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LA FOLLETTE BRANDS "RUTHLESS IMPERIALISM"

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 if 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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Thayer "Obsessed" in Sacco Case

GARFIELD HAYS ASSERTS JUDGE MERE ADVOCATE

Loses All Pretence of Impartiality

Judge Webster Thayer's complete obsession with the Sacco-Vanzetti case was commented upon yesterday by Arthur Garfield Hays, well-known New York attorney, after he had read the DAILY WORKER'S story of Thayer's serious mental condition.

"Whether or not his psychosis borders on insanity," said Hays, "there seems little doubt that he has an obsession on this case."

Hays cited the statements of William Thompson, attorney for Sacco and Vanzetti, as to the way the judge had no other topic of conversation but this case to discuss with everyone he met.

"His mental attitude toward the case in indicated also," Hays declared, "by the fact that he became an advocate instead of a judge; and that his opinion instead of being a judicial announcement was substantially an attack upon the defendants and their lawyers. It was an attempt to sustain a point of view rather than to analyze the evidence."

The DAILY WORKER'S story Wednesday announcing the mental breakdown of Judge Webster Thayer under the consciousness of his own guilt and terror will prove the opening of an entirely new phase of the celebrated Sacco-Vanzetti case, New York newspaper men declared yesterday.

Hitherto the case has revolved around the two points of the innocence of the two workers and the grossly unfair trial given them at Dedham. Although Thayer has been under a constant fire of accusations for his biased conduct of the case, they pointed out, no newspaper has yet had the courage to denounce the judge as mentally unfit in the later phases of the case.

PAN-PACIFIC LABOR CONFERENCE IN HANKOW DEFIES IMPERIALISTS

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 Lung hai 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 Lung hai. 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 Labor 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

American Legion Behind Move to Squash "Spread Eagle," Anti-War Play

Jed Harris, producer of "Spread Eagle" an expose of American imperialism in Mexico announced yesterday he would consult with his lawyer the question of taking action against the motion picture producers.

Harris claims that the producers have placed a ban on filming the play. He added that he might also seek damages from patriotic societies which he declared, had been instrumental in keeping his production from the radio. The producer asserted that several posts of the American Legion were behind the radio ban.

PENNSY LABOR BACKING STATE SACCO PARLEYS

(Special to the Daily Worker).

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 11.—The Pennsylvania Federation of Labor swung into its work today in apparently a progressive frame of mind under the militant leadership of President James H. Maurer. Outstanding among the resolutions adopted today was one calling for Sacco-Vanzetti conferences in the various states. These conferences would be representative of labor and progressive groups and formulate plans to save the two workers from the electric chair on July 10. Governor Fuller was also asked to give a full executive review of the case.

Resolutions were presented calling for "Hands Off China" and for condemnation of the notorious citizen military training camps to foster militarism. Favorable sentiment among delegates presaged their passage.

The convention will be in session Thursday and Friday.

BOSS PLUMBERS DEFY JUDGE IN LOCKOUT HERE

Injunction Mere Scrap of Paper

Boss plumbers and the Building Trades Employers' Association yesterday just laughed at the court order declaring the lockout of the New York's 7,000 plumbers to be illegal. Despite the injunction granted by Supreme Court Judge Thomas W. Churchill in the Bronx, not one plumber in that borough had been re-employed when the working day ended. Churchill declared the lockout illegal because the plumbers in the four city boroughs outside Brooklyn have contracts which have not yet expired. The Brooklyn plumbers, on strike for the five day week and a \$14 scale, are also within their rights because their contract had expired, the jurist declared.

The master builders had paid no heed to the Bronx judge, international officials of the Plumbers' Union admitted yesterday. They declared that certain legal steps in connection with serving the papers would not bring results until Friday or Saturday. A similar court order in the Queens court last week was utterly ineffective also, and later was ordered vacated.

Great interest was manifested among building trades workers yesterday by the mass meeting for all workers in the trade called by the Plumbers' Helpers' Association for Friday evening at Ace Hall, 182 Claremont Ave., Brooklyn. A discussion of the perilous position confronting building workers in the plumbers lockout and helpers strike for the five day week will be the leading issue.

Plumbers' helpers have signed up with Edward Weiss, an Astoria contractor, for a \$9 scale and the five day week, President C. E. Miller announced. Negotiations with another firm are pending with a settlement expected today.

