Bookman" has refused to print the current issue of the magazine in which the first installment of the novel appears.

### Rumford Press Would Censor the Sinclair Sacco-Vanzetti Novel

The March issue of the Bookmen Magazine in which Upton Sinclair's novel, Boston, which "is apt to offend the dignitaries of Massachusetts" will appear, will not be published by the Rumford Press, according to Seward Collins, publisher.

Sacco and Vanzetti are central characters in the novel, it was learned. The George F. Willett affair, in which a verdict of \$10,500,000 was set aside by the same court that sent the two Italian workers to their doom is thinly disguised by the use of fictitious names and figures in the story which so strongly offends the officers of the Rumford Press.

In discussing the controversy, William S. Rossiter, president of the Press, declared that the Sinclair novel "entered into the picture to a minor degree." However, both editors of the Bookman, Burton Rascoe and Collins declared that they are convinced that the substance of the novel which discredits officials and business interests of the Commonwealth, is responsible for the objection.

**KILLED ON WAY TO WORK.**

MOUNT VERNON, Jan. 25.—Ivan O. Shaffer, 40 years old, was killed today when he attempted to board the last car of a New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad train which was leaving the Columbus Avenue station here.

### Prosperous Businessman May Conceal Smith Girl

Possibility that Frances St. John Smith, missing Smith College heiress, may be the prisoner of a "prosperous looking business man" three times her age came out of the maze of conflicting "tips" from all over the continent today concerning the case. The latest clue was furnished by Charles L. Smart, of Kane, Pa., and lends support to a theory previously set forth that the girl is under the influence of some stronger mind.

### DIES IN FACTORY FIRE

YOUNGSTOWN, Jan. 25.—Captain Martin Welsh, who, with two other firemen, was crushed beneath a wall of the Lee Tire Service Company building during a spectacular fire early today, died this morning. Firemen Jack Harrington and James Neville were seriously injured.

### FOR BUTCHERS AND MINERS.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 25.—An entertainment and dance for the striking miners of Colorado and the striking butchers of Hamtramck, Mich., will be given Jan. 29, at 7 o'clock, under the auspices of Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's Union, Local 539. A large crowd is expected.

## DRAMA

### Attractive Revue and Jessel Film Feature B'way Theatre Program

GUS EDWARDS has been finding youthful talent for his reviews long before the last war. Maybe even a couple wars. And his reviews have always been much like this one. Yet there is something fresh about the youthful new faces he shows us each year. This week, there is a little Mexican girl on the program at the Broadway who is very likely to have her name in big lights before she is full grown. She sings in Spanish, she imitates an Americanized Mexican flapper in English, she dances and makes friends with the audiences that is always willing, as Texas Guinan would say, to "give the little girl a hand."



Gus Edwards

In the same talented group of youngsters there's more to see and hear. A young comedian helps the audience to some good hearty laughter. Another youngster, repays for singing some rank sentimental songs with a pleasing voice. And the whole company, singing, dancing and comedy is given in an elaborate presentation surprising in its lavish display of costume and stage settings.

Gus Edwards claims also to have helped George Jessel to stardom. It would have perhaps been well had he helped also the producers who star Jessel in "Ginsberg—the Great," a film that's not so great, which features Jessel and about which no one has reason to write home. It's a lot of tomfoolery about a ham magician who is not so good on magic but who turns out a wonder in foiling bad, bad men who have designs on his bosses' money.

Overplotted and ordinary in photography, it is slapstick comedy which is not helped by the work of Jessel (which is also not magic) nor the comely assistance of Gertrude Astor. To be fair it is not entirely hopeless. There were spots of humorous situations and even of hilarious fun. But in addition to Gus Edwards' review, "Ginsberg the Great" was just an extra bargain thrown in for good measure in a full-sized elaborate program.

—W. C.

**EVEN SCABS' WAGES CUT.**

KENLOCH, Pa., Jan. 25 (FP).—Strikebreaking miners working for the Valley Camp Coal Co. are receiving only 31c a ton instead of 51c, which was the open shop rate until Jan. 20. The day rate was cut to \$4.20 from \$5. The union scale is 71c a ton, and \$7.50 for day work.

## SURVIVORS SCORE TRIAL GROWING FROM SHIPWRECK

The Linseed King was unseaworthy, charged John Dressler, former relief skipper of the small ferry boat owned by the Spencer-Kellogg Co., which went down with 56 workers in the Hudson two years ago. Dressler was outspoken in testifying in the \$4,000,000 suit for damages brought by relatives of the drowned workers against the owners of the boat. The Linseed King carried 100 workers aboard when she went down, which Dressler testified was much above its capacity.

The suit is being heard before Judge John R. Hazel in the federal district court.

her debut at Town Hall Thursday afternoon, January 19.

Anna Robenne, the Russian dancer, makes her reappearance here at the 48th Street Theatre Sunday evening, January 22.

Edna Thomas, will appear in recitals at the Booth Theatre Sunday evening, January 29.

Stefan Sopkin, violinist, will introduce a new Slav sonata by Slavenksi at his Town Hall recital Saturday afternoon, January 28.

Guy Maier and Lee Pattison will give their only New York recital on Friday evening, January 27.

Ena Berga, soprano, will give a recital at Town Hall Saturday evening, January 28.

Ena Berga, soprano, at her postponed recital in Town Hall on Saturday evening, January 28, will present an aria by Mozart, and groups of German, French and English songs.

Alton Jores, pianist, will give his recital at Town Hall on February 16.

