

## MINE UNION WINS NEW VICTORY IN KENTUCKY FIELDS

### Forces Retraction of 15% Wage Reduction Order

### Threatened Big Strike Wins New Members in Open Shop Area

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CENTRAL CITY, Ky., Dec. 9.—The National Miners' Union chalked up another decisive victory against the Kentucky coal operators when a 15 per cent wage cut, which the Western Kentucky bosses were to have put into effect several days ago, was called off because of the union's threat to call a general strike in this notoriously open shop region.

The new National Miners' Union has gained tremendous prestige here since it registered an out and out victory in a local strike against the powerful Pacific Coal Company of Mercer, Kentucky. This corporation capitulated, granting all demands of the strikers after the national headquarters of the union threatened to tie up all adjoining properties of the company by calling the men out.

The general wage cut order was withdrawn by the employers after they saw that the union had completed all arrangements to order a big strike into effect.

The nation-wide organization drive being carried on by the National Miners' Union received a powerful forward push when the news of the victory against the Pacific Coal Co. became known. This latest achievement of the organization is expected to have an immediate reaction on the work everywhere.

Particularly significant are the victories in this state. Coal operators in Kentucky have for a long time been totally undisturbed by any attempts at the organization of the workers here. With the entrance of the National Miners' Union, enthusiastic desire for struggle against the operators was shown by the miners. And the recording of these two victories makes the workers all the more willing to follow the leadership of the new union. This was demonstrated when preparations for a general strike were under way.

The National Miners' Union has deeply penetrated the unorganized regions of Kentucky. More than 1,000 members have been recruited into the union since the September 9th convention. Organization work proceeds at a rapid speed through this district.

## BEDACHT TRACES SOCIALIST DECAY

### Is Now Liberal Party of "Opposition"

"The Socialist Party Today" was the subject of a lecture by Max Bedacht, director of the Agitprop Department of the Workers (Communist) Party, at the Workers School Forum, at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, last night.

Bedacht traced the history of the socialist party, showing the causes of its degeneration, and the objective and inner-party conditions that will result in a further decay of the once proletarian party into a liberal, petty-bourgeois party of "opposition" to the two big capitalist parties.

The socialist party in the United States, he stated, will go even further to the right than those of European countries, for there the workers have at least had a socialist education, whereas in this country the backwardness of the workers has been so great that it has not driven the socialist party to cover its betrayals with a socialist terminology.

This is evidenced by their open rejection of the class struggle plank formerly in their platform. Organizationally, said Bedacht, this is shown by the attraction to the party of millionaires, preachers, professors, and similar types.

In the recent presidential election campaign their loss of proletarian support was shown by the drop in the vote given them by the workers, which was not made up—despite their frantic appeal for votes to non-proletarian elements. This drives them ever nearer to the petty-bourgeois as a means of recouping their losses.

The admirable treatment of the development of the socialist movement during the present century made the present position of the party, the basic causes for this development, thoroughly clear to those present. Questions and discussion followed the lecture.

## Jobless, Poor Suffer in First N. Y. Snowfall

The first snowfall of the season for New York City visited the city Saturday, bringing with it a low temperature that hovered around the freezing point throughout the day. The highest temperature recorded was 37 degrees above zero at 12 midday, and the lowest, 27 above at 8 p. m.

Although not much snow fell during the day, the intense cold left behind it a record of suffering in the poor sections of the city. Women, scantily dressed, with thin shawls over their heads and shoulders, hurried through the streets in the lower East Side and in the congested districts of Harlem gathering old wood for kindling, in carts improvised from baby carriages. Block after block of tenements in these sections are heated only by wood and no smoke could be seen coming out of the chimneys.

As always, the huge army of unemployed, growing constantly since the temporary employment of summer was taken away from many, was terribly hit by the first severe cold of the year. Along the Bowery, and cluttered in doorways along Sixth Ave. where crooked employment agencies operate their graft businesses sanctioned by the city authorities, unemployed workers could be seen huddled together, shivering in the gusts of wind that swept the snow into the air along the streets. And because the snowfall was comparatively small, these jobless workers could get no employment clearing the uptown thoroughfares of the wealthy.

Even yesterday, after the snow had stopped, the intense cold remained, not hindering the traffic but sending the children of the poor into exposed lots along the riverfront, searching for kindling wood to keep their shabby congested tenement rooms warm.

## TRAITOR OUSTED, PARTY STATES

### Stein of Silk Union Betrayed Workers

A statement issued yesterday by District 2 of the Workers (Communist) Party announces the expulsion of L. Stein from the Paterson branch of the Party. Due to the class collaborationist and strike-breaking role played by Stein in the Paterson silk strike, where he publicly backed the right wing union leaders in their reactionary policies, the expulsion, which was put into effect August, 1928, is now publicly announced.

The statement of the district, over the signature of William W. Weinstein, organizer, declares: "Notice to all Party members and all sympathetic workers! "All members of the Party and all sympathizers are to take note that Stein, former member of the Workers Party of Paterson was expelled by the Paterson branch in August, 1928, for conduct unbecoming a Communist, for having a class collaborationist ideology and for having a non-Communist attitude toward the workers."

"Subsequent conduct in the strike, after he was expelled from the Party, proved that the Party characterization of him as having a social-democratic ideology and working hand in hand with the right wing leadership and betraying the strike justifies the Party characterization of him and his previous expulsion."

## REPORT HIBBEN TO REST IN KREMLIN

### Was Last Wish of Dead Champion of USSR

(By Federated Press)  
In accordance with his wish, the ashes of Captain Paxton Hibben will be laid beside those of his comrade, John Reed, at the foot of the Kremlin wall in Moscow.

He died in New York of pneumonia. Hibben, formerly a diplomat and journalist, was active in Russian famine relief work. He was court-martialed as a military reserve officer when photos were published in this country several years ago showing him laying a wreath on John Reed's grave by the Kremlin. The case fell through.

Hibben was writing a biography of William Jennings Bryan when he was suddenly stricken with pneumonia. The Workers (Communist) Party fights for the enactment of the 40-hour, 5-day week.

## BOLIVIA, UNDER U. S. CONTROL, MOVES FOR WAR

### Breaks With Paraguay and Incites People With Jingoism

### See Hand of Wall St. Secret Diplomacy Aids Imperialist Plot

BUNEOS AIRES, Dec. 9. (UP).—A dispute of many years of the desolate and unexplored portion of the Gran Chaco territory between Rio Verde and Bahia Negra on the Paraguayan-Bolivian frontier, threatened tonight to hurl the two countries into war.

Diplomatic relations have been severed by Bolivia and secret sessions of the government in each country were held to consider the present situation arising out of a battle at Fort Vanguardia in the disputed territory. More than a score of soldiers died in the skirmish; most of the casualties falling in the force of 25 Bolivians defending the fort.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 9.—A wave of nationalist chauvinism and intense antipathy for all things re-

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## AWAIT RALLY OF SILK WORKERS

### Foster, Weinstein and Weisbord to Speak

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 9.—Tremendous interest has been aroused among the silk workers and even in the general labor movement here by the mass meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday night, where the three Communist leaders, William Z. Foster, William W. Weinstein and Albert Weisbord, are to speak.

Members of the arrangements committee expect that Entre Nous Lyceum, Main St., with a seating capacity of 1,000 will be crowded at the opening hour, 8 o'clock.

"How to conduct a strike," will be the topic Foster will speak on, while Weinstein, district organizer of the Communist Party, will talk on "How to Organize the Unorganized." Albert Weisbord, national secretary-treasurer of the National Textile Workers' Union, will tell the Paterson workers of the "Policies and Aims of the N. T. W. U."

A contributory reason for the intense interest taken in this meeting by the workers, is the fact that the Associated Silk Workers Union, will hold another mass meeting the same night. At this meeting, the two socialist party leaders, August Claessens and Henry Jeager, are scheduled to make an attack on the left wing for their break with the strikebreaking leaders of the Associated.

The left wing was forced out of the Associated by the expulsion and strike betrayal tactics of the officialdom. Practically the entire membership of the Broad Silk Department of the union joined the National Textile Workers Union. The Paterson local of the N. T. W. U., since its establishment recently is preparing to carry into life a complete program for the organization of Paterson's silk workers.

At a recent meeting of its organization, the Women's Council, Paterson branch, passed the following resolution, which announces its

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## B. AND O. BUILDS MORE BALTIMORE, DEC. 9 (UP).

Orders for 88,800 tons of steel rails for next season's delivery have been placed by the B. and O. Railroad Company with the Bethlehem Steel Company, Baltimore; Carnegie Steel Company, Pittsburgh, and the Inland Steel Company, Indiana Harbor, Ind. The total order represents an ultimate expenditure of \$3,800,000, plus necessary track fastenings.

## PORTER PRISONERS ARE ACTIVE IN JAIL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Success of the twenty workers arrested for denouncing the arrest of John Porter, textile strike militant and former soldier now jailed at Ft. Leavenworth, has resulted in announcement by the authorities of the discovery of "another Red plot." It is feared that the discovery may be used as a pretext for holding many of the prisoners whose sentences have not expired in the workhouse.

Reports of watchers that the worker victims of the capitalist courts of Washington were discussing Communism with their fellow prisoners caused the authorities to call Clarence Miller, organizer of the Young Workers League in District 3; Benjamin Thomas, Philadelphia militant, and William Lawrence, of the National Textile Workers Union for an hour or more. Superintendent M. M. Barnard, of the Oc-

caquon Workhouse, attempted to force the prisoners to state what prisoners were listening to them and what they had been telling their listeners.

When Barnard was tired of his unsuccessful efforts to make the class war prisoners "talk," Captain Julian A. Schoen, assistant superintendent of the jail, continued the interrogation.

"We work for the cause of the workers wherever we are," was the only statement that Barnard and Schoen were able to force from the class war prisoners.

Since the day of their arrival in the Occaquon jail the workers have been active in discussing problems with their fellow prisoners.

