

## OUR STRIKERS FIGHT PINCHOT PLAN

### SIGMAN MACHINE IS FACING HOT FIGHT ON EXPULSIONS IN LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS' CONVENTION

By J. W. JOHNSTONE. (Special to The Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 15.—The expulsion policy is now before the International Ladies' Garment Workers' convention. Progressive delegates have presented a minority report dealing with the situation in the industry, condemning class collaboration and expulsion policy, and demanding referendum on policy and elections of president, secretary and general executive board. The minority report shows that the demoralization of the union is due to the Sigman administration creating war within the union while making peace with instead of struggle against the bosses.

Zimmerman introduced the report. He drew a picture of the struggle where Sigman combined with Breslauer, Heller and Langer against progressives and was finally compelled to join with progressives against these reactionaries. He warned the machine that they would again issue leaflets and hold membership meetings until a class conscious fighting policy was adopted and enforced in the international, that Sigman's administration and their policy must be repudiated.

### AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

MUSSOLINI is going ahead. He is about to declare Italy an empire and make the little puppet Emanuel an emperor, perhaps with a raise in pay. This is good, remarks Arthur Brisbane, the dotting philosopher of the Hearst press. The pope is of the opinion that fascism is better for him than either the rule of the workers or the liberals, but the holy organ grinder does not like the idea of forcing catholics to join the fascist unions. The church should be the center of social life and not the state, says the pope. He means political life also.

ACCORDING to reports, certain socialist elements in Italy have issued a statement demanding a concerted war against fascism. It is about time. The Communists have been like voices crying in the wilderness calling for a united front against the blackshirt regime. The socialists heard and heeded not. Now, Mussolini announces his decision to crush all parties that make the slightest pretense of standing for the interests of the workers. Mussolini has lined up with the proponents of class collaboration in the United States; with the Bill Johnstons and the William Greens. The only difference is that Mussolini is more intelligent than the American sapheads who are using the unions as tools of the capitalist class.

MUSSOLINI is opposed to class warfare and he is taking what he thinks are the necessary organizational steps to eliminate the class struggle. But Mussolini, who knows something about history should recollect the story of the Saxon king who tried to hold back the tides with a broom. There is only one solution of the class struggle and that is the abolition of all classes thru the coming to power of the only producing class—the working class. "Everybody a producer" will be the slogan of the future. There will be no class warfare then. It is interesting to note that the theory of class peace has now become a universal disease sponsored chiefly by renegade socialists. The pure and simple labor faker lacks the intelligence to rationalize his treason.

THERE is talk of a dictatorship in France. Strange how benevolent this dictatorship appears when it is considered necessary to save the skin of some capitalist power! It is sinful when the workers adopt it as a necessary organ of government during

### MELLA ON HUNGER STRIKE IS REMOVED TO PRISON HOSPITAL AS CONDITION GROWS SERIOUS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 15.—Julio A. Mella was removed today from his cell to the prison hospital in a critical condition. He is continuing the hunger strike which he began eleven days ago as a protest against his imprisonment on a framed-up charge to satisfy the American sugar combines. The Cuban government remains deaf to all pleas for his release.

The International Labor Defense opened a campaign to save the life of Julio Antonio Mella, Cuban victim of American imperialism, now on hunger strike, when it cabled to General Enoch H. Crowder, American ambassador to Cuba that 200,000 American workers affiliated with the I. L. D. would consider him responsible for the possible death of the Cuban labor leader.

### STEEL TRUST THROWS 2,000 WORKERS ONTO STREETS TO STARVE

(Special to The Daily Worker) WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 14.—The National Tube Co., a subsidiary of the steel trust, suddenly closed down its plant at Benwood, throwing 2,000 workers out of employment.

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### Montreal A. C. W. Wins Against Open Shopper

NEW YORK—(FP)—Union victory is reported to the general office of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers union from its Montreal organization where Gold Bros. had locked out the workers in an open shop effort. Union conditions again prevail after a settlement.

Stands off Posse. YELLEVILLE, Ark., Dec. 15.—Trapped on Bonanza Mountain near Buffalo, Ark., Arnold Comer, 16, charged by a coroner's jury with the murder of three persons at Buffalo yesterday, was reported standing off a posse of officers and citizens.

