

## BOULDER DAM IS ADOPTED; WEST TO SPEND CASH

Kellogg War Treaties Reported In to Senate

### Vote Fourteen to Two

Reed, Moses, Shipstead for Open Imperialism

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The two outstanding events in congress so far were the adoption today by the house of representatives of the senate version of the Boulder Dam bill and the reporting in without amendment or reservation of the Kellogg anti-British and anti-Soviet war treaties, masqueraded under the title of "peace pacts."

Shipstead Good Imperialist. The official roll call in the foreign relations committee on reporting in the treaties with recommendation for ratification by the senate was as follows:

For the treaty, 14—Republicans, 7; Borah, Johnson, Edge, Capper, Gillett, Reed of Penn., Fess of Ohio, Democrats, 6—Swanson, Pittman, Robinson of Ark., Walsh of Mont., Harrison, George. "Farmer-labor," 1—Shipstead.

Against the treaty, 2: Democrats 2: Reed of Missouri and Bayard.

Voting present, 2: both republicans, Moses and McLean.

Reed and Moses have been fighting the treaties on the ground that they do not clearly enough state that the Monroe Doctrine must be respected by Europe, which means that they want Latin America recognized as an American empire.

They may continue the fight on the senate floor; meanwhile they are submitting their reservations to the senate as a resolution of their own. Shipstead, the fake "farmer-labor" senator personally conferred with President Coolidge to urge the same point.

Coolidge and Kellogg have taken the attitude that the treaties, as they stand, mark off Latin America as a United States preserve, and oppose tactless plain speaking on the subject.

### Power For West.

The most important change made by the senate in the Boulder Dam bill, which was originally a house bill, was to increase the cost from \$125,000,000 to \$165,000,000 and the removal of the Davenport amendment made in the house which would have prevented the secretary of the interior from spending this money any way he wanted to. The new secretary of the interior, West, is closely hooked up with electric power interests, and power will be made at the dam.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP).—The senate public lands committee decided today to conclude hearings on the nomination of Secretary of Interior Roy West and adjourn until tomorrow when a vote by the committee on reporting the nomination to the senate is expected.

## New York WIR Issues Call for Shop Delegate Conference Tomorrow

The New York local of the Workers' International Relief (W. I. R.) has arranged a shop delegates' conference for tomorrow at 6 p. m., immediately after work at Bryant Hall, 6th Ave. and 42nd St. The purpose of the meeting is to further the organization for workers' relief.

The call issued by the conference states that after the militant strikes of the past few years—the miners, Passaic, New Bedford, furriers, needle trades and other strikes, the relief committees temporarily organized all disappeared. In the struggles ahead to organize the unorganized into militant unions, to fight injunctions and company unions, etc., relief will be needed in every instance. The W. I. R., it states, is an international relief organization, the American section of which must now be firmly established. This meeting will lay the basis for such organization in New York City.

## Pershing Will Speak on 'New World War' in Youngstown Friday

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 18.—George Pershing, cousin of the jingo general, John J. Pershing, will address the workers of this city at the Ukrainian Hall, 525 1/2 West Rayon Ave., this Friday evening at 7:30. The meeting, the subject of which will be the "New World War," will be held under the auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party and the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, of which Pershing is a member.

## War Starts: Standard Oil Attacks Paraguay!



A section of the Gran Chaco district, which the Standard Oil dominated Bolivian government is attempting to steal from Paraguay by open war. What will British imperialism, whose own Royal Dutch Shell is everywhere in conflict with Standard Oil, say to this new threat to its power. What action will the League of Nations, dominated by Great Britain, take? The last imperialist world war started just as "humbly" and "obscurely."

## PICK DELEGATES TODAY TO CLOAK CONVENTION

### MORE LOCALS IN FUR NOMINATIONS

### Convention Delegates Election Thursday

At meetings marked by a large and enthusiastic attendance, members of Cutlers Local 1 and Operators' Local 5 of the Joint Board Furriers' Union, after spirited discussions, wholeheartedly endorsed yesterday evening the amalgamation program of their leadership and nominated delegates to the convention on Dec. 29. The plan to amalgamate with the cloak and dressmakers union will be realized at the last sessions of this convention.

The meetings were held in the auditorium of the Joint Board building, 22 E. 22nd St. After the chief officers of both locals had reported on the amalgamation plan and on the structure of the new union to be formed, the basic principle of which will be the shop delegate system, lively discussions were participated in by the membership, who carried without a dissenting voice the resolutions endorsing the action.

At a recent membership meeting some members expressed incision on the question of amalgamation and on the new structure. Since that time, however, the open forums and meetings, and finally the local meetings of the last two days showed that a much better understanding of the policy to be pursued had been developed.

Clear insight as to the assistance the amalgamated union will give while the furriers are preparing for a general strike was also shown by the membership.

With elections for delegates to the conventions set for tomorrow and Friday, locals elected their election and objection committees and instructed them to meet the following day. These committees of all four locals will meet at Joint Board headquarters and will hear objections to the candidacy of any of the nominees.

All nominees must appear before these committees if they want their names to appear on the ballot. Those having objections to any of the candidates must also appear to state them to the committee.

### GREEK MISLEADERS SELL OUT.

ATHENS, (By Mail).—The strike of local Greek bakers was sold out by reactionary union officials.

## LOS ANGELES IN DRIVE FOR "DAILY" BIRTHDAY

(Special to the Daily Worker) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—This city has already started the ball rolling for the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the Daily Worker. Los Angeles workers intend to make it a real tribute to the only working class daily in the English language.

The local celebration will be held Sunday, Jan. 13, at Music Arts Hall, 233 S. Broadway. Under the direction of Paul C. Reiss, the energetic Daily Worker manager in this city, preparations are under way to make the celebration the biggest event of its kind yet held in this city. The program will include music, dancing, plays and speeches.

Campaign For Greetings. A campaign has also been started to secure greetings for the special anniversary edition of the Daily Worker. This has become the chief immediate task of the preparations for the celebration. Trade unions, workers' cultural and athletic clubs and other working class organizations will be canvassed for greetings.

Workers in all branches of the cloak and dress manufacturing industry here are to elect delegates today to the convention of the left wing cloak and dressmakers' union, which begins in Irving Plaza Hall, New York, on Dec. 29.

Voting in all locals, 2, 3, 9, 10, 22, 35 and 41, will take place from three polling places, and will last from 9 a. m. till 8 o'clock in the evening. The stations are: Joint Board headquarters, 16 W. 21st St. and Bryant Hall, (Sixth Ave. and 42nd St.). Members of Local 41 will elect their representatives at the Joint Board offices in the garment center district, 37th St. and Seventh Ave.

With the long awaited convention date but a few days off, the workers in this industry are developing tremendous enthusiasm for the establishment of the new industrial needle trades union, of which the new national furriers' union will be a part.

A graphic demonstration of the utter bankruptcy of the right wing was seen at the open forum meeting of cloak and dress makers in Bryant Hall yesterday afternoon.

One after another of the rank and file took the floor in a discussion of the fake trade program and peace manifesto issued by Benjamin Schlesinger, and expressed the ridicule with which this fake maneuver was received by the broad mass of workers in the industry. *Continued on Page Two*

## No Bread Shortage in Moscow; 66,000 Tons of Flour Stored for Use

(Wireless by "Inprecorr") MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 18.—Volkov, vice-chairman of the Moscow Soviet, addressed the Soviet session today concerning the rumors that there was a shortage in the bread supply. He declared emphatically that there was no bread crisis.

He explained that the temporary shortage was caused by errors in the trade organizations. Moscow has 66,000 tons of flour stored and the grain purchase organizations had guaranteed the maintenance of the supply.

## Morgan Family Holds Steel Trust Offices

Junius S. Morgan, Jr., and Walter S. Gifford have been elected directors of the United States Steel Corporation to fill vacancies, and Thomas W. Lamont has been elected a member of the finance committee of the corporation, it was announced late yesterday.

## BRITISH TORIES RAISE MOSCOW BOGEY AGAIN

Chamberlain Attacks Soviet Union in Address

### The Elections Are Near

MacDonald, Tories in False Promises

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Austen Chamberlain, British foreign minister, told the house of commons today, in answer to questions concerning the resumption of relations with the Soviet Union, that first the Soviet government must promise the "complete cessation of propaganda activities here."

As the general elections approach, both MacDonald and the Tories are attempting to win as much support as possible by false promises. The financial and industrial interests which Chamberlain represents are attempting to gain better business and at the same time win more support by opening again the question of Soviet relations.

The British imperialists are making use of the "Red scare" to suppress revolutionary labor.

## HOOVER DODGES URUGUAY LABOR

### Argentine Still Tries to Frame Workers

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 18.—Delays in the official routine for Herbert Hoover here, made necessary because of the hostility of the masses of the population and the desire of Hoover's party that every step be shrouded in masses of mounted police, plain clothes detectives, and soldiers, postponed his departure from this city until 11 o'clock this morning.

Even in his departure, Hoover was protected by armed forces of the government.

The president-elect and his party were brought to the Utah on the Uruguayan cruiser, Uruguay, which steamed out several miles to where the Utah was anchored. The Utah had been forced to go farther away from the docks when an exceptionally low tide yesterday threatened to strand her.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18.—The Iroquoian government continues its attempt to convict Manuel Searzo and others of an attempt to blow up the train carrying President-elect Hoover to this city from Chile. President Iroquoian's party is circulating the story that he, too, was included as a victim of the alleged plot.

## SILK UNION USES A.F.L. TERRORISM

Militant New Union to Fight Job Dismissals

(Special to the Daily Worker) PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 18.—Taking a stand which definitely assigns the Associated Silk Workers' Union as partner to the reactionary tactics of the American Federation of Labor bureaucrats, that union made a decision to have all sympathizers of the National Textile Workers' Union fired from their jobs.

A meeting of the Associated board yesterday also expelled 25 left wing workers who led the formation of the N. T. W. local, after the officials had broken the strike by removing from leadership the left wing strike committee.

The first victim of this "Communist-baiting" policy was already recorded when the owner in one of the "small" shops controlled by the Association summarily dismissed a progressive worker, not a Communist, on the order of Yanerelli, Associated organizer.

While the officialdom are trying to halt the speedy growth of the N. T. W. locals by making an alliance with the boss to use economic terror against the workers, their representatives issue hypocritical statements to the press which deny the

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## DISMISS TOOHEY CASE; COSSACKS FEAR EXPOSURE

Defense Demands Trial Go On; Arrests Onko, Brutal Trooper

### New Toohey Warrant

Darrow Says Union Is Framed Up

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 18.—The "riot" frame-up charge on which Pat Toohey, secretary treasurer of the National Miners' Union, was to go on trial today was dismissed by motion of the prosecution which feared the trial would expose



PAT TOOHEY.

the real reasons for the arrest and also the brutalities of state troopers. It was dismissed against the protest of the defense, which demanded trial. The defense immediately swore out a warrant for the arrest of Corporal Onko, the state trooper who beat up Toohey at the time of the arrest, and his hearing is set for Friday. Apparently in an attempt at retaliation and terrorism, the prosecution then secured a new warrant for Toohey; the specific charge is not known at present as the warrant has not yet been served.

Defense Prepared. The Toohey-Brophy "rioting" case was called to trial today with the assembling of such a staff of famous attorneys as was never before witnessed in these parts. The defense was all prepared and anxious to go to trial with Clarence Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hays as chief counsel.

At the opening of the court, and after a session between the sheriff and district attorney, and state troopers, the prosecution decided to nolle prosequere the case, for fear that trial would expose to the world the nefarious activities of state trooper and coal region justice.

The prosecutors wanted the case dismissed due to the fact that they

## Silk Hatted Whalen Takes Over the Job of Police Commissioner

Grover Whalen stuck a police badge up beside the gardenia on the lapel of his faultless morning coat at noon yesterday and swore to go in search of criminals in general and the slayer of Arnold Rothstein, in particular, telling his friends he would use discretion if he found any of them.