While protesting as political prisoners that they should be thrown into the common jail under the foulest conditions and among unfortunates, many of whom are alleged to

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## HUGE GERMAN STRIKE LOOMS

### 375,000 May Walk Out; All Pacts Now Off

BREMEN, Germany, Dec. 9.—An all inclusive general strike in the textile industry here grows hourly more probable as all contracts with the textile owners' associations have been announced cancelled by the unions, although the factories are still operating.

The great mass of membership in the textile workers' organizations are adamant in their determination to maintain their demand for a wage increase of from 14 to 18 per cent, and spurn every effort of those who increase pressure that they accept the award of the governmental arbitration boards for a five per cent rise in wages.

Although not daring openly to advocate to the union memberships that they accept the measly government award, the reformist trade union leaders are increasingly active in putting a damper on the mass demand that a fight be put up for the full demands on the employers.

Realization that the approaching Christmas season has whetted the appetites of the bosses for the luscious profits to be derived from the increased orders, the textile operatives in increasingly greater numbers, demand immediate action before it is too late.

Communist leaders of the rank and file already have mass support in their demand that the strike be called and be made general. Their warnings that the blow must be struck before it is too late are being taken up by the workers and the militant phrases of the reformist leaders reflects this pressure from below.

If a general strike is called more than 375,000 textile workers will be affected directly and many thousands more, indirectly.

Negotiations between the union leaders and employers' federations are still going on in this city. While the textile industry has gone thru a comparative rehabilitation in Germany, with profits running high, the standards of the workers have been systematically depressed by the employers, who plead impoverishment.

Revolutionary workers in the textile unions have conducted a bitter fight against the compulsory "arbitration" interference of the government in labor disputes. More than in any other industry are the arbitration decisions of the government boards discredited among the textile workers.

## ASKS CHALLENGE TO BRITAIN FOR LATIN AMERICA

### Reed Reservation to "Peace" Pact Would Demand Showdown

### Pacifists Aid Deceit Any War Justified by Fake Treaty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator James A. Reed, Missouri democrat, wants an immediate and open challenge by U. S. imperialism to British imperialism, by inserting a reservation in its own treaty proposal, known as the fake "Kellogg peace pact," openly stating that the United States will go to war to protect or advance its imperialist interests in Latin America under the Monroe Doctrine.

"Peace" Treaty Justifies Any War. While numerous pacifist organizations, including the churches, which loyally supported the last war and will with equal loyalty support the next war, are fooling millions of the unwary by lying "propaganda" that ratification by the U. S. Senate of the fake peace pact means a "moral" advance, observers point out that any war could be construed as coming under or another of the reservations tacked on by the various powers, and that the treaty itself was promulgated by the United States, to deceive the American people into thinking the government wants peace at the very moment it is rushing all possible preparations for war. The pacifists are assisting well in this tricking of the American population.

Senator Reed, differing with the Coolidge-Kellogg administration only on the question of how explicitly and when the U. S. shall assert its imperialist purposes, wants Yankee imperialism to make a definite statement right now that it will make war regardless of its own "peace" pact. If English imperialism resists U. S. interests in Latin America.

Wants War Challenge Now. Reed points out that British imperialism definitely declared its intention to go to war if any of its interests were menaced by the United States or any other country in lands clearly under British domination. Reed's proposal is essential a challenge to Great Britain to withdraw any claim to even equal share in the exploitation of Latin America, a section of the world the control of which is under dispute between the two rival imperialisms.

Reed cites Sir Austen Chamberlain's unholding of what he terms the "British Monroe Doctrine" which Chamberlain said Britain claims over Egypt, India and "other regions vital to the empire." Reed wants to provoke England into a categorical claim to Latin America as a part of these "vital regions" for which England will fight.

In referring to such regions Chamberlain stated on May 19, 1928, as follows: "Defense" Means War. "Their protection against attack is to the British empire a measure of self-defense. It must be clearly understood that his Majesty's government in Great Britain accept the new treaty upon the distinct understanding that it does not prejudice their freedom of action in this respect."

Kellogg so far has met such arguments as Reed's by vague statements that reservations don't matter, as they are not a part of the treaty text, thus trying to put the burden of blame on the British who reiterate their reservations. Thus the working class both of British and United States are being led straight into the shambles of imperialist war against each other under the most hypocritical of pacifist phraseology.

KILL BOSS WHO TOOK LIFE. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 7.—R. Hall Davis, president of an Atlanta automobile sales concern, was shot to death here today by W. L. Shippey, a shipping clerk, who said that Davis was unduly attentive to his wife.

The Workers (Communist) Party is the party of the class struggle.

## Wicks Calls Seamen to Support Militant Colombia Strikers

H. M. Wicks, acting editor of the Daily Worker, last night addressed an audience of seamen and longshoremen on "The Colombian Strike Against American Imperialism," at the International Seamen's Club, 28 South St.

In his speech, Wicks declared that the strike of the Colombian workers was a strike against the American imperialists and capitalists, on whose concessions the enslaved Colombian workers had been employed. He attacked the role of the American imperialists, who had through their puppet, President Mendes, passed the vicious anti-Communist laws in the country, and brought out bayonets and guns against the striking workers. He ended with the declaration that American workers would stand by their Colombian comrades in their struggle against American imperialist aggression.

Two other speakers, Albert Moreau, director of the Latin American Department of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, and George Mink, secretary of the International Seamen's Club, also explained the situation in Colombia to the seamen gathered at the club.

## YOUTH AGAINST TROTSKYISM, RIGHT DANGER

### Communist League Membership Meeting Overwhelming in Support of N. E. C.

After completing two all-day sessions of a membership meeting devoted to a discussion of Trotskyism and the right danger, the New York membership of the Young Workers (Communist) League voted by the overwhelming majority of 176 against 48 to support the National Executive Committee of the League and the Central Executive Committee of the Party in their fight against Trotskyism and the Right

danger. The vote was taken on a resolution presented by the N. E. C. The 48 voted for a minority resolution. Thirteen abstentions were also recorded.

Zam Reports. The first session of the membership meeting was held Sunday, November 25, and after the meeting had heard a report by Herbert Zam, secretary of the Communist youth organization, the floor was thrown

## WORKING WOMEN MEET THURSDAY

### Will Make Plans for Militant Action

The New York Working Women's Federation delegate conference arranged for Thursday evening, Dec. 13, at the Labor Temple, 14th St. and Second Ave., will state the facts regarding the number of unorganized women in outstanding trades in New York, including information on the miserable economic condition of married women workers, who are employed in great numbers in this state.

In the city of Binghamton, N. Y. alone, for example, the largest number of married women workers are employed in any city of its size in the country. The State Department of Labor reports are in no way concerned with the intense speeding up, long hours, starvation pay and the inhuman conditions generally under which these and thousands of other women are exploited.

Women workers are urged to attend the N. Y. Working Women's Federation delegate conference to participate in discussing ways and means for conducting an intensive campaign to organize unorganized working women to fight against these conditions. Working women in unorganized shops who cannot elect a delegate should come themselves.

Militant working women in the organized trades of New York—garment workers, furriers, millinery workers and all needle trades workers, are urged to act on the call for the conference at once and arrange to send delegates to this most important conference on organizing the unorganized women workers.

## PHILA. AGENTS PLAN CAMPAIGN

### Daily Worker Drive on Large Scale

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 9.—At a meeting of Daily Worker agents and unit functionaries in this city yesterday, A. Ravitch, business manager of the Daily Worker, was present from New York to take up with the membership of this district the fifth anniversary campaign of the Daily. District Daily Worker agent, A. Sokoloff, also reported.

Most of the Daily Worker agents for the units, sections, sub-districts and district, members of the Daily Worker Campaign Committees, as well as the Party functionaries, participated in the meeting, which was well-attended and showed a good spirit.

Ravitch made a general report on the situation of the paper, on circulation and on the sustaining fund. Sokoloff spoke on the local situation of the Daily, bringing out that its circulation was much behind what it should be. The meeting decided to start a campaign immediately to double the circulation. A special committee of members of the foreign-language workers clubs and of the Daily agents was elected for this purpose and to conduct the fifth anniversary campaign. It will

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## FIGHT HERE ON IMPERIALISTS

### United Fruit Company Being Picketed

Answering the need for solidarity of the American working class with the striking plantation workers of Colombia, and understanding that the United Fruit Company exploits not only the Latin American workers but also workers here in the United States, a movement has been organized to picket all ships and enterprises of the United Fruit company in New York, and a cable was dispatched to Montevideo, Uruguay, to the committee that is organizing the Latin American Trade Union Federation, informing that committee as follows:

"American Seamen's Club and the Trade Union Educational League are picketing the United Fruit Company's boats, demanding strike solidarity with the Colombian plantation workers. Long live international solidarity! (Signed) Marine Workers League, George Mink national secretary."

WORKING WOMEN KILLED. FUERSTENAU, Germany, Dec. 7 (UP).—Three servant girls were killed today when a mixture which they were using to scrub the floor exploded.

We demand the immediate abolition of all vagrancy laws; protection of unemployed workers from arrest on charges of vagrancy.

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## Aid Colombia Strike, TUEL Urges Workers

Following the cable sent Friday to the Colombia workers congratulating them on their determined strike against the United Fruit Company in the banana plantations of Magdalena, the Trade Union Educational League issued a ringing call to American workers, urging them to support the fruit strikers and prevent armed intervention by American imperialism. The call follows:

"SUPPORT THE COLOMBIAN WORKERS! PREVENT ARMED INTERVENTION BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM!"

"Thousands of our fellow-workers in the Magdalena banana region of Colombia, South America, are fighting against terrific odds for the most elementary human rights. The plantation workers have been on strike for three weeks. Immediately the United Fruit Company began to lend the subservient Colombian government to its purposes. Martial law was declared throughout the affected territory, centering about the banana port of Santa Marta. Soldiers were sent and are still being sent against the strikers. Every agency is being brought into play to force the workers back into the old slavery."

