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U. S. RUSHES MORE TROOPS, SHIPS FOR CHINA WAR

Current Events

A Herald-Tribune, London dispatch tells us that labor received a severe setback in the Leith, Scotland, election when the liberals won a long-awaited victory, defeating the Labor Party candidate and the conservative. As a matter of fact the Labor Party gained 1,210 votes over their previous record in the same constituency in the last general election. The Leith seat was formerly held by Captain Wedgewood Benns who recently quit the liberals and joined the labor party. The Labor Party has been winning by elections so consistently since the general strike that the British bourgeoisie went as crazy over this slim victory—the liberals' plurality was only 111—as they would over the successful bombing of an Arabian village.

THE American farmer is again going thru the process of being inflated with financial health dope by scribblers who are as far removed from the waving corn of the wide open spaces as are the authors who supply real cowboys with thrillers of prairie life. The journalist-doctors that medicate the farmers' ills get their dope from the libraries and the "wild western" writers from contact with the habitues of Amsterdam avenue pool parlors. So the farmers continue to vote for the capitalist parties and the cowboys smoke toasted dust.

TEMPTATION in business has received a severe jolt according to a West Side Y. M. C. A. secretary who informs us that his office is swamped with calls from business men who are ready to drop their flapper stenographers. Business men, it seems, contrary to general belief, mourn the disappearance of the "old fashioned girl" who chewed not gum, wore short skirts or bobbed her hair. Our commercial kings, lords and commons have been misunderstood. It was not their fault if they were detained until late hours at committees. It is the woman that always pays. But supposing Mr. Sumner steps in and inquires why the sudden fondness for male stenographers? What then Mr. Businessman?

GRAY hurls bible on floor" shrieks a New York newspaper that carries a neat little sermon daily at the top of its editorial page. Gray is the man who is alleged to have murdered another man whose wife he coveted and who was coveted in return by the murdered man's wife. A marriage ceremony kept sacred the relations of the murdered man and his murderer wife until booze and a crowbar separated them, despite the religious command which warns that those whom God binds, no man shall separate, or words to that effect. Here is where a nifty divorce lawyer would be less deadly and less sinful than a skinkful of poisoned whiskey and a tap from a crowbar. Why not fasten this murder on bourgeois morality?

WITH most of the United States marines in Latin America and China the democrats and republicans of Chicago should be able to enjoy their little shooting party on election (Continued on Page Two)

Coal Operators Fail Fairmont Wage Parley

Thirty Iowa Operators Sign Temporary Agreements

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 27.—Coal mine operators in the Northern West Virginia field have failed to accept the invitation of Van A. Bittner, United Mine Workers' organizer, to discuss a wage agreement discussion. Bittner, and J. L. Steddard, president of District 31, United Mine Workers, left for Grant Town, after the operators failed to make their appearance.

Thirty Companies Sign. DES MOINES, Iowa, March 27.—Thirty independent operators in the Iowa field, small companies, have signed up with the United Mine Workers of America to work thru the strike in the central competitive field. The agreements are of the type advised by International President John L. Lewis in his letter to district presidents, following the break-down of the Miami wage negotiations. The companies agree to pay the Jacksonville scale as long as they care to operate—no time limit being fixed. The contracts specify that as soon as the wage is decided upon in the central competitive field, new agreements based on it shall be negotiated in the outlying districts.

Save For Strike. INDIANAPOLIS, March 27.—The miners of the central competitive coal fields are preparing for a long bitter strike. Reports from mining town banks show that deposits are increasing rapidly, and this is taken to mean that the individual coal diggers are already denying themselves all but prime necessities to store up a fund to carry them over the strike period. Reports from Herrin, Illinois, state that for the first time in history bank deposits exceeded the \$5,000,000 mark.

