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Wall Street Plans to Smother Nicaragua

Sending Enough Marines to Police Whole State; Only Way to Save Puppet President Diaz

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The American government has decided to smother the Nicaraguan civil war, hoping thereby to prevent a general conflagration in Central America, where the people in general are writhing under the financial tyranny of the United States.

This was the only explanation advanced today for the sudden dispatch of 1,400 additional marines to the little republic. With these reinforcements, the United States will have in Nicaragua, a mobile force of rifles equal in size to the Sacasa revolutionary army, and, of course, enormously superior in equipment.

CURRENT EVENTS

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

THE sum of \$25,000 was awarded by a jury to a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts, who slipped on a banana peel in the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad station, suffering serious injury. When the accident happened is not stated but by the time he who slipped gets the award he will in all probability have slipped into a grave. The railroad intends to appeal to the United States supreme court.

ANOTHER celebrity who had the satisfaction of reading of his own demise is Elihu Root. The Manchester Guardian carried a New York dispatch announcing the old corporation lawyer's death. A press agency sleuth developed the theory that the correspondent might have cabled that Root died instead of died. "Damn that 'n,'" muttered our Feature Editor as he passed up the story.

DISTANCE may make the heart grow fonder provided local competition is not too keen, but charity begins at home. Hence I am calling the attention of the multitudes to the L. L. D. bazaar, which will be held in New York on March 10, 11, 12 and 13, the Chicago is also howling for publicity. The International Labor Defense is worthy of the support of all class conscious workers. There are only three weeks left to push the sale of tickets and help make the affair a success. Money is needed to defend victims of capitalist courts and conduct campaigns to halt the bloody hands of the fascist oppressors in Poland, Lithuania, Italy and other countries.

Four days for New York; three for Chicago. That's about fair since we have a subway and other conveniences here that do not exist in the windy city, tho as far as gas is concerned we have our share of it. This is another way of saying that the Chicago bazaar (it's called carnival out there) will last three days. But the men and women from the mid-west live fast and furiously and stay up late. So they expect to accomplish as much in three days as we of the effete east will in four. From what we have learned about the preparations for the Chicago bazaar from personal correspondence we can sincerely urge all those who read these lines to patronize the affair, which will be held in the Ashland Auditorium on Feb. 25, 26 and 27.

M. Rakovsky, Soviet envoy to France, has been tried in effigy in Jassy, Roumania, before a military tribunal. He is charged with (Continued on Page Two)

REVEAL ORGANIZED CONSPIRACY TO INVADE UNION OF SOVIET REPUBLICS

MOSCOW, Feb. 18.—Charges that the German General, Hoffman, maker of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, has offered to lead an army against the Soviet Union were made today in the newspaper Izvestia.

The Izvestia reveals that General Hoffman made the offer to Locker-Lampson, British M. P., on condition that the M. P. raise a fund of £200,000,000.

The Izvestia publishes correspondence between the former czarist ambassador Giers, now in Paris, and M. Sablin, former Kerensky charge in London. This correspondence states that Locker-Thompson couldn't raise the funds for the expedition due to the impoverished conditions in Great Britain.

Sablin a Jew Killer. Eugene Sablin was an organizer of Black Hundreds under the Czar,

The smothering process apparently is to involve policing the entire country, from Honduras on the north to Guatemala on the south—no light undertaking in view of the scarcity of good roads and transportation. How long it will be necessary can only be guessed, but the consensus today was that the marines are in Nicaragua to stay for a long time.

For Conquest. There was not much pretense in Washington today that the marines, bluejackets and airplanes have been concentrated in Nicaragua merely to "protect American lives and property." A handful of marines could do that—as they have done it on divers occasions in the last twenty years.

The force being concentrated in Nicaragua today is different. It is enormously larger, better equipped, and operating directly under the orders of the state department, which now feels it is prepared to cope with any eventualities, irrespective of whether those eventualities are in Nicaragua, in Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala—or Mexico.

Other Countries Angry.

Guatemala, to the north, and Costa Rica, to the south, are out of sympathy with the state department siding President Diaz. Both countries resisted pressure from Washington, and refused to recognize Diaz. They have maintained an attitude of neutrality by also refusing to recognize Sacasa, but it has been no secret where their sympathy lies. Sacasa has been able to get most of his munitions from abroad through Guatemala and Costa Rica.

Pro-Diaz "Neutrality."