"But this is not all. Behind the United Fruit Company, one of the strongest pillars of the Wall Street money power, stands the United States government. The attitude of the United States government is indicated by the statement made to a New York Times reporter by U. S. Minister Jefferson Caffery, to the

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## COLOMBIA LABOR FIGHTS TROOP IN BIG STRIKE

### Army Aviators Report Big Plantations in Strikers' Control

### Imperialists Alarmed Native Lackeys Pledge Aid to U. S. Firms

BULLETIN.  
BOGOTA, Dec. 9.—Brief news from the strike region states that troops killed 12 strikers at Santa Marta, but strikers retreated seizing much arms and explosives. The workers' leader Paul Macheca is reported killed at Sevilla where there were 15 dead. The workers fought with revolvers and knives against troops with rifles. Yellow socialists here have offered their aid to the government.

(Although imperialist censorship which for three weeks smothered all news of the great Colombian strike before it became an armed struggle, has again closed down on dispatches Sunday, a censorship to avoid the unpleasant comparison of Hoover's "good will" trip with the massacre of Latin-American workers by native lackeys and the threat of intervention in behalf of the imperialist United Fruit Company, the Daily Worker has succeeded in obtaining the following from Colombian services.—Editor)

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, Dec. 8 (delayed).—The declaration by the Colombian government of martial law has caused increasing anger among the workers population and many bloody clashes are taking place in all sections of the banana growing region, with participation of labor generally which has taken up arms with the plantation strikers.

Ten dead and 24 wounded was the result of a battle at Cienega between troops and strikers in the Santa Marta region. Dispatches fail to state which side lost the most or which side held control. Military air-planes are flying over the region and report that numerous plantations appear to be in possession of the strikers. Strict censorship by the troops is limiting all and cutting out some dispatches.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 9.—The Minister of War states that after communications between Santa Marta and Cienega were cut, a battle between strikers and troops resulted in eight dead and many wounded. Details are said to be lacking.

Reports from Santa Marta state that 1,200 troops from that place are moving against the region controlled by strikers and that 1,200 more troops are marching toward the region from other parts. The United Fruit boat "Santa Marta" Continued on Page Three

## GOLD SNAP HITS MINERS

### Many Are Starving in Britain

LONDON, Dec. 9 (UP).—The first touch of real winter today—a blanket-like snow and wind from the north—brought a new problem before the 1,000,000 men, women and children in the closed mining areas.

The 300,000 miners and their families have been without sufficient funds for various lengths of time, some of the mines having been closed as long as six years. Even Neville Chamberlain, minister of health, described the situation as "without parallel in the memory of living persons."

So serious is the situation that it necessitated the calling of a conference of lord mayors and mayors from all parts of England recently, at which the health minister said some of the mines had been closed for as long as four and five and six years and that thousands of miners were wholly without employment since 1926. As many more, he said, have had only temporary employment in the last two years.

The unemployed dole of 10 to 18 shillings weekly is only sufficient for livelihood on the strictest economy and the miners have often been forced to sell their household furnishings to sustain life. Few have meat more than once a week and most of them subsist on bread and porridge.

Only cooking utensils and beds remain in some of the houses, and the children are growing up in sub-normal conditions.

# Fire in Second Ave. Tenement House Kills 2, Injures 7; Worker Outstanding Hero

## DRIVER OF FIRE CAR RISKS OWN LIFE TO SAVE 2

### Dilled Stairways Spread Flames Thru House

Fire, spreading with amazing rapidity over the oil-soaked stairs of a crowded tenement at 1634 Second Ave., early yesterday morning, took a toll of two lives, and seriously injured seven. Workers and their families, still asleep when the blaze started, were thrown into a panic when the quickly spreading flames attacked their rooms, and before the fire department could be summoned, two had already been burned to death in the death trap.

**Leap From Windows.**  
When the fire engines arrived, women were shouting frantically from windows in the burning buildings, some hanging from the outside sills as the flames moved toward their fingers. Several had already jumped in terror from fourth floor windows, and were lying in huddled heaps on the pavements near the house.

A full list of the casualties follows:  
Lawrence Henratty, 22, dropped from a 4-story window. Died from internal injuries at the City Hospital.

Helen Link, 23, fatally burned. Died in Flower Hospital.  
Robert Healey, 30, critically burned and taken to Harlem Hospital; expected to die.

Walter Link, 25, severely burned, taken to Flower Hospital.

Elizabeth Kelly, 60, removed to Harlem Hospital, badly burned.

Anna Kelly, 62, her sister, burned and overcome by smoke, taken to Harlem Hospital.

Edward Smith, 45, burns.

Julia Landis, 55, burns on face and hands.

Edna Flack, 63, lacerated fingers.

Mrs. Flack, hanging on to a window on the fourth floor, was saved just as her hold on the sill was loosening, by firemen who had arrived a moment before.

**Heroic Rescue.**  
The big hero of the fire was James McArdle, driver of the fire-chief's car. He entered a fourth floor window from a ladder after hearing screams from within. Tying a wet handkerchief to his head, he crawled along the floor until he stumbled against a body. With great effort he dragged it toward a door, which was locked, but which he opened by throwing his weight against it. After carrying the overcome victim to safety, he went to the third floor window of the building just next door, and swung Walter Link to safety.

Sawdust and old rags, which the owners had allowed to clutter up the ground floor hallway of the building, is believed to have caused the fire. After the blaze had started, it spread rapidly up the stairs, which had been oiled the day before, and which burned like kindling wood.

## British Bourgeoisie Kicks at Poor Trade as King Delays Dying

### BULLETIN

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Monday).—Early today a statement from the secret circle which has hitherto refused to announce that the king is about to die, admitted that "things are very bad." Rumors intimate that the king may have already died and the news is held back until the Prince of Wales lands on English soil, as British tradition requires.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—With the king admittedly weaker, and bourgeois upholders of the monarchy expressing their solicitude by staying away in some measure from their regular night life orgies in the cabarets, restaurants and theatres, the proprietors of these places are increasingly irritated by the loss of trade.

Meanwhile, the Prince of Wales is speeding thru the waters between Suez and Brindisi, Italy, hoping to get home before the old man croaks and he has the pleasure of taking up the job of royal exploiter and oppressor of 465,000,000 subjects.

The medical bulletins in remarking the condition of King George's pulse, give the first intimation to millions of miserably exploited workers and peasants both in Britain itself and in the colonies, that the figure-head of British imperialism ever had a heart.

## New Section of YWL Formed in East N. Y.

As a result of the growth of the Brownsville unit of the Young Workers League, a new section of the League has been formed in East New York.

In this section of the city there are many factories employing large numbers of young workers at miserable wages, and the new section will have a fertile field in which to work.

The regular meetings of the unit are held at the regular headquarters, 313 Hinesdale St., Bklyn., every Tuesday night, at 8:30 p. m. All young workers are invited to attend and join in building a strong section of the League there.

## Victims of Coming War Glad to Get Off Slave Ships for Little While



Even the short Christmas furlough for these sailors who will be sacrificed for Wall Street imperialist war, made the seamen burst in cheers at prospect of being freed from slavery on board the warship Texas for a while.

## HIT TROTSKYISM RIGHT DANGER

### Communist Youth Meet Records Big Vote

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meeting by the National Executive Committee declares in full:

#### Resolution.

"1. The general membership meeting declares itself firmly and unalterably opposed to Trotskyism which constitutes a menshevik, counter-revolutionary anti-Soviet system directly opposed to the line of Leninism. The recurrence of Trotskyism in our Party and League, the formation of a Trotskyist group led by former members of the C. E. C. and N. E. C., places before us the great political responsibility of eliminating every sign of Trotskyism from our League, of developing a firm Leninist ideology in the ranks of our membership, and of strengthening the loyalty and confidence of the League in our Party and the Comintern.

"2. We thoroughly endorse the estimation of the Sixth Congress of the Communist International and the Fifth Congress of the Young Communist International that in the present period the main danger comes from the Right, and that this danger is constantly growing. We, therefore, call for a firm and determined struggle against all right errors in whatever form they may manifest themselves, and against Trotskyism, especially, which represents the sharpest and crassest form of the right danger.

"3. We wholeheartedly endorse the actions taken by the C. E. C. of the Party in removing the Trotskyite leaders and their sympathizers from the Party. There can be no room in the Communist movement for those who hold Trotskyist views and defend the system of Trotskyism. The League must particularly warn against any attitude of tolerance towards Trotskyism or the Trotskyites, and against any opposition to the measures taken against the Trotskyites under the banner of "freedom of expression and opinion" or so-called "Party democracy." The Communist International has declared Trotskyism to be a counter-revolutionary system and a Bolshevik Party cannot tolerate "freedom of expression and opinion" for counter-revolutionary opinions or give them any rights in the Party.

"4. We wholeheartedly endorse the resolution of the National Executive Committee on Trotskyism, which has been approved by the Bureau and the full meeting of the District Executive Committee. We pledge ourselves to carry it through loyally under the leadership of the National Executive Committee and District Executive Committee.

"5. The successful struggle against Trotskyism can only be conducted under the banner of the Communist International and the Communist Youth International. The defense of the Comintern against all attacks of Trotskyism is the duty of every member of the League. Any reservations or doubts about the Comintern and its decisions only create a fertile field for the growth of Trotskyism. The membership meeting therefore declares itself in complete agreement with all decisions of the Comintern, and pledges itself to take every necessary measure to carry these decisions out.

"6. The necessity for a struggle against Trotskyism and the right danger is especially great in view of the ideological backwardness of large sections of our membership. The struggle against Trotskyism and the right danger must be made the basis for a widespread campaign to develop a Leninist ideology in the ranks of our membership, and for explaining and popularizing the line of the Communist International and the Youth Communist International in the League.

"7. The fight against Trotskyism requires the firm unity of all Communist elements in the Party and League, on the basis of the Comintern line. Any attempt to conduct a struggle against the Party leadership as an equal or greater danger will only result in weakening the struggle against Trotskyism. The membership meeting calls

for the unity of the Party and League, under the leadership of the C. E. C. and N. E. C. for the struggle against Trotskyism, the right danger and all enemies of our movement.