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)

Oil Chiefs Try to Figure Out Means To Cut Production

Capitalists machinery for the production of crude oil seemed near a complete smash-up yesterday when heads of the profit-taking industry met on the call of Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

Teagle conferred with Secretary of the Interior Work last week in Washington on the over-production in the Seminole field of Oklahoma where the yield has jumped from 100,000 barrels daily last November to 250,000 barrels now. Crude oil prices have slumped 50 per cent in the meanwhile.

The big oil producers want the government to step in and bar the so-called "wild catters" or independents.

Higher Salaries Main Transit Board Intent

The transit commission's main efforts are directed toward salary increases rather than unification of the subways, in the opinion of the state department of public service.

Consort of Millionaires Haled Into Court Under Charge of Drug Addiction

Mrs. Annabelle Leonore Van Alen Ottman Fuller Landgren, once noted as a famous beauty who married three millionaires in succession, yesterday appeared in court charged with giving a false name and address to obtain narcotics. Trial was adjourned until May 18.

Mrs. Landgren's first husband whom she married at the age of 15 was Harry D. Ottman, wealthy New Yorker. She was next the wife of George Fuller, San Francisco capitalist, from whom she was divorced in 1916 with a large cash settlement and \$12,500 annual alimony.

In 1926, in San Francisco she married Eric C. Landgren, match magnate, who later had the marriage annulled on grounds of drug addiction. Mrs. Landgren had the annulment revoked and was awarded a divorce.

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, 1,050 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.

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

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Death sentence will be passed on Mrs. Ruth Brown Snyder and her "sweetheart" Henry Judd Gray Friday morning instead of Monday.

COOLIDGE NICARAGUA POLICY IS OPEN DEFIANCE OF AMERICAN CONSTITUTION

Wisconsin Senator in Ringing Denunciation of President's War on Little Republic

WASHINGTON, May 11.—President Coolidge is carrying on a policy of "ruthless imperialism" in Nicaragua and is ready to violate the American constitution to do so, Senator Robert M. La Follette, Jr., republican progressive, Wisconsin, declared in a formal statement tonight.

"The admission by the state department that Mr. Stimson, speaking for President Coolidge, threatened open warfare on the liberals is an amazing revelation that the president, in carrying forward his policy of ruthless imperialism in Central America, is ready to violate the constitution, which gives the war-making power solely to congress," he said.

"In his address in New York on April 25 the president said:

"We are not making war on Nicaragua any more than a policeman on the street is making war on passers by." This declaration did not square with the then existing facts, considering that we had a fleet in Nicaragua waters; enough marines to form a body-guard of six to each American citizen in the country; created neutral zones helpful to the conservatives in which fighting is prevented by our troops, guarded the railway permitting only conservatives to use its facilities; sold arms and ammunition to the conservatives. Any one of these acts against a first-class power would have involved us in war the moment it was committed.

"In his recent New York address the president uttered these words: "Our attitude toward all nations is one of friendship and good will. Toward those who are yet struggling to improve the conditions of their people and achieve a larger liberty, it is especially one of forbearance."

Just A Smoke Screen. "In view of his recent action in Nicaragua, these high sounding phrases are exposed as a smoke screen behind which his policy of imperialism is being conducted with renewed vigor."

Meanwhile the government today went ahead with arrangements to disarm the rebels and police the republic. Rear Admiral Julian Latimer, in charge of the American forces of occupation, issued a formal proclamation calling on the rebels to lay down their arms or risk the danger of the "shedding of blood."

More Marines Leave. To help enforce his demands and thoroughly police the country, the first contingent of 800 additional marines embarked at Quantico, Va., for duty there today. They embarked on two tenders, the Aroostock and Medusa.

The Aroostock sailed first with 130 marines aboard. She is to stop at Hampton Roads to pick up 45 more and at Charleston, S. C., for 100.

Arrangements have been made to open the bazaar until 1 o'clock daily. Admission will be 25 cents in the afternoon and 50 cents after 5 p. m., daily except Saturday.

Serve Supper. For those who will want to stay over, the restaurant will be open to serve supper. There will be a special vegetarian department.