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### The New Lord and His American Peasant



### STRIKE TIES UP PRODUCTION AT EDISON PLANT

### Scabs Unable to Turn Out Struck Work

Production at the Edison Electric company, 52nd Ave. and 19th street, is practically at a standstill due to the strike of the sheet metal workers. It was admitted by one of the scabs and also by the so-called deputy sheriff or plug-ugly, who was "guarding" the scabs, upon being questioned by one of the strikers yesterday, that the scabs were not able to turn out the work that had been performed by the skilled mechanics that are now on strike.

Scabs Quitting Daily. The scabs are quitting the company and the number of those at work continually decreases while the strikers' ranks increase. The only force that remains status quo since the strike was called is the army of gunmen that the company has hired.

Strikers' Solidarity Increases. The strike which is in its second week, finds the ranks of the strikers increasing, their solidarity unbroken and finds them just as determined as ever to win this strike. The picket line (Continued on page 4.)

### Severe Earthquake Shakes Khorassam

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Two hundred houses were completely destroyed, two persons were killed and twenty injured in severe earthquakes that shook Khorassam in northern Persia on Sunday, according to an Allahabad dispatch here

### COOLIDGE ADDS TITLE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILROADS TO MELLON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Coolidge issued a proclamation designating Secretary of Treasury Mellon as director-general of railroads, succeeding James C. Davis, Des Moines, Iowa, resigned.

### DAILY WORKER DRIVE CLOSES \$10,000 SHORT

### Rush Remittances to Help Reach Quota!

The The DAILY WORKER campaign for funds officially ends today, the total raised to date is almost \$10,000 short of the amount necessary to make the paper's future publication certain. The sum required is \$40,000, while only \$30,628.26 has been received.

Shop and street nuclei of the Workers Party are urged to make a final effort to forward further contributions to bring the task of saving The DAILY WORKER to a successful conclusion. All possible haste is requisite. Hundreds of dollars are still expected from rescue parties yet to be held and also from the sale of DAILY WORKER stamps in the hands of workers, and from funds not yet collected or remitted by Workers Party secretaries.

Hereafter, under the heading of "Honor Roll of Workers Aiding Press," the list of donations received will be published daily. With the paper not yet financially stable, added attention must be devoted to the task of building The DAILY WORKER'S subscription list. Every Communist subscriber; every subscriber a builder—this is to be the achievement of 1926.

### LA FOLLETTE NOW IN FOLD OF OLD GUARD

### Has to Pretend He Remains "Prog"

(Special to The Daily Worker) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Robert M. LaFollette, son of late leader of the Wisconsin insurgency, was formally assigned today to senatorial committees as a full-fledged republican. He was assigned to republican membership on the manufacturers, Indian affairs and mining committees by the republican committee on committees and will be given a share of republican patronage. His father served before him on the manufacturers' and Indian affairs committee, being chairman of the former until ousted from the republican party in the senate last March.

Altho now allied with the republicans, young LaFollette is not expected to become a regular by any means.

### Reaffirms "Progressivism."

LaFollette today announced himself as an independent republican and renewed an oath of allegiance to the progressive platform of his late father, in a letter to the republican committee on committees.

If the republicans of the senate desire him in their fold under the circumstances, LaFollette said, he would be glad to accept the majority committee assignment given him by administration leaders.

LaFollette sent his declaration of independence to Senator James E. Watson, republican, of Indiana, chairman of the committee on committees. The letter said: "I am informed thru the newspapers of this morning that the committee on committees has voted to report my committee assignments to the senate. Before this formal action is taken by the committee it seems im-

### JAPAN SENDS MORE TROOPS INTO KOREA AND INTO KURUME

(Special to The Daily Worker) TOKIO, Dec. 15.—The Japanese war department issued a statement explaining that the sending of two battalions of troops to Korea and four to Kurume was for the purpose of bringing Japan's Manchurian forces to nominal strength. These troops, according to the statement, will act only to "protect" Japanese "lives and property" and "guard" the railway zone.

### BORAH SEES SWING TOWARD RECOGNITION

### New Forces Favor Russian Accord

(Special to The Daily Worker) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—That forces hitherto opposed to recognition of the Soviet Union are now changing their stand is clearly evidenced by developments since the publication of the facts regarding the conference of Soviet representatives and bankers in New York last week.

