

## MEXICAN LABOR ROUSED AT THE MELLA MURDER

Committee Organizing  
New Trade Union  
Center Acts

Says U. S. Responsible  
Machado a Mussolini  
of Latin America

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 12 (By Mail)—With the Mexican masses trembling with rage at the assassination of Julio A. Mella, Cuban Communist leader shot down in the streets of the Mexican capital the night of January 11, the Committee of Proletarian Defense, which has been organizing the trade unions and peasants for a national unity congress to be held January 25, has issued a call to all labor organizations to unite in effective protest against the murder of Mella by the agents of Yankee imperialism acting as the government of Cuba.

The Committee's declaration reads as follows:  
"Julio Antonio Mella, valiant fighter for the proletariat known throughout the entire world, has fallen, assassinated in a criminal ambush prepared by agents of the most bestial tyranny that shames the earth. Hired agents of Gerardo Machado, president of the Republic of Cuba, have taken the life of the brave, young fighter.

"The gunmen who have sown terror and desolation in the ranks of labor in the unhappy Cuban republic, exported to Mexico, think to silence the class conscious workers

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## SHIELD FULLER IN LIBEL CASE

Trial of Harry Cantor  
Starts Today

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
BOSTON, Jan. 21.—In a move to protect ex-Governor Fuller and prevent him from being put on the stand and grilled on his part in the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, Chief Justice Walter Perley Hall, of the Superior Court, here today denied a motion for continuance made by the defense in the trial of Harry J. Cantor on a charge of criminal libel.

Cantor, who was Workers (Communist) Party candidate for secretary of state, was arrested with 20 other workers during an election campaign demonstration on Nov. 3. While the others were charged with sauntering and loitering, an additional charge of criminal libel was brought against Cantor, based on the fact that he carried a sign: "Gov. Fuller is the Murderer of Sacco and Vanzetti."

The International Labor Defense, which is defending Cantor, plans to reopen the entire Sacco-Vanzetti case and to make a national issue of this attempt to victimize a militant worker. William Thompson, for several years chief attorney for Sacco and Vanzetti, and other important witnesses, many of whom were originally not permitted to testify, will be called by the defense in an effort to prove that Governor Fuller, acting as the agent of the capitalist class, was the murderer of the two Italian workers.

Want Fuller on Stand.  
The defense also decided to subpoena Fuller as a material witness and for this purpose asked that the trial be postponed. To such a request is nearly always granted in ordinary cases, Chief Justice Hall hastened to shield Fuller by denying it at once.

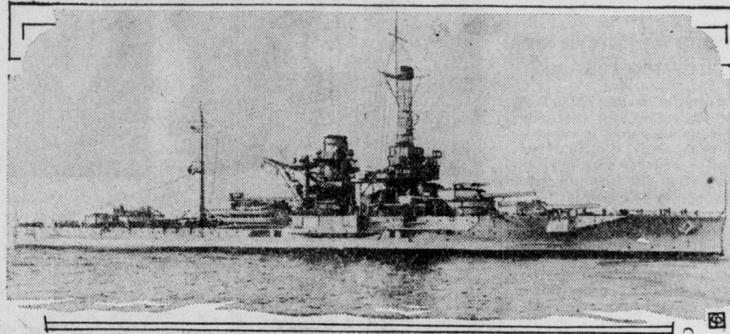
The justice, to show his "impartiality," gave the defense time to prepare a new affidavit this afternoon. The trial will open tomorrow morning. The International Labor Defense is calling on all class-conscious workers and workers' organizations to back its fight to save Cantor. Should he be convicted, he may be sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

## INDICT BANK HEADS.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 21 (UP).—Paul A. Perus, former treasurer of the St. Paul Federal Land Bank and Thomas O. Ofsthun, his assistant, were indicted today by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government. Defalcations were said to amount to more than \$1,000,000.

TAMPA, Fla. (By Mail).—Police-  
man J. E. Barrington resigned today to avoid questioning on violation of the liquor law cases. The cases will be dropped for lack of evidence.

## Imperialists to Build 15 More Warships Like This



This is the warship Utah, on which Hoover returned from his imperialist cruise to Latin-America. The 15-cruiser bill, which is now before Congress and will shortly be passed, provides for the construction of 15 more high-power battleships. The whole fleet is now in maneuvers in the Canal Zone and will shortly proceed to bear more "good-will" to Latin-America.

## HARLEM REVELS HERE TONIGHT!

Workers of All Races  
to Show Solidarity

Tonight at the Renaissance Casino, 138th St. and Seventh Ave., dancing feet will twinkle a merry message of solidarity and fraternity as thousands of workers of all races join in the gigantic solidarity labor demonstration dance and concert of the American Negro Labor Congress and the Negro Champion.

Large blocks of tickets have been purchased by many Negro organizations and a record turnout is expected. Of the thirty boxes in the hall, twenty-eight were sold when this edition went to press. Organizations which have purchased boxes and will have their banners and slogans on display are:

The Haitian Patriotic Union; Negro Workers' Relief Committee; American-West Indian Benevolent Society; All-American Anti-Imperialist League; Architectural Bronze and Iron Workers' Union; Chinese Workers' Alliance; District Negro Committee; The Freiheit; The Daily Worker; Harlem Educational Forum; Harlem Tenants League; Institute for Social Study; International Labor Defense; Japanese Workers' Association; Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union; New Masses; New York Federation of Working Women; Office Workers' Union; Proletarian Co-operative; Spanish Workers' Club; Students' Literary Association; Trade Union Educational League; Window Cleaners' Protective Union; Local 8; Women's Day Workers League; Workers Party, District 2; Workers Party, Section 4, District 2; Workers' International Relief; Workers' School; Young Workers (Communist) League.

An excellent program has been arranged for the occasion, including the internationally famous Hall Johnson's Negro Choir, personally conducted by Hall Johnson himself; Paul and Thelma Meeres, tango dancers of Connie's Inn Revue; Doris Rheaubottom, songbird of the Alhambra; Elizabeth Welsh, one of the most popular members of "Blackbirds," and one or two numbers from the excellent revue of Club Harlem.

The program will begin at eleven o'clock, but dancing will start at 8:30. After the program there will be more dancing. Jazz of the weirdest, most irresistible sort will be dispensed by the Vernon Andrade Renaissance Orchestra, which means the best jazz Negro Harlem can furnish.

Workers of all races are urged to show their solidarity with the Negro workers by attending the Harlem Revels Solidarity Demonstration Dance tonight.

## 2 WORKERS KILLED.

PEORIA, Ill. (By Mail).—William Marchand and Herbert Bush, both employees of the Schultze Baking Company, were killed on the hard road two miles north of Peoria, when the truck in which they were riding skidded and plunged over a ten-foot embankment.

## MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. (By Mail)

Four Negroes will die here on the prison farms in the electric chair. They are all convicted of murder and the sentences were given after a hasty trial with inadequate evidence.

## DEPORTING MEXICANS

Hundreds Expelled on 24 Hours' Notice

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 21.—An indication of what the wonderful new "friendship" between the imperialist government of the United States and the Mexican government of Portes Gil means for the Mexican people, is seen in news arriving here from border towns of Texas, telling of hundreds of Mexican workers and their families being victimized by Yankee authorities.

Not only are the usual brutalities of race-prejudiced Americans in-

## Pay Tribute to Lenin at Many Soviet Meets

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Jan. 21.—Country-wide meetings in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the death of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, founder of the Bolshevik Party and the leader of the Russian Revolution, were begun today.

Pictures of Vladimir Ilyich, as he is intimately known to the masses, have been erected in the principal Soviet buildings and labor union centers in every city and village in the Soviet Union. Tomorrow the Moscow proletariat will commemorate the death of their great leader on the Red Square before the Lenin Mausoleum, where their present leaders will speak.

The anniversary is by no means a purely commemorative one, since the mass meetings and memorial exercises will offer the opportunity to further mobilize the Soviet masses to the construction of Socialism in the path of Lenin and to the defense of the Soviet Union against the imperialist powers.

(United Press)  
MOSCOW, Jan. 21.—The Soviet government started today a wide campaign to advance and reinforce the policies of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. The campaign, launched on the fifth anniversary of Lenin's death, will continue for several days.

The brief but vigorous campaign will include thousands of speeches devoted to the ideals of Lenin. Factories, clubs and theatres will be the scenes of meetings and the entire radio system will be turned over to propagating Communist policies.

Newspapers have prepared to devote many columns of space to the campaign and to discussions of Leninism, summarizing the trend of events in Russia during the last five years. The Central Committee of the Communist Party has outlined the ideas which must be spread during the memorial services.

Speakers at factory gatherings will emphasize the necessity of reducing operating expenses and eliminating waste of time in the struggle against bureaucracy. The peasants will be urged to use modern farm methods to increase production and to co-operate closely with the city populations.

## Workers Int'l Relief to Show Film of Big Mine Strike in Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—The local Workers' International Relief is preparing to present the remarkable film of the great miners' struggle, "The Miners' Strike!" This picture, made on the field of struggle, provides a living record of the heroic fight of thousands of coal miners against the bosses, the police and the union betrayers.

The mine explosion at Mather, Pa., mass picketing in violation of the injunction, the senate "investigation," leaders of the National Miners' Union are all shown in this picture. The time and place of its showing will be announced in our future.

## WORKER SLOGANS FLOOD SHANGHAI

Imperialists, Military,  
Fear Communists Grow

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 21.—Foreign imperialist and native militarist officials of the Kuomintang government are alike badly worried over the powerful recuperative powers of the Chinese labor movement and the growth of the Communist Party in China.

They gather in their offices and clubs and plan futilely to stop the enormous distribution of Communist literature and posting of Communist placards in all the working class sections of the city.

There are daily raids, arrests and executions without trial of "suspects." (Continued on Page Five)

## POLICE CHARGE PITTSTON RALLY

New Mine Union Meet  
Broken Up

PITTSTON, Pa., Jan. 21.—The scene of the murders of Alex Campbell, Thomas Lillis, Pete Reilly, Frank Bonita, and Jacob Loyack, was again the background for an episode in the class struggle. On January 13, a mass meeting, called by the National Miners' Union, and attended by several thousand, was broken up by the police.

The Armory Hall, on South Main Street, was rented, and the money paid to the owner, George J. Rutledge. The speakers announced were Anthony Minerich, National Miners organizer in this district, Carlo Yreska, editor of *Il Martello*, Mike Zalodkas, of the International Labor Defense, and Guido Serio, of the Anti-Fascist Alliance. When the speakers arrived, the hall door was locked and the owner refused to let them in, referring them to the labor-hating Mayor Gillespie. The thousands of workers who congregated outside the hall and were refused admittance, then marched in a body to City Park on Broad Street. As soon as an attempt to hold the meeting there was made, the cops broke it up.

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## Big Mella Protest Meeting Friday in New Harlem Casino

The workers of New York will voice a mighty protest at the murder of Julio Mella, Cuban Communist, by agents of the Wall Street-controlled Machado regime at a big mass meeting Friday evening at 8 at New Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave.

The speakers will include Robert Minor, editor of the Daily Worker, Norman Tallentire, assistant national secretary of the International Labor Defense, Clarence A. Hathaway, editor of *Labor Unity*, Cecil Mella, brother of Julio Mella, Ruiz Slavin, of the Spanish Bureau, Workers (Communist) Party, Luis Martinez, of the Spanish section, N. Y. branch of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League, and Ivariet Silverman, secretary of the N. Y. branch of the Anti-Imperialist League. Albert Moreau, secretary of the Latin American section of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League, will be chairman.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Spanish section, N. Y. branch of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League, the N. Y. branch of the League and District 2, Workers (Communist) Party.

## GARFIELD PASSENGERS LAND.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 21 (UP).—The 83 passengers taken from the steamer *Garfield*, stranded off the Florida coast, were landed at Nassau at noon today, according to wireless reports reaching

## GROVER WHALEN TAXI RULES CUT DRIVERS' WAGES

Hackmen Not Allowed  
to Get Into Theatre  
Zone

Forced Down 9th Ave.  
Chaffeurs' Union in  
Protest Statement

Hundreds of taxi-drivers with return calls were unable to get into the theatre zone last night. The first results of Police Commissioner Whalen's loudly touted plan to "speed traffic in the theatre zone" was the loss of thousands of dollars to hard working taxi drivers.

Private cars could enter the theatre zone, the richest class of customers was taken care of. But taxis could not get into the authorized public hack stands even, in the theatre zone to hack, the ban was theoretically applied to cruising cabs only.

One taxi driver, interviewed by the Daily Worker, reported that he took a fare from Fifth and Park Ave. to a theatre on Forty-fifth. Instead of being allowed to go down to Forty-fourth, he was forced to go to Ninth Ave., down Ninth to Thirty-eighth, on it to Sixth Ave. up Sixth to Fortieth St., and then forced over to Fifth Ave. Although miles out of his way, and in money lost, at least two short fares.

Arrests were expected, later on in the evening, when the pressure grew greater, and the police more unreasonable. Whalen himself directed his Czarist maneuver from "Booth 13" at Broadway and Seventh Ave.

The business interests of the city, and many of the theatre owners, profess themselves satisfied with the situation. But the taxi drivers, beaten out of their regular earnings by the needs for front page space which Police Commissioner Grover Whalen feels he must have for political purposes, are not satisfied at all.

A meeting last week of the Taxi Chaffeurs Union of Greater New York has issued the following statement:

"Since other vehicles will not be much affected, cab-men view the new rules as being aimed exclusively at them and the forerunner of like (Continued on Page Two)

## Negro Labor Congress Organizer Stimulates Its Work in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 21.—The entrance of Otto Hall, field organizer of American Negro Labor Congress into the Seattle district has given great stimulus to the activities of the American Negro Labor Congress work here.

On Saturday, Hall addressed a meeting of more than 1,000 Negro workers. Pointing to the conditions now existing in the United States of segregation, lynching, Jim Crowism as applied to Negroes and other oppressed races, Hall contrasted this condition with the position of Negro workers and other minority races and nationalities in the Soviet Union, "where to be a worker means freedom."

On Sunday evening, Hall addressed an overflow crowd of workers at the Seattle Workers' Forum, on "Progress in the Soviet Union." Many workers had to be turned away for lack of room. Monday evening, at a meeting held on the "Skidroad" in Seattle, Hall addressed another large meeting.