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 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

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DEFRAUDED "BIG FOUR" VICTIMS ARE DEMANDING INVESTIGATION

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buccaneers 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 extremely 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—indeed 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 as 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 cool 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 when the Glad Day comes, you'll welcome that of 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 35 at various plans:

	Ordinary	Industrial
15 yr. Endow.....	\$67.13	\$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

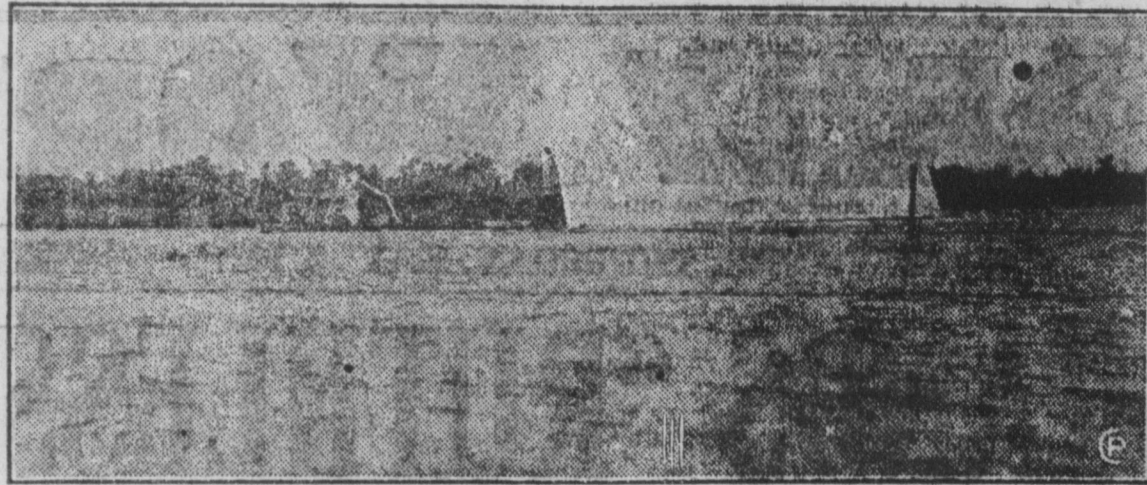
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lieutenants and the American Legion, the ticket polled 400 votes, while Albert Weisbord, the strike-leader, when all these agencies tried to make responsible for the present situation got 1,100 votes. And all this was done with all the handicaps of 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."

Read The Daily Worker Every Day

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 pretense 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 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.

Yesterday we heard about the result of the frame-up on the nine furriers in Mineola. Just imagine how we felt about it. Of course we can thank Schachtman, Sigman and McGrady for this. Under such circumstances, the result could not have been different.
We, your fellow workers, send our greetings to these men and their families. We hope that they will meet this misfortune as befits workers loyal to the cause of our class. Let us hope that this act against the furriers will prove to be the end of the whole gang of union breakers.

We close with the assurance that we stand with you, on the outside, shoulder to shoulder in our struggle for freedom, and we look forward in the near future to celebrate our victories over our enemies—Cloakmaker Prisoner.

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 proposed 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 Leprosy 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 leprosy 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 for their neighbors.

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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.

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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Other Crafts Negotiate.

The carpenters are thus far the only ones to have settled their affairs. It has been made known today that the following organizations will try next week for an agreement with the bosses: bricklayers, cement finishers, electricians, hoisting engineers, steamfitters and laborers.

To show how the carpenter officials failed in demanding an adequate wage increase it may be well to point out that even with their present wage increase to \$1.37½ per hour, their pay is yet far below that of other trades. The following list proves this: Present wage scale of ironworkers, \$1.50 per hour; lathers, \$1.62½ per hour; plasterers, \$1.62½ per hour; plumbers, \$1.50 per hour.

Old Wage Scales.

The wage scale of the trades now negotiating a new agreement are: bricklayers, \$1.50 per hour; cement finishers, \$1.25 per hour; electricians, \$1.50 per hour; steamfitters, \$1.50 per hour.

The carpenters' officials who signed the agreement are Harry Schwarzer, Albert Rudy, Gustave Schrader, Harry McLaughlin.

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HOPE TO APPEAL JACK RUBENSTEIN CASE IN PASSAIC

Brookwood Student Victim of Judicial Outrage

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, 1925, 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, hit 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 urged 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."