American bankers who conferred with the Soviet representatives did not do so because they have any love for the revolution, but because they are interested in investments in Europe and they now realize that the policy of trying to outlaw Russia among the nations of the world will work disastrously for them. Hence, in sheer desperation, they are forced to strive to reach an agreement whereby they hope to bring about more stable conditions in Europe.

Furthermore the industrialists who have commodities to sell on the world market feel keenly the pinch of absence of trade relations with Russia and consider the policy of the Coolidge government a particularly foolish one. Borah speaks primarily for this group.

### Hope of Success.

The recent favorable developments have made the Idaho senator not entirely without hope of success—despite the fact the state department returned the usual stereotyped reply today to questions as to whether any change in the administration's Russian policy was imminent. This reply is:

"There has been no change and there is nothing to say."

The department declined to comment on the fact that Soviet spokesmen were entertained at the exclusive bankers' club last week, or to explain how they got to the country—in view of the department's established policy of excluding all foreigners suspected of red or pink traits, as in the Karolyi case.

### Saklatvala Question Up.

Critics of the state department in congress, however, are planning to raise the question in connection with the exclusion visited on the Karolyis by Secretary Kellogg. They are going to ask why the department permits the ingress of accredited representatives of Soviet Russia, while denying entrance to a Hungarian nobleman and a British Communist member of parliament, Saklatvala, who merely expressed their belief in certain Moscow doctrines.

Senator Borah will have more support for Russian recognition in this session of congress than he has ever been able to muster in his previous efforts.

### LEWIS MACHINE PLAYS BOSSES' GAME IN UNION

### Officials Determined to Crush Miners' Spirit

By NORMAN H. TALLENTIRE. Workers (Communist) Party Special Organizer in the Anthracite Coal Strike Field.

(Special to The Daily Worker) WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 15.—

The strike in the hard coal district has now lasted over one hundred days, and many of the miners, who during the September days jokingly referred to the strike as a "vacation," are now beginning to feel the pinch of poverty, and are glad to receive relief from volunteer committees, organized by petty business men and sympathizers, and sponsored by the local police, and in one case by the chamber of commerce.

### Beware of Pinchot Plan.

The purpose behind the platitudes, and the stand-pat policy of the Lewis machine should now be plain to every miner. Altho unfortunately the majority of them have unbounded faith and follow blindly wherever "Lewis" leads.

The acceptance of Governor Pinchot's proposals (which, with exception of the partial check-off, are nothing more nor less than the operators' propositions wrapped up in silver paper) however, by the anthracite scale committee should sound a warning to every striking miner.

### Kill Convention Plans.

It's a long road from the international convention in the Cleveland railway, to the acceptance of Governor Pinchot's plan by the anthracite scale committee. The Cleveland convention gave the miners a progressive program, and a militant policy, demanding the nationalization of mines, six-hour day, and five-day week, with uniform contracts expiring simultaneously. The convention instructed a sub-committee consisting of Golden of District No. 9, Brophy of District No. 2, and Mitch of Indiana to draw up a plan for nationalization. When the plan was submitted, one of the most destructive criticisms of it came from the national office of the United Mine Workers of America, in the form (Continued from page 2.)

### OPEN SHOP COAL MINES MERGE IN GREAT COMBINE

### Billion Dollar Firm Formed by Bankers

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—One representative of the bituminous coal operators today admitted that plans practically have matured for merging leading interests in the West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky fields into a billion dollar combine. It will be the biggest coal combination in the history of the country.

The operators' representative refused to allow his name to be used but admitted that the contract between the bankers backing the merger and the operators is practically ready for signing.

A majority of the more important operators in eighteen of the West Virginia fields and six or more of the Kentucky fields, which border on the Big Sandy River and Tug Ford are reported to be included in the deal. These fields have an available coal valuation of approximately \$2,000,000,000 according to the engineer's advisory valuation committee of the United States coal commission, which figure of course includes plant values.

### U. S. Chamber of Commerce Throws Smokescreen About Pinchot Plan; Lewis to Give More Concessions?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The proposal put forward by Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, to settle the anthracite strike was mildly criticized today in a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the United States chamber of commerce.

A part of the resolution follows: "An examination of Governor Pinchot's proposal shows that it did not propose that controversial issues should be arbitrated. On the other hand, the operators offered arbitration of all issues involved in the controversy."