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## Negro Reactionary Delighted by Letter From Herbert Hoover

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, one of the many reactionary Negroes who did the republican party's dirty work, received one of the many mimeographed letters sent out by Hoover's secretaries, in appreciation of her smoke screen of lies with which to fool the Negro masses.

Although she is only one of the millions of capitalistic tools that received one of these pieces of paper, he considers it a great honor, because it was "personally" signed by Mr. Hoover, Mrs. Bethune's influence and work toward the election of Herbie to the presidency, have been consistent and far-reaching. With characteristic lying and thorniness, she has done much toward keeping the minds of the Negroes of Florida and other states, polluted and true to the republican party. She also happens to be one of the traitors, that attempted to whitewash Red Cross brutality to Negroes in the hurricane area. The letter reads as follows:

"I am grateful for your message. I wish to express my appreciation for the service which you and your colleagues have given to the great cause of the republican party, and friendship you have shown me. With kind regards, I am,

"Yours faithfully,  
"HERBERT HOOVER."

Tragic, isn't it?

## Hold 3rd Annual Red Poets Night Dec. 28

International Red Poets Night is coming again soon. This event, which has become an institution among the New York working class, will be held for the third time on Friday evening, Dec. 28, in Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St.

This year, however, Red Poets Night will have an important innovation. After the readings are over, there will be dancing until the small hours of the morning, with music furnished by a snappy Negro jazz band.

The foremost revolutionary poets of many nationalities will read from their own work at Red Poets Night. Watch for further announcements. And remember the date—Friday evening, Dec. 28.

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## CHICAGO LABOR DEFENSE BAZAAR

### Activity Increases as Date Draws Near

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—International Labor Defense is now confronted with the important and immediate task of defending the arrested textile strikers. Towards this end will go the proceeds of the Annual Defense Bazaar, to be held at Wicker Park Hall, Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

A conference of the I. L. D. branches, affiliated and sympathetic organizations met in the Workers Lyceum to help further the work in preparation for the bazaar. The delegates present gave enthusiastic reports of the activities of their organizations to put this bazaar over, in order that proceeds to defend the textile strikers may be larger.

Definite arrangements have been made for an interesting and varied program on each day of the bazaar. Some of the features of the program will be: On Friday night, by the South Side Dramatic Association—Upton Sinclair's one-act play, "The Second Story Man." This group will also furnish various instrumental soloists for the evening.

The Czech-Slovak children gymnastic group will perform on Saturday afternoon. The choir and banjo trio of the Nature Friends of Chicago will render selections at the bazaar. The South Slavic Workers String Orchestra will play for the dancing on Saturday night, Dec. 15. Italian entertainers and soloists will also make up part of the program. Other features will be announced later.

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## 'Key-Man' Marvin Told to Pay \$50,000 Libel

Fred Marvin, head of the "American Defense Society," "Keyman of America," a sabre rattling, jingoist organization, which supplies decidedly untruthful information about the labor movement and Communism to its victims round about the country at six dollars a year, has lost his case in the appellate division of the supreme court. He was sued for libel by Arthur Garfield Hays, attorney for the Civil Liberties Union, and won the suit in the supreme court. The appellate division now reverses the supreme court's decision. The amount of damages asked is \$50,000.

Some time ago Marvin was also ordered to pay Mme. Risika Schwimmer \$17,000 damages for libel.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—A member of the Dominion Parliament from Frontenac-Aldington has introduced a bill for the inauguration of a quota law against all immigration except that of the United States and Britain.

## MARINE INVADER KILLED; SANDINO OFFERED BRIBE

### Well Paid If He Will Betray His People

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A seasoned hand in butchering Latin American peoples for Wall Street imperialists met his end last week, when Gunnery-Sergeant Charles Williams of the U. S. Marine Corps, was killed in a battle with the Nicaraguan National Independence army of General Sandino (called "bandits" by the capitalist press) in Nueva Segovia province of Nicaragua. Williams enlisted in the U. S. army in 1912, transferred to the Marine Corps in 1915, and took part in the massacres of the population when U. S. imperialist forces occupied the republic of Santo Domingo.

Try To Bribe Sandino.  
Dispatches from Managua reveal that the step-father of Sandino, "persuaded" by the marines, is on a journey in a Yankee airplane to reach General Sandino with letters urging him to surrender and become a traitor like Aguinaldo, the Filipino, did 30 years ago, and as Moncada, the "liberal," did recently in Nicaragua.

One letter is from Sandino's mother, designed to work upon Sandino's sentiment of filial affection, and the other letter is from Admiral Sellers, in charge of the imperialist invasion, designed to convince Sandino that he will be well repaid by the imperialists if he surrenders and turns traitor to his people as Moncada has done.

Results of Fake Election.  
The fake elections managed by the marines have been finally summarized by the Americans who actually counted all votes themselves and decided how many each of the two parties they allowed to run, should have. They would not permit any other party to enter the elections than the liberals and conservatives.

According to the report of these scoundrels, the liberals got 77,676 votes, the conservatives 56,987 votes; and the new congress will be made up of imperialist lackeys from both sides, with the liberals having 12 senators and 19 representatives; and the conservatives 12 senators and 24 representatives.

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Seattle, Dec. 9.—As an indication of how the big business interests, working through the banks, are cleaning up on the middle class farmer, it is stated that 40 per cent of the apple growers of the Yakima Valley have lost their orchards under mortgages during the last eight years.

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## Floods Bring Death to India Workers



Many Indian peasants lost their lives in floods caused by heavy rain storms during Mail Week. In addition to the big loss of lives and homes, thousands of the peasants and workers were forced by the British authorities to undergo virtual slavery in the repair of railroads, as illustrated in above photo taken at Madras. Little or no wages were paid to the workers.

## ROTHSTEIN CASE "DOPE" ARRESTS

### Buck Passed to Gov't in Murder Orgy

With the long-deferred arrest of four dope agents and the seizure of \$3,000,000 worth of narcotics, the New York police have been relieved of the annoying business of pretending to search for the murderer of Arnold Rothstein, leader of a nationwide dope ring, gambler and friend of New York's law-n-order gang.

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## "DAILY" CONCERT TO SEE MOSCOW DUNCAN DANCERS

### 5th Anniversary Event to Be Held Jan. 5

Manhattan Opera House has been secured for Jan. 5 for the fifth anniversary celebration of the Daily Worker, with the Isadora Duncan dancers as the chief attraction. A large orchestra has also been obtained to accompany them.

The dancers are under the direction of the gifted Irma Duncan (adopted daughter of the late Isadora Duncan), who is coming with them from Moscow. They will give a program of revolutionary dances, the opening number of which will be the "International," the anthem of the world revolutionary movement.

Every seat in the house is reserved. It is therefore urged that those anticipating going, who will probably be as numerous as the crowds who storm Madison Square Garden for similar events, get their tickets as early as possible. These are on sale at the office of the Daily Worker, on the second floor of the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square.

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# Brandle, Building Trade Union Boss, Raises Men's Dues to Pay for Pleasure Trip

## BOOST SALARY OF PRESIDENT; MANY JOBLESS Misleader Is Head of Iron Boss League

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 JERSEY CITY, N. J., (By Mail).—Some time ago the International Iron Workers' Union held a convention, and Theodore (Czar) Brandle, boss of the building trades union in New Jersey, millionaire insurance man, banker, and one of the main spokes in the Hague democratic craft machine in Jersey, had himself elected as a delegate. His pals and fellow grafters and misleaders, Delaney, Newman, and O'Brien, also had themselves elected delegates. They hired a private car for the trip. They had a wonderful time at the convention—on the hard-earned wages of the iron workers. They came back telling of the wonderful time they had. At the convention they were instrumental in raising the salary of the grand president \$7,500 more a year. When czar Brandle came back, to and behold, he raised the monthly assessment from \$7 to \$9. And more than half of the iron workers, myself included, haven't been able to get a lick of work for the past three months. That's the kind of crooks we have in charge of the Ironworkers' Union.

Teddy, as Brandle's intimate friends, the politicians and the open shop bosses of New Jersey call him, has been able to control the building trades of New Jersey for so many years because he has all the thugs, all the police, all the corrupt politicians, including Mayor Hague, the arch-crook of them all—behind him. Brandle has helped Hague to rise from a corner saloon hanger-on (and I remember seeing him thus) to a multi-millionaire who owns a good part of the real estate of Jersey, and several chateaus in France besides. And Brandle has not let little Teddy grow poorer while Hague was getting rich.

Brandle has sold out nearly every strike of the building trades in the northern part of New Jersey. He always appears at banquets of the open shop bosses' associations, where he makes speeches saying that he does not believe in strikes, and where he pats the bosses on the shoulders, and they pat him in return—with the only pat that talks to Brandle—cash.

Brandle was presented with the office of president of the New Jersey Iron League, the association of the open shop bosses of New Jersey, early this year, at a salary higher than \$25,000 a year. "We are rewarding Teddy Brandle for the splendid services he has rendered the iron construction industry, by preventing all industrial unrest, and keeping harmony between the iron employers and employees." So said the construction bosses at the banquet given to Teddy when he was made the president of the structural iron bosses' association.

When the housebreakers of Jersey City wanted to organize into a progressive and fighting union, Brandle personally supervised the wrecking of the union. He brought in men from New York, who were known to have acted as scabs, to scab on the Jersey housebreakers. He supported the scabs against the strikers of the Goldberg Wrecking Corp., a few years back. Whenever a representative of the rank and file of a union wants to call on

## Getting Nearer to Imperialist War; Here's One of Wall Street Aces



Needless to say, a fleet of ten giant Ford planes, "for trans-American air service," won't be despised by Wall Street to kill the workers in the coming imperialist war. One of these big planes is shown above, having just been completed. Incidentally, one of Lindbergh's rewards for imperialism was to be made chairman of the technical advisory board of this fleet, at a fat salary.

Brandle, in Brandle's private, luxurious suite of offices at the Labor Bank, he is met by a pretty, but haughty stenographer, who noticing his clothes are not of the same cut as Teddy's friends, the bankers and politicians wear, tells him that Brandle is in conference. If the worker wants to wait, well, he can cool his heels in the ante-room until he gets good and tired.

