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U. S. ATTEMPT TO COLLECT WAR DEBTS FROM BANKERS IN EUROPE TURNING OUT COMPLETE FAILURE

By LAURENCE TODD (Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Secretary of State Kellogg's attempt to collect from Europe some of the war debts and afterward loans made by the treasury of the United States to the hungry governments of the allied group has come close to complete failure.

Nobody will seriously discuss paying until they see what France is going to do. France—as pointed out in a bitter editorial by George Harvey—has scattered Legion of Honor titles among American journalists and bankers and college presidents, and has sidestepped payment. Now she has developed a big colonial war in Africa, and will call on the world to witness that she needs new loans from Wall Street.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

IT is perfectly alright for a Japanese to endanger life and limb by enlisting in the United States army, but if he should imagine that such action entitles him to citizenship, he is due for a rude awakening. A Japanese who served as a coast guard from 1913 until 1923 was naturalized in 1921. Some snooper discovered the crime and the Massachusetts federal court decided that he had no right to citizenship papers.

THE case was carried to the United States supreme court and the decision was sustained, despite the fact that congress passed a law in 1919 providing that "any person of foreign birth who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the present war" might acquire naturalization papers. But war between the United States and Japan had not then reached the stage of open naval maneuvers in the Pacific. What does the law mean to the capitalists when it no longer suits their interests? Nothing.

THE National Civic Federation is worried very much over the promised visits of British labor leaders to this country in the near future. Ralph Easley, secretary of the federation, called a hurried meeting of that body to discuss the latest menace to American civilization. This invasion has two wings: the right and the left. But for the DAILY WORKER, it is possible that the enemy would slip. It was in our daily, the watchdog of Wall Street secured the information. A bit too open to suggest a "plot."

EASLEY immediately got in touch with Peter Brady, who by the way is reported to be a Pole, despite his Hibernian cognomen. The Poles have a right to an apology if the report is not well founded. Brady, is president of a "labor bank" in New York. He is also supervisor of the New York City Record and occupies a nice suite of offices in the city hall, unless he lost them since 1921. He is a prominent labor faker and admits that he runs the New York Central Trades and Labor Council. Brady did not like the idea of men like Purcell and Wheatley coming to the United States through the Right Honorable fakers, James Ramsay MacDonald and J. H. Thomas would be very welcome.

BRADY and Hugh Frayne were called on by Easley to explain the significance of the new invasion to the terrified subsidizers of the Civic Federation. No doubt those gentry will be able to satisfy the plutes that the officials of the American Federation of Labor are sufficiently strong in their loyalty to capitalism to escape contamination from Purcell, who it should be noted was in the Soviet Union a short time ago and is now actively engaged in the task of bringing about a united front of labor internationally, in conjunction with the Soviet trade union leaders.

POINTING out incidents of treachery to the working class on the part of the American labor leaders is a monotonous task. But it is necessary. Every intelligent worker knows that what is good for Rockefeller and Morgan, politically and economically, is bad for the workers.

JAPAN SENDS WARSHIP TO HELP JAP MILL OWNERS MAKE WAR ON CHINESE WORKERS AT TSINTAO

TOKIO, May 27.—Uneasiness was felt here today over an ugly situation which has arisen at Tsintao as a result of a strike of Chinese employees against Japanese mill owners. Information received today indicates the dispute is rapidly becoming an anti-Japanese boycott and the Japanese colony at Tsintao fears violence.

The consul general has referred the details to the foreign office and has advised them that conditions are growing worse. The Tsintao chamber of commerce today asked the Japanese government to send additional police and a warship to protect Japanese citizens.

WOOD'S COSSACKS IN PHILIPPINES MURDER DEFENSELESS PEASANTS

MANILA, May 27.—Constabulary today razed the stronghold of Sultan Rayas, killed seven Moros and dispersed the peasants. A field gun and mortar attack aided by navy airplanes preceded the infantry attack. The attack was ordered by Gen. Leonard Wood. The peasants complained of mistreatment by Filipino officials.

LEFT WING WINS FURRIERS POLL FOR N. Y. BOARD

Three Militants Within Opposition Elected

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK, May 27.—The left wing slate scored a signal victory in the New York joint board of the Furriers' Union. With the exception of one candidate, B. Wexler, the left wing candidates secured the highest votes. Wexler was a progressive bloc candidate and the machine of Morris Kaufmann, present conservative manager of the joint board, was overwhelmingly defeated.

The left wing candidates winning were: B. Gold, Local One, who secured 1,032 votes; A. Gros, Local Five, 989 votes, and Fanny Warschafsky, Local Fifteen, 1,108 votes. B. Gold is expected to be chosen the next manager of the board. The New York joint board is the most important in the international.