Will Unorganized Strike? The Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania miners who fight for (Continued on Page Two)

Bully Dutch Merchants Into Buying Bad Flour Sent By Shipping Board

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Financial pressure brought by American bankers on Dutch flour importers has forced them to end their boycott of American flour. The Dutch merchants refused to take any more flour brought by the U. S. shipping board when they discovered that much of it was infested with worms. But after being spoken to rather harshly by U. S. bankers' agents abroad they agreed to meet delegates of the shipping board and representatives of the United States in a conference at Kansas City in the near future.

AMERICAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN HAITI SMUGGLY REPORTS BUSINESS LIKES BORNO

WASHINGTON (FP)—John H. Russell, American High Commissioner at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, has made his annual report for 1926, showing how the Haitian "republic" has been conducted by its puppet government, headed by Louis Borno, and the American Treaty Officials. He declares that because the main crop is coffee, and this crop was exceptionally good, with an unusually high price, the year was a banner one. He announces that "The prosperity was immediately indicated by the increased purchasing power of the peasants, the many new huts erected by the country people, the material increase in development of the soil, and the planting of new gardens."

No Popular Elections. Ignoring the violation of the constitution by Borno, who refused to permit the holding of elections for a new congress, Russell tells that "the Council of State solemnly met in its regular chamber and proceeded, according to law, to elect a President of Haiti for the ensuing four years. President Louis Borno was practically unanimously reelected

Prussian Government Suspects Chancellor Will Readmit Kaiser

BERLIN, March 27.—The continued banishment of the Kaiser beyond July 1 of this year, when the present banishment expires, was demanded today in a letter sent to former Premier Marx by the Prussian government. The Prussian government requested that the national government be not dominated by the intentions of the nationalists. The Prussian government hints that it has information that the Kaiser is planning to return as soon as the present law expires. The nationalist ministers maintain the strictest silence in the matter.

Ford to Testify Shielded From Exposure

Legal Technicalities Will Hide Ignorance

DETROIT, March 27.—Interest in the Sapiro-Ford case centered today around the possibility of Henry Ford being called to the witness stand this week. Attorneys for the plaintiff, Aaron Sapiro, suing the auto king for a million dollars for libel thru the Dearborn Independent, are speculating on just what they will be allowed to ask him. The chances of showing up Mr. Ford's general lack of information on the public affairs he presumes to settle in his paper, and his peculiar notions about race, religion, history, etc., seem to be limited. Ford will not appear for his side. He will be subpoenaed by Sapiro, and the right of cross examination allowed in such cases is according to previous decisions of the federal courts, strictly limited.

Ford Displays Ignorance. During the trial some years ago, when Ford sued a Chicago newspaper for libel, he spent a most uncomfortable time on the witness chair, and had trouble answering such questions in American history as form fit examination topics for the sixth grade in grammar school, winding up by declaring, to the joy of the scoffers, that "history is bunk, anyway."

Not Exactly Literary. Ford's editor, Cameron, on the stand during the closing days of last week, has already stated that "Henry Ford's Own Page" a feature of Ford's Dearborn Independent is written by a hired man, who has only "philosophical" contact with the man in whose name the articles appear. This is an important issue in the case, as Henry Ford's page often contains very sharp attacks on the integrity of races and peoples that Mr. Ford is well known to dislike, and the rest of the paper in which his views are spread, has in the past carried the series of articles on which the present libel suit is based. Sapiro states that he is accused, to his great financial loss, of being engaged in a "Jewish Ring" to bring the American farmers under the domination of "The International Jew bankers (who don't lend money to Ford), and the Communists, I. W. W.'s and radicals". Although not a Jew, Frank Lowden, republican presidential timber, is included in the "ring" by Ford's writers and defense attorneys.