Some other soft jobs of Brandle, besides being the head of the structural iron bosses' league, and head of the building trades are: head of the Hudson County Building Trades Council, head of the Branleygran Corporation, a big real estate and insurance concern, and official of the Jersey City Labor Bank. Some cushy jobs.

Now, the politicians go around saying, "Teddy's our friend, he's a good fellow." Of course he's a good fellow, to the building trades bosses. Then the politicians' little toadies and ward healers go around passing the word to the workers of Jersey, "Teddy's a good fellow, he's our friend. Look at him, didn't he rise from a poor fellow, just like we are now. He's a good man to be on the right side of. Teddy'll see that you get helped when you're in trouble." And so thousands of Jersey workers have been fooled by these lying words, and keep thinking that Brandle's a good fellow, and that he'll help them—until the time comes when they really do need help. Then they find out, like the Goldberg housewrecking strikers did, like the thousands of building trades workers out of jobs are doing, the jobless who get a \$2 increase in their monthly assessments, just so as to pay for Teddy's pleasure trip and good time at the International convention; just so as to help pay for the \$7,500 raise that the International president of the Iron Workers' Union got. Even the Brandle and his friends control the politicians, the police, and the thugs, the building workers will do away with these crooks. And they'll form a fighting, honest union.

—C. D.

## Two Workers of Crew of Five Saved After Yacht Burns, Sinks

MELBOURNE, Fla., Dec. 8 (U.P.).—Two men, out of a crew of five who manned the yacht Aero when it burned and sank nine miles off the coast Wednesday night, have been rescued.

Leslie Royal and Edward Santovner, the survivors, told a tale of hours of hardship and horror in the water after the ship sank.

## ARGENTINE FASCISTI THREATEN WORKERS

### RING TAXICAB DRIVERS STRIKE

#### Intolerable Conditions the Cause

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 9.—"Can you blame us for striking," asked one of the 15 Ring Cab Co. drivers who, dissatisfied with their wages, left their cabs after being refused improved conditions.

This decision to demand an increase was the outcome of a meeting held by the 34 Ring drivers who came to the conclusion that conditions were becoming intolerable, and a committee was named to interview the management.

One example cited to demonstrate the unfair manner in which the Ring Company treats its drivers was that of a driver who said it cost him \$8.50 for the privilege of working for the company for one day.

"Under present conditions," he said, "it is impossible to get a living wage as a Ring driver. For instance, a driver has to pay \$5 a day for his cab, \$2 for gas, \$1 a week on his uniform and 50 cents a week installment to pay for his cap.

Impossible Task.

"For the night driver, there is actually but six hours out of the 12 during which he can do any business and one can imagine how many trips one can make from West Mountain Street to City Hall and get anything out for himself at 35 cents a trip. In order to make a fair wage it is necessary to get a job every 15 minutes and travel at the rate of 50 miles an hour. This would mean \$1.40 an hour for 6 hours, or \$8.40 for the day's wages.

"In addition to payments made by drivers to the company, there are installments on liability insurance and payment for all repairs due to accidents amounting to less than \$50. The charge of \$5 a day for the cab must be paid even though the cab isn't used.

"The labor turnover, due to these conditions, has been tremendous, several changes in drivers occurring every day, and much dissatisfaction is expressed by all drivers with whom I have come in contact. Some drivers get by either by overcharging, while others are fortunate in getting 'loose tips.'

Diverse Organizing.

Questioned if any means had been taken to organize and hope to remedy conditions in that way, he replied this had been spoken of at their meeting.

The taxi situation, caused by the advent of the Ring Co. in Worcester, is causing much turmoil in transportation circles, this including a greatly reduced income from fares on the Consolidated Street Railway.

Employees of the latter company as well as those of other taxi companies who receive better wages, are most critical over the unfair tactics practiced by the Ring Co., which they say, if continued, may be the cause of throwing a goodly number of men out of employment.

### 'Buys' 30% of a Boxer; Sport Is a Business

The deal by which Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., millionaire sportsman, became part owner of Rene De Vos's contract was completed today when Biddle paid \$25,000 for 30 per cent interest in the Belgian middleweight.

Biddle purchased thirteen and one-half per cent of the contract held by Lou Burston, De Vos's manager, and the other 16 2-3 from De Vos himself. Jimmy Bronson, chief second to Gene Tunney in both his fights with Jack Dempsey will represent Biddle.

DeVos is an \$8 to 5 favorite over Huddins to win Monday night's bout.

SCRANTON, Pa., (FP).—Meter workers federal labor union 18045 has been admitted to the Central Labor Union. Its members read water meters.

Organize the unrecognized! Organize new unions in the unrecognized industries!

## WORKER IS A DOG TO HOSPITALS OF CAPITALIST U. S.

### Sent as 'Public Charge' to Slaughter-House

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 When I, a worker, suffering from tuberculosis, went to the Federation of Jewish Charities in New York City, a few weeks ago, and asked that they have me sent to either the Otisville or Raybrook state sanitarium, this organization, which asks the workers to give from their hard-earned money to help support it, told me that people like me belonged to Bellevue, the city slaughter house, and that they do "not help bums out." Just because I was a worker, they called me a bum. This is an organization that seeks support to "aid the poor of New York." And this is how they aid the worker. I did not come there seeking charity, but to get them to refer me to a state tuberculosis sanitarium, because this is the only way a worker has a chance of getting to a sanitarium. But they called me a bum and sent me to Bellevue.

After the Federation of Jewish Charities had shown me that they were not out to help the worker, I went to the Board of Health, at 505 Pearl St. I was not seeking charity, but that which I was entitled to, admission to one of the New York state sanitariums, which are supposed to be in existence for the treatment of any tubercular person who cannot afford to pay the huge fees that the private sanitariums, which are only for the rich, charge. They referred me to the City of New York Tuberculosis Hospital Admission Division.

There a doctor gave me a few taps on the chest and examined me no further, as if he had no time to examine a worker. I asked that I be sent to either Otisville or Raybrook, which are supposed to be run for cases like mine. "No," said this political flunkie of a doctor, "you are too far advanced to go to a sanitarium." Which was a lie. After being treated like a dog at this city clinic, talked to roughly, I was given a slip, referring me to Metropolitan Hospital, on Welfare Island, which is notorious as "one of the worst slaughter houses among the big chain of city slaughter houses which go under the names of "hospitals." On this blank I was referred to as a "proper public charge." A "proper public charge," when I had come there to obtain what was mine by right—admission to a state sanitarium. But no, if I had political pull of course I would have been sent to Otisville or Raybrook. But, being a worker, what I was told amounted to, "Go, you dog, and be thankful that we even send you to that slaughter house of Metropolitan Hospital!"

That is the treatment given to the sick worker in this paradise of capitalism. I told these political flunkies that I would rather die in the street from tuberculosis than be sent to a city slaughter house, where I would be fed the rottenest food, receive the rottenest treatment for my illness, be kept a prisoner and be allowed to die like a dog.

## French and British to Hammer on German Reparations at League

PARIS, Dec. 9 (UP).—Political interest in the 53rd session of the League of Nations Council at Lugano will center almost entirely on war reparations problems. The council agenda will be of secondary importance, observers believe.

French and English delegates are expected to spend most of the time concentrating on Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany, in an attempt to bring the German viewpoint around to what the former allies describe as a "more realistic attitude on settlement of reparations."

Capitalist Delegates Gloomy.

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (UP).—The German delegation to the League of Nations Council left for Lugano tonight. Dr. Gustave Stresemann, foreign minister, headed the delegation.

The attitude of the delegation was gloomy, although Dr. Stresemann hopes to clarify numerous questions in connection with war reparations revision in his conversation with Aristide Briand and Sir Austen Chamberlain. Sources close to the foreign minister said he was bitterly disappointed by recent blows to the "Locarno spirit," which he interpreted as calculated to undermine the position of his government in reparations settlement.

## \$25,000 Bail Set for Stealing 1 Lone Hat

Although charged with stealing only one hat, in this era of prosperity, three men were held in bail of \$25,000 for grand robbery complaints in the Harlem Court. The three men, all of whom are Negroes, molested Frank Joseph and relieved him of his top-piece. If you don't steal a lot in this country, you can't get by.

## "Wings Over Europe" Opens at the Martin Beck Tonight

A NEW Theatre Guild production "Wings Over Europe," will feature the openings of this week—no less than five in number.

"Wings Over Europe," which opens at the Martin Beck Theatre this evening is the third production this season. This play will mark the Guild's occupation of the Beck Theatre.

The cast is headed by Ernest Lawford, Frank Conroy, Alexander Kirkland, Hugh Buckler, Joseph Kilgour, Grant Stewart, Robert Rendel and A. P. Kaye. The play is by Robert Nichols, one of the younger British poets and Maurice Browne, whose Little Theatre in Chicago years ago, gave that movement its name.

Another play scheduled for this evening is "Tomorrow," by Hull Gould and Saxon Kling, which will have its postponed opening at the Lyceum Theatre.

"Sign of the Leopard," a London success by Edgar Wallace, will open tomorrow at the National Theatre. Campbell Gullen who played the chief role in the London production, will be seen in the same part here. Other players include: Flora Sheffield, Elsa Shelley, Warren Williams, Murray Kinell and Thurston Hall.

David Belasco will bring his newest production "Mima," to the Belasco on Wednesday night. Lenore Ulric is the star of the production. It is an adaptation of Ferenc Molnar's "The Red Mill."

## TEXTILE DRIVE THROUGHOUT PA.

### Tour Many Cities in Campaign

With many of the youth, especially girls and women relatives of the coal miners working in textile factories, manufacturing all kinds of cloth, from silk stockings to rugs, the National Textile Workers Union is touring an organizer through this almost totally unorganized region.

Sonia Kaross, the organizer, reports on some of the successful meetings held and on the meetings scheduled.