German Ambassador in San Francisco

May, 14th is to be a gala day in San Francisco. Horns will be blowing, flags flying, salvos of applause re-echoing, and the whole city decked in sportive mood, because it happens to be the occasion on which Baron A. von Holtzmann pays us 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 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.

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 throughout 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 57,967, 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. Merchants 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 flirt 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 "Kiang-su 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 enterprise. Therefore 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.

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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.

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 rubles was assigned in 1926-27 for anti-drought measures, as against 12.5 million rubles 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 rubles, as against 158.7 million rubles last year. Out of a total of 643 million rubles which have been assigned for fundamental outlay in the all-Union industry, over 340 million rubles 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 Mostov-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 1923, 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 41.3 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, Persman, Lazareff and others.

Cooperators Festival Sunday

Next Sunday Co-operators Annual Festival at Ulmer Park, foot of 25th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. It is a gala occasion, everybody within a radius of 100 miles is invited.

WORKERS! STOP THE MURDER OF SACCO AND VANZETTI

Current Events

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China is too darned big and Great Britain has too 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 employes. 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 fund 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 Down Town Workers' Club, 35 E. 2nd St. The dance is arranged by the Down Town Branch of the International Labor Defense. The proceeds will go towards the branch sustaining fund and for relief of class-war prisoners.

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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 committal 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 American, 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 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 and 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 food, 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.

court. 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 lives in Peking, the strangling of 20 living breathing, thinking and sentient bodies, 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. Biedenkapp, just returned from Europe, and Funk Sing Quong.

Union Delegates Come.

WASHINGTON (P.P.) 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 base Broadway.

LILLIAN GISH



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.

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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DEFENSE BOARD CLOSES ROBBINS INCIDENT HERE

Cutters Welfare League Expels Him

The Joint Defense Committee of the Cloak, Dressmakers and Furriers yesterday issued the following statement regarding Henry Robbins, former chairman:

In answer to the statement in the press with reference to the removal of Henry Robbins as Chairman of the Defense Committee and from all participation in the defense work, the Joint Defense Committee desires to state that the enemies of the defense will not be able to make use of this unfortunate Robbins incident to injure the defense work. The fact that the Committee has taken this step against its own chairman is the most conclusive proof that the defense committee has but one object, namely, to raise funds to defend the imprisoned cloakmakers and furriers and to maintain their families; not to defend members of the committee who have been dishonest in handling defense funds.

We are not surprised at the attempts that the opponents of the defense work are making to use this incident for their political purposes, as we know that their policy in such instances has always been to defend people responsible for similar acts and not to expose them as we have done.

Records Are Open

The defense committee considers the question of the defense work more important than the reputation of any individual and we have done what we consider our duty. The defense committee hereby wishes to state that its books and the records of all its activities are open for investigation before any impartial committee who may be interested and desires to know the truth.

The money raised by the defense committee is used for one purpose only: to engage lawyers for the defense of the imprisoned workers and for the maintenance of their families.

This will be very clearly shown thru an investigation of our books. The only discrepancy in the matter of the defense funds that confronted the committee was the fact that Robbins could not account for a hundred odd dollars.

With this statement we close the entire incident.

The Welfare League of Cutters' Local 10 has expelled Henry Robbins from membership, it was announced yesterday.

Robbins was subjected to a cross-examination from a score of members but was unable to answer questions to the league's satisfaction. Charles Zimmerman pressed charges against him.

Chinese Laundry Workers Use Bundles as Medium For Revolutionary Appeal

BOSTON, May 11.—Kuomintang members here have found a new way to place the cause of revolutionary China before the public.

In every bundle sent out by Chinese laundrymen this week, a four page pamphlet entitled "An Appeal to the American Public from the Nationalist Government of China" is being included.

P. A. Chan, head of the Kuomintang executive committee here declared that the majority of the party's membership of 700 work in laundries and had therefore decided to reach the public quickly and effectively through their business mediums.

"We appeal to you," reads the pamphlet, "to oppose armed intervention in China, to smash the united front of the British and American imperialists against their own people and the people of the world."

Brooklyn Unions In Vanzetti Rally Plan Big Campaign

Sixty delegates representing 21 unions and 60,000 members met yesterday evening at 56 Washington Ave., Brooklyn to plan steps to save Sacco and Vanzetti from the electric chair.