Others elected to the joint board, belonging to the progressive opposition bloc, are: A. Winnick, Local Que, 935 votes; M. Goldfield, Local Five, 855 votes; B. Wexler, Local Ten, 1,040 votes; George Strauss, Local Fifteen, 932 votes.

More members are said to have taken part in this election than in any for years previous. The progressive bloc opposed to the reactionary machine won every seat, and the three left wingers within the progressive bloc gained the highest votes of any except Wexler who ran second highest.

SURE THING! YOU CAN NEVER TELL WHAT'LL HAPPEN UNDER CAPITALISM

(Special to The Daily Worker) MONESSEN, Pa., May 27.—While the miners are being laid off at the mines, and are not busy putting up posts in the mines, the ground is caving in and taking with it whatever is on top the earth. Several days ago near Old Madison a house sank into a mine cave damaging the house. Not very long ago near Belle Vernon a house sank into a mine causing damage of several thousand dollars.

Some day these miners, that are told to keep out of the mines, till they agree to accept the 1917 scale, will wake up some morning and find themselves in a mine, and liable to be held by the coal company for trespassing. You can never tell what happens in this capitalist world.

KLUXERS CAUSE DISTURBANCE IN CLINTON, MASS.

Two Clashes Follow K. K. K. Meeting

CLINTON, Mass., May 27.—Sounding of six false alarms of fire in various parts of the city early today following a ku klux klan meeting in Berlin and the mobilizing of the Clinton police, created great excitement in the town.

Two clashes between klansmen and anti-klansmen were reported, but no injuries were reported. The disturbance was the latest of a series of klan and anti-klan troubles in Worcester county.

As the klan meeting in Brewer field, conducted with the burning of a cross, broke up, police were informed that the klansmen were going to parade thru Clinton. Residents of Clinton were aroused by the repeated ringing of the fire alarms, but the klan parade failed to appear although two or three klan automobiles came into town.

Wild reports were circulated about the disturbances. One report to the police had it that a klan parade was attacked and scores injured, but later investigation showed this report to be untrue.

Coal Industry Slumps

GLASGOW, Scotland, May 27.—The depression reported in the coal industry during the last quarter has continued into the present month and is still more marked, with a falling off of demands both at home and abroad.

SEVERINO CASE IS POSTPONED BY GOVERNMENT

District Attorney Shy on Chief Witness

(Special to The Daily Worker) CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 27.—On motion of the district attorney, the action against A. Severino, to cancel his naturalization papers on the grounds that he is a Communist, was postponed to the October or November term of the federal district court.

The case came up for hearing before Judge Paul Jones of the federal district court this morning. In anticipation of the prosecution of the case, federal authorities had subpoenaed witnesses, among them Chas. Krumbain and Jay Lovestone, both of whom had testified for the defense in the Michigan trial of C. E. Ruthenberg. Krumbain and Lovestone came to Cleveland determined not to become witnesses for the prosecution in this case and rather to accept prison sentences for contempt of court than give any testimony on the witness stand.

Prosecution Moves for Delay When the case came up for hearing, the district attorney moved that it be delayed until the next court calendar, declaring, "The witness on whom the government bases its entire case and who is to show all the threads," had not been found by the government and therefore it was unable to proceed. The reference evidently was to Frank Morrow, the government stool-pigeon who testified against William Z. Foster and C. E. Ruthenberg in the trials at St. Joseph.

Rumor has it that Morrow feels that he was not well treated by the government for his work as stool-pigeon and that he has withdrawn from the scene so far as prosecution of Communist cases is concerned.

How Case Developed Efforts to cancel Severino's naturalization papers grew out of his candidacy in the Cleveland municipal elections in 1923, when he ran as a candidate for city council. An attempt was made to rule him from the ballot on the grounds that he was indicted in the Michigan case.

When this failed because Severino was not under conviction and therefore (Continued on page 2)

AIRPLANES TO BE USED AGAINST CUBAN LABOR TO AID SUGAR TRUST

(Special to The Daily Worker) HAVANA, May 27.—The Cuban government, which is an appendix to Wall street's National City Bank, has bought ten new airplanes, each equipped with a machine gun and carrying forty pound bombs.

The position of Cuba makes it impossible for these planes to be used for any other purpose than the suppression of the Cuban workers whose recent strikes in the sugar cane plantations have given apprehension to the powerful American owned corporations organized in the Sugar Trust.

FRANCE, SPAIN SEEK TRUCE IN NORTH AFRICA

Ask Negotiations with Abd-el-Krim, Is Report

(Special to The Daily Worker) PARIS, France, May 27.—The Spanish and French governments have made advances to Abd-el-Krim to recognize the independence of the Rifians under Krim, and thus end the Morocco war by a joint agreement. It is admitted here in official circles. The French imperialists hope to gain by negotiations what they have not gained by the bayonet, a free hand in the plundering of French Morocco.