Alfred Blumen, pianist, will give a second recital at Town Hall on February 2.

### Music Notes

Guy Maier will give a program for Young People at Steinway Hall Tuesday afternoon, January 31.

Edna Thomas will give the first of her three recitals of Negro spirituals and Creole songs at the Booth Theatre on Sunday evening of January 29.

Dusolina Giannini will make her last appearance in this city for an entire year, when she gives her song recital in Carnegie Hall Wednesday evening, February 1.

Stefan Sopkin, violinist, will give his recital at Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, January 28, when he will present a new sonata by Slavenksi, the Vieuxtemps concerto in D minor and two groups of shorter numbers.

Alfred Blumen, pianist, will give another recital at Town Hall Wednesday evening, February 2.

Rita Neve, English pianist, makes

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Walter Hampden will revive "Capponecci" this evening at his theatre on upper Broadway.

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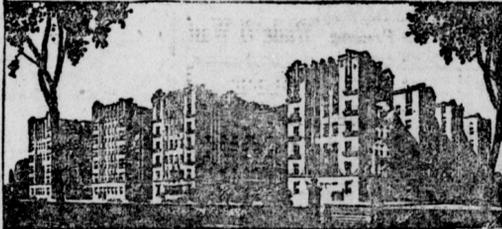
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# SECOND TEXTILE MILL ON STRIKE

## 30,000 Fall River Workers Plan Action

FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. 25.—The second textile mill in this city to be tied up by a strike is the Stevens Manufacturing Company. Yesterday the weavers of this mill at a meeting decided not to await the action decided upon by general meetings of the Textile Council. A strike was declared immediately to be effective this morning.

Tuesday morning, the 1,000 workers employed in the Awkright Mills walked out of the factory when the superintendent announced a 10 per cent wage cut.

**Speed-up Increasing.**  
The workers in the Stevens plant had been notified that in addition to the wage cut they would be expected to operate three looms each instead of two. It was on this issue that the weavers decided to strike independently. They declared that since the question of the wage cut would be taken up by the Textile Council as a whole they would discuss this question together with the other unions.

Just as the Stevens Manufacturing Company declared a wage reduction before the announcement of a general slash was made by the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers' Association, so the workers in this plant decided to answer their bosses.

Information has not yet been received as to the action decided upon at the meetings of the unions affiliated with the Textile Council. Approximately 30,000 workers were to gather in various meeting halls late last night to plan action.

The sentiment of the workers in general can be well gauged by the response to a strike call in these two plants. Their resentment is intensified by the attitude of the employers, who declared that even if the reduction is accepted they will refuse to guarantee steady employment.

## Union Officials Fight Labor Party Plan

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presidents, Martin E. Ryan, Matthew Woll, and James E. O'Connell was appointed to direct the campaign.

The council decided to hold another meeting on April 24 at which time a final draft of labor's political demands on both old parties will be made. Thereafter the campaign will be directed to securing "favorable" delegates to the political conventions as well as favorable action from the conventions as a whole after they have begun their sessions.

The council announces specifically that it will not follow the example of its 1924 efforts at which time former labor deviated from its former policy by supporting the candidate of a third party, Senator Robert M. La Follette. Labor officials have since claimed that the experience proved disastrous, but it has been pointed out by others that the reason for this experience was the open sabotage of independent political action by the labor leaders themselves who in various localities such as, for instance in New York City, are bound up with the ruling, old party machine in power.

**Labor Party Sentiment Rising**  
Labor in Pennsylvania and especially in Minnesota is committed to the program of a labor party. Recently over two hundred delegates of labor and farmers' organizations in Indiana united for common action. Workers in large industrial centers such as New York and Chicago, hard hit by increasing unemployment and lowering wage levels, have in recent months shown strong signs of labor party sentiment.

# STRIFE AWAITED AT SIGMAN MEET

Sharp conflict which might develop into open battle is anticipated at a meeting to be held tonight immediately after work by members of the right wing cloak operators' Local 2, controlled by Morris Sigman. The meeting is to be held at Webster Hall, 11th St. and Third Ave.

It is expected that difficulties will arise when a group among the right wing will use the meeting as a forum from which to advocate peace and unity in the union. A free-for-all had actually developed at a previous meeting held at Webster Hall at the installation of the new executive board.

Sigman recently announced that he will fight against anyone who proposes to again unite the cloakmakers' organization. In answer to the growing sentiment among the right wingers that their expulsion policy was a failure, Sigman's majority on the executive board of this local declared that they will reopen registration if the workers will pay \$12.85 for a "union" book.

A statement issued by the Joint Board of the Cloakmakers' Union declares that "the new manifesto of Sigman will be recognized by the workers for the sake that it is. After more than a year's continuous announcements by the Sigman clique that they have registered all the workers in the trade, a sudden declaration of 'amnesty' is made by them.

# WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

**Party Conference Sunday.**  
All Party functionaries, department heads, unit organizers, subsection organizers, section organizers and agit-prop directors of units, subsection and sections should attend the Party conference Sunday at 10:30 a. m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St. The conference is called by W. W. Weinstein, district organizer.

**Harlem Housewarming.**  
M. J. Olgin will lecture on "Ten Red Years" tonight at the housewarming of the Harlem Section, Workers Party at 143 E. 103rd St.

