

## PLAN A BILLION DOLLAR NEW YORK BANK

### ALLIED POWERS FEAR TO MAKE WAR ON RUSSIA

#### Plutes Fear Revolts at Home

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., (By Imprimatur.)—In a report by Leon B. Kameney on the activities of the central executive committee of the Russian Communist Party, he points out that the new alignment of capitalist powers around the Locarno peace pact, which is meant to strangle the Soviet Union and destroy the first working class republic, are powerless to carry out their evil intentions and that the Soviet Union will have a period of peaceful development.

Kameney points out that by bribing Germany, the French and British capitalists now have access to the Soviet Union's frontiers. He further points out that they desire greatly to start a war against the Soviet Union, they dare not do so, because of the revolutionary upheavals in their colonial and semi-colonial possessions and the growing militancy of the workers in their own lands. His report before one of the Moscow districts in which he deals with the nature of the Locarno peace pact follows:

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### EVERY LEFT WINGER OUT TO THE NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL!

When the Italian Hall, 643 North Clark street, opens up on Thursday night, many well-known militant trades unionists will be seen entering the hall.

There will be garment trades militants, who bearded Morris Sigman of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, then there will be Amalgamated members, who have given Sam Levin many a sleepless night, and then will come many other workers from various trades all determined to see that the New Year is met in a militant manner.

They will all come determined to aid the left-wing papers carry on a real fight in the new year. Every worker should come to the Fourth Annual Trade Union Educational League Ball! It will start on New Year's Eve and end up at 2 in the morning New Year's Day.

### PACKING-HOUSE WORKER! HAVE YOU ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS OF THE DAILY WORKER AS YET?

PACKING house worker, have you answered that list of questions that appeared in a previous issue of The DAILY WORKER on the conditions of the packing plant you work in? Have you mailed it in as yet? The DAILY WORKER wants you to answer every question that you possibly can and to write in a story of the conditions that you must work under to be used in the special packing-house drive that starts Monday, January 4.

Are your wages enough to live on? Can you make both ends meet? What are your living conditions? Not only does The DAILY WORKER want letters from the packing house workers themselves, but also letters from the wives of the packing house workers. Let THEM tell THEIR story.

The DAILY WORKER fights for the workers at all times. It is their mouthpiece. You can and should help it. Send in a story; and then arrange for a bundle to be distributed at your factory. In this way you will aid greatly in bringing about a better understanding among those whom you work with and make it easier to win your demands for shorter hours, better pay and better living conditions! Get on the job!

### German Peasant Finds Message of French Political Prisoners

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Some days ago a peasant in Kamborg in Thuringia found a little French department store balloon containing a letter from the political prisoners in Strassbourg. The contents of the letter were as follows:

"Best greetings from the Strassbourg prison to all comrades who have the luck of looking at the prisons of capitalism from the outside—the political prisoners Georges Schreckler, Charles Fischer, Adolphe Eberhart, Emille Schott, accused for incitement of members of the army to disobedience."

The comrades whose greetings made such a long journey thru the air, have since been sentenced by the French military justice to several months of imprisonment.

### RESUME THE ANTHRACITE DISCUSSION

#### New York Meeting Has Uncertain Future

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 29.—The conference between the anthracite operators and the officials of the United Mine Workers representing the 158,000 striking miners, was held up today until the arrival in the afternoon of John L. Lewis, due to arrive from his home at Springfield, Illinois. The operators were preparing their program to present at the opening of the meeting late in the day, when Major Inglis of the operators indicated clearly that it was Lewis' first move and settlement depended on the union representatives.

Passes the Buck.  
"Whether the strike is settled depends on the attitude of John L. Lewis," said Inglis, seeking of course to lay the burden for continuance of the strike upon the union. "What his attitude is right now, nobody knows for a certainty. At any rate he is the key to the situation." Inglis said he was "not optimistic nor pessimistic."

Everything in the conjunctural stage as it is, the leading guesses as to the outcome can be given as follows: The possibility that the miners may return to work within two weeks at their old wages. The possibility that the operators will agree to a joint board to investigate their ability to raise wages. This may well turn into a possibility also of lowering wages, and represents a step forward more definite class collaboration than has yet been practiced.

The possibility that argument over the check-off may result in a referendum. (Continued on page 4)

### WHEELER CASE IS THROWN OUT OF U. S. COURT

#### Department of Justice Persecution Ends

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Indictment of Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in obtaining oil and gas land permits, was thrown out of federal court here.

The court held that Wheeler should not be tried on this indictment as he had previously been acquitted in Montana on identical charges of misusing his senatorial influence to gain favors for Campbell at the department of the interior here.

This action of the court brot to a close one of the most sensational cases instituted in recent years by the department of justice as a reprisal against someone who had been able to "get" the goods on the department. Wheeler was hounded for his part in the Teapot Dome oil steal investigation and his exposure of Attorney General Daugherty and his brother, Banker Mal Daugherty and a number of cabinet officials for their roles in stealing the naval oil possessions. After getting an indictment against Wheeler in Montana, the department of justice secured a second bill against him here. In Montana, Wheeler was acquitted. Then special attorneys were hired to prosecute the case in Washington.

Will Not Appeal.  
It is not believed that the department of justice will prosecute the case as the attending publicity and the trial might disclose a few facts which, have been successfully hidden.

The two indictments against Wheeler grew out of his relation to Campbell as an attorney. After his election to the senate, Wheeler agreed to handle some Montana oil litigation for Campbell. None of this work, however, took him before federal departments, Wheeler insisted. The government maintained that Wheeler had represented Campbell at the interior, on this charge, Wheeler was acquitted.

To Get More Oil Land.  
In the second indictment, the government charged that Wheeler, thru his friendship and influence with Booth, was to get for Campbell more than the legal number of prospecting permits. Money to be derived from the land thus secured was to be split three ways, between Campbell, Wheeler and Booth. To get the land, the government contended that Campbell, with Wheeler's knowledge, sent in "dummy" applications to the interior.

Because the permits and land in question were the same in both bills, Wheeler submitted a plea of former acquittal as chief basis for throwing out the second indictment. He insisted that the alleged overt acts in (Continued on page 4.)

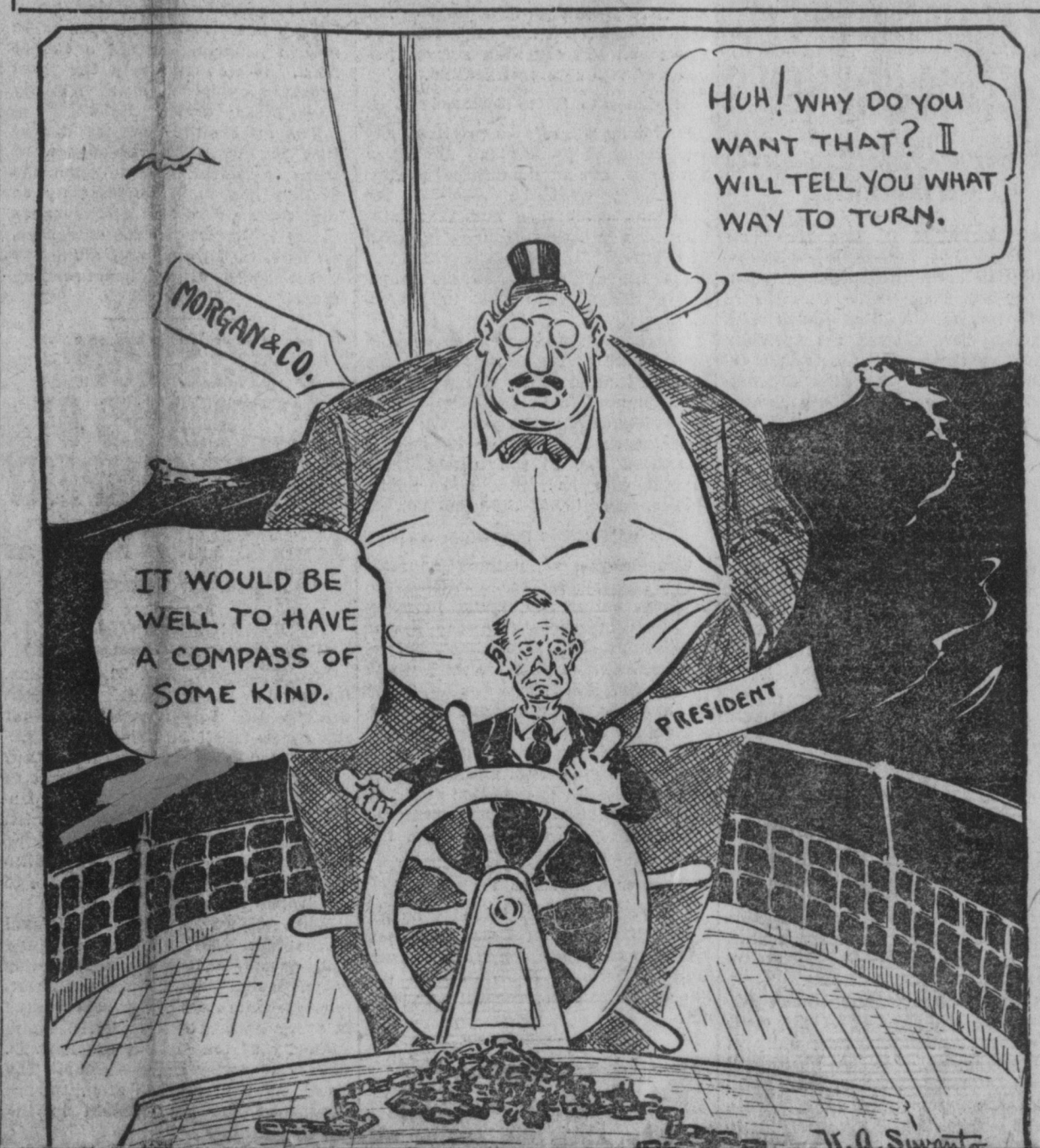
### British Imperialism to Export Propaganda by New Radio Station

LONDON, Dec. 29.—On New Year's Eve the foreign office will begin the transmission daily of broadcasted Morse code news bulletins, concerning British affairs. The bulletins will be transmitted from the powerful new station at Hilmorton, which is said to be capable of communicating with all parts of the world.

### Everett Plumbers Win Five-Day Week

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 29.—The 5-day week is now in force in Everett in the steamfitting and plumbing trades where union conditions are enforced. The shortened work week for Local No. 265, United Association of Plumbers & Steamfitters, comes five years after the Seattle unions had won it.

### TELLING IT TO COOLIDGE



### FARMER-LABOR PARTY FIGHTS FOR PROGRAM

#### Organization Drive on in Dakotas

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
BISMARCK, North Dakota, Dec. 28.—The newly organized farmer-labor party of North Dakota is now carrying on an active organization drive to convince the farmers and workers of the necessity of a party that will fight for their class interests.

The program adopted by the conference at which over 100 delegates from farmers' co-operatives, economic and political organizations, and workers' organizations were present which calls for the nationalization of the mines, abolition of the use of injunctions, repeal of Esch-Cummins law, nationalization of water power of the nation, revision of Versailles treaty, for a foreign policy based upon the unity of nations instead of war, opposing military conscription and denouncing the policy of imperialism pursued by the government as dangerous to the best interests of the nation are being made the rallying points for the new party.

The committee selected by the conference to call a northwest conference in Bismarck for some other point in the northwest for the month of March, 1926, is working hard to bring about this conference at which the farmer-labor candidates in the congressional elections will be chosen.

Want National Defense Day.  
The Spanish War Veterans' national head, in order to show his loyalty to the master class, calls upon congress to set aside April 19—the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord—as national defense day. He also urges congress to let the veterans' organizations "turn out" the civilian mobilization.

### PRIESTS ATTEMPT TO STAMPEDE ANTHRACITE STRIKERS TO WORK AND ACCEPT ARBITRATION PLAN

By PAT TOOHEY.  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 29.—The action of the sixteen non-English speaking priests who recently addressed a communication to John L. Lewis and Major Inglis giving their views on the present shutdown and advising the miners and operators to settle the strike by "impartial arbitration," has created a furore in the anthracite field. The letter of these salvation salesmen reads as the Ivy Lee or Major Inglis was its author. It is word for word the position of the operators. (Continued on Page 4)

### BRIAND HOLDS HIS CABINET WITH LOCARNO

#### Passes Thru Crisis Over Doumer's Plan

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Premier Briand won another political victory today. The premier met his cabinet and successfully surmounted difficulties within the ministry, the reported cleavage between the premier and the radical socialist members of the cabinet failed to develop.

"I invoked the spirits of Locarno and everything went well," said the premier as he left the cabinet meeting.

The cabinet gave approval to Finance Minister Doumer's projects for balancing the 1926 budget and authorized him to submit the projects to the chamber of deputies. M. Doumer plans to raise 1,000,000,000 francs by an increase in the price of tobacco, 600,000,000 francs by an export tax, 300,000,000 francs by repression of fiscal frauds and more efficient collection of taxes, and 100,000,000 by a one per cent tax on all bourse operations.

### PERSHING TO BE REMOVED FROM ARICA

#### U. S. Retreats Before Aroused Chileans

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The alleged "alarming symptoms" of General Pershing's health, which have caused his removal as head of the plebiscitary commission in the dispute over the Tacna-Arica region between Chile and Peru, is possibly due to a diagnosis by political doctors who have determined that Pershing, whose teeth are reported bad, has bit off more than he could chew in handling South America like conquered territory.

South America Angry.  
The decision to remove Pershing comes at a moment when all South America seemed to be awakening with resentment at the arbitrary manner used in the Tacna-Arica plebiscite by Pershing and his staff.

So strong had the protest become, particularly in Chile and by Chile, that American interests generally were being menaced with the indignation of the whole Chilean people (Continued on page 4)

### GIGANTIC MONEY MERGER BACKED BY DILLON, READ

#### To Have 1,300,000,000 Dollar Resources

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Dillon Read & company, which a few months ago outbid the Morgan interests for the Dodge Motor Car company, is now backing one of the biggest mergers that has ever taken place in the country. Six of the biggest banks in New York City are to be consolidated into one controlling over a billion dollars.

