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BIMBA IS CONVICTED OF SEDITION

Imperialist Armies Open New War In Morocco

END OF RAINS IN MOROCCO SIGNAL FOR ATTACK BY FRENCH LEGIONS AND FURIOUS RIFF RESISTANCE

RABAT, March 2.—The rainy season has ended. Instead of bringing the hope of peace and contentment that has been welcomed by the people of this land for uncounted centuries it is the signal for the renewal of imperialist frightfulness as the mercenary battalions of the French and Spaniards again swing into action.

Again the airplanes drone their song of death above the bright countryside while devastating projectiles explode in the huts of unarmed men, women and children; the shells again level to the ground the habitations of people who strive to maintain that liberty that the swindlers of Versailles promised to all the world at the close of the war between the great imperialist nations.

U. S. GREATEST NAVAL POWER ADMIT BRITISH

Blue Book Shows America Has Most Ships

LONDON, March 2.—The question of whether Great Britain has really lost her naval leadership to the United States has suddenly become the absorbing topic of the hour. The controversy was precipitated by the statistics concerning the respective naval strength of the great nations as published in an official government Blue Book, released yesterday.

According to this compilation, the United States leads the world in the number of warships at its command. The Blue Book gives the totals of naval vessels as follows: United States, 543; Great Britain, 444; Italy, 247; Japan, 222; France, 219; Russia, 176; Germany, 87. The United States is listed as possessing 300 destroyers while Great Britain has 172. American submarines number 120 to Great Britain's 66, Japan has 31, France 15, and Italy 14.

Capitalist Press Screaming.

The press is running scare headlines on the subject. Under a banner reading "Secrets of United States Battleships Revealed," the Evening News declared that it has learned that the battleships Maryland, West Virginia, Colorado, Arizona and Pennsylvania are being fitted with eight new guns each.

"The installation of new guns indicates the increasing importance which is now being attached in the United States to the defense of warships from aerial attacks," the Evening News states.

U. S. Has Longer Range Guns.

The newspapers lay great emphasis on the statement made in the Blue Book that five American battleships are being equipped with five-inch anti-aircraft guns, capable of attacking aeroplanes at a height of six miles. It is stated that these guns are the most powerful of their kind on any naval vessel. The press declares that Great Britain's navy is lamentably weak in this respect, being equipped with only four-inch anti-aircraft guns.

Get your tickets now for the international concert of the T. U. E. L., Sat., March 13, at 8th St. Theater.

WILL TRAIN CHINESE STUDENTS TO BECOME REVOLUTIONARIES

CANTON, March 2.—The political council of the Kuomintang has established a preparatory class here for the preliminary instruction of candidates who wish to attend the recently opened Sun Yat Sen University in Moscow. Over a hundred students enrolled before the class began.

The object of the Sun Yat Sen University is to turn out trained Oriental Communist agitators for work in the Far East. Karl Radek is director.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

The Riff war is on again after the long, anxious months of waiting and hoping that somehow, somewhere something would happen to force the invading forces back to their own soil.

Natives Resume Defense.

Under Abd-el-Krim the native forces are again rallying to the defense of their land against foreign depredations; the Rifians yesterday heroically defended their lines against the unprovoked attacks of the French mercenaries, in spite of the swarms of bombing planes that flew above their lines, dropping explosives into their ranks.

Other French troops are on the march being rushed to the Ouzgha front where the fighting started and it looks as tho heavy concentration of forces would occur at that point.

Thru the winter the Rif tribesmen have succeeded in securing better equipment and have prepared to turn the defensive into a fierce offensive and it is hoped that they may be able to scourge from the earth the scum of the earth, of the character of the American aviators, who participated in the foreign invasion of last year.

FRISCO MERGER AWAITS NICKEL PLATE DECISION

Hearings Start on New Consolidation

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A further step in the proposed merger of the St. Louis & San Francisco (Frisco) and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific (Rock Island) Railroad systems was taken today when the interstate commerce commission opened hearings on the application of E. N. Brown, J. M. Kurn, and J. Hirschman, to be allowed to hold directorships in the Rock Island.

Brown told the commission, relative to the merger, that until it renders a decision in the "billion dollar" Nickel Plate merger, the promoters of the Frisco-Rock Island merger have decided to hold definite plans in abeyance.

Chinese Clean Out Nests of American Christian Parasites

HONGKONG, March 2.—Canton troops are reported to have seized the church and school buildings of the American missionary settlement at Hoihow, on the island of Hainan. They are being occupied as barracks.

Religious Fanatics Get Theirs. **CHUNGKING, China, March 2.**—The interior of the American adventist church here was wrecked during an anti-imperialist demonstration of Chinese students and soldiers. Many were arrested.