**Yorkville Pioneer Meet.**  
The newly organized Pioneer nucleus will meet Saturday at 3 p. m. at 350 E. 81st St.

**Discusses New Books.**  
Barbara Rand of The DAILY WORKER will lead a discussion on Wm. Z. Foster's "Misleaders of Labor" and Stalin's book, "Questions and Answers" at an educational meeting of 1F Subsection 2A tomorrow at 6:30 p. m. at 103 E. 14th St. All workers are invited to attend.

**Special 1-F 1-D Meeting.**  
Due to the sudden death of one of the members of the unit, a special meeting of 1-F 1-D will be held tonight at 6 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place.

**Liebknicht Memorial Meeting.**  
The Liebknicht Memorial meeting will be held Feb. 3 by the Young Workers League at the Labor Temple, Second Ave. and 14th St.

**Turn in Cards and Badges.**  
All Party members who have membership application cards that were filled out at the Madison Square Garden meeting or committee badges should turn them into the district office at once, 108 E. 14th St. No Party members are permitted to keep the badges.

**Ice Skating Sunday.**  
The Brownsville Young Workers League will hold an ice-skating party Sunday at 2 p. m. Those wishing to participate will meet at 1689 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn.

**Astoria Entertainment and Dance.**  
Subsection 3 A will hold an entertainment and dance Saturday, Feb. 4, at Bohemian Hall, Woolsey and Second Ave., Astoria, L. I. To reach the hall take Astoria train to Hoyt Ave. station.

**Section 1, Attention!**  
Section 1 will hold a "Proletarian Banquet" on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 7 p. m. at the Downtown Labor Center, 60 St. Marks Place.

**Jersey City Lenin Meeting.**  
The Jersey City Lenin Memorial meeting will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at 106 Mercer St. The speakers will include Leon Platt, J. O. Bentall and Sam Nesin.

**Newark Y. W. L. Dance.**  
The Young Workers League of Newark will hold its fifth annual dance Saturday, Jan. 28, at New Montgomery Hall, Prince and Montgomery Sts.

# 4 WORKERS HURT IN WIND STORM

A 75,000 gallon water tank, torn from its supports by a gale sweeping this city today, crashed through the roof of an eleven-story building at Washington and Hubert Streets on the lower west side, and tore through four stories, landing in a mass of debris on the seventh floor.

Seven hundred workers were on the upper floors of the building, which is devoted to manufacturing, at the time of the crash, but according to an early check, all but four escaped injury. These four were buried in the debris.

Only heroic efforts of coast guardsmen today saved two harbor boats from sinking off the Battery in the most violent land and sea-storm that has struck the city and harbor this year. Several other vessels were believed to have been sunk. The lower bay was strewn with wreckage.

A Jersey Central lighter menaced the lives of hundreds of passengers aboard two ferry-boats it grazed and then, suddenly listed and sank off the Thirty-ninth street ferry slip in the North River. Authorities were endeavoring to learn if anyone was aboard the lighter.

# Prison Torture Shown

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Torture at the Joliet prison has been criticized in relation to the case of Martin Durkin, serving a 35 year term for killing a Secret Service agent. He was handcuffed to the bars above his head for a period of 30 days when a knife was found in his cell. In a protest to the parole board, University of Chicago professors charge that prisoners are made to stand on the ball of the foot for days at a time for petty infractions of the rules.

# IRON WORKERS DECLARE STRIKE

The Architectural Iron Bronze and Structural Workers' Union yesterday declared a strike at the Carman Iron Works, 59 Davis St.

This firm had been a union shop for over seven years but recently broke off relations with the Iron Workers' organization, the union announces. Union men were laid off and an attempt made to employ non-union men at reduced wages.

A strike which has resulted in the calling out of all employes followed. Pickets were stationed yesterday before the headquarters of the firm.

On its fifteenth anniversary the union has made a bid to its International for unity with that organization and with other locals in the trade.

In a statement issued yesterday, through A. Rosenfeld, secretary, the union announces that "We believe that our International will realize the absolute need of bringing our trade within its ranks and will connect us with the rest of the locals in the trade and with other unions in the building trades."

**Organization Goals.**  
After recounting the many achievements and struggles of the union during the fifteen years of its existence, the union further announces that it has succeeded in raising the standards of its members from a \$35 week to between \$50 and \$60. Hours have been reduced from about 60 a week to 44.

The failure to organize the whole trade, it is pointed out, has been due to the lack of support from other locals in the trade and in the building trades generally.

The union will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary with a ball in Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St., Saturday night.

# "CO-OPERATIVE" FAKE IN MINES

NELSONVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 25.—An attempt at widespread open shop mining, under the guise of "co-operative mining" is being attempted by practically all employers in this vicinity, Monday. Mines with a total capacity of 82,500 tons a day, employing normally 10,000 men, will open, and will try to get union miners to desert their fellow workers and come into the modified Morris plan, a co-operative scheme, involving a company union, with representatives of the union on the board of directors controlled by the operators, and wages at \$5 a day instead of the union rate of \$7.50. There will be a sliding scale by which the wages will be reduced as soon as the price of coal goes down under competition from the southern mines.

So far, no union miners have signified any intention of going into the trap.

# Wife of Mine Striker Relates Heroic Struggle

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she declared, are most active in bringing relief to the strike fields.

A conference to make further plans for relief work has been called for 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, February 5, at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place, the chairman said.

"This will be the greatest mobilization of women's organizations in this district ever attained," she declared.

Juliet Stuart Poyntz, who recently returned from the Pennsylvania strike fields, told how the relief funds of the union are dwindling to almost nothing. The mine communities, she said, are small and scattered through the valleys, and the life of the family depends upon work in the mines, since there are no other industries that they can turn to.