Proceeding at Rapid Rate.  
The consolidation which is now proceeding at a rapid pace takes in the Mechanics and Metals National, the Chase National, the Chatham and Phoenix, the National Park, the Chemical National and the Central Union Trust company. The resources of this consolidation will amount to more than \$1,300,000,000.

Rumors are current in the Wall Street district that the National Bank and Trust company may jump into the consolidation and add many more millions to the resources of this gigantic banking trust.

To Take Place in Year.  
It is expected that the entire process of consolidation will take place within the next year. It is planned to first unite the banks in pairs and after a period of re-adjustment to effect greater consolidation of the paired banks.

Pair Off Banks.  
The pairings are reported to be as follows: Chemical National with the National Park; the Mechanics and Metals National with the Chase National; the Chatham and Phoenix with the Central Union Trust company.

When the heads of the different banks were interviewed as to the impending merger all attempted to hide any knowledge of the transaction except at the Mechanics and Metals National, where the president admitted negotiations were under way and that Dillon, Read & company were the prime movers in this consolidation.

When the Dillon Read & company outbid the Morgan interests and paid the Dodge Motor company heirs \$146,000,000 in cash and the firm made a profit of \$40,000,000 rumors had begun to seep thru of the mergers. Following the news of the impending merger the bank stocks owned by these companies rose to new highs.

Underwrite Many Loans.  
The Dillon, Read & company for the past year has been financing industrial projects in Japan, where it has sent millions of dollars to be used to develop the electrification system and its industrial system. It has underwritten a large volume of domestic and foreign bond issues, many of them in competition with powerful American and British financial institutions. It has unloaded a great amount of this stock onto the small investor. With the billion dollar banking combine, that is now in the process of consolidation, they intend to capture many of the juicy plums that have fallen into Morgan's hands and the other financial interests.

Most of the investments that this merger is contemplating is the floating of gigantic loans for the development of natural resources in undeveloped lands, such as China, Japan, Africa and South America. To Open New Branches.  
Branches of these banks that now exist in different parts of the world will also go thru the same process that the mother banks are going thru and new branches are to be opened. It is also expected that a number of the smaller and weaker banks of the country will be brot into this merger.

Three Killed in Train Crash.  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Three persons are dead, and three others seriously injured as the result of a grade crossing crash near West, Miss., in which an Illinois Central passenger train struck a motor car.

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# HOSPITAL SHUTS DOORS ON YOUNG INDIAN MOTHER

### Girl Gives Birth to Child on Sidewalk

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Frank Benson, a half-breed Indian girl of seventeen, gave birth to a child on a sidewalk here in front of the Frye Packing company with over a hundred men and women gathered around watching the pains that the Indian girl was forced to undergo.

Hospital Shuts Door on Girl. Earlier in the day Mrs. Benson applied to the county hospital telling them that she expected her child to be born at any moment, and asking for a bed. She was refused admission by the 100 per cent Americans in charge of the county institution, because there was no room for her.

When newspaper reporters investigated the matter, the matron declared they could not find room for her—“if they knew she was that bad off,” and tried to escape responsibility by saying she did not recognize that it was an “emergency case.”

She then left the county hospital, boarded a street car and was on her way to the city hospital to see if she could get a bed there.

### Gives Birth on Street.

The jolting of the street car increased her pains to such an extent that she was forced to take her suitcase and walk. While walking, she was seized with excruciating pains and sat down on her suitcase and a passing worker put in a call for the city hospital. As she sat there hundreds of packing house workers gathered around and watched her as she labored with the birth.

### Always Played “Dirty Tricks.”

When the ambulance finally arrived, she had given birth to her child. Many of those in the crowd, when learning of the fact that the county hospital had refused her entry, declared that the county hospital matron always played “dirty tricks” on working class women and especially on those whose skins were darker than theirs.

## Soviet Union to Hear Opera, ‘Farm Laborer’

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29.—The writer Andrei Khmara has just finished the libretto for an opera, “The Farm Laborer.” The subject of this opera is the October revolution in the countryside. The music is being written by Ippolit-Ivanov.

Are you going to give? Make it a book on Communism!

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# THOUSANDS OF JOBLESS SEEK FOOD AND SHELTER IN NEW YORK MISSIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Three dead in New York and vicinity was the toll resulting from the cold wave due to the cold, were reported in other eastern cities.

In New York City, thousands of homeless sought food and shelter in missions and lodging houses.

## NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS WILL FORM COUNCILS

### Intensive Organization Is Planned

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 29.—Plans are being laid for an intensive organization drive to form local councils of the Progressive Farmers in North Dakota. William Bouck at a gathering here showed the necessity of having these secret economic organizations of the farmers and outlined his successes in Montana, where he has made an extensive tour. Bouck met with an enthusiastic response in all parts of Montana.

The organization urged by Bouck bars all parasites. In order to belong evidence must be produced that the applicant is an honest-to-goodness working farmer. John G. Saltis, well-known in farmer-labor circles of North Dakota, will carry on extensive organization campaign in Montana and western North Dakota for the Western Progressive Farmers.

## Condemns Fascism But Fails to Condemn Its Ally, the U. S. Gov't.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—By authority of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, William Green, president, has issued to the American people and to trade unionists especially a warning against the spread of Mussolini's dictatorial power to the United States.

In a printed circular, planned during the recent meeting of the council, Green recites the long story of the crushing out of Italian liberty and the enslavement of the working masses in that nation of 40,000,000 souls, by the ruthless brutality of the blackshirts.

One point is omitted from the indictment as thus presented. That is the fact that these organizations for persecution of Italians in the United States who wish to become Americans and open enemies of the tyrant are in high favor with the state department at Washington. Organizations favorable to the aims of Russian Communism, as the executives of the A. F. of L. have good cause to know, have long been denounced by the state department, which has used all of its powers to cripple them. Telegrams from the state department have been used in more than one convention of the federation to defeat resolutions asking recognition of the Soviet republic.

## Worried Spokesman of Middle Class Tells a Tale of Ruin and Woe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—“Prosperity at present,” said Rep. Dickinson of Iowa, “seems to be confined largely to Florida sunshine, New York stocks and the automobile trade.”

“Out in the western section of the country I find the economic depression very far-reaching. Men who three years ago that themselves beyond the reach of economic depression now find the same knocking at their door. Men who a few years ago called others radicals because they proposed legislative relief are more pronounced in their criticism of farm inequality than those they formerly criticized. Let no one be deceived as to the far-reaching economic and political effect of present conditions.

“It is not the new or untried banker or farmer who is losing his all. In many cases it is the old, tried and dependable man, who has made a go of his job for 40 years, who is now facing ruin. Many of them have seen life savings and homes taken from them.”

Dickinson reminded the house that the farmer of Iowa has suffered a comparative loss in buying power of \$1,000,000,000 in six years, and declared that unless some form of export credit or price-stabilizing legislation were enacted the present economic blight upon agriculture would spread. Consequences both economic and political would be grave.

## How Will Poor Jesus Live, Reverend Pastor?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Use of “raffles, roulette wheels and other gambling devices” by Episcopal churches was condemned by Bishop James E. Freeman.

# SWITZERLAND IS IN BAD FIX OVER VOROVSKY DEATH

### May Lose League of Nations Conference

(Special to The Daily Worker)

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 29.—The refusal of the Russian Soviet government to take part in the league of nations' disarmament conference and the league's economic conference, to which Soviet Russia has been invited, if these take place on Swiss soil has caused a serious political situation in Switzerland.

### Refuses to Go to Switzerland.

Soviet Russia refuses to attend any conference in Switzerland as Vlasov Vorovsky, one of its envoys was assassinated, when he attended the Lausanne conference and that later when his assassin Maurice Conradi was brought to trial, the trial was made an anti-Soviet Russia propaganda affair and not a trial of a murderer.

The economic situation is such in Switzerland that it depends upon the tourists that enter the country for its maintenance. With the development of the league of nations and the many conferences that are to be held it visualized one of the fattest years that it ever had. But now, Soviet Russia, has pricked their bubble.

### Need Russian Participation.

The league of nations supreme committee admits that without the participation of the Soviet in many of the conferences that the league is planning, nothing definite can be decided and that all their work would be in vain. The league has appointed a committee to confer with the president of Switzerland over the Conradi trial, where the Soviet government was viciously assailed, and over other matters and it is expected that the league committee will try to force action favorable to Russia from the Swiss president.

### Former Conference Transferred

The conference on inland tonnage, which the Soviet Union had been invited to transfer from Switzerland to Paris in order to have the Soviet Union's representatives present.

## Republican Bosses in Big Whiskey Scandal; Gov. Lowden Involved

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—(FP)—The conviction in federal court at Indianapolis of leading republicans, who were found guilty of participation in the \$2,000,000 Jack Daniel whiskey steal at St. Louis, revives echoes of the Lowden slush fund scandal in the republican national convention of 1920.

Fred Essens, political boss in St. Louis county, is yet to be tried. Essens was the only one openly to admit that he shared in the Lowden money bags which were liberally filled by delegates for the former Illinois governor who is being talked of again as a farmer candidate for 1928. Nat Goldstein, one of the men convicted in the big booze case, is a republican politician of national repute. He got \$2,500 of Lowden money.

The Lowden scandal gave Warren G. Harding the nomination. The late president seems to have felt grateful for every principal in the affair got a handsome job. Goldstein was appointed collector of internal revenue, St. Louis district, but public protest made Goldstein send his resignation to Harding. Arnold J. Helmich, also found guilty in the whiskey case, was appointed by Harding to succeed him. Others were also rewarded.

## Frozen Assets Caused Crash Says Clergyman; Auditors Nail Lie

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 29.—Walter C. Ripberger, whose “investments” wrecked the Charles Ripberger Co., of which he was the head, from his cell in the county jail at Geneva declared, “frozen assets in the shape of mortgages on property in the north-west caused the crash. Our Florida holdings, I think, will show a profit of \$100,000. I have known for two years the company was involved and have tried in vain to save it. It was my head, not my heart, that was at fault.”

Auditors going into affairs of the concern did not agree with his statements. Around \$500,000, they said, seems to have vanished into thin air. Receipts for that amount have been turned in by investors but neither the books nor the notes on which their payments were intended to apply show such payments.

### Composes Revolutionary Symphony.

LENINGRAD, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29.—The Russian composer Gnassin is now finishing a symphony with the Russian revolution for its theme. The composer has written a symphony consecrated to the death of Lenin.

# ASTOUNDING MISERY AMONG CITY'S POOR IS REVEALED ON XMAS EVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—On Christmas eve, tens of thousands of the city's poor lined up in front of Lexington avenue armory and Madison Square Garden. Ragged, half-starved, thousands of children, cripples, aged and infirm, a steady procession, marshalled and directed by hundreds of uniformed police, filed into the buildings to receive baskets of food, a few cheap toys, a few cents worth of candies.

Lists published show that about 800,000 poor families or over three million paupers, received a square meal. It was positively the most shocking exhibition ever publicly given in any civilized nation.

The most pitiful part of it was that the hunger of thousands of these compelled them to open the baskets and sacks immediately so that the sight of tens of thousands eating in doorways, office entrances, on cars, in subways and along the street added to the heart-rending scene.

# LIBERALS NOW ASTONISHED BY THEIR COMPANY

### Arms Parley Seen as Door to League

By LAURENCE TODD, (Federated Press Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—In Sen. Borah's agreement with President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg that the senate shall be asked to appropriate funds to send an American delegation to Geneva to take part in preliminary arrangements for a conference or conferences, for reduction of land and naval armaments, may be seen the turning of the tide of political opposition in the United States to the league of nations.

What Elihu Root and Colonel House and Charles F. Hughes and Kellogg and Coolidge see very clearly is that Morgan & Co. want the American government directly represented in every branch of the activities and authority of the league of nations. This arms parley is a first step. The world court is another step, toward frank and full participation in the league.

They are determined that the league shall not create a United States of Europe, which would menace American commercial domination of Europe. The British government's restriction of rubber output, which has increased the cost of rubber to American consumers by \$700,000,000 in excess British profits in one year, has aroused American big business to the possibilities in a European customs agreement and pooling of raw material advantages as against the American commercial empire. To be effective, must be entrenched in the league as well as in ordinary diplomacy.

That is why millions of pacifists and church members and assorted idealists in this country, praying for American entry into the world court and the league, now are surprised to find themselves brushed aside from leadership of the court crusade while Wall Street takes command. That is why Root in his old age is brot to Washington, and the unctuous Hughes and the oily Col. House appear.

Geneva arms parleys “break in” America to league association. Business is staking its future on its ability, as the ruling element in every modern state outside the Soviet Union, to use the league to protect private property against social discontent.

## Homeless Workers of Mission Demand Less Jesus and More Sleep

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—“Unfair Mission” cried placards borne by pickets in front of the Hadley Rescue Mission, No. 293 Bowery. The pickets, organized by Urban Ledoux, “Mr. Zero” demand an 8-hour night, with privilege for mission lodgers of sleeping till 6 a. m. They are now turned out at 5 and since guests are expected to attend the mission services till 9:30 p. m., and can hardly get to sleep before 10 p. m., they have been getting only 7 hours' sleep.

## Counterfeiter Has New Way to Make Money

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 29.—Following a raid on his home which, according to authorities netted a complete counterfeiting paraphernalia, including spurious currency, cameras and plates, Frank Wiegman, was arrested. Wiegman had boasted that he could manufacture \$25,000 in bills within three minutes and that the counterfeiters would defy detection even by a banker.

# The Old Party Politicians Are Very Much Worried About Farm Discontent

By J. LOUIS ENGDAAHL.

