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POWERS DRIVE OUT PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

FROM Boston comes an obviously fake dispatch to the effect that new evidence derogatory to Sacco and Vanzetti has been placed in the hands of Governor Fuller. We may expect many stunts of this kind to be pulled between now and the date set for the execution, unless the governor pardons the victims, in the meantime. The most important business before the American workingclass now is to save Sacco and Vanzetti. The wave of protest that has already swept the world should assume tidal wave proportions and compel the murderous crew that would strangle two innocent workers in the electric chair to scale the mountain of oblivion for safety.

WE hope there is some truth in the report that Judge Thayer is off his bean. Again we don't. Thayer might be favored with a delusion that he had saved the country from annihilation by helping to send two innocent men to their doom and thus kid himself into happiness. We would like to see the labor movement made an example of Thayer by forcing him from the judicial bench and sending him back to retirement.

OTTO KAHN, the versatile banker does not spend all his time financing little and big theatres and encouraging hopeful artists with a mission. He does a little travelling on the side. Otto likes Mussolini but that fact does not prevent him from liking Mustafa Kemal Pasha of Turkey who is as fond of Mussolini as a mouse is of a cat.

IN his role of art lover Kahn may cast admiring eyes on the mosques of Constantinople (are they art?) but in his role of banker listen to Otto: "I am impressed with the energy, determination and vision of the new Turkey and wish that America would begin to exercise the traditional role of active sympathiser with a nation endeavoring to realize democratic ideals. Justice of the new laws warrants the influx of American capital." But, then if Otto did not do a job of work now and then our young playwrights might spank him.

IN all probability the two courageous French fliers who tried to make the non-stop hop from Paris to New York have paid the price of their daring with their lives. Mussolini will rejoice, since a victory for the Frenchmen would dwarf the accomplishment of the fascist Pinedo who has been busy writing fascist advertisements in the American sky. And Arthur Brisbane may now sleep a little more comfortably since the danger of thousands of European airplanes flying over our heads and holding us for ransom (we are so infernally rich, you know) is obviated for the moment.

THE vatican is not interested in the candidacy of Governor Al Smith, and this official statement will be believed by about one half of one per cent of the population of the United States. The pope will keep his hands off the next presidential election but his excellent machine functioning thru the churches, parochial schools, Knights of Columbus and scores of religious societies will save his holiness the trouble of leaving his palace on the Tiber to awaken the angry K.K.K. tiger in America.

THE United States will have peace in Nicaragua even it has to fight for it. We are told that rear-admiral Latimer has taken steps to disarm conservative and liberal alike. This is funny. Coolidge sent Stimson down there to make peace and he did the trick. Stimson told the liberals that if they did not stop fighting he would blow them into smithereens. Being blown into smithereens even for a worthy cause is not the most sensible solution of a situation that cannot be solved by force. So the liberals threw up their hands. The conservatives, beaten in Nicaragua, won in Washington.

SELF-determination goes marching on. The fourteen points of Woodrow Wilson's war aims are now fourteen daggers in the hands of Wall Street and those daggers are pointed at the hearts of weak peoples whose wealth is coveted by our imperialists. What the United States is doing in Nicaragua is exactly what Great Britain would like to do in China, but

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Neutrals Can't Watch Nicaragua Vote

KELLOGG ALLOWS FAIR ELECTION IF DIAZ AGREES

But Diaz Obeys Kellogg And Will Not Agree

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The United States might entertain a suggestion that one or more Latin American countries join in supervising the Nicaraguan elections only if such a request should be jointly made by the Sacasa and Diaz factions in Nicaragua, it was said today at the State Department.

Unless the request of the Sacasa group is endorsed by the Diaz government, however, no consideration probably will be given the idea.

Diaz Needs U. S. Since Diaz is a mere hireling of American bankers, and has no chance of being elected in any balloting where the polling places are not filled with marines to keep his opponents away, it is not expected that he will request any Latin American watchers.

Slow to Disarm.

Rear Admiral Latimer, commander of the naval forces occupying Nicaraguan waters, has taken certain preliminary steps towards the disarming of the Liberal nationalists. Altho General Moncado, their commander in chief, was bulldozed into agreeing to surrender of all arms and ammunition, many of his subordinates refuse to place themselves defenseless at the mercy of the Diaz mercenaries and the United States marines.

The Airplanes Fly.

To intimidate these recalcitrants, Admiral Latimer has prepared a proclamation, which will be showered on the country from airplanes. It threatens the liberals with force. It speaks of disarming the Diaz army too, but only after the Liberals have given up their weapons. The country will be policed by troops. Officeried by Americans, and made up of the "disarmed" Diaz mercenaries, re-equipped with the product of the Springfield arsenal, U. S. A., and known henceforward as "The Nicaraguan Constabulary."

To Boss Elections.

Latimer's proclamation is as follows:

"The United States government, having accepted the request of the Nicaraguan government to supervise the elections in 1928, believes general disarmament necessary for the proper and successful conduct of such elections and directs me to accept the custody of the arms and ammunition of those willing to give them up, including those of the forces of the government, and to disarm forcibly those who do not peaceably deliver up their arms.

"The Nicaraguan government has expressed willingness to deliver the arms under its control and I have directed that such be accepted in the same proportion that arms delivered by the forces of the opposing government.

"The Nicaraguan government has granted general amnesty to all political and armed opponents. To facilitate the return to peaceful occupations of those heretofore opposing the Nicaraguan government, that government will pay ten cordobas (\$10) to each individual delivering a serviceable machine gun or rifle to the custody of the United States forces.

Coolidge Worried Over Necessity of Sending Kellogg to Arms Meet

WASHINGTON, May 11.—President Coolidge, under the sudden necessity of finding somebody equal in rank to the Japanese Viscount Maito, and the British First Lord of the Admiralty, who will be at the Geneva arms limitation conference, finds he may have to send Kellogg. The secretary of state has made himself so ridiculous thru the Mexican "stolen letters" and other such episodes, that his presence at such delicate negotiations is almost a calamity, but Coolidge must either send him or repudiate him.

Pierson, Banker, Leads Most Reactionary Gang



Lewis E. Pierson, chairman of the board of the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co. of New York, is the new president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, succeeding John W. O'Leary, Chicago banker and manufacturer.

PASSAIC BEATS PREISKEL, FOE OF BIG STRIKE

Weisbord Given Thousand Votes by Gang

(Special To The DAILY WORKER) PASSAIC, N. J., May 11.—Abram Preiskel, arch-enemy of the Passaic workers went down to defeat in yesterday's election.

In spite of the refusal to allow the watchers for the labor candidates in the polling places while the votes were being counted, 1,080 votes were given to Albert Weisbord; 414 to Simon Bambach and 396 to Simon Smelkinson. The three labor men ran for city commissioners as Communist candidates.

The capitalists were nervous while the vote was being counted, afraid that the labor men might be elected. Chairman Stokes, of the New Jersey Republican State Committee phoned one of the Passaic newspapers at a late hour last night to find out how many votes were cast for Weisbord. He did not ask about the votes of any of the other candidates. Preiskel, a member of his own party for the time being, was of no interest to him.

Turner Elected The five men elected are Mayor John H. McGuire, John J. Reegner, John R. Johnson, Anton L. Pettersen and Benjamin F. Turner. With the exception of Turner, the four are commissioners at present. Turner will become Commissioner of Public Safety, the position now held by Preiskel.

Bar Watchers Yesterday afternoon the county election board notified the labor campaign committee that their watchers would be recognized on presentation of credentials signed by the committee. When they went to the polling places they were barred. Appealing to the election board they were notified that the local prosecuting attorney had ruled that they should not be admitted.

Not Citizens It is believed by many people that the barring of the labor watchers resulted in the stealing and voiding of many votes cast for the labor men. Another fact to be taken into consideration is that many of the workers are not citizens.

Issue Statement The labor campaign committee issued the following statement today: "The result of the Passaic election for City Commissioners is of a great importance to the American labor movement. In spite of the fact, that the Communist candidates conducted the fight single-handed, attacked and sabotaged by all the representatives of the capitalist class, by the labor control of the convention.

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HANGMAN OF SACCO AND VANZETTI IS BREAKING UNDER WEIGHT OF HIS GUILT

Whereabouts Unknown as He Showers Demands On Governor Fuller Not to Intervene

(Special To The DAILY WORKER.)

BOSTON, May 10.—Judge Webster Thayer, persecutor of Sacco and Vanzetti, is insane.

This is the conclusion being forced upon local newspaper men as they follow intently the official and personal life of the notorious judge through the mazes of the world-famous case.

In those legal circles where the course of Massachusetts justice has been followed first with amazement and then with indignation, a demand is being formulated that Governor Fuller remove Thayer from the bench because of mental unfitness.

The astounding story of the collapse of Judge Thayer's mind under the heavy burden of guilt imposed by his effort to murder two innocent men was told to a DAILY WORKER representative today by newspaper men close to the case. (Cont. on Page Five)

SACCO COUNSEL WITH FULLER IN PARLEY ON CASE

Governor Expected to Announce Decision

BOSTON, May 11.—Attorney William G. Thompson, counsel for Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, today called at the home of Governor Alvan T. Fuller.

It was understood that Thompson was to discuss with the Governor seven affidavits alleging that trial Judge Webster Thayer was prejudiced.

It was rumored that the Governor was to announce whether he would let the death sentence stand or review it by a public commission. The Governor's secretary, Herman MacDonald, stated, however, that no decision would be forthcoming today.

Secretary of State Kellogg today sent to Governor Fuller four telegrams received by President Coolidge from Mexico demanding the release of Sacco and Vanzetti.

Among the letters received today was a petition signed by 65 lawyers of the Rochester, N. Y., bar in which they request the appointment of an impartial committee to review the case. According to the letter accompanying the petition the list includes one judge, two former judges, a former district attorney and a former United States Marshal during the war period.

Brophy Battling For Dist. 2 From Convention Floor

DUBOIS, Pa., May 11.—John Brophy, militant miners' leader and former president of District 2, led the fight from the floor on President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers at the convention of District 2 here yesterday.

Lewis deliberately carried out his union-wrecking policy in District 2 in an effort to ruin the prestige of his chief foe within the union, Brophy. The progressive candidate for president in the recent international election charged that Lewis went over to the heads of local unions in District 2 to sign contracts and had forced the men to go to work under threat of cancelling their charters. In many cases, the men were forced to go to work for big coal corporations which were operating non-union mines in neighboring districts.

Vice president Philip Murray was charged with distorting figures, both at the national convention, and locally.

Brophy is putting up a brave fight against the Lewis machine from the floor. An effort was made to keep him from the convention on the assumption that he was living in Pittsburgh. The Lewis-Marks forces have control of the convention.

Indianapolis Mayor Says County Prosecutor Used Office to Cheat Justice

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11.—Charges of conspiracy to defeat justice and of malfeasance in office were hurled at County Prosecutor William H. Remy by Mayor John L. Duvall of Indianapolis in a letter presented today to Judge James A. Collins, of the Marion County criminal court, who is presiding over the investigation of alleged political corruption in Indiana.

Mayor Duvall demanded a grand jury probe of the conspiracy which he alleged was entered into against him by Remy and Thomas H. Adams, militant Vincennes, Ind., publisher.

ACQUIT MORALES; FRAME-UP FAILS TO HANG MEXICAN

Prosecutor Howled for Death; Cop Was Killed

CHICAGO, May 11.—Augustin Morales, the young Mexican worker who was framed by the police of Melrose Park for the murder of Officer Stahl in that suburb, Dec. 7th, was acquitted at six o'clock Tuesday by a jury in the court of Judge Harry B. Miller. The acquittal came on the first ballot, after a most poisonous appeal by the persecutor for the death penalty.

Consulate Wires. where he had spent five months for a crime he had never committed and was received by a group of friends embracing both Mexicans and Americans. The Mexican consulate immediately wired the news of the acquittal to the consular and diplomatic circles in this country, as the case has been regarded as a test of the rights of Mexicans in this country to the same treatment as other nationals.

Woman Attorney. Mary Belle Spencer, Morales' attorney, was showered with congratulations by spectators in the court and noted criminal lawyers who were on hand to watch the case.

Insurance Manager Admits The Daily Exposes the Facts

For supporting the charges made in The DAILY WORKER insurance expose, Charles E. Coolen, an insurance manager with offices at Stapleton, Staten Island was pounced upon by Harry J. Miller, second vice president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who said Coolen's words are detrimental to the insurance "profession."

When hundreds of Mr. Coolen's (Continued on Page Two)

MOVES TO HANKOW AFTER CHIANG AND IMPERIALISTS MAKE ARRESTS

Feng Smashes Chang Tso-lin at Henchow as Nationalists Push Toward Peking

Report 3,000,000 Workers, 10,000,000 Peasants Organized at Chinese Communist Congress

BULLETIN.

(By Nationalist News Agency.)

HANKOW, May 11.—The most important military events are taking place in northern Honan where certain units of the Mukden Army are still remaining in an effort to check the advance of the Nationalist northern expedition in its march toward Peking. Mukden troops are being held along the Peking-Hankow railway and a section of the Lunghai railway, General Tang Shen-chi making a strategical disposition of Nationalist forces and sending reinforcements northwards preparatory to a general attack. Everything is now ready for the great offensive.

Another important factor in the situation is Feng Yu-hsiang, whose men have been concentrated on the Shensi-Honan border, and are now driving rapidly eastwards toward Chengchow, which is the junction of the Peking-Hankow and Lunghai. Feng's advance from Tungwan began April 8th. Feng's First Army has already smashed Liu Cheng Hwa's troops and occupied the city of Henchow after a ten-hour battle.

Two enormous mass meetings were held here yesterday to commemorate National Humiliation Day, when Japan's twenty-one demands were accepted by Yuan Shi-kai. The necessity of ridding China of the shackles put on her by the foreign powers was stressed in the addresses made.