The miners haven't worked for almost a year. The destitution is appalling. Evictions are increasing and more and more families are being driven to the already overcrowded barracks. Disease is spreading, and actual starvation is facing them.

Rose Wortis of the Joint Board of the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union pointed out that the importance of the miners' struggle is particularly felt by workers of the needle trades because of the similarity of their problems. The miners, too, must fight enemies on two fronts, reactionary leaders from within and the bosses from without, she said.

**Urge Immediate Relief.**  
The cooperation of the United Mine Workers bureaucracy in loaning Sigman \$75,000 during the 1925 struggles was cited as an example of cooperation among the reactionary leaders fighting the progressives in both unions, she said.

"What can we do to help the miners who are waging a bitter struggle in the coal fields?" asked Marian Emerson of the International Labor Defense. "We can organize the relief so strongly that they will be able to continue their struggle without fear or suffering."

# Informer Dies

C. G. Meing, Chinese owner of a Newark restaurant who died Monday, was at one time a United States secret service agent, following his employment as an interpreter in Miami courts.

# Labor and Fraternal Organizations

**Yorkville Workers Forum.**  
E. Rogers will talk on "What I Saw in Soviet Russia" Friday at 8 p. m. at the Yorkville Workers Forum, 350 E. 81st St. Questions and discussion will follow.

**Bensonhurst Meeting Tonight.**  
The wives of the striking laundry drivers of Bensonhurst have called a mass meeting for tonight at 1940 Benson Ave., Brooklyn at 8 p. m.

**Un-Ar-Coop Meet.**  
A general membership meeting of the Un-Ar-Cooperative will be held Monday at 8 p. m. at the Parkway Palace, 110th St. and 5th Ave. A new board of directors will be elected.

**Lecture in Lower Bronx.**  
C. Marmor will lecture on "The Change in Family Relations and the Role of the Woman in Industry," Friday, Feb. 17, at 715 E. 138th St., under the auspices of the United Council of Working Class Women, Council 3.

**Workers' School Forum.**  
Herbert Zam will lecture on "When War Comes" at the Workers' School Forum, 108 E. 14th St., Sunday at 8 p. m.

**Bronx Open Forum.**  
Alexander Bittelmann will lecture on "Moscow and Geneva" at the Bronx Open Forum, 2075 Clinton Ave., Sunday at 8:30 p. m.

**Brownsville Open Forum.**  
Bert Miller will lecture on "The Political Prospects for 1928" at the Brownsville Open Forum, 1689 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn, Sunday at 8:30 p. m.

**Lower Bronx Forum.**  
E. Rogers will lecture on "What I Saw in the Soviet Union" at the Lower Bronx Open Forum, 715 E. 138th St., Sunday at 8 p. m.

**Dance Saturday.**  
The Harlem Progressive Youth Club will hold a ball Saturday evening at the Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave.

**Jewish Culture Club.**  
The Jewish Workers' Culture Club will hold its first dance at 715 E. 138th St., on Saturday, Feb. 4.

**Vagabond Sports Club.**  
The Vagabond Sports Club meets the first Sunday of every month at 6 p. m. at 1940 Benson Ave., Brooklyn. All young workers interested in sports are invited to attend the meetings.

**Midnight Show Saturday.**  
A midnight show will be held Saturday at 11:30 p. m. at the Allerton Theatre, near Allerton subway station, the Bronx, by the Cooperative Section, Freiheit Singing Society. The program will include songs by the chorus, lead by J. Schafer.

**Lecture on Sunday.**  
A speaker from the Young Workers League will address the John Brown Club on "Lindbergh and Nicaragua" at 136 E. 24th St., Sunday at 3 p. m. Questions and discussion will follow.

**Freiheit Singing Society.**  
The Freiheit Singing Society will hold its annual ball Saturday, Feb. 4 at Tammany Hall, 14th St. and Third Ave.

**Williamsburg I. L. D.**  
The Williamsburg branch of the International Labor Defense will meet today at 8 p. m. at 29 Graham Ave., Brooklyn.

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# WOMEN'S GROUPS TO AID IN RELIEF

**Conference for Miners Next Sunday**  
All working class women's organizations are called upon to help the suffering women and children of the strike fields of Colorado, Ohio and Pennsylvania by participating in the Women's Miners' Relief Conference Sunday afternoon, February 5, at 2 p. m. in Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place, in an appeal issued yesterday by the conference organization.

Each organization is entitled to one delegate for every 20 members, but if no regular meeting is held before the date of the conference, Ray Ragozin, secretary of the Conference, asks that two officers attend as delegates.

**Thousands Affected.**  
"More than half a million men, women and children in the coal regions are suffering cold and hunger as a result of the nine months' strike," the conference call says. "The miners who are striking for a living wage and the right to organize have been blocked by wholesale injunctions against picketing, organizing and even relief work." Men and women have gone to jail for attempting to feed the starving miners and their children.

"Thousands of families have been evicted from company houses and forced to take shelter in rudely constructed barracks where they suffer from intolerable conditions without water, without light, and without protection from the cold of winter."

"Thousands of dollars and tons of clothing have already been sent by the committee to Pennsylvania, Colorado and Ohio, said Ray Ragozin, emphasizing, however, that the need for food is still very great and that much remains to be done.