TODAY, the politicians are worried about the “embattled farmers.” This includes not only the spokesmen of the Coolidge republican administration, but the democrats as well. Both begin to wriggle more than ever under the thumb of increasing mass discontent among the land workers. They realize that there is much meaning in the new wave of the farmer-labor movement sweeping from North Dakota, Montana and Washington, down thru the middle west into Oklahoma and Texas. The farmers are bent on an independent class attack on both the Wall Street parties that have made them so many empty promises offering futile remedies.

Some of the western states, now the centers of the greatest discontent, were ardent supporters of Coolidge at the polls last year. In little more than 12 months the balance has turned. The farmers are on the warpath against Coolidge.

That the republican administration at Washington is fully aware of this turnover was shown in the hurried trip made by President Coolidge to Chicago to address the American Farm Bureau. Before this gathering of politicians, bankers, rich farmers and little business men, who feed off the working farm population, Coolidge gushed rivers of political sympathy for the farmers further to the west. His only remedy, however, was the co-operative marketing of farm products. This didn't please the farmers who are more concerned about the prices received for their products. Even the reactionary strata represented by the Farm Bureau yelled its disapproval of the remedies offered by the New England farmer, Coolidge, who once had his picture taken pitching hay. He appeared with a stand-up, stiff linen collar that made him look as if he didn't often get close to the soil. When the picture was published in the kept press, for political purposes, it had quite the wrong effect among real dirt farmers. It was to them a good comic.

The farmers have taken the starch out of Coolidge's pretensions before the Farm Bureau. Other advances are now in process of initiation. The 1926 elections are coming on and the republican grip on some western states is openly menaced. It is announced that “Silent Cal” is now ready to appoint a commission to dispose of the surplus production of the farms. This is supposed to refer especially to the corn belt centering in Iowa. But again, it would help little to dispose of the surplus if the price is below the cost of production. So far the president has set his face against all forms of price fixing.

One of the greatest assets of American capitalism is its home market. It protects its manufactured goods for the enjoyment of this home market thru high tariffs, shutting out foreign competition. Similarly, one farm panacea now offered is high protective tariffs for farm products. But this would only help complete the circumference of a vicious circle. Higher tariffs on farm products, would mean an increase in the price of those same products, resulting in a mounting cost of living for the industrial workers. This would force the city workers into greater struggles to maintain their living standards. Every inch gained, however, would be seized upon by the private owners of industry to increase the cost of industry's products, that the farmer must buy, thus in turn raising his cost of living.

The drive toward the movement for independent political action shows that increasing numbers of farmers realize the vicious grip in which they are held under the present social system. In the words of William Bouck, president of the Western Progressive Farmers:

“WE KNOW THAT THERE IS NO CURE FOR THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE FARMERS UNDER THE PRESENT CAPITALIST SOCIAL SYSTEM.”

The politicians at Washington are worried. They have great need to be worried.

## Carpenters' Union Joins Woodworkers' Section of I. F. T. U.

INDIANAPOLIS, (FP)—Dec. 29.—Frank Duffy, general secretary United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, announces the affiliation of his union with the International Union of Woodworkers effective January 1, 1926. The woodworkers are a constituent section of the International Federation of Trade Unions, the Amsterdam organization with which the American Federation of Labor was at one time affiliated. The woodworkers' 1924 membership was reported at 711,287. The Carpenters and Joiners' Union bring 317,000 additional members. Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia are the other countries represented.

## NEW-BORN BABE LEFT TO DIE ON HOSPITAL FLOOR, NURSE CHARGES

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 29.—Allegations that a baby born in a local maternity hospital, which is now under investigation, was left to die on the floor, were contained in an affidavit made by one of the nurses employed at the hospital. “The baby born with its mouth torn and bleeding, was left to cry its life away on the cold floor,” the affidavit said. A prominent local surgeon and two women are under arrest.

## Capmakers Make Boss Pay Unemployed Wages

Unemployed members of Local 5, Cloth Hat Cap & Millinery Workers' International Union, are getting their first insurance checks from the union during the Christmas holidays. All the money for this fund comes out of the employers' pockets and amounts to 3% of the payroll. The plan differs in this respect from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers arrangement under which employers and workers each pay 1 1/2% into the fund. The capmakers also have full control of the fund while the Amalgamated shares it with the bosses.

Rail Telegraphers Join Union. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—The Order of Railroad Telegraphers enrolled 622 new members during November 1925.

# LABOR DEFENSE CALLS LEGION HEAD TO DEBATE

### Canton Branch Sends Open Challenge

(I. L. D. Press Service.)

CANTON, Dec. 29.—The following open letter challenging Leroy Gable, commander of the American Legion, to a debate on the International Labor Defense was sent by the International Labor Defense of Canton following a speech in which the commander attacked the defense branch and the speakers at the defense mass meeting. Bishop William Montgomery Brown and Fred G. Bledenkapp: “Dear Sir:

“In an article published in the Canton Daily News, relative to a meeting held by the International Labor Defense, Local Canton, December 8, in the Canton Music Hall, you were quoted as saying that ‘The legion is doing its utmost to fight such propaganda which the national organization regards as vicious’ and that ‘The whole matter of this meeting will be laid before the next meeting of our post.’

“The inference is that the speeches made by the speaker Bishop William Montgomery Brown and F. G. Bledenkapp both representing the International Labor Defense, were of a vicious nature.

“Now, we, the undersigned, beg to differ in this matter and are willing and anxious to have the workers of Canton decide who is right and who is wrong. For this reason we take the liberty of challenging you to an open debate on the issues involved. You may select anyone you desire to represent your point of view, and we reserve the same right for ourselves. Time, place and date to be arranged upon.

“The only condition we make is, that the meeting be open to the general public one and all, free of charge.

“Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience. We beg to remain,

“Respectfully yours,  
“International Labor Defense,  
“Committee, Local Canton  
“Carl Gullod, Secretary.”

Copies of this letter were sent to Leroy Gable and also the editor of the Canton Daily News.

## Miners Demand Jury Trial in Arkansas

(I. L. D. Press Service.)

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark., Dec. 29.—Will Bramlet, Clifton McCracken and John Wells were charged in United States district court at Little Rock with violation of an injunction restraining miners from intimidating scab miners working at the Bernice mines Attorney Jack Smallwood, Jr., appeared for the defendants and demanded a jury trial. This was granted and date set for the special term in January.

The coal output from the company mines since the trouble started with the union has been reduced to 25 per cent and in addition it has cost the company \$10,000 to pay state deputies for guarding their properties during the past six months. They have now secured some federal deputies.

## Philadelphia I. L. D. Ball Friday, Jan. 15

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—The Philadelphia labor movement is being invited to attend the First Annual Labor Defense Ball arranged by the International Labor Defense for Friday evening Jan. 15, at the Moose Hall, Broad and Master Sts.

Special meetings of the International Labor Defense conference are being every Monday evening at 521 York Ave.

All friends and supporters of the class war prisoners are invited to attend this ball as one of the means of securing the release and helping the defense of the many class war prisoners now serving time and facing capitalist courts of this country.

## Injunction Aimed at Building Trades for Ban on Scab Material

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—An injunction in defense of the open shop has been served on the Building Trades Council of Westchester county and its affiliated local unions by supreme court Justice Frank L. Young at the behest of the Wilson-Adams Co. of Mount Vernon and 28 other non-union building materials concerns. The injunction seeks to stop the unions from striking against building contractors who buy scab building materials from these companies.

Box Factory Destroyed. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—Nothing but smouldering embers remained today of the Commercial Box Co. plant here following a fire that destroyed the structure last night, causing an estimated loss of \$58,000.

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# RUSSIAN UNIONS' GROWTH IS RAPID IN EIGHT YEARS

## Workers' Organizations Play Tremendous Role

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29—From a total membership of some 645,000 in the early part of 1917 the unions of the Soviet Union have now reached the imposing figure of 6,950,300 in the eight-year period, according to the official data published by the All-Russian Central Council of Trade Unions.

Membership Growth Phenomenal.

Such unions as the miners, textile workers, and metal workers, for instance, have increased their membership by 50 per cent since 1922, while compared with 1917 their growth is phenomenal.

The Textile Workers' Union had 69,796 members in 1917, but on April 1, 1925, its membership is given as 624,100.

Similarly, the Metal Workers' Union increased from 110,627 in 1917 to 618,500 in 1925, and the miners, which showed 35,252 in 1917, now boasts of a membership of 282,300. The growth of the union membership may also serve as an index to the rehabilitation of Russian industry during these years.

Cultural Activity.

Besides their ordinary activity, the Russian unions are carrying on a great cultural work. Workers' clubs, libraries, schools for the illiterate and semi-illiterate, physical culture leagues—these are some of the forms of the unions' cultural activity. In September, 1925, there were in the Soviet Republic 3,417 trade union clubs, 6,803 trade union libraries, and 4,220 trade union schools for the illiterate. The membership of the clubs is over 900,000.

It is interesting to note that women constitute nearly 50 per cent of the membership; and even in such culturally backward districts as Trans-Caucasia, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan their membership ranges from 17 per cent to over 25 per cent.

The union clubs are not only places of rest and recreation. They are also educational centers. They conduct literary, musical, political, scientific and technical circles. Besides these circles, the clubs arrange dramatic performances, lectures, and concerts, employing outside talent. The record attendance at these club performances for one month is 1,495,500 people. The unions also obtain theater tickets for their members at greatly reduced rates, and sometimes entirely free.

Representatives on School Boards.

The Russian trade unions contribute toward the maintenance of special technical schools. They have their representatives on the school boards, and thus take an active part in directing the work. There were 1,223 such schools in the month of September, 1925.

### Fewer Babies Being Born in England

LONDON, Dec. 29.—In a report issued by the registrar-general a further decrease in the birth rate is shown.

The number of births, 181,943, were the lowest ever recorded in any third quarter except during the war period.

The figure is 5,031 lower than the preceding quarter, and 4,705 lower than the corresponding quarter of 1924.

The rate of infant mortality is placed at 62 per 1,000.

Ninety-five thousand one hundred and twenty-seven deaths were reported during the quarter under review, which is 18,140 fewer than in the preceding quarter, but 4,972 more than in the same quarter of 1924.

The increase of population in England and Wales for the quarter (excess of births over deaths) was 86,816, as against 104,791, 98,812, and 96,493 in the third quarters of 1922, 1923, and 1924.

### Scientist's Convention Meets in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 29—More than 2,000 scientists were here for a week's convention of the American association for the advancement of science. Virtually every branch of science will be represented at the daily meetings which will be open to the public.

### SWITCHMAN GETS FIVE YEARS FOR STEALING SUM OF SEVENTY CENTS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 29—James J. Ragan, a switchman, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary yesterday for robbing Claude Tucker of 70 cents.

### NEWS WRITERS' UNION SUCCESS IN SCRANTON

#### Has Improved Workers' Conditions Greatly

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SCRANTON, Dec. 29—News writers, unorganized nearly everywhere else, have a live local union in Scranton with a substantially 100 per cent membership. Their president for the coming year will be Martin Hayes, city hall reporter for the Scranton Republican, succeeding E. J. "Alfalfa" Gertry with the gavel.

The Scranton newswriters are affiliated with the International Typographical Union and the Central Labor Union. They have a job control agreement with the publishers that keeps wages well above the level in unorganized Pennsylvania editorial rooms. The agreement negotiated a year ago jacked up the pay level two to six dollars a week.

Reporters with five years' experience get \$52 a week; day copy readers get \$54 and night copy desk men \$58. Cub reporters, corresponding to apprentices, get much smaller rates. The agreement provides for some limitation on hours, afternoon newspapermen working from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. with an hour off for lunch.

### Downtrodden Boss, in Grief, Unburdens His Soul to Daily Worker

The following letter is printed as a contribution to the humorous column of THE DAILY WORKER. It was received enclosed with a clipping from our issue of Dec. 15, which told of an injunction application by the Belle Maid Dress Company of New York against striking garment workers. The letter, which may be described as from a "boss-correspondent" reads as follows:

"Gents: Inclosed please find an article from THE DAILY WORKER in reference to the dress strike. There are several other strikes in this locality and there are three or four detectives from police headquarters stationed at each place. There is positively no trouble at any of these places whatever."

"Some time ago I had some labor trouble in my factory, and I asked for protection, and as I did not have one of the honorary badges from police headquarters I received no recognition. I see in today's paper that Police Commissioner Enright has ordered the return of all the honorary badges. Why are these officers not doing regular police duty which they are paid for? In order to secure one of those honorary badges for protection you are coerced into taking some insurance."

"From a manufacturer in the garment center district."

### More Funds Are Needed to Aid Zeigler Miners

The Chicago local of the International Labor Defense has turned over \$1,000 to the national office in fulfillment of its pledge to raise that sum for the defense of the Zeigler miners.

The International Labor Defense sent out an emergency call to all its connections asking for \$5,000 by December 15. A generous response has been made but is yet far below the required quota.

The trial of the Zeigler progressive miners, originally set for November 30, is now scheduled for February 2. All sections of the International Labor Defense are urged to immediately rush in funds for the Zeigler defense. Unless funds are available adequate legal defense is impossible. The Farrington machine has promised to use unlimited cash in sending the progressives to jail.

Your neighbor will appreciate the favor—give him this copy of THE DAILY WORKER.

### FIRETRAP CUTS OFF LIVES OF FIVE WORKERS

#### "Walls Were Strong," Wails Owner

By ROSE PASTOR STOKES, (Member of Executive Committee, United Council Working Class Housewives.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—When the tenement fire on East 14th street snuffed off five workers' lives, the United Council of Working Class Housewives sent a committee to investigate. Comrades Kate Gidlow and Rose Pastor Stokes went to the scene of the fire. They searched in vain for some one who would tell them what they wanted to know. At last they found one—a man—and he happened to be ———. But that's the story.