He became New York's third police commissioner in three years. Joseph Warren resigned because in handling the case of the gambler and drug magnate, Arnold Rothstein, v. as shot to death 43 days ago, it was necessary to have a scapegoat to cover up what the whole world knows now: that Tammany police and a lot of Riverside Drive residents were mixed in the "Rothstein racket."

Whalen has been lots of things during his life, but never a policeman. Most recently he was general manager of the John Wanamaker department store. He also was chairman of the mayor's reception committee to distinguished guests. For the first job he got \$100,000 a year; for the latter one he had the privilege of handing roses to Queen Marie.

Whalen yesterday, "accepted the resignations" of all deputy commissioners, and ordered the chief inspector, his deputies, and all other inspectors to appear before him today.

There is a persistent report that Whalen will be the democratic nominee for mayor when Walker's term expires.

## Fight Against the New Imperialist War!

STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF AMERICA IN PLENARY SESSION

Another war has begun as the fruit of Yankee imperialism in Latin America.

War is proceeding between Bolivia and Paraguay.

This is a war, not based on differences of interest between the Bolivian and Paraguayan peoples, but a war engineered by the imperialist government of the United States to fasten the chain of exploitation on the peoples of both Paraguay and Bolivia.

It is an imperialist war incited in the interests of Yankee investors in these countries. The Bolivian government is a puppet government which acts not as the representative of the Bolivian people, but as a shameless tool of the Wall Street bankers, the Yankee holders of mining, petroleum and other properties in Latin America, and of the United States government. The still more cruel exploitation of the toiling masses, the workers and peasants of both Bolivia and Paraguay, as well as those of all of the republics of Latin America, and the looting of the natural resources of these countries—this is the purpose of the war which United States imperialism has launched through its tool, the Bolivian government.

The Paraguayan government, on its part, is not a government of the workers and peasants of that country but of the bourgeoisie which exploits those masses and which relies for support upon conspiracies with imperialist powers, today with British imperialism—tomorrow perhaps a surrender to, and an even deeper conspiracy with, U. S. imperialism. The Paraguayan government being a government of the exploiting classes and not of the toiling masses, does not call upon the workers of the U. S. and peoples of Latin America to join in defeating the imperialist aggressions of the U. S., but instead it weakens the fighting strength of the masses by creating illusions, through accepting the dishonest proposals of arbitration by the "Pan-American Conference" controlled by the same Wall Street imperialists who instigate the imperialist war, or equally dishonest proposals by the League of Nations, really on behalf primarily of British imperialism.

The so-called "peace" and arbitration offers of the Pan-American Conference are only another means of facilitating the imperialist war plans by covering up the war forces.

The so-called "peace" overtures of the League of Nations represent the maneuvers of rival imperialisms, especially the British interests, which do not wish to protect the Latin-American peoples but only to take for themselves the privilege of exploiting the Latin American peoples.

### Sharpens Danger of Imperialist World War.

A sharp development in the struggle between United States imperialism and British imperialism, leading inevitably to world war, is inherent in the military aggression which the United States capitalists and their government have begun through the agency of the puppet government of Bolivia. The struggle between the two mightiest imperialist world powers for hegemony over Latin American countries, the offensive of Yankee imperialism aiming to oust the relatively weakening British imperialism from the sources of raw material, tremendously sharpens the danger of early arrival of the inevitable imperialist world war. These developments show beyond question the correctness of the view adopted by the last Congress of the Communist International which sees the growing antagonism between the European and the United States imperialisms.

The Big Navy Program now before the U. S. Congress marks the logical step in the present sharp advance of Yankee imperialism. Directed toward preparation for the coming war with Great Britain, the colossal increase in armament is also gauged to the program of imperialist aggression against Latin America, the Chinese revolution and against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

### Imperialist Plan—and Hoover, Its Agent.

Imperialism is the first order of the program of the United States government. To facilitate this colossal international capitalist crime, Herbert Hoover, whose post as president of the Dollar Republic of the North is purchased by the biggest Wall Street bankers interested in ruling and looting Latin America, is even now in South America. The "good will" tour of this imperialist engineer is already bearing its fruits in the murder of Paraguayan and Bolivian workers and peasants. Hoover, whom Wall Street selected as president, assumes the role of imperial ruler over the twenty republics of Latin America, which he and the class he represents hope to crush under the iron heel, to deprive of all semblance of independence and to make servile colonies of the Yankee imperialist government.

### U. S. War Against Nicaragua.

The criminal imperialist war of the United States government against the Nicaraguan people has continued nearly two years and is now being enlarged into open warfare against further Latin American peoples. And even this is only a beginning; the complete conquest of all republics of Latin America, the rape of their independence, and their reduction to servile colonies, is the program of Yankee imperialism. Thus far the shrewd Yankee conquerors operate through the corrupt Bolivian government as a tool against both the Bolivian and the Paraguayan masses. But this is only a beginning, to obtain a foothold. As the United States armed forces came to Nicaragua, so they will also come to Bolivia, Paraguay and other republics further south.

### Bloody History of Yankee Imperialism.

A whole series of events marks the development of the imperialist program for the conquest of the southern republics. The Monroe Doctrine long ago became the doctrine of the Yankee colonial empire throughout the Western hemisphere. In 1898 Cuba and Porto Rico were "liberated" from Spain, to become slave-colonies of the Wall Street empire. In 1903 by force and violence the Yankee government seized Panama. With a "loan" secured by control of its customs, the Dominican Republic was reduced to vassalage and in 1916 was seized by the United States marines, becoming a protectorate of the Yankee

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## ANTI-WAR MEET FRIDAY Party Membership Meeting Postponed

Because of the declaration of war between Bolivia and Paraguay instituted by American imperialism, the membership meeting that has been called for Friday, Dec. 21, has been called off and in its place a mass meeting to fight against imperialist war will be held at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., on that night—Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock.

All section organizers and section executives, all unit organizers are to mobilize the entire membership to attend this meeting. All Party members of all units are to mobilize the revolutionary workers to attend this meeting in protest against the war of oppression of Latin America and to fight the machinations of American imperialism, leading to another world war. All revolutionary workers on guard!

All revolutionary workers carry out your proletarian duty! Fight the imperialist war! Protect the interests of the American working class and the interests of all oppressed peoples!

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY. WILLIAM W. WEINSTONE, District Organizer.

## U. S. INTERESTS RETIRE BOLIVIA FROM OPEN WAR

Washington Confab Is Friendly Shelter as Opposition Grows

### Checks League Action

Stalls Counter Moves by A. B. C. Powers

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—While Bolivia today cabled Kellogg acceptance of the mediation offer of the Monroe Doctrine "conciliation" conference here, this does not mean that Standard Oil is defeated in the Chaco oil war, even though the military offensive is suspended.

Firstly, the case is left in the hands of Hughes and Kellogg, openly agents of American imperialism and controlling its lackeys of various Latin-American governments represented here. The function of this gang of bandits is now to terrorize Paraguay, which has foolishly left everything in their hands without making any reservations, into yielding most if not all Bolivian demands.

Secondly, the persistent efforts of Argentina to bring the dispute "settlement" back to Latin America from Washington, is defeated.

Thirdly, the League of Nations, representing largely British imperialism, is kept out of control.

To give the coup d'grace to the purely Latin-American Gondra Commission, which yesterday retired from the dispute at its session in Montevideo, the Venezuelan trained puppet of Hughes, brought up the matter of all the Latin-American governments abandoning the Gondra accord, signed in Chile in 1923. Francisco Parejo of Venezuela declared that to retain the Gondra accord was an error and a "backward step."

This awoke some differences and a commission was appointed to "consider the problem." The majority of the commission are governments known as satraps of Washington.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Darkness still hangs over what the League of Nations will do in the Bolivian-Paraguayan dispute. *(Continued on Page Five)*

## SHOE WORKERS PLEDGE DRIVE

Militants Meet, Sketch Organization Plan

An energetic drive for the organization of the workers in the shoe industry during the next season was decided upon by a mass meeting of shoe workers held last night under the auspices of the Independent Shoe Workers Union of Greater New York at Lorraine Hall, 790 Broadway, Brooklyn.

The first copy of the "Shoe Workers Voice," official organ of the Independent Union, was received with great acclaim by the enthusiastic meeting. A spirited appeal for members for the union was met with signed applications from many shoe workers until now unorganized. The organization drive is to be carried on on the basis of creating a militant union to fight wage cuts and all other attempts of the bosses to limit and decrease the rights of the workers.

Among the speakers were Alexander, the chairman; Joseph Magliacani, who spoke both in English and in Italian, and H. Levin, business manager of the Independent Union.

## PROTEST U.S. WAR INTRIGUE FRIDAY

### Workers Party Will Fight Imperialism

To protest the beginnings of a new world conflict with the declaration of war between the American puppet-government of Bolivia and Paraguay, a protest meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 21, 8 n. m. at the Central Opera House, 67th St., and Third Avenue, under the auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party.

The speakers will be Jay Lovestone, William Z. Foster, Otto Huiswood and Robert Minor. In its call to the meeting, the Party points out that only the power of the working class can prevent a new and horrible conflict and calls upon all workers to attend the protest meeting.

BELGIUM GUILTY OF BRUTALITY TO CONGO NATIVES

Workers Beaten With Rhinoceros Whips

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 18.—On returning from a trip to Africa, C. W. Williams, clerk in the Boston Juvenile Court, further substantiated the known fact that Belgium is guilty of great brutality to the natives of the Belgian Congo.

Williams declared that the 10,000 whites, who rule the 15,000,000 Negroes there, are exerting every effort and imposing extreme cruelties to prevent the passing of Nordic power and influence. Prisoners are driven to their forced labor with unpadding iron collars and chains about their necks and with the enslaved workers are goaded and beaten to their tasks by whites with rhinoceros-hide whips. The workers are forced to work from twelve to fifteen hours a day under a blazing sun, with no respite whatsoever.

Any semblance of organization, political or otherwise, is promptly broken up. In 1927, twenty men were sentenced to death for insurrection, to crush a revolt of the natives, but were saved from execution only by the intervention of a few whites.

No Redress Against Whites.

Though natives are the police of the Belgian Congo, which is eighty times as large as Belgium, they dare not arrest a white person on any charge. Neither have the natives any course of redress against a white, no matter what crime is committed against them. The running of trains, steamboats and all other activities, is made possible only by the natives, who do all the work.

The complete suppression by the Belgian imperialists of any native movement of organization lies in the way of freedom, but a combined revolt of the natives is likely to throw off the Belgian slave-drivers.

Poyntz Speaks Tonight at Organization Meet of the Office Workers

Juliet Stuart Poyntz, labor lecturer and educator, will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting of office workers to be held under the auspices of the Office Workers Union tonight at 8 p. m. at the Labor Temple, 14th St., at Second Ave.

According to a statement issued by the Office Workers Union, this meeting is a step in the intensive campaign undertaken by the union for the organization of the half million office workers in New York.

"The mass of office workers is still laboring under the illusion of the superiority of their position to that of industrial workers, which is so diligently maintained by the bosses and their press. The development of labor-saving machinery in offices and the consequent terrific 'speed-up' systems under which office workers now work, give the final blow to this myth and prove conclusively that office workers are subject to the same evils of exploitation and oppression at the hands of the employing class as the rest of the working class.

"We call upon all office workers to attend this mass meeting, join our union and build up a powerful organization of office workers."

Race Vaccine Across Alaska to Stop Its Small-pox Epidemic

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 18 (UP).—A dog team carrying a large supply of vaccine was racing down the Yukon to Holy Cross today in an attempt to stop a small-pox epidemic that is spreading inland from the coast.