# Contemporary Literature Course Will Begin Soon at the Workers School

The course in "Modern Literature" to be given by Eli B. Jacobson at the Workers School, 108 E. 14th St., during the coming spring term, on Friday evenings, will take up the works of Andre Gide, Marcel Proust, Romain Rolland, Gerhardt Hauptmann, Thomas Mann, Franz Werfel, Ernst Toller, John Galsworthy, George Bernard Shaw, D. H. Lawrence, Sinclair Lewis, Upton Sinclair, Theodore Dreiser, Eugene O'Neill, Maxim Gorky and various contemporary Russian poets.

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# Tully, Mooney Write For February Issue Of Labor Defender

With a photograph from the battlefield in Nicaragua on the cover, a two-page layout of other photos picturing many phases of the situation, and an article by Manuel Gomez, secretary of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, presenting facts and figures on the invasion of Nicaragua, the February Labor Defender is a timely pictorial review of the brave struggle of the workers and farmers under Sandino against Wall Street aggression. The Labor Defender is published monthly by the International Labor Defense.

Jim Tully, novelist, has written an impression of Tom Mooney as he appears today, after 12 years behind prison bars as a result of a vicious frame-up.

**Mooney Writes.**  
There is also in this issue a letter from Mooney from San Quentin Prison. He writes in grateful acknowledgment to American workers: "The contribution from the International Labor Defense and similar sources at this time of the year, combined with International Labor Defense monthly relief, takes care of my yearly wants in the way of commissary and other incidentals."

In addition to the features, the case of the coal miners in Pennsylvania is presented in many photographs and notes from the field by T. J. O'Flaherty.

# Socrates Sandino Will Be Guest at Benefit At New Playwrights

Socrates Sandino, brother of Gen. Augusto C. Sandino, the Nicaraguan liberation leader, will be a guest of honor at the performance of John Howard Lawson's "The International," to be given at the New Playwrights Theatre, 36 Commerce St., Friday evening, Feb. 3.

The occasion will be a special performance for the benefit of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League (U. S. section). All seats for that night have been purchased by the league. Tickets can be obtained at the league headquarters, 39 Union Square, or at the Jimmie Higgins Bookshop, 106 University Place.

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## New Teapot Dome Revelations

Everhart, son-in-law of Albert B. Fall, the sainted Harding's secretary of the interior (and secretary of oil graft for the Harding-Coolidge administration), who placed the great naval oil lands at the disposal of Doheny and Sinclair, testified before a senate committee that Sinclair turned over \$269,000 in liberty bonds to Fall following the lease of the Teapot Dome naval reserve in 1922. This amount, added to payments previously established by the investigation, makes a total of \$409,000 received by one member of the Harding-Coolidge-Mellon cabinet for services to Doheny and Sinclair.

A few hundred thousand dollars more or less is of little consequence and of relatively slight interest in the big game of capitalist politics in the United States. Graft, thievery, bribery, forgery, corruption of all varieties, is the stock-in-trade, the official policy of the United States government. A parasitic imperialism enables a ruling class not merely to corrupt native and foreign government officials wholesale, but also enables them to maintain bribed and corrupted tools in the labor movement, to buy whole religious institutions, great newspaper chains, institutions of so-called learning, the moving picture industry, armies of hired murderers to assail the working class and every other mercenary creature that is for sale and can serve its purposes.

The prolonged trials, mistrials, jury bribery, open and secret hearings, the reams of publicity, the oceans of ink spilled about the Teapot Dome case, indicate that issues are involved that are not apparent on the surface.

It is no accident that the chief investigator in the United States senate of the Teapot dome scandals is the democratic standard oil senator, Walsh of Montana. It is not an accident that a man who sat in cabinet meetings with Coolidge at the time he was accepting the bribes, is outlawed and prosecuted for graft connection with independent oil concerns at just the moment that Standard Oil is making a drive against its independent competitors. Nor is it an accident that this partial prosecution of one portion of the graft gang occurs just before the 1928 elections.

No one but the most stupid dolt will believe that this prosecution continues only because Fall was a bribe taker and Doheny and Sinclair corrupted government officials. If such a policy were enforced it would involve all the officials of the government and the outstanding figures of the capitalist class. Such a task is not within the province of the capitalist courts, themselves a part of the mechanism by which the ruling class plunders the rest of society, but can only be conducted by the revolutionary tribunals of the working class in the process of exterminating capitalism itself.

## The "Pope" Who Commands the Services of Al Smith

Senator Thomas Heflin, democrat of Alabama, has for more than a week been roaring in the cave of the winds, called the senate at Washington, against what he claims is the diabolical plot of the pope of Rome to place in the presidential chair the Tammany Catholic governor of the state of New York, Al Smith. Undoubtedly this sort of thing is taken as profound political argument in certain backward sections of the United States, and its effects may become a factor in the coming national convention of the democratic party as they were in the last convention when the Tammany forces of Smith and the ku klux forces of William G. McAdoo paralyzed the machinery of that party.

The Heflin attacks upon Smith and the Roman Catholics cannot be dismissed, however, as mere outbursts of religious bigotry, as many of the liberal publications would have us believe. To claim for a moment that the Roman church does not exact adherence to its interests above every other interest is simply to ignore the history of that institution that has been prostitute to every powerful ruling class since the days of Constantine, emperor of Rome. Its role as an adjunct of imperialism is being revealed at the present time in its campaign of calumny and provocation against Mexico. This fact Heflin perceives. But he opposes it not on the basis of fundamental opposition to imperialism, but as a small-town Alabama protestant ku kluxer, whose religion cloaks the petty interests of the class he serves.