Meetings have already been held in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Edwardsville. A meeting is to be held tonight in Luzerne and, according to present arrangements, six more towns are to be covered in the present tour. The organizer reports that arrangements are being made for the opening of local offices in Wilkes-Barre. At present communications can be addressed to S. Kaross, 180 Lee Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The following meetings are to be held:

Dec. 4, Plymouth; Dec. 5, Hazleton; Dec. 6, McAdoo; Dec. 9, Shenandoah; Dec. 10, Pottsville, and Dec. 11, Mahanoy City.

Local organizations in this region are asked to take note and give all assistance possible in order to make these meetings successful.

The majority of the textile workers here are youth. They are working under most miserable conditions, 50 hours weekly, for the lowest pay. Lately a new speed-up system has been introduced. The workers will be still more oppressed and intimidated.

## Interstate Commerce Commission Asks for Power Over Mergers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Interstate Commerce Commission report today asks for more powers in dealing with mergers of railroads, the ultimate aim being the granting of arbitrary control over mergers, so that the board can allow the more certain cases and reject them in others. They ask now that no mergers at all be allowed without the commission's consent.

The report states that during the preceding fiscal year, cases of accidents to employees coming under its supervision amounted to 1,234 deaths and 28,157 injuries.

## January 5 is the Fifth Birthday of the Daily Worker

This is an event of the greatest importance to the revolutionary movement. All cities and workers' organizations should make arrangements for celebrations.

## NOW!

### CHARLES FARRELL



Featured with Dolores Del Rio in "The Red Dance," showing at the Broadway Theatre this week.

### Vaudeville Theatres

#### PALACE

Rae Samuels; Henry Santrey and his orchestra, with Harry Seymour and Mary Moran; Fannie Watson and Kitty; Russ Brown and Jeane Whittaker; Homer P. Mason, and Marguerite Keeler; Lew Castleton and Max Mack, and Sandy Lang, with Emerald Sisters and Patti Lee.

#### BROADWAY

The Four Camerons; Hal Neiman; Frank Mullane and Ghretta; Charles Sargeant and Burt Lewis; and Paul Jordan. Feature photoplay—"The Red Dance" starring Dolores Del Rio and Charles Farrell.

#### RIVERSIDE

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—Yaness; Leo Beers; Emory Manely; other acts. Feature photoplay—"The Avalanche" starring Jack Holt. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—Freda and Palace; Zeida Santley; Yesterthoughts; and other acts. Feature photoplay—"Love Overnight" starring Rod LaRoque.

## Port Official Takes Part in R. R. Battle

Julius H. Cohen, legal counsel for the Port of New York, argued to the state chamber of commerce yesterday that New York would continue to lose commerce to other ports on account of high port expenses until a union freight terminal was built on Manhattan island.

At present only the New York Central has a warehouse on Manhattan, and through its monopoly forces other roads to pay for passage over its tracks or to unload in New Jersey and ship by lighters. The new move may be considered a fight between New York Central and other roads, business men say.

## WORKER CAUGHT TB IN BELLEVUE HOSPITAL JOB

### Is Shunted to Another Slaughter-House

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Seaview Hospital in Staten Island is one of the hospitals run by the City of New York Welfare Department, where the workers or members of their families are sent when they are so unfortunate as to have tuberculosis. Tuberculosis is one of the easiest things in the world to get for a worker who is cooped up all day in a sweatshop. But I am a worker who got tuberculosis by doing work right in a hospital, where I was a porter. I had to clean up the messes which would turn the stomach of anyone. Floody landings, filled with green and yellow pus, and salves soaked with matter which came out of wounds; I had to clean up the vomitings of patients; I had to clean floors covered with the sputum of patients suffering with tuberculosis and even venereal diseases.

And I did all this for \$40 a month and food and quarters. The food was vile and full of vermin. The quarters were filthy, old, and fire-traps. We got the same food served to the patients, who are all poor workers who cannot pay for a private hospital. So I got T. B. working in Bellevue.

I reported the clinic for examination. After waiting for hours, and being barked at by the registrars and nurses with political jobs I was finally given the once-over by a doctor. When I claimed that I caught the disease while working in Bellevue, he said, "Nothing doing." He refused to make out any slip certifying to my having contracted T. B. on the job, so I was thus crypted out of any chance of collecting compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Law. I would have gotten \$5 a week under this law for a few weeks; small enough.

I was kept in a Bellevue ward a few days, where I was seen by a doctor once only. I was lucky, for other patients never saw a doctor while I was there. Then I was shunted off to Seaview, another city hospital. The same story. Rotten food, rotten treatment, neglect. I got no better, in fact, worse, after a few weeks, so I left.

## Negro Teachers Are Vastly Underpaid

RICHMOND, Va., (By Mail).—Forty-three Virginia counties pay Negro teachers less than one-half the salaries paid to the white teachers, and Negro children attend schools under unsanitary and unhealthful conditions. In frame shacks, it was revealed at the annual meeting of the Virginia State Teachers' Association.

## AMUSEMENTS

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# Workers Will Protest Failing of 22 Militants by Capitol Jingoes Wednesday Night

## STATEMENT BY CROUCH URGES ALL TO ATTEND

Gitlow, Reeve, Others to Speak

An appeal was issued last night by the All-American Anti-Imperialist League to all workers to back the fight against American imperialism by attending the reception for the 22 workers just released after serving a 30-day sentence for demonstrating in Washington against American imperialism and for the release of John Porter. The reception, which will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St., under the auspices of the New York Section of the International Labor Defense, the Young Workers League and the New York branch of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League, will also be a John Porter protest meeting.

The appeal, signed by Paul Crouch, national secretary, states: "Twenty-two workers chose to go to jail in order to uphold the struggle against American imperialism and for the release of John Porter, young textile strike leader now in Fort Leavenworth. The struggle to free Porter is an integral part of the struggle against Yankee imperialism. Porter is now in jail because he deserted from the army of Wall Street and entered the fight against American capitalism in the New Bedford strike.

"The reception for the 22 freed workers Wednesday is not merely a welcome home. It must be turned into a mighty protest meeting demanding the immediate release of Porter, demanding that the contemptible tools of American imperialism cease their brutal tortures of this brave working-class fighter. The same government which is carrying on a war against the Nicaraguan workers and peasants, which is now preparing to aid the Colombian government to crush in blood the strike of 30,000 plantation workers, which has shackled virtually every Latin American country, is victimizing and torturing John Porter. Workers, demand the release of John Porter on Wednesday night."

Speakers at the reception and protest meeting will be Ben Gitlow, member of the secretariat of the Workers (Communist) Party; Karl Reeve, editor of the Labor Defender; Clarence Miller, Philadelphia organizer of the Young Workers League; Paul Crouch, Otto Huiswood, Ben Thomas and Henel Bennett.

## TRY AGAIN TO HOAX JOBLESS

### British Gov't Fools Unemployed

TORONTO (By Mail).—Despite the fact that thousands of unemployed British workers, recently sent over to Canada by the British government, found that they had been hoaxed and that no work existed for them in Canada, the British government is going ahead with further plans to settle British unemployed workers in Canada.

### White Kills Negro by Shooting Him in Back

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (By Mail).—M. Crawford, white, who shot a young Negro in the back, who he claimed had raped his daughter, is being held under slight bail in the county jail.

## CITY ABOLISHES JAIL

### Negro Town of 3,000 Finds It Useless

The abolition of the jail at Mound Bayou, Mississippi, a town composed exclusively of Negroes, numbering about 3,000, brings to the fore the crimeless reputation of this municipality.

## Poor Orphans Have No Choice; Religious Bunk Forced Upon Them



Photo shows orphan-children at Eldridge Street Day Nursery on the east side, being fed with religious bunk, which serves to make docile sheep of capitalism out of them. The children above are in a Jewish orphanage.

## Fraternal Organizations

### TORONTO NEEDLE WORKERS STRIKE

#### Fight New Wage Reductions

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—Thirty-two workers of the Durable Waterproof Company, a raincoat manufacturing plant of Toronto, all members of the Industrial Union of Needle Trades Workers, are now on strike. Since Oct. 8, when the shop was first organized by the union, the workers were preparing for a struggle to better their conditions. The wages in the shop were between \$8 and \$15 a week for skilled operators. The firm took advantage of the fact that most of the workers were young and exploited them to the limit.

The Needle Trades Union involved is the left wing union recently organized when the Canadian locals of nearly all the right wing international split away from their parent bodies because of the reactionary policies and expulsion tactics the officials used. This union is expected to affiliate with the amalgamated needle trades union which the militants are to organize at conventions in New York at the close of this year.

About two weeks ago the piece-work prices in the raincoat trade were slashed 50 per cent. At a shop meeting the workers decided to demand the recognition of the union, a minimum rate of 50 cents an hour for operators and cementers, a \$30 minimum for cutters and a \$5 minimum for all other workers. A company stool-pigeon told the firm of the plans and six of the leading union members were fired. The union has replied with the strike.

### Navy Orders 2 Largest Zeppelins Ever Built; Carry Tons of Bombs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The navy department has just awarded a contract to the Goodyear-Zeppelin Corporation for the two largest airships in the world. They are to be 785 feet long, carry 6,500,000 cubic feet of gas space and a "useful" lift of 182,000 pounds. The largest dirigible now owned by the navy is the Los Angeles, built by Zeppelin Co. of Germany, and 658 feet long, with a lift of 60,000 pounds.

The new airships will have a cruising range of 9,180 miles, whereas the Los Angeles has a range of 3,500. The engines and engineers will be housed within the hull. Space is allowed inside the hull also, for five airplanes, with mechanism for launching them and recovering them while the Zeppelin is under way.

MILITARY R. R. IN CAL. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Assistant Secretary of War Robbins told the United Press today the war department is ready to grant the Southern Pacific Railroad a revocable permit to cross Benicia, Cal., arsenal grounds as an approach to the new Martinez bridge. The department has prepared a favorable report on the congress bills for a permanent permit, believing the railway move is valuable strategically to the army.