SHANGHAI, May 11.—The frantic efforts of the imperialist powers and Chiang Kai-shek to thwart the opening of the Pan-Pacific Labor Conference have been futile. Delegates from China, the Soviet Union, the United States, France, Great Britain and Java will gather at Hankow on May 15th to lay the foundations for an alliance of trade union organizations of countries bordering on the Pacific.

Force Postponement.

The imperialist powers have succeeded, however, in preventing the delegations of Japan and Australia from attending the conference, while Chiang Kai-shek's right wing supporters at Canton have forced the conference from Canton to the Nationalist capital at Hankow. The meeting was scheduled to have opened May 1st.

Losovsky (head of the Red International of Trade Unions) Izmailoff and Budnik, delegates of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions were held by British authorities under arrest for two hours at Hangkong, although they had British transit visas. After remaining for two hours under arrest aboard a river steamer, the delegation, escorted by policemen and detectives, was brought by a police cutter to the American steamship Jefferson. All night, while the steamer remained anchored in port, British guards paced the corridors outside of the delegates' cabins, despite their protests.

Arrest Japanese Delegates. The conference cannot be held at Canton, Losovsky explained in a press interview, because delegates from the All-China Federation of Trade Unions may meet death at the hands of the imperialists.

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DEFRAUDED BIG FOUR VICTIMS CALL FOR INVESTIGATION

PREVIOUS EVENTS OF INSURANCE EXPOSE. The DAILY WORKER herewith continues its expose of the fraudulent methods employed by the "Big Four," who are the Metropolitan, Prudential, John Hancock and the Colonial Life Insurance Companies.

In this series it is charged that these companies who monopolize the weekly payment life insurance business are guilty of fraud, misuse of "mutual" funds, manipulation of policyholders' money and subornation, to perjury.

On April 27th Governor Smith ordered Superintendent of Insurance James A. Beha to make inquiries into the charges contained in the Harrison articles.

So far the official apologist for the insurance companies has not submitted his report. The expose has caused something resembling panic in insurance circles. It affects upwards of 40,000,000 American policyholders.

By CHARLES YALE HARRISON.

The Insurance expose bread cast upon the waters is bringing in a rich harvest of outraged policyholders. Letters arrive from all parts of the country protesting against high rates, misrepresentation and fraud. Defrauded workers who have been paying exorbitant weekly premiums for years have suddenly taken to figuring out just how they stand in the swindle.

One reader writes and says, "My to \$3,385 after twenty years. We can mother, who is forty-six years of age took out a policy for \$500 paying seventy-five cents a week for twenty years. This means that she will pay to the company \$780 during the premium paying period, thus losing \$280 on the deal. This is a crime. (That's putting it mildly—Ed. note). Our family pays \$3.75 every week to the "Big Four" on policies which amount

All letters received strike the same note, and ask for advice on how to handle the question of life insurance. As society is constituted at present no one will deny the necessity of life insurance. That it is in the hands of a gang of unscrupulous Wall Street (Continued on Page Two)

DEFRAUDED "BIG FOUR" VICTIMS ARE DEMANDING INVESTIGATION

(Continued from Page One) buccannery does not lessen the worker's problem in this respect. As yet the workers have not taken over this most vital business and the need for adequate insurance protection persists.

These insurance problems confront the worker: when he dies he must be buried, his children must be educated and an endowment policy aids in that direction, in his old age a thousand or two might help considerably—but weekly payment life insurance will not achieve these ends.

We have shown in previous articles that weekly payment life insurance is exorbitantly high in rates and criminally harsh in its policy conditions. Otherwise how can one account for the fact that 75% of all policies lapse before they have been in force for three years?

The average policyholder buys his insurance in the best of faith. The agent's rosy picture of the future sounds good—independence in old age, education for the kiddies, own your own home via a weekly payment life insurance policy—yes, these things sound very promising. The agent, who very often is an ignorant of insurance as his prospect is, glosses over the question of cost and surrender values.

Hide the Facts
The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in a booklet called Talks to New Agents says, "Keep cost in the background. Do not dwell on surrender values. Do not leave sample policies. Do not show many figures."

The question of cost is usually evaded by such phrases as "it only comes to ten cents a day" or "you'll never miss the money and then when the Glad Day comes, you'll welcome that ol' check." And so on. If you've ever been canvassed for insurance you know the tactics.

Forced To Drop
But when the premiums keep mounting higher and higher due to increases in the amount of insurance and the assistance of your agent, the day inevitably comes when the load is too heavy to carry. The premiums are abnormally high and when the chill wind of unemployment or illness blows the insurance is dropped.

Weekly payment insurance has no loan value as is the case with "ordinary" insurance and so the result of years of scrimping and saving goes up the flue.

If the policyholder has had the good fortune and patience to hang on to his unfair policy for ten years he may surrender his policy for its cash value and suffer a 66% loss.

The "Reserve" Pot
This is industrial insurance. This is the type of life insurance which the Superintendent of Insurance per-

mits to be hawked about in the State of New York. The "public" which in this case is the worker, as usual foots the bill. The hundreds of millions of dollars which the "Big Four" makes on lapsed policies goes into a "reserve" fund which the "public" will never see, although these companies are supposed to be "mutual."

There are about 70 million of these weekly policies in force in the United States and Canada on about 40 million lives. The "Big Four," who monopolize the business, have assets of nearly 4 billion, their annual income from all sources is upwards of one billion dollars.

All efforts to make public the enormous swindle of weekly payment life insurance have been met with ruthless attempts at suppression.

This paper, which is the only New York newspaper which was courageous enough to expose the fraud practiced on 40 million Americans, now faces a framed up charge of printing a so-called unpatriotic poem.

Dare Not Answer
The "Big Four" dare not come into the open and answer the charges which are contained in this expose, because by doing so they will be compelled to answer still graver charges which may be preferred against them.

Their only defense is a cowardly silence. In this case, he who hides or runs away may live to swindle another day.

I hold no brief for the "ordinary" companies, but as things are now they offer the worker the best that he may buy in life insurance.

If our readers feel that they must carry life insurance, by all means let them carry "ordinary" insurance and not the murderously weekly payment life insurance which is offered by the "Big Four."

The Way Out

It would be an advantageous thing for the country at large and for the American worker in particular (if I am correctly informed he is the country at large) if a social institution like life insurance were taken out of the hands of Wall Street operators and put into the hands of those who contribute to its upkeep. But maybe this is asking too much in a graft-ridden country.

In answer to the thousands of policyholders who are fretting about the wisest plan of insurance to carry, I submit the following tables which show comparative rates between "ordinary" life insurance and weekly premium or "industrial" life insurance.

The table below shows the cost per thousand dollars of insurance at age 55 at various plans:

	Ordinary	Industrial
15 yr. Endow.....	\$57.13	\$91.52
20 yr. Endow.....	41.08	65.00
Life.....	19.91	41.60
Term.....	9.08	

As a general rule it may be stated that weekly payment life insurance is 100 per cent higher in cost than ordinary.

Nor is this all; weekly policies have no loan value whatsoever, ordinary policies have a loan value after two years; ordinary policies have a cash surrender value after two years, the weekly payment policyholder must wait ten years until he can "sell" his policy. Such a sale usually results in a 66 per cent loss of his deposits. Ordinary policies pay dividends after two years, "industrial" policies after five.

Tell Your Story.
We hope that our readers will help us make this expose effective by seeing that neighbors and co-workers are acquainted with it. When you are through with this paper do not throw it away. Leave it in a place where someone will be sure to see it.

Already the expose has more than caused a stir in the seats of the mighty. Governor Smith has ordered the Superintendent of Insurance, James A. Beha, to look into the charges as made in this series of articles.

This is not enough. Nothing short of a legislative investigation, honestly conducted (if that is possible) will ever bring about a curbing of the "Big Four."

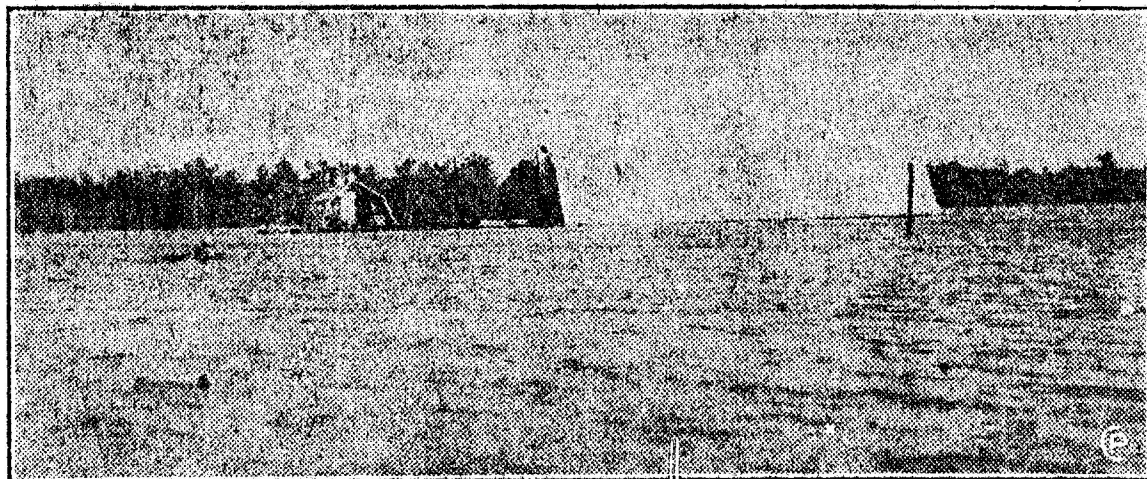
Propaganda may not be art—but it sometimes scares the wits out of public looters.

Passaic Beats Preiskel; Foe of Strike

(Continued from Page One) lieutenants and the American Legion, the ticket polled 400 votes, while Albert Weisbord, the strike-leader, when all these agencies tried to make responsible for the present situation got 1,100 votes. And all this was done with all the handicaps of a Communist campaign, the lack of funds and proper election apparatus, the sabotage of the press and the usual wholesale stealing of votes.

Preiskel's Defeat
"The defeat of Preiskel, the man mostly responsible for the police brutality during the strike is also a great achievement, even if his successor may not be much better. With the large majority of the workers disfranchised and with all the other factors taken into consideration, we can claim the Passaic election a Communist victory, the continuation of the one won by the strike."

THIS COTTON CROP RUINED



View of George T. Houston plantation, near Vicksburg, Miss., the flood waters of the Mississippi entirely covering 800 acres of cotton, which had been ready for chopping.

SIGMAN PLAN TO BREAK UP UNION IN CHICAGO FAILS

Would-Be Czar Retreats—Threatens New Attack

(By A Worker Correspondent)
CHICAGO, May 11.—President Morris Sigman of the I. L. G. W. U. has returned east after a decisive defeat at the hands of the Chicago union, and without being able to break the loyalty of the Chicago members to their left-wing Joint Board leadership. The purpose of his visit was supposedly to present the facts of the New York needle trades fight.

It was clear from the first day however that he hoped to enforce a registration in Chicago, as was done in New York, expelling the progressives. Finding, after a week of verbal skirmishing, charges, facts and counter charges, that the rank and file were solidly against him and with their left-wing administration, he retired from the scene, promising, however, to return within ten days and to complete his canvass of the union locals. This is interpreted by the Chicago workers as a threat to renew the offensive for right-wing control as soon as some further pretext can be manufactured.

Sigman Begs Off.
At the Joint Board meeting on Friday, April 29, not only union officials but rank and file members packed the hall. Sigman spoke for three hours, repeating his familiar charges that the N. Y. cloakmakers' strike was conducted by Communists, who betrayed the workers, and justifying the action of the general executive board in expelling the thousands of members making up Locals 22, 9 and 2, the three largest locals in the International. He said with reference to the Chicago situation that the only points at issue were minor ones, to be taken up with the officials in private. When he stopped speaking, Ida Rothstein of the Chicago Joint Board demanded a discussion. Although it was then midnight, the rank and file expressed their willingness to remain, but Sigman insisted it was too late.

Answering Sigman.
It was decided to continue the meeting next night. This was done, the local officials answering Sigman's assertions one by one. Ida Rothstein attacked his claim to a belief in democracy within the union, citing the Boston convention, the raising of the dues without a referendum as required in the constitution, the \$20 assessment, the wholesale expulsions, and other acts of the general executive board. "Democracy?" she flung at him. "I challenge anyone to come out and say that we in Chicago do not tolerate all opinions within the ranks. Under our left-wing administration there have been no expulsions or suppressions of right-wingers. We have one of the best agreements in the country—made by whom? The left-wingers!"
You say you come to Chicago with certain charges against the union officials. Why do you not make these charges openly? Because you realize that sentiment is against you. You came to start registration and you see that it is impossible at present. I tell you that at no time will you be able to disrupt our union as you tried it in New York."

Levin Demands Frankness.
Manager J. Levin struck the same note, demanding that Sigman say what he had to say without concealment, and declaring that there is no secret diplomacy within the Chicago union. The left sentiment of the meeting was evident from the prolonged applause which greeted Joint Board members when they took the floor.

In the locals the same spirit was expressed. The Cutters (Local 81) gave a cold reception to the idea of registration. The Cloakmakers Operators (Local 5) warned Sigman not to start a fight, as he would be unable to break up the union. In Local 100 many speakers took the floor against him. In Local 18 a motion was made "to stand loyally with the International." An amendment "to stand loyally with the International but to oppose registration and expulsion" was not allowed by the right wing chairman to come to a vote.

The Chicago situation is tense, but the issues are clear and the members feel that they will be able to safeguard the substantial gains made under the present leadership.

Organized Big Business Proposes Private Trial For Ford-Sapiro Dispute

DETROIT, May 11.—The Board of Commerce has made advances to both Henry Ford and Aaron Sapiro to have Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against Ford heard by the organization's arbitration committee rather than in federal courts, it was revealed today.

According to William H. Gallagher, attorney for Sapiro, he accepted the proposal but Stewart Hanley, attorney for Ford, rejected it.

The offer was made in a letter to opposing attorneys. The letter did not reveal the organization's reason for making the proposal, but it is supposed that the big business community is shocked and worried at the public exposure and ridicule visited upon both parties because of revelations made at the trial.