Called under the auspices of the International Labor Defense and Barbers' Local 913, the conference decided to hold a series of meetings in every section of Brooklyn to arouse sentiment. Enthusiasm was at a high pitch as delegates debated measures to awaken the workers of the big borough to the significance of the case.

I. R. T. Payroll Car Robbed by Bandits

In a bold day-light robbery which took less than a minute to execute, seven armed bandits held-up an assistant paymaster and two guards of the I. R. T., on 72nd St. near Avenue A, yesterday, and escaped in a fusillade of bullets with a payroll of \$9,000.

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LEFT WING IN CAP MAKERS' UNION SHOW THEIR WORK IS CONSTRUCTIVE

By NANCY MARKOFF.

The report of H. I. Goldberg for the general executive board of the Cap and Millinery Workers' Union in convention here contained numerous attacks upon active left wing-organizers and members of the Millinery and Cap Makers' Union, upon The DAILY WORKER and upon the Trade Union Educational League.

It expressed the threat that "we have practiced tolerance towards them (the left wing) and even employed them as organizers... we would recommend that the convention should express its condemnation in the strongest possible terms of those elements in our ranks who interfere with and obstruct the constructive work that the general organization is engaged in."

An outstanding feature of this convention is the delegation representing the left wing leadership. It is composed of a comparatively small group of capable and earnest men and women who have devoted their entire lives to their union and to the labor movement. But, most striking and outstanding is the delegation representing the newly formed Millinery Local 48, composed of young women millinery workers. And it was from this group that came the voice of protest against the attack upon the left wing leadership in the industry.

Joan of Arc. This protest was led by Gladys Shechter, a slender girl looking not more than eighteen summers, and tipping the scales maybe at 100 pounds. But one look into this little person's face tells you there is character, courage and determination. This is the "Joan of Arc" of the Millinery Workers' Union.

Delegate Shechter read the Minority report on Committee on Official's Report. "We want to take issue with the General Executive Board as well as with the majority of the committee, on the chapter dealing with factional fights in our union. We contend that the developments in our union during the past two years since our last convention are in complete contradiction to the analysis and conclusions drawn by the General Executive Board's official report with reference to the activities of the left wing in our union. A careful reading of the report will prove most decisively that not only have these elements not been a hindrance to the work in our organization but on the contrary are the very ones who are responsible for and are to be credited with the gains made by our union during the past two years.

Progressives Got Gains. "An analysis of the figures" on the growth of our membership will prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that these increases came mainly in such locals as are under the control of the progressive elements and in locals where the progressives are a powerful factor. The best example of this is Local 43 which, under a progressive administration, has carried thru a successful organization campaign increasing the membership from 400 to that of 3,000. Similar have been the results in Boston as well as Chicago and Los Angeles. In all these locals it was the left wing that con-

stituted the backbone of the organization campaigns and made possible the achievements in which we all take pride. Condemnation Unwarranted. "We believe the recommendation of the General Executive Board to 'express condemnation' of the left wing in our organization is in complete contradiction to a policy of tolerance and not conducive towards the preservation of unity in our ranks."

Lifting her eyes from the report she added the following: "On the one hand to urge the G. E. B. to continue its policy of tolerance and steer clear of factional fights and on the other hand to ask the convention to condemn those who have, according to the majority report's own contention, helped build the organization, is impossible. You cannot do two things that are in direct conflict to each other at the same time."

"We are in full accord with the International to steer clear of factional fights and if we are to continue this policy then, brother chairman, I urge you to accept the minority report."

In the report of the General Executive Board the left wing members were attacked as "disrupters of the union."

Left Wing Constructed. Delegate Sorin of Local 48, an unseated left wing delegate from Los Angeles, denied that the left wing on the Pacific coast, where he comes from, could be termed destructive. "Our local is of a constructive character. By condemning these people you take away the courage of these earnest fighters, but let me assure you that that is not possible."

"You claim that the left wingers disregard fairness, but have you been fair? You have chosen only to point out the mistakes of the left wingers. I say there is nothing in the activities of the left wingers in our union to find fault with."

Delegate Feingold from St. Louis, upon whom has fallen the task to be the spokesman for the left wing thru-out the convention, rose after much struggle to gain the privilege of the floor for him, to defend himself and the left wingers. He devoted the greater part of his speech in repudiation of the statement made by the G. E. B. that the Trade Union Educational League was a dual organization.