First we went into a store to the right of the brick smoke-covered wall. The little Italian shop-keeper knew nothing. He shrugged his shoulders and sent us to the store on the left of the blackened brick wall. As we entered the wretched little grocery, a dapper young man stood before the counter. The woman behind the counter was waiting on another customer, so we asked the young man if he knew anything about the house next door.

"Sure!" he said, "I know." "How old do you think it was?" "Why, couldn't have been more than 35 years old."

"Is that all? They say the halls are dark, the stairways rotten—so rotten that when the fire started, it sucked up the stairs so quickly there was no possible escape for the tenants on the top floor."

"Some drunkard in the house started it," was his irrelevant reply.

"But the house—don't you think the city should have torn down a house like that and erected a safe one in its place?"

"Say, lady," he came back, "that house was a good house. It had strong brick walls. I should know it was a good house," he said, a little cockily, "because my mother owned it."

Next door, stood the brick shell of what was a fire-trap tenement. The windows were black holes, opening into emptiness. To the profligate landlady, the house is still a good house. No need to go to the expense of putting up the walls! They stand. Inside the walls, she can see a new tin-roof arising. A few laths, a little plaster, cheap labor, some window panes and brick red paint—and she can put up another cheap shingle in place of the one struck over the charred doorway "Furnished Rooms for Rent."

What a well-dressed, well-fed young man! And how fortunate that the brick walls stand! For he may continue to be a well-dressed, well-fed young man—so simply, so easily! (Praised be American democracy.) No wonder the young man wears a little gold emblem with the stars and stripes on it in the lapel of his tailor made suit. He's American? You bet!

As we left the well-dressed, well-fed young man and the brick walls that didn't go down with the lives of the five workers—the strong walls smirked a black smile and winked a black wink at every hole of a window. A clay Mary, mother of Christ stood high in a niche of the church across the street and answered the black smile with a "holy" smile. "Never mind!" she seemed to be saying to the strong brick wall and the landlady's son, "Don't worry. I'll keep watch. I'll see that the workers don't revolt."

"Keep smiling!" retorted the Committee of the United Council of Working Class Housewives. "Keep smiling! and we'll keep organizing!"

### Soviet Union Plans to Spend Large Sums on New Industrial Plants

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29—In the current fiscal year the following sums will be allocated by the entire industries of the Soviet Union for the construction of dwellings and new enterprises:

In the metal and electrical industries, 180,000,000 rubles; for the refitting and rationalization of existing enterprises, 34,000,000 rubles; for building of new enterprises, 40,000,000 rubles for the construction of workers' dwellings in the mining industries—14,000,000 rubles for refitting, 2,000,000 for dwelling construction; in the precious metal industry 11,000,000 for refitting, 2,800,000 for construction of new enterprises, 7,000,000 rubles for building of homes; coal mining—125,000,000 rubles, 33,000,000 rubles, and 18,000,000 rubles in the timber and building material industry, 36,000,000 rubles, 47,000,000 rubles, and 2,000,000 rubles, in the chemical industry—23,500,000, 18,000,000 and 2,500,000 rubles, in the textile industry—100,000,000, 40,000,000 and 25,000,000.

Together with the expenditure in certain smaller industries the total planned expenditures are: 539,100,000 rubles for refitting, 283,500,000 rubles for the building of new enterprises, and 11,400,000 rubles for dwelling construction.

If you want to thoroughly understand Communism—study it.

### DRUNKEN RAND SOLDIERS KILL SO. AFRICAN NATIVES DURING CHRISTMAS BRAWL

29.—Several persons were killed and many wounded in a fierce fighting which occurred during the Christmas days between drunken Rand soldiery and the natives.

### GERMAN POLICE FEAR EXPOSE: TO ARREST LAWYER

#### Prisoner Sought for Publishing Book

(Special to The Daily Worker)

BERLIN, Dec. 29—The persecution of the German government is no longer confined to active trade unionists and Communists, but is now used against anyone who dares to criticize the methods of the police in Germany and is readily shown in the following case of Carl Hau, a German lawyer who was sentenced in Karlsruhe in June, 1907 for the alleged murder of his mother-in-law on "circumstantial evidence":

Sentenced to Death.

Carl Hau was found guilty and sentenced to death. His death sentence was changed to one of hard labor for life. He continued to protest his innocence and his attempt to prove he was not guilty fighting for a retrial of the case.

In August, 1924, he was released from prison after serving 17 years at hard labor under certain conditions, one of which were that he would not attack certain individuals who were responsible for his imprisonment on circumstantial evidence, and that he would not make any "sensational" statements on the conduct of his trial.

These conditions are absolutely unheard of when one considers that Hau is still fighting for a retrial of his case. In this fight, criticism of certain persons is unavoidable, particularly as among these protected persons is his sister-in-law against whom strong suspicions have already been raised in connection with the murder.

Writes Book on Prisons.

Hau, who has passed through the 17 years of hard labor, among them four frightful war and starvation years, with an astonishing strength of body and soul, issued after his release a book on his prison life, which draws a true and deeply impressive picture of the barbarism of German prisons.

Police Revoke Release.

On the basis of this book and the fact that Hau intended to play the leading role in a film which would deal with his case, the prosecutor declared the time of probation ended and issued a new warrant against Hau. Even the bourgeois press raises strong protest against this shameful act and proves that it is an open infringement of the German constitution which gives every citizen the right of free expression of his opinion in the frame of the general laws.

Hau stated that he would not return to prison but continue to fight for his retrial from abroad.

Suppresses All Criticism.

This new scandal of German justice shows that the German class justice suppresses undesirable criticism with all possible means. This situation makes it a completely secondary question whether Hau really committed the murder or not, but makes it a fundamental question whether German class justice should be permitted to suppress with such methods every criticism. For what happens today to Hau can happen tomorrow to every other person and the proceedings against Hau can become a means to paralyze the political work of active officials of the labor movement for years.

### Aids Open Shop Coal Operators with Dual Union in Pa. Region

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 29.—Mike Halapy, a discredited ex-leader of the United Mine Workers is organizing a dual union in the mining district here which has been practically open shop and working when they did work under the 1917 scale. A statement of this outfit, which calls itself the Federated Miners' Association, clearly says that its members disavow all future allegiance to the real union, the United Mine Workers of America.

### Artificial Silk One of Thriving Products

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Despite the enormous increase in production of rayon or artificial silk, the manufacturers have been unable to satisfy the demand for rayon and the industry is experiencing a period of rapid development in practically all of the important manufacturing countries of the world, according to the textile division, department of commerce.

In the United States, the production and consumption of rayon continued their steady growth during the current year. The output of the American plants for the first half of 1925 is reported as slightly over 24 million pounds and, as they have been working at capacity all year, their annual production is estimated by trade sources to be in the neighborhood of 50,000,000 pounds. This figure shows a remarkable increase over the output of recent years. In 1920 the American plants produced 3,000,000 pounds, almost doubling the output in the following year to 15,000,000. The year 1922 showed a further increase to 24,000,000 and in 1925 was produced from January to June.

### GREAT BRITAIN SHOWS PLEASURE AT CHOICE OF U. S. DELEGATION

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Britain's official circles are highly pleased over reports from Washington that Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Charles Evans Hughes may be the American delegates to the proposed league of nations disarmament conference. Why England should be pleased is not made clear.

### FRENCH RULERS JAIL ARABIAN LABOR LEADERS

#### Imperialists Crush Workers' Strike

(Special to The Daily Worker)

TUNIS, Algeria, Dec. 29—While democratic France is spreading civilization in Morocco and Syria by means of guns and tanks, it "rules" in its other colonies with the severe methods of terror.

In Tunis, where at present workers were punished for trade union work with 45 years' exile, a mining worker receives for one day's work of ten hours, six—at the best seven francs—and the Arabians, who work at agriculture, are still worse. Their wages are three to four francs.

As a protest against these conditions, strikes have occurred and organizations of the Arabian workers were formed. These did not affiliate with the revolutionary C. G. T. U. but with the reformist C. G. T. of France. Yet all the leaders of the new trade unions, the Frenchman, Finidori; the Arab, Mohamed Ben Ali, general secretary; Mahud Ben-Mohamedel Kauri and two others were arrested, kept in prison for ten months and sentenced to a total of 45 years of exile. The only accusation against them was "that they had played a certain role in the Tunisian trade union movement." These shameful class sentences have aroused the strongest protest in the French working class.

### Zankov Terror Still Rules in Bulgaria

MOSCOW, Dec. 29—In a report on the situation in Bulgaria made to the executive committee of the International Red Aid it stated that although martial law has been formally abolished the white terror is still raging. "The political mass trial are still being continued, men are still being sentenced to death. In the immediate future, 73 processes against 1,242 accused will take place.

All assistance to political prisoners is prohibited. Women and children of those who have fallen victims of the Zankov terror, are without any support. The sending of children abroad to orphan homes is forbidden.

The executive of the International Red Aid decided to strengthen its struggle against the terror in Bulgaria and to appeal to the working masses to continue the stubborn and energetic campaign under the following slogans: "Abolition of the death sentence!" "Legalization of aid for the political prisoners and their families, freedom of collections, etc."

The executive decided to pay special attention to the Bulgarian children.

### Strikebreakers Fired When Shop Is Unionized

Forty-five strikebreaking stereotypes realized that "permanent positions" offered by anti-union employers don't mean anything when Simpson & Bevans Co. sold out to two trade unionists. The company had locked out the members of Local 3, International Stereotypers & Electrotypers' Union in 1923 in defiance of an arbitration clause in the agreement and attempted to operate an open shop. After 65 weeks the firm sold its business to John Conway and Max Best, members of the union, who made it 100% organized as soon as they got control.

Want Russian Art Exhibit.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29—The Academy of Artistic Sciences has an invitation to transfer to America the entire Soviet theatrical section of the decorative arts exhibition in Paris. The Americans undertake to bear all expenses for transport, insurance, etc. Invitations for the organization of Soviet art exhibitions have also been received from Antwerp, Brussels and Stockholm.

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### SOVIET RUSSIA ORDERS 10,000 FORD TRACTORS

#### Shipments to Be Made to Black Sea Ports

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—An order for 10,000 tractors, with equipment, plows and spare parts for Soviet Russia, aggregating in value about \$2,000,000, was placed with the Ford Motor company by the Amtorg Trading corporation, purchasing and selling agents in this country for various Soviet industrial and commercial organizations. Shipments to the Soviet Black Sea ports of Novorossisk and Odessa will be made during the months of December and January, so that the tractors will be delivered to the agricultural districts in time for the next spring field work. Distributing and repair stations have been established in convenient centers throughout the Soviet Union, as well as special schools where the peasants are instructed in the use of the tractor which has become known in rural Russia only in the past few years as a result of an extensive government campaign to introduce modern methods of agriculture.

As a part of the program for the modernization of agriculture in the Soviet Union, importation of tractors on an approachable scale began only in the latter part of the year 1925. Since then tractor imports have been constantly increasing. With the 10,000 tractors now purchased the number of American tractors exported into the Soviet Union by the Amtorg Trading corporation during the calendar year 1925 will be brought up to over 16,000.

The present order, which is the largest single order for tractors ever placed, is the first of a series of orders for tractors and other agricultural machinery which are provided by the Soviet import program for the fiscal year 1925-26.

In this connection it may be pointed out that during the fiscal year 1924-25, ended Sept. 30, 1925, the trade turnover between the United States and the Soviet Union amounted to \$103,000,000 of which \$87,000,000 represented exports from the United States and \$16,000,000 were made up of imports into the United States. The turnover of the Amtorg Trading corporation was about \$45,000,000.

### Trial Against Peasants Is Based on Letters Between Dead Persons

KISHENEV, Bessarabia—(By Mail)—The French bourgeois lawyer Torres, who in the beginning of the Kishenev trial took over the defense of the peasants and was finally expelled from the court, writes as follows in his report of his mission: "The only document on which the accusation was based, is a piece of paper signed by a certain Platow which contains the reference to an existing illegal organization and on the general revolutionary spirit of the population. Platow himself, however, has been killed in the suppression of the revolt. The person to whom the paper was addressed, Neuin, was also killed. Finally the peasant, in whose possession the paper was allegedly found, 'happened' to be killed while attempting to escape.' In this manner the prosecution supports itself on a correspondence between two ghosts, found in the possession of one that is dead."

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### CHINA SETTLES DOWN TO FIGHT COLD WEATHER

#### Feng's Army in Best Condition of All

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
PEKING, China, Dec. 29.—Reports say that the defeated general of Chihli, Li Ching-lin, has fled to Shanghai, while 40,000 of his troops, retiring in fairly good order, have escaped into Shangtung province to the south where Feng Yu-hsiang has no intention of following at present, altho a large section of his army is in pursuit. Feng's troops are now withdrawing from Tientsin and consolidating in part northwestward at Tangshang. The cold weather has added to the enemies of all forces and limits operations until spring.

The most outstanding political development is the intense danger arising all over China toward Japan, which is accused of saving Chang Tso-nei from a deserved annihilation. Japan is trying to make out that the protest is against all foreigners and a "new wave" of anti-christianism.

Chinese say that some of Kuo's officers were induced to desert and a large reward for the murder of Kuo was offered by Chang from money furnished by Japan, as well as direct military aid. Wu Peifu, according to wise observers, is not so strong as he is supposed to be. And he is gaining little or none, while the governors of the central provinces are all suspicious of each other and there is no unity in central China either for or against the national police force, about 100,000 men altogether, but now without ammunition, commanded by Feng who holds Peking and the Tientsin area.

#### Chicago Opera Offers Resurrection New Year's Eve with Mary Garden

Every admirer of Tolstol's writing will be interested to learn that his famous work "Resurrection" has been put into an opera and will be given for the first time in America by the Chicago Civic Opera company, on New Year's Eve with Mary Garden in the leading role. This opera has been received with great enthusiasm and interest in all the countries where it has been rendered.