Needle Trade Defense

Bazaar Opens.
The United Council of Working Class Housewives had a tremendous meeting Tuesday at which it was determined to send down the number of requests for booths to a bare minimum. The result was that the following booths were added to the list: Council No. 7 Chemicals, Co-operative Councils No. 2-8-12 one booth, Councils 3 and 7 one booth, Passaic Council one booth. Other booths taken at the last minute are the Capmakers' T. U. E. L. and the Cutters Welfare League.

Many Concerts.
The program as worked out for the Bazaar provides for concerts in the main hall to-night, tomorrow and Sunday. Nightly concerts in the restaurant and a Grand Ball Saturday night.
The Hall will be opened daily at 1 P. M. in an effort to make a quick four day sale of the tremendous stock of merchandise that has been collected.

A Letter From Jail.
Dear Friend Zirlin and Members of the Executive Board Local No. 9:
I am in receipt of your cheering letter and hearty greetings. I thank you in the name of my fellow prisoners for remembering us. There is no news to write of on our dreary Island. Life is a quiet death. Prisoners come and go but the prison is always full and nothing else happens because the present capitalist society provides plenty of victims for the jails.
I can write you that last week's monotony was broken by a visit from some of our officers with whom we spent a few pleasant hours. I can also write you that we have sent our greetings for the Bazaar in the special number of Unity. We look forward to a tremendous success at the Bazaar both moral and financial. We hope that the workers will understand the importance of this undertaking and that they will give their hearty support.

Insurance Official Admits Daily Correct
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customers in Staten Island came to him and asked if the charges contained in The DAILY WORKER exposure of the "Big Four" were true, being a perfectly truthful person, he said that they were.
Metropolitan and Prudential agents who were financially affected by Coolen's veracity complained that his statements were contrary to good insurance usages and the matter came before the official attention of Harry J. Miller, second vice president of the Metropolitan.
Scolded For Truthfulness.
Mr. Miller who has his hands full of similar complaints these days wrote to Coolen and hinted that such truth-telling is detrimental to the best interests of the "Big Four" and hinted that unless he stopped his anti-fraud proclivities his license to solicit life insurance in the State of New York might be suspended.
As a reply to Mr. Miller, Mr. Coolen's order arrived today calling for 200 copies of the Worker for distribution in Staten Island.
Mr. Coolen is district manager for the Union Central Life Insurance Company.

Anthracite Miners Demand 6-Hour Day

HAZLETON, Pa., May 11.—Demands of union miners at the Evans colliery at Meadow Brook for a six-hour day are in the hands of the conciliation board. The company proposition to cut the workday from eight to seven hours, and the miners countered with a six hour demand.

SMALL POX FOUND IN REFUGEE CAMP AS FLOODS RISE

Waters May Drive Leper Colony Into Towns

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Six small-pox cases were reported today from the Harrisonburg, La., refugee camp in the Mississippi Valley flood area, national headquarters of the Red Cross was advised. Doctors and nurses there are vaccinating all refugees and isolating suspected cases.

The famous leper colony near Caarrville, La., where more than 300 people afflicted with leprosy live virtually in exile, is menaced by the flood and it may be necessary to evacuate the inhabitants to a place of safety for them, perhaps not far from their neighbors.

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3.—To be renewable annually thereafter, and can be terminated by either party only after a six months' notice.
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BUY THE DAILY WORKER AT THE NEWSSTANDS

Who is Behind the Prosecution of the Militant Needle Trades Workers?
Who Are Matthew Woll's Fellow Conspirators? They Are Leaders of the National Civic Federation!
Woll is Acting President of the Labor Hating Civic Federation.

There is a United Front of the Special American Federation of Labor Committee, headed by Vice President Woll, and the National Civic Federation, dominated by the most powerful capitalists in the United States.

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President and Trustee of Barnard College.
Trustee, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.
Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Trustee.
President and Trustee of College of Pharmacy of City of N. Y.
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HOPE TO APPEAL JACK RUBENSTEIN CASE IN PASSAIC

PASSAIC, N. J., May 11.—The case of Jack Rubenstein, Brookwood Labor College student and a leader in the Passaic textile strike, now in jail in Bergen County, has a good basis for appeal, according to Joseph Feder, attorney for the defense.

Rubenstein, whose course of studies at Brookwood was interrupted when he was sentenced April 28 to six months in jail and a fine of \$500, is behind the bars on a charge which came up more than a year ago.

Feder, discussing the possibility of an appeal, cited the prejudicial conduct of Judge William Seufert at the trial which took place in May, 1926, as one of several good arguments for appealing the case. "The jury quite clearly did not think the evidence sufficient grounds for conviction," said Feder, "but the trial came right at the height of the strike when feeling against the strikers in conservative Bergen County was running high, and they did not feel that they should acquit him entirely. So they came back and asked the judge if they might find him guilty of simple assault."

Judge Demands Limit.
"If you can find him guilty of assault, why can't you find him guilty of assault and battery?" replied the judge, according to Feder, and he sent the jury back again.

The charge of assaulting a jail-keeper on which Rubenstein is now in jail originated a year ago last March, when he was arrested for leading a mass picket line and was being held in the Bergen County jail.

"I was asleep on the cot in my cell," says Rubenstein in describing the affair, "when I was awakened by a quarrel between two prisoners in the cell next to mine. I did not know them—they were not strikers. They were making so much noise that I stepped out of my cell and went to see what was the matter. Just then one of the jailkeepers rushed upstairs and making for me began hitting and cursing me. I tried to protect my face from the blows, calling out that he had the wrong man, but he paid no attention."

Dunn Tells of Brutality.
Robert Dunn, who spent a few days in jail with Jack in April, 1926, at the time Sheriff Nimmo read the Riot Act, thinks Rubenstein's case certainly should be appealed. "I saw Adamchesky, the police officer now under arrest himself for robbery, nit Jack on the back of the head without the slightest excuse for it. I've seen other great brutes twist the handcuffs on him on purpose until they cut into the flesh. From the things I've seen with my own eyes, I can well imagine how this charge of 'assaulting the jailkeeper' arose."

Only lack of funds is holding back the appeal of Rubenstein's case. All those who want to see this young idealist released from jail are asked to write or send money to the Passaic section of the I. L. D., Room 14, 748 Main Ave., Passaic, N. J.

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Communist International Ridicules Chang Tso-lin Attempt at Unprecedented Frame-Up

The Secretariat of the Executive Committee of the Communist International has published the following declaration:

"The Chinese press appearing in the territory occupied by Chang Tso-lin is publishing a series of forged documents alleged to have been found during the recent raid upon the premises of the Soviet Embassy in Peking by the police. This 'material' is now being published by the whole bourgeois press as 'revelations' concerning the work of the Comintern. These documents are being quoted in the British House of Commons with a view to inflaming bourgeois public opinion against the Soviet Union. The great fuss which is being made in imperialist circles about these fantastic documents is alone sufficient to prove clearly the intentions of the Chinese police when they raided the Soviet Embassy in the interests of foreign capital. The aim of the raid was to

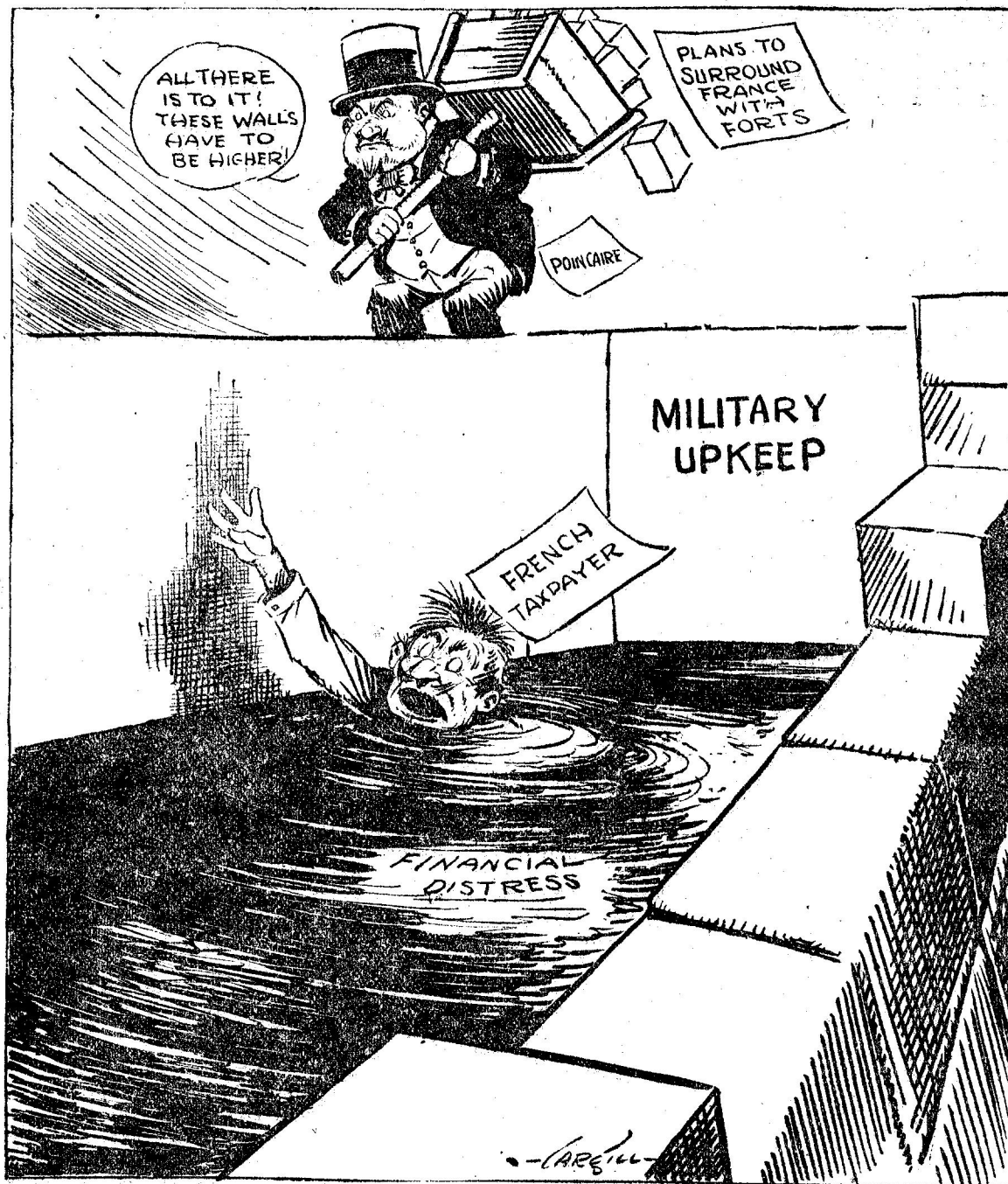
lend color to the system of forgery adopted by the British conservatives in their anti-Chinese campaign and to make the 'documents' which are a pack of lies from beginning to end appear credible.

"According to these documents, which Chang Tso-lin declares to be 'Secret Instructions from Moscow,' the Comintern has recommended that 'the Chinese masses be stirred up against the foreigners in China with a view of provoking a foreign intervention in China.' The Comintern is thus accused of nothing less than supporting the plans of the imperialists in China!

"Further, these 'Instructions' recommend that in order to achieve this aim, i.e., the provocation of an imperialist intervention, plundering and the murder of foreigners be carried out, irrespective of the class status of the foreigners so murdered. 'All this utter nonsense, bearing

so obviously the stamp of political ignorance and obviously fabricated by experts in the service of the foreign espionage organizations, is so ridiculous that a refutation is hardly necessary. It can only be used by hopelessly naive persons or by deliberate swindlers who seek to justify the imperialist robbery of their governments in China by such dirty methods. The Comintern can only pillory these disgusting and wretched methods carried out so farcically by the deadliest enemies of the Chinese revolution, in the eyes of the working masses of the whole world. The workers of the world will correctly estimate this action of Chang Tso-lin which was inspired by the foreign capitalists in order to throttle the great movement of the Chinese working and peasant masses. The contemptible purpose of the imperialists can be best served with such clumsy forgeries and such mean deception."

AN UNFORTUNATE PREDICAMENT



The French fat boys are in a most unfortunate predicament. Their scramble with the capitalist robbers of other nations for the world's gray forces them to build huge armaments and to make military preparations which overburdened French taxpayers can ill-afford.

Current Events

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China is too darned big and Great Britain has to many strong rivals at her heels. How virtuous we are!

WHAT has become of the bituminous coal strike? Or rather the lock-out. The operators that John L. Lewis co-operated so loyally with in persecuting the radical members of the union are going about the business of organizing their mines on the basis of the open shop in so far as they are permitted to do so by their employees. What is John L. Lewis doing? What service is he rendering the miners in return for salary of \$12,000 a year? Lewis is not interested in the welfare of the miners. His pockets are lined and no matter what happens to the miners there is a life of ease and plenty ahead of him.

STANLEY MITCHELL, our worthy banker, is such a public spirited fellow that the New York American bestows a eulogistic editorial on his financial head. Among the public benefactions that Mr. Mitchell is interested in are: the \$5,000,000 for the cancer centre, the \$6,500,000 fund for the Y. M. C. A. enlargement and the \$3,500,000 for the Actors' Fund Home.

YET I have been informed recently that in this wealthy city of ours, the wealthiest in the world, 600,000 of its inhabitants are in daily want. Millions for philanthropies of all sorts but poverty goes on just the same, because those philanthropic frauds will do anything except go to the bottom of the cause of the misery of the masses. Only when the masses will throw the exploiters off their backs will the need for charity cease to exist.

Spring Rally and May Dance
Preparations are being rushed for the Spring Festival and May Dance on May 21, at the Downtown Workers' Club, 35 E. 2nd St. The dance is arranged by the Downtown Branch of the International Labor Defense. The proceeds will go towards the branch sustaining fund and for relief of class-war prisoners.