Sapiro To Testify. Sapiro himself will probably take the stand before Ford, and will face (Continued on Page Two)

AMERICANS WHO ARE NEUTRAL ARE SAFE IN CHINA, SAYS KUOMINTANG

Nationalist Troops Maintain Order; U. S. Is Asked to Abandon Warlike Attitude

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 27.—The lives of American citizens in China who observe the neutrality laws are absolutely safe, according to the Committee on the Abolition of Unequal Treaties in China, a special committee appointed by the Kuomintang in the United States. That the Nationalist Army is able to restore and maintain order in its

URGE "STOP WAR" DRIVE

Workers Party Demands Hands Off China

Scores Murder of Chinese People at Nanking

CHICAGO, March 27.—Pointing out the savage exploitation of China by foreign imperialists and protesting against the attempts of foreign profiteers to smash the Chinese revolution, the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has addressed the following message to the American working class:

Hands Off China:

Hands off China! Recall the American warships from Chinese waters! Withdraw all troops from China workers! The admiral of an American war fleet in Chinese waters threatens to bombard Chinese cities and he does it in the name of you, the American people. Workers, for more than a century foreign imperialists have pressed the very life blood out of the Chinese peoples to coin profits out of it. The peoples of China were poisoned with opium; in the name of freedom of commerce their territories were stolen; they were robbed of their resources; their workers were exploited at the point of starvation; their sovereignty was stuck on the bayonets of a foreign soldiery which guarded the extra-territorial rights of the foreign oppressors. But the Chinese workers and peasants rose to defeat these foreign taskmasters. Victoriously they proceeded to win back their country and to govern it themselves and for themselves. And against these fighters for freedom, wall street and its puppets threaten war in the name of the American people, workers of America.

Where do you stand? Do you consent that war be carried on in your name for wall street and against the Chinese fighters for freedom? Do you consent that under the pretense of the protection of property of American capitalists in China, American warships should bombard and destroy Chinese cities, the property of the Chinese people? Do you consent that under the pretense of the protection of some American lives tens of thousands of Chinese men, women and children should be slaughtered through these bombardments? Do you consent that in your name the life of every son of an American worker in an American army or navy uniform should be sacrificed in a war against the Chinese workers and peasants, who never fought against you, but are fighting a struggle for their freedom?

Labor Must Protest. No, American workers, you cannot consent to that. Your interests, your hearts, your hopes, your wishes are with the Chinese workers and peasants. You will write these wishes into one mighty demand to the government in Washington: "Hands off China." Demand from government: recall every American warship from Chinese waters and withdraw every American soldier from Chinese soil. Success to the Chinese revolution! Central Executive Committee, Workers (Communist) Party.

To the People of the United States "Dear Sir: Recent news dispatches and the reported ultimatum by the (Continued on Page Three)

Stop the Wall Street-Coolidge-Kellogg War Against New China.

British imperialist policy has triumphed over that of its American rival in China and the world's working class faces the menace of a war of aggression against the Chinese people. The feverish preparations for naval and military mobilization, the viciously hostile tone of the American press, the conference of cabinet officers and heads of naval and military departments in Washington on Saturday, the jubilant tone of the British press following the bombardment of Nanking which brought death to hundreds of helpless Chinese, the joint ultimatums delivered by the British and American commanders, all point to but one conclusion, i. e., Washington and Downing street have united to dispute the progress of the Chinese national liberation movement because of the definite mass character which it has displayed in the last two weeks. The prestige of Great Britain has been enhanced and her power for evil in the Far East greatly increased by the unity of action in the Nanking massacre. The London correspondent of the New York Times under date of March 26 says:

The hesitations of Washington have been overcome by the necessities of the situation. . . and altho Admiral Williams had received authority to act as he saw fit and circumstances might dictate there had existed an uneasy feeling that American cooperation might be kept within strict limits in view that the United States could play a lone hand.

THIS FEELING HAS BEEN DISPELLED BY THE COMMON ACTION OF THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH FORCES. (Emphasis Ours.) The British foreign office apparently takes it for granted that America will build shell into crowded Chinese cities to teach their inhabitants that the two great imperialist nations are a unit against Chinese independence.

This policy of the American state department, a policy adopted without sanction from any source other than Wall Street, a policy that does not and has not met with the approval of even the sluggish senate, will be repudiated by the American masses who have no quarrel with the Chinese workers and peasants.