That there are deep-going antagonisms in the ranks of the democratic party is obvious to all. Such antagonisms, outwardly expressed in conflicting religious principles, are in fact based upon conflicting economic interests.

Heflin and his supporters represent the extreme wing of the petty bourgeois section of that party—that branch that in its heyday was led by William Jennings Bryan. The main branch of the Party, the eastern, Wall Street section, is openly imperialist and Al Smith is the favorite candidate of this dominant element in that party.

But Heflin is wrong when, in his bombastic harangues, he charges Smith with being the servant of the pope of Rome.

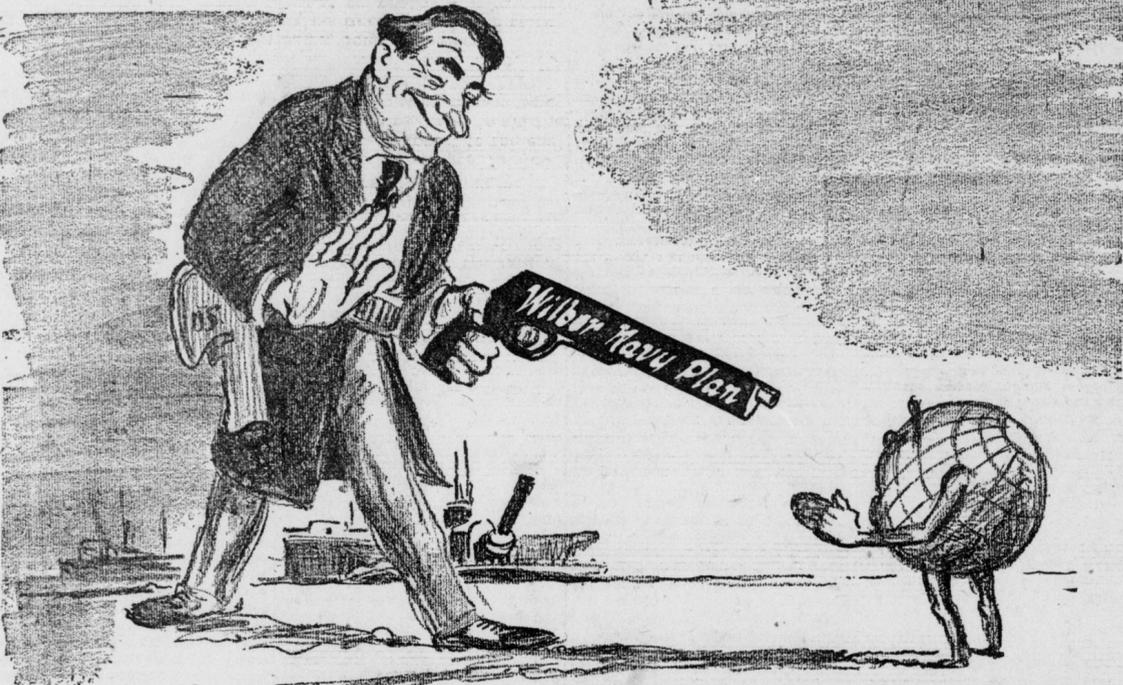
Smith is the servant of the pope of Wall Street. And his religion, no matter what form it appears to take, is essentially the same as that of the eminent protestant and late candidate for president on the democratic ticket, John W. Davis, whom Heflin supported—the religion of capital, the one god before whom all the capitalist politicians of every stripe prostrate themselves, and to whom the pope of Rome is peddling what little influence he still has left.

## Miners Suffer for Lack of Coal

Not an inconsiderable amount for the relief of the striking miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio must be spent for fuel. Workers who since childhood have slaved and risked life and limb to produce coal are unable to keep warm. Every day brings from the coal fields new reports of incredible suffering on the part of those masses of workers who are fighting to resist the destruction of their organization. Driven like wild animals from the company houses, which they have paid for many times over in rent, compelled to exist in improvised shacks and tents in the dead of winter, the miners, their wives and children are relentlessly pursued by the state police and the private armies of thugs and gunmen.

Coolidge prosperity in the state of Andrew W. Mellon, boss of the republican party and partner with the notorious William S.

## "IT'S NOT LOADED!"



Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, demanding \$800,000,000 in the Coolidge plan for naval war equipment, says, "It's not loaded," but—

By Fred Ellis

# SPARKS from the NEWS

WE are indebted to Mr. Lever of South Carolina, for a contribution to the political enlightenment of the workers. Mr. Lever, the workers will recall, is the author of the notorious Lever Fuel and Food Control Act, one of the worst of anti-labor war measures of the Wilson administration. It was on the basis of the Lever act that the injunction against the United Mine Workers was secured by Palmer in 1919.

Mr. Lever has come out with a declaration for Al Smith. It is a political gem. Mr. Lever, formerly chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, and now head of a Joint Stock Loan Bank in South Carolina, said of Smith: "I am for him, too. He has made the greatest governor New York has ever had and he is a man of the people. He comes from the people."

"With all that, he is a conservative man, one that will appeal to the business elements of the country. He is the one man in the democratic party who has an appeal to the imaginations of the American people."

That's the secret of Mr. Smith's success. Mr. Smith is a big bourgeois fist in a small capitalist glove. That's why the New Republic is for him. That's why so many liberals are for him. And that's why thousands of good "socialist" voters will vote for Smith and Norman Thomas.

"FROM Puddler to Cabinet Officer," runs a heading in one of the Hearst sheets in describing Secretary of Labor James J. Davis.