German Ambassador in San Francisco

May 14th is to be a gala day in San Francisco. Horns will be blowing, flags flying, salutes of applause re-echoing, and the whole city decked in sportive mood, because it happens to be the occasion on which Baron A. von Holtz is to pay a visit. The noble baron happens to be none less than German Ambassador to the United States, and this is the incentive for all the tumult and the shouting.

Not Like 1918.

Not so many years ago a friendly visit on the part of the ambassador would have had dire consequences. His presence would have been regarded as a hostile act on the part of the "horrible Huns" to disseminate their peculiar culture to the detriment of American ideals. At that time we were engaged in a war to further the ends of a chloroformed democracy, and we regarded Germany as the arch-conspirator that counter-acted our humane endeavors. A visit from any official representing the German nation at that time, would have meant jail for the miscreant, and additional anathemas for the nation that sent him.

"Hun" Is Feted.

On his arrival, Baron von Holtz will go to his quarters at the Fairmont Hotel to prepare for the festivities that await him. On Sunday he will be entertained at the Mill Valley home of Dr. Kurt Ziegler, German Consul General in San Francisco. On Monday the Baron will pay his respects to the heads of the army and navy, and no doubt congratulate them upon their effective efforts in the cause of culture. The same afternoon, in the rotunda of the City Hall, the Mayor and Supervisors will formally receive our distinguished visitor, and give him the keys of the city, with

the modest request, no doubt, that he refrain from pillage.

No Word From Labor.

The League of Women Voters will be the next to do homage, and they have arranged a neat little luncheon that ought to meet all the requirements of our visitor's appetite. Afterwards, he makes a call on Stanford University, and winds up with a swell feed at the Palace Hotel under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

During his entire stay in San Francisco, the Baron will have no conference with any working class organization, and no message to them from the revolutionary workers of Germany. From beginning to end, the whole procedure takes the form of capitalist propaganda of an International nature. It makes little difference what the name of the country is, or who represents it, so long as the exploitation of the masses is the basis of its existence, capitalism can well afford to rejoice and make merry.

Nicholas Longworth



Speaker of the house of representatives, but better known as the husband of Alice Roosevelt.

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE MOVES TO HANKOW AFTER IMPERIALISTS AND CHIANG MAKE ARRESTS

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right wing elements who control the city.

Japanese workers who were to have attended the conference were placed under arrest by the Japanese government, while the Australian delegation has been refused passports.

During the stay of the delegation of the Soviet Union in Canton, Losovsky said, several hundred workers, most of them Communists and left wing leaders, were executed. Peasants through Kwantung Province, Losovsky declared, are rebelling against the right wing dictatorship.

Arrests at Shanghai continue.

Eight persons suspected of left wing activities were arrested and much literature confiscated. Four Hindus were arrested charged with planning the assassination of the Anglo-Hindu police chief at Shanghai and handing out revolutionary literature.

Party Membership Leaps.

HANKOW, May 11.—According to reports submitted to the Central Committee at the Third Congress of the Chinese Communist Party, which opened here on May 1st, Chinese Communists number 67,967, while the preceding Congress, held in 1925, represented on 994 members. The Communists youth rose from 2,365 in 1925 to 35,000 in 1927.

10,000,000 Organized Peasants.

Workers organized in trade unions in 1925 are estimated at 125,000, whereas 2,800,000 Chinese workers are at present organized. Peasants unions have grown in the same period from 200,000 to 9,829,000. Student unions have 420,000 members. Workers form the bulk of the Communist Party membership.

Chiang Bankrupt.

SHANGHAI, May 11.—The Nationalist News Agency reports that serious financial difficulties, Mer-

chants are refusing to accept paper money issued by Chiang Kai-shek, while soldiers are on the verge of revolt having received no pay for some time.

A citizens' committee has been appointed to Changsha, which is in the hands of the Nationalist government at Hankow.

Predict Peking Capture.

HANKOW, May 11.—Wang Chinwei, chairman of the military council and chairman of the political committee declared today that he expected the Nationalist capture of Peking shortly. Generals Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Shi-an had aligned themselves with the Nationalist, he said.

Chiang Isolated.

MOSCOW, May 11.—The correspondent of Pravda communicates from Shanghai that Chiang Kai-shek has failed in securing the support of any considerable number of members of the Kuomintang.

Despite the efforts of the right wingers to mask their counter-revolutionary coup by revolutionary phraseology, the masses have not followed them. The Nanking group is a headquarters without an army. The best proof is that on neither the first nor the fourth of May (Students' Day) could Chiang Kai-shek organize a single impressive demonstration.

Chiang, Now War Lord.

The bourgeoisie supporting Chiang Kai-shek in the struggle against the revolutionary Kuomintang instead of continuing the northern expedition more energetically urges compromise. Compromise will reduce Chiang Kai-shek from a nationalist to a provincial force. Even now the Nanking group is beginning to strikingly resemble the former clique of Sun Chuan-fang, it is in that light that the more reasonable militarists regard him.

Chiang Kai-shek's press continues to flit with the workers and peasants, prattling about the national and even the world revolution; but this doesn't prevent the English papers from advising Chiang Kai-shek to give up the broad plans and devote himself from making "Kiangsu a model province."

From the military viewpoint Chiang Kai-shek's position is rapidly degenerating to the position of Sun-Chuan-fang being essentially like the latter a temporary alliance of generals which each of which under the pretext of fighting the Communists is attempting to secure control of the region falling into their hands.

Chiang Kai-shek and his followers seem to be realizing the fiasco of their hopeless flirting with the workers their desperate efforts to secure the support of any prominent leader of the Kuomintang and their vain appeals to the widow and son of Sun Yat-sen from that too follows their servility to America as the hope of receiving assistance from her is the straw to which they cling.

NEWS FROM SOVIET UNION SHOWS POPULATION, PRODUCTION GROWTH

MOSCOW, APRIL 18 (By Mail)—A special conference was held at the People's Commissariat of Education to deal with the question of restoration of the Russian Archeological Institute at Constantinople, which had been closed, while all its contents were handed over to the Turkish Ottoman Museum.

In the number of volumes, works and collections, this Institute is the richest in the world for the study of the Byzantine epoch. According to information available, the books of the institute have been perfectly well preserved.

The request which the All-Union Academy of Science tended to the Turkish Government regarding the resumption of the institute's work has met with a most favorable reception.

Economic Situation.

Speaking at the All-Russian Congress of Soviets, Mr. Rykov, chairman of the Council of People's Commissaries stated that the sown area is 105 per cent of the area of 1916, while the total yield is 92 per cent. Sowings of technical cultures have increased and their dimensions are considerably larger than previous to the war. There was 11 million hectares of land allotted for cultivation in 1925-26. Throughout the RSFSR the number of tractors working was estimated, in 1925-26, at 13,600. The production of agricultural machinery exceeded the pre-war production by 20 per cent. 17 million roubles was assigned in 1926-27 for anti-drought measures, as against 12.5 million roubles allocated for the same purpose last year.

Grows One Fourth.

The growth of the industry in RSFSR will be 22.6 per cent this year. The fundamental expenses of the industry of RSFSR which have been allocated for current year 1926-27 reach the sum of 190.5 million roubles, as against 158.7 million roubles last year. Out of a total of 643 million roubles which have been assigned for fundamental outlay in the all-Union industry, over 340 million roubles are to be invested into industry situated in the territory of RSFSR. The building is being proceeded to this year of such big works as the Pastov-on-Don works manufacturing agricultural machinery, the tractor mills, at Stalingrad, the metal works of Kerch. Preparations are being made for the erection of works in the Magnet mountain, in the Ural; at Tuapse an oil distilling plant is being constructed, and so forth. One of the biggest schemes of construction which is being started this year is the Semirech railway, whose importance for the development of industry is enormous. Another huge construction is the Volga-Don canal; to this latter problem, the government has been paying the closest attention.

Population Grows.

The natural accretion of population of the Russian Socialist Federated Republic was 183 per every ten thousand people in 1925, 178 in 1924, 193

in 1925, as compared with 161 on an average in 1908-13.

The number of marriages has been rapidly increasing during the post-war years, reaching 132 per cent of every ten thousand inhabitants in 1922, as against 81 marriages in 1911-12. In 1925 the number of marriages as registered went down again, reaching 91 per cent of every ten thousand inhabitants.

Room For More.

The birth-rate in the R.S.F.S.R. fluctuates parallelly with the fluctuations of the number of marriages. However, in 1925, the birth-rate rose steadily, in spite of the decreased number of marriages. In 1925, there were 414 births per every ten thousand inhabitants against an average of 447 in 1908-12.

The death-rate is actually much lower than before the war, when, in European Russia, it was put at 272 per every ten thousand inhabitants; for 1925, the corresponding figure was 221.

Foreigners in R.S.F.S.R.

In the R.S.F.S.R. there live 150-170,000 foreigners. Most of them live in the Far East. The number is yearly increasing of foreigners opting for citizenship of the R. S. F. S. R.; thus about 10,000 foreigners opted for Soviet citizenship in 1925, and 5,800 during the first half of 1926.

Oil Exports.

The export of oil products during the first half of the working year 1926-27 reached 887,800 tons, against 626,000 tons during the first half of the preceding year, an increase of 41.8 per cent.

Among the different countries of destination the export of oil products was distributed as follows: in the first place stands the United Kingdom, the export to which increased, as compared with the preceding year, by 39.4 per cent. Oil exports to Egypt increased by 112.9 per cent; to Italy—by 29.8 per cent. Out of the total Soviet oil exports, 89.2 per cent went to European countries, the rest being exported to the countries of the Near East.

Invite Scientists.

LENINGRAD, April 16.—(By Mail) The German government has sent an invitation to Soviet Academicians asking them to detail a group of Russian savants to Germany to read a course of lectures to young German scientists on the latest achievements of Russian science in various fields. Among those invited are academicians Yoffe, Bernadsky, Fersman, Lazareff and others.

Cooperators Festival Sunday

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Britain's Gains From American Co-operation in China.

Although defeated on the diplomatic field in its policy to take advantage of the Nanking "incident," for a joint military assault of the imperialist powers against the nationalist revolution in China, Great Britain nevertheless made substantial gains because of the assistance already given her by the United States government. The joint shelling of Nanking, in which British and American warships stood side by side and poured death and destruction into that Chinese city, paved the way for the atrocious regime there of the bestial Chiang Kai-shek. All students of the conflicting elements in China, all those who can see beneath the surface the deep underlying social and economic forces, realize that without support from the imperialists neither Chiang Kai-shek at Nanking nor the bandit monster, Chang Tso-lin in Peking, could hold out against the mighty sweep of the nationalist liberation movement representing the workers and peasants under the leadership of the Kuomintang, which in turn has as its motive force the Communist Party of China.

The role of the United States as a pawn of Great Britain deserves special study and special analysis. In the early days of the nationalist advance, when the Kuomintang represented a combination of workers, peasants and the bourgeoisie of China, united in the Northern drive, both the United States and Japan adopted a policy of awaiting developments and frequently indulged in sympathetic expressions about the hoped-for "unification of China."

But when the northern advance showed conclusively that the unification of China was proceeding along different lines than they anticipated; when it became apparent that new forms were being assumed and that the part played by the Communists, the workers and the peasants, carried with it a threat to the imperialist powers, then the American minister to China, MacMurray, aligned himself with the British policy of intervention. His first request for approval of his action—the joint shelling of Nanking—met with the sanction of the state department as did his draft of the first identic note to the Chinese foreign minister, Eugene Chen.

Meanwhile Britain, and undoubtedly the United States agents in China, aided in the coup d'etat of the renegade, Chiang Kai-shek, sanctioned the vandal attack upon the Russian legation at Peking by Chang Tso-lin, aided in spreading lies about the documents forged against the Soviet Union, and stood approvingly by while the Manchurian bandit strangled to death one of the outstanding leaders of the Chinese Communist Party, Li Tai-chau, and 19 others.

Events in Japan also aided the game of Britain, by bringing into office a new cabinet headed by Tanaka, a fervid apostle of the revival of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance that served effectively for so many years as an instrument of imperialism against China.

Britain wanted to drive forward with a policy of immediate armed intervention, recognize the spurious government of Chiang Kai-shek, and regain completely its old "sphere of influence." The difference in policy between the United States and Britain cannot be interpreted to mean that Washington favors the nationalist liberation movement while England wants to crush it. They both want to bring about its destruction. But Wall Street will not permit Britain to take the lead and thereby reap the benefits derived from the subjugation of China, because a perpetuation of the old policy of "spheres of influence" will shut out from some of the most productive parts of China the investment capital of America—will be a violation of the "open door" policy whereby the United States hopes eventually to be able exclusively to exploit all of China.

This conflict over policy, a weakening of the co-operation that could only exist temporarily because of the world rivalry of the two great powers, will give the Chinese nationalist movement a chance to consolidate its forces and prepare for a determined drive against the imperialist hirelings in command of mercenary troops.

In this country it is the imperative duty of the working class to demand that Washington cease being the tool of Great Britain; that it not only abandon open joint action against the nationalist movement, but that it keep its hands off the internal situation and permit the Chinese masses to work out their own destiny; that it withdraw its consular agents from Peking and Nanking, where by their silence they now give aid and comfort to the systematic butchery of all who do not bow to the demands of the bandit hirelings of imperialism.

Labor Bank Merges With Scab Herders.

The Brotherhood Bank of Philadelphia, a labor bank, with deposits of \$1,000,000, has merged with the Mitten Men and Management Bank and Trust Company, with deposits of approximately \$13,000,000. This labor bank, like others of its type, spent a great deal of time and money on propaganda trying to convince the workers that the labor movement had left the old path of strikes and militant struggle and had entered upon a period of co-operation with capital, a period in which every worker could eventually become a capitalist. After hoodwinking the slaves out of as many dollars as they could secure on deposit, this bank also solicited funds of business men.