Amateur radio stations at Anvik and St. George Island flashed a message from J. W. Chapman, postmaster at Anvik, to Governor George A. Parks at Juneau, telling of the epidemic.

Half of Anvik's supply of vaccine has been sent to Holy Cross which is 50 miles away. There is no apparent lack of vaccine at Anvik, the message indicated.

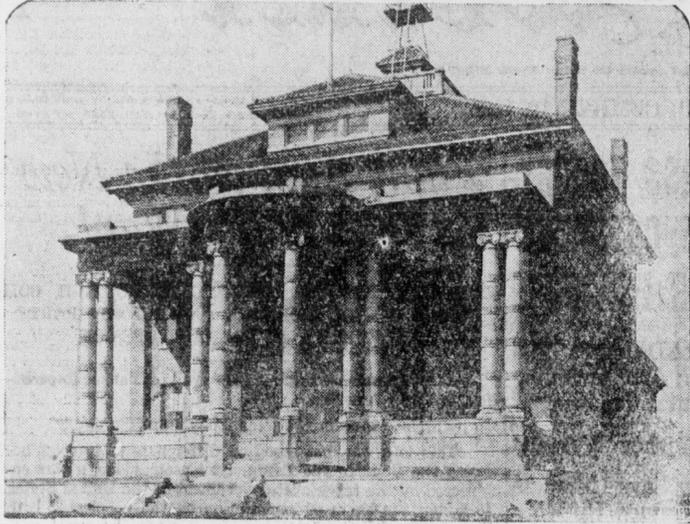
Harvey, Big Tammany Man, Allowed to Hold Two Jobs at One Time

George U. Harvey, recently elected president of Queens Borough, today received a certificate of election from the election commission. James J. Munro, an attorney, had attempted to obtain mandamus proceedings against Harvey's receiving the certificate because Harvey was a member of the board of aldermen at the time of his election.

Radio Board Again Helps Radio Monopoly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Federal Radio Commission continues to grant ship station licenses to the Radio Marine Corporation, a subsidiary of the Radio Corporation of America, in spite of recent court decisions in the radio tubes cases. The Radio Corporation of America applies to a monopoly of the best stations and wave lengths. Three new stations were granted it yesterday.

Possible Summer Rest-Home for "Overworked" President



Rather handsome servants' quarters is the picture above. But it happens to be Wall Street's servant and that makes all the difference. The photo shows the administration and observation building of the United States Weather Bureau station at Mount Weather, Va., about 47 miles west of Washington, which president Coolidge has suggested as a permanent summer white house. This modest little home has only 18 rooms and eight baths.

DISMISS TOOHEY 'RIOT' FRAMEUP

Prosecution Gets New Warrant for Miner

Continued from Page One had no case whatever. But at the hearing before Judges Reed and Cohen, the motion of District Attorney Gardner to nolle prosequere the case was fought bitterly by Attorneys Hays, Porter and Ellenbogen of defense counsel.

The judge declared to Hays that the "court could not be used for publicity purposes, as the defense intended."

Hays answered that deep issues of constitutional rights, freedom of speech, etc., were at stake, and that the defense wished to bring into light activities of the police in beating, clubbing workers, etc.

Due to the arrangement between the district attorney and the prosecution, the judge nolle prosequere the case, with costs on the county. The prosecution had no witnesses except the state police. The court room was filled with lawyers, students, ministers, labor leaders and miners.

The case attracted wide attention, and the defense counsel was prepared to make a brilliant fight for the rights of the workers.

Immediately after the case was nolle prosequere, a warrant was sworn out to arrest Corporal Onko, who viciously slugged Toohy at the Renton meeting where Toohy and Brophy were arrested. The warrant charges Onko with assault and battery.

As soon as this was known to the prosecution, it announced a new warrant had been issued for the arrest of Toohy. The nature of the new frame-up charge cannot be ascertained at present, as Toohy had not been arrested at a late hour today.

Darrow Outlines Case. Clarence Darrow has issued a long statement on the nolle prosequere of the case, and denouncing the new frame-up planned against Toohy, and condemning the state police as strikebreakers. He says:

"On March 6th, last, a meeting of striking and unemployed miners with their families were assembled in their own hall in Renton, Penna., while Patrick Toohy, leader of the Miners' Union, and John Brophy, another miner and leader, were addressing the crowd.

"Some ten or twelve members of the state constabulary forced themselves into the meeting, sitting in the back part of the hall; these were obviously trespassers and had no business whatever in the meeting and would, of course, never have dreamed of going to it if it had been called by the employers. These ignorant officials instructed the speakers as to what they could talk about and what they could not talk about. The police took their seats in the back of the hall, and at a certain time, without any reason whatever, made their way to the speakers' platform and ordered the meeting to disperse. After beating up Patrick Toohy, one of the speakers, they then took the two men to the home of Mr. Bard, one of the owners and officers of the Renton mine, and then telephoned the sheriff of Allegheny County to come to the house and arrest these two men. They were then taken to the sheriff's office and put under a searching inquisition and after holding them for an hour or two, an information was filed charging them with riot and inciting to riot. They were placed under bail and released.

Continued Raids. "Thereafter the district attorney presented the case before the grand jury and both defendants were indicted for riot and inciting to riot, and placed each under bond of a thousand dollars. This indictment was returned by the March grand jury, which has been pending until today. When the defendant came to court this morning the district attorney asked the judge to nolle prosequere the case and dismiss it previous to this time the same gang of police raided various meetings throughout the district for the evi-

N. Y. I. L. D. to Have House-to-house Drive Saturday and Sunday

City-wide house-to-house collections for the Christmas Fund Drive of the New York District of the International Labor Defense will be conducted this Saturday and Sunday. An intensive canvass will be made throughout the city for the purpose of collecting funds that will go for the defense of the 662 textile strikers who are being tried in New Bedford and the other class war cases now in the hands of the I. L. D.

The Christmas season, which is exploited by bourgeois "philanthropic" organizations for the fake charity with which they seek to crush the militancy of the workers, is being used by the International Labor Defense to strengthen the fighting front of the workers.

All workers and sympathizers are urged to help the struggle to save the New Bedford militants from jail, to free Money and Billings and the other class war prisoners, by contributing generously to the house-to-house collections.

Volunteers are wanted for the collections. They are asked to report to the office of the New York I. L. D., 799 Broadway, Room 422.

Drop Indictments in Knapp Case; After All No Worse Than Teapot

All remaining indictments against Mrs. Knapp, former census bureau head and secretary of state for New York State and charging her with forgery, false entry, and larceny, in the handling of \$1,200,000 census funds have been dismissed by Supreme Court Justice Callaghan, in Brooklyn, yesterday, at the motion of Special Deputy Attorney General George Z. Medaile. Mrs. Knapp was convicted on one count only, and served only a fraction of her 30 day sentence.

Yellow Dog Forced on the Indianapolis Silk Mill Workers

INDIANAPOLIS, (By Mail).—The company union now rules in the Real Silk Mills here. It is called the Employers' Mutual Benefit Association. Workers are forced to sign a yellow dog contract.

SEEK BURNED BODIES

HAZARD, Ky., Dec. 18 (UP).—Firemen continued digging in the debris of the Combs Hotel today in search of persons reported missing after fire destroyed the hotel Saturday night.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 18.—Baltimore cloak and dressmakers are called to attend a mass meeting, called by the N. O. C. for Wednesday evening in the Conservatory Hall, 1029 S. Baltimore St. A representative of the N. O. C. will come from New York to address the meeting.

The Yugoslav Worker Club Will Attend Red Poets' Night en Masse

The Yugoslav Workers' Club has ordered tickets for its entire membership for the third annual International Red Poets' Night, to be held Friday evening, Dec. 28, at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St.

The club is an educational organization of class-conscious workers and all the members are going to be present at Red Poets' Night and bring their friends.

For the first time since the founding of the institution of Red Poets' Night the Yugoslav workers will be represented. John Sizzorich, a contributor to "Radnick," Yugoslav Communist daily and a member of the Yugoslav Workers' Club, will be among those who will read.

Red Poets' Night this year will be more elaborate than ever before and the poets who will read will include a greater number of nationalities. Revolutionary poetry will be followed by revolutionary dancing or any kind of dancing at all to the strains of John C. Smith's Negro Jazz Band. Buy your tickets early!

REGISTER YOUR PROTEST AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR VOTE COMMUNIST

PICK DELEGATES TO CLOAK MEET

Convention to Be Held Here Soon

Continued from Page One the discussion at the open forum was Louis Hyman, chairman of the National Organization Committee of the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—A report delivered by the secretary of the Boston Central Trades Council at the last meeting of that reactionary A. F. of L. body, shows how desperate the Boston labor-fakerdom is at the fast growth of the left wing local of the cloak and dressmakers' union there.

The ridiculous extremes to which they are ready to go in their efforts to halt that local's progress can be seen when a report was made by Secretary Greiges that he and two officials of the right wing cloak makers' local had gone to the chief of police to warn him of catastrophic consequences for the city of Boston, if the "agents of Arnold Rothstein" were permitted to call strikes here.

In this he was referring to the action of the left wing local in calling an organization strike against the Sally Dress Co. From the A. F. of L. fakers' report it was learned that the three Boston boosters had told the chief of police that Julius Portney, N. O. C. representative from New York, who had led in the decision to call a strike against the firm, had come to Boston as agent of Arnold Rothstein, the dead gambling chieftain, in order to disturb the peace of the city.

The basis for this maneuver is the scurrilous attacks the socialist "Forward" recently made on the left wing. One day they claimed that the files of Rothstein, in possession of the grand jury, would show that Rothstein was an agent of the Communists and the next day they charged that Rothstein was the ringleader of the Communist strikes. Public discredit has by now forced even the "Forward" to stop these idiocies. This, however, did not prevent their Boston colleagues from aping them.

Despite the order of the police that picketing at the struck shop be halted, the workers are determined to continue fighting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Edge of New Jersey, who has been on a recent scouting expedition for American imperialism in Central America, seeking to make its position there more impregnable than ever, reported to the senate yesterday that Nicaragua is now "ready" for the construction of the proposed canal. He said, furthermore, that it is needed for war purposes.

Nicaragua Now Ready for Canal Says Edge in Report to Senate

He based this "readiness" on the somewhat shaky evidence of the "good will" dope spread about Hoover's visit to the coastal city of Corinto, and the undeniable fact that the two lackeys, Moncada and Diaz, had licked Hoover's shoes till the polish came off. Edge evaded all mention of Sandino's continued resistance for national independence.

Edge was arguing for \$150,000 to make a new survey across Nicaragua for the proposed canal, which he claims, is a matter of "national defense," and would shorten the New York-San Francisco route by 18 hours and accommodate 79 per cent of the present Panama traffic which is crowding that route.

Women's Course Starts at N. Y. Worker School

"Woman in History" is the title of a course that Pauline Rogers, agitprop director of the Women's Dept. of the New York district of the Workers (Communist) Party, will give at the New York Workers School, 26 Union Sq., beginning tonight. The course will be of particular interest to women active in labor struggles, and particularly in the organization of working women.

ARMY GOOD TO FRIENDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP).—A cease of the former Boston army base to the Bay State Shipping Company of Boston for five years, beginning Jan. 1, was authorized today by the U. S. Shipping Board.

BROACH CLAIMS VICTORY; FAILS TO SIGN BOSSES

Has Jobless Fund Plan to Bleed Members

(By a Worker Correspondent) An increase of ten per cent in the daily wage, and the five day, 40-hour week has been granted by part of the electrical contractors of Brooklyn and the Bronx.

This increase was won by a militant attitude on the part of the membership of the local here of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and this membership was led in this fight by the progressive group within Local 3, the group that International Vice President H. H. Broach is trying to break up.