Hearst now stands convicted even by the United States senate of being a forger. The above heading is another forgery. The impression Mr. Hearst would give out is three-fold. One: Mr. Davis became a cabinet officer because he was a puddler. Second: Ergo: the American puddler and other workers can likewise become cabinet officers. Third: From the overalls to the presidency is still a short road in America.

Multi-millionaire Davis' interview shows why Hearst gave us this salutation. Mr. Davis says that the American workers of today are better off than the kings of yesterday. Speaking of America, he says: "It has baths, plumbing, fine furniture and piano and phonograph and radio, the American owns a car."

We propose that Mr. Green should have the executive council of the American Federation of Labor pass a vote of thanks to Mr. Davis for informing us that neither baths nor plumbing nor the phonograph nor the radio and not even the automobiles were invented in King John's day! Of course, Mr. Davis might have told us that nine out of even ten 100 per cent American farmers do not have bath tubs in their homes. He might also have told us that at least half the American workers do not have bath tubs in their homes.

But there is no limit to what Mr. Davis might have told us or might have not told us in view of what he has said above. Such phrase-juggling, such ridiculous talk, such abysmal ignorance camouflaged by outbursts of braggadocio won't get very far with the intelligent worker. The average intelligent working man knows that the world has moved forward quite a bit since King John's days despite the fact that Mr. Davis is still a member of the United States cabinet.

The standard of living of the workers of any one country must be judged on the basis of the historical conditions prevailing in a country at a particular moment; that is, in relation to the previously existing conditions within this country. If we want to know whether the American workers are better off today than they were 25 years ago, we should not talk about King John, King David, Christ or Moses, but we should talk about the relative, the proportionate share received by the workers of the wealth they produce.

The American workers are the most intensely exploited. Industry in America is most efficient. The American workers are most productive. In America more commodities are produced than anywhere else in the world. Let Mr. Davis prove that the real income of the American workers, the share received by the American workers of his total produce, in comparison with the development of industry of the United States, has gone up. Let him not call on the kings of yesterday for help. He has plenty of kinds, industrial monarchs and financial overlords on his side today.

Mr. Davis is a muddler. He cannot get to first base, however, with such poor stuff.

—Organization Dept.

—JAY LOVESTONE.

## 21 Break Jail

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 25.—Digging thru a brick wall, 21 prisoners at the Elmwoods Avenue branch county jail escaped yesterday. All of the escaped prisoners were held on federal charges of peddling narcotics. Two of the prisoners were recaptured in the evening, but the rest are said to have reached Canada. Officers hunting the escaped men have been ordered to shoot on sight.

## Ford Airplane Fails

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 25.—Harry Brooks, pilot of Henry Ford's "flivver" aeroplane was forced down near here, thus failing in an attempt to make a non-stop flight to Miami, Fla., from the Ford airdrome in Detroit. Brooks declared that the strong head winds and ice formation on the wings of his plane forced him to land. He plans another trial soon.

# BUILD OUR WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY

By H. PURO.

THE Central Executive Committee of our Workers (Communist) Party has announced the Lenin-Ruthenberg Membership and DAILY WORKER Drive to take place from the time of the Lenin Memorial to the time of the Ruthenberg Memorial, and calls upon the entire membership of our Party to increase the membership by 5,000 and to obtain 10,000 new subscribers for our DAILY WORKER.

Our Central Executive Committee is to be congratulated in that they have selected such a fitting time for this important Drive. What could be more appropriate to start the campaign to build our Party than the Memorial Day of the creator of the Russian Bolshevik Party and the Communist International? It was Lenin who taught us the real significance of the Party as the organization of the advance guard of the revolutionary proletariat.

And Comrade Ruthenberg who was still in our midst a year ago, was, on the other hand, the father of our American Party. As Comrade Lenin devoted his entire life for the international proletarian revolution, so did Comrade Ruthenberg devote his life to the struggles of the American working class.

Comrade Ruthenberg was one of those who always realized that conduct of the class struggle on the part of the working class in America makes it absolutely necessary that the advance guard be organized into a revolutionary political Party, which can lead the struggles of the whole working class. Comrade Ruthenberg was a devoted and tireless worker and organizer, working years in the Socialist Party and belonging to its revolutionary left wing.

When the time came to organize the Communist Party of America, Comrade Ruthenberg was among the first to realize this. He was the first National Secretary of our Party and is rightly considered the father of the American Communist movement. Comrade Ruthenberg was a tireless worker and organizer of our Party until the very end of his life. His last words were: "Build the Party." Therefore, what could be more appropriate than the coupling of his name with that of Comrade Lenin in connection with our drive to build the Party?

Must Be Bolshevik Campaign. But neither Comrade Lenin nor Comrade Ruthenberg ever went into membership campaigns abstractly simply appealing to workers to join our Party.

Comrade Lenin split with the Mensheviks on the question of what membership consists of in a revolutionary Party. The general conception of the Second International was, and the Russian Mensheviks adhered to it, that paying dues in the Party was sufficient.

Comrade Lenin could not accept this conception of membership in a revolutionary Party of the proletariat. He said that only those who are paying dues and are actively participating in Party work can be considered as members.

Comrade Ruthenberg adhered strictly to this Leninist conception of Communist Party membership, and always urged our entire membership to actively participate in all our Party campaigns.