## Many Workers Seeing Duncan Dance Troupe

The performances of the Isadora Duncan Dancers at Wallack's Theatre, 42d St., west of Broadway, continue to arouse great interest. Hundreds of workers are seeing them two, three and even more times, finding the art of these youthful Soviet dancers an inexhaustible source of delight.

Irma Duncan, adopted daughter and favorite pupil of the great Isadora, is herself leading this troupe of prize pupils of the famous Isadora Duncan School in Moscow. The programs this week consist of the troupe's best numbers, including the remarkable "Impressions of Revolutionary Russia." Matinee performances will be given Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The Sunday afternoon appearance will be the last, after which the dancers will leave for a tour of the country.

## FUMES KILL TWO.

MECHANICSBURG, Pa., Jan. 21 (UP).—Fumes escaping from a gas heater in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Home here killed Carl H. Eckels, 40, war veteran, and John Barker, 64, a farmer, today.

## Bury Three Victims of Gas



Three victims of tenement exploitation were buried Sunday. Those who died were Lou's Blake, 60; his wife, Yetta, and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Blake, who were overcome by coal gas fumes. The three were killed and others in the house made ill by fumes from the furnace.

## NEEDLE WORKERS WILL BUILD STRIKE MACHINE

HOOVER ORDERS  
MORROW TO COME

May Replace Kellogg;  
Suggest Stimson, Too

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—President-elect Hoover left today for Miami, to make his headquarters in the palace and great estate of J. C. Penney, millionaire chain store owner. Orders went out by wire to Dwight W. Morrow to meet him there. Morrow is American ambassador to Mexico, and partner in the House of Morgan until he went thru the form of resigning his Morgan affiliations to represent the Morgan crowd in Mexico.

The meeting tonight, constituting the most conscious elements of a fighting organization, after discussing the preparations made, will constitute themselves into a huge rank-and-file organization committee for the strike ahead.

Election Call.  
A call for general participation in the elections was issued by the United Joint Board of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union yesterday.

After urging the workers to demonstrate their confidence in the new union of the needle trades workers and in the general strike it will call in the dress industry, the technical instructions are announced.

All furriers are told to cast their votes in the Furriers Joint Board Building, 22 E. 22nd St. All ladies garment workers polling will be done at either the union headquarters at 16 W. 21st St. or in Bryant Hall, Sixth Ave. and 42nd St. Voting will take place between the hours of 9 a. m. and 7 p. m.

At these elections, officers and all other functionaries of the United Joint Board and of all locals will be elected.

In calling the meeting of the shop delegates conference, which is to be held the day of the elections, immediately after work, the union also issued instructions to the workers on choosing their representatives for this conference. Besides taking up various phases of their tasks in the strike mobilization, the conference is to elect one-third of the entire Joint Board delegation. This is in conformity with the intentions of the new union to build the organization on the shop delegate system. The one-third quota is decided on as a transition stage of the Joint Board composition.

The instructions tell the workers to hold shop meetings and choose their regularly accredited delegates to this conference. The conference

## Chicago Police Chief Apes Whalen; Arrests 3,394 in a Single Day

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Police Commissioner Russell, worried over the front page fame of "Gorgeous Grover" Whalen, head of the Tammany police in New York, has resorted to similar publicity stunts. After a grandiose interview, in which he stated, "The Chicago police will block the crime wave" his men arrested 3,394 men yesterday. Today they are to pass in review before 5,000 policemen, who have been told to detect the criminals among them.

## USSR HISTORIANS MEET 420 Delegates Attend First Conference

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
MOSCOW, (By Mail).—Four hundred twenty delegates from universities and higher schools from all parts of the Soviet Union took part in the first conference of Marxist historians which opened recently at the Communist Academy.

Professor Pokrovsky in the opening speech referred among other things to the public appearance of Soviet historians in Europe. "The fact that during the course

## SENATE SECRET VOTE PUTS WEST IN THE CABINET

Insull's Power Trust  
Agent Is Secretary  
of the Interior

In Two Graft Scandals  
Wife Has Edison Stock;  
Aided Land Grab

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The nomination of Roy O. West, an agent of the Insull power trust, selected by President Coolidge to fill out a term in the administration as secretary of the interior, was confirmed today by the senate after three days of secret debate by a vote which is said on good authority to have been 54 to 27.

After the vote a motion was made to make public the roll call, but this was defeated and the senate became involved in a row over procedure. Opponents of the nomination contended the vote should be published by the secretary of the senate.

Defeated in their first motion, the opponents then moved that the vote by which their motion was defeated be made public. This was also lost.

The vote on confirmation was taken in closed executive session at 2:30 p. m., in accordance with an agreement adopted Saturday.

Holds Power Stock.  
West admitted before the senate land committee that the Chicago law firm, of which he is a member, had taken heavy fees from Insull as late as last year, and for some time before had been on their payroll, also that his wife owned a large number of shares of power company stock.

West will be in position to grant Cumberland Falls, and any other big power sites, to Insull that he may (Continued on Page Five)

## OKLA. GOVERNOR NOW SUSPENDED

Senate Orders Him to  
Await Graft Trial

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 21 (UP).—By a vote of 38 to 5 the Oklahoma senate today suspended Governor Henry S. Johnston, pending trial, before a senate court on charges of official corruption, incompetency and moral turpitude. Lieut. Gov. W. J. Holloway, automatically became governor.

With this development, Johnston and his confidential secretary, Mrs. O. O. Hammond, will cease operations of state, at least temporarily. Johnston will live in the executive mansion pending trial.

Mrs. Hammond has been considered the real directing agent of the governor's deals with contractors, which, rivals say, involved the payment of graft. She is head of a secret religious organization which believes in black and white magic, and used to advise the governor how the supernatural powers wanted the office run. The spooks seemed to like some business men intent on getting fat contracts from the state better than others, and the others are now virtuously exposing the governor and Mrs. Hammond.

One charge against the governor is that when a previous legislature was about to impeach him for high crimes and misdemeanors, he called out the militia and dispersed it.

## U. S. Copper Mine Imperils Lives of Workers in Peru

CERRO DE PASCO, Peru, Jan. 21.—Cracks, caused by the underground operations of the Cerro de Pasco Copper Company, an American corporation, threatened to demolish the whole city. The cracks have appeared in the streets and squares and are due to insufficient propping of the mines.

The situation is one of extreme danger and despite the repeated efforts of the inhabitants the American company has refused to strengthen the underpinning of the mines and proceeded with excavations at the foundations of the city.

INDICTED FOR MURDER.  
WATERTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 21 (UP).—Frank Ferrante Provio, today was indicted by the grand jury here on a charge of first degree murder. Provio is accused of killing his common law wife, Josephine Lanni, of Rochester, last December.

# Pennsylvania Capitalist Press Organizes to Suppress All News of Labor Struggles

## ADMIT CLAMPING LID ON STORIES OF MINE STRIKES

Daily Worker Reporter Gets Facts

Daily Worker Staff Correspondent.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 21—The editors of the two Wilkes-Barre papers, the Record and the Times-Leader, admitted today that they suppress labor news in order to follow the policy set down by the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. That John Boylan, United Mine Workers president of District 1, agrees to this, was the statement of the managing editor of the Times-Leader.

The Chamber of Commerce, housed in a magnificent white building in the heart of the city, has just issued its annual report for 1928. On its list of "achievements" for the past year is one on page 9, headed, "Unfavorable Publicity," which reads as follows: "During the summer the Chamber discovered that publicity in out-of-town papers regarding local petty mine strikes was still doing the anthracite industry considerable harm."

"A committee of the chamber and the president met with local newspaper publishers and asked their co-operation in eliminating such publicity. The local newspapers not only took steps immediately to minimize unfavorable publicity in papers here, but at a regional meeting of newspaper publishers, held in Easton during November, Colonel Smith of the Times-Leader and the secretary brought the situation to the attention of the publishers representing many cities, and assurance was given that the matter would receive their future attention."

In giving a copy of the annual report to the Daily Worker representative, it was said that these reports were supposed to be for members of the Chamber of Commerce only.

Upon reading of this co-operation between the Chamber of Commerce and the local newspapers, the Daily Worker representative called on William Dougherty, acting managing editor of the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader, at 44 W. Market St., the one evening paper, a paper boasting a circulation of 29,000, and having as its slogan: "Progress, Industry, Home, Business." Mr. Dougherty, when asked if this statement of the Chamber of Commerce was true, that his paper had agreed not to carry news of strikes, very amiably said: "Why, sure. You see, our business men have to get credit, generally from New York. When they try to put through some deal, a bunch of clippings about local strikes are flashed in their faces, and it isn't so good; they don't get the credit."

Mr. Dougherty, when asked if his paper wasn't supposed to print news, rather than suppress it at the request of the Chamber of Commerce, said: "Oh, well, a lot of those strikes don't amount to much, anyway, and there's no sense in hurting business. Business was shot to pieces as it was, after the last big strike. As a matter of fact," confided Mr. Dougherty, "the Chamber of Commerce likes to brag little. We had that idea ourselves as soon as they did!"

When Mr. Dougherty was reminded that probably the majority of his readers were miners, and their families, who might resent this anti-labor policy of the Times-Leader, he said: "Don't worry about that. John Boylan, president of District 1, U. M. W. A., came up here and we sat down and talked it over and he agreed it was the best policy to play down these unimportant strikes."

## Cal: Now Making Room for Herb



Boylan, who was formerly on the executive committee of District 1, took Cappellini's place, when the latter was ousted last fall.

The Daily Worker representative then went to see the city editor of the Wilkes-Barre Record, the one morning paper, which claims 28,000 readers. This paper was founded in 1832 and doesn't seem to have caught up. Mr. Robert Johnson was in his office at 9 North Main St. When asked if his paper also took orders from the Chamber of Commerce, he was a little more cautious.

"I think this statement refers to a conference," he said, "where the question came up. Of course, it does hurt business to have continuous news stories about strikes. Undoubtedly in the past we have over-emphasized these strikes. Especially these killings in Pittston," said the smooth Mr. Johnson, "were greatly over-emphasized."

He referred to the brutal murders of the insurgent miners, Alex Campbell, Thomas Lillis and Pete Reilly, who were murdered last February, to the killing in cold blood of Frank Bonita and young Jacob Loyack, last November—all militant workers fighting for the rank and file, in the neighboring town of Pittston, Pa., where the Lewis-Cappellini-Boylan machine is in power.

The policy of mum on all labor stuff is being carried out a hundred per cent. Yesterday, 200 miners of Maxwell Colliery, No. 20, of the powerful Lehigh-Wilkes-Barre Coal Co. went on strike, because one of the mule drivers was fired. When the foreman tried to persuade one of the miners to scab, he told him where to get off, in no uncertain terms. This miner was a member of the new National Miners Union. The man fired was reinstated today and the miners went back to work. Among those striking was Al Stroll, Subdistrict Organizer of the Young Workers (Communist) League. Neither Wilkes-Barre paper carried a line on this local strike.

Among the bosses who get all the breaks from the two Wilkes-Barre papers are the mill owners. Some more distortions of facts are printed in this evening's Times-Leader regarding what it calls a "human interest story of 14 and 15 year old Pennsylvania boys and girls in industry," based on a report gotten

by the Bureau of Women and Children, of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor.

The report states: "One fourth of the children between 14 and 16 years old who work but have to go to school one day a week—Ed. had gone no further than the sixth grade in school, the minimum educational requirement for eligibility for an employment certificate." The mill owners' friend, the Times-Leader, distorts it as follows: "The report shows that one-third of all children of 14 and 15 years at work in the industries of the state have had an eighth grade education or better, while three-fourths had more than the law requires." But worse than this, the Times-Leader wants no one to think that "these little workers," as it calls them, are forced to work because their fathers and mothers don't get enough to live on. Oh, no. It explains the presence of the 25,000 children in industry in Pennsylvania, by purporting to quote from the report (an absolute fabrication). It wants its readers to think that the children prefer toiling in factories and mills to going to school and playing, so it says: "Opportunity for work, rather than economic need, would seem to influence children leaving school to enter industry."

## British Owned Arabs Kill American Agent, Kellogg Investigates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21—A clash of empires may be involved in the action of the state department, which tonight cabled the American consul at Bagdad to investigate at once the reported killing of Henry A. Bilkert, American missionary at Basrah, by tribesmen, who are British proteges, more or less.

This action was taken after a telephone call to the department from the secretary of Charles R. Crane in New York. Crane, a wealthy Chicago manufacturer and formerly American diplomat, with his son, John, were reported to have been traveling by automobile with Bilkert when attacked. Crane is interested in exploiting Arabs in competition with the British, and all sorts of rumors are current.

## GROVER WHALEN TAXI RULES CUT DRIVERS' WAGES

Drivers Not Allowed to Get Return Fare

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oppressive acts. They therefore intend to carry on a vigorous fight against the enforcement of the new traffic regulations, thru their organization.

"At the conclusion of the meeting the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

The enforcement of these regulations will restrict our lawful rights as citizens to the same free use with operators of other vehicles of the public highways, and

The "cruising" cab is a direct result of the failure of the city authorities to provide a sufficient number of taxis to meet the demand.

Enforcement of these regulations will work hardship on cab drivers because it will seriously interfere with their earning of a livelihood.

That a special committee of this organization shall be present within the proscribed zone to observe and take note of all acts of a discriminatory nature which may be committed against cab drivers.

—CHARLES KROLL, Recording secretary.

## 3 WORKERS HURT READING, (By Mail).—Three workers were severely injured in a collision of two food lorries at Calcot-Lane, near Reading.

## MEETING TODAY OF POCKETBOOK HELPERS CALLED

Election of Important Committee Planned

An important meeting of the Pocketbook Helpers will be held today immediately after work in the office of the union, 53 W. 21st St., where nomination for a new committee and elections of an elections and objections committee will be held.

"It is absolutely essential that all pocketbook helpers be present at this meeting," says the call issued yesterday, "as the present union agreement with the manufacturers will expire within a few months, and it will be up to the incoming section committees to put up a struggle against the union bureaucracy and the bosses in the interest of the workers."

"Three years ago when the present agreement with the manufacturers was signed the progressive helpers' committee together with the progressive operators' and pocketbook makers' committees forced Shipclaff and union officials to put out demands to the manufacturers.