On Saturday night, the last presentation of "Madame Butterfly" is to be made this year. The cast will embrace Mason, Pavloska, Hackett, Rimini and Mojica. Polacco will conduct. Sunday afternoon (Jan. 3) will introduce the second popular priced "suburban matinee" of the year with a double bill. The classic of childhood "Hansel and Gretel" will be sung by Shear, Pavloska, Lenska, Claessens, Preston; conductor, St. Leger, after which an elaborate ballet "La Fete a Robinson" will be staged by Serge Oukrainsky and the Pavley-Oukrainsky ballet. The composer, Gabriel Grovlez, will conduct.

#### Pneumonia Mounts Rapidly in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 29.—In the weekly report of Dr. I. D. Rawlings, state health director, scarlet fever holds first place with 279 cases. Last week there were 421 cases. Pneumonia comes next with 214 and tuberculosis ranks third with 125 cases. A number of tubercular workers died in the past week. Then comes diphtheria with 86, typhoid fever 48, smallpox 30, and influenza 26.

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### CLEVELAND WORKERS TO HAVE COSTUME BALL ON SATURDAY EVENING

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29.—Workers of Cleveland, before starting to produce next year's profits for the boss, have a good time and help to promote the labor movement as well, by coming to the entertainment and costume ball, Saturday, Jan. 2, Pythian Castle, 1624 East 55th St., between Superior and Payne Ave. The proletarian entertainment begins at 7 p. m. sharp. Proletarian music, dancing, and poetry will be furnished by some of the talented workers of Cleveland.

One of the best union dance orchestras in the city will be on hand with first class dance music. If you don't dance very much come anyway and watch the others.

Wear a costume, a national costume, a special costume, your working costume, or any old costume. This affair is being run for the benefit of the Trade Union Educational League. Admission only 50 cents for the entertainment and dance combined.

### Detroit Arranges New Year's Eve Celebration

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 29.—The New Year's Eve event in Detroit this year will be staged in the House of the Masses, 2645 St. Aubin, when the Workers' Educational Association will be giving its annual international costume ball. Last year festivities did not cease until daybreak. This year the arrangements committee promises a program more elaborate than ever before.

Dances in national costume will be given at odd times throughout the evening. International music will also be featured. Girls in attractive native attire will serve "Chi" and Turkish coffee, and our Greek and Armenian comrades will serve one of their famous dinners.

### BRING YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO THE RED MASK BALL, THURSDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Write a New Year's resolution and bring it to Harlem Casino on New Year's Eve (Thursday, December 31) tonight. If it is the best one, or the worst, it will win you a prize. This is only one of the entertainment features planned for the New Year's Eve Red Mask costume ball held jointly by The Young Workers' League, The DAILY WORKER and The Workers' School. There will be prizes for the best and worst dancers, for the solver of a difficult riddle, etc. There will be enough space to dance in comfortably in Harlem Casino have been hired for the occasion. Should you grow thirsty or hungry, the buffet offers delicious satisfaction. Tickets bought in advance cost 50 cents and at the door 75 cents, so get your tickets at 108 East 14th street from any of the three organizations mentioned above. Don't buy a mask for the Red Mask Ball in advance if you want a real red one. Buy it at the hall.

### Million Dollar Fire Guts Seaside Resort

OCEAN CITY, Md., Dec. 29.—The two thousand winter residents of this seaside resort were hurriedly moving their household effects to the edge of town to escape the possible spread of the disastrous fire which already has done \$1,000,000 worth of damage and gutted the entire boardwalk district. The Atlantic and Seaside hotels, the Eastern Shore Gas and Electric plant, Reed's Amusement Park, the Casino motion picture house, the Ocean City Pier and Dolles Candyland have already been destroyed by fire.

### Wheeler Case Thrown Out of Federal Court

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both indictments were identical.  
Campbell Convicted.

Since Wheeler's Montana trial, Campbell was convicted of using the mails to defraud in connection with an oil promotion scheme. Wheeler's indictment has been often attacked on the floor of the senate. It was charged that the Montana senator had been singled out for retribution by the justice department for his part in the Teapot Dome investigations.

Cal Plays to Wheeler. Only last week, President Coolidge refused to send to the senate the reappointment of John L. Slattery, who, as district attorney in Montana, secured the first indictment and prosecuted the Great Falls trial. This was regarded in administration circles as indication that the president disapproved of Wheeler's prosecution. The president named a district attorney who had the endorsement of Wheeler.

### U. S. SELECTS HOUGHTON TO GO TO GENEVA

#### Swiss Smart Under the Soviet Boycott

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The U. S. ambassador to England, Alanson B. Houghton, and Hugh Gibson, minister to Switzerland, will be the U. S. delegation to the preliminary "disarmament" conference at Geneva. For the main conference it is expected to have Secretary Kellogg and Secretary Hoover, as well as Charles E. Hughes, ex-secretary of state.

The United States is definitely trying to have the main conference confine itself to land armament, under the idea that any naval armament conference should logically be the continuance of the Washington conference and ought to be held separately from the land armament conference.

The U. S. will "insist" that it can take no part in questions reducing land armaments, and will not agree to economic sanctions or security pacts. There will be an "economic conference" later, and government participation asked after the program for the conference is prepared.

Trying to Prevent Participation. The question is still open as to whether the league of nations was merely trying to prevent Soviet Russia from taking part in the conference by calling it at Geneva and sending Soviet Russia an invitation to come to Switzerland, which has been under an effective Soviet boycott since the incredibly barbarous manner that the Swiss used in the case of the Soviet ambassador, V. Vorovsky, when his assassin, a Russian white guard monarchist, was given the form of a trial.

The occasion was made a white guard capitalist demonstration of approval for the assassin, who was acquitted, feted and made a heroic political figure, and in addition, the assassin was presented with the considerable bank account belonging to the Soviet government in the Swiss banks—as a sort of a reward for having murdered a prominent Bolshevik.

Crushing Boycott. Soviet Russia, after the Swiss government refused to make amends for this offense, severed all relations and has caused millions of dollars loss to Switzerland's watch trade with Russia, among other damages it has laid upon the Swiss. Indications are that the pressure is getting so severe that the Soviet government will have to unbend and make amends, or that Russia, by refusing to participate, will force the whole league of nations to leave the country.

### General Pershing Is to Be Removed from Arica, So. Am.

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and their complaints were being taken up in other nations.  
Put on the Screws.  
Just how heavy the pressure was may be judged by the fact that so many influential callers have visited the White House in the last few days demanding that something be done to placate Chile, that Coolidge Tuesday announced publicly that he "would exert every effort to smooth over the feeling aroused," but would not propose the withdrawal of the United States as arbiter unless all means fail to end the boundary question.

The long columns in the capitalist press concerning the precarious state of Pershing's health can be dismissed so far as it could concern his withdrawal.

### Elgin Packing Plant Is Razed by Fire

ELGIN, ILL., Dec. 29.—Damage estimated at \$200,000 was done by fire of unknown origin, which razed six buildings of the Kerber Packing Co., of Kerberville, one mile south of here. A water shortage, which necessitated the running of hose lines from the Fox river, prevented the arresting of the flames before heavy losses were inflicted.

### WICKS TOURS EAST; SPEAKS ON LOCARNO PACT AND RUSSIA

H. M. Wicks, editorial writer of THE DAILY WORKER, who is now touring the east will speak in the following cities on the Locarno "peace" pact and its relation to Soviet Russia. These dates are in addition to those already announced.  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Saturday night, Jan. 2, 8 o'clock at the Labor Lyceum, 35-Miller St., 2nd floor.  
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3, at 2 o'clock at Insurance Center Bldg., 1783 E. 11th St.

### BOSS FATALLY SHOOTS IRON WORKER PICKET IN EAST ST. LOUIS

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Dec. 29.—A. Stevens, iron worker of East St. Louis was shot fatally here while on a picket line at the Electrical Energy Extension job of the southern Illinois Gas company.

William Karner, a rigger foreman of East St. Louis, surrendered to police admitting that he shot Stevens, but claiming he "only did so" in "self-defense."

### French Soldiers Use Personal Vengeance on Syrian Liberator

BEIRUT, Dec. 29.—Hassan Kharrat, the Syrian rebel leader, was killed today by French soldiers. Kharrat became internationally known several weeks ago when he sent a detachment of soldiers with instructions to capture the French governor general, M. De Jouvenal, dead or alive.

### 32 Pct. of Soviet Union's Budget for Education

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29.—Official figures show that 32 per cent of this year's budget is devoted to education. The government provides about 40 per cent of the expenses for education. Local districts supply the remainder. The government's educational appropriation is 114,000,000 roubles (57,000,000), which is twice as large as last year's appropriation.

### Will "Investigate" Use of Private Cars

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Promiscuous use of private cars by persons who are not connected with the actual operation of railroads will be investigated by the interstate commerce commission, it was announced. All class one and two railroads, together with switching and terminal railroads, have been made respondents to the proceeding.

### Traction Heads Grabs Land

Samuel Insull and interests associated with him are purchasing a 150-foot right of way along the west bank of the Chicago sanitary district canal from Joliet to Stickney for a high power line, and which later may be used for a new interurban electric line over which Joliet trains may be brought to the downtown district.

### Mexican City Shivers

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29.—Monterey, Mexico's principal iron and steel center, is reported to be covered with snow and expecting another storm. Owing to the intense cold and the entire absence of the people from the streets, the business houses were closed.

### Priests Attempt to Stampede Strikers

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They state "representing in a pastoral sense at least 85% of the miners of the anthracite field," that they do not consider the check-off of sufficient merit for the continuance of the strike. From the ranks of the miners' condemnation is heaped upon these priests who have openly shown their colors by attempting to betray the workers who make their soft life possible. Their letter is praised to the skies in the capitalist press, the mouthpiece of big business.

The Religious Front. This action on the part of the sixteen foreign priests was immediately followed the next day with a letter from eight Irish-American bible pounders who said "me too" to the ideas expressed in the anti-union letter of their brother fakers.

These Jesus jammers all state they "who are closest to the miners of this field know the miners want to return to work, and refer disputed questions to an impartial board of arbitration," by their action openly demonstrating their prejudice and hatred of the United Mine Workers, openly attempting to delude their followers, who are members of the union, into going back to work at the terms of the operators.

For months this treacherous of the priests has been going on. For months they have masked behind a veil of friendship to the cause of the miners, possibly because the miners are the bulk of their parish and congregation, but at this crucial time in the development of the anthracite strike, well into its eighteenth week, they have no scruples about openly casting their lot with the operators.

Why Were They Not Condemned Before? Today, on the streets of many anthracite communities, one can hear in forceful language the action of these sainted hypocrits condemned. The district and international officials have been forced to condemn this action of the priests, not because they wanted to, but because even the sentiments of the rank and file is so great sometimes that they must fall in line.

Secretary-Treasurer Kennedy, Chris Golden, chairman of the scale committee, and others have attacked the move of the priests. For four long months now the miners have faced terrific odds. It is winter now and thousands suffer. Soup

### REFUSE TO EXPEL COMMUNISTS OUT OF LABOR PARTY

#### London Branches Defy Liverpool Decision

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The decision made at the Liverpool labor party conference to expel Communists from the individual membership section, is meeting with a tremendous opposition. This decision, which was hailed by the capitalist press and its lackeys, as a victory over the Communists was used by the capitalist powers in England to persecute and prosecute Communist leaders.

Today, twelve leaders of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, are sentenced to serve from six months to one year for membership in the Communist organizations.

Despite the collusion between the leaders of the labor party and reactionary capitalist powers to destroy the Communist movement, the following list of labor party of the borough and divisional labor parties in London refuse to expel the Communists: Holburn, Putney, Kennington, St. Pancras Trades Council and Labor Party, Bethnal Green Trades Council and Labor Party, Stratford, Kennington North, Stoke Newington, Westminster, Ealing, Finchley, Hanwell, Erith Deptford, and Woolwich.

This list is growing larger and larger daily. A number of labor party branches have elected Communists as delegates to the London labor party conference. The London Trades Council elected three Communists to represent them at the conference.

Members Want United Front. As yet, the executive committee has not taken any action on those labor parties that have refused to follow the Liverpool decision and expel the Communists. It is doubtful whether the executive committee will dare to take action as the workers of England are realizing more and more the necessity of presenting a united front based on class issues to the master class.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Great Britain pound sterling, demand 4.84 13-16; cable, 4.85 3-16; France, franc demand, 3.69 1/2; cable, 3.70; Belgium, franc, demand, 4.53; cable, 4.53 1/2; Italy, lira, demand, 4.03 1/4; cable, 4.03 1/2; Sweden, krone, demand, 20.84; demand, 20.87; Norway, krone, demand, 20.26; cable, 20.28; Denmark, krone, demand, 24.73; cable, 24.75; Shanghai, tael, demand, 78.00.

### Pangalos Fears Communists

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 29.—The government has decided, according to the newspapers, to create an under-secretaryship of state for social defense, in order to combat the "spread of Communist doctrines."

### WORKERS WILL CELEBRATE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF DAILY WORKER FROM ONE COAST TO THE OTHER

The second anniversary of The DAILY WORKER, falling on Wednesday, January 13, will this year bring a string of parties, banquets and other affairs in practically every large city in the country.

New York City workers will have the choice of two unusual attractions in The DAILY WORKER anniversary concert to be held at Yorkville Casino on Sunday, January 10, to be followed by a great banquet a few weeks later. Chicago will hold a DAILY WORKER birthday party on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at which a labor pantomime of unusual attraction will be presented.

Workers of Lynn, Winthrop, Revere and Chelsea, Mass., are holding, thru the enterprise of the Jewish Communist units of these cities, a dance and celebration on January 15.

Los Angeles is planning a banquet, as is San Francisco, completing a chain of affairs from coast to coast—many as yet in the process of formation and not ready to be announced.

All these will not only be celebrations on the second anniversary of their paper, but a stimulus as well to a subscription drive during January, announcements of which will soon be made.

Participation in all affairs for The DAILY WORKER and co-operation for the drive to double the circulation of The DAILY WORKER are being asked of all workers ready not only to enjoy themselves but also to do service for their paper.