The French and Spanish governments have held off from suggesting because of the added prestige which such a course would give Krim, and the confidence it would instill in his followers, but they have made the step as a stark necessity.

Fear Cabinet Crisis. The only other course open to the French government would be a costly and prolonged war on a large scale, which at any time might bring on a cabinet crisis.

The debate on the invasion of Morocco comes before the French chamber of deputies on Wednesday, and the Communists will offer opposition to the imperialistic campaign in Northern Africa.

The government has been concerning itself with attempts to balance the budget and map out a program on the payment of the war debt to America. The Poincare government offered the chamber a program of raising the taxes on salaries and reducing the taxes on unearned incomes, thus shifting the burden of the debt payments from the rich to the workers.

Gen. Taufflieb of Alsace, speaking before the senate, disclosed that Coolidge is insisting on debt payments in order to force France into a con- (Continued on page 2)

TEXTILE TRUST DELIBERATELY CLOSING MILLS TO TERRORIZE WORKERS AND FORCE WAGE CUT

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK, May 27.—Unemployment in the cotton mills of the North and South—already bad—is being deliberately fostered by manufacturers' associations. Authority for this statement are the official declarations of Morgan Butler, president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, and A. M. Fairley, president of the Southern Yarn Spinners' Association.

Butler, who is the son of the United States senator from Massachusetts and Coolidge's campaign manager, told a meeting of the regional association of his national organization for the Fall River district that mill owners are following the recommendations of the national body to curtail production. He referred to circulars that his office sent to all employer members in the North and South.

Will Deliberately Starve Workers. Fairley's statement, sent from his home in Laurinburg, N. C., says the mills in his community are already on a 3-day a week basis but that drastic curtailment must be speedily made by all members of the association.

The meaning of all this for cotton mill workers is that they will find it still harder to exist during the coming season than in the past. Week by week more mills are shutting down in New England, particularly. The big Massachusetts Mills of Lowell, Mass. have closed their doors and the other mills of this cotton center are on a part time basis.

The Starvation Line. The reason given to the press for this curtailment advice, is that the market is bad and needs stiffening up; less goods, higher prices.

PROGRESSIVE MINERS DEMAND LEWIS LEAD MINERS' MARCH ON W. VA. AND DEFY INJUNCTIONS

The Progressive Miners' Committee, which is rallying the left wing in the U. M. W. of A. against the reactionary officialdom whose acts are bringing that magnificent union to point of dissolution, has issued the following statement concerning the present situation in West Virginia, where the policies of the U. M. W. of A. officials are seen at work:

The so-called organization campaign now being conducted among the West Virginia miners proves conclusively that the labor bureaucracy is either incapable of solving the problems of the miners or is determined that these fine fighters of that state shall not be organized.

A Defeatist Campaign. The feminine, apologetic method of the campaign, the excusing of themselves for being in the district at all by the organizers, the meek bows to capitalist authorities, the statements of class collaboration, the recognition of the usurped power of courts to grant injunctions, the repudiation of class struggle at a time when consumption of coal is down to a minimum—all prove the incompetence or treason of the officials.

If the bureaucracy desired to organize the West Virginia miners, why doesn't it declare a national general strike throughout the industry?

Contract Practically Non-Existent. There would be no violation of "sacred contractual obligation" as there is no contract being enforced in the industry now. In every no-hd the operators have torn up the contract—and John L. Lewis knows it. Yet, he has not only refused to enforce the contract provisions, but has tacitly agreed to its violation by refusing to carry on an aggressive struggle against the assault in every district.

In view of this fact, the progressive miners demand an intensive campaign to enforce the contract, stop the open shop drive and fight the wage cuts, together with a real organization campaign in West Virginia and Kentucky. Mass demonstration are necessary in West Virginia and if arranged by the U. M. W. of A. they would receive such support as to be a success.

For a Lewis-led March on Non-union Fields. A call to the miners of eastern Ohio and the territory surrounding West Virginia would rally, together with the union miners, the militant miners in that field waiting to be organized. These, if led by Lewis, Green and all the officials of the International, District and sub-district of the whole country and marched into and thru (Continued on page 2)

CALL POLICE RESERVES TO STOP UNION DRIVE; RESULT, A RIOT

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK CITY, May 27.—Merely because a rank and file organization committee visited three non-union shops in the downtown cloak and suit district today, the bosses called out the police reserves, and when the battle was over seven men were injured and a score of women were backed off to hospitals for first aid to the hysteric and shell shocked scabs.

The police responded to the call of the bosses with drawn revolvers and created such a commotion in the heart of the dress making district that great throngs gathered and blocked the streets, necessitating a calling out of further police reserves to cope with the crowds who cheered the five unionists who were dragged off to jail.