"Unless the section committees are also on the watch out this time they will find the interests of the workers sold out by the Shipclaff regime."

MIAMI, Fla., (By Mail).—Florida organized workers are increasing their demand that a state compensation law be established.

## Oil Imperialists Fight



Col. Robert Stewart (left), chairman of the board of Standard Oil of Indiana, reeking with Sinclair bonds graft and part of the American oil trust which is ready to precipitate war in its struggle against the British. Center, is John D. Rockefeller, who for diplomatic reasons wants to oust Stewart. Right, another view of Stewart.

## Detroit City College Shields Faculty Tool of the Open Shoppers

DETROIT, (By Mail).—The administration of Detroit City College continues its effort to stifle student protest at the presence in the faculty of one, Russell, a paid tool of the Employers' Association.

In reply to a statement by the Student Protective Committee, the administration ignored the charges against Russell and instead made threats against the students. The statement declares that Russell openly boasted that he was in the pay

of the Employers' Association. In his classes Russell has made propaganda for this open-shop organization and has attacked any expression of opinion that was not thoroughly reactionary in character. He was instrumental in ousting the mild Liberal Association from Detroit City College and in having it banned from meeting in the public library.

The statement of the Student Protective Committee also declares that Russell discriminated against Negro students. The recent Conference on Organization of Auto Workers, held in this city, also passed a resolution asking the board of education to dismiss Russell from the public school system.

## U. S. CAPITALISTS IN CUBA DEMAND LARGER PROFITS

Want Sugar Imports Tax Free

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—United States sugar growers in Cuba have prevailed upon the Cuban government to ask for a revision of tariff duties on sugar imported to the United States and will press their case against competitive interests in America before the House ways and means committee today when it considers the revision of the Fordney-McCumber tariff act.

The arguments that the Cuban delegation has presented in favor of free importation of Cuban sugar, however, reveal much of interest in relation to the workings of Yankee imperialism. Their complete subservience to the Yankee business men is contained in their full support of the Platt amendment to the Cuban constitution.

They point out that today America's interests in Cuba amount to \$1,500,000,000, while American shipping and banking interests have advantages over those of other nations and 62 per cent of Cuban interests in 1927 came from the United States. It was also pointed out that Cuba pays \$150,000,000 in duties to the United States, chiefly in sugar.

Beet sugar interests in this country oppose the Cuban proposal and urge even a higher tariff on Cuban sugar in order to safeguard themselves. Before the committee will also appear the United States puppets in the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico.

## 7 Members of Family Killed in Collision of Auto With Train

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 21 (UP).—Seven members of an El Paso family were killed and an eighth was critically injured in a grade crossing tragedy at Finlay, Tex., 75 miles east of here Sunday.

The dead are: Alejandro Hernandez, 50; Bernadina Hernandez, 23; Esquel Hernandez and his wife, Alejandro Hernandez, Jr., Juliana Hernandez, 5, and Maria Hernandez, 1.

Francisco Hernandez, 2, is near death, hospital attaches said. Simon Hernandez, a stepson of Alejandro, sustained fractures of both legs, but is expected to survive.

The family was returning to El Paso from Big Springs, Tex., when their machine was struck by the Sunset Limited, crack Southern Pacific passenger train.

## African Natives Revolt Against Slave Conditions

(Crusader News Service)  
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, (By Mail).—An outbreak of disease as a result of unsanitary conditions forced on the native workers is reported from the Namaqualand State diamond fields, the scene of a recent outbreak against slave conditions. Poor wages and stringent regulations prevail, making virtual slaves of the workers.

The state of unrest is rapidly becoming so general that fresh reinforcements of police are being sent from Pretoria to Port Nolloth, to be held in readiness against the workers and "drastic measures" have been threatened by the South African government.

## STATEMENT

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8. The majority (Zam) group of the NEC, true to its tradition, turns down the proposal for unity on the basis of the line of the CYI letter. The line of the CYI letter has been ignored and the warnings against fractionalism towards the minority have been disregarded, and a new reign of factional organizational measures have been taken against the minority. The crassest example of this disregard of the CYI decision by the NEC majority (Zam group) was its refusal to transmit the CYI Congress letter to the membership for a period of over one month, and only did so upon receipt of a cable prop, the CYI which states: "Transmit letter immediately to local organizations in accordance with precedent decisions." Linked up with this is its failure to fight against or even protest (another demonstration of the organic unity of the Zam group with the Lovestone group) against the unprecedented procedure of the Party Polcom in holding up the CYI letter and its issuance of a letter to the Young Workers League membership which is nothing but an open attack on the CYI and an undermining of the prestige of the CYI

and in its place the following factional acts of aggression took place:

- (a) Refusal to elect Williamson DO in New York despite the recommendation of Chitarov (Secretary of the CYI).
- (b) Removal of Don and Rijak from the New York, D. E. C.
- (c) Removal of Mates as Pittsburgh D. O.
- (d) Sending Rijak to Buffalo, where League is practically non-existing.
- (e) Refusal to send comrades of minority to speak against Trotskyism and refusal to print NEC minority statement against Trotskyism.
- (f) Refusal to send comrades of minority to districts representing NEC on questions of practical work.

## E. C. MINORITY ON LETTER OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

(g) Refusal to remove Green as Buro member, also never elected by NEC, but by the Buro itself.

(h) Carrying out in a fake manner the decision of the CYI for a partial renewal of leadership. NEC majority refuses to release comrades on NEC who are old and completely out of League work and draws in to national leadership such comrades as Flaiani, Salzman, Manes, instead of accepting minority proposal to set up committee to consider this question seriously and report in a couple weeks.

Since these actions the CYI has cabled: "Remind you our letter states repressions against minority impermissible," but the NEC ignores it and instead of answering these charges tries to create a smoke screen around these factional actions by perverting other issues. The proposal to make Williamson DO in New York is interpreted in the majority NEC letter as "removing DO's for sole reason of supporting majority," without telling the membership that this was the recommendation of the leading comrades of the CYI.

9. The CYI Congress has placed before every section its main tasks in the present period. The main tasks of the American League is to be alert to the War Danger—become the leader of the working youth in the struggles against the War Danger and the growing encroachment of the bosses on the

political and economic fields. We must develop our mass work in the factories, trade unions, mass organizations, unemployed, armed forces and auxiliaries, among the Negro youth, build shop nuclei, draw proletarians into the League and build a proletarian leadership, etc. In connection with this we must recognize and rectify the following outstanding weaknesses:

1. The poor social and national composition of the League. The NEC views with alarm the great growth of student elements in the League and will work out directives with the DEC's to turn the face of the League to the proletarian youth. This phenomenon is not accidental but shows a decisive incorrect line of approach towards the working youth by the entire League. Linked up with this is the developing of new proletarian leadership coupled with a renewal of the entire leadership by releasing some comrades to the Party. This proletarianization must not be a mere gesture and these proletarian comrades must not be as mere appendages, but must be actually developed as the political leadership of the League. The NEC views with alarm such situation as the composition of the District training schools, where exclusive of New York, the composition of the other 5 training schools were from 75 to 90 per cent high school students and other non-proletarian elements. Also the situation in the New York Buro under the leadership of comrade Her-

berg, where of five comrades added to the New York Buro since March, only one was a proletarian.

2. The decrease in our economic trade union work and the practical liquidation of this department on the NEC. This is a reflection of our changed social composition. While there was activity in those sections (Pennsylvania, Colorado, and New Bedford) where the young workers, without the League being responsible in any way, engaged in economic struggles, this activity did not find sufficient youth forms and in the case of the new left wing trade unions (miners, textile and needle trades) insufficient has been accomplished in organizing youth sections or conducting sufficient youth forms of activity. While some progress was made in calling youth conferences, these were, with the exception of Pittsburgh coal mining conferences, without a real basis in the workshops or among the young workers, and above all, in no case were they followed up. The exclusion of the Young Workers League from the conference calls of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh was incorrect. We must consider our economic trade union activity as one of our basic tasks, emphasizing the need of real individual and collective work in this field. Creation of youth sections in left wing unions, creation of broad economic auxiliaries where impossible to form unions immediately and a systematic daily work in the fac-

ories, is the only way to root the League in the work shops for our basic tasks for organizing the working youth and combatting the war danger.

3. Negligence towards and underestimation of Negro work. The first prerequisite to successful Negro work is to conduct a systematic campaign against white chauvinism in the League. Without that Negro work is impossible. Linked up with this we must conduct an ideological campaign among the membership for the line of the CI, which considers the Negro question not only as a racial question, but as a racial-national question, with the necessity of building up such a movement with the proletariat as the driving and leading force of this movement. While we have as our central slogan "social and political equality" we also raise the slogan of "self-determination for the Negroes" in our propaganda. In every phase of activity concrete measures must be taken to recruit Negro working and farming youth into the League. A comrade should be sent to the South immediately.

4. Altho some progress has been made in combatting pacifism, strong tendencies still exist (accentuated by influx of students in past year). These must be combatted energetically. The N.E.C. recognizes as adventurist and provocative the proposed measures of introducing military training with arms in the district schools. We are in favor of mili-

tary drill and especially recommend the creation of workers defense corps on such occasions as the outbreaks in the Anthracite, Pittsburgh and New Bedford strikes. Intensified anti-war agitation—specific agitation in the factories, etc.—this is the method combat the war danger.

5. The N.E.C. again emphasizes that our united front tactics must be from below, based on the young workers. It is incorrect to have united front movements with petty-bourgeois organizations alone. If there is a strong proletarian base, an exceptional case may be made of inviting a petty-bourgeois youth organization, which has influence over young workers, to the united front conferences, but the united front miners relief conferences held in Buffalo and Kansas City, based on a majority of church and opponent youth organizations, were incorrect.

10. The statement of the majority (Zam) group of the N.E.C. on the CYI letter is simply a more subtle expression of the Party Polcom attack on the CYI. The statement of the N.E.C. majority does not endorse the CYI letter. It does not mention once the political line of the CYI letter, and by this omission demonstrated its opposition to this political line. Further the N.E.C. statement tries to pose the May C.Y.I. letter against the October letter, in this way to con-

fuse the membership and evade the sharp criticism of the C.Y.I. letter, "forgetting" to point out that the October letter of the C.Y.I. states that the progress referred to in the May letter, lasted only so long as there was unity in the League, and this unity "was marred by the uncritical attitude of the Executive of the League to the Right errors of the Party." The reference to self-criticism is mere words and every deed of the N.E.C. majority rejects these empty words. The statement gives a blanket endorsement of the Party Polcom activities, not condemning, but ignoring the Anti C.Y.I. and Anti Comintern statement of the Party Polcom against the C.Y.I. letter. Instead of accepting the line of the C.Y.I. as a basis of a united League, the N.E.C. majority evades this political line and attacks the N.E.C. minority who stand on the basis of this letter and defend it against the attacks of the Party Polcom without the assistance of the N.E.C. majority. The N.E.C. majority (Zam) group refuse to endorse the letter of the C.Y.I.

Unity is only possible by unreserved acceptance and endorsement of the C.Y.I. line and letter—critical attitude towards Party groupings and vigorous attack against both the Right danger in our Party and against Trotskyism—immediate breaking of connections by the majority (Zam) group with the Lovestone group in the Party—carrying into effect the tasks given to the American League by the C.Y.I.



# THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND TASKS OF THE COMMUNISTS

(NOTE—Today the Daily Worker prints the fifth instalment of the thesis of the 6th World Congress of the Communist International on "The International Situation and the Tasks of the Communists." This Congress was held in Moscow from July 26 until the first days of September, 1928. Publication of these theses will be continued until completed.—EDITOR)

28. In India a fresh wave of the national revolutionary movement characterized by the independent action of the proletariat (the textile strike in Bombay, the railway strike in Calcutta, the First of May demonstrations, etc.). This new outbreak has its roots deep down in the general conditions of the country.

The rate of industrialization, which was greatly accelerated in the war and the post-war periods, has now slackened down. The policy of British imperialism retards the industrial development of India and leads to the pauperization of the peasantry and to the divorcement from the land. The attempt by means of petty agrarian reforms to create a thin stratum of well-to-do peasants which is to serve as a prop for the British government and native feudalism—is accompanied by the still further pauperization and increased exploitation of enormous masses of the peasantry.

The cruel exploitation of workers, which, in some places, still bears the forms of semi-slavery, is combined with the extreme intensification of labor. In the fight against this barbarous exploitation, the proletariat is liberating itself from the influence of the bourgeoisie and of the re-

formists,—notwithstanding the fact that the trade union apparatus is still in the hands of the latter.

## INDIAN PEASANTRY ON REVOLUTIONARY PATH

The peasant movement, disrupted in 1922 by the treachery of Gandhi and subjected to cruel suppression by the feudal reaction, is slowly but surely recovering. The liberal national bourgeoisie—the leading wing of the Swaraj Party—although compelled by the unyielding attitude of British imperialism to resume their qualified oppositional tactics, are as a matter of fact, notwithstanding all their anti-British demonstrations, seeking a compromise with imperialism at the expense of the masses of the toilers.

On the other hand, the whole of the development of India impels the broad masses of the petty-bourgeoisie of town and country, and primarily the ruined and pauperized peasantry, along the path of revolution. Only under the leadership of the proletariat will the bloc of workers, peasants and the revolutionary sections of the intelligentsia be in a position to smash the bloc of imperialist landlords and compromising bourgeoisie, release the agrarian revolution and break the imperialist front in India.

The unification of the Communist elements and groups into a strong Communist Party, the organization of the masses of the proletariat in trade unions, a systematic struggle in the trade unions for the complete exposure and expulsion of the social-treachery leaders—are the essential tasks of the working class of India and a necessary condition for the mass revolutionary struggle for Indian independence.

29. The revival of the Chinese Revolution and the inevitable intensification of the revolutionary situation in India may create an absolutely new world political situation and upset the relative stabilization of the capitalist system. The development of conflicts among the imperialist states, their bloc against the U.S.S.R. and the profoundly acute struggle between imperialism and the colonial world, again and again confirm the correctness of the characterization of the present epoch as, an "epoch of wars and revolution."