Seek More Troops.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2.—A delegation of mine operators from southern Indiana, including Walter Korff, member of the legislature and owner of several large mining properties, called at the state house and conferred with Gov. Jackson and Adjutant General Kerchner. They refused to divulge the nature of the conference.

CHICAGO MILITANTS ATTEND T. U. E. L. MEETING TONIGHT!

The Chicago group of the Trade Union Educational League will hold its monthly meeting at the Northwestern Hall, corner North and Western Aves., tonight in the large hall.

Arne Swaback, member of the Painters' Union will speak on the Protection of the Foreign-born.

Class collaboration and the Watson-Parker bill will be the subject on which Pete Jensen, chairman of the Chicago Switchmen's Line Federation, will speak.

Race Prejudice in the Trade Unions will be the subject of H. V. Phillips, secretary of the American Negro Labor Congress.

The Necessity of the Trade Union Educational League will be discussed by Andrew Overgaard, secretary of the National Committee for the Amalgamation of the Metal Trades.

SETTLEMENT OF ITALIAN DEBT SPLITS SENATE

"Hell 'n Maria" Dawes May Decide Issue

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Vice-President Charles G. Dawes may be the determining factor in the ratification of the Italian debt settlement. This appeared to be more than a mere possibility today when informal polls of the senate revealed a division so close that it may take the vote of the vice-president to break a tie.

Cognizant of this situation, administration leaders in the senate have already implored Gen. Dawes to "stand by" at all hours once the Italian agreement is brought to the senate floor. They still remember—poignantly—that Charles B. Warren of Detroit would have been attorney general today had not Gen. Dawes been taking a nap when the senate divided evenly on the question of his confirmation.

A Tie Vote Probable.

The senate polls show that a few votes either way will decide the ratification of the Italian settlement, and that if all senators are present and voting, or paired, a tie vote is very likely. Of the 39 democrats in the senate, 31 are counted on to vote against ratification. Sixteen republicans will leave the administration reservation to register their opposition. These, with the anticipated negative vote of Senator Shipstead, farmer-laborer, of Minnesota, would give a vote of 48 against ratification, requiring the administration forces to muster every other vote in the senate to equal it. The informal polls, taken by both sides, are conceded to be reasonably accurate as of today. However, there is considerable "missionary" work being done on both sides which may result in the shifting of a few votes this week.

Coolidge is keenly aware of the situation, and has undertaken some personal "missionary" work on his own hook. He has already held, and will continue to hold, conferences with various individual senators who are known to be opposed to ratification or who are described as "wavering."

The Italian and other settlements will be brought to the floor as soon as the Muscle Shoals graft is disposed of, probably the latter part of this week.

Scranton Mayor Fires Permanently Crippled Fireman Injured on Duty

SCRANTON, Pa., March 2.—Altho crippled for life in an accident received in the line of duty, Gerald McHale, Scranton city fireman, has been discharged by mayor E. B. Jermyn. The mayor ordered McHale's firing unless the permanently disabled worker paid \$1,700 hospital and physician's charges. The worker claims that the city should pay.

Scenes at Blasphemy Trial



Picture above shows Anthony Bimba, Lithuanian Communist editor, seated in court with his lawyers, Irving and Harry Hoffman. Below Bimba is his wife during a recess between sessions of the famous case in which the blasphemy charge was thrown out and the judge decreed that Bimba was guilty of sedition and fined him \$100. The case is being appealed.

ASWELL BOASTS THAT HIS VICIOUS BILL AGAINST LABOR WILL BECOME LAW; NO OPPOSITION IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—"It is going to pass." This was the exultant declaration that James Aswell, congressman from Louisiana, made to me in his office here. He was speaking, of course, about his infamous "Aswell Bill," now before congress, providing for the registration of foreign-born workers.

Aswell is the congressional leader in the fight against the foreign-born, letting loose a flood of proposed legislation calling for the finger-printing, photographing and registering of alien labor. He is a democrat but he has the support of the republican Coolidge administration, especially of Secretary Davis, head of the so-called department of labor. Aswell visited 16 different European countries with Secretary Davis getting information to aid them in putting thru the proposed laws.

I found Aswell in his office on Capitol Hill. I first told him who I was and then asked him for a copy of his bill.

"Are you for or against it?" he asked. "I am bitterly against it," I replied. "Well, I don't like to give out any copies to those against it, to be used for propaganda purposes," he said. "But I'll let you have a copy of it anyway. There aren't many against it. It is going to pass," he repeated.

The Aswell bill has been referred to the committee on immigration and naturalization that is now holding hearings on proposed deportation bills. Just as soon as the deportation matters are out of the way, the anti-foreign-born measures will be taken up.