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## PRODUCE MORE PLANES FOR WAR

### U. S. Outstrips in Production

The rapid growth of airplane production in the United States is revealed in a report by the aeronautical Chamber of Commerce which shows that during the first nine months of 1928 American manufacturers controlling 80 per cent of the total output turned out 2132 commercial planes. On this basis, the Chamber estimates that for the entire year 1928 American manufacturers will turn out 3,665 commercial airplanes, valued at \$30,000,000, compared with 1927, when only 1,995 commercial ships were made, valued at \$5,000,000, and 1921 when there was no manufacture of commercial planes.

With military construction included, the Chamber estimates that the total production for 1928 will be about 4,000 airplanes of all types, valued at \$75,000,000. The report says that more than \$100,000,000 is invested in the airplane industry, which now employs almost as many workers as during the peak of war-time production. Airplane manufacturing centers have been developed in New York, Philadelphia, Hartford, Buffalo, Detroit, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Kansas City, Wichita, Colorado Springs, Los Angeles and Seattle. Chicago is not a manufacturing center, it is the largest air transport center in the United States. Its traffic is now exceeded only by Tempelhoff in Germany.

The Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce claims 95 per cent of America's airplane manufacturers and air carriers as members. The Chamber sponsored the Chicago aircraft exposition opening December 1.

The fifth anniversary celebration of the Daily will take place in Philadelphia on Jan. 11. On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, the Daily Worker-Freihet masquerade and color-light ball will be held, and all those present pledged themselves and the organizations they represented to make these events the biggest successes of the year.

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## MUSSOLINI PUTS A FINISH TO THE DYING CHAMBER

### Derides Signing of the Fake Peace Pacts

ROME, Dec. 9.—Mussolini yesterday festively closed the last session of the chamber of deputies, which has been slowly dying since the Spring of 1924, and substituted it by the fascist grand council as the official government body of Italy. Practically the last act of the chamber was to sign its death warrant, but this was merely a formality, since the fascist grand council, and its head, Mussolini, have always completely run the government.

The change means that instead of the 15 per cent of alleged non-fascists in the former "parliament," there will now be 100 per cent of openly-acknowledged fascists, personally selected by Mussolini.

In his speech, Mussolini openly mocked the entire shallow system of "peace" treaties, and put forward his own plans for imperialist aggression and continued armament for war.

"The truth is," Mussolini said, "that the whole world is again arming itself. The number of bayonets and cannon is constantly increasing, yet everybody speaks of peace."

## PHILA. AGENTS PLAN CAMPAIGN

### Daily Worker Drive on Large Scale

hold its first meeting today and lay plans for the campaign. It was decided to take at least 15,000 copies of the special anniversary edition which will be published on Jan. 5, plus those ordered directly by the units. The question of a special Philadelphia page each week in the national edition of the Daily was also decided upon, and the goal will be set for a special page each day.

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### Miller and Thomas Are Quizzed by Jailers

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be diseased, the class war prisoners have actively discussed the problems of their fellow prisoners.

The class war prisoners, with their courage and uncompromising fortitude with which they go through their experiences in the workhouse, have been a living propaganda to the other prisoners of the courage of the workers in the face of capitalist oppression.

So sympathetic have many of the prisoners been in their attitude toward the workers that the authorities have become alarmed and have given the matter considerable publicity in the local press and at Washington.

"The Oceanquon workhouse is honeycombed with Communist propaganda," according to one press statement.

The class war prisoners at Oceanquon were arrested during a Parade in Washington on Armistice Day, when the demonstration demanded the release of John Porter and denounced the preparations which the United States government, in common with the other imperialist powers is making for the next war.

The authorities, infuriated to think that the workers would bring the Porter case to the steps of the Capitol, threw the militants into jail for terms varying from thirty to sixty days, after submitting the prisoners to every kind of suffering and humiliation. Food was kept from the class war prisoners, they were crowded into narrow cells containing one bunk for four or five men.

John Porter is still being held at Leavenworth, where reports continue to leak through that he is being brutally mistreated and tortured by the prison authorities.

There seems no doubt that the extradition will be rejected, and there are not expected to be any international complications over the matter, as attorneys for the U. S. government thoughtfully waited until the French statute of limitations had run before filing suit for extradition. The whole Teapot Dome graft crowd always were lucky in having the government make technical errors that allowed them to escape imprisonment.

Smith Chooses Ten to Become Expert Killers

ALBANY, Dec. 9.—Ten members of the notorious New York National Guard were chosen yesterday by "Tammany Al" Smith to take an examination preparatory to entering West Point Military Academy to perfect themselves in the art of murdering workers on strike and in foreign lands.

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## Another War Conspiracy

The convening at Washington Wednesday of a "civil aviation conference" is quite in keeping with the new turn of American imperialist aggression since the election of Hoover. It is so openly a challenge to England that no political observer can fail to realize its implications. While most European nations will send representatives it is recognized on every hand that it is a move to create a new international aviation body to take the place of the International Commission for Aerial Navigation, dominated by England and France.

That the United States has the material at hand for the creation of a new international aviation body that will challenge the European commission is obvious when we recall the fact that of the Latin American countries only Chile and Uruguay are members of the latter. Of European capitalist powers Germany does not adhere to the old international body.

In Coolidge's message to the last session of congress he emphasized the necessity of establishing "commercial aviation" routes throughout all the republics of the South American continent, combined with an ambitious program of hard roads. At that time the government was still cautious about exposing the war-like nature of the proposals. Coolidge was very careful not to refer to war planes in connection with his "commercial aviation" proposals or motor lorries and tanks in connection with hard roads. He did not mention the fact that the same planes that carry mail can also carry high-powered explosives to drop upon defenseless populations. But today Coolidge submits to the lame-duck session of the same congress the annual report of the national advisory committee for aeronautics which in speaking of researches regarding a new type of plane that will ensure greater safety in flying, is no longer cautious about correcting commercial and military aviation and says:

"This is the type, as yet undeveloped in practice, which might be flown safely by the unskilled owner-pilot who now drives his own motor-car. In general the information obtained from the study of this extra type will also make possible the solution of the less difficult safety problem of commercial and military airplanes."

This observation is followed by reference to the remarkable advance in airplane production in a large number of plants throughout the country. Emphasis is placed upon the necessity for special tools of production to meet the increased demand for mass production of airplanes. All research in this line is to be coordinated by the national advisory committee for aeronautics.

The next point emphasized in the report was the necessity for the all-metal plane to replace the part-metal, part-wood type now in use.

In dealing with the "encouraging progress" made by private concerns engaged in producing planes, the report says:

"The most notable event in connection with the development of aircraft engines during the past year was undoubtedly the first successful use in repeated flights of an engine using fuel injection and burning heavy oil instead of gasoline. This engine was constructed by the Packard Motor Car Company. It is an air-cooled radial engine of about 200 horsepower, and is reported to weigh about three pounds per horsepower."

Certain definite facts regarding preparations for aerial warfare are established in the present report:

1.—Private concerns will be encouraged to produce planes of a uniform type so they can be useful for military purposes.

2.—The production of such planes is to be coordinated under the supervision of a government agency, the national advisory committee for aeronautics.

3.—The new type of plane can be flown safely with but little practice by anyone who can drive a motor-car, which will greatly increase the number of aviators who will constitute a reserve for war purposes.

4.—The new type of engine that will burn heavy oil, (mazut) the cheap residue of gasoline, and will stand much longer flights, will be encouraged by the government.

The United States will secure the monopoly of airplane production on both American continents, as the bankers who dominate many of the Latin-American countries will never permit them to establish industries capable of producing planes of their own.

With such a program of airplane production the United States hopes to outdistance all other powers in the field of aviation. The elaboration of its program on the eve of the international congress called at Washington should be a warning especially to Latin-America. Unquestionably the various puppet governments of that part of the world that have been fawning like dogs before Hoover during the past few weeks will support the program of the United States at the confer-

ence. They will help the imperialists in their program of aggression by agreeing to maintain a whole series of airplane bases throughout Latin-America that will serve as points from which to rain death and destruction upon whole populations that refuse to bow to its will.

This contemptible conspiracy against the peoples of Latin-America must be defeated. It should be stopped at once. The Latin-American masses should fight like tigers against any government that dares agree to permit the United States to establish airplane bases in their countries. Far from endeavoring to develop "commercial aviation" in the Latin-American countries the American imperialists are conspiring to further deprave and enslave the masses of those countries, and to make them slaves of the war-mongers in the struggle against its imperialist rival, England.

In the United States the working class and the exploited farmers must fight against this new aggressive turn of American imperialism by waging a relentless anti-imperialist struggle, by organizing the great war industries that are being coordinated by the government itself, by carrying on agitation among the armed forces.

The Washington aviation conference is a move against the great imperialist rival of the United States, England. It is a move against Latin-America. It is a part of the general program to take the lead in world reaction. It is a continuation of the bitter hostility to the Soviet Union. In short it is part and parcel of the war preparations that are going forward with tempestuous speed. These facts the masses of both American continents must realize and these conspiracies they must unitedly fight against.

## The "Dope Ring" Scandal and Politics

Developments the past few days in connection with the spectacular federal raids on dope "kings" partly reveal the reluctance of the Tammany city administration to "solve" the murder of Arnold Rothstein. It has been more than a month since Rothstein was fatally shot at the plutocratic Park Central Hotel. The Tammany police, always quick to act in behalf of employers against workers on strike, are very careful to avoid unearthing facts about Rothstein, his associates and his murderers.

It is now quite clear that Rothstein, who was characterized as a gambler, was in reality head of a dope ring that handled millions of dollars worth of opiates in a single transaction. It is equally clear that no such organized band of dope peddlars could possibly exist in New York without the knowledge and connivance of Tammany Hall—the "new Tammany" that placed Al. Smith at the head of the democratic party as candidate for president of the United States. This fact explains the reluctance of the chief of police, of Mayor Jimmy Walker, himself a denizen of the white light district of the roaring forties and a popular song writer to probe the Rothstein affair to the bottom. It also probably explains why the republican United States district attorney, Tuttle, and his agents of the "narcotic squad" have suddenly become so aggressive against the dope ring of which the murdered Rothstein was unquestionably the head.