31. The fight against the danger of imperialist wars between capitalist States and imperialist wars against the U. S. S. R. must be conducted systematically from day to day. It will be impossible to conduct this fight without exposing pacifism, which, under present conditions, is an important instrument in the hands of the imperialists for their preparations for war and for concealing these preparations. It will be impossible to carry on this struggle without exposing the "League of Nations," which is the principal instrument of imperialist "pacifism." Finally, it will be impossible to carry on this struggle without exposing Social Democracy, which is helping imperialism to screen its war preparations with the flag of pacifism. Continuous exposure, by facts, of the work of the "League of Nations," constant support for the U. S. S. R. disarmament proposals and exposure of the "home" government on this question (together with interpellations in parliament backed by mass demonstrations in the streets, etc.); continuous publicity for facts about the armaments of imperialist States, about the chemical industry, about the war budgets, the secret and open treaties and plots of the imperialists, and about the role of imperialists in China; exposure of the falsehoods spread by Social Democratic

"realist-pacifists" about ultra-imperialism and exposure of the role of the "League of Nations"; continuous publicity on the "results" of the first world war and of the secret military and diplomatic preparations made for it; to fight against pacifism in all its forms and to propagate Communist slogans—primarily the slogan of defeat of the "home" imperialist country and the conversion of imperialist war into civil war; work among the soldiers and sailors; the establishment of underground nuclei; work among the peasants—such are the fundamental tasks of the Communist Parties in this sphere.

32. An imperialist victory in the fight against the U. S. S. R. would mean much more than the defeat of the proletariat of the U. S. S. R.; it would inflict the severest defeat the international has ever suffered throughout the whole course of its existence. The labor movement would be thrown back for decades. The severest reaction would rage in Europe. If, as a result of the influence of the October Revolution and of the series of revolutions in Germany, Austria, and other countries, the working class managed to achieve a number of important gains, the defeat of the proletariat in the U. S. S. R. would open up a new page of history inscribed with records of absolutely unexampled and ferocious counter-revolutionary terror. Hence, it is essential that attention be concentrated on the defence of the U. S. S. R. For that reason, alarm for the fate of the U. S. S. R.,—against which the military forces of the imperialists are being collected, must stimulate systematic work in preparation for the conversion of war against the U. S. S. R., into civil war against imperialist governments, into war for the defence of the U. S. S. R.

## India Nationalists Urge Amanullah to Fight on Against Intervention by Britain

### TRIBES RALLY TO OVERTHROW IMPOSED KING

#### Amanullah Proclaims Self True Monarch

ALLAHABAD, India, Jan. 21.—A meeting of Indian nationalists at Lahore today adopted a resolution appealing to Amanullah "to restore Afghanistan to the status of an independent kingdom."

More meetings are being planned for next Friday throughout India.

The intervention of the British in Afghanistan, by inciting the border tribes to revolt and giving them arms and ammunition, has aroused a wave of protest in India where the masses are fighting for independence from Britain.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Jan. 21.—Amanullah, who is now at Kandahar, has officially rescinded his abdication as king of Afghanistan and assumed supreme power, now that his older brother, Inayatullah, to whom he turned over the throne last week, has been driven out of Kabul.

BOMBAY, India, Jan. 21 (UP).—Rumors were circulated here today that Bacha Saka had fled or had been killed, but all lacked confirmation.

The impression was growing that Amanullah was gaining the sympathy of the frontier tribes. Muslims of the Peshawar district were strongly in his favor.

LAHORE, India, Jan. 21 (UP).—Inayatullah, who was king of Afghanistan for three days, arrived here today, en route to Kandahar, via Chaman, to join his brother, Amanullah. He refused to make a statement.

It was understood Amanullah was distributing notices among tribesmen who had opposed him, urging them to "recover their senses."

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Daily Telegraph dispatch said it was understood a movement to overthrow Bacha Saka was being considered in Peshawar. A council was suggested to see whether the Shinwari, Mohmand and Afridi tribes would agree on co-operative action to dethrone him.

### U. S. Departs Mexican Workers; 200 Families Thrown Over Frontier

Continued from Page One families and subjecting them not only to severe, but cruel treatment coupled with deportation back to Mexico.

The Mexican government, both the national Secretary of State and the Customs Service, have received from the Mexican customs officers on the frontier statements that there are no less than 200 Mexican families without home or resources, on the Mexican side of the line, having been rounded up and forced to leave their homes in the United States on 24 hours notice. They have been driven across the frontier under the allegation that they lacked the necessary documents under the U. S. laws, having no passports.

It is also stated that the U. S. officials, in some cases would not permit the Mexican workers to carry back to Mexico objects of value obtained in the United States at the cost of many years of hard work.

It is understood that the under-Secretary of State of Mexico has given orders to the Mexican customs officials on the frontier to assist the deported families, and at the same time has sent a message to the U. S. State Department, "inquiring" in a somewhat apologetic tone, that Mexican workers, whose labor is profitable to the U. S. employers, be not so arbitrarily treated.

The Workers (Communist) Party fights for the enactment of the 40-hour, 5-day week.

### Women Workers Rally to Fight Against Imperialism

By VERA BUCH.

IN the next world war, working class women in America will be conscripted by the hundreds of thousands to work in the factories. Women will manufacture the materials of war for the ruling class. No longer will it be a case of 1917, when America came tardily into the conflict, throwing in little of its resources in comparison with the European powers. Even in 1917-1918 tens of thousands of women and girls in the United States worked in factories, making munitions—shells, powder and bullets—and hundreds of thousands of others worked in other industries directly connected with the war, such as food and garment manufacture.

But in the next world war, in which America, as the towering giant of imperialism, the most powerful capitalist country of the world, will either be the aggressor or at any rate one of the chief participants in the conflict. One of the first war-time measures will be the passage of acts conscripting the whole working class and lower middle class population, not only men, but women and children as well, for the bloody service of the capitalist murderers.

Men will be drafted for the army and navy and women and children will take their places in steel mill and auto plant, in shell, powder and chemical factory, as well as in the second line war industries of food and clothing and in agriculture. Upon the working class women will rest the burden of keeping the war going.

Realizing this, it becomes immediately apparent how extremely vital it is to win the working class women for the struggle against imperialism and for the proletarian revolution. It is essential for the imperialists' plans that the women should be inspired with enthusiasm, with sacred zeal, not only to sacrifice their men on the battlefield, but also personally to give their all for the "stars and stripes" in the shape of slaving long hours in the factories, speeding-up and sweating to rush out munitions orders, risking life and limb in dangerous manufacture of shells and chemicals, etc.

The working class must snatch its women from the imperialists' poisonous embrace. It must win the women so that their heroism and devotion will be all for the working class. There must be won over at once, in each war-time industry, at least a group of women workers who understand the nature of the imperialist war as a struggle only for capitalist markets and capitalist profits, who will rally and organize the other women around them so that in time of war the women producers will strike and will refuse to turn out war materials for the government.

The women must be won over so that they will join in the struggle of the whole working class to turn the imperialist war into a civil war between the exploited and the ruling classes, to turn the arms in the workers' hands, not against the workers of other countries, but against the employers of the home country.

This is not a task of the dim future, it is the task of today. Every day brings new signs of the quick approach of the next world war. War industries are uniting in huge, vastly powerful super-trusts (General Motors combined with U. S. Steel and DuPont Powder; chemical combines, "intelligence" combines of telegraph and radio, etc.).

The rationalization drive, which the employers, faced with the bitter competition in other countries for the colonial markets, must enter into increasingly in order to put their industries in the most efficient and economical shape possible, goes on apace. Weak firms and uneconomical factories are eliminated; workers' organizations are smashed and their leaders corrupted; exploitation is increased by speed-up and wage-cuts; technical organization of industry is improved; productive processes become simple and monotonous, women and youth increasingly replace men.

War preparations are carried on at a terrible rate by all the capitalist nations, at the same time that a smoke screen is thrown out in the shape of all kinds of "peace" conferences and "anti-war" pacts, of which there has been a big crop in the last couple of years. The nations are increasing their armies, navies and aircraft, and are giving millions of dollars to the preparation of poisonous gases and bacteria which can wipe mankind off the face of the earth. Whole industries (steel and other metals, auto, chemical) at a moment's notice are ready to turn to the manufacture of munitions and other war equipment. At this very moment two bills are before congress, one against war, the Kellogg ("anti-war") pact, which has just passed the senate; the other for building 15 new cruisers. This is neither strange nor confusing to the worker who understands that the anti-war pact is just so much dust to be thrown into his eyes so that he will not become alarmed at the building of the new cruisers.

Ideological preparations for war goes on by means of a hot-air-barrage of talk about patriotism, peace and preparedness over the whole country. Never since 1918 have there been so many patriotic and war-time themes in the movies. The radio works full blast sending similar ideas to the remotest corner of the country. To get the women lined up and in a fervently patriotic mood, the rulers use a whole series of women's organizations which are bourgeois and lower middle class in composition, but which are active among the working class women, winning them over for Americanization, for the stars and stripes, for home and country, for Hoover and war. Among these are the National Women's Party, the Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Council of Jewish Women, the League of Women Voters, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Young Women's Christian Association, etc.

The Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, recently held in Washington, composed of delegates from ten national women's organizations, is an example of the apparatus used during a pre-war period to keep the women mobilized and in fighting trim. They are lined up now for "peace." This conference endorsed the Kellogg anti-war pact. Yet there is not one of the organizations participating in the conference which was not feverishly active in supporting the last war. Not one word was spoken at the conference against the horrors of war and its results for the working class. Not one word against the cruiser bill. It was plainly apparent that this conference was called only to help in the throwing out of the smoke screen of pacifism in which so many agencies are employed in the present period.

That the working women of this country are now aroused to the war danger was proved by the presence in Washington of a group of a dozen working women representing working class women's organizations with a total of 100,000 members in different parts of the country. These women were there to protest against the preparations for imperialist war and against the women's peace conference as part of these preparations. The women succeeded so well that they nearly broke up the first meeting of the conference. Their picketing demonstration brought out the slogans of defense of the Soviet Union, organization of the working women to fight the war danger, fight against wage cuts, speed-up and unemployment and exposed pacifism as the fig leaf of imperialism.

The work begun by this conference must be energetically pressed forward. The working women's organizations throughout the country must be systematically organized to fight war. Furthermore, the fight must be carried through them into every factory, mill and workshop. Particularly in the industries which will be involved in war directly, such

as steel, auto, aircraft, metal, chemical, where already many thousands of women are employed, must agitation be carried on against the war danger. In 1920 there were 70,000 women in steel plants and 35,000 in other metal industries and some 5,000 in the auto. Since then the women have multiplied nearly four times in the auto industry and probably as much in the others. In the auxiliary war-time industries, such as food and clothing, very large numbers of women are employed. In the textile there are 500,000, in the needle trades 300,000 and in the food industry 200,000. These are the industries in which it is of the highest importance to organize the women, not of course separately as women, but as part of the whole section of the working class in these industries.

### Learning War Tricks



Fred W. Kelly is getting his training as an aviator carrying mail on the Los Angeles-Salt Lake City air mail and passenger route of the Western Air Express. When the imperialist war comes he will know how to fly a war plane.

### Marxian Historians Hold First Congress

Continued from Page One with remarks of a number of bourgeois historians at the congress in Oslo and declared: "Formerly there were naive people who believed that history had nothing to do with politics, today no such naive persons exist. This is as doubtless as the fact that the Marxist method is the only scientific method, and even bourgeois historians are beginning to adopt it."

Forty speeches will be made at the conference, including lectures upon the history of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the history of the peoples inhabiting the West, the history of the armed insurrections and the peasants revolts, the revolutionary war, etc.

### Reich "Socialists" Urge Large Army to Protect Imperialism

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—A feud between the fascist wing of the social democracy and its militarist wing is now going on in the "Vorwaerts," central organ of the German social democratic party, on the left program of the Party, which will come up for discussion at the party congress next March at Magdeburg.

The draft program urges the construction of a strong military force to defend Germany from "invaders." The leaders of the socialist party helped to put through the 10,000-ton cruiser bill by fighting the Communists on the question of the referendum.

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If the outcome of the leg operations warrant it, Dr. Thomas said, an artificial arm would be grafted on the muscles, connected so that the child might have two arms as well as two legs.

### MEXICAN LABOR ROUSED AT THE MELLA MURDER

#### U. S. Responsible for Cuban Assassins

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by means of vile assassination and to bring into Mexico their usual methods in Cuba. Machado, the mimic of Mussolini, bathes himself in proletarian blood.

"But the Committee of Proletarian Defense will not permit this brutal assassination to go unpunished. We have begun the task of unmasking this Mussolini of Latin America, and we will continue it regardless of the sacrifices necessary to effect that end."

"Before the eyes of the world proletariat we will tear the veil aside that hides the assassination committed against Mella, and the workers of the world will see the desperate situation in which the Cuban proletariat finds itself, groaning under the implacable iron heel of Machado, 'business agent of Wall Street.'"

The committee addressed telegrams to various authorities demanding action against the assassins and sent the following to President Machado of Cuba:

"The Committee of Proletarian Defense of Mexico, and the organizations it represents consider that the assassination of Mella was personally ordered by you, the representative of the most bestial and shameless tyranny of the world, and we denounce you as such before the world proletariat."

To the President of Mexico, Porfirio Gil, the committee sent the following:

"The Committee of Proletarian Defense protests energetically at the crime perpetrated on Comrade Julio Antonio Mella, assassinated by the order of Gerardo Machado, president of the Republic of Cuba and infamous the world over. We demand immediate punishment of the authors and instigators of the crime, and we declare that no vulgar assassins can terrorize the proletariat which will continue to march forward."

The committee, addressing Mexican labor as a whole, calls upon it to demonstrate by their united force that they join the proletariat of Cuba and of the world, in sorrow at the loss of Mella and in class anger at his assassins.

### Modern Surgery Plans to Graft on Artificial Limbs on Legless Girl

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (UP).—A five-year-old girl, who was born without legs and one arm, may run and play like other children if University of Illinois College of Medicine surgeons are successful in a series of operations by which they hope to graft the girl's lower muscles to artificial legs.

Dr. Henry Bascom Thomas, professor of orthopedic surgery at the college, said he believed the operations feasible. In event he is successful it will be the first time in medical history such a feat has been performed.