The reinforcements being sent Admiral Latimer, commander of the American occupational forces, will give him enough men to patrol both the northern and southern borders of Nicaragua, after a fashion. Both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts have already been pretty well taken out of the war zone through Latimer's declaring them "neutral zones." Likewise he will have enough men to police the railroad that links up the principal cities of the country. This railroad is owned by the Nicaraguan government; hence it cannot be said that in protecting this road the marines are "protecting American property."

Airplane Police.

The airplanes being sent to Nicaragua are understood to be for the purpose of patrolling the borders to prevent the liberals from receiving new supplies of arms. This is to be the "smothering" process—to choke the war to death through stoppage of supplies.

Despite the large force of marines now on Nicaraguan soil, there is at close hand most of the scouting fleet, (Continued on Page Two)

and transferred his allegiance readily to Kerensky after the fall of Nicholas II. The Menshevik minister sent him abroad to raise money, and Sablin remained to organize invasions of Bolshevik Russia after Kerensky fell.

The first letter published over Sablin's signature is from London and is dated shortly after the calling off of the British general strike and thanks Minister of the Interior Sir William Joynson-Hicks for the enlistment of White Russians as emergency police and strike breakers. But the Pravda declares it will later publish other facsimiles up to the end of last year.

Planning Discard. M. Sablin claims he is already "reconized" by the British as the representative of the Russian emigres and expresses the hope that this recognition (Continued on Page Two)

Fight Fans Are Groggy In Speculation Spree On Garden Pasteboards

Speculators are scoring a knock-out on the fight fans by doubling up on the price of pasteboards for the Maloney-Delaney fight which opens tonight at Madison Square Garden.

Aside from the legitimate sale of tickets Tex Rickard, the arch profiteer of sports, is raking in a pile of dough by scalping the scalpers.

And it's the fight fan who will have to pay two and three times the marked price of the tickets. The worker who will be sitting near the dome of Madison Square Garden will have to pay \$10.00 for a \$3.50 seat.

After its all over Tex Rickard figures he'll rake in some half a million.

BILL TO CREATE RADIO MONOPOLY PASSES IN HOUSE

Can Now Make You Pay For Listening In

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Without a record vote the senate this afternoon passed the Dill-White radio bill. The measure now goes to the president for signature.

The bill creates a commission of five for one year which will be empowered to "clean up the air" and otherwise regulate the radio industry. At the end of twelve months the commission will become a sort of a board of appeal and radio control will be administered by the secretary of commerce.

Monopolizes Ether

The bill creates a monopoly of the best wave lengths, and by amendments made during its passage confirms these wave lengths as private property of the companies to which they are assigned. It makes possible the renting of the privilege of "listening in."

Coal Mine Wage Negotiations Interrupted

Next Meeting Monday; Lewis Still Boosts Efficiency

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 18.—The joint sub-committee to which were referred the two plans for settlement of the wage controversy between the coal operators and the United Mine Workers of America has adjourned until Monday. No agreement has been reached.

Most of the miners' and operators' representatives have gone to Havana for the week-end.

Discussion in the sub-committee is said to have centered around the proposals made by William C. Haskins for the operators and that of President Lewis on behalf of the union.

Two Proposals.

The Lewis proposal provides for a continuation of the Jacksonville scale of (nominally) \$7.50 per day with the organization of a commission composed of technical experts, lawyers, etc., to work out plans for adding to the efficiency of the industry.

The Haskin plan asks a reduction in wages in the central competitive fields—Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania—to the level of the prevailing rate in the non-union districts and provides machinery for constant adjustments of wages and working conditions. Four miners, four (Continued on Page Three)

Mussolini Won't Give Up His Little Submarines

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The reply from Italy to President Coolidge's proposal for a further cut in naval armaments was momentarily expected at the state department tonight.

It was generally believed that it would prove to be a flat rejection, much along the line of that received from France Tuesday.

Mexico Gives Kellogg The Lie; American Oil Concerns Yield to Law

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—The statement made by Secretary of State Kellogg on the refusal of Americans in Mexico to comply with the Mexican oil laws was characterized as incorrect today in a formal statement issued by the department of industry, commerce and labor.

The statement which is at great length, claims that only the Atlantic Refining, the Gulf Oil Company and the Mexican Petroleum Company are listed as completely opposed to the laws, while others have either partially or wholly accepted the laws.

The companies which have not submitted to the laws have less than five per cent of the oil land of Mexico, the statement adds, and that these lands produced fifty-three per cent of Mexico's oil in 1926.