There has been no public demand for battleships and troops to be sent to China. There has not been a single mass meeting calling for intervention in China. Most of all, there certainly has been no popular mandate given the Wall Street-Coolidge-Kellogg administration to pull the scorched chestnuts of British imperialism out of the Far Eastern fire. Coolidge is committing this country to war on China.

He must be made to understand that the only thing the American masses want is the withdrawal of all armed forces from China, the evacuation of all civilians who want to leave, the balance to stay at their own risk. Coolidge must be made to understand and to act in accord with the understanding that as far as the great mass of American workers and farmers are concerned they would not waste a .22 caliber cartridge in "defense" of merchants, missionaries and corporation agents who have taken their chances in a country where 400,000,000 people have determined to end imperialist rule and where thousands of workers, peasants and students have given their lives in the struggle for freedom.

The People's Government and the People's Armies of New China have done their best to protect these American residents from their own folly and their own crimes against the Chinese. It is one of the most remarkable facts of all history that the lives of foreigners have been so secure during this great upheaval and it proves that the Chinese revolution is not fighting individual foreigners but the system of imperialism.

From the standpoint of the particular interests of American imperialism the state department is playing a very stupid game. The Chinese masses know now that the "Open Door" policy means the open gunports and belching guns of American battleships and open graves for hundreds of Chinese people. They will make no further distinction between Britain and America.

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS THE COOLIDGE GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING A MURDEROUS GAME. THAT GAME MUST END. THE BUTCHERS HAVE ALREADY ROLLED UP A BLOODY SCORE THAT IS TOO LARGE.

HANDS OFF CHINA! WITHDRAW ALL ARMED FORCES FROM CHINESE WATERS AND CHINESE SOIL!

CHINESE GRADUATES OF MISSION SCHOOLS FIRST TO EXPOSE MISSIONARY HYPOCRISY

WASHINGTON—China's national awakening, which has been marked by the leadership of students and working-class agitators against foreign imperialism and domestic exploitation of Chinese, has no precedent for the "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. That alliance of 22,000 Protestant church members, which often is heard in defense of civil liberties and the right of collective industrial bargaining in the United States, has issued a letter of congratulation to the nationalist movement in China. Coming at the moment of the fall of Shanghai to the Nationalist forces, it can be (Continued on Page Three)

1500 Troops, 12 Planes to Go To China

Nationalists Had No Part In Nanking Affair

WASHINGTON, March 27.—By ordering 1,500 more marines and twelve additional airplanes to Shanghai, the United States has definitely embarked upon a policy of large-scale intervention in China.

Powerful influences at work here are slowly but certainly dragging the administration into an openly hostile position and forcing the United States into line with Great Britain in a war against the Chinese Nationalist government.

American business men and militarists in China have found the administration too willing to comply with their demands for more troops and war ships. In addition to ordering 1,500 more marines to China, the administration is also considering the (Continued on Page Three)

Order Another Admiral To Bulldoze Chinese



Rear Admiral Mark Bristol, American high commissioner to Turkey for eight years, is to take charge of the Asiatic Fleet in Chinese waters, relieving Admiral Clarence S. Williams, who is to retire soon.

SEATTLE WORKERS HOLD HUGE CHINA PROTEST MEETING

Laud Canton Triumphs; Rap U. S. Imperialism

SEATTLE, WASH.—March 27.—Seattle celebrated the victories of Chinese Nationalists tonight.

Large crowds of workers jammed Skidd Road to demand the withdrawal of American marines and warships from China and the recognition of the Nationalist Government.

Protesting against the slaughter of Chinese women and children by American and British war vessels at Nanking, the crowd adopted a resolution condemning imperialist intervention in China and demanding the withdrawal of our troops. The demonstration was one of the largest and the most enthusiastic held here in years.

Shih Chum Huang, Reginald Mar, of the Kuomintang, Aaron Fislerman and D. G. Hannahan were among the speakers. They emphasized the attempts of the imperialist powers to smash Chinese revolution and pointed out that workers of all imperialist countries could aid the revolution by demanding that their governments keep their "hands off China."