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### SPORTS BECOME SIGNIFICANT IN LIGHT OF IMPERIALIST WAR PLANS

By FRANK HENDERSON.

At the present time when the young workers play such an important role in the labor movement and our entire country is going thru an intensive campaign to militarize the youth and prepare the young workers for another world war—sports and sport organizations gain significance in their use by the bosses to mobilize the young workers into the camp of the bourgeoisie. Sports are important first, because it is a part of the general military system and training, and second, because sports are used directly to increase the exploitation of the young workers on the industrial field.

In recent years there has been a marked increase in sports activity and sport organizations. (Record crowds, gate receipts and increase in sport grounds and buildings.) In connection with the increase in sports can be noticed the introduction of military training in public schools, which is mixed with sports. Military training and gymnasium classes are conducted at the same time. During gym classes students are put thru military drills. (Military formations, marches, etc.) In this manner sports and military drills are interwoven and the militaristic ideology is built thru sports.

Outdoor Sports. What takes place inside the schools is nothing compared with outdoor sports. (Football, soccer, baseball.) It is thru these outdoor sports that patriotism and militarism are introduced. One has but to watch a big football game to witness the waving of flags to the tune of military music. This music is usually furnished by the National Guards, CMTC, and Boy Scout bands. An example of the grip of bourgeois sports and the utilization of sports to further militarism is the college and night school parades thru city streets prior to the opening of big sport events. These parades are led by police, companies of the National Guards, CMTC officers and Boy Scouts, who march to military music. The display of flags and sound of music stirs the public and the entire city is affected by these demonstrations. There is hardly a sport game played in the U. S. that does not have a patriotic and militaristic atmosphere connected with it.

The bourgeois press and periodicals play their part too. Space and pictures are given to propagate militarism by calling for recruits to the Y. M. C. A., C. M. T. C., Boy Scouts and other fascist organizations. Build better bodies. U. S. army wants men. These are the slogans used in many advertisements. Sports in Boy Scout camps, C. M. T. C. camps, army, marines, and the navy are well advertised. Billboards and advertisements for recruits into the army and the navy show sailors and soldiers enjoying themselves and engaged in sports of all kinds. The utilization of sports by the military authorities is one of the best attractions to get the youth into military service. The ex-marine Gene Tunney, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, is pointed out as an example of what the marines can do for the youth. This is the honey that military authorities use to get swarms of young workers into the clutches of their masters. When the young man joins the service he expects fun, play and sports. What he gets is misery, suffering and death.

On the industrial field sports play a role that perpetuates the exploitation of all workers. Sports and sport organizations are used by the employers and state authorities to organize factory and official sport clubs in order to hinder the development of the class consciousness of the young workers. Also to draw the young workers from working class organizations. This is done in many ways. The employers have the financial resources whereby they can establish the dependence of the workers on the bosses for sport equipment, sport grounds, etc. Not only that but players are paid wages while engaged in sports and good jobs and guarantee against lay-off are offered.

By giving the workers sports the employers control the young work-

ers even after working hours and make them inactive in class organizations, diverting them from the class struggle. In this way the employers boost the bourgeois sport movement and weaken the labor movement generally and the workers' sport movement in particular. By having company sport instructors and coaches the bosses spread their ideological influence over the workers. Company sport teams are the elementary step for class collaboration resulting in company sport funds, newspapers, welfare schemes. Company sports are a general part of the system of training to extend their exploitation of the workers and get recruits for factory fascism—thugs, guards, spies, etc.

But all this has not been left unchallenged by the workers. Bourgeois sports have been challenged by proletarian sports and the workers have declared war on the sports of the bosses. The workers are realizing the vicious influence of bosses' sports and the value of workers' sports. Today in the U. S., we have a Labor Sports Union that is fighting to expose bourgeois sports and bosses' sports. We have a labor sports organization that promotes widespread workers' sports activity, under workers' control, and guided by working class aims and principles.

The Labor Sports Union was born at Detroit, Mich., in January, 1927. It has since made tremendous progress as recorded at the recent convention in New York, which was held in conjunction with the second annual L. S. U. Olympics. Over 500 athletes participated in the olympics.

In the beginning social democratic elements in the leadership of the L. S. U. hampered much of the progress. But social democracy in a healthy proletarian organization can easily be detected, and so in the L. S. U. Today the social democrats, Palm, and the renegade Wiitala, are outside of the ranks of the L. S. U. Their social democratic views towards all labor organizations and in particular to the Labor Sports Union have changed to open disruption of its progress. They have formed a separate sport organization trying to split the ranks of the L. S. U. and leading to collaboration with the bourgeois sports organizations. Their activities must be exposed to all labor athletes.

Despite external oppressors and internal disrupters the future of the Labor Sports Union is very bright. Recent conventions and conferences have united the membership closer than ever. The aims and principles of the L. S. U. are much more clear. Many more clubs have affiliated and the membership is steadily increasing. As capitalist rationalization increases the lot of the young workers becomes worse. As America continues to prepare for another war, both ideologically and materially (Kellogg "peace" pact and the cruiser bill) the young workers must struggle against another imperialist slaughter. Young workers must fight for their class and against imperialist war by organizing economically, politically and in sports. Against bourgeois sports and capitalist exploitation. For the Labor Sports Union and against imperialist war.

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# Flying Shuttles in West Boylstown Mill Make Accidents Frequent, Says Correspondent

## CLOTHES CAUGHT IN LOOMS KEPT ONE FOOT APART

### 10 and 13-Hour Day Slavery

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The mill in which I work is the largest in town. It is the West Boylstown Mfg. Co., of Easthampton, Mass., employing about 1800 workers. It is noted for its lousy conditions, large labor turnover, and low pay. Most of the workers are Poles, French Canadians and Lithuanians and their children from 14 up. Anyone from out-of-town is sure of a job because they are dumb as to conditions and can be driven better. We start at 7:15 and get through at 5, getting one hour off for lunch. There isn't any luncheon for about a mile so we have to either go home or if we live too far eat in a room with dirty cotton flying into our mouths. They give us 5 minutes at noon and 5 at night to get ready to leave but we have to be in at 7:10 and at 12:55 ready for work. (The boss makes sure he gets his.)

The company keeps one week's pay back on us so they got us stuck. Most of the workers get \$13.05 a week and some get as wonderful a wage as \$18.00 after working 10 years. We have to stand up all the time and if we sit down the boss gives us hell, in fact we get hell for everything and if we talk we get the gate. The other day the boss kicked one guy for something and then told the kid why he kicked him. The kid was right so the boss told him not to be so slow and walked away. They think we're worms but even a worm turns so they better look out. Boy, but it's a good model of hell in the weaving room and besides some of the looms are only about a foot apart so when you go to look at your cloth (you get docked for bad threads, etc.) and your tie or apron, or loose sleeve gets caught in the machinery when you have to lean over, it's good bye and a good long rest. But the worst thing comes in the flying shuttles. Every once in a while one comes whizzing through the air about 60 miles an hour and it's a pair of wings for you, if you get hit in the dome.

If they put some safety thing to hold the shuttle it would be O. K., but that cuts down profits, so no chance. Two fellows got hurt this way last week; one got a small hole in his hand and the other got his hand cracked so the boss (kind-hearted soul) put some iodine on and wrapped a rag around it and sent the slaves back to work. (Hurrah for the kind-hearted bosses.)

We slave almost 9 hours a day and are pretty damn tired when we get through but we have heaven compared to the night mules. These slave 13 hours straight from 5 p. m. to 6 a. m. without even 5 minutes off, for the magnificent sum of \$17 per week (and they say we have an 8 hour day and good conditions and pay in this great U. S. A.).

The mill got a tax return about a month ago of \$157,000, but you bet it isn't that the slaves any good. Just a few more pennies for the poor starving millionaires who own the mills. There are company stool pigeons all over so everyone is afraid to talk to each other. Men have been fired for talking about their lousy pay. 14-year old kids are taken out of schools so their few dollars will help the family. The kids get stunted, thin and sickly.

Because they manage to eke out a bare existence, the workers do not realize their miserable conditions and some are satisfied to slave for their pittance or if they do realize this they have to be damn careful whom they talk to or it's the gate which means looking for a job which can't be found though we have the Hoover "prosperity". Everyone in the family works from the grandmother to the 14 year old kids.

They pay \$6 to \$10 a month rent for an old company house. The workers are just like dumb animals, they eat, sleep and work and eat, sleep and work again. On Sunday if the workers go to church they listen to a pot bellied toad of the mill owners tell them to starve and be satisfied on earth so they can go to heaven. There is even a blue sky law against Saturday night entertainments because the people wouldn't go to church Sunday. Workers! this will get you nothing but more kicks and worse conditions and pay from the bosses. Organize and fight the bosses instead of humbly submitting. Answer the call when the National Textile Workers' Union starts to organize the exploited slaves of this town and then we will be able to get better pay and conditions. Hurrah for the new union!

—A WEST BOYLSTON SLAVE.

## Mexican Communist Youth Greet the "Young Worker"

The "Young Worker" has received the following letter from the Communist Youth League in Mexico:

"Editor, Dear Comrade:

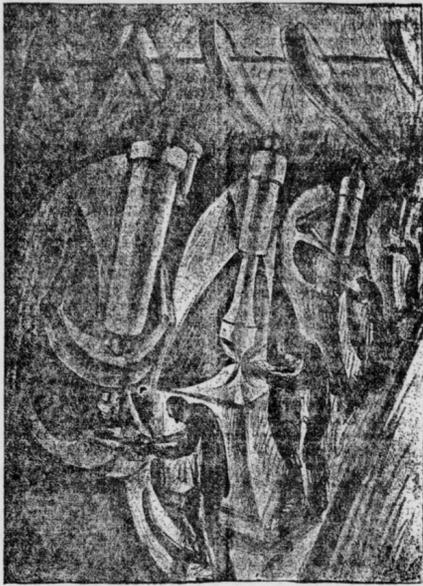
"On behalf of the Mexican Young Communist Federation, we greet the Young Worker, the organ of the class struggle of the young workers of the United States, wishing you success in your campaign to make the paper a weekly.

"The Young Communist press constitutes one of the best arms for the struggle against militarism and imperialism, which is a task common to both our leagues, especially in this period of colonial expansion of the United States imperialism towards the South.

"Workers of the world unite!

"Central Executive Committee, Mexican Young Communist Federation, Gorge Fernandez Anaya, Gen. Secy."

## In the Shop



## "End of St. Petersburg" Now Showing at Loew's Theatres

Sovkino, chief of film makers of Soviet Russia, is responsible for one of the most dramatic motion pictures made in Russia, the colossal film "The End of St. Petersburg," which will be shown at Loew's Theatres this week.

It was directed by a young genius of 24, W. J. Pudovkin, and in this he attempted to film the dramatic story of Russia's entrance into the war, of the events leading to the rise and fall of the Kerensky government. One feature of the picture is that it was filmed without a script, and another is that the director did not use a professional actor. Pudovkin finds that the people who make a living of acting become trained in certain ways and are incapable of really interpreting sincere emotions and passions.

"The End of St. Petersburg" is scheduled for Loew's Delancey Theatre, Delancey and Suffolk Sts., and Commodore, Sixth St. and Second Ave., Jan. 21, 22, 23; Palace, E. N. Y. Ave. and Douglas St., Premier, Sutter Ave. and Hinesdale St., Oriental, 86th St. and 18th Ave., Loew's 46th St., 46th St. and New Utrecht Ave., all in Brooklyn; Boulevard, So. Blvd. and Westchester Ave., Fairmount, Tremont, Ave., between Crotona and Clinton, Grand, Fordham Road and Jerome Ave., all in the Bronx and the Prospect, at Flushing, L. I., Jan. 28, 29 and 30; Loew's 116th St., between Lenox and Seventh Aves., Jan. 21 to 24; Loew's Rio, 160th St. and Broadway, Jan. 23, 24, 25; Loew's Seventh Ave., 124th St. and Seventh Ave., Jan. 24 and 25; Loew's E. N. Y. Ave. and Fifth St., Jan. 26, 27, 28; Coney Island and Burnside, Burnside and Walton Ave., Bronx, Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1; Spooner, 163rd St. and Westchester Ave., Bronx, Jan. 31, Feb. 1; Kamee, E. N. Y. Ave. and Douglas St., Brooklyn, Feb. 5, 6, 7, 8; Inwood, Dyckman St. and Post Ave., and 167th St., 167th St. and Jerome Ave., in the Bronx, Feb. 6, 7, 8.

## FOUR BILLS THIS WEEK AT CIVIC REPERTORY THEATRE

Three of this season's successful bills and one of last season will share the week at the Civic Repertory Theatre. This season's new productions to be seen at Eva Le Gallienne's Theatre in Fourteenth St. include: "The Cherry Orchard,"

## Soviet Cities Develop Rapidly; More Workers

MOSCOW, Jan. 21.—The leading cities of the Soviet Union are growing and their population is steadily increasing, according to the latest statistics.

The population of Novosibirsk, capital of Siberia, has increased 72 per cent as compared with 1917, while that of Nijni-Novgorod, Viatka, Omsk and Petrozavsk rose about 45 per cent. Moscow's population increases about 5 per cent. annually.

MINER KILLED. CARDIFF, Wales (By Mail)—Duncan Connor, a miner at the Moors Colliery, Newton, was electrocuted while at work.

## "Peter Pan," and the double bill including Tekehoff's "On the High Road" and the Quintero comedy, "The Lady from Alfaqueque," which had its first performance last Monday night.

"The Cherry Orchard" will be the bill tonight and Wednesday evening. "Peter Pan" will be given three times, Wednesday matinee, Thursday evening and Saturday matinee. "On the High Road" and "The Lady from Alfaqueque" will have their third performances Tuesday and Friday evenings. The week will close with "The Good Hope" on Saturday evening.

In "On the High Road" Alla Nazimova will play the leading role, as well as her role of Madam Ranevskaya in "The Cherry Orchard." As Miss Le Gallienne is also in "The Cherry Orchard," as well as playing her usual parts in "Peter Pan" and "The Good Hope," every performance the coming week will have either Miss Le Gallienne or Madam Nazimova in the cast.