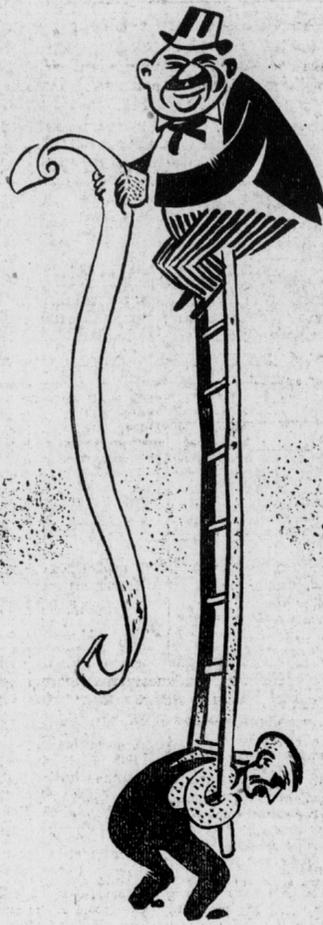
It is certainly not because the republican party, the party of Teapot Dome, the party of the department of justice grafters, the party of veteran's bureau swindlers, the party that spawned Bill Vare in Philadelphia, Frank L. Smith and "Big Bill" Thompson in Illinois, is one whit better than Tammany and the democratic party that the district attorney moves against the dope ring.

In all the great cities of the country dominated by a political machine, whether republican or democrat, there are dope rings and vice rings as a part of the machine. The republican district attorney is simply concentrating upon the New York ring because it is part of the rival political machine. It is part of the preliminary work for the coming city election.

Comment in the capitalist press after the raid of Friday night that netted two trunks full of assorted dope, valued at \$2,000,000, indicates that the agents of Tuttle have in their possession the names of some of the mightiest eminences of the city—the nabobs of Fifth Avenue, Park Row and Riverside Drive. Let no one be so naive as to believe for a moment that these "best people," the bulwarks of this capitalist civilization, will be exposed as drug addicts. It would be very poor policy to expose the fact that many of the idle degenerates who parade as the personification of civic virtue are ordinary hop heads.

The little address book taken from Joseph Unger, the exquisite dope peddler who was arrested in his berth on the Twentieth Cen-

## STOCKS CLIMB



Stocks climb and Wall Street sits pretty—on the shoulders of the working class. But the perch is precarious.

# The Wage Fight of the German Mill Girls

By CHRISTA.

During the last few months a wave of strikes has passed over the world, marking the aggravation of the inner contradictions in capitalism and the growth of the revolutionary forces. The lock-out of the textile workers on the Lower Rhine constitutes an important section of these fights. The textile workers of Rhineland-Westphalia make a fifth of the total number of textile workers in Germany. According to the figures of June, 1925, there were in Rhineland-Westphalia about 10,000 textile mills employing about 226,750 persons, 57 per cent of whom were women. According to the report of the Munich-Gladbach Chamber of Industry and Commerce, dated April 20th, 1928, the textile industry of that district has developed to the following extent:

1913: 349 mills, 35,273 workers, 1,000,000 spindles and 20,000 looms.  
1927: 373 mills, 38,343 workers, 1,500,000 spindles and 25,000 looms.  
Profits Rise; Wages Cut.

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## Girls Are Enslaved, Rise; Reformists Sell Out; Communists Force City Aid

Women's Wages Below Men's.  
From the above it will clearly be seen that the women's wages are still 15 to 40 per cent below those of the men. In spite of the textile mill owners' huge dividends, extracted chiefly from the work of the people on the lowest wage rates, and in particular out of the bones of the mill girls, in spite of the fact that the unjustifiable range of wage rates reduces more than half of all the textile workers to workers of the second class, the trade union reformists have still not begun to advocate the old trade union demand: "Equal pay for equal work!"

Girls' Health Ruined.  
The mill girls ruin their health in damp, stuffy mills for a beggarly wage. Examinations in the textile districts show a number of narrow hips and pelvis bones and abnormal births far above the average. This fact is explained by the circumstance that the textile industry employs up to 66.4 per cent of girls from 14 to 20 years of age, of whom fully 60 per cent must go to work in the mills at 14 years of age, i. e., when they are only half grown. The intensive work by the textile machines, most of which is done stand-

ing, seriously influences certain glands, so that the possibility of development of the female body is diminished. This explains why 30.4 per cent of all mill girls need medical assistance in child-bearing, and that in 5.8 per cent of births the dangerous caesarian operation must be resorted to. On account of this low state of health among the mill girls, bourgeois doctors have demanded that no girl under 18 years of age should be allowed to work in the mills.

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By Gropper

## Darwin and Gold in State of Arkansas

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From his headquarters in Little Rock, Smith distributed throughout Arkansas more than 25,000 pamphlets defending the theory of evolution, and protesting against the anti-evolution bill upon which the voters were to decide in the election of November 6. The reactionary elements protested; the mayor of the city declared, "No atheist will be permitted to maintain headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas, if I can prevent it." But Smith continued his educational campaign. He hung out a large sign in front of his headquarters declaring: "Evolution is true. The Bible is a lie. God is a ghost." In court the judge read aloud a municipal law forbidding the use of god's name except in "veneration and worship." Then he commanded Smith to be sworn in.

"I wish to affirm—not swear," Smith said.  
"You're an atheist!" exclaimed the judge. "You don't believe in god!"  
Smith admitted the monstrous accusation.  
"Then you cannot be sworn!" the judge said. "You cannot testify in my court."

And the judge was legally correct; for although most courts in the United States permit an atheist to "affirm" instead of swearing, the Arkansas state constitution specifically provides that "no person who denies the being of a god shall hold any office in the civil departments of this state, nor be competent to testify as a witness in any court." Subsequent laws do permit people to "affirm" in Arkansas courts, but the judge could disregard these laws because the constitution is the fundamental law of the state.

THUS Smith was not permitted to speak or even answer questions in his own defense. The judge found him guilty of distributing atheistic and "obscene" literature and fined him \$25. Smith refused to pay the fine, and instead was sent to prison for 25 days. In order to call public attention to the fight against Arkansas's religious reaction he went on a hunger strike lasting a number of days.

On November 15, Smith was again arrested in Little Rock and given the maximum sentence for "blasphemy," a fine of \$100 and ninety days imprisonment. As in the previous case, he was forbidden to testify in his own defense because of his inability as an atheist to take the oath required of witnesses. At present he is released on bonds, pending appeal to the higher court.

The program at the 5th Anniversary Celebration of the Daily Worker at Manhattan Opera House consists of the Isadora Duncan Dance, of Moscow U. S. S. R. in a special program of Revolutionary Dances, Symphony Orchestra, Speakers, Tickets \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 now on sale at Daily Worker office. All seats reserved.

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## The 'Revolutionary' Allies of the Bourgeoisie

By M. CUSHING

Kansas City is the home town of the slow-thinking J. P. Cannon (it took him 5 years to decide between the Comintern and the Trotsky faction).

Naturally in his own home town Cannon has a few followers. There is the sort of admiration for him on the part of this handful of followers which can be best characterized by the typical "from-office-boy-to-president" admiration. They knew Cannon when he was a Little Fellow and he has risen to be a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party. These people very much the same as Cannon have suddenly discovered that "Trotsky is right."

A year or two ago when the Trotsky issue was so widely discussed in our Party these people spoke against Trotsky and voted against Trotsky. What historic fact changed the opinions of these people? Have the predictions of Trotsky about Russia going back to capitalism been realized? About the Kulak taking over the government in Soviet Russia? No. None of these things have taken place.

One thing however did take place. The much-belated expulsion of Jim Cannon took place, and it is from Cannon that these people have learnt that Trotsky was right.

Of course Cannon promises them the victory of Trotskyism on an international scale. It is self-explanatory that people who now say that when they voted against Trotsky years ago did not know what they voted for, do not know any better now. However, the Kansas City group (2) of the Cannonites are a good example and expression of how far Cannon intends to go against the Party, against the Comintern and against the Soviet Union. Even the day after his expulsion Cannon denounced Salutsky, Eastman and Lore as counter-revolutionist and opportunist right wingers.

Of course he did it in order to catch a few naive comrades to follow him. But hardly a week has elapsed since his expulsion when the local supporters of Cannon are already engaged in campaigning for him. If they do it? What methods do they use? Only time will disclose the full counter-revolutionary substance of Cannonism. The Ameri-

can workers will have a living example of what Trotskyism is. For the present the counter-revolutionist of a week ago, Eastman, is at present the mouthpiece of Cannon. The two supporters are peddling around the book by Eastman, "The New Situation in Russia," and it is with the aid of Eastman that Cannon wants to build his new party. Truly there could be no better combination than the bourgeois Eastman and the self-seeker, the renegade Cannon.

The book of Eastman has become the weapon in the hands of Cannon to demoralize ideologically the minds of the Communist Party members. The book of Eastman, which is filled with the bourgeois democratic theories and other bourgeois philosophic rot, has become the theoretical weapon of James P. Cannon.

The book of Eastman is filled with nothing but attacks on the Soviet Union. In his preface to the book, Eastman deplores the fact that the Russian Communist Party controls the Soviet government, that there is no freedom of press, etc. No one should be surprised at this activity of Cannon. He is performing his historic role as an agent of the bourgeoisie in the ranks of the working class. While the socialists and the labor misleaders are bourgeois agents in the ranks of the non-party workers Cannon tries to be the bourgeois agent in the ranks of the Communist workers. His historic mission is to demoralize the mainstay of the proletarian revolution, the Communist Party in America. At this time when the capitalists are preparing a war against the Soviet Union his work is to discredit the Soviet Union in the eyes of the most revolutionary workers in this country. His agitation against the Soviet Union, his demands, his methods do not differ from those of the bourgeoisie and the social democrats. If you want to know what will be the attitude of Cannon on certain questions, listen to what the socialists have to say. In short, the American Trotskyites are the "revolutionary" allies of the bourgeoisie. The American Trotskyites have become the Agitprop dept. of the yellow socialists.

\*The writer makes one mistake: Cannon has not denounced the renegade Eastman.—Editor.