Our Central Committee is following the path of these dead leaders of ours. In declaring the Membership and DAILY WORKER Drive, the Central Committee urges our membership to recruit new members and get new subscribers only in connection with actual work, namely in connection with the following activities:

1. Campaign for Miners' Relief and to save the miners' union.
2. Fight against injunctions.
3. Fight for protection of the foreign born.
4. Fight against unemployment.
5. Struggle against war and for the defense and recognition of the So-Union.
6. For a Labor Party or at least a united labor ticket in the 1928 elections.

It is readily seen that the Central Committee has so formulated the plan of the membership drive, that recruiting can be made in connection with the actual class struggle and only those participating in the class struggle with our Party will be asked to join it.

Many Workers Sympathetic. Will it be possible for us to gain 5,000 new members?

Vare in control of the Pennsylvania state government, applies to the labor exploiters and their vile henchmen only—certainly not to the starving and freezing workers and their families.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in playing the familiar game of non-partisan political policy of "rewarding friends and punishing enemies" in the parties of the employers, supported Calvin Coolidge, the strike-breaker, in his presidential campaign. The fruits of this treachery fall upon the heads of the 150,000 coal miners and their families. Lewis is never negligent in giving unstinted support to the enemies of the working class, but has criminally neglected to aid the striking miners, leaving them a prey of the police, mine guards, official and unofficial armies of strike breakers and scab herders defending the property of Andrew W. Mellon and the republican governor of the state of Pennsylvania, John S. Fischer.

It is the duty of the working class to come to the aid of the heroic miners in their struggle against the combined assaults of the coal operators, the government, the labor fakers and the whole union-wrecking crew. Not only should funds be raised in every workers' organization, but clothing and other supplies must be rushed to the embattled miners at 611 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Everyone who is familiar with our Party campaigns during the last year knows that there are tens of thousands of American workers who have actively participated in the various campaigns initiated by our Party in behalf of the American working class, such as anti-war campaign in connection with intervention in China, Mexico and Nicaragua affairs; protection of foreign born; relief for striking miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Colorado, in the campaign for the establishment of the Labor Party and numerous other campaigns.

We would have gone thru all these strenuous campaigns in vain had we not been able to create a sympathetic attitude among the great majority of these workers who have participated in these mass movements side by side with us and under our leadership. If we have been able to arouse keen interest amongst these workers towards our Party, surely it must be possible to recruit a good many thousands of them to actual membership in our Party. Comrades, we must do this. This is what the Central Executive Committee asks us to do in connection with the further campaigns of our Party.

Don't Neglect Party. Comrades, there has been a tendency to neglect internal building and strengthening of our Party. We must learn not only to make our

Party a living participant of every day struggles of the workers, we must in connection with these struggles learn to draw in the best elements of these workers into our Party and so ever strengthen our apparatus.

We must also realize that in order to carry on our struggles and campaigns we must build strong central organs. Our chief organ, THE DAILY WORKER, which has been built by the strenuous efforts of our Party and its sympathizers, must be strengthened. We must extend its influence. The best way to build the DAILY WORKER and extend its influence is to get thousands of new readers for it.

Even as Lenin and Ruthenberg taught us the necessity of a proletarian mass Party, they also taught us the importance of Party papers. Lenin wrote as early as 1902 that a "newspaper is a collective organizer." Everyone of us remember how repeatedly Comrade Ruthenberg urged every member and every sympathizer to get behind the DAILY WORKER.

Let us follow the fine example given to us by these dead leaders of ours! Let us approach our struggling brothers and sisters in connection with the campaigns of our Party and ask them to join our Party and subscribe to our fearless organ—THE DAILY WORKER.

## DETROIT SHOWS THE WAY Starts Drive With 99 New Members

NEWS has just been received from Detroit that in the Lenin Memorial Meetings there which marked the opening of the Lenin-Ruthenberg Memorial Membership and DAILY WORKER Drive, ninety-nine workers joined the Workers (Communist) Party.

This is a notable achievement that the comrades in Detroit can well be proud of and an example worthy to be followed by all other comrades throughout the country.

What has been done in Detroit can be duplicated everywhere else, for as in Detroit so everywhere the masses are responding more and more to the slogans of the Workers (Communist) Party and following its leadership in the various struggles that the Workers Party is conducting. That ninety-nine workers joined the Party at such a celebration is ample proof of the fact that the masses are beginning to understand more and more the realer role played by the labor lieutenants of imperialism in the trade unions and that they understand that the Workers (Communist) Party and the left wing alone have the correct slogans for the mobilization of the masses and a struggle to save the unions, against war, etc.

No doubt the fact that Comrade Wolfe, National Agitprop Director, made the appeal contributed a great deal to the great number of workers that joined the Party. Comrade Wolfe has time and again shown that he is perhaps the best in our Party when it comes to making an appeal for joining the Workers (Communist) Party. I remember once before Com-

rade Winitsky made an appeal in the Bronx to a needle trades meeting called to endorse the Workers Party candidates and he received about 7 applications. Comrade Wolfe then followed up and made another appeal, not being satisfied with the first appeal, and secured 38 more members—in all 45 members joined in a meeting of about five hundred.

This only goes to prove that with the masses ready to follow our Party, with the masses rallying to the slogans of the Party, it is necessary at the same time that we know how to draw them into the Party, and it is worthwhile for every Party member to try to become as efficient as possible in making an appeal for Party membership.

One of the features in the class on organization that will form part of the National Day Training School will be a session devoted to how to make appeals for the recruiting of Party members and Comrade Wolfe will demonstrate how this can best be done.