## Texan I. L. D. Branch Pledges Aid to Shifrin Fight for Freedom

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 21.—At a gathering, in honor of J. Rabinoff, representing the Jewish section of the I. L. D., held January 6, 1929 at 441 E. Commerce St., San Antonio, Texas, the following resolution was adopted after the visitor-speaker acquainted all present with details of the Wm. Shifrin defense case: The resolution is signed by Mary Anne Lefschitz, Secretary and J. Schaffer, chairman.

Having been attacked by six thugs sent by the Butcher Union controlled by right wing elements, who threatened his life with knives, Comrade Wm. Shifrin had no way out except by defending himself which resulted in the death of one of the gangsters, Harry Silver.

We accuse those elements who are sending strong-armed squads to execute murder assaults on innocent workers. The guilt falls upon the United Hebrew Trades who organize vigilance committees for the purpose of "butchering" Left Wing workers to supply carnage for the cemeteries." The guilt falls upon "the Jewish Daily Forward" which writes massacres on the Left Wing movement, and aids financially in freeing the murderers as in the case of Comrade Aaron Gross.

The guilt falls upon the right wing union leaders who introduced the practice of gangsterism in the trade union movement. Self-preservation is the first law of nature; self-defense—the first duty. Therefore, he resolved: That we pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to free Comrade Shifrin from "Forwardistic vengeance" and capitalistic "justice." We further pledge our full moral and financial support to the newly formed I.L.D. in this city in its movement to free Comrade Wm. Shifrin as well as all other victims of the class struggle.

## TORONTO POLITICAL SCANDAL

TORONTO, Canada, Jan. 21.—"Sorry, old dear," said the mayor of Toronto when W. A. Summerville, for three hours control board member found it necessary to resign because his opponents had evidence that he hadn't been paying his taxes. This capitalist controlled city government is in considerable turmoil because its finance commissioner has resigned. They are going to let him nominate his successor. But whatever happens, and whatever scandals lie below surface, the tradition of local politics covers everything with a veil of politeness.

## IMPERIALIST BETTER

PARIS, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—Marshall Foch's critical period of illness has passed. Dr. Daverniere said late today. Starting tomorrow, bulletins on his condition will be issued only every two days, he said.

## "RAISE IN WAGES" FOR TROLLEYMEN IS REALLY A CUT

### Speed-up in Cleveland Increases

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CLEVELAND, Ohio (By Mail).—The speed-up on the St. Clair line has put more men on the sick list than St. Clair has ever had, and our bosses were not satisfied with the hardships forced on the men by speeding up the running time, and they decided to have the conductors wear their chargers instead of hanging the charger on the fare box. Extra work such as shop trips are given to the yard men and these men do not belong to the union. The yard men are stool-pigeons for the company. They work 9 hours per day and get a shop trip which makes a 11½-hour day. Road men would get 12 cents per hour more than the shop men for making shop trips. The poor suckers that work in the yard can't see anything in a union.

We that belong to the union are discriminated against unless we do the things that the company wants—or be stool pigeons, in other words. Our fakers are asleep again. All the new employees have to sign up to take the company insurance or they are not employed. The insurance costs each employee \$2.50 per month.

The Cleveland Railway officials have their welfare schemes and send literature to our homes telling about the wonderful "sings" and parties, and then put up a schedule that makes one sick to work regular. You work from early in the morning until after 7 at night, for 8 to 8½ hours out of 93 runs there are 41 straight runs and 27 three-swing runs.

On November 19 they called on all regular men to give \$5 or a day's work and extra men \$2 to the Community Fund, and asked for a larger donation than in 1927. Some men refused to give as they did not have faith in the Community Fund and were not financially able. The average per man at St. Clair for 1927 was \$2.59 and in 1928 \$4.70. The leaders of the community fund are the biggest open shoppers in the city.

The secretary of our union was invited to attend a meeting on October 16, 1928, held by committee of Cleveland workers for the purpose of fighting the tactics of the employers in getting employees to contribute, but he did not attend the meeting, although he attended a meeting of the American League last spring and delivered a speech to them and was favorable to the Cleveland railway Co., organizing a possible ex-service men. But the ex-service men did not favor the movement and our secretary was not sought and the schemes was not successful.

I want to give three cheers for the National Miners and Textile Workers Unions, and it looks as though the day will come when the street car and busmen will also demand a National Street Car and Busmen's Union.

Last May we were given 2c per hour raise in wages and the capitalist papers of Cleveland spread the news in big type across the front pages of their papers and stated how many thousand dollars it meant to the men on the cars. But the company cut the running time 6 minutes on each round trip and not a word was said about that in big headlines of the capitalist papers. The officials of our union were greatly in favor of cooperating with the company.

We make the same mileage hauling, the same amount of passengers as we did the year before with 6 minutes per trip less time, which means that in reality the motormen and conductors on St. Clair line got a cut of about 2c per hour instead of a raise.

The last move by the company was to increase the salary of the starters which means about \$10,000 more per year out of the car-riders' pockets, but I do not see anything about that spread across the front pages of the daily papers of Cleveland. But I do notice that they claim their interest fund is low and they must raise the care-fare. Let's get our heads together, boys, and get a square deal!—CARMAN.

## Scott Nearing Speaks at Meeting in Madison

MADISON, Wis. (By Mail).—Scott Nearing addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting of University of Wisconsin students and Madison townspeople Thursday evening, who listened as he analyzed the contradictions within the capitalist system and its inevitable breakdown and replacement by Communism. Nearing also brought out clearly the imperialist war danger, exposing the hypocrisy of the Kellogg "peace" pact.

## MEXICO POLL FIGHTS

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 21 (U.P.)—A dispatch to the newspaper Grafico from Zempoala, state of Hidalgo, said today that six had been killed and several wounded in a fight between partisans of two rival candidates for governor.

## Militant Women Fight in Sandino's Army



Sandino has been able to rally about himself a strong army of Nicaraguan workers and peasants, both men and women. He has recently announced that he will continue his fight against Yankee imperialism until all marines are withdrawn from Nicaragua. With the aid of their machetes and guns captured from the U. S. marines the Army of Independence has been able to inflict large losses upon the American forces.

## "Precious" Is a Wisecracking Comedy of Bourgeois Amours

Bored with the professional naughtiness of night club ladies, Andrew Hoyt, a bald-headed captain of industry, decides to seek inspiration through a good old-fashioned marriage with Eva Mills, a dumb but attractive product of American civilization as expressed in Ypsilanto, Mich. When tired business men marry vigorous young virgins from the backwoods, pre-marital dreams of wedded bliss are sometimes shattered. In "Precious," listed as a farcical comedy and presented at the Royale Theatre, James Forbes portrays the trials of the business men with an eye for beauty and an appreciation of a shapely leg.

At times a good line is put into the mouths of the players; at times the players make good use of them. But on the whole the comedy gives the impression of being little more than a labored series of wisecracks which do not always prove bright spots of a weak theme.

When Andrew Hoyt (played by John Cumberland), announces his immediate marriage with Eva Mills, (Dorothy Hall), his go-getting business partner, Luke Radcliffe, is cynical. Hale Hamilton gives a useful interpretation of a realistic Babbit. He asks awkward, unromantic questions, and advises Hoyt to liquidate his "suppressed desires" through the accepted channels.

However, pastoral charm and the clever scheming of the gold digging sister of the winsome bride win the day, and Andrew retires from bachelorhood and becomes Andy. As "Stella darling" Cora Witherspoon gives a clever interpretation of the role of the crafty sister who understands the necessity of buying presents for herself when she obtains, through her sister, the key to lavish wealth and charge accounts.

One month after the union Andy discovers that his bride is more interested in beautifying the home with delicate pink cushions and cute dolls than in playing the role of the devoted young wife. And Andy sighs to escape from the dream world of romance to the more restful ways of hard-boiled bachelorhood. Oliver Denton (Edward Leiter), arrives to design a nursery at the suggestion of the optimistic Andy and otherwise improve the architectural arrangements of the house. Besides possessing a Greek chin and marcel wave, Olive dances divinely and one interpretation of the tango throws Eva off her balance. But it takes the youthful architect a month to

## Mussolini's Decree on Chamber Signed

ROME, Jan. 21 (UP).—The king signed a decree today dissolving the chamber of deputies and ordering a new election on March 24, as approved by the cabinet last week. The king also signed a decree appointing the new members of the Fascist Grand Council, in accordance with the recent law providing that the members be designated by royal decree. Under the new law, the grand council is a recognized and official part of the government. The membership is almost the same as the preceding grand council.

## West's Department Is Giving Out Enormous Electrical Contracts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Contracts totalling \$240,000 for electrical equipment and hydraulic turbines, to be used at Coolidge Dam in Arizona, were let by the U. S. government today. The Westinghouse Electric Co. received a contract for \$180,000 for a power house and transmission line. A contract for two hydraulic 10,000 horse power turbines was given General Electric Co. for \$60,000. Contracts for power machinery are now controlled by Roy West, secretary of the interior and an Insull power trust man.

## Kills Negro Worker, Gets 3 Years, Paroled

MIAMI, (By Mail).—Robert Malone, convicted of second degree murder for killing a Negro worker in a construction gang, was sentenced to three years prison. He was not sent to prison, however, but was paroled to his brother, Syd Malone, who defended him during the trial. G. W. Bowers was sentenced to 30 days for trying to bribe one of the jurors for the release of Malone.

## PLANTATION SLAVES

WEST PALM BEACH (By Mail).—Following the opening of the Southern Sugar Company's mill at Clewiston, 12,000 acres of land for sugar-growing was bought by the company. Negro workers will be hired at a starvation wage to develop the land and slave on the plantations.

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## WORKERS ARE MENACED BY OIL WELL FIRE

### Is Third Big Fire in Death Traps

(By a Worker Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, (By Mail).—On January 9, the third large fire during the past six months broke out in Santa Fe Springs oil wells.

Roaring through the air 200 feet, a sheet of flames—visible in Los Angeles, 20 miles away—shot from the General Petroleum Co's oil well No. 145-C, following an explosion which ignited gas in the well when the drilling was down to the 3500-foot level. Ten hours later, when being drilled at the 4000-foot depth, Getty Hill No. 20 well blew out with a similar deluge, sending mud, water, sand and towering flames several hundred feet in the air—or towards the pie-land in the sky, if you please.

An unidentified man working on the 145-C derrick when the blast came escaped only by jumping 50 feet to the roof of an adjoining shed and crumbling to the ground. The derrick melted soon afterward from the terrific heat, according to eyewitnesses. The condition in which the worker was picked up is kept as secret as the oaths of Klansmen and 4th degree Knights of Columbus. A number of workers were killed or hurt in oil fires at Santa Fe Springs last summer, as published in The Daily Worker, but not much was said or done about it. No. Death-traps are not very good for advertising purposes anyhow, they say.

## YOUNG MUSICIANS WED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (UP).—The world's youngest opera conductor and one of the world's youngest lyric sopranos—Henry G. Weber, and Miss Marion Claire—were married at noon today at the Congress Hotel.

## SEEK ENDURANCE RECORD.

A new endurance record for solo flying will be sought by Arthur Jensen when he takes off at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, in a Bellanca monoplane, at dawn Wednesday.

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The Spring term of the Workers School will begin on Monday, Feb. 4. The Workers School will offer 48 courses in English, public speaking, journalism, Marxian theory and the Communist movement, literature, current events and special courses or workers' children, young workers and women workers. As in the past term, courses will be offered every evening from 7 to 8:20 p. m. and from 8:30 to 9:50 p. m., the term to last three months. All courses will have one session a week except the English classes, which will meet twice a week. All details concerning the various courses to be given by the Workers School can be found in the new Spring term announcement which has just been published and is being distributed. Free copies of this announcement can be secured at the office of the Workers School, 26-28 Union Sq., 5th floor.

The Spring term will begin immediately after the Fall term closes. The past Fall term has been the most successful in the history of the school. Over sixteen hundred workers were registered for one or more courses. The new enlarged headquarters was filled to capacity throughout the term. During the past few weeks, because of the pre-convention discussion in the Workers Party, the activities accompanying the launching of the new Needle Trades Industrial Union, many classes of the Fall term had their sessions postponed, but in the past week, all classes of the Fall term had been resumed. These will be concluded by the beginning of the Spring term.

Thirteen courses will be offered in the department of English, public speaking and journalism; seven courses will be offered in history; sixteen courses in the department of Marxian theory and the Communist movement, as well as courses in other departments. There will be special courses for members of trade unions, for Negro workers and those interested in Negro work; for workers' children, for young workers, for women workers and for functionaries of the Workers (Communist) Party. The Workers' School is prepared to accept as many classes in the fundamentals of Communism as the American Negro. Such important courses as Fundamentals of Communism, Anarchism, Socialism, Communism, Program of the C. I., History of the United States, Public Speaking and Workers Correspondence will be repeated the coming Spring term. History of the Class Struggle, Marxism-Leninism and Historical Materialism, which were postponed from the Fall term will be given the coming Spring term. Registration has been opened for the Spring term. All workers are urged to enroll at once.

## WORKER SLOGANS FLOOD SHANGHAI

### Imperialists, Military, Fear Communists Grow

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pects" but the secret organization goes on.

Chalk on Building.  
One morning police officials were startled to find chalked in huge letters on the municipal building itself slogans calling upon the people to "Beat down the militarists," "Overthrow the Kuomintang" and "Drive out the hated foreign imperialists."

The literature calls upon the workers, peasants and soldiers to join in an uprising.

"Be inspired by the act of our brave comrades at Canton," one flaming poster hung on Nanjing road said, referring to the uprising in that city. Anti-Chiang Kai-Shek leaflets and handbills appear with regularity despite almost daily raids by the Chinese and foreign police.

Capitalists See "Trouble."  
"Unless this Communist activity is checked, and soon," one high official stuttered, "there will be serious trouble in this city; trouble that will completely eclipse the Communist uprising at Canton."

Stirling Fossenden, American chairman of the Shanghai municipal council, also states the "Communist menace cannot be overrated." There is "serious danger," he asserted, and foreign and native capitalists in Shanghai "must prepare for it."

## Fraternal Organizations

**Office Workers.**  
The Office Workers' Union has arranged a dance for Washington's birthday eve, Feb. 21, at Webster Manor. Sympathetic organizations are asked to arrange any affair for that evening.