T. U. E. L. Fights For Union. "I am a member of the Workers Party. I have never failed on every question where I considered it proper to state my opinion. I will always fight for the right to hold my opinions. I am also a member of the Trade Union Educational League. The Trade Union Educational League has not been and never will be another union."

"You cannot prove to me or to any one where the T. U. E. L. has in any way spoiled or hurt our organization. You claim it brings in dissension. As long as there are differences of opinion there will be dissensions. "I would not belong to that organization one half hour if I were under the impression that it is there to disrupt our union. You know it is not true and it is ridiculous to make such an accusation against the T. U. E. L."

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The court dismissed the suit of the Irish Free State for possession of the money, holding the state had failed to prove title to it. The court likewise ruled that Eamon DeValera and Stephen O'Mara, trustees of the funds, were not entitled to use the money for further activities in furtherance of the establishment of an Irish Republic.

Lockout Follows Slipper Workers' "No" to Wage Cut

The Riverside Felt Slipper Co., 48 Walker St., locked out its crew yesterday.

About two weeks ago Chester W. Bixby, business agent of Local 55, Shoe Workers' Protective Union, was called to the factory at which he was informed that one of the members of the firm had been bought out, and that Meyer Kaufman, another member of the firm, was to withdraw. They asked that the crew be allowed to finish the work which they had started, so that they could take stock and clean up for the purpose of making a settlement, and then Mitchell, the remaining member of the Riverside Company would start again.

Last Saturday, Mitchell informed the business agent that he wished to change the cutters' price list from week work to piece work, giving as his reason that as there would not be any member of the firm to look after the factory, that he felt that he would get a greater production from a piece work system.

Wants Wage Cut. Monday, Mitchell handed an ultimatum to the agent in the form of a proposed price list which is about 22 1/2% below the general prices for that work, with the statement that they would work under those conditions or not at all.

When the agent reported to the Executive Board at their meeting Tuesday night he was instructed to notify the firm that the organization would insist on the price list which they have with the firm until its expiration September 1, 1927. When Mitchell was notified of this, his answer was "Then we will wait."

The firm cannot wait very long if they intend to stay in business as this is the time of the year when they must make their goods if they are to have any to sell in the selling season.

Trick To Beat Workers. Since these events took place it has been learned that Kaufman has not withdrawn from the firm and it looks like a trick to beat the workers down, but there is no chance of that as the workers are standing solidly together.

The lockout will be considered and action taken in the local meeting of Local 55 at 98 Forsyth St. tonight. The members of the crew have all been instructed to stay away from the factory until instructed otherwise by the union.

Your accusation is based upon prejudice. "The co-operation for the building of our union you have always had from us, the left wingers, and shall always get it and I say to have this co-operation you must vote against the recommendation and for the minority report."

The convention being predominantly right wing, the vote on the resolution brought the vote of 47 for the majority report and 16 for the minority report.

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Hands Off Union, Furriers' Warning To Reactionaries

"Hands Off Our Union", is the slogan raised by the Joint Board of the Furriers' Union in a leaflet issued yesterday to the workers, and signed by Ben Gold, manager.

Not only are the employers who are collaborating with the reactionary leaders of the International and the A. F. of L. warned to "watch their step"; but they are promised that "the surprise given to the traitors with the Trimming Association agreement will not be the last surprise for them."

"The stoppage of the two thousand workers which lasted about four weeks, is neither the only nor the last weapon to force the manufacturers to refrain from playing union politics. The struggle for the preservation of the union and union conditions is only just beginning."

All shops are urged to organize in accordance with the instructions of the Joint Board which the workers were given on returning to work. Workers are urged to pay their dues and taxes "in accordance with the Joint Board Plan", and all registered as well as unregistered workers are called upon to help build the \$100,000 union defense fund as quickly as possible.

Furriers Locals Meet. All four locals of the Joint Board will hold meetings tonight at eight o'clock, in Astoria Hall, Manhattan Lyceum, Webster Hall and Stuyvesant Casino. Very important questions will be taken up there.

A decision is expected either Saturday or next Monday regarding the release of the nine fur workers imprisoned in Minneola. Argument was heard yesterday by Judge Mitchell May in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, asking the release of the men on certificates of reasonable doubt pending an appeal of the case. The judge now has the matter under consideration.