But that fact did not prevent Broach at the union meeting in Central Opera House from stepping forward, exaggerating the gains, and taking all the credit for the "successful negotiating," a "complete victory, except for a few minor reservations," says Broach.

No Big Bosses Yield. Among these minor reservations which Broach hardly mentioned is the fact that most of the workers will not profit by the new deal, because the big contractors, according to Broach, "couldn't be included."

At the meeting referred to above, Broach, apparently feeling confident that the audience of electrical workers were swallowing this bunk whole, proceeded in a self-satisfied way to outline a program for unemployment relief. The contractors, angels of mercy according to this program, will dig up a million dollars a year, and Broach will distribute to needy electrical workers half a million a year. He characteristically did not explain where the other half million would go.

He had to admit that when he first proposed this plan to some "friendly" contractors, they thought it absurd. Broach insisted that he would teach them to pay. "They will learn to pay," this little Caesar declaimed.

Membership Will Pay. The progressives warn the membership that this unemployment relief plan will not cost the contractors anything. Some means will be found to assess the union membership for it, and Broach will be more helped than the unemployed by it.

And to top off this meeting, H (is) H (ighness) Broach delivered the usual blast against Communists and progressives. He suspects them of seeing thru some of his high sounding schemes, programs, and negotiations.

One of the things we are exposing him for is his order to an obedient rat, "Jack" Solomon, to go around and lift the cards of all those helpers who were not able to attend an electrical school for which they have to pay out of their own pockets, whether they can attend or not.

This school was founded at the suggestion of Broach for the purpose of turning out efficient and obedient workers, but it can not seem to get the loyalty or enthusiasm of the helpers, who know that any scheme of Broach's can have only the effect of sapping the hard earned dollars out of their pockets.

Newark Worker School Opens Tomorrow Night With Important Courses

The Newark Branch of the Workers School starts in real earnest this week with the beginning of three important classes, English on Thursday at 8 p. m., Fundamentals of Communism, Friday at 8 p. m., and Marxian Economics, Friday at 9:30 p. m.

A. Markoff, instructor in the Workers School of New York City, is the director of its Newark Branch and in addition will teach two courses on Friday evening. It is planned to organize courses later on in Trade Unionism and American History and Principles of Marxism.

The courses are open to all workers who wish to train themselves for the class struggle and for more effective work in working class organizations to which they may be long. The fee has been reduced to the minimum so as to enable all workers to attend classes at this school. Special provision, moreover, has been made for unemployed workers and for workers on strike.

The plan of the Workers School is to have its Newark Branch become the educational center for all militant workers in New Jersey. The aim is to have the fighting workers of Elizabeth, New Brunswick and other cities train at this school. Those who wish to take any classes at the Newark Branch of the Workers School should register immediately.

Yuditch to Talk at Amalgamated Fraction

P. Yuditch, of the staff of "The Freiheit," will lecture on "The Left Wing in the Trade Unions" tomorrow night at 7:30 at a mass meeting of the Amalgamated fraction of the Trade Union Educational League at the Workers Center, 26 Union Square.

All members of the Trade Union Educational League are urged to be present, especially shirtmakers, vestmakers, and other clothing workers.

Doctor Cured Patients Too Ardently



The "respectable" medical profession, which includes many leading pillars of society, is once more revealed to be a trifle shady below the surface. Dr. Byron M. Harman, superintendent of the Essex Mountain Sanitarium in New Jersey is now on trial for offences against bourgeois morality which he didn't hide well enough. It seems that Miss Elmer Gantry was entirely too devoted to certain of his lady patients. Photo shows the hearing where Bertie Galloway (right center) testified concerning the doctor's indiscretions.

KILLS STARVING CHILD Released to Watch Two Others Starve

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 18 (UP).—An apparently hopeless fight against grinding poverty, climaxed by a question as to whether "Santa Claus would forget again this year" to visit her little home, led Mrs. Anna Kempf several weeks ago to try to poison herself and her three small children.

With almost the last of her money, the mother bought a cardboard container of ice cream and a package of rat poison. She mixed them and the family sat down to what the children greeted as a treat. She thought it would be the end of their earthly troubles, at least.

RAP PRESENCE OF BALBO, FASCIST

Plan Mass Campaign Against Murderer

A resolution of protest against the bloody activities of Italo Balbo, right-hand man to Mussolini and delegate to the recent aviation conference was adopted at a joint meeting of the International Labor Defense and the Anti-Fascist Alliance Sunday night at the Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place.

The Anti-Fascist Alliance charges that Balbo, ex-generalissimo of the fascist militia and minister of aviation, is responsible for the murder of tens of thousands of workers tortured to death in Italy, and fifteen thousand now in exile or imprisoned.

The resolution adopted follows: "Whereas, the American government has welcomed to this country Italo Balbo, former generalissimo of the fascist militia of Italy, and who has personally taken part in the torturing and killing of workers; and

"Whereas, we consider the presence of Balbo an insult to the American workers and their organizations; be it therefore

"Resolved, that this conference calls upon the American working class, and especially the members of the organizations that we represent,

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GREEK TERROR DOES NOT WANT INVESTIGATION

Denies Barbusse's Torture Charges

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Greek premier, Venizelos, has answered the questions of Barbusse, the French revolutionary writer and chairman of the Committee for the Defense of the Victims of the White Terror in the Balkans, by declaring that his information was false and advising him to base his demands only on official information.

Barbusse had demanded that an investigation committee be allowed into Greece.

The Greek "Workers Aid," branch of the International Red Aid, has reported that it is in the position to give information on the exiling and jailing of workers and peasants.

According to its report, 50 more workers and peasants have been banished to 11 deportation islands for a period of time ranging from 6 months to 4 years.

Fifty young soldiers have been imprisoned in the catacombs of Kalpaki, a desolate spot in the mountains where the prisoners die from hunger and torture. They were suspected of having Communist ideas.

The police commission can sentence workers and peasants to terms of banishment without any trial.

Antillian Songsters at Latin-American Dance on Saturday

The entertainment and dance arranged for Saturday night, Dec. 22, at the New Harlem Casino, 116th and Lenox Avenue for the benefit of the Spanish workers' paper, "Vida Obrero" by the Spanish Bureau of the Workers (Communist) Party promises to be one of the most colorful affairs in working class entertainments.

It is announced that the Antillian Group, a quartet of Latin-Americans who work for the Oriental Music Company in recording the latest Latin-American songs, has been added to the program. They will appear at the dance with their latest songs and costumes and they will accompany their songs with their typical Antillian instruments which have no name in the English language. The group consists of Pedro Marcano, tenor; Amon Aunes, baritone; Rafael Gonzales and Pedro Flores.

Tickets can be procured at the Workers Book Shop, 26 Union Square and at the Spanish Center, 55 West 113th St.

The original Isadora Duncan Dancers of Moscow will perform in a special Program of Revolutionary Dances at the Fifth Anniversary of the Daily Worker. Tickets are on sale at the Daily Worker office.

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# Yorkville Miners Face Dismissal If They Do Not Buy Shares in Fake Cooperative

## BOSSSES' SCHEME WILL LEAD TO BIG WAGE SLASHES

### National Mine Union Is Fighting Trick

(By a Worker Correspondent)

WHEELING, W. Va. (By Mail). Trying to convert the hot-bed of union activities for the National Miners Union in Eastern Ohio into an incubator of "Cooperatives"—the coal operators have been met by the fighting spirit of the rank and file miners led by the new union. At Yorkville, Ohio, where the Walnut Mill Coal Co. has started a "co-operative" mine, the employees have been given an ultimatum by the company that if they do not become stockholders they must accept a wage slash. This ultimatum of the "co-operative" resulted in a lockout of all non-stockholders in the mine.

The Yorkville "co-operative" mine employs about a hundred men. About forty of these are stockholders and the others are regular employees. On Saturday the non-stockholders were told by the coal company that if they would not become shareholders their wages would be slashed from \$8 to 40 cents a ton, day labor from \$5 to \$4.25 a day.

Even stockholders joined the others who were locked out from the mine.

Want Militant Union.

At a mass meeting in Yorkville on Sunday many miners and other workers unanimously agreed that workers and miners cannot compete with the big operators by starting cooperatives. Many expressed themselves by saying "we will build a strong rank and file miners union. This is the only way to fight the coal operators." "Join the National Miners Union."

Nine shareholders resigned from the share and joined the ranks of the new union. Non-stockholders and shareholders who were tricked into this agreement were, early Monday morning, fighting this fake cooperative at Yorkville. A picket line was formed and "co-operative" mining proposition was explained to the twenty or thirty men who entered the mine to work.

"Co-op" Tricks Workers.

This fake cooperative at Yorkville in which many miners have invested their last pennies and into which they have been tricked by the coal company, will sooner or later be crushed by the company resulting in the loss of money and free labor by the coal diggers. The company will step on the shareholders forcing them out of the company. In fact they have already started this.

From the pay of all shareholders twenty dollars was deducted by the company to meet the expenses of the company. One of the miners who has slaved for two weeks was short six dollars to meet the twenty dollar demand of the company. He had worked for two weeks and only earned fourteen dollars. Instead of getting some pay on pay-day he was forced to dig into his own pocket to meet the twenty dollar demand of the stockholders.

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## Boston & Maine Fires 8 for Mediation Plea

(By Federated Press)

Members of the American Federation of Railroad Workers have appealed to the federal railway mediation board against union-busting tactics of the Boston & Maine in its Concord shops. Piece work rates have been cut repeatedly, with the aid of the Mechanical Employes Assn., a B. & M. company union.

When eight union men appealed to John Davie, state labor commissioner, they were promptly fired. Davie has censured the B. & M., but the men are still jobless.

## Put Machinery to Work in Alabama Coal Mines

By ART SHIELDS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (FP)—U. S. Steel is leading a revolution in mining methods that is changing the coal pits of Alabama into mechanized plants. At Wylan Mine No. 8, one of the corporation's most modern properties, the coal is brought to the surface by a half mile of conveyor belts.

"When I went to work here in 1880 you had to be a practical miner," said an old coal digger, "and you got out clean lump coal for the domestic trade. Now all you got to do is to shovel, and lots of that. They don't care about lump coal any more—it's burned in an iron furnace."

130 Tons a Day.

The old miner who picked out four or five tons of coal in a day is gashed as he sees the production of a mechanical scraper in the Ruby mine of Alabama By-Products Co. in a 9-hour shift a crew of four, assisted by a shot firer and timberman, loads 100 to 130 tons. The scraper operates in an 80-foot room, scooping up 1,500 pounds of coal at a time, and heaping up a two-ton car in three scoops.

Even where natural conditions are

## New Buildings Mark 11th Year of Soviets



A new hospital in one of the villages of the Soviet Union. The building was opened on November 7 during the celebration of the 11th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution. This will be the center for spreading sanitation measures and health information among the peasants of the province. Every year sees further measures taken by the Soviet Government to improve the lot of the peasants.

## Capitalist Politicians Hoax Old Paperman to Get Vote

(By a Worker Correspondent)

I was helping an elderly woman across the street when she asked me: "Is this Twelfth Street?"

"Yes, this is Twelfth Street" I answered her, "what number are you looking for, lady?"

"I don't want any number, I am looking for a theatre on Twelfth Street. Do you know where it is?"

I only knew of one, which was several blocks up, on Second Avenue, and I offered to take her there. "But what is it you want at the theatre now?" my curiosity made me ask.