### Noted Savant Shows He Can Change Sex of Creature at Will

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—Dr. Robert K. Burns, Jr. of the University of Cincinnati, demonstrated for the first time that it was possible to change the sex of a creature at will. He made the demonstration with salamanders at the annual meeting of the American society of zoologists here.

### To Restore Historic Relics in Moscow

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29.—Repair and restorative work is being conducted on the walls of "China Town" which embraces the center of Moscow. This wall was built by Ivan the Terrible in 1538, and the last repair work done was in 1822.

Deterioration has mostly affected the facing; the wall itself has become monolithic and could only be destroyed by dynamite.

In the process of work five cannons have been found evidently left behind when Peter the Great was awaiting the assault of the Swedish King Charles 12th on Moscow. A stock of copper money has been found laid out in piles. One of the towers has been turned into a staccato groto' owing to water dripping thru the roof. Great accumulations of earth and buried trees have been cleared away from the wall.

The entire wall is being painted white as in the time of Ivan the Terrible when the town was named "Moscow of the White Stones."

In the Kremlin, restoration work on the patriarchal chambers is being continued. Old gates of the 17th century have been found here and an ancient ruined staircase has been restored. Some extremely interesting colored tiles have been discovered in the Trinity Tower.

### Cleveland T. U. E. L. Meets on Sunday

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29.—Regular meeting of the Trade Union Educational League on Sunday, Jan. 3, at 10:00 a. m., in the Freiheit Hall, 5311 Woodland Ave., 2nd floor. Every progressive union member invited to attend. Election of officers for the coming six months. Report of the historical convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union just finished in Philadelphia.

### Excavations in Siberia

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29.—The excavation work that has been completed this year in Siberia has world-wide significance.

On the Afontov mountain near Krasnoyarsk bones of paleolithic man have been found for the first time in Asia, and more than 700 remains of mammoths, huge wolves, and bears belonging to this period. New weapons have been discovered of a type hitherto quite unknown. Among these are cudgels made out of a mammoth's tusks. A complete picture of the geological classification of paleolithic culture has been obtained.

### Russian Gliding Tournament

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29.—The All-Russian gliding competition was marked by great successes on the part of the Russian gliders. The pilot Arseulov reached a height of 300 metres above the starting point. The pilot Umashov flew a distance of 4 kilometres without stopping. The pilot Yakovchuk remained in the air for 9 hours 45 minutes. This pilot now holds the second place in the world records for length of time in the air.

Watch the Saturday Magazine Section for new features every week. This is a good issue to give to your fellow worker.

### Short or Long Skirts Issue Before "Leading Citizens" of America

Resolutions against the flapper dress of today and a demand for the return of the full skirt of ankle length, adopted by various women's organizations and announced in Washington, were an important issue before the Americanization committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution in session here, which denounced the adoption of such resolutions.

### Artists Will Make Pictorial History of Russian Revolution

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29.—Soviet educational authorities are sending 72 of the best artists to various parts of the Soviet Union to paint pictures of striking revolutionary events, local leaders, scenes of labor processes and other social features of present Russian life. A collection of this art will form a pictorial record of Soviet history.

### Resume Conference in New York City on the Anthracite Strike

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endum vote on it taken among the miners. Searles Smells Something.

That the wind is blowing strongly toward the second possibility of a class collaboration mechanism under the name of an inquiry into profits is seen by the remark of Ellis Searles, editor of the Mine Workers' Journal, who said that the willingness of the operators to open their books to joint inspection would "play a vital part" in the negotiations.

Lewis, who arrived at noon, went to a conference with union officials at the Cadillac Hotel. "I have no statement to make at this time," was all he would say.

## SIX LIVE PAGES

a Labor Pantomime



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# Workers Write About the Workers' Life

## TELLS STORY OF NEW YORK CITY DOWN AND OUTER

### Recruiting Sergeants Haunt Missions

By A Worker Correspondent  
NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 28.—Is there a city institution in New York City that helps the down and outer? Yes. The municipal lodging house located at 25th street and East River.

This will tell exactly how I found this house. As soon as I came in I was met by a stout guard who directed me to an office window.

There they asked me my life's history. Where and whom I worked for in the last few years, etc. I then went into the dining room and had my supper of stew, bread and coffee (with-out sugar).

After eating I had to go downstairs and hand all my clothes to be disinfected. After taking a shower bath, we all were taken up on the elevator.

Before we were allowed to sleep a doctor examined us all to see if anyone had a disease. An army recruiting sergeant was on duty in the doctor's office. All those the doctor thought could pass the army physical test he sent over to speak to the sergeant. I didn't care to speak to the sergeant.

We all were woke up at daybreak and had a breakfast of oatmeal and coffee without milk or sugar. Altho I was hungry the meal had no taste so I did not eat much.

Before going out one has to check out at the office. The office does not give you a slip you can't get out of the building, as a guard is at the door in uniform.

As I could not get a job and was homeless I was forced to come back to this house for five days, as the weather was very cold at night. The third day I was there they kept me inside in the morning and made me work for three hours cleaning and mopping up floors, taking off sheets from beds, etc. Of course I did not get pay for this.

I was told they allow New York state residents five days a month to stay at this institution and out of town people one day a month.

I feel sorry for anyone who is down and out in this system of society. During the month I was a down and outer (last winter), I found out when a man is down he is also out. All the missions and Salvation Army did for me was to preach religion, but that did not get me a meal or a bed to sleep in.

The municipal lodging house and the missions will be crowded more than ever this year as unemployment is increasing. The prisons are also getting filled up because of unemployment, poverty naturally following. Workers will have to soon build more prisons and fill them themselves.

As a worker I know that conditions for the class are getting worse and worse. It is only in Communist Russia where the workers' conditions are the best. Long live Soviet Russia! I know the time will come when we in this country will have a workers' government like in Russia. When? As soon as all the workers know what Communism is and know that their real enemy is this capitalist system.

## MEDITATIONS BY A STEEL WORKER

By a Worker Correspondent.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 29.—The sun has just risen and the air is full of ozone. That just makes you hate to leave your bed. There goes the alarm clock!

What if your strained body does need more rest? You are a steel worker and you have got to get up. None of that: "Just one more minute. That damned whistle is going to blow before you know it! The boss hired you to make profits for him didn't he? Yeh, you want to sleep some more. Well, the bed is not for you. That whistle."

"GET UP and MAKE IT FAST. You'll lose your breakfast if you don't hurry. Ah, breakfast—coffee, now that will help."

"If that damned rule wouldn't hold for ringing another fellow's card, I could help another fellow out some time, too. Nix, you know what awaits the fellow who rings someone else's card. Laid off for a week the first time, that's a special favor, and fired the next time, that's all."

"What if I should be fired. What you ask? Sure, stupid, don't you know. Merely a trifle. There are so MANY JOBS in the United States. You say you don't believe it? Ha. Just listen, he disagrees with Coolidge."

"Gee, I'll be docked a half hour if I don't stop foolin'. Yes, air, just a few minutes late and out goes half an hour. Ha, here's the coffee. Look out you're scalding your insides!"

"That car's due any minute now. Where's the bucket? I hear it. Here she comes. I've GOT TO MAKE IT!"

"Well, here we are, the bosses' whistle is going to blow in a minute now—which is the herald of another toiling day."

## MASSACHUSETTS WAGE BOARD AIDS THE BOSSES TO EXPLOIT CHILDREN AND WOMEN WORKERS

By H. SIDNEY BLOOMFIELD, Worker Correspondent

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 29.—After a year's experience in candy factories, a minimum rate of \$13.00 for women and girls is recommended by the convened wage board for the candy industry in Massachusetts.

The minimum wage commission has provisionally approved this report and arranged for a public hearing on Tuesday, January 5, at 3 p. m., in the commission's office, room 472, State House. The new rates, if approved, will go into effect March 1, 1929.

The present decree which has been in effect since Jan. 1, 1920, provides a minimum rate of \$12.50 for women and girls after a year and a half employment, and a special minimum rate of \$8.00 for beginners. This is the terrible exploitation of the women and girls in the candy industry. They are subjected to. There is no organized movement in this industry.

The new recommendations require a learning period of one year and give an increase of a measly 50 cents to experienced employees. The candy industry is an industry which has been so highly developed that the employees are mere machine feeders, and it does not even require a few months to become an experienced "cog in the wheel," but this requirement of a year's work at \$8.00 a week is so much more of the labor of the candy workers converted into profits for the bosses. This is the penalty for being unorganized.

Stationery Workers. Another example of the brutal exploitation of women and girl workers is the stationery goods and envelope occupation. A minimum rate of \$13.75 for women and girls over 18 years of age with 12 months experience becomes effective January 1. The decree has a catch in it, providing special rates below the minimum for minors and inexperienced workers as follows:

For those under 18 years of age with 12 months experience in a particular shop, not less than \$12 a week; for minors over 16 years of age, not less than \$11 a week, and for minors under 16 years of age not less than \$9 a week.

This wage decree does not cover the manufacture of paper itself, but applies to various products into which the paper is converted. Like the candy industry this is a highly developed industry in which automatic machinery vomits out the various paper products, yet the minimum wage commission, which is dominated by the bosses who can easily convince and win over the so-called labor members of the commission, requires a whole year's slavery of the women and girls at wages below the minimum rates.

The cowardly advantage this "class harmony" commission takes of minors may be readily understood by the commission's fixing of the rate for the poor girls under 16 years of age at \$9 per week. Thus, if a girl who is 14 years of age is employed, she must work two years, until she is 16 years old, at the same rate of \$9 a week, despite the fact that she does the same work as other workers.

Organization of the women workers and the youth in the industries of Massachusetts is the crying need of the hour. Young workers, join the fighting organization of the young workers—the Young Workers League.

Donates Books to Leningrad.

LENINGRAD, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29.—Several hundred volumes on the history of the prliamentary movement in France have been received by the Leningrad public library from Senator De Monzie.

## WORKER CORRESPONDENTS COMPETE AGAIN TO WIN PRIZES FOR STORIES

Start now sending in your stories for the next competition of worker correspondents. Prizes will be announced, with the winning stories, in the full page of worker correspondence to appear in Thursday's issue of THE DAILY WORKER next week. The prizes are as follows:

- FIRST PRIZE.—"The Goose Step," by Upton Sinclair.
- SECOND PRIZE.—"Romance of New Russia," by Magdalene Marx.
- THIRD PRIZE.—Original of DAILY WORKER cartoon, framed.

## MAKING AN ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED BY MACHINERY

By W. J. WHITE.

(Worker Correspondent)

GIRARD, Ohio, Dec. 29.—The Byers Iron company has just installed a Christmas gift for the men who are employed on the big plate mill. It is in the form of a patent charging and drawing machine, which charges and draws the 2,000 piles out of the heating furnaces where they are heated for the rolls.

All this work was formerly done by men who made a fair living out of this work. The men can now go out and look for a new master, and that precious thing a job, for 14 of them are removed from the gang by the new machine on each turn.

The mill is just now working two turns and 28 men will have to seek a job in some other plant, and when the mill works three turns they will be saving the wages of 42 men. Small wonder that the stock which was sold a short time ago on the market for \$18 per share, for the common stock, is now selling for \$38 per share, and that they have been able to pay a dividend of \$5 per share for the past nine months.

Yet in the coming conference they will plead poverty and that they are not able to pay the puddlers and the men who work for them a living wage. During all the time that the stock has been going up and they have been earning \$5 on \$18 worth of stock the price per ton for puddling iron has been going down and down.

They are trying to sell stock to the men in the hope they will not go out on strike if the company refuses to sign the scale this coming year and declares for the open shop in their plants. A bad condition in the mills is that the finishers are all working open shop and have no connection with the men who are in the union, and they are thus in this way assisting the company in its fight for the open shop.

Even the organized workers do not ask any questions on where the coal comes from that they must burn, whether it comes from union mines or open shops. Taking it all in all it is a case of organized scabbery all around.

## FIREMEN'S UNION IS CONFIDENT OF WAGE INCREASE

Wage boosts for Chicago firemen, whipped out of tax dodging corporations by the alert efforts of the Firemen's Association of Chicago (Local No. 2, International Association of Fire Fighters), appear nearer as the finance committee of the city council gathers.

To Boost Valuations. Batteries of keen lawyers bristling with legal points and threats tried to overawe the board of review into denying the firemen's plea. The plea was a request that the capital stock of 35 named corporations be assessed at its fair market value, as provided by law. Armour & Co., whose stock is valued in Moody's Analysis of Investments, the standard financial authority, at \$88,054,342, was taxed at a value of \$600,000 or 1-160 of its market value. The \$91,396,820 market value of the stock of the Crane Co., makers of goldplated lavatories, was taxed at a value of nothing at all.

Threaten to Leave State. The lawyers threatened to tie the case up in litigation for years into the highest courts. They hinted at moving their corporations out of the state. One or two, however, said they would not try to dodge taxes if all corporations were treated alike.

The firemen learned their tax game from the teachers' union which won a similar case before the Illinois board of equalization 25 years ago.

## Unemployed Worker Beggars Police to Send Him to Jail Workhouse

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—"Please arrest me, officer. I want to go to the workhouse. That will be better than going hungry, unable to get a job." Thus Joseph Zarcic addressed a policeman who attempted to remove him from the front of a fashionable downtown St. Louis business house.

Zarcic admitted he purposely took a position blocking the entrance to the store as a means of getting himself arrested. In city court he promptly pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy and renewed his request for a workhouse term, "where I can get shelter and something to eat."

He will like it. Give your union brother a sub to THE DAILY WORKER.

## SOVIET UNION DOUBLES NUMBER OF ITS SCHOOLS

### Take Steps to Cut Down Illiteracy

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29.—During the scholastic year 1924-25 the number of children in the schools of the Ukraine republic increased by almost 200,000 as compared with the year 1923-24. During the coming scholastic year 1925-26 it is proposed to open 5,000 new schools for 2,000,000 children.