Chase Gets 4 Per Cent On N. Y. Bond Issue

The Chase National Bank group grabbed off a \$80,000,000 New York City 50 year 4 per cent bond offering yesterday, offering a premium of \$729,000. The bonds carry the lowest yield of any city offering since 1909, reflecting the easy money market.

Young Pioneers to Hold Conference at Labor Temple Here

A large attendance of delegates representing trade unions and other workingclass organizations is expected at Monday's conference of the Young Pioneer camp, at the Labor Temple, 244 East 14th Street.

An editorial in the Jewish Daily Forward, trade against Communism and the left wing of the labor movement, accuses the sponsors of the conference of stealing their name from the Pioneer Youth, a socialist organization, headed by Joshua Lieberman, a member of the socialist party. The editorial is headed "Warning" and urges all trade unions to "boycott the conference." It accuses the Young Pioneer Camp of attempting to "ruin" the labor movement.

Points to Committee. When interviewed at their office, 106 University Place, Martin M. Gottfried, director, and David Lyons, secretary of the committee that is calling the conference, pointed out that it is a non-partisan workingclass enterprise.

It was shown that the advisory committee included Bishop William Montgomery Brown, Arthur Calhoun, of Brookwood Labor College who recently severed his connection with the Pioneer Youth for its violent attacks against the left wing; Robert W. Dunn of the American Civil Liberties Union; Scott Nearing, Dr. B. Liber, Capt. Paxton Hibben, Joseph Freeman, Agnes De Lima, Michael Gold, Freda Kirchweg, Clarina Michelson and several others.

The conference will start 7:30 p. m. Monday evening, and will discuss ways and means of accommodating 200 children during the summer vacation period.

Buffalo to Protest To Governor Fuller

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 11. — A Sacco-Vanzetti protest demonstration will be held here next Saturday at the McKinley Monument at 6:30 p. m. The Sacco-Vanzetti Buffalo Emergency Committee is in charge.

FORT BRAGG, Cal., May 11. —

At a picnic held here a resolution was adopted urging Governor Alvin T. Fuller of Massachusetts to give immediate freedom to Sacco and Vanzetti.

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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. Pollitt'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. Bucharin.
- "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-Priboi 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 a false hope.

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 "Czar 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 sharp 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, boxing him with a fierce enjoyment, muttering:

"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 Hoover, 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 relieving 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!"

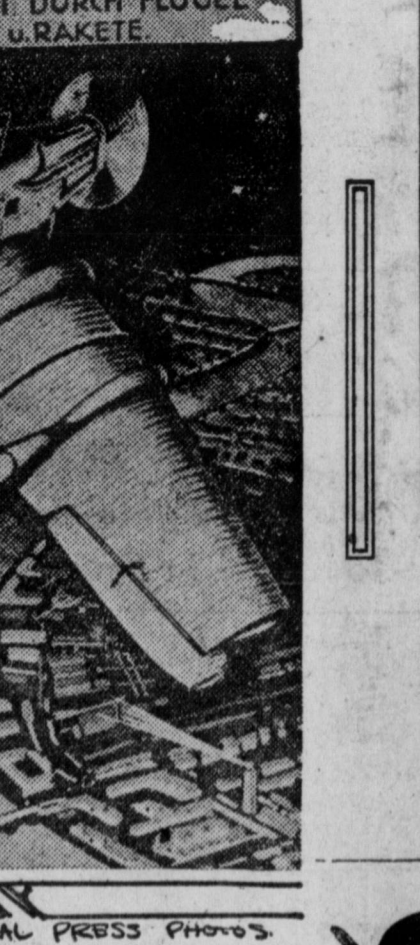
He turned toward me, straightened and saluted.

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!



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.

SPORT



Ty Cobb is not only fitting the ball but also socking the umpire. In spring training he got in form by razing 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 rolydism 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-mariner for a row of imperialist cruisers so they'll stop all that patriotic hokey about Tunney.

Here's Your Cue



Chalk This Up!
The Young Worker is the very best paper for the youth that has ever been issued in this country. If you are a young worker you need it. If you have outgrown the Youth movement, it will make you younger to see the splendid fight for labor the youth is making. And mind you, subscription is only \$1 a year. Send that dollar to The Young Worker Editorial Committee, 33 First Street, New York.

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.