It now sells out to the Mitten management, the notorious strike-breaking outfit at the head of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company. Mitten not only broke the strike and destroyed the organization of the carmen of that city, but he makes a business of furnishing professional strike-breakers for every other traction concern in any part of the country that has trouble with its men. Mitten, himself, is to be president of the consolidated banks, while F. B. Snyder, former president of the Brotherhood bank will be vice-president. Five other former directors of the labor bank, all of them locomotive engineers, will join the board of directors of the scabby Mitten concern.

A splendid example of the manner in which the workers buy out the capitalists!

The only difference between this labor bank and the others is that it openly merges with the big banks of the employing

THE SHAME OF PEKIN

By University Professor Dr. ALFONS GOLDSCHMIDT (Berlin).

When on the 7th of April, the first reports arrived that the Russian Embassy had been stormed by the bandits of Chang Tso-lin with the express permission of the Diplomatic Corps, it was inconceivable. Who believed this news? All written and unwritten international law guarantees the inviolability of the official buildings of all countries. The peoples of Antiquity, in the Middle Ages and even in the so-called New Age regarded this inviolability as something unalterable and any attempt to interfere with it as one of the worst crimes. Is it possible that such a crime could be committed against the Soviet Embassy in Peking and is it at all conceivable that international diplomacy should have given their permission to the commission of this crime? For centuries, even down to the present day, the school books have recorded the attack made upon the inviolability of the imperial Councillors Martinitz and Slavata on the 23rd of May 1618 in Prague and have declared that attack to have been the justifiable commencement of the Thirty Years War. And to-day, when we are proud of having secured all the "ideals of Humanity" and the rights of the peoples, through the League of Nations, it is just the official representatives of all these things who ignore the simplest and most natural rights as though a Diplomatic Embassy were No Man's Land during the war.

The Embassy Raid.
The unbelievable became a fact. The news was confirmed from all sides. The most threadbare excuses were used to justify the crime. First of all, they said, it was not the Embassy building itself, secondly there were criminals in this building who were conspiring against the life of the leading political personalities in Peking and thirdly, this building contained documents which clearly and conclusively proved the guilt and the machinations of the Soviet diplomacy against the Peking powers.

Just imagine the affair even if all these accusations had been true to the last syllable, but that the Embassy had been not the Russian, but the British or even the Italian, and it had been the "machinations" of these ambassadors. Suppose the bandits of Chang Tso-lin had broken into the Italian Embassy, etc., etc. But that is unthinkable. First of all the diplomats would never have given their consent, and had such a raid nevertheless taken place, what would have happened then? The world would have experienced a terrible storm of unprecedented proportions. The whole world would have rung with the clank of weapons. But it was only the Soviet Embassy, and so in a few days the excitement had subsided.

Lies Are Exposed
In the meantime three weeks have passed. It turns out that there is no proof, not the least vestige of proof against the alleged criminals, so that 70 of them, that is more than half of the arrested, had to be released. This is made more than significant by the fact that the Chinese militarists are not too particular about what happens to any unfortunate that fall into their hands. But there was no proof against those who were retained in arrest. A few days ago it is true, the press of the infamous Zinoviev letter forgers reported that important documents had been found. The truth of the matter can be seen from a telegram from the "Berliner Tageblatt" of the 29th of April:

"The attitude of the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps deserves a most severe condemnation, for the publication of the material confiscated as a result of the raid on the Soviet Embassy up to the moment, shows a very sparse result. Further, the genuineness of the most compromising documents is extremely doubtful. For instance, the reports to the Russian Military Attache in Peking are written in a most uncertain manner and only partly in accordance with the modern and official methods of Russian orthography. Another very remarkable fact is that these documents which are really compromising were only published three weeks after the raid, whilst the documents which were first published were simply ridiculous insignificant."

Imperialists Share Guilt.
Clumsy forgeries, no documents and no criminals! But what do the diplomats who permitted the raid on the Soviet Embassy, care about that? What does Chang Tso-lin, the murderous bandit whose name will persist in world history together with the names of Cesare Borgia and Cortes, care about these things? He ordered a trial to take place, but whilst the accusations against the arrested were still being examined, he ordered the coffins to be placed ready, a piece of cruelty and cynicism to which it would be difficult to find an equal. The diplomats in Peking and their superiors in London, Paris, Washington, Rome, etc. were well aware of the tragedy unrolling itself before the

class, while the others simply have interlocking directorates, as in the case of the main Brotherhood bank and the Empire Trust Company, so they may share in the discounting of industrial stock issues, the most profitable phase of banking.

Banking is a capitalist game and one that the workers can never utilize to their own advantage. The Philadelphia merger ought to force that realization upon some of the workers who are still being fooled by the fakers who play the labor banking game.

"Starvation" Hoover, and Two Engineers



From the days when Herbert Hoover "Hooverized" the whole U. S., making it eat food substitutes in order to win the war for Morgan and Co., thru the period when as monopolizer of the food supplies of the beaten Central Powers in Europe he used starvation as a club to beat down youthful Soviet Republics in Hungary and elsewhere, up to his present attempt to help the banks profit from the Mississippi flood, he has capitalized human misery, and made money out of flood, famine and war. The only time he failed was when he organized the famine relief system along the Volga. That was a plot to set up industrial espionage, win over the people, and re-establish capitalism. The people of the first Workers Republic took his food, and did not go back to capitalism. When Hoover saw the plan was failing, he called off the relief.

They were well aware that death awaited the accused. A word from them would have been enough to save the victims from the hands of the hangmen, but the word was not spoken, they were responsible for the raid and they must bear the full responsibility for the consequences of the raid.

Human life can be destroyed in many ways. The Mississippi has broken its banks and swallowed up everything in its way. That is a natural catastrophe, like an earthquake, a lightning or a tornado. The bloody history of the world is full of most frightful cruelties, burnings at the stake, burying alive, scalping, castration, rape, and a hundred other cruelties have been thought out by the bestial sapiens and practised in cold blood or with fanatical sadism.

Greatest Crime in Years.
Thousands of cruelties which are being practised in this very moment, never penetrate outside through the prison walls, cries of pain and shrieks for mercy are only heard in the cells of the tortures. But the most horrible murders, more horrible than the skinning alive practiced by Marsya, more horrible than the millions of crimes committed in anger, which stain humanity, more horrible than the raging crimes of Pizarro in Peru or of Cortes in Mexico, more horrible than all the fanatical thumb-screws and wheels of the Middle Ages is the cold-blooded murder permitted by people in safety, the planned murder, the murder which the representatives of the so-called cultured-countries did not prevent, although one word, one single objection would have been sufficient to have made it impossible. The destruction of 20 living beings, the strangling of 20 living breathings, thinking and sentient beings, that was a horrible crime committed from a writing desk, the famous diplomatic writing desk. That was a most horrible crime of recent years.

Things have gone so far in Peking that Chinese begging for protection are not merely refused it, but Europeans are even prohibited from offering Chinese asylum in European houses. The correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt" reports that the Germany Embassy has also warned all its nationals against fulfilling this elementary human duty. Is it true that human beings begging for their lives are officially driven to certain death?

Supported By Diplomats.
I have feverishly recalled all I have read and heard of such cruelty. I know no worse example of cold-blooded brutality than the use of this go-between, for Chang Tso-lin is nothing but a go-between, an instrument of the Peking Diplomats. His power would collapse to-morrow if the powers would declare an effective neutrality. We will not approach the governments whose lackeys have carried out this horrible crime. We will not approach the League of Nations which is only the instrument of these governments. But we know there are millions and millions of human beings in the world who feel just as we do, who are filled with horror and anger at this crime. These millions must cry the shame of Peking throughout the world, they must knock at the doors of their diplomatic representatives until they are heard.

This must be done today, for perhaps to-morrow the crime will be repeated perhaps to-morrow the strangler will again be at work. Perhaps lies and false reports are already preparing the way for new murder. Do not permit the diplomats and hangmen to commit new crimes!

Philadelphia Forms A United Front Body For Hands Off China

PHILADELPHIA, May 11.—The organization of a permanent "Hands Off China" conference here is proceeding through a temporary committee, brought together two weeks ago upon the initiative of the executive of the Kuomintang Party.

Represented on this committee are the Kuomintang Party, the Central Labor Union, the Workers Party and the Young Workers League. Members of trade unions and other organizations have also attended meetings in an unofficial capacity.

At the first meeting a temporary chairman and secretary were elected and a resolution adopted calling for the withdrawal of troops from China and abolition of unequal treaties, etc. At the second meeting May 8, a temporary executive committee was elected and a resolution was ordered sent to President Coolidge, Secretary of State Kellogg and Senator Borah. The secretary of the committee was instructed to get in touch with other "Hands Off China" committees throughout the country. Further steps will be taken in Philadelphia to build up a large and fully representative "Hands Off China" conference.

A joint meeting called by the International Workers Aid and the Kuomintang Party was held Sunday afternoon, May 8th, at Labor Institute Hall in support of the slogans: "Hands Off Revolutionary China" and "Hands Off Soviet Russia."

When application for a permit to hold the meeting was made, the chief of police refused it, giving as his ground the fear of violence. Accompanied by a lawyer of the Civil Liberties Union, Meyerson of the I. W. A. visited the chief of police to demand permission to hold the meeting. This was not granted, and it was decided to hold the meeting notwithstanding.

News of the refusal of the permit spread, leading many workers, in the belief that the meeting would not be held, to stay away. Nevertheless, a good crowd turned out. Speeches were made by F. Bieden-kapp, just returned from Europe, and Funk Sing Quong.

Union Delegates Come.
WASHINGTON (EP) May 11.—For the first time since the October revolution in 1917, an official delegation from Soviet Russia has been received in an international conference in the United States. Sol G. Bron, representing the State Grain Export Bureau in the Soviet Union, headed the Soviet delegation which took part in the recent international grain pools conference at Kansas City, where Secretary of Agriculture Jardine delivered the address of welcome.

With Bron, who will remain in this country as head of the Amtorg, or Soviet Union export and import trade organization dealing with America, were delegates from the consumers' cooperatives and the producers' cooperatives in the Soviet federation. Bron delivered a speech which was well received, and upon his return to Washington he expressed his gratification. He said he considered this conference was of great significance.

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DRAMA

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore" Slated for Revival

Lawrence J. Anhalt announces a revival of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Ruddigore," with many of the players who appeared in the same opera at the old Park theatre (now the Cosmopolitan) six years ago. The new presentation will be made here within a fortnight at a theatre yet to be announced. The last revival of "Ruddigore," announced for an engagement of two weeks, continued over twenty-three weeks. Among the players who appeared at that time and who have been engaged for the new production are: Craig Campbell, William Danforth, Herbert Waterous and Sarah Edwards. Charles Jones, who staged the revival of "Princess Ida," two seasons ago, will direct "Ruddigore." Harry Gilbert will direct the chorus which will include eighty voices.

About the same time, Robert Milton is planning to bring his revival of "Patience" to the Masque theatre. With two Gilbert and Sullivan revivals of "Iolanthe" and "The Pirates of Penzance" this past season by Winthrop Ames, it does seem as if the English masters of operetta are not neglected in the theatrical world of blase Broadway.

Broadway Briefs

The Erlanger theatre, being erected on West 44th Street, is rapidly nearing completion, and will be opened next September. The playhouse will cost more than \$1,500,000 for the building alone.

"One For All," announced to open Wednesday has been delayed, and will now have its premiere this Friday night at the Greenwich Village theatre.

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is featured in "Annie Laurie" the new film at the Embassy theatre.

Margaret Anglin will not give her contemplated "Electra" at Jolson's theatre, as previously announced in these columns. Miss Anglin may give regular performances next season, however.

Dorothy Chamberlain has joined the cast of "The Circus Princess" at the Winter Garden.

"Queen High," the musical comedy at the Ambassador Theatre, will reach its 500th performance tonight.

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Mail this application to the Workers Party, 108 East 14th Street, New York City; or if in other city to Workers Party, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

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WATCHERS FOR LABOR EJECTED FROM PRECINCTS

Candidates of Workers Tricked by Officials

PASSAIC, May 11.—The hottest city election in years took place yesterday in this city to the accompaniment of fraud and corruption on a huge scale.

In a deliberate effort to steal the victory from Albert Weisbord and his two associates on the labor ticket, watchers for the labor party were thrown out of the polls although all other candidates were allowed representation in the balloting and counting of the votes.

Assured by the city clerk that they could issue their own credentials to watchers, and that election judges would honor these certificates, the labor campaign committee proceeded yesterday to enroll hundreds of watchers. But at the eleventh hour today when the watchers presented themselves at the polls to perform their duties, they were told that the city attorney had reversed the clerk's opinion and that they were barred for legal reasons.

Gross Discrimination

Protests to city authorities brought no remedy, although but one other candidate had fulfilled the instructions handed down by the unexpected order of the city attorney. Watchers for all candidates of the republican and democratic machines were permitted in the polls.

The campaign ended in a flare of circus stunts, with planes flying bands playing and all the hokuspokus of election corruption on tap. Only the three labor candidates, Weisbord, Bambach and Smelkinson made any effort to meet city issues intelligently and seriously.

Stress Race Issues

Rumors flew thick and fast, with racial issues stressed. In the Dundee section it was whispered that Weisbord and Preiskel, the commissioner of public safety who fought the textile strike tooth and nail last year, were running on the same ticket. This was supposed to swing labor votes to Preiskel.

Five candidates, Cabell, Turner, Johnson, Schachter and Walker were alleged in the gossip assiduously circulated, to be running on a Ku Klux Klan ticket while Rubacky, a Polish candidate, was alleged to have made a deal with Turner, the captain of detectives.

All these candidates are seeking the five city commissionerships to be filled today.

A 20 per cent vote for Weisbord and the labor ticket was confidently expected.

Closes With Bang

The labor campaign closed Monday evening with a blaze of excitement. Three large open air meetings were addressed by Weisbord, Bambach, Sylvan A. Pollack, Emil Gardos, M. Kushner, Louis A. Baum and several local speakers.

During the entire campaign the capitalist candidates tried to disturb and break up the working class rallies. On Monday night they were out in full force to create trouble.