Up to Sept. 1925, 15,000 stations for liquidating illiteracy were at work against 9,500 during the preceding year. During the year 1925-26 the number of these stations will be brought up to 24,000.

According to the plan of the people's commissariat of education it is intended to liquidate illiteracy during the year 1925-26 among the adults to the extent of 50 per cent and juveniles to the extent of 92.3 per cent.

The number of schools where the teaching is conducted in the Ukrainian language has now reached 78.2 per cent of all schools and 95 per cent of the village reading rooms have been Ukrainized.

The budget of the Ukrainian educational commissariat has increased from 10,100,000 rubles in 1922-23 to 18,900,000 rubles in 1924-25 at the center and from 7,000,000 to 35,000,000 rubles with regard to the local budgets.

For the year 1925-26 the educational commissariat is making a budget grant of 30,000,000 rubles at the center and 62,000,000 rubles on local budgets.

## Profits Not Education Is Goal of Colleges, Declares Professor

Professor W. J. Newlin of Amherst charges that American colleges have become huge football trusts at the expense of scholarship standard. His charges are being warmly discussed by educators attending the convention of the American association of college professors, now in session here.

Professor Newlin declared education is bankrupt, while football is turning over a business of millions a year. "Football," he said bitterly, "builds stadiums—and when did mathematics ever build a residence hall. Scholarship is not a paying proposition. It has to be subsidized. Football makes money."

The public's acceptance of an economic yardstick as the true gauge of success has made them apathetic toward education, he declared, and caused them to classify educators as intellectual wet nurses, along with house maids and butlers.

## Electrical Workers Win Wage Increase; Lose Right to Strike

New agreements for a universal 9-hour day and \$1 an hour for the highest paid group will run to June 1, 1926, as signed by Local 713, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers with the Automobile Associated Trades of Illinois. Strikes are outlawed and any failure to agree will be arbitrated. The dollar wage, for combination battery and ignition men, is a 5c hourly increase. Ignition men will get 90c, and battery men 70c each a 15% raise. Work from Saturday midnight to Sunday night will be obligatory, and time and a half will be paid for all work over 9 hours.

## PROGRAM OUTLINED FOR CORRESPONDENTS' CLASS ON WEDNESDAY

The Chicago class in Workers' Correspondence meets tonight this week owing to New Year's eve falling on Thursday, which is our regular class night. Students will bring their outlines for Anniversary edition article to be discussed in class. In addition there is to be a discussion on: Difficulties and problems encountered in writing; how to begin writing an article; how to collect information and facts and the reading and criticizing of manuscripts. There will also be a report on the "Living Newspaper." Students are urged to make a special effort to attend this class. It meets as usual in the editorial room of THE DAILY WORKER, 1113 Washington Blvd., at 8 p. m.

## "Lenin" Laboratory Conducts Experiments on Short Wave Radio

LENINGRAD, U. S. S. R., Dec. 29.—The "Lenin" Laboratory at Nizhni-Novgorod is conducting radio transmission experiments on short waves. Information showing that Russian messages can be very well heard has been received from places even so distant from the Union of Socialist Soviet Russia as South America and Australia.

Recent Russian accomplishments in the field of short wave transmission include the invention of a special method of attracting directed antenna and a new kind of antenna with great capacity.

Work on short wave transmission has a great future in the Soviet Union, in view of the low cost of equipping transmission, and the low power of transmitters.

## Barbusse Nails Lie of Roumanian Boyars

BUCHAREST, Roumania—(I. R. A.)—(By Mail)—Henri Barbusse spent a few days in Roumania to inform himself about the shameful actions of the Roumanian terrorists in the Kishinau trial. His stay was used by the whole bourgeois press of Europe to print an alleged statement of Barbusse that "it cannot be denied that the spirit of revolt penetrated into Bessarabia from the shore of the Dniestr (i. e. from Soviet Russia)."

Barbusse requested us by telegram to publish the following correction: "The news spread by some telegraph agencies according to which I have declared to Bucharest press representatives that it cannot be denied that the spirit of revolt penetrates into Bessarabia from the other shore of the Dniestr is a senseless and malicious invention. I have never made such a statement. My investigations have in reality had quite different results. The news mentioned above has been apparently invented abroad by interested circles, because these is not a single Roumanian newspaper from which it could have been taken."

While Barbusse was in Bucharest he was assailed by a gang of fascists in the pay of the Roumanian agents for declaring that the Bessarabian peasants who were accused in the Tatarbounar process did not receive a fair trial. The police that attended Barbusse's lecture in one of the workers' halls refused to protect him from the mob. The workers themselves protected Barbusse. Later when Barbusse was on his way to the hotel Athena Palace, he was attacked and severely beaten by the fascist gang.

## RAIL FINANCIER PLAYED FOR HIS MISMANAGEMENT

### Bankers Get Rake-Off on St. Paul Road

By CARL HAAESSLER, (Editor, Federated Press)

Former president, now receiver, Harry Byram of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, "probably curses the day that his road laid a single mile of track in Wisconsin for it is the Wisconsin trackage and the Wisconsin incorporation of the now bankrupt system that gave Attorney General Herman Ekern of the Badger state his chance to flay the perspiring rail financier.

Dress Down President. The leisurely dressing down inflicted on receiver Byram took place in the crystal room of the Great Northern hotel before two members of the interstate commerce commission investigating the St. Paul road from which eastern financiers hope to make over \$4,000,000 by a "reorganization." The crystal room once dazzled the previous generation with its old rose hangings, crystal chandeliers and innumerable wall and pillar mirrors. The mirrors are chiefly useful now for a witness like Byram to watch his lawyer's face without looking directly at him.

"When you assumed the presidency in 1917 you did not intend to drive the road into bankruptcy?" Ekern slowly asked Byram who said, no, and jerked his chin toward the ceiling. Ekern then drew from him that the market value of St. Paul stock in 1916 was \$263,000,000 while in 1925 after eight years of Byram administration it was only \$32,000,000, a shrinkage of seven-eighths.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Rakeoff. The inquiry was giving point to rumors that the road was deliberately driven into bankruptcy to give the financial house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. the fat rakeoff that goes with large-scale wrecking of companies. In fact there was an uncomfortable minute or two when the witness had to admit that not only had he been president while the road was tumbling, and not only had an obliging court made him one of the receivers, but that in addition, he had bought 1,000 shares of preferred stock of the road at a nominal sum after he had become receiver. This investment has already almost doubled.

Talk About Acquisitions. Ekern dug mercilessly into the acquisition by the St. Paul of the Chicago, Terre Haute & Southwestern, an Indiana coal road, which turned out to be a barefaced unloading scheme by Standard Oil bankers on Byram's road with the president attempting to paint it as a big boost for his system. In 1921, when the St. Paul was unable to borrow a cent from any banker, Ekern brot out, the road was still able to add over \$22,000,000 to its indebtedness by assuming the obligations of the coal road that it got an equity of less than \$500,000 in actual value.

The investigation has adjourned to resume at a later date.

## Bachelor Poll Tax Proposed in Turkey

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 29.—The finance ministry proposes to put a poll tax on bachelor Turks between 30 and 45 at rates half as much as against married men.

State monopolies of the sale and import of oil and sugar are also proposed as new sources of revenue.

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## Moral and Unmoral Nations

As a holiday theme the ultra-imperialist *New York Times* editorialized on the morality of the nations that created the Locarno treaties. These nations, thru accepting the terms of the various pacts drawn up at Locarno are in a distinct class. These are moral nations, while Russia is outside these nations and therefore unmoral. The Russo-Turkish pact signed a few days ago also threatens to impair the morality of Turkey. However, the *Times* does not despair and hopes for a revival of Turkish morality.

If Turkey humbly bows before the decisions of the council of the league of nations and consents to England robbing her of Mosul she will then demonstrate a proper appreciation of morals and prove herself fit to associate with the other moral nations.

In that case Russia, according to the *Times* editorial, will be beyond the pale of such eminently moral nations as France, Italy and England, who are signatories to Locarno and old members in good standing of the council of the league.

France demonstrates its super-morality by bombing defenseless huts of the Moroccans and blasting Damascus in Syria off the map, burying in its ruins thousands of defenseless people. Italy suffers in chains and silence under the ferocious despotism of Mussolini and his brigand fascist. England's mercenaries swarm India, Egypt, the Sudan, South Africa, not to mention Ireland, ready to again stifle in blood the first indication of a liberation movement. Germany, which during and since the war, was considered an outlaw nation, is now inside the "moral breastworks" of Europe. Her so-called statesmen, both avowedly bourgeois and social-democratic rule only by grace of Britain and France. Their morality permits them to serve with equal loyalty any power that can use them against the German working class.

Contrary to the sermonizing of the imperialist press, there is no such thing as an abstract national morality that stands above economic interests and that can avoid political conflicts. The so-called morality of Locarno is impelled by a mutual desire to prolong the bandit rule of capitalism. At the same time there are irreconcilable contradictions between the parties to the treaties signed the first of this month at London that will inevitably break forth into open warfare. When that time comes the *Times* will then have to formulate new codes and new alignments between moral and unmoral nations.

As to the treaty between Russia and Turkey neither party is concerned about the opinion of the organs of the House of Morgan, beyond knowing what their plans may be. At a moment when the Negro government is threatened with war by the tory government of England it is but natural that Turkey should turn to the only powerful friend of oppressed nations on earth—the Union of Soviet Republics. If, at any time, the present or any future government of Turkey forgets the debt it owes the great proletarian power that aided it in its hour of dire need, we can rest assured that the working class of the Angora republic will not forget, any more than the German proletariat will forget.

The farmers have Coolidge scared. But the only way to really threaten capitalism is to sign its death warrant and carry it out.

## Berger's Discourse on Taxation

Never was there a greater opportunity for a working class spokesman in the house of congress to expose the fraudulent nature of the capitalist government than during the debates of the Mellon tax reform program. The one member that claims to represent the working class in that body is Victor L. Berger, the Milwaukee "socialist." He participated in the debate, informing his colleagues that as a socialist he considered that the measure proposed by Mellon "holds out a promise of a rapid breakdown of this system by a fearful concentration of wealth."

Here is reformist socialism in its most dogmatic form. Instead of exposing the true role of the United States government which has reduced the surtax of the billionaires from 40 per cent to 20 per cent, thereby relieving them of the necessity of financing their own government Berger indulges in silly talk about the concentration of wealth and the resultant "breakdown" of the capitalist system.

Such an analysis fails utterly to expose the nature of the capitalist state. The present heavy taxation, which has accompanied concentration of wealth, is surely not indicative of the "breakdown" of the capitalist system. It means that the power of the government is being centralized and strengthened and the shifting of the tax burden to the middle class simply means that this class is to be forced to pay tribute to the government that exists for the purpose of defending the power of Wall Street. A genuine tribune of the working class would expose the method by which the capitalist finances the government and not indulge in bourgeois nonsense about some sort of mechanical process that disintegrates the capitalist system to the extent that wealth concentrates.

The revolutionist would never fail to expose the character of the capitalist state and would emphasize the fact that no matter how many contradictions may exist and how much capitalism may concentrate in fewer and fewer hands there must also be created the subjective condition, the determination of the working class to destroy the power of the capitalist class thru revolution. The revolutionist would use his position in the capitalist congress, not to win praise from the flunkies of the old parties, but to excoriate them so that they would come to be despised by the workers in the factories, mines, mills and upon the railroads and in the agricultural regions of the country.

No wonder Blatherskite Blanton of Texas praised Berger as the only good thing about socialism that he knew of, in the same speech congress where he said he had no "prejudice against banks or unions or against big business."

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# Allied Powers Fear to War on the Soviet Union

(Continued from page 1)

ance of the Dawes plan and the treaty of Locarno. The object of the Dawes plan was the economic stabilization of Europe, the object of Locarno the political consolidation or the political coalition as the case may be of the largest countries of Europe.

"On the other hand, along with this process of coalition and of the apparent strengthening of the capitalist countries, there is proceeding the revolutionizing of the broad masses of workers in western Europe and the revolutionizing of the colonies and semi-colonial countries which is even a more prominent feature. It is in the midst of these two processes that we have had to lead our party and our country onward.

"What is the task we set ourselves in doing so? This task was already formulated by Lenin and still remains in full force. It is, to gain time to increase our economic and political strength. Every day which we gain in the midst of the fight among the various forces or the different groups of the bourgeoisie, increases our own forces. We have deliberately carried out and continue to carry out this policy of gaining time with, as I believe, no small amount of success.

"In the international situation there is a certain temporary partial stabilization of the capitalist powers. It would be folly not to recognize this fact. On the other hand however—and even a blind man can see this—this

stabilization only conceals the fact of continuous internecine struggle.

**Breeds New Conflicts.**

"This is also how the Locarno agreement is to be understood, for on the one side it has the character of an apparent pacification of Europe, while on the other side it is the result of an acute internal struggle and contains the germ of a whole series of future conflicts.

"It might have been expected that, with the stabilization of capital, the revolutionary movement would have subsided; but nevertheless it is constantly flaring up in ever fresh countries. The so-called stabilization of capital has simply to put up with such facts as a number of colonial wars (Morocco, Syria) and a revolutionary movement such as we see at present in China.

"Thus the struggle between various forces goes on under new forms, the fight of the capitalist states among themselves, the fight of all the capitalist countries against the revolutionary elements in the East.

**Capitalist Hopes.**

"As is well known, the capitalist countries hoped that we should not succeed in the reconstruction of our country, that we should not be equal to the task of building up our economy, that our forces would automatically disintegrate in consequence of the incapability of re-establishing industry which they had anticipated.

"They cherished these hopes for a

good long time. For the time being they have postponed the question of exercising military pressure against us. Now they see that we have completed our economic tasks, that our economic position improves from year to year, that our forces are constantly increasing and that, if they do not succeed in putting a stumbling block in our way, we shall be, in a few years, if not the richest, at any rate one of the richest, the most united, energetic and self-confident countries of the whole world.