From what investigation I could make, I found that there was organized opposition to this legislation. Some of these same measures were before the last congress and Aswell told me quite proudly:

"The late Sam Gompers was in here himself. He sat in the same chair where you are sitting. He said he came to talk over these propositions. I convinced him that there was nothing dangerous to organized labor in them. He replied, however, that the American Federation of Labor had to put up a fight against them for ap..."

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ACQUITTED OF BLASPHEMY CHARGE BUT OPEN SHOP FORCES ABLE TO IMPOSE SENTENCE ON FRAME-UP

BROCKTON, Mass., March 2.—Anthony Bimba, Communist editor and speaker, was acquitted of the charge of blasphemy here today and convicted of sedition by Judge C. Carroll King. The witnesses for the defense testified that Bimba not only revered religion but denied the possibility of existence of any god, the judge ignored these facts and the 300 years old law under which the case was tried.

The case had attracted world-wide attention and was reviving the odious past records of the puritan founders of New England. The patriots who pervert the history of the days of Cotton Mather and other religious bigots and fanatics who settled New England in order to create illusions in the minds of the working class did not want the blasphemy charge to proceed further.

Sedition Frame-Up. After the world wide publicity and the vicious campaign of "red baiting" and attacks on the foreign-born on the part of the authorities and the white guard foreign clergy of New England in the pay of the textile and shoe manufacturers it was not possible for the puppet judge to release Bimba and thereby admit that the whole case was a frame-up, so the sedition charge was declared to have been sustained because, in the words of the judge, Bimba had "slightly overstepped" the sedition statute. The penalty was fixed at \$100 fine.

The International Labor Defense announces that the case will be appealed and a strenuous fight made to maintain the right of Communists to talk in Massachusetts in spite of the sedition law.

Deportation Threat. In an effort to stamp out attempts to establish effective leadership for the labor unrest now sweeping the mill towns of this state the capitalist press has launched an unprecedented agitation demanding deportation of the foreign-born workers who come to this country and have brains enuf to learn that this much vaunted land of liberty is a myth, and who dare to take steps to organize and fight for better conditions.

Councils for the protection of the foreign-born are springing up and will be connected with similar fighting organizations thruout the country in order to combat the nefarious legislation contemplated by the scab government at Washington and the notoriously labor-hating forces in Massachusetts dominated by the Coolidge appointee, United States Senator Butler, who is up for reelection this year.

FIGHT AGAINST PA. SEDITION LAW UNDER WAY

Conference to Be Held April 4

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 2.—A vigorous campaign for the repeal of the notorious strike-breaking union-smashing Flynn anti-sedition act of Pennsylvania was inaugurated here when a call for a conference was sent out to all labor organizations of western Pennsylvania by a provisional committee consisting of several labor unions and the International Labor Defense. The conference will be held at the Walton Hall, 220 Starwix Street, Pittsburgh, Sunday, April 4th, at 2:30 p. m. The purpose of the conference, according to the call sent out, is "to devise ways and means to conduct a campaign for the repeal of this vicious law which threatens the existence of the organized labor movement of this state."

Similar conference will be held shortly in other parts of the state in order to make the campaign state-wide.

Klan Makes Protest. **LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 2.**—More than 100 knights of the ku klux klan, headed by the editor of a klan publication, appeared before the police commissioner today and protested against the performing of Eugene O'Neill's play "Desire Under the Elms" in Los Angeles.

FENG RUSHES ARMY TO HELP HOLD TIENSIN

Fierce Battle Rages for Seaport's Control

PEKING, March 2.—The battle for Tientsin is assuming large proportions. General Feng is rushing troops from the Kuominchun armies south to the scene of conflict. The entire garrison of the capital has been shifted and is quartered in the native city of Tientsin.

Armored cars have stopped the advance of General Li Chung-hsi, whom the nationalists have removed as governor of Chihli. Chang Tso-lin forces are trying to force a landing from the sea at Taku, thus attacking the city from the east while Li Chung-hsi assaults it from the west.

The battle is certain to be prolonged and desperately fought as this city is the only seaport of northern China and the terminus of the comparatively short railroad line to Peking.

Insurgents Try to Curb Administration on Muscle Shoals

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The insurgent bloc of the senate today directed its drive toward amending the house resolution, which creates a commission to negotiate a lease for the \$150,000,000 project, following the overwhelming majority mustered on the first test vote by the administration-democratic alliance favoring private operation of Muscle Shoals.

Two amendments already have been offered. The insurgents plan to sponsor several more, severely restricting the powers of the proposed lease-makers.

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