Continuous Uproar

The meeting on Oak St. opposite the police station was a continuous uproar as a result of the disruptive efforts of supporters of Abram Preiskel, assisted by policemen and detectives.

At Hope and Monroe Sts., a truck with Preiskel banners circled around the meeting several times while Weisbord was speaking, creating noise. Many other devices to terrorize the workers were used but to no avail, as the overwhelming majority of the audience supported the labor men.

Return Lists

The labor campaign committee once again appeals for the immediate returning of the contribution lists with all funds on hand. Many debts must be paid and the strengthening of the local movement be continued after the campaign. Return all lists to 27 Dayton Ave., Passaic, N. J.

Postpone Kushner's Case Entire Week

Hearing of the case against Matthew Kushner, arrested several weeks ago with Herman Moskowitz for distributing "Hands Off China" leaflets, was postponed until May 17 when it came up yesterday in the 4th district police court.

Moskowitz, found guilty, is now serving a six month sentence in the work house. His case will come up for appeal the same day that Kushner will be tried. They are active members of the Young Workers' League.

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Anxiety, bordering on fear, has been created in both the camps of the reactionary International Fur Workers' Union, following the return to work of a large number of workers from the locked-out shops.

It is understood that these workers have been sent back to the shops, after registering, in accordance with a well-defined plan of the Joint Board for meeting the attack of the International and the A. F. of L. leaders upon the furriers' union. This move on the part of the Joint Board was totally unexpected, and the employers and International officials who have been collaborating in their attempt to smash the union are at a loss as to just what the Joint Board has up its sleeve.

The Joint Board has begun the formation of a \$100,000 fund called the "Fund for the Defense of the Union," and its understood that a leaflet is soon to go out to the fur workers urging them to build up this fund just as quickly as possible. In the meantime, systematic mobilization work is going on at Joint Board headquarters. Committees of active members are being shaped into organizations for further action against the right wing, and those manufacturers who have been forcing their workers to register.

At a loss to know just what to say about the situation in the furriers' union, the Jewish "Forward," organ of the right wing officials, has started rumors—printed them too—stating that Ben Gold, manager of the Joint Board has been visiting shops proposing that the manufacturers reduce the pay of the workers in return for their support of the Joint Board.

This is an old, moss-covered lie, quite familiar to the workers, and especially ridiculous in this instance since wages in the fur trade are 35% higher now than they ever were before the left wing came into power.

Workers' Lives in Danger From Leaky Gas Boiler in Shop

According to the police, twenty-four women dressmakers employed by A. Rosenblatt & Son of 333 Seventh avenue, dropped unconscious in the shop yesterday, overcome by carbon monoxide fumes coming from a faulty gas boiler on the next floor.

It took a full hour to revive some of the girls, and two of them, Elizabeth Wilcox of 123 West 134th St. and Marion Ralston of 55 West 125th St. had to be taken to the New York Hospital even after they had been worked upon with a pulmonary by members of the ambulance corps and the Consolidated Gas Company crew.

Seventeen other members of the shop revived without the pulmonary and went to their homes. Their names were Fannie Blader of 128 Humboldt St., Brooklyn; Clara Winkler, of 554 Grand St.; Rita Cola of 86 West 113th St.; Marie Cox, of 323 West 141st St. and Constance Schaefer, of 134 West 115th St.

Seranton Workers Plan War on Company Union

SCRANTON, Pa., (FP) May 11.—A fight against the company union in the Lackawanna rail shops will be staged this summer if the plans the Central Labor Union of Scranton is discussing mature. The plans are to conduct a drive in every unorganized trade in the city. The American Federation of Labor will be asked to send general organizers.

1,000 Printers Laid Off Thanks to Cal

WASHINGTON, (FP) May 11.—A thousand union printers in the government printing office in Washington have been notified that they will be laid off for 9 days each, between now and July. This means a loss in wages of \$70 per man. It is due to lack of work, which in turn is due to President Coolidge's refusal to call Congress in extra session to deal with holdover legislative matters.

No Uzcudun Fight Yet

SOPERS RANCH, Ventura County, Cal., May 11.—Jack Dempsey has made no definite arrangements to fight Paulino Uzcudun, the Basque woodchopper, on July 9, the former heavyweight champion said at his training camp here today.

Manufacturer Leaps Railing

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Joseph F. Herman, a manufacturer, today plunged 200 feet to his death from the Connecticut Avenue Bridge.

The death leap was witnessed by John Ray, Negro janitor, to whom Herman waved farewell as he jumped over the bridge railing.

Relatives said that Herman had worried over some unfortunate investments.

No doubt the real reason for circulating these stories of visits from Gold is to divert the attention of the workers from the fact that the right wing officials—International and A. F. of L.—have been doing just this sort of visiting in an effort to sell out the workers by making deals with the bosses.

Letter to Associated Members. In a letter received by each member of the Associated Fur Manufacturers Inc. this week, the Joint Board pointed out, "Your experience with the Joint Board membership and their representatives has unquestionably convinced you of their determination to defend and, if necessary, fight for their rights and continue to fight until justice prevails."

Mindful of the welfare of the fur workers whom it represents, the Joint Board is sincerely concerned in maintaining peaceful and contractual relations between the worker and the manufacturer. But when the rights of the workers are invaded, when an irresponsible group of manufacturers act in bad faith and break the collective agreement (as the Association has done) and thus threaten to cause suffering to the fur workers and create chaos in the fur industry, then the Joint Board conceives it to be its highest duty to live up to its responsibilities to the fur workers and the fur industry. The Joint Board is determined to fight against irresponsibility and arbitrariness."

Some right wing delegates remarked that the left wing is afraid it is about licked, to which Feingold replied: "Not only are we not licked, but we never will be licked. The left wing has taken such deep roots in the masses of the workers that nothing will ever be able to uproot it."

Aida Halted by Union When Newark Company Evades Labor Contract

NEWARK, N. J., May 10.—Because the New York Opera Co. attempted to evade union regulations, the theatrical and stage employes' union has called a strike at the Miners' Theatre, tying up scheduled performances of Aida, Rigoletto and other operas.

The curtain was rung down Sunday evening on Aida at the end of the first act when the stage employes, acting under instructions from their international officials, walked off, refusing to shift scenes.

Plumbers Helpers Negotiating With Boss for \$9.00 Day

The Plumbers' Helpers' Association was negotiating yesterday with Edward A. Weiss, a contractor of 395 Broadway, Astoria, Queens, for a full union contract with \$9 a day and the 40-hour week, President C. E. Miller announced yesterday.

The four pickets arrested Monday were fined \$5 each in court yesterday due to the failure of counsel for the defense to appear. President Miller asked to be allowed to plead for the strikers, but was barred.

A general meeting of all building trades workers has been called by the association for Friday evening at Ace Hall, 182 Claremont Ave., Williamsburgh.

Van Sweringen To Testify

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The possibility that O. P. Van Sweringen, master mind in the proposed billion dollar Van Sweringen railroad merger, would be called to testify before the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding various phases of the unification plan, loomed large today.

Van Sweringen's representatives today confirmed the report that a company is being formed to take over all the interest which the Nickel Plate Railroad, owned by the Van Sweringen brothers, holds in the Chesapeake & Ohio. This company, it was stated, will issue securities for a capital structure involving about \$50,000,000. The stock in the new company will be distributed to the individual stockholders of the Nickel Plate in proportion to their holdings and the equity of their stock in the Chesapeake & Ohio and to the Vancness Company, which represents the Van Sweringen personal holdings.

Betts Had Million

RIVERHEAD, N. Y., May 11.—The gross value of the estate of the late Louis F. Betts, is \$1,229,970.81, and the net value \$856,032.85, it was shown by a transfer tax appraisal filed with Surrogate George F. Pelletreau of Nassau County here today. The bulk of the estate was bequeathed to relatives. Betts, who lived in Southampton, died June 29, 1926.

RIGHT WINGERS DEFEAT EFFORT TO GET PEACE

Pious Protestations Are Belied by Action

While the convention of Cloth Cap, Hat & Millinery Workers assembled at Beethoven Hall Tuesday falsely protested that they wanted to see peace in the needle trades of this city, they voted down the resolution calling upon the general executive board to bring both factions of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union together and arrange a referendum of the membership. They also voted down a resolution condemning the American Federation of Labor for the disruptive policy it has been pursuing in the furriers' union.

Right wing delegates resorted to a bitter attack upon the "left wing," but gave no reasons why they, who professed to have the interests of the workers at heart, should refuse to take steps to bring about a settlement of the controversy in the ladies' garment unions.

"You all say that you are in favor of peace," said Delegate I. Feingold. "I say it is hypocrisy to say you are for peace and to oppose the resolution instructing our representatives to call both factions together. We need not say which is right and which is wrong. We can simply permit the membership to express its opinion."

Defeat Impossible. Some right wing delegates remarked that the left wing is afraid it is about licked, to which Feingold replied:

"I want to say to the delegates who are laughing at our appeal for unity in the labor movement, 'The one who laughs last will laugh the best.' This was received with tremendous applause from both delegates and visitors.

A resolution calling for amalgamation of the needle trades, and asking that the capmakers' International be instructed to call all Joint Boards and Locals together to bring about amalgamation, was defeated by the convention. In its place a substitute resolution was passed, urging the formation of an "alliance" of the Internationals, and full cooperation with all other groups.

Attack Local 42. Yesterday morning's session opened with the presentation of the officers' report, in which the chief article of controversy was a section condemning Local 42 for disregarding the constitution of the union, and for failure to cooperate with other locals, especially in the formation of a Joint Board.

Local 42 defended its actions, and retaliated by introducing a resolution condemning the officers for putting into their report the part referring to Local 42. The convention accepted the officers' report as it was presented; then the committee on this report endeavored to smooth matters over by softening the condemnation statements.

According to M. Golden, a right wing delegate, "Local 42 is the most abused local in the union, except Local 7 of Boston"—which last night was condemned by Golden and his group for running a successful strike.

For Sacco and Vanzetti. Tuesday session of the convention, after refusing to censure the A. F. of L. for expulsion of the Furriers' Joint Board, and to demand reinstatement, went on record "for immediate release of Sacco and Vanzetti and for all political prisoners."

The convention refused to pass a resolution asking for the formation of a labor party to include "all political, labor and economic organizations"; but adopted an amendment to the labor party resolution pledging support of a party which the General Executive Board of the union "shall see fit to support."

A report on union organization work from H. I. Goldberg, member of the General Executive Board, closed last night's session.

Lindbergh At St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, May 11.—Capt. Chas. A. Lindbergh, former air pilot, flying in his plane the "Spirit of St. Louis," with which he hopes to hop across the Atlantic, arrived at 3:20 a. m. today at the Lambert Flying Field, on his non-stop flight from San Diego.

BUY THE DAILY WORKER AT THE NEWS STANDS

Negro Girls on Strike With White Drivers in Harlem Laundry Walkout

Twenty-two white laundry drivers and about 50 Negro laundry girls are continuing their strike against the North American Laundry in Harlem. The drivers, who have been averaging 60 hours a week with \$40-43 on commissions, struck first. The Negro girls loyally walked out with them.

Nine strikers have already been arrested for picketing. Organizer Max Brody of Local 810 has been released under \$500 bail.

Kiev Glass Plant To Cost \$3,000,000; Delegation Leaves

F. A. Rataichak, president of the Porcelain and Glass Trust of the Ukraine, has left the United States after a stay of over a month, in the course of which arrangements were made with American firms regarding the construction of a \$3,000,000 glass plant at Kiev, in the Ukraine. The arrangement was announced yesterday by the Amtorg Trading Corporation, 165 Broadway, New York. J. B. Seldes, another member of the Glass Trust delegation, sailed with Rataichak, while F. S. Kariagin was left behind to complete the arrangements.

"An American firm has been asked to prepare plans for the equipment of the Kiev plant," said Rataichak. "Your production methods which we had a chance to study in 30 plants through the courtesy of leading firms in the glass and ceramic industries, command the highest admiration."

The equipment of the Kiev plant will cost over \$2,600,000, of which equipment valued at \$1,200,000 will be purchased from American firms with deliveries beginning next July. The Kiev plant will have an output of 22,000 metric tons of assorted glass per year.

Production of glass in the Soviet Union fell to less than 4 per cent of pre-war in 1920. At present the output is higher than pre-war. The industry increased its output 60 per cent last year, and a further increase of 30 per cent is expected during 1927.

Would Cut Tax On Glass

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The revolutionary process of plate glass making perfected by engineers and scientists of the Ford Motor Company in 1920 to provide cheap windshields for Ford cars and since then adapted to the plate glass industry of the United States by the Pittsburgh and other glass manufacturers, is the basis of an attack on the present tariff duties on glass.

In hearings under way today before the United States Tariff Commission, American consumers of plate glass, both domestic and imported, are demanding reduction of the duties on the ground that the Ford process has lowered the cost of glass manufacture 50 per cent.

U. S. Oil Trust Beats British in Soviet Union Deal

BERLIN, May 11.—The Standard Oil Company today won an important skirmish in the world wide fight for oil. Standard scored heavily against its greatest rival, the Royal Dutch Shell, and demonstrated a lesson in practical business to the European governments now theorizing about the best way to deal with the Soviet Union at the Geneva conference.

The Standard's victory consisted in signing a contract by which Standard grants the Soviet government oil trust, the "Acneft," \$3,000,000 credit for the construction of a pipe line from Baku to Batum.

The contract provides further credits in the course of a year. Though the announcement does not state what Standard is to receive, European experts are confident that the contract signifies the first step in the achievement of the American company's ambition to beat the Shell people in the Russian oil market.

Both the Shell and Standard have sought for years to secure a monopoly of oil in Russia, but the Soviets have refused. Ivy Lee, Standard's agent, is now in Moscow and is believed to be responsible for the contract.

40 Bakers' Pickets Jailed Since Strike Against Two Plants

The strike of the 300 bakers of the Pechter Bakeries and the Messing Brothers bake shops is continuing, with spirited picketing every day.