And then she related to me the whole story and said:

"I don't want the theatre, I am looking for a man who has a newspaper stand near the theatre, and he said it was on Twelfth Street. He is such an old man, and works so hard, and he can't even make a living. He wants to make a complaint to the newspaper company for sending him bundles of papers that are short. His wife is very sick, and she can't go to stand there in his place while he makes the complaint. I am his next door neighbor, and I want to help the poor people. He thought it was heaven when he was allowed to open the newspaper stand there. For three elections he voted for the republican party because they promised him that if he votes for them they will give him a permit to have the stand there. Every time he voted for them and he went to their big offices, they made fun of him and kicked him out. But now that he got the stand, he is too sick to work, and he has other troubles too. The other day, the newspaper company threw down a package of papers for him. They threw it in the middle of the street, and before he had a chance to take it, a big truck came along and ran over the papers, and spoiled the whole package for him, and he had to pay for it. When he told the company about it they said that he should have run for the papers right away. But how can the poor man be expected to run if he can't even walk."

Just then we reached the stand where the old man stood. I watched them greet each other, and departed. But the woman's innocent cry of injustice rang in my ears a long time afterwards. She knew nothing of the ways and rulerships of the capitalist society. She saw through her ignorance that there was something wrong somewhere, she knew that this world was being mismanaged. She did not understand the cause of it all.

Most of the men speak Spanish. After dinner about a dozen of us retire to the locker room to rest for half an hour. There my fellow workers carry on a conversation in Spanish, which to me is just a lot of noise. They read the newspaper "La Prensa." I don't know its politics or believe it is conservative.

I hear some grumbling. It is directed at the bosses directly in charge or at some fellow worker. And some grumble about an extra amount of work like they would about the weather.

These workers are willing to work at high speed and some of them even run while working.

Recently I detected some radical thinking among my shopmates. One day as I carried a tray of glasses to the water fountain, I warbled the words: "You'll get pie in the sky when you die." A waitress asked me if I had heard that song at a Communist meeting. Then she voted to inform me that she had voted Communist in the last election.

R. L. GREER.

## Ex-Grand Duke Admits He's Out for All Time

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Ex-Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaevich Romanoff, cousin of the late czar and pretender to the throne of Russia, is reported dying at the little town of Antibes, France. Before he became too sick for active intrigues against the workers' and peasants' government of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Nicholas is reported to have dismissed his royalist hangers-on with the sad assurance that plans to conduct a counter-revolution in Russia with money supplied by American millionaires had fallen through because so many Russian aristocrats had swindled so many American millionaires with such schemes recently that the "live ones" in New York are tired of the game.

## Admiral Tells How War Preparations Make Big Profit for Capitalist

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP)—American business was enriched by \$67,000,000 during the year ending June 30, 1928 as the result of 3,627 contracts let by the navy bureau of supply and accounts, Navy Admiral Charles Morris, chief, reported today.

As the result of materials purchased for aircraft construction, modernization of battleships and construction of cruisers, Admiral Morris reported, expenditures were \$13,000,000 larger than in the last fiscal year.

Cal Makes Presidency Pay; Saves Up \$400,000

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## Rochester Traction Bosses Get Dime Fare

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The New York State Railway Co. has announced that the fares on all street cars and busses in Rochester will be 10 cents beginning January 1, 1929. At the same time the company is planning to enforce yellow dog conditions on the workers.

## Chicago Workers to Have 4-Day Bazaar

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—The Chicago district of the Workers (Communist) Party will hold its annual bazaar at the Workers Center, 2021 W. Division St., for four days beginning Dec. 21.

The first night the Finnish members will take charge of the bazaar, and on succeeding nights the Jewish, Lithuanian, South Slavs, and Czechs. The last night, Christmas Eve, a special children's program will be given, on the pattern of those of the Russian Komsomols (Young Communists), with the Pioneers in charge.

All Chicago Workers Party members are asked to bring prizes for the bazaar to their next nucleus meeting, and all tickets out must be settled for at the bazaar.

## Crew Rescued When Spanish Ship Sinks

MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 1 (UP)—The Spanish steamer Dei fina, enroute here from Swansea, sank off the Isle of Man today. The crew of 32 men was rescued by the Liverpool steamer Huntsman.

## FORCE WORKERS TO PRAY FOR THE MAGNATE'S SOUL

### But Pay Is Docked for Time Spent in Church

(By a Worker Correspondent)

PITTSFIELD, Mass. (By Mail). General Electric Co., the largest factory in this city, which employs about 6,000 men and women, has adopted a new exploitation system, the so-called "premium system." This system is a piece work method.

In the Radio Department women are paid \$12.00 a week while learning, for two weeks. After that they are given piecework, and by doing their utmost, make only \$5.00 a week. None of the workers are organized, and the Co. employment head John Chesney sees to it that no "agitator" gets in.

Recently E. A. Jones, head of the Paper Making Machine Co. died. He "loved" his slaves so much that he allowed them to work overtime for straight time, and when he died, the slaves, who made his millions were told to go to church. Some of them, who have been working ten years and more, thought they might get some money after his death, but when their next pay day came, they found out that they were docked for the time spent in church! After a week, E. A. Jones' will was published in the local reactionary Berkshire Eagle. Most of his two millions went to his wife, to the Y. M. C. A. churches and missionaries, and to some of his officials, who had plenty. But for the slaves, who worked, nothing. For his house servants he left \$100 for each year of service, with the remark that no one should be given more than \$1,000 though he may have slaved for him all his life.

—PROLETARIAN.

## WHO CARES IF KING IS DYING?

### Another Puppet Will Oppress Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The king of England is dying; what of it? Hundreds of thousands of people are dying every day in the streets, in the shops, in the homes. The king is only one of these, but it's truly lucky for the American press that he is dying. So far this week, Lindbergh hasn't been married, nor has Mrs. Snyder been electrocuted, nor a Rothstein murdered. So the king has obligingly become ill at a time when the world is most disconcertedly peaceful, except for a war or two, that doesn't interest the great mass of the American public.

The king of England is dying. The topic should be exhausted. Yet it's the most important news this week, without doubt. Details of his exact temperature, his pulse, his bed and blankets could only take up a half page. His royal family, his doctor, his doctor's family and a few pictures of his bedroom slippers and dressing table, might fill a column or two, but how our honored contemporaries manage to fill pages about it every day, is beyond our understanding.

The king of England is dying—the dummy, the puppet, the petty little figure head is passing away. But what of it if he does die? Another little puppet will spring up in his place, the great affairs of state, (entering to capitalism, and exploiting labor), will go on as before. So again, we repeat, why expend all that energy? The king of England is dying; what of it?

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## RUMANIAN PARTIES USE GUNS

VIENNA, Dec. 18.—Two clashes between Rumanian Peasant Party supporters and followers of former Premier Vintila Bratianu, the leader of big landlords and capitalists, were reported from Bucharest today.

A number of political opponents engaged in a fight near the capital, the Telkoms agency reported. Revolver shots were exchanged and several persons injured.

## Modern Witch-Doctor



The killing of Nelson D. Rehnauer, a farmer near York, Pa., by three youths actuated by a belief in witchcraft, has revealed the fact that several other murders in this section have been inspired by witch-doctors, shamans and medicinemen of various kind, exploiting human credulity for profit. Photo shows one of these modern fakery in action.

## BRITISH PLANES TO FLY TO KABUL

### Wireless From Afghan Capital Cut

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 18.—The British air force in India is reported to be making preparations to fly to Kabul, the Afghan capital, where tribes, incited by British agents, have been fighting with the forces of King Amanullah. The reason given is to relieve the British legation.

All wireless communications with Kabul were completely interrupted today. No news has been received since yesterday. Reports from British sources on the Afghan frontier yesterday stated that the king and queen had taken refuge in a fort after the army had turned against them.

## Union Teachers Object Lusk's Propaganda

(By Federated Press)

Union teachers have entered a vigorous protest against the deal made between the Allied Patriotic Societies and the New York school officials to loosen the 100 percenters' propaganda on immigrant workers. The Allied Patriotic Societies, supporters of the Lusk laws, are in charge of writing and putting into the hands of parents a series of lessons in English.

School children are to be taught how to teach their parents to speak English but the subject matter of the lessons is left to this reactionary group.

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## NEW AFGHAN CAPITAL

KABUL, Afghanistan (By Mail).—A new Afghan capital, Darlahman, will replace Kabul, the present capital, an ancient city.

## 'The Viking' Is Only Mildly Interesting Color Picture

THE main offering on the new program at the Embassy Theatre is a Technicolor picture, entitled "The Viking," with Pauline Stark and Donald Crisp playing the leading roles.

Other "talky" bits that embellish the show include Vincent Lopez playing several of his well known selections; Lowell Sherman in a short comedy, and Cliff Edwards, better known as Ukelele Ike.

The main virtue of the picture, which is based on "The Thrall of Leif the Lucky," is that it shows a decided improvement in color photography, although there is still room for much finer differentiation of nature's tints. The general color runs to a brownish cast throughout its length.

The drama itself is only mildly interesting, as it depicts a series of events in narrative form, not held together sufficiently by underlying emotional conflicts. Briefly, it tells the story of the Norse explorer, Leif Ericsson; his ward, Helga, and a captured English nobleman, Alwin, on their first trip of discovery to the New World. At the end the picture is focussed on the old Stone Tower in Newport, R. I., which is still a mystery to scientists.

The best performance in the cast is given by Anders Randolph as Eric the Red, with Donald Crisp as Leif Ericsson almost as good. Pauline Stark as Helga has the advantage of much of Wagner's Ring music by the theatre orchestra to assist her characterizations, but LeRoy Mason as Alwin was hopelessly miscast and does not look the part he portrays. In fact, the actor's make-up strongly suggests the famous photograph of Cosmo di Medici at the Pitti Palace in Florence.

To sum up, "The Viking" is only a so-so photoplay with its chief interest on the color side.

## 2 Fishermen Rescued Nine Miles Off Coast

ANGELSEA, N. J., Dec. 18 (UP).—A coast guard patrol boat rescued today two fishermen who had been adrift at sea more than 24 hours in a 30-foot motorboat with a disabled engine.

The rescued men are Jesse Little and Richard Bartleson. Their wives, alarmed at their failure to return home last night, asked the coast guard to search. The guardsmen found the men nine miles off Angelsea.

## MISLEADERS BETRAY FORT WAYNE, Ind. (By Mail)

When the workers employed in the construction of a department store building were on the way to winning their strike they were betrayed by union misleaders, who allowed federal conciliators to settle the strike, the workers making only a partial gain.

## WOULD BUILD SECRET WHITE HOUSE

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## PLAY MAGNATES EXPLOIT CHILD LABOR ON STAGE

### Bosses Are Friends of Politicians

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO, (By Mail).—The child labor cases that were pending against the Marks Brothers Marbro Theatre since last August blew up when a farce fine of \$5 for each child illegitimately employed was levied against the theatre. Charges that the case was "fixed" have been made. The manager of Abbott's Dancing School, which furnished the child labor, is said to have admitted the "fixing" of the case. Due to theatre advertising, the Chicago paper refused to mention the case. The Abbott Dancing School, managed by women, is said to be notorious for furnishing child labor to the stage. The children are exploited by the theatre managers. The child labor law violations mainly occur in the big motion picture houses, which handle first run pictures, put on stage shows, jazz bands, and vaudeville acts. These are hooked up with circuits which book acts to travel in all parts of the country. One of the worst offenders is the powerful Public Theatre Corp., owned by Barney Balaban, of Balaban and Katz. Balaban is a big shot with Chicago politicians.

## Forced to Suspend New Gas Rates for Newark

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 18.—A threatened rebellion of housewives has caused the Public Service Electric and Gas Company to permit the very docile State Public Utilities Commission here to suspend the new gas rates, scheduled to go into effect January 1. The rates would have raised the price on small consumers and lowered it on large ones using it for manufacturing purposes.

## TRY WOMAN GRAFTER

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (UP).—Trial of Asa Keyes, former district attorney and seven co-defendants charged with bribery was continued today until Jan. 7.