**Women Theatre Party.**  
A good opportunity for Jewish workers in the Schwartz Art Theatre on 14th St. and 2nd Ave., on Friday evening, Feb. 3, at reduced prices. Tickets are gotten in advance. 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, 30 E. 11th St., Room 23, or phone 2-5281.

**Negro Champion Dance.**  
The Negro Champion and the American Negro Labor Congress will have a joint dance and entertainment tonight at Renaissance Casino, 138th St. and 7th Ave. Other organizations are asked to observe date.

**Metro Workers Soccer League.**  
The Metropolitan Workers Soccer League will hold a ball on February 23 at the Laurel Garden, 75 E. 116th St. Organized to meet to arrange any conflicting dates.

**Workers Laboratory Theatre.**  
The Workers Laboratory Theatre meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 p. m., at 234 E. 15th St. Organized to meet to arrange any conflicting dates.

**Brooklyn Workers Center.**  
A dance and concert under the auspices of the Brooklyn Workers Center will be given Saturday evening, at 56 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn. Good jazz band.

**Working Class Women.**  
The Working Class Women will celebrate its second anniversary with a concert and vetcherinka at 48 Bay 28th St., on Saturday.

**Freiheit Chorus and Ball.**  
The annual ball of the Freiheit Singing Society will take place on Friday, Feb. 22, at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.

**Brownsville Y. W. L.**  
Camaraderie, Saturday evening, Feb. 23, at 421 W. 130th St., Brooklyn, arranged by the Brownsville Young Workers League.

**Young Defenders.**  
The Young Defenders, as part of their educational program, will organize an Excursion class. All internationalists are invited. Instruction is free. Registration is now on. The excursion will take place on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 4:00 p. m., at 400 Boston Road, Bronx.

**Tenants League Dance.**  
An Inter-Racial Dance is being staged by the Harlem Tenants League, at the Imperial Auditorium, 150 W. 129th St.

**Mohegan Modern School Ball.**  
Costume Ball arranged by the Jolly Mohegans, (Mohegan Modern School) will be given Friday at the New Webster Manor, 135 E. 11th St.

**Workers Press Club.**  
The executive committee of the Workers Press Club will hold its next meeting at the Workers Center, 35 Union Square, on Thursday, Jan. 31.

**Harlem Progressive Youth Club.**  
The Harlem Progressive Youth Club will hold its third annual ball at the Grand Harlem Casino, 110th St. and Lenox Ave.

**German Speaking Comrades.**  
German speaking comrades are wanted to participate in building a mass chorus. Applicants are welcome every evening, 8:30 p. m., at Temple, 243 E. 84th St., Room 18—Uthmann Singing Society.

**Millinery Theatre Party.**  
The Millinery Workers Union, 43, has arranged a theatre party for March 20. Fraternal organizations are asked not to arrange conflicting dates for that evening.

**Liberal to Lecture.**  
"Disease and the Radicals," the third of a series of four lectures on "Radicalism and Personal Life" will be given by Dr. E. Liber at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East Fourth Street, Friday night, Feb. 23. The subject of the remaining lecture for Feb. 31 will be "Radical Child Raising." Lectures will begin at 8:30.

**Arch. Iron, Bronze Workers.**  
A special quarterly meeting of the Architectural Iron, Bronze Workers' Union will be held today at 8:00 p. m., at the Rand School, 7 E. 15th St. Election of organizers will take place, and other very important matters will be discussed and acted upon. All members are strongly urged to attend.

**Scandinavian Workers' Athletic Club.**  
The Scandinavian Workers' Athletic Club will hold its second annual ball at the Grand Harlem Casino, 110th St. and Lenox Ave., on Feb. 9. All Labor Sport comrades and all others are invited. Two good jazz bands will supply the music. All welcome.

**Armenian Fraction Ball.**  
A ball will be given by the Armenian fraction and the American L. D. branch for the benefit of the Armenian Communist paper and the Paterson textile strikers.

**Workers Culture Club.**  
"Proletarian Literature" will be discussed by Comrade J. Schwartzman at the Workers Culture Club, 154 Watkins St., Brooklyn, Friday evening.

**Harlem Youth Center.**  
The Harlem Working Youth Center, 2 E. 110th St., rents rooms for meetings, parties, open forums on daily, weekly or monthly basis. Further information from E. Eisman, 1271 Hoe Ave., Bronx.

**Harlem L. D.**  
The Mineola frame-up will be discussed at a mass meeting which will be held tonight at headquarters, 142 E. 103rd St. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Harlem Branch of the L. D. Louis A. Baum and others will speak.

**Dental Workers.**  
The Dental Laboratory Workers' Union will hold a mass meeting at the Labor Temple, 14th St. and Second Ave., at 8 p. m. The speakers will address the meeting.

**Volunteer Car Driver Wanted.**  
Volunteer driver for a car wanted for a few days' work. See Louis A. Baum, Workers' International Relief, 1 Union Square.

**Cooperative Branch L. D.**  
The Cooperative Branch of the L. D. is arranging a mass meeting for Thursday, 8:30 p. m., at the Auditorium, 2700 Bronx Park East.

**Harlem Temple Poetry Forum.**  
The Forum will meet Thursday, at 8:15 p. m., recited by Gertrude Weil Klein, (rebel poetry), A. M. Sullivan, Bertin Bralley and others.

**International Labor Defense Bazaar.**  
The annual bazaar of the International Labor Defense, New York district, will take place March 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 in New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave. Make donations—contributions and tickets at the office, 759 Broadway, Room 402, and help us with the preparatory work.

**Vote Speaks" of Insult.**  
After the second motion to force publication of the vote of conformation also was defeated the senate resumed open sessions. Senator Deneen, republican, Illinois, who handled the fight for West, declined to comment on the action of the senate, saying "the vote speaks for itself."

West was nominated last fall after the resignation of Dr. Hubert Work, who left the interior department to become chairman of the republican national committee. He was formerly secretary of the committee and prominent in Illinois republican politics.

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## SENATE SECRET VOTE PUTS WEST IN THE CABINET

### Wife Has Edison Stock; Aided Land Grab

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ask for. Insull already has a bid in for leases on most of the best available power sites still in government hands.

**Fake Compromise.**  
West's backers in the senate say he has promised not to pass on Insull offers or requests, but this is laughed at by the experts here, who point out that there is no way to hold him to the promise, and that it would not change the situation if West picked someone else to hand out the power to Insull.

West is also involved in scandal over the taking of valuable lands from the Pueblo Indians and handing them over to "The Middle Rio Grande Reclamation District."

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## PLAN TO RUSH CRUISER BILL THRU CONGRESS

### Work Senate Overtime; Other War Measures

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Alarmed at the continued delay on the naval cruiser building bill, republican leaders held a conference today with Vice-President-elect Charles Curtis and decided to use strenuous efforts to hurry through this administration measure.

The conference was called at the instance of Chairman Hale of the senate naval affairs committee, who complained that his naval bill was being buffeted by appropriation bills, which have the right of way.

The leaders agreed they would have the senate meet an hour earlier each morning and sit an hour later each evening to hasten the appropriation bills along. Next week, if the situation is not cleared, they agreed night sessions might be necessary. At any rate, they will not permit the bill to be jeopardized, they said. All of them realize that U. S. imperialism will hold them responsible for any real delay in its war preparations.

The conference was held while the senate was in executive session closing debate in preparation for confirming the nomination of Roy O. West as secretary of the interior. Afterward debate on the prohibition provisions of the first deficiency appropriation bills were to be taken up.

A bill authorizing an appropriation of \$125,000 for construction of a cannon powder blending plant at Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N. J., was passed by the house and sent to the senate today. This is expected to pass easily, as it is only another of the war measures.

The Jones amendment to the first deficiency appropriation bill was attacked by Senator Blaine, republican, Wisconsin, today as "the greatest indictment ever brought against the people of any nation."

He referred to the part of the amendment providing \$250,000 for "dissemination of information appealing for law observance and enforcement." He indicated that open propaganda by the government for prohibition was an undignified procedure.

The house today passed and sent to the senate a bill authorizing the secretary of war to lend cots and other equipment to the American Legion, to be used at the 11th national convention of the organization at Louisville, Ky., beginning Sept. 30, 1929.

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## Workers Party Activities

**SETTLE FOR LENIN MEMORIAL TICKETS NOW!**  
All Party members are instructed to settle up at once for Lenin Memorial tickets. All outstanding tickets must be turned in immediately and payment for tickets sold. Unless this is attended to without delay the Party will face financial difficulties which will tend to destroy the moral success of the meeting. All tickets and payments should be in by the end of the week.

**District Executive Committee.**  
**Negro Work Conference.**  
A Negro conference of the district has been called by the District Executive Committee to be held this Friday at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square, to establish the Party apparatus for Negro work and to discuss ways and means of increasing activity among the Negro workers.

This is the first conference of the district where Negro work will be the only order of business. The conference will have for its task (1) The drawing in of Negro workers into the Party. (2) The building up of a Party apparatus for Negro work. (3) Mobilization of the Negroes for the task in fighting the war danger, for the organization of the unorganized, and for connecting up our Negro work with regard to the women and youth workers. (4) Spreading of our press among the Negro workers.

All units are urged to send delegates to this conference. Failure to do so will show an underestimation of our Negro work on the part of the unit. Select delegates to see that they attend the conference.

**Section Women Organizers.**  
All Section Women Work Organizers are ordered to immediately send in to the district office, for the attention of Sylvia Spiro, the names and addresses of the newly elected Unit Women Work Organizers.

**Attention League Fractions.**  
All language fractions are instructed to immediately elect a Women's Organizer to direct work among women in their particular language. Send names and addresses of the comrades elected to the district office for the attention of Sylvia Spiro.

The meeting of the District Women's Agitprop Committee has been postponed from Friday, January 18, to Friday, Jan. 25, at 7 p. m. at the Workers Center, Room 202. Important matters will be discussed. Every member on the committee is urged to be present.

**Young Workers League.**  
A theatre party under the auspices of the Y. W. L. Downtown Unit No. 2 will be held this evening at the MARTIN BECK Theatre, 302 West 45th Street. The play tonight is "Wings Over Europe." Tickets can be obtained at the district office of the League, 28 Union Square. Proceeds of this affair will be donated towards the Young Worker.

**Unit 3E, 1F.**  
Unit E, 1F, will meet tonight at 6:30 p. m., 101 W. 27th St.

**Unit 3E, 2F.**  
An important meeting will be held by Unit 3E, 2F, tomorrow at 6:30 p. m., 101 W. 27th St.

**Section 2 Functionaries Conference.**  
All unit, sub-section and section functionaries of Section 2 will meet tonight at 6 p. m., 101 West 27th St. Important problems will be taken up.

**Harlem Y. W. L. Dance.**  
The second dance of the season will be given by the Harlem Unit of the Y. W. L. Saturday at the Harlem Working Youth Center, 2 E. 110th St.

**Comrades, Patronize**  
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## Mr. Chernoff—"Socialist" Agent of Imperialist War Makers.

Victor Chernoff—Mr. Chernoff of the Russian Socialist Revolutionary Party—is in this country on business.

His business is the same that he and his party have been pursuing so many years—counter-revolution. He is therefore welcomed by the United States authorities and, respectfully interviewed by all the big capitalist newspapers. Can we imagine the United States government permitting the free entry of a leader of "social revolutionaries" to this land of gold bonds and bondage? If Chernoff were really anything correctly described as a "social-revolutionary" he would be thrown into jail on the orders of the immigration authorities and deported on the next boat. But, being a counter-revolutionist in the complete sense of the term, Mr. Chernoff has the freedom of the country and his first two business engagements here will probably be with Calvin Coolidge and Morris Hillquit.

Why does Chernoff come?

This head of the counter-revolutionary organization of Russian emigres at Prague says he comes "to study conditions and to establish contacts with party friends in this country." Of course the conditions he will "study" are the conditions under which he hopes to be able to shut off all possibilities of trade between the Soviet Union and this country which would help to build up the economy of the Soviet Union; the "party friends" doubtless include his good old comrades of the socialist party of the United States. But there is something more than that.

Mr. Chernoff and all the counter-revolutionary forces of the world know that the new imperialist world war is drawing closer. Like ghouls they rush to the imperialist centers everywhere in the hope of doing some profitable political business in connection with the coming carnage.

Chernoff, like Messrs. Hillquit, Berger, Oneal & Co., will support the imperialist cause in the next war—the American "socialists" supporting "their own" capitalist government (as they have already promised) and Mr. Chernoff, having been chased out of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics by the revolutionary workers and peasants, will support whatever imperialist power may offer the best promise of drowning the Russian workers and peasants in blood and restoring the rule of the capitalists and grand dukes.

This is Mr. Chernoff's business here in the land of the most powerful and ruthless capitalist reaction. That is why he tells through the capitalist newspapers picturesque lies calculated to obscure the tremendous achievements of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Maddened by the sight of the actual building up of the magnificent structure of a new socialist economy in the Soviet Union, this "socialist" (i. e., this capitalist flunkey) declares that all is "chaos" in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Dismayed by the unshakable Leninist course of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which has shown itself strong enough to defeat and eliminate the disintegrating influences of capitalist ideology, defeating the petty-bourgeois Trotskyist elements and then defeating the right-wing influences of capitalist remnants in the Soviet Union—all this leaves the counter-revolutionists of Mr. Chernoff's type in dismay. And so, for that very reason, they pretend to think of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union as "two groups," one of which wishes to turn back from the upbuilding of the socialist society and toward the return to capitalism.

But Mr. Chernoff does not seriously build upon such sand as that. What Mr. Chernoff wants is that which he has always relied upon—imperialist action against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. The Kerensky government of which he was a part was a puppet of Allied imperialism. The whole of the counter-revolutionary aggregation of "socialist" parties, including his own, is but an appendage and tool of capitalism against the working class and the peasantry of all countries. Chernoff and his kind know how to live in but one way—as paid flunkies of the capitalist system, within the ranks of the working class and peasants if possible, but always ready to spill the blood of workers and peasants as ministers of either bourgeois or monarchist governments.

The workers of this country should watch this prostitute of reaction—this outright counter-revolutionist, this "comrade" of Messrs. Hillquit, Berger, Oneal & Co. The workers must learn from the actions of these enemies of their class.