More than 40 pickets have been arrested to date. When brought before the magistrate court they have been discharged.

THAYER'S MIND BREAKING UNDER WEIGHT OF GUILT AND TERROR

(Continued from Page One) The whereabouts of the notorious judge is unknown, and has been for weeks. He has dropped completely from sight since his last appearance in Dedham court.

But in the past few weeks he has been frantically rushing letters and telegrams to Governor Fuller, praying "for God's sake" not to intervene in the case, begging that he be protected from exposure as the worst fraud in the history of the Bay State bench.

Near Physical Collapse. Reporters who attended the last Dedham session declared the judge seemed near the point of physical collapse. In a tremulous voice he read his prepared statement, his face buried in the papers. His hands shook as if with palsy. He never looked at Sacco and Vanzetti while he condemned them to burn in the electric chair on July 10 nor did he dare look up when Vanzetti upbraided him for his cruelty and utter lack of humanity.

As soon as he was done with the bloody business, Thayer rushed to the phone. His voice quivering with fright, he attempted to reassure his wife. "It's all over now," he ejaculated. "Everything's all right."

Whereabouts Unknown. Immediately thereafter Thayer disappeared. His whereabouts is unknown to his Worcester friends.

For an entire year the man who wrote his name in large and ugly letters over a sinister page of American labor history has been in practical retirement. With the exception of one small hearing, he has not been involved in any court proceeding. Last summer when asked to rule on the Madeiros motion, he practically begged counsel to let it go until fall.

But the wretched little old man is living a frightful life in which fear looms large during night and day. For at last he realizes, if he did not from the start, that he is sending two innocent men to the electric chair in the biggest case ever handled by a Massachusetts judge.

Malignant Psychosis. Stubborn, utterly biased against the reds, caught ineluctably in the grip of his class hates, Thayer has

struggled against the consciousness of his guilt with a fury which has resulted in a malignant psychosis. That psychosis, the result of a mental frustration, is wrecking the old man's mind, just as his body has been wrecked in the past few years.

The consciousness of his own guilt coupled with a knowing fear that the "reds will get him" is proving the judge's undoing. For bombs, stiletos and their reputed vengeance.

Under Constant Guard. Around every corner lurks a "red" intent on his life. Although guarded every minute of the night and day by state police, Thayer cannot escape that delusion—indeed, the presence of the police as an ever-constant reminder, inflames his tottering reason.

See Inferiority Complex. Psychologists here who have found in Judge Thayer one of the best examples in abnormal psychology in their experience, also traced a decided "inferiority complex" in the old man's actions.

Having taken an utterly wrong stand on the case from the start, this little man has not had the courage to admit his mistake. And the older the case gets, and the bigger, the more impossible it is for Thayer to admit his tremendous error.

Truth to tell, a country town lawyer whom even Worcester, his home town, did not know well when he was elevated to the bench, Thayer has never been big enough to fill the superior court job he holds. All the while he has had to put on a bluff, a pose, that he is really the sort of man qualified to hold down a second line judicial job in Massachusetts.

Mental Collision. But his own inferiority has constantly denied his qualifications for the job. His pose has set up a mental contradiction which the Sacco-Vanzetti case has pried wide open.

And when two opposing forces of great power contend in a man's mind, psychologists will tell you, a collision is bound to result.

The collision has resulted in Webster Thayer's troubled little mind. It has just about wrecked him. A few more months, and Thayer will not dare face the world from a bench.

Chicago Youth to Use Their Shanks On Next Sunday

CHICAGO, Ill., May 11.—The Young Workers League is buzzing like a swarm of Parisian barflies over the scheduled hike of section four from the Windy City to Desplaines next Sunday.

Under the leadership of Lillian Gannes, secretary of the section, the young stalwarts will start bright and early for their points of concentration. Those leaving from the west side will be at 1239 So. Sawyer Avenue and the Northwest siders will leave from 2444 West Division Street at 9 a. m. sharp.

Joseph Giganti, of the progressive barbers has volunteered to place poles at the end of the car lines to guide the travelers on their way. Way-

Proud Papa!

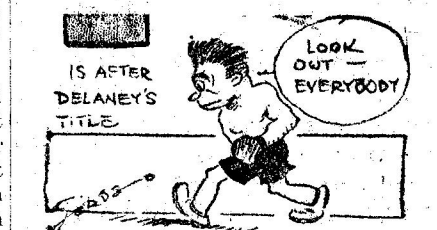


Thurber Lewis as he will look when his son Tom pitches the spheroid at the Young Workers picnic next Sunday.

There With the Cheers

According to the publicity director of the hike, section A has challenged section 6 to a baseball game and the glove has been picked up. The girls will participate in the cheering. Eating, dancing, pie-guzzling, charlestoning and even the much abused black-

A Dangerous Man When Roused



A radio picture of Max Shachtman as he passed thru New York on his way to the Young Workers League hike. It looks as if he had it in for somebody.

farers are warned not to make for the nearest barber shop. After the poles are passed there will be no more temptation of that kind until the green grass invites the footway pedestrians to get closer to nature and reperate for the next number on the program.

Sacramento School Strike

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 11.—Police reserves were called out today to control more than 1,000 students of Sacramento High School who went on strike as a protest against the dismissal of Principal John F. Dale.

Dale urged the students to return to their classes, but more than half of the throng refused, parading about the city with banners bearing the slogans: "No Dale—No School." The school has approximately 2,300 students.

Sell Bonds, Then Ask Law

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The Erie Railroad today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$50,000,000 of refunding and improvement mortgage five per cent gold bonds. The issue already has been sold by J. P. Morgan and Company.

A Handsome Baby!



Sam Hammersmark, honored guest at the Young Workers League hike as he looked 99 years ago. Sam is still feeling young.

bottom are on the bill of fare.

Among the honorary guests at the hike will be Sam Hammersmark, the Bookman of 19 South Lincoln Street, who was once a child and is proud of it; Tom Lewis, son of Thurber, son of Edward, etc., and Swabek, Jr., accompanied by his immediate ancestors on the male and female side.

Others of less note will be there unless they return to New York in the meantime.

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Our Australian Letter

MELBOURNE, Australia.—The ban on literature imposed by the anti-labor federal government is the most complete attempt to stifle the voice of the working class movement in Australia since the days of the world war. Important works dealing with the working class struggle are now prohibited entry into the country. The following books have been placed on the censor's list:

- "On the Road to Insurrection"—Lenin.
- "The Communist International"—E. C. of C. I.
- "The Communist Party on Trial"—M. Pallitt's defense.
- "The Communist Party on Trial"—J. R. Campbell's defense.
- "The Communist Party on Trial"—W. Gallagher's defense.
- "Lenin as a Marxist"—N. Bacharin.
- "Russia's Path to Communism"—Zinoviev.
- "The Meaning of the General Strike"—R. Palme Dutt.
- "International Press Correspondence."
- "The Communist Review"—C. P. of Great Britain.
- "Communism"—Eden and Cedar Paul.
- "Bolshevism and the Communist International."
- "Bolshevism"—Stalin.
- "Communism and Christianity"—Bishop Brown.
- "Lenin and the T. U. Movement"—Losovsky.
- "About the Co-operative Societies"—Lenin.
- "Second World Congress R. I. L. U. Report, 1922."
- "Third World Congress R. I. L. U. Report."
- "The State and Revolution"—Lenin.
- "Russian Workers and Workshops"—W. Z. Foster.
- "Should Communists Participate in Reactionary Trade Unions?"—Lenin.
- "Imperialism (armed)"—Lenin.
- "Shop Talks on Economics"—Mary E. Marcy.
- "Women in the Class Struggle."
- "Communism is Common Sense."
- "The Reds and the General Strike."
- "The Path to Power"—Wm. Paul.
- "The Reds and the Labor Party."
- "Towards Trade Union Unity"—Zinoviev.
- "The General Council and the General Strike"—A. J. Bennett.
- "The Theory and Practice of Leninism"—Stalin.
- "The Political Meaning of the General Strike"—J. T. Murphy.
- "The Manifesto of the Communist Party"—Marx and Engels.

If any of the above publications are sent to Australia they are immediately seized and confiscated.

SYDNEY, Australia.—The labor government in New South Wales has introduced legislation to compel landowners to break up their large estates and allow the land to be used for closer settlement and agricultural purposes. Where lands above the value of \$50,000 are not subdivided, a stiff land tax, ranging from 5 cents to 12 cents per acre is imposed.

SYDNEY, Australia.—The decision of the navy department to offer school teachers \$5 per head for every school-lad they can induce to join the Australian navy looks like a revival of the bad old "blood money" days when press-gangs were paid so much per head for every recruit they could conscript.

The state labor governments are protesting against the navy department's offer on the ground that unscrupulous teachers in need of cash will adopt questionable methods to coax lads to join the navy. It is held, too, that as school teachers are paid to educate children they should not devote their time to scalp-hunting for the navy.

The labor governments take the view that if the navy department wants recruits it should offer decent rates of pay, decent conditions on the ships, and undertake to teach the lads trades while in the navy so that they will not become industrial "dead-enders" when their terms of service expire.

That the navy department has to resort to "blood money" tactics to secure recruits, indicates that the youth of Australia are not too keen in offering themselves as cannon fodder.

SYDNEY, Australia.—The Labor Council of New South Wales has decided to organize a campaign throughout Australia to boycott the celebrations in connection with the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York. A resolution carried by the Council declares all celebrations organized to receive the Duke as anti-working class and imperialist, and calls upon all unionists and labor officials to refrain from attending such celebrations; calls upon all members of the working class to boycott the celebrations; instructs the unions to organize a great "Hands Off China" demonstration on the day of the Duke's landing, and calls upon the labor councils in other parts of Australia to act similarly, and bring about an all-Australian boycott of the celebrations arranged for the Duke's visit.

In many centers throughout Australia unemployed demonstrations will take place when the Duke arrives. The unemployed desire that King George's son shall get a close-up view of their economic condition. Unemployed returned soldiers, in particular, are to demonstrate.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.—Because of the policy of unrestricted immigration, unemployment in New Zealand has now reached an unprecedented figure. Even the employers are now protesting against the presence of too many jobless and hungry men. The Premier of New Zealand (Mr. Coates) has now announced a partial suspension of immigration until such times as the local unemployed are absorbed in jobs.

MELBOURNE, Australia.—Matters of national importance will be discussed at the annual conference of the Australian Labor Party which takes place at Melbourne during Easter week (April).

The conference will be asked to carry resolutions demanding the abolition of compulsory military training, no participation in the manufacture of war munitions, no naval and military forces to be used in any trouble outside the coastline of Australia. Unions will be asked to refuse to co-operate in the transport of troops or munitions of war for use outside Australia. Conference will demand the complete revision of the Versailles Treaty, and other peace treaties based on force; the mutual cancellation of all war debts; the termination of all military alliances; the reorganization of the League of Nations, on the basis of mutual service and co-operation; acceptance of arbitration for all disputes; the universal application of the right of self-determination; and that all nations bordering on the Pacific Ocean be invited to a conference to discuss the advisability of immediate disarmament. Other recommendations are that in the interests of peace, Australia should appoint ambassadors to Washington and Tokyo; that no prime minister be allowed to leave Australia during his term of office; and that compulsory profit-sharing, with adequate representation of the workers on the directorates of all industries be introduced.

The Rough Road

Translated from the Russian of A. Novikov-Prilobi by Vera and Violet Mitkovsky.

(Continued From Last Issue). In vain some expect a return of the old regime, when we were lords of life. That is irrevocably gone. I, a non-party man, though I took an active part at the front in the struggle with the Whites, do not know where we will arrive, but see very clearly that there is no turning back, that our retreat is cut off. Such an impression I received from the facts, as a sober onlooker. Where are our Russians who, bearing foreign arms, rose against the people? Where the almost world-wide blockade, attempting to crush our republic with fire and famine? I now move in the lower walks of life. The common people often grumble at the Soviet government for this or that, but they will never recognize the former powers—never! That is why it is better to be a janitor or chimney-sweep, anything, than to live on false hopes.

Yes, what happened had to happen. In the beginning of 1917 the war had lost its popularity with the masses. Disintegration was creeping into the lousy, hungry and half-clothed army. There was not enough ammunition. Recruits drilled with dummy guns. The economic system of Russia was undermined. Our capitals and other large cities found themselves menaced by famine. Such slogans as "Ozar and the Faith" were completely worn-out and ready for the ash-heap. The new government could think of no way out and the end of the war was nowhere in sight. Above all circled the rumors of treachery in our higher circles. These rumors penetrated all nooks and corners of our spacious Russia, creating a vague alarm. Discontent with the whole order and himself stirred in the soul of every Russian.

Our squadron was concentrated in the port of N.... Large battleships stood in ice at the dock, under the protection of the fortress. Preparations for the summer campaign were under way.

I was in command of the "Thunderbolt". This ship was worthy of its name and represented enormous power. The men under my command numbered 1,500. Sometimes I looked at the sailors. They worked, docile, destined as a sacrifice. What thoughts were in their brains? I got no answer.

One incident astonished me and gave me food for thought—an incident which later played an important part for me.

One of my lieutenants was named Brasov. I cannot tell what caused it, but he treated the sailors with as much hatred as if they had taken his wife from him. He despised them, referring to them in the lowest terms. A shrewd antagonism existed between him and the crew.

One day, just before dinner, I went out on the upper deck and witnessed a wild scene. Lieutenant Brasov was beating a sailor, beating him with a fierce enjoyment, mattering.

"I'll smash your vile face."

The head of the sailor was pitching backward, forward and sideways.

THE CARDS ARE STACKED



The farmers of the Mississippi Valley are caught between Devil Heaven, and the Deep Blue Sea of the flood. Enormous sums will be required to rebuild the farm houses, barns and fences swept away; and to restock the fields and re-plant the corn, cotton and sugar cane. Hoover, and the bankers, have a nice little scheme of "rehabilitation corporations" by which the bankers at least will profit by the reloading to the flood victims of government money supplied them for next to nothing.

with each blow. His face was covered with blood, the eyes staring in terror. Then I saw in them a hardly controlled anger. He bared his teeth and, as if feeling no pain, kept repeating with stubborn determination.