**To Strangle Soviet Union.**

"This prospect must alarm those states whose power is based on the oppression of colonial peoples. It is not difficult to see that the idea of a war which would disturb our further development is based on the view that the Soviet Union must be strangled before it finally gets on its feet and collects its forces. We must not regard our enemies as fools, they are extremely clever when it is a question of defending their class interests, and they see that every month lost may prove fatal to them.

"Why do the capitalist countries not try to attack us at once?"

"Mainly because they cannot agree amongst themselves. Locarno is the first attempt to come to an understanding which is to open the way thru Germany to the frontiers of Soviet Russia for English and French capitalism. As however Germany, which was recently shattered up by

them, feels herself to be an oppressed and plundered country—and this is felt not only by the working masses but also by the bourgeoisie of Germany—the agreement on the part of England and France to act in common with Germany, meets with considerable difficulties. It is much more important of course, that the working class should realize that Locarno is the first step in the attack planned against us, and that all the capitalist governments are afraid that any attempt at hostile action against us would demoralize their own forces.

**Growth of Labor Movement.**

"It is precisely the growth of the revolutionary movement which guarantees that the war to which I have referred, and which is undoubtedly in the minds of the capitalist powers, in spite of the passionate desire of Churchill, Poincaré, Millerand etc., will be postponed, and that it will not be realized at all if the growth of the labor movement in Europe continues.

"The revolutionary movement in Europe itself is progressing. It suffices to call to mind the most recent events in order to see this. I need only refer to the elections successes of our brother parties in (Czechoslovakia, Germany and Belgium. In France we see a really strong Communist Party backed by the working class; we see an extraordinary change of attitude in the English trade union movement.

"In the English labor movement especially, the tactics of the united

front have led to very important results. As is known the development of the English trade union movement led to the formation of an Anglo-Russian unity committee whose task it is to carry on a common fight against war as such, and consequently against the foundations of capitalism in general. This committee has not remained a mere pious wish, it is developing a real activity of its own, is initiating actions and carrying the masses with it. This change in the English labor movement, the connection which has been established between the English trade unions and our trade union council, is a great success for the tactics of the united front.

**Capitalists Doomed to Fail.**

"If we take all these facts into consideration, we see that the situation is one in which Churchill and Millerand, however, much they may wish to fight against us and strangle us before we have arrived at our full strength, will not do so, that is, will not have the power to do so.

"They will not by any means whatever, be able to arrest the revolutionary movement in the East, for it is a historical movement, backed by hundreds of millions who want to burst their capitalist chains. The proletarian movement in Europe, on the other hand, will develop further.

"We have then every reason to assume that, in the immediate future at any rate, we shall have a breathing space for our work of reconstruction."

# American Imperialism's Offensive in Asia and Africa

By F. RASKOLNIKOV  
(Moscow.)

**IMPERIALIST AMERICA,** that was working behind the scenes at the conference of Locarno, succeeded in realizing her program in Western Europe. In its chase after new markets, American imperialism is now developing a feverish activity policy in the East, it is making convulsive efforts to extend its "sphere of influence" on the Asiatic and African continents.

In China, American capitalism is supporting the chili group with Wu Pei-fu at its head and is egging him on to definite acts of war.

America appears in China under the banner of the policy of the "open door" and professes, in words, to be a "friend" of the Chinese people, but in reality is carrying on an independent imperialist policy of oppression which aims at ousting America's competitors from the Chinese market and taking possession of the natural wealth of China. At the Peking conference on customs, America is also pursuing a line of her own which deviates sharply from the interests of Japan and the other competing imperialist powers.

**IN Persia,** The American general administrator of Persian finances whose sphere of activity is Teheran, has, since autumn 1922, actually directed the finances of Persia. But that is not enough. American imperialism is at present attempting to extend its field of activity. Only recently, the Persian parliament, on American initiative, passed a law which allows the government to appoint twelve more American specialists for 3-5 years. One will be nominated director of agricultural policy, another is to be expert at the head of the railway department, and the rest will concern themselves with directing the affairs of the country. Agriculture, railways, finances, foreign trade, tariff policy, in one word, the whole economic life of Persia is threatened with the fate of falling into the clutches of American imperialism.

In Syria, American imperialism has for a long time been interested in this country. As early as in 1919, at the time of the Versailles peace negotiations, an American commission went to Syria to study its economic resources on the spot. The war of the

French troops against the Druses, the insurrection in Damascus, Homs, Hama and other places in Syria have attracted America's attention. Two American torpedo boats were recently sent from Gibraltar to Beirut, the chief port and center of administration of Syria.

**MOROCCO.** The deposits of ore in the territory occupied by the Rif, attract the capitalists of all imperialist countries. The French and Spanish capitalists who ruled in this territory even before the imperialist war, carried on a desperate fight against the German firm of Mannesmann & Co. which was trying to gain an economic hold thruout Morocco. After the war, German imperialism, which had lost all its own colonies and its possessions in the colonies of other imperialist countries, disappeared from the scene. In the place of the German capitalists there are now active in Morocco: numerous French firms, the English firm of Gardner, the Dutch firm of Muller, which possesses more than 7,000 hectares of land in the Spanish zone, and finally Italian capitalists. In quite recent times however, American imperialism has appeared in the Moroccan arena. The

American capitalist Otto Kahn, who in April of this year carried out personal explorations in Morocco, is at present working at the creation of an American syndicate which, in agreement with Abd-el-Krim, is to exploit a territory which stretches for 80 versts along the coast, east and west of Alhucemas Bay, and reaches to the borders of the French zone.

The Otto Kahn & Co. will work the zinc, iron and antimony deposits in this district, is preparing to construct railways and roads, is planning to undertake extensive irrigation-works and to equip some water power works. American capitalists are investing a capital of 200 million gold francs in these undertakings.

**THE fact is that the gigantic American rubber trust, Garvey-Firestone, has succeeded in obtaining a very advantageous concession for rubber plantations in Liberia. The Firestone Co. which is closely connected with Ford, the motor car manufacturer,**

acquired one million acres of land for rubber plantations and assigned 100 million dollars for the equipment of the plantations. A plantation of 1,000 acres which belonged to the English and was in full working order, has already been bought by Firestone, and its whole production of raw rubber has passed into the hands of American imperialism. This is not all however. According to the plan of American-capitalists, 300,000 workers (mostly Negroes) will be continuously engaged for five to six years in building harbors, railways and a whole number of towns, in a district which today is impenetrable jungle.

This undertaking on so large a scale will cause a complete revolution in the intentional rubber industry. Whereas today America holds 3% of the world production of rubber, and 97% is in the hands of English (partly Dutch) imperialism, America will, when the plantations in Liberia are equipped, produce 250,000 tons of rubber annually, which represents more than 50% of the present world production. This will put an end to the present Anglo-Dutch monopoly. It is interesting to note that Liberia was only chosen for this purpose when American imperialism arrived at the conclusion that the Philippines, Mexico and Central America are unsuitable in view of the growth of their revolutionary movement.

**It goes without saying that, as a result of this American economic penetration, Liberia will become a colony**

of American imperialism without any rights of its own.

**THUS,** American imperialism, which since the war has generally shown a tendency to conquer new colonies, is now receiving a new impulse to increase its activity. The aggressiveness of American imperialism in Africa and Asia will necessarily grow. This circumstances will inevitably lead, and is already leading, to conflicts with other imperialist robbers who have divided up the colonies of the whole world amongst themselves. In the Far East, the efforts at expansion of American imperialism clash with the interest of Japan, in the Near East they encounter in the first place France's interests and finally, in Liberia; those of England.

The increasing bellicosity of American imperialism which intensifies the world conflicts, involves the danger of new wars. For this reason the working masses of the Soviet Union and of the whole world must carefully follow the activities of the imperialists and of their fights among themselves. In this connection it should not be forgotten that the conflict of interests between the imperialist powers is a powerful ally of the Soviet Union. Looked at from this standpoint the increase of the activity in the colonial policy of American imperialism, which intensifies the contradictions, implies that the creation of an imperialist united front against the Soviet Union and against the national revolutionary movement in the colonies and semi-colonial countries will become more difficult.

trization; and how it will be possible without centralization to organize industrially in one big centralized union to fight the master class, is a problem we will leave for the intellectuals of the injunctioite camp to solve.

It has often been said that among every mass of lies one will find a grain of truth. The saying holds good in respect to the article I am reviewing. Thus in its own language the article vindicates the conclusions many of us have arrived at regarding the tendencies that led to the split, namely that there has been a veering in the whole body of the I. W. W. from the practice of Marxism, and a consequential confusion of that that could terminate no other way than it did. The hostility to Marxism is expressed in these words: "We wish to take this opportunity, long delayed thru the scheming of Communists and other Marxian devotees, to step into our place in your ranks." There is the truth in a nutshell. The emergencyites are throwing the realism of Marx overboard and are preparing to embrace the philosophy of anarchism in toto. The antagonism to Communism is thus exposed as being, not objections to Moscow, but repudiation of Marxism itself. "Communists are Marxians. Down with Communists."

**FELLOW Workers,** you members of the rank and file who have followed off after the injunctioites, you more or less sincere rebels against the capitalist system, do you realize that in doing so you are scrapping Karl Marx for Bakuninism?

And you fellow workers who stand by 333 Belmont, do you realize that the issue confronting you today is one of coming more and more to see things in the realistic Marxian fashion? Do you realize that the emergencyites have clearly defined their position in regards to Communism. That they accuse the Communists of being "Marxian devotees," which they are. If you, too, are Marxians, you will then realize there can be no enmity between the I. W. W. and the Workers (Communist) Party of America. Industrial unionism is a necessity. You must co-operate with the Communists to make it a reality.

## CASUAL REVIEWS

By HENRY GEORGE WEISS.

I. W. W.

UNDER the caption "Statement of the Case of the I. W. W. in America," there appears in the November 12 issue of the One Big Union Bulletin, of Winnipeg, Canada, an article emanating from 186 N. LaSalle street, Chicago, and signed by one Matt Johnson, putting forth in characteristic language the "emergencyites" version of the split in the ranks of the I. W. W.

As might be expected, "emergencyites" find themselves in full accord with the A. F. of L. labor fakers in dubbing the Communists "liquidadors" of unionism, and without much effort succeed in establishing an united front with the Chicago Tribune, Daily News, the Chamber of Commerce, etc. In fact, the "injunctioites"—by the way, they don't mention any such little thing in their article as seeking an injunction in the capitalist courts in direct violation of working class principle—can give the above mentioned papers and organization of the master class much needed lessons on how more effectively to damn Communism.

The I. W. W. members whose revolutionary realism has made them incline more and more to affiliation with the Red International of Labor Unions are not in the least surprised by this attitude of the injunctioites. Long ago they realized that the muddled thinking of the I. W. W. leaders and intellectuals regarding the revolutionary functions of a union, was paving the way for the downfall of industrial unionism by inclining more and more to the "decentralization" program of the anarcho-syndicalists, and would inevitably lead to splitting the I. W. W.

**THE** whole article is indicative of petty spite and individualistic venom that would take too long to enumerate. It is sufficient to state here that deeds count louder than words. The emergencyites have adhered to the Anarchist International; the anarchists believe in individualism; individualism is the deadly foe of cen-

## Manufacturers "Favor" Wage Increase

By EARL R. BROWDER.

**ISN'T** it astounding? The National Association of Manufacturers (the head of the "open shop" movement) is agitating for wages to be increased by 35% in order to meet the increased cost of living. You don't believe it? Then get a copy of its official organ, *American Industries* for December, and turn to page 13. Your astonished eyes will see such arguments as the following:

"The rise in the cost of living has made it almost impossible for many of the workers to live upon their 'earnings.'"

There are two inaccuracies in the above quotation.

Yes, you guessed it the first time. It was not "workers" that were poken of. It was "judges," and referend to those most august gentlemen, the federal judiciary, who receive from \$15,000 per annum down to \$7,500. In

when it was the Romans and not the Jews that ruled the world at that time.

All this sort of talk seems premature. In ordinary evidence before one is accused of murder it is necessary to establish two things:

1. That there is a corpse.
2. That the corpse was one time known to have been alive.

In the case of Jesus Christ both these essentials are absent. There is no authentic record of anyone ever having seen such a person. No contemporary historian mentioned his name. Surely if he had such an influence upon those around him as is described in the holy book that relates his adventures some historian of the time would have mentioned it. No one alleged to have seen him wrote a single line about it. So there is no competent proof that such a person ever lived.

Then there is no one who ever saw his corpse. Surely it is essential to establish the fact that Jesus was murdered by someone before we accuse either the Jews or the Romans. There must be a corpse before one can be tried for murder.

## COMPETENT EVIDENCE REQUIRED

By H. M. WICKS.

**RABBI** Stephen S. Wise, a doctor of delusions of the Jewish faith, started a religious conflict Christmas by asserting that Jews should accept the fact of Jesus Christ's existence as a Hebrew teacher of whom they should be proud. The rabbi is one of the leaders of petty bourgeois liberalism in New York and is of that ignominious galaxy of pacifists who continually serve the interests of imperialism by advocating such measures as the adherence of the United States to the world court. Hence when he speaks his utterances have a certain news value for the capitalist press.

Since the principal nations of the world conduct their butcheries in the name of Jesus Christ we presume the rabbi thought it a wise stroke to align himself with the disciples of Jesus. His action infuriated some of the more orthodox dispensers of the water of everlasting life, who roundly upbraided him as an apostate. Soon a conflict ensued not unlike that which has raged for many moons in the protestant churches between modernism and fundamentalism.

Rabbi Samuel M. Gupp, of Providence, R. I., comes to the defense of Mr. Wise and holds that the Jews ought to claim Jesus for their own. He says it is monstrous that for 2,000 years the Jews should have been held responsible for the death of Christ,