## SUE HASTING'S MARIONETTES AT MARTIN BECK

The Theatre Guild will present four performances of Sue Hasting's Marionettes at the Martin Beck Theatre during Christmas week. The dates are December 26, 27, 28 and 29 and the time is 11:30 a. m.

The program will consist of a drama, "Peter Rabbit," and a revue, probably the first revue produced in New York in years that didn't cost, according to its producers, a quarter of a million.

## ROMBERG BALLETS SUCCESS IN MOSCOW

Sigmund Romberg, composer of "The New Moon," received word that his new ballet, "America," was given its Russian premiere in Moscow recently by Lina Marett and her dancers. According to the cable, the ballet was received with unceasing applause, the dancers being forced to return to the stage for sixteen bows. Miss Marett will present the ballet next in Vienna the middle of this month.

## Chicago Worker Party Bazaar to Be Held at Center Dec. 22, 23, 24

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—All arrangements for the Workers (Communist) Party bazaar, to be held at the Workers Center, 2021 W. Division St., on Dec. 22, 23 and 24, have been completed and only a few minor details remain to be carried out.

Fractions of the Young Workers (Communist) League are preparing entertainment for each night of the bazaar. Food will be prepared and served by the various nationalities, according to special selection of dishes by each nationality and in accordance with the special customs of each.

The entire membership of the district is being urged to push especially the collection of articles and donations.

## IMPERIALIST RECESS.

LONDON, Dec. 18 (UP)—Premier Baldwin announced today that the House of Commons would reconvene January 22, after the Christmas recess, which starts Thursday.

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## U. S. INTERESTS RETIRE BOLIVIA FROM OPEN WAR

Stalls Counter Moves  
by A. B. C. Powers

(Continued from Page One)  
guayan war. If the reported special session called for Friday takes up the matter, the conflict with American imperialism will be much sharpened, while if everything is left to the Washington conference, things will not go the way the league, dominated by Britain, desires.  
The usual "unofficial" press statements show the concern of the powers dominating the league, whose interests demand intervention, but whose conflict with American interests will become open if intervention is construed as violation of the Monroe Doctrine.  
Brundh hints broadly to the press that if Latin-American governments were "let alone by big business interests" there would be no trouble, and that this is directly applied to American interests is shown by the addition of a comment that the league has not yet found any way to "dictate to private property when it starts working through other people's governments."  
It is also frankly stated that the league would prefer intervention by the A. B. C. powers of Latin America, rather than by Washington, but if Washington continues to provoke war while faking conciliation, the league will act.

Germany "Faces West."  
BERLIN, Dec. 18.—German return to the family of imperialist powers, limited though it may be, is not, besides its ambiguous position toward Soviet Russia, in the intense excitement over the Bolivia-Paraguay war.

The Boersen Zeitung openly states that Hoover's reception at Buenos Aires was "a Monroe Doctrine demonstration addressed to Geneva." It adds that American interests "will decide over war or peace."  
The press generally reminds America that a general South American war, which can easily occur with Argentina's entry, would be "even more injurious to United States trade than that of European countries." And America is already "suspicious" of it.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18.—That American imperialism's efforts to get all power of "settling" wars it provokes in Latin America into the hands of its dummy Washington conference on "conciliation and arbitration" by destroying purely Latin American arbitral bodies and warning the British-controlled League of Nations to keep hands off, is meeting with resistance, is seen by the last day's developments in the Bolivia-Paraguay war situation.

While Bolivia has snubbed the League of Nations by open war actions simultaneously with evasive replies to League notes, has fought purely Latin American adjustment by letting the existing commission set up last summer here die of inertia, by rebuffing and isolating the Gendra Commission sitting in Uruguay, and ignoring the offer of Chile to mediate, and taken the case to "friendly hands" at Washington.

Paraguay has accepted all offers of mediation from all sources, and yesterday while cabling Kellogg acceptance of the Yankee imperialist Washington conference's offer, ended by stating that Paraguay "in-

## Fraternal Organizations

**Spanish Workers Dance.**  
The Spanish Fraction of the Workers (Communist) Party will hold its first dance Saturday evening, Dec. 22, at Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave. Proceeds will go for the organization of Spanish workers and the support of their organ "Vida Obrera." As this will be a real international affair, please do not arrange any other affair on that date.

**Office Workers.**  
The Office Workers' Union has arranged a dance for Washington's Friday eve, Feb. 22, at the Lenox Manor. Sympathetic organizations are asked not to arrange any affair for that evening.

**Women Theatre Party.**  
The New York Working Women's Federation will have a theatre party at the Provincetown Theatre, 133 McDougal St., Saturday evening, Dec. 22, presenting the play "Singin' Jailbirds." All the proceeds will go to the building up of the Women's International League. Tickets can be obtained at 25-28 Union Square.

**Freiheit Singing Society.**  
For the first time in New York, the Freiheit Singing Society will present the play "Singin' Jailbirds" with a symphony orchestra conducted by Lazar Weiner. The play will take place Saturday, Dec. 22, at Carnegie Hall, 57th St. and 5th Ave. Tickets can be gotten at the Freiheit office, 30 Union Sq.

**Brownsville Dance.**  
The Brownsville Youth Center will hold its first dance Saturday evening, at the Brownsville Labor Lyceum, 219 Sackman St., Brooklyn.

**Women Theatre Party.**  
A good opportunity for Jewish workers to see the regular week-end play "The Schwartz Art Theatre" on 14th St. and 3rd Ave., on Friday evening, Feb. 8, at reduced prices if advance tickets are bought. The full price will be charged on the day of the performance. Tickets in advance may be gotten at the central office of the United Council of Working Women, 80 E. 11th St., Room 533, or phone Stuyvesant 6576.

**Williamsburg I. L. D. Dance.**  
The Williamsburg branch of the I. L. D. will give a dance and concert on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, at 8 p. m. The funds collected at the dance will be donated to the class war prisoners. Admission will be 25 cents.

**Mutual Aid League Dance.**  
The annual Rainbow Ball of the League for Mutual Aid will be held this Friday at Beethoven Hall, 210 E. 5th St.

**Negro Entertainment, Dance.**  
A Negro entertainment and dance has been arranged by section 4 of the Workers (Communist) Party at 55 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, for Saturday, Dec. 22. An interesting program is being prepared.

**Unity Cooperative Ball.**  
A concert and ball will be given by the Unity Cooperative in celebration of the conference that Argentina, "being profoundly interested," had offered mediation and that Paraguay had accepted while Bolivia had not.

This "gentle reminder" to Washington, where Bolivia wishes to take all disputes for settlement, accompanies a persistent rumor that Argentina, alarmed at developments, had itself been quietly sending troops to its frontier near the Bolivian-Paraguay border lines.

Also, reports persist that the "A. B. C." group, Argentina, Brazil and Chile, are considering joint action to return the center of control from Washington to Latin America. This with sharpened intervention prospects from the League of Nations have undoubtedly caused the reported subsidence, temporary though it may be, of Bolivia's "war spirit" and its unofficial report that Bolivia having "gotten even" by killing some Paraguayans, is "inclined to arbitrate."

Bolivia has notified the League of Nations that hostilities are ordered stopped, and here in Buenos Aires both contending nations conferred with Argentine officials on mediation "procedure."

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## MANIU REGIME WAGES TERROR AGAINST LABOR

Workers Sentenced to Jail

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Dec. 18.—Joseph Baltuch, member of the Unitary Trade Unions, was sentenced to one year in prison by the martial court, which Maniu still keeps despite his pre-election promises. He was charged with "having the intention of distributing seditious manifestos among the soldiers and prisoners of the fortress-prison of Jilava."  
The nature of these manifestos show that the Maniu regime has in no way lessened the terror of the Bratianu clique, since most of the confiscated literature is bourgeois material and can be gotten in public bookstores.  
The Workers and Peasants Bloc of Rumania, during its election campaign, raised the slogans of "Away with the military court" and amnesty for all political prisoners.

**Harlem I. L. D. Meet.**  
The Harlem Branch of the I. L. D. will hold a meeting today at 8:30 p. m. at 145 East 193rd Street. The discussion will be on "Defense work in the Past and Present."

**Council 3 Lecture.**  
Dr. Zlatkin will speak on "Women's Hygiene" today at 8:30 p. m. at 440 E. 129th St. The lecture is arranged by Council 3 of the United Council of Working Women. Admission free. All welcome.

**Labor Temple Poetry Forum.**  
The Labor Temple Poetry Forum will be held tomorrow at 242 Br. L. D. will be held tomorrow, tonight.

**Freiheit Sport Club.**  
The Freiheit Sport Club has arranged a dance for Sunday, Dec. 30, at its club rooms, 230 E. 5th St. Dancing will start at 8 p. m.

**Scandinavian Workers Club.**  
The Scandinavian Workers Clubs of Manhattan and Brooklyn are arranging an old-time "Midwinter Ball" for Dec. 22 and 23 in Vasa Castle Hall, 149th St. and 1st Ave., the Bronx. Music will be furnished by two bands, one playing American and the other Scandinavian music. Half of the profit of the affair will go to the Swedish Communist weekly, Ny Tid.

**Brownsville Concert, Dance.**  
A concert and dance will be given Dec. 21 at 154 Watkins St., Many well-known entertainers will appear.

**Unity Co-Op. Ball.**  
A concert and ball has been arranged by the Unity Arbeiter Co-operative for Saturday, 8 p. m. at the Laurel Garden, 75 E. 116th St.

**Williamsburg Red Star Dance.**  
A dance will be given by the Williamsburg True Friends of the Red Star, affiliated with the Labor Sports Union, Saturday evening at Millers Grand Assembly, 318-320 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

**Yorkville Open Forum.**  
Albert Weisbord will speak at the Labor Temple, 243 E. 84th St., tomorrow at 8 p. m. The subject will be "The New Unionism."

**Cleaners and Dyers.**  
The cleaners and dyers will have a special distribution of Thursday's issue of the Daily Worker, and call on all Patrons who have shops or factories in their territory to help in the distribution. Representatives of these units should report to the Daily Worker business office Thursday morning (Workers Center, 2nd floor).

**Bronx Co-Op Lecture.**  
N. Minkov will lecture on "Walgurgis Nacht" at the Co-operative auditorium, 2700 Bronx Park East, tomorrow night.

**Lecture by B. Liber.**  
Dr. B. Liber will talk on "True and False Prevention" (in German) to the Workers' Tourists' Society "Nature Friends" on Thursday at 8:30 p. m. at the up-town Labor Temple, 243 E. 84th St.

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## SILK UNION USES A.F.L. TERRORISM IN PATERSON

Militant New Union to Fight Job Dismissals

(Continued from Page One)  
This hypocrisy is also to be found in the Associated organ, the "Silk Striker."  
While workers were being deprived of their right to a living because they express disagreement with the boss-collaboration policies of the Associated and while the Associated executives were openly adopting this terror policy, the union organ announces an attitude of "democratic tolerance of opinion."  
The "Silk Striker," of Nov. 15, says, "If any left winger believes that he can fight the battles of the working class better as a member of the National Textile Workers' Union, let him come to the office of the union and ask for a withdrawal card and step over into the other union, there to fight for what he believes in. We wish him well and there will be no hard feelings."  
With this pharaseology as a cover, the strikebreaking bureaucrats of the Associated began a drive to throw from their jobs workers courageous enough to state that they think the policies of the Associated are detrimental to the silk workers of Paterson.

**N. T. W. Goes Ahead.**  
Meantime the National Textile Workers' Union locals are going full speed ahead with organizational plans. The winders, quillers and pickers met to form a women's section of the new union and for the general problem of organizing their crafts.

This afternoon, the first open forum of night workers and those who are unemployed will be held at the offices of the union, 151 Broadway. The open forums will be held regularly every week and will take place Wednesday mornings, 10 o'clock, at union headquarters.

