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### The Conflicts Increase

Who can recall, since the mad days of August, 1914, a time when so many events of the greatest importance, and full of meaning for workers and farmers, occurred with such lightning rapidity? The French government got no general agreement from the workers of Morocco, who fight for independence. Spain promises to aid France and Britain declares that it will occupy Tangier rather than let any of her Mediterranean rivals menace her control on western entrance.

Japan offers France an alliance against Great Britain. The French government get no general agreement from the workers of Morocco. Evidently conception does not apply to generals.

Great Britain offers Japan a free hand in China in return for war on Soviet Russia.

Tuoyt deserters France and supports Abd-el-Krim and his fight for independence in Morocco. 60,000 more Chinese workers join the strike in Shanghai.

General Peng Teh-shang issues a statement declaring that his army is ready to fight for independence in China.

The British coal miners have rejected the wage reduction submitted by the coal capitalists and are preparing for a strike.

250,000 British miners have refused to accept a reduction in wages.

The executive of the Miners' Federation of the International Federation of Trade Unions is meeting today to consider the crisis which prevails in the industry in Belgium, Germany and France. In all these countries the coal workers are demanding an increase in wages.

The increasing intensity of the imperialist conflicts coincide with the growth of militant workers' movements and the failure of capitalism, particularly in Great Britain, to improve the economic conditions of the masses. Every imperialist nation, confronted with the need for greater markets, cheaper raw materials and lower labor costs, is forced to encroach on the preserves of its rivals and at the same time make war on the living standards of the workers.

Millions of workers and peasants, never before touched by the struggle, are now drawn into it.

The support of the imperialist workers and peasants by the French working class, the expressions of solidarity sent the Chinese workers by the British, the union of the workers of all three continents with the revolutionary Russian unions are a phenomenon never to be seen again.

These demonstrations of unity mark a new development in the class struggle. They are the first steps toward the formation of the colonial peoples and the working class of the imperialist nations.

That we are on the eve of world-shaking events cannot be doubted by anyone who does not blind himself to facts. Nor is this a temporary phase of capitalist development. The normal process of imperialism is to intensify its struggle until it has mentioned thereby to speed the progress of the world revolution.

When the colonial peoples are awakening, by the millions as we are today it is a sign that imperialism has reached the beginning of its final stage—a period of conflicts ending with its destruction and the rise of the working class.

Stabilization and war are incompatible and this is a period of war.

### In the Illinois Coal Fields

A trip thru the coal fields of southern Illinois is recommended by us for anyone who doubts that the United Mine Workers' Union is being destroyed systematically by the attacks of mines resulting in compelling miners either to move and secure other work or starve.

Mining towns after mining towns in the richest mining districts of southern West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia, the houses are empty and in West Virginia, formerly one of the most prosperous towns, the largest wholesale house has failed because the coal-mining industry has collapsed.

The miners, still in camps in most instances, are able to provide only what they cultivate a little patch of ground, raising potatoes, grapes, cucumbers and such.

In St. Louis businessmen tell one of the strenuous efforts made by the coal dealers to get them to switch from Illinois coal to non-union coal.

One of the coal dealers in St. Louis says that he has found one fine evidence of the deliberate conspiracy against the union.

But the union officialdom is complacent. In one district the mine owners have been investigated and employed to take care of cases under the workmen's compensation law, who is drawing salary and expense at the rate of \$100.00 per year while there are injured but unable to have waited two, three and four years for an adjustment of their cases.

The officials of the union ceased long ago to enforce the provision of the compensation act. The vast majority of the one-third of the miners that will be working have a free hand. There are instances of men loading so much coal in one shift that the actual labor cost figures out at only 45 cents per ton.

But in spite of the fact that continued unemployment and the black list of the officialdom and the operators have driven thousands of the best fighters to the streets and out of the mines, there is a very decided purpose apparent in those who are left. The control of the union by the Lewis-Farrington gang is now purely in the hands of the operators. The Lewis-Farrington gang is now purely in the hands of the operators. The Lewis-Farrington gang is now purely in the hands of the operators.

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