Where Mr. Chernoff comes, there is a counter-revolutionary plot in the making. Workers, redouble your efforts in defense of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics—the Socialist Fatherland of the workers of all lands! Hasten your preparations to fight against the imperialist war danger! Strengthen your revolutionary Workers (Communist) Party.

And you will hasten the day when there will be not a single country on earth upon whose soil such a one as Mr. Chernoff can land.

## HIT MOONEY FRAME-UP

### Wisconsin Students Demand Release

MADISON, Wis. (By Air Mail).—Condemning the imprisonment of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings as a vicious frame-up, the Liberal Club of the University of Wisconsin, at its last regular meeting, passed a resolution condemning the entire handling of the case and calling for the "immediate and unconditional release of these two class war victims." The resolution is being sent to the governor of California, to Mooney and Billings and to the

With the adoption of the resolution the students formed an active committee, to be known as the "Free Mooney and Billings Committee." According to the members of the Liberal Club, this marks the opening of a determined drive at the University of Wisconsin for the release of these working class leaders railroaded into the dungeons of California's capitalist rulers. It will be a base for the rallying of student sentiment against all class war persecution.

## THE TWO GRENADIERS



By Fred Ellis

# BILL HAYWOOD'S BOOK

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## TODAY: The Unemployment Puzzle; Debs and the A. R. U. Strike; Jerry-the-Bum; Dealing Faro; Off to Silver City

In previous chapters Haywood has told of his birth and boyhood among the Mormons at Salt Lake City; a miner at nine years; odd jobs; his first strike; from 15 to young manhood in a remote Nevada mine; hair-raising tales of the old west; a convert to trade unionism; marriage and baby; homestead hopes and utter loss; Haywood a cowboy; ranch life; jobless and broke; Haywood joins Cozey's Army. Now go on reading.—EDITOR.

### PART XV.

It was one of the greatest unemployed demonstrations that ever took place in the United States, although but few in numbers finally reached Washington. The various armies crossed the country in freight trains, sometimes forcing the railroad companies to furnish transportation, and the mayors of the towns where they appeared in numbers were compelled to provide them with the necessary food, in order to get rid of them and send them on their way.

At Wadsworth I met a railroad man whom I had known before. He invited me to his house for dinner and that afternoon we went down the river on a fishing trip. He caught a trout, one of such trout as are to be found only in the Truckee River. We had it for supper.

That night I hustled around and found that there was a trainload of cattle to be shipped to Chicago, and I got a job going with them. There were four or five other men. It was our job when the train stopped to get out with prod-poles and jab the prod into any steer that happened to be lying down. This was to keep them from being trampled to death or smothered by the other steers.

I dropped off at Winnemucca and went home more depressed than I had ever been in my life. I could not understand the problem of unemployment, nor could I find the reason for thousands of men crossing the continent to go to Washington. My thoughts went back more and more to the talks I had had with Pat Reynolds. These panics in which the workers were the chief sufferers were the outgrowths of the capitalist system. But the cure or preventive did not then occur to me. I struggled along in mental darkness.

Suddenly came a great rift of light. This was the strike of railroad men in 1894. Freight trains loaded with perishable fruit for the eastern markets were side-tracked, also train-loads of coal and other products going west. The strike of the American Railway Union was spreading. The governors of several states had called out the militia. At Sacramento, California, in response to an order to fire, the militiamen jabbed their bayonets into the ground and refused to shoot.

The militia of Winnemucca refused to answer the call to mobilize. Most of them were railroad men, to whom the militia was a social affair. They did not feel inclined to shoulder arms to protect the railroad company's property. The town was flooded with oranges and other produce from the side-tracked cars, but it was better to eat them than to let them rot. Coal would be needed for the winter and the boys were not going to kill each other for laying in a supply for cold weather. The members of the A. R. U. were aroused against the railroad interests. The federal soldiers had been sent to Chicago by President Cleveland against the workers who were striking at the Pullman Car Shops. Eugene V. Debs had been arrested with others, charged with conspiracy to murder, and when this charge was dropped, they were sent to prison for contempt of court. The membership of the organization was indignant at the flagrant injustice. I listened to and took part in the many hot discussions. Here, I felt, was a great power. It was not the fact that produce had been removed from the cars and the strikers were that much ahead. The big thing was that they could stop the trains. It was a lesson of the Knights of Labor, an echo of the voice of the Chicago martyrs.

My little girl was taken sick with typhoid pneumonia and I sat at her bed side for days and nights at a stretch. When the crisis of her illness came and she began to recover I did not think that I was going to be able to sleep. I walked the house through, I walked the town, I went home and darkened the room and drank whisky. When I finally went to sleep I slept twenty-four hours without waking.

My wife, then able to be up and around, went out one afternoon and returned to find that the house had been robbed. Several of our little keepsakes had been stolen. This outraged our feelings more than the loss injured us, because in the mining camps and on the ranches it had never been necessary to turn the key in the lock. We would leave home, even for days, and hang the key on the door-post. If a stranger came by, he might go in and feed himself or sleep in the house, clean up afterward, and go on his way after hanging the key up in its place. No one ever stole. Contrary to the slanders against them, the Indians never stole even from the deserted mining camps where ownerless pots and pans and tables were left behind. I once left the house at the Ohio mine for months; when I returned the door was open, but the guns and blankets, so valuable to the Indians, had not been touched.

Gold was found at a place called Kennedy, and a mining excitement broke out. I went there and fixed up a cabin with Al Richardson, got a job with the Imperial Mining Company. I remember going to bed one night and waking the next morning to find that four houses had been put up along the road overnight. Later we took a contract to run a tunnel a hundred feet. We were to sharpen our own tools, wheel our own dirt and furnish our own powder. When we examined the face of the old tunnel which we were to continue, we found that some novice had worked there and the face of the tunnel was scooped out in the center like the bottom of a pot. It was porphyry and would break big if we put our holes in right, so we agreed that at eight dollars a foot we could make good wages, put this sum in as our bid, and got the contract.

Jerry-the-bum adopted me in Kennedy. Jerry was a rough-haired Skye terrier. When he came to live in my cabin I made him as comfortable as I could and he followed close at my heels wherever I went. The men about the town said:

"You think you've got a dog, don't you? He won't stay with you. That's Jerry-the-bum."

But Jerry seemed to like me as well as I liked him. I missed him one day when I was downtown at the post office. On my way home I saw him sitting up on the seat of a freight-wagon. I said:

"Hello, Jerry, what are you doing up there?"

He didn't seem to hear me. Coming up closer, I said:

"Come on, let's go home."

Jerry turned his head away.

"Well," said I, "if that's the way you feel about it, so long!"

"Jerry was a couple of weeks when I heard a scratching on the door. I opened it and he came in wagging his stub of a tail just as though nothing had happened. I gave him something to eat and he appropriated his old corner. He never left me against as long as I stayed in Kennedy. Jerry had the wanderlust; he would ride around with freighters wherever they might happen to go, when the fit came over him, to Winnemucca, Seven Troughs, Sulphur Mines and lots of other places.

Downtown one night in Tom Powell's saloon, Tom said to me:

"I think you could make some money if we'd start a poker game."

Without hesitating I opened the game and ran it every night, working during the daytime. I laid up about eight hundred dollars that month.

The camp shut down and was deserted even more rapidly than it had sprung up. I went back to Winnemucca and lost most of the money that I had with me at faro. Fortunately I had sent my wife a good part of my winnings from Kennedy before this.

In Winnemucca I worked for a short time driving a team. Leaving my family there, I went to Washburn, to run the boundary lines on a farm that my father-in-law had homesteaded there. We hauled my little house from the place of which I had been dispossessed and set it up as an addition to the house that he had built on his new homestead.

Some men came along who were going to Silver City, Idaho, for a race meet. I asked them to carry along my blankets, as I had also decided to go to Silver City. I expected to get there ahead of them, as they had to go slowly to keep their horses in trim.

Looking down the valley, over the enchanting sagebrush flats and the mountains where I had spent so much of my life, and where I had expected to live, I left Nevada. I did not return until many years later.

In the next instalment Haywood writes of his trip by horse from Nevada to Silver City, Idaho; "what's money worth?"; swilling a job; "running car"; Bill Pooley, a "Cousin Jack," prays for the boss of the Poor Man Mine.

# USSR Model of Filipino Workers

## Leader of Oppressed Colonial Workers Tells Impressions of Soviet Union

The following are extracts from a speech by Crisanto Evangelista, recognized throughout the Philippines as the most able, militant and honest labor leader among his people. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Congreso Obrero de Filipinas (Philippine Labor Congress), the oldest, strongest and only real trade union center in the islands. He was long its secretary. The speech was delivered before the Social Science Club of the University of the Philippines, following his two months visit to the Soviet Union, investigating at first hand the conditions there.

### Not Like Green and Woll.

It can scarcely be claimed by the reactionary leaders of the American Federation of Labor, whose rabid attacks on the Soviet Union know no bounds, that Evangelista's speech is a "Communist trick," since there is no Communist Party in the Philippines and even no socialist party. Colonial labor, different from the A. F. of L. leaders who are bribed and corrupted by U. S. imperialism, suffers the most bitter exploitation and oppression from U. S. rule.

True, there are a few crooked labor leaders in the Philippines, the most infamous being one Balmore, who owns a "labor union" as a business. But Evangelista and many others are true labor militants. Enough to state that Evangelista, when a boy, had to live with his mother in caves of the Luzon Mountains to escape the massacres carried on by U. S. soldiery upon thousands of his people. And above all, he is a worker, a printer, and bears the scars of class struggle.

We delete much of his speech dealing with detailed accounts of conditions in the Soviet Union because Daily Worker readers have been informed on these from other articles currently published. But we retain Evangelista's impressions and views.—Editor's Note.

By CRISANTO EVANGELISTA. (Filipino Labor Leader)

"As a worker delegated to visit Russia through the kind invitation of the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat—a labor center in the Pacific with 15,000,000 members, whose aim is to unite all workers and oppressed peoples bordering on the ocean, to fight for their political and economic independence, to fight against imperialism and imperialistic wars, to raise the standard of living of all Pacific workers, etc., and to work for the solidarity of the workers and peasants throughout the world under the banner of a single International—my thoughts, my deepest interests were particularly centered on the question:

"Is the Russian worker free, or already emancipated from the yoke of capitalist greed and exploitation? Is it true that the Russian workers are still subjected to long hours of work, low wages, and forced labor? And, what's the difference from a worker's point of view, not in theory but in practice, between a capitalist government and a workers'

and peasants' government such as that of Soviet Russia?"

"Such are the most important questions that I longed to see answered in a more satisfactory way. So you can judge the extent of my eagerness to know the real condition of the workers at present in the U.S.S.R.

"I am a worker myself. During my 39 years of struggling for an existence, 29 years have already been spent in service of industry, but despite this long career my living conditions are still poor, always in need of something to satisfy the elementary human wants and that of a large family of seven members including myself. Why are my living conditions so bad, like that of the majority, the great bulk of our population?"

"Because of this interest to know the real condition of the Russian worker I did not lose any opportunity that in any way would serve my purpose. During my eight days travel by train along the Trans-Siberian line I observed in their outward appearances that the Russian workers are not well-dressed like those I found in the United States in 1919, but much better than the average Filipino workers.

"When I arrived at Moscow and during my night strolls I did not have an opportunity to witness even

a single case of men, women and children without homes and sleeping in porches of big buildings, such as those I have seen in San Francisco, Washington and New York, in the prosperous U. S. A., and those in Shanghai, Hongkong and other Chinese cities exposed to freezing on a chilly winter night.

### Hits at Fake Filipino "Nationalists."

"If you could see the utter misery of the Chinese workers' life in Hongkong and Shanghai, on the one side, and on the other side the big, magnificent buildings of commerce and industry, palaces of wealth owned by a privileged few, you would instinctively turn your thought to the future of the Philippines especially at present when our leaders are openly ready to cooperate with American imperialists in order rapidly to develop the economic resources of the country.

The Russian peasants in rural districts, although they live in log huts, enjoy much comfort in their homes and much more in their social relationships.

### Comparisons.

"In new houses that are built either through cooperative societies or by the government, one may find still better comforts, probably ten times better than our "bahay" located within the zone of workers' residential district in the city of

Manila, the capital of the Philippines, and the "best governed city in the world," according to its booster bureaucrats. Russian life, from the point of view of an oriental worker, is much better than that of his brethren in the Far East such as Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos.

"I may say also that under the new economic policy, Soviet Russia is heading rapidly along the path of real, tremendous progress. When I say real I mean that its material benefits, its tangible results are not confined to a limited few but distributed to the broad mass—to the workers and peasants of the whole country. And with the political power in their hands the workers and peasants of that republic no doubt have the key to the door of Success.

### Conclusions.

"In conclusion I may add with full conviction that Soviet Russia, in spite of its short existence—its ten years of effort is but a short period in the life of nations—and in spite of its forced isolation, blockade and sabotage promoted by capitalist countries, is proceeding at a gigantic pace along the path of human progress. It has given the world a fair example of what the workers and peasants can achieve in the field of human activities. Soviet Russia is now far in advance. It leaves the capitalist world behind in many respects.

In the sphere of government Soviet Russia refutes the age-old contention that workers and peasants can never lead successfully the affairs of their own government. In fact, no one but the workers and peasants run the Soviet Government, and they are running it with marked efficiency and tremendous success.

"There is no government that depends for its stability upon the support of the masses but that of Soviet Russia. If it were not for this wholehearted support of its working class population it could not withstand the attack of the capitalist world.

"In industry Soviet Russia is achieving what the workers and peasants longed to see accomplished, that is the elimination of exploitation in the system of production. In this regard Soviet Russia is now far ahead of the capitalist world. She is now head 1 for the complete eradication of the exploitation of man by man.

"In the field of education its system is far more advanced than our own, than our much-commended system of education in the Philippine Islands and the rest of the capitalist world. This is because in the Philippine Islands and the rest of the capitalist world very few are given a fair chance to secure a higher education, while in Soviet Russia every worker and peasant with ambition and ability has the right of free education to its highest degree.

"In the domain of social life Russia is also far in advance of us and the rest of the world. Men and women are placed on the same level. Minors are well protected. The government aid for the promotion of social advancement, probably, is still unknown to us and the rest of the capitalist world. It fairly can be described as 'unparalleled in history.'"

## Kelllogg, Imperialist