**Start Airline to Haul African Gold to London**  
LONDON, Dec. 18 (UP).—The Imperial Airways and the Cobham-Blackburn Airlines have provisionally agreed to inaugurate a trans-African airline to connect the proposed London-India route with Cairo. The promoters expect to carry a ton of gold weekly to London, speeding up delivery sufficiently to pay for the cost of the airline.

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## Workers Party Activities

**Lenin Memorial Meet.**  
A Lenin Memorial Meeting will be held in Madison Square Garden Saturday evening, January 19. All Party and sympathetic organizations please take note.  
You are requested not to arrange any conflicting dates. The Lenin Memorial Meeting this year will be a powerful demonstration against the imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union. District Executive Committee, New York District.

**Party Units Attention!**  
The Spanish Fraction will hold its first ball on Saturday evening, Dec. 22, at Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave. Proceeds will go for the organization of Spanish speaking workers and for the support of the organ of the Spanish Bureau "Vida Obrera." Please, keep this date open and give this affair your greatest support.

**Night Workers Branch.**  
The Night Workers Branch meets today at 2 p. m. sharp.

**Italian Red Hall.**  
A grand annual ball will be given by the New York Italian fraction of the Workers (Communist) Party for the benefit of the Italian Communist paper, on Saturday, Dec. 29, 3 p. m. at Workers Co-operative Hall, 642 Hudson Ave., West N. Y.

**Subsection 3C Executive.**  
A subsection executive meeting of Section 3C will be held today at 6:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. J. Primoff, organizer of subsection, will report on the work done.

**Incl. Br. 2, Section 1.**  
A special industrial meeting is called by International Branch 2, Section 1, for today at 7:30 p. m., at 60 St. Marks Place.

**Bronx Y. W. L. Dance.**  
The Bronx section of the Young Workers (Communist) League will hold a Section Dance on Saturday, at the Rose Gardens, 1247 Boston Road. There will be entertainment and an excellent jazz band.

**Section 5 Dance.**  
Section 5 of the Workers (Communist) Party will celebrate the establishing of the Bronx Workers Center at 1230 Wilkins Ave., on New Year's Eve with a concert and dance till daybreak. All Bronx workers are invited.

**Newark Y. W. L. Dance.**  
The Newark Young Workers (Communist) League will hold its sixth annual dance on Jan. 5, at the Ukrainian Labor Hall, 57 Beacon St., Newark. Tickets are 25 cents including free sub to the Young Worker for three months. All sympathetic organizations are asked not to arrange affairs on the same date and to help us make this affair a success.

**Volunteers Needed.**  
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and many others.  
Which means that the best revolutionary poets of various nationalities will appear December 28 and read from their own work.

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## REACTIONARY C.O.P. LEADER TO LEAD GRAB

Will First Finish the Imperialist Job

Charles Evans Hughes is the new chief counsel of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., whose case for the seven-cent fare is coming up now before Supreme Court of the United States.  
Hughes will take up his duties in a few days, as soon as he is thru carrying thru the policies of U. S. imperialism in the hand-picked Bolivia-Paraguay committee of the Pan-American Conference for Conciliation and Arbitration.  
The case took a step forward yesterday with the filing of the transit commission's brief with the Supreme Court. Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the commission, is pushing the case along now that the elections are over, and the Tammany machine is ready to carry out what everybody understands as its pledge to traction interests to let them raise the fare. In the next election the alibi of the Tammany forces will be that they could not control the Supreme Court, which is republican.

**Unit 3E, 2F.**  
Unit 3E, 2F will hold an important meeting today at 4:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

**Unit 4, Section 7.**  
An important meeting today at 4 p. m. at 48 Bay 23rd St., Brooklyn. "Trotskyism" discussion.

**Unit 3F, Subsection A.**  
An important meeting of Unit 3F, Subsection A will be held tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at section headquarters, 1330 Wilkins Ave. All other meetings have been called off.

**Section 6 Lit. Agents.**  
A meeting of literature agents of Section 6 of the Workers (Communist) Party will be held tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn.

**Unit 2F, Section 6.**  
A business meeting of Unit 2F, Section 6 will be held tomorrow at 6:30 p. m., at 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn.

**Newark Unit Meeting.**  
A special meeting of the Newark unit of the Workers (Communist) Party will be held tomorrow evening at 98 Mercer St. Important business will be taken up. All members must attend.

## JOINT BOARD FURRIERS UNION Locals 1, 5, 10 and 15

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H. ROSEMOND

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SAUL JACOBSON  
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## A Pan-American Swindle

After deliberately inciting the puppet government of Bolivia to wage war against Paraguay, the United States government, through its imperialist swindle, the Pan-American union, offers to mediate the conflict. The war-monger, the apostle of wholesale murder of the peoples of Latin-America, with its measurable insolence, offers to pass judgment upon its own crimes of international banditry.

The Bolivian government, dominated by Standard Oil, the Equitable Trust Co., the Guggenheim interests, the National Lead Company, with investments of more than one hundred million dollars, becomes the tool of the despoilers of its raw material, the exploiters of its people in the new and sharp turn of Yankee imperialism to extend its power in the South American continent. It mobilizes into armies its own population in order to have them kill and be killed for the glory of the imperialists of the United States of North America.

The real cause of the present conflict is not, as the spokesmen of the Paraguayan government seem to think, because the "war party" got control of the Bolivian government, but because American imperialism wants to reduce every Latin-American state to the level of vassal. In the world wide struggle against its great imperialist rival, Britain, and to secure sources of raw material and markets, the United States fights for the subjugation of all Latin-America. The border warfare between Bolivia and Paraguay that threatens to develop into a world war first involving Bolivia and Paraguay, then Argentina on the side of Paraguay, which is, in many respects, a part of the hinterland of the Argentine; then other Latin-American countries will be swept into the conflict through imperialist intrigue of one or the other or both of the two biggest rival world powers, then finally the United States, England and the rest of the capitalist and colonial world.

That the Bolivian-Paraguay conflict constitutes one of the powder magazines that may explode with a detonation that will rock the whole world is clearly revealed by the frantic actions of the Pan-American conference at Washington, the mediation offer of Argentina and the activities of the League of Nations. When the League of Nations under domination of Britain and France cautiously offered to intervene, Kellogg had the imperialist puppet who serves in Washington as Cuban ambassador issue a statement that no infringement of the Monroe Doctrine would be tolerated—in plain words a piece of arrogant defiance to Britain to keep hands off any controversy in the Western hemisphere. Then the government of the Argentine republic proposed to act as arbitrator simultaneous with the announcement that the Pan-American conference would offer its "services as mediator." The government of Paraguay, feeling itself the victim of an unprovoked attack and under the pathetic illusion that any so-called impartial body would decide in its favor, began accepting offers to mediate as fast as they came. It accepted the Argentine proposals, also the Pan-American proposals. After a day's hesitation Bolivia also accepted the Pan-American conference proposals. Thus the Pan-American conference, dominated by Yankee imperialism, is the only "mediator" that has been accepted by both Paraguay and Bolivia. This signals a diplomatic defeat for England and the League of Nations, also a defeat for the Argentine republic which, although largely influenced by England, also has independent interests of its own that impels it to pursue a foreign policy with regard to its own development. To be sure, in Argentine there is proceeding a struggle between British and American capital for a dominant position.

Although both the belligerent nations have accepted "mediation" proposals of the Pan-American conference this does not indicate that the war will be stopped. Warlike activities still proceed apace. They will probably continue until Bolivia, as the tool of Yankee imperialism, feels itself in a position to make reparations demands that the disputed territory in the Gran Chaco be annexed to Bolivia, thereby placing the recently discovered oil lands in the hands of Bolivia and also obtaining a port through which can be shipped the raw material extracted from Bolivia by the Yankee trusts. Paraguay should not be so stupid as to imagine that the Pan-American union intervenes for any purpose other than to complete the Bolivian steal, in behalf of United States trusts.

The peoples of Latin-America should place no trust in the Pan-American union, which is only an agency of Yankee imperialism. Instead they should wage a relentless fight against the corrupt, puppet and paralyzed governments that constitute the Pan-American union. The only effective reply to American imperialist aggression is a bloc of Latin-American countries, a unified movement of

the Latin-American masses, to drive the imperialists from their lands. In this struggle they will have the support of the conscious sections of the workers and farmers of the United States who suffer from the exploitation and tyranny of American imperialism.

Everywhere throughout the United States it is imperative that great mass demonstrations be held against the new threat of a world war. We must demand that all armed forces be immediately withdrawn from Nicaragua, Haiti and other countries; that the shipment of arms and munitions to puppet governments to equip mercenary soldiery to shoot down native workers as in Colombia be stopped. We must tell the masses of Latin America to overthrow the vassal governments and by force of arms drive out the imperialist invaders who are there only to enslave them and despoil their countries of the rich natural resources.

## Why the Young Communists Need a Weekly Paper!

The campaign started by the Young Workers (Communist) League to transform "Young Worker" into a weekly has a special political significance during the present period. Rationalization and the war danger (which go hand in hand) are key political problems during the present period.

As a result of rationalization increasing streams of young workers are drawn into the industries and the importance of young workers grows. Because of this the fighting strength of the young workers also grows. The willingness of larger numbers of young workers to struggle against their worsened conditions under rationalization is bound to increase. In the United States the sign of the overcoming of the political apathy and lack of class-consciousness of larger sections of young workers is already indicated in the mining, textile and needle industries. The importance of the youth has also grown from the viewpoint of the war preparations of the bourgeoisie.

The Hoovers and Coolidges have already assigned the role of "cannon fodder" to the youth in their campaign to guarantee the world hegemony of American imperialism. This leads to an increased struggle for the capture of the youth between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. On the one hand the bourgeoisie is spending larger sums to mislead the youth (thru bourgeois youth organizations, sports, sound movies, etc.), on the other hand the more open methods of fascism of the youth (American Legion, Klu Klux Klan youth activities), militarization of the youth (C. M. T. C., R. O. T. C., etc.), increased attacks against the youth (worsening of conditions in factories, expulsions of pioneers in schools, increased arrests of Young Communists, attacks against even the mildest youth protection legislation, etc.). These are various parts of the one campaign to capture the youth for the glories of rationalization and imperialism.

Every militant worker can immediately see that our answer to this challenge must be increased struggle to capture the youth for our own class interests. The National Executive Committee of the Young Workers (Communist) League has decided to start a two months intensive drive to get 5000 new subscriptions and raise \$3,000.00 for the establishment of a weekly "Young Worker." We want you to pitch in and help. Raise money, get subs, send it in to the Young Worker, 43 East 125th St., New York City.

Hoover is the outspoken, unhesitatingly ruthless champion of finance capital. He is the best trained, the most capable, the most experienced chairman of the executive committee of the American capitalist class that this class has had. Coolidge? He was a shadow beside Hoover. Wilson? He was a schoolmaster who could take lessons from Mr. Hoover in the art and science of the politics of imperialism. When there was a dirty job to perform in China, Mr. Hoover was there to do it. If there was a bloody piece of work to do in Hungary, Mr. Hoover was there to do that. And if a daring, underhanded effort was to be made to destroy the proletarian Russian Revolution, Mr. Hoover was there to try it. In other words, wherever the hand of American imperialism was extended for aggression, covered of course with fake humanitarianism—"saving Belgium," even trying to "save the Russian people"—there went Mr. Hoover as symbol of the power of finance capital in the United States.

Concretely, the meaning of Hoover's nomination is the following: first of all it indicates a growth of the executive power of the American government. Second, it indicates the further tremendous merging of big business with the highest governmental machinery.

Hoover is a symbol of capitalist rationalization, of the speed-up, of American efficiency and mass production. Hoover is the president of capitalist rationalization.

From "The 1928 Elections" by Jay Lovestone in the December issue of "The Communist."