"Hit again, you have the power, hit."

In his trembling voice, in his whole body, heaving forward, was a fierce challenge to his officer.

I shouted with unnatural loudness.

"Lieutenant Brasov! What are you doing? I shall have you court-martialed!"

He turned toward me, straightened and saluted.

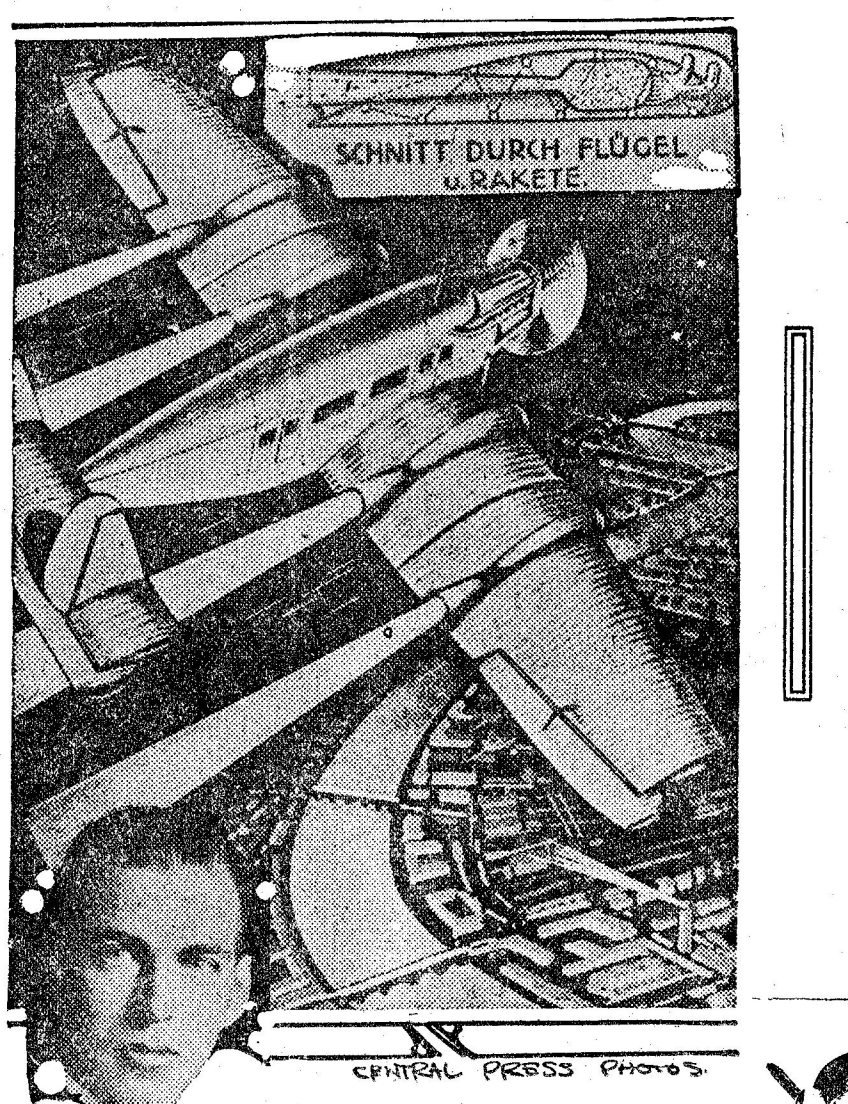
I glanced at the sailor. He was spitting blood and his clenched hands trembled. In his eyes was a look as if he were disappointed that I had interfered with this encounter.

I was beside myself with anger. Disregarding the presence of many sailors on the deck, I shouted at the lieutenant and then ordered him to be arrested. This closed the incident.

(To be continued)

Sacco and Vanzetti Shall Not Die!

Astronomer Will Leave Earth if His Nerve Holds Out—and the Machine Works



A daring young astronomer and airman of Munich, Germany, Max Valier, has made up his mind that he would like to make some exploring trips through space including a visit to the moon. For that purpose he has built the model of a great rocket or plane in which he expects to be shot through space sometime during 1927. He is raising funds for the venture in Europe. The photo shows a drawing of the proposed plane with an inset of the astronomer, Max Valier.

A Letter to August Claessens

The following is a letter from Comrade W. Brodowsky, English Branch 4, Section 5, Bronx, Workers (Communist) Party, to August Claessens of the socialist party. Claessens wrote to Comrade Brodowsky, inviting him to take the leadership in organizing a branch of the socialist party.

Dear Comrade Claessens:—In reply to your letter in which you invite me to your apartment for Thursday evening, April 28th, I find it necessary to reply to your letter.

You state in your letter that you got my address thru the enrollment board and that you noticed that I enrolled for the socialist party.

I did that as a protest against the other two parties, but comrade, I am pleased to tell you that I voted a straight Workers (Communist) Party ticket.

About fifteen years ago I joined the socialist party, but as a class conscious worker, I could not remain in your party, for I have seen since that your party works hand in hand with all the enemies of the workers. Today, your party is working hand in hand with the reactionaries to blackmail the militant workers and the leaders of our party, to sentence them to long terms in jail; and why? Because they strive to show the class conscious workers how to organize to better their conditions. The party you represent does not like to see that because it is composed of traitors to the entire working class. All over the world your party betrays the working class in every way, supporting the reactionary capitalist class against the working class.

The class conscious workers understand this and they are bringing this message to the rest of the workers. Why even the liberals are protesting against the brutal verdict in the Sacco and Vanzetti case. What are you and your party doing about it? You stand aside. If you had the power, like your friends in Germany, to slaughter and shoot down workers in the streets, you would do the same. Since you cannot do it this way, you do it in other ways.

You support the enemy class against the working class. Did your party ever protest against the Fascists in Italy? Did your party ever protest against the bloody actions of the Lithuanian hangmen or the Hungarian barbarians when they murdered workers? Did your party ever protest to our own government when they sentenced and jailed militant workers and even attempted to kill workers as in the Sacco-Vanzetti case? Did your party ever protest against the brutalities committed in West Virginia? In Passaic? Did your party ever protest against our government's intervention in China, in Nicaragua, in Mexico. Your party did not! And it calls itself Socialist! What a farce. In fact, your party in conjunction with bureaucratic union labor leaders are in agreement with the tactics of the United States government in their support of the capitalist class.

You state in your letter I should come to your apartment to try to work out ways and means to organize a socialist party branch in the section in which you live. Comrade, it is useless. The workers of today will do better to join a real workers' party which is fighting day in and day out for the working class, a party whose leaders are giving their lives for the working class. You all must admit that. A party which is affiliated with the Third International. The workers are not only trying to join the Workers Party but they are joining it. When the call will come for a real struggle they will be ready to fight and die for their class.



With the Young Worker



BUT MILLIONS FOR THE Y. M. C. A.

By A. GUSS. The Y. M. C. A. has launched a campaign to give the American youth a "chance" to enjoy the privileges which are extended to them by this great organization. This they are trying to do at the expense of thousands of workers whose children they are aiming at. It is to the fathers who are employed in the various industries to whom they are directing their appeal. "Give the Boys a Chance" is their slogan—and under this slogan of fatherly consideration for the poor American boys who are not under proper care and guidance, they are seeking to organize the young workers and students as well as many adult workers against the organizations of their own class. They are implanting deep in the minds of these boys the ideas of equal opportunity and devotion to their exploiters. "Give the Boys a Chance," and by that they mean give US a chance to get more of your sons (at your own expense) so that we can teach them how to scab and how to protect the interests of the rich bosses, many of whom are the chief directors of the Y. M. C. A. They intend with this campaign to

get the workers to pay for the improvement of the Y. M. C. A.'s, increase their number, thus enabling them to more effectively train good American patriots who will defend Wall Street in times of political and industrial crises.

There is the danger of a world war approaching, a war in which America will play an important role. American patriotism is not so high at present, too many still remember the horrible disasters of the last World War.

It is now up to the Y. M. C. A.'s to help create this needed sentiment of 100% American patriotism. The slogan they have issued is not only to raise the money with, but also to show that they are interested in the future of the American youth, which means to secure them for the defense of the capitalist system.

"Give the Boys a Chance," is their slogan—and the slogan of the workers and young workers should be, "Not one cent to support anti-labor organizations, not one cent of the workers to support the Y. M. C. A. which is against all the interests of the working class. The American working class must show the Y. M. C. A. that they are becoming class-conscious and will not support an organization which fights the very idea of class division and class struggle.

Opposed to the Y. M. C. A.'s is the Young Workers League, the organization of the fighting youth of America, which opposes all panhandling, grafting, anti-labor organizations such as the Y. M. C. A. If you are a young worker, join the Young Workers League which fights for your interests.

Statement on the Arrest of M. Kushner And Moskowitz

Fellow Workers and Students! With the arrest of two members of the Young Workers League for distributing "Hands Off China" leaflets, American capital shows its fear of exposure of the imperialistic role it is playing in China.

American marines and sailors are actually participating with English and other imperialistic troops to throttle the onward march of the victorious Chinese Revolution. The Americans are told that the part played by the marines and sailors is to protect our countrymen and women in foreign waters. Actually we are protecting the concessions wrested from the Chinese by military force.

The Chinese Revolution, despite betrayals, is consolidating its forces for a victorious advance against all imperialism and with the Soviet Union as its only friend, they become the hope of the exploited of the earth and a menace to the capitalists of the world.

The first blow is always directed against the vanguard of the labor movement; this time the youth of the Communist movement. The arrest of Kushner and the sentencing of H. Moskowitz to six months clearly shows the onslaught waged against anyone who fights against the policy of the Coolidge administration.

It is for the profitable investments of the Wall Street and British bankers that millions of American young workers and students will be sent to war on the peoples of China and of the Soviet Union. A war on China and Russia means to convert the whole world into a new slaughterhouse. Millions of American, English, Chinese and Russian young workers and students will be butchered and gassed on the battlefields of Asia, to make the English POUND and the American DOLLAR safe in China.

Fellow Workers! This is not an idle threat. Already the American government is preparing itself for war. The young workers of America under the camouflage of recreation, are being trained as future soldiers in the Citizens Military Training Camps, the students are compelled to train themselves in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Undoubtedly the youth of America is being militarized.

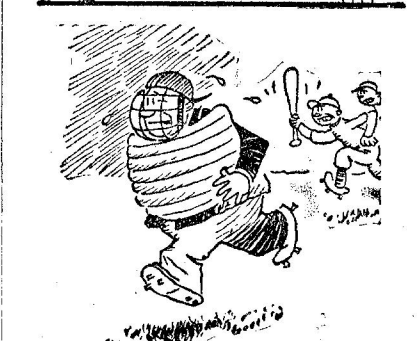
The capitalist persecution will not stop the Young Workers (Communist) League from mobilizing the working class youth against the future war. Every young worker must rally to the banner of the Young Workers (Communist) League, which is the only organization which fights for the betterment of their economic conditions and against imperialist war and capitalist persecution. Young workers! Rally to the defense of your interests. Rally to the defense of the working youth against the dangers and miseries of new imperialist wars. Fight for the freedom of imprisoned young workers.

Against the C. M. T. C. I Hands off China! Peace with the Soviet Union! Long Live the Y. W. (C.) L. I. Young Workers (Communist) League District No. 2 District Executive Committee.

Salesman Acquitted of Murder ERIE, Pa., May 11.—Karl Bechtel, Buffalo salesman, was acquitted by a jury in Erie County Court today of murder charges in connection with the death of Virginia Gibney, Philadelphia chorus girl, who died in a hotel here on March 18.

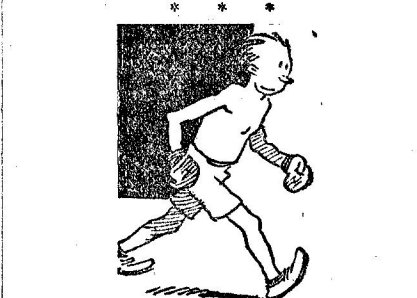
A coroner's jury had found the girl died from natural causes, but the district attorney ordered Bechtel held for trial when the latter admitted he choked Miss Gibney during a quarrel a few hours before her death.

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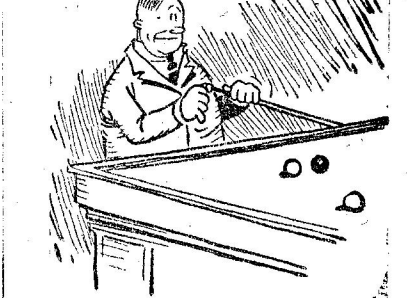
Ty Cobb is not only hitting the ball but also socking the umpire. In spring training he got in form by razzing ump Wilson and is now in dutch for jumping another. This is a good sign the Georgia Peach is the Ty Cobb of old. It doesn't help business to allow a little healthy rowdyism in the game so the League heads are sore about it. But if you have ever played ball you understand how sour some umpires can get.

Here's one of the best bits of news that has yet come from the brain factories. Chicago University has elected Richard Dudlin, a Negro student, as captain of its university tennis team. This is the first instance of a Negro elected to the captaincy of any of the Big Ten teams. This instance of breaking down the barriers of race prejudice in our schools is a fine bit of news. Let's have more of it instead of the flagrant practice of barring splendid athletes because of color. This is also further proof that not everything smells bad in Chicago.



Dempsey is looking for trouble. He's training to beat two of a kind and is getting all set for a couple set-ups before he fights Tunney. Here's hoping he knocks the ex-marine for a row of imperialist cruisers so they'll stop all that patriotic hokey about Tunney.

Here's Your Cue



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Branch of I.L.D. Meets Today A special meeting of the Down Town Branch of the International Labor Defense, will be held today, at 8 p. m. at the Ukrainian Labor Hall, 17 East 3rd street, City. All members are urged to attend.