Listen to this frank boasting by that energetic organ of finance capital, the Magazine of Wall Street (Nov. 17, 1928, p. 101), in its comment on the Hoover victory:

"Hoover will be the first president of all parties and all sections since Monroe. For the first time since the Civil War, a nominee of the republican party has shattered the Solid South. The sweep through Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida and Texas is far more than a dramatic episode of a great contest; it is symbolic of the advent of a new age. The mighty republic has found and chosen a leader who reflects the unity of the national spirit and the national thought. . . . There is nothing like it elsewhere in the world."

American imperialism is approaching its Victorian day. Thus the same investors' mouthpiece goes on to say proudly: "As Rome had its Augustinian age and British its Victorian age, so we are about to enter upon an epoch of affluence and magnificence, of peace and prosperity, that history may well record as the Hooverian age." Translate "we" into Wall Street and the truth is here.

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## PAN-AMERICANA



By Fred Ellis

## Misleaders in the American Labor Unions

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Sam Parks was boss of the New York building trades for several years prior to 1903 when his labor career came to a stop. He was the "Skinny" Madden of New York. Walking delegate of the House-Smiths' and Bridgemen's Union, he was also dictator of the Board of Building Trades, a central body composed of the representatives of 39 building unions. He was a tough bruiser, who boasted of having had as many as 20 fights in one day. R. S. Baker thus describes him (McClure's Magazine, Nov., 1903):

"A striking and impressive figure. A County Down Irishman, 40 years old, all his life long he had done the roughest, hardest work, river driver and lumberman in the North Woods, coal heaver on the lake docks, roustabout-sailor, railroad brakeman, bridge builder; time was when, unerringly balanced on a steel beam, 200 feet in blue space, he could drive more rivets to the hour than any man in the trade. A rough, tough nut of a man who loves to fight, he says, better than to eat. Ignorant, a bully, a swaggerer, a criminal in his instincts, inarticulate except in abuse and blasphemy, with no argument but his proficent and rocky fists, he yet possesses those curious faculties of leadership, that strange force of personality, that certain loyalty to his immediate henchmen familiar among ward politicians—so that he could hold his union with a hand of iron. No, it is not strange. Tweed ruled and robbed New York for years; only yesterday Croker was our king; Quay bosses Pennsylvania. They are all of a stripe, all bosses; Parks a little rougher and ruder, perhaps, but the same sort."

Parks was brought to New York in the nineties from Chicago as a non-union worker by the big G. A. Fuller Construction Co. Undoubtedly he remained an agent of this company and was used by them against their competitors while he was the head of his union. It was an era of corruption in the building trades, and Parks was in the thick of it. For example: in 1902 the Amalgamated Associated, controlling the New York painters, demanded an increase in wages. Whereupon the employers gave a fund of \$17,000 to various labor fakers to bring the rival union, the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, into New York. This body signed a scale of \$3.25 to \$3.50 per day, against \$4.00 and \$4.50 demanded by the A. A. Another example is that of Murphy of the stone cutters, who stole \$27,000 from his union, for which he was sent to Sing Sing.

Parks plunged deeply into corruption, using the familiar methods of "strike insurance," "fines," "pilfering the union," etc. But the jobs of his employer, the Fuller Co., went ahead undisturbed. He was exposed as a grafter as a prelude to the great building lockout of 1903. As usual, the employers bribed him to do their work during "peace" in the industry and then exposed him in order to discredit and demoralize the unions when "war" loomed. Parks was sent to Sing Sing for blackmail in 1903, but his powerful political connections had him released in a few days. Crowds greeted him at the Grand Central Station upon his return. The Nation of September 10, 1903, says: "The enthusiasm could hardly have been greater if he had returned from a successful engagement with a foreign enemy, instead of coming for a temporary respite from the penitentiary." Six days after his release Parks led a great Labor Day parade in New York. Finally, however, he was returned to Sing Sing, where, after being expelled by his union, he died.

De Leon, in an editorial in 1903, thus characterized the activities of Parks and his cronies:

"Murphy and Parks played fast and loose with the welfare of their rank and file. According as the prurient maggot of corrupt desire bit these gentlemen, their rank and file were thrown out of work or ordered back. Strikes thus ordered, or 'settled,' or threatened were the trade of these gentlemen and the rank and file figures but as cattle that were led to and from the shambles to be skinned by their employers, or to be slaughtered by the fakers. Of course, in the process the capitalist was blackmailed, but the blackmailing was but an incident. . . . It may be said literally that the money blackmailed from the employers is the gathered drops of blood that the rank and file have been made to shed in bogus strikes."

The 1916 Carpenters' Strike. In the 20 years between the picturesque Parks and the notorious Brindell, the New York building trades were constantly afflicted with graft of all sorts. Colorless and unscrupulous fakers galore sold out innumerable strikes and grafted indiscriminately upon the workers and the employers. Let the betrayal of the carpenters' strike of 1916 serve to illustrate some of the methods that have kept the New York building workers from constructing an organization capable of controlling their local industry.

to the company when gold service buttons were awarded to them. Michael Kazaciewicz, John Timko, etc., received gold buttons for ten years' service; Michael Savinko received a gold button with one diamond, for 20 years of service, and Anton Strelitz received the 25-year gold button with two diamonds. To Be Continued

## Men Who Slave for Rockefeller

By N. HONIG

Every winter wind that sweeps down from New York Bay freezes the marrow of more than 6,000 oil slaves on the barren 100-acre stretch of land in that section of bleak Bayonne known as Constable Hook. For these men must toil outdoors, where the skills and tanks are located.

The 7 a. m. whistle blows. A long queue of men struggles past the timekeepers office. A brass check is doled out to every man. Work is not supposed to start until 7:20, but every man must check in by 7:15. At 7:17 two workers arrive. The gate is slammed in their faces, to be opened a half hour later. For coming to work three minutes early, instead of five minutes early, as the Standard Oil requires of its slaves, they have been docked a half hour's pay.

An old Polish laborer stops work for half a moment and grumbles about the freezing weather to a fellow-slave. A foreman rushes up to take the worker's name. "That's the second time this week, you." This means two days' lay-off. The lunch whistle blows at noon. But no workers come out of the gates. For lunch must be eaten right on the job, and right generous is the Standard in the matter of lunch, for it allows the men an entire half hour.

About ten minutes before the whistle blew, a foreman caught a stillman in the act of nibbling a bite. An oil refinery slave can manage to work up a ravenous appetite in a short time. Two days' lay-off for this stillman. Wages, \$28; fine, two days' lay-off, or \$9; here's a pay envelope that will be pretty slim on Friday—\$20.

Lay-offs Continue. The Standard Oil, the Tidewater, the Texas Oil, the Gulf and the Vacuum Oil companies manage to hold back quite a tidy sum each week through the multifarious fines handed out to the men.

Last spring 3,000 men worked in the Standard Oil of New Jersey Works; in the spring of 1927, 5,000. In 1926 Rockefeller was able to even a second after this time. The quitting whistle blows at 4:30 p. m. The same worker happens to work near the check office. Naturally, he turns in his check sooner than a man working acres further off. "What," cries the timekeeper, "turning in so soon after the whistle?" That worker couldn't have been working so hard in the last few minutes. A mark is placed against his name. Ten such marks mean two days' lay-off—and a \$20 pay envelope.

## Freeze While You Work; More Wage Slashes, More Speed-up, More Lay-offs

Rockefeller is philanthropic, though, in the matter of vacations. Slave for five years and the Standard and the other Rockefeller plants give you two weeks' vacation with pay. You'd better rest up while you're away, for when you get back on the job you've got to take on another man's work besides your own, while the other worker's getting his vacation.

A gang of workers leaving the Constable Hook oil yards after quitting whistle on a winter's day look and feel like something dragged out of a refrigerator. No fires are, of course, allowed, on account of the inflammable products handled. But the men are not allowed a second off from 7:20 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. to warm themselves in the boiler room.

Getting Rid of an Old Slave. You see, after 25 years of service, a 65-year-old slave of Standard Oil is supposed to be retired on half pay. But Rockefeller wants to save that pension. So the old worker is transferred to a harder, dirtier job, where the pace is twice as fast. The work proves far beyond the little strength left to the aged worker; he either drops dead on the job or quits of his own accord. Thus he loses his pension.

The Works Council. Every time another year has ended in the life of the old pirate Rockefeller a swarm of capitalist newspaper men flock to get a birthday interview. As usual, Rockefeller charms the reporters with golden words on the opportunity of every American worker to rise under our system of democracy. Practicing what he preaches, the old exploiter has introduced a system of "democracy" in the Bayonne works. The workers in each department are allowed each April to "elect" from their midst a delegate for the purpose of presenting the men's grievances to the company superintendents. The delegates are paid 3 cents an hour extra. One worker and one company official are supposed to count the

votes. This laborer is forced to accept a bribe and let the officials do the counting. Either he takes the bribe or he is fired. The actual counting is done by the superintendent behind closed doors. The workers thus have never had an honest delegate on the Works Council, as the oil companies call these examples of "democracy."

The betrayal of the Tidewater Oil strike by the delegates on the Works Council last May convinced the men once and for all as to what the purpose of the Works Council really is. Stool Pigeons. The delegate to the Works Council is usually a stool pigeon. If the men present any grievances as to wages or conditions, the delegate goes to the superintendent, and, returning, tells the workers of the many "advantages" of working for such a big company as the Standard Oil or the Tidewater, whichever Rockefeller subsidiary it may be. He explains to the men how great the operating expenses are, etc. Then the matter is dropped, but a "ring-leader" is picked out and fired as a "trouble-maker." These delegates obtain all the graft jobs in connection with the various company schemes to blind the workers.

These company lackeys somehow manage to be the managers of the oil company baseball team or basketball team; they always manage to run the annual summer outings for the company. Of course, the real purpose of these "recreational and social activities," as the oil bosses call them, is to keep the oil slaves docile. Gruesome accidents are hourly occurrences, due to the inhuman speed-up. The commonest of these are acid burns and the inhalation of poisonous fumes.

The Ethyl Death Room. The tetra-ethyl lead used in the new, cheap Standard gasoline, "Esso," is one of the most deadly of all known chemicals. Increased sales of the poisonous fuel have resulted in the enlargement of the ethyl department. In a Standard Oil laboratory plant a few years back ten workers died in horrible agony, accompanied by violent insanity, through working on the tetra-ethyl lead. Notable scientists stated that if the ethyl fuel were widely adopted, the result would be slow poisoning of the public. Several workers have been killed outright in the ethyl room of the Standard; many have been incapacitated for life. All of the workers in this room of death are ill at all times, suffering from headaches and dizziness.

Stock Scheme. The old scheme of allowing the workers to purchase a few shares of stock is practiced throughout the Bayonne oil plants. Each man is allowed a small amount of oil stock. When any strike talk arises, the men are kept cowed with the spie, joined in by the Works Council, "If you strike, the value of your stock will go down. The prosperity of the Standard Oil Company is your prosperity." This scheme was used in the strike at the Tidewater Oil plant last May. But the workers are beginning to realize that the small dividends from the stock amount to nothing, compared to a living wage, as is evident in the decline in the amount of stock they now own.

Gold Service Buttons. A little item from the Bayonne Times, one of the local sheets devoted to lock, stock and barrel on the oil bosses: "Twenty Standard Oil Company employees yesterday received their rewards for their faithful services

## When Standard Oil Slaves Rose Against Their Oppressors



The 1915 strike is a tradition among the oil workers of Bayonne. Displaying a solidarity hitherto practically unknown in the American class struggle, over 10,000 of the oil workers compelled Rockefeller to grant an increase in their miserable wages. Photo shows Standard Oil strikers on July 22, 1915, resisting Rockefeller thugs and police, who shot down on them from the house tops.—Courtesy Underwood and Underwood.