FINALLY MAKE TREATY WITH KEMAL PASHA

U. S. Recognizes Turkish Nationalist Power

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—An agreement has been reached between the United States and Turkey, providing for a resumption of diplomatic relations, it was announced at the State Department today.

Joseph C. Grew, now Under-secretary of State, probably will be the new American ambassador. The agreement provides for an indefinite extension of the existing modus vivendi between the two countries, necessitated because the Senate rejected theusanne treaty.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—Three writs of prohibition which Charlie Chaffin's attorney sought from the appellate court were denied by that tribunal here today.

Kuomintang Army Now Sweeping On Toward Shanghai

Reactionary Forces Fleeing in Disorder as People's Armies Capture Treaty Port

SHANGHAI, Feb. 18.—The drive of the nationalist revolutionary armies on Shanghai continues, and the Chekiang forces appear unable to offer resistance.

The Canton forces today captured Ningpo, a treaty port, and the capital of Chekiang.

In Complete Control.

Authoritative reports to the China Press, English language daily of Shanghai, said the nationalist forces were completely in control of Hangchow although the southern troops had not occupied the city. A Kuomintang government has already supplanted that of the fleeing Chekiang officials.

After defeating the Sun Chuan-Fang troops on three fronts yesterday, the Cantonese continued their drive toward Kashing where Sun is reported entrenching himself in a desperate endeavor to halt the southerners' drive toward Shanghai.

Fall of City Near.

The atmosphere in Shanghai today was extremely tense as it was evident that the deciding struggle for the possession of Shanghai is developing swiftly. Foreign officials here declared the capture of the international city will come with lightning-like suddenness.

Twenty thousand of Sun Chuan-Fang's troops who evacuated Hangchow yesterday were entraining today for Kashing, where the main line of defense is being established, with a second line at Sungkiang. Four thousand Sun troops arrived from Ningpo, and were dispatched to Sung-

kiang this morning. More troops are expected to arrive from Mingpo shortly.

Attack Chang-Tso-Lin.

Reports from Chengchow, Honan Province, indicate that Marshal Wu Pei-Fu's generals Wei Yi-San, Tien Wei-Chin and Chin Yu-Nao are co-operating in a movement to resist the advance of Chang Tso-Lin's Fengtien troops through Honan to Hupeh Province. Wu Pei-Fu appears powerless to control his subordinates, who, it is expected, will engage the Fengtien troops in an attempt to prevent their crossing the Yellow river.

The Fengtien troops stationed to the north of Kiangsu have been ordered to assist General Sun Chuan-Fang in his stand before Shanghai according to a report from Nanking

CHINA'S NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT REPLIES TO WASHINGTON NOTE

Demands Full Freedom.

PEKING, Feb. 18.—"Recovery of China's full independence"—this is the dominant aim of the Cantonese government as set forth in a statement of policy forwarded to the United States government, through the legation here, by Eugene Chen, nationalist foreign minister.

Chen has bitterly denounced Great Britain in particular in a lengthy document, but declares that the nationalists do not offer any menace to foreigners or any power, and that the powers can not harm themselves by treating with the Canton government.

"The new China is strong and is conscious of its powers and its ability by economic means to enforce its will on Chinese soil against any power," said Chen.

Imperialism Must Go.

Chen denounced the international control in China and declared that it is "on the eve of sharing the fate of all historical systems of political subjection."

"A nation that is not dying can never be at peace with its conquerors," said Chen. "It will strike at the selected moment."

To Set Up Modern State.

"Great Britain or other nations have nothing to fear when China under national leadership and rule, recovers her lost independence. It is not to revert to the methods of barbarism of a Chang Tsung Chang, or to reintroduce the feudalism of a Chang Tso-Lin, or to maintain and perpetuate

the medievalism of the mandarinat in Peking, that nationalist China wants independence. . . A modern state must be set up in China if the Chinese people are not to suffer the fate of dead nations. But if such a state is to be built by Chinese hands then China must be mistress in her own household—this means independence.

To Use Economic Weapon.

"Today the effective protection of foreign life and property in China does not and cannot longer rest on foreign bayonets and foreign gun boats, because the 'arm' of Chinese nationalism, the economic weapon, is more puissant than any engine of warfare that the foreigner can devise and the British in particular must now understand that the forces of the present revolutionary situation are handing over the protection of foreign life and property to the government that derives the power that can paralyze the economic life of foreign nationals in China."

O'Mally's New Instructions.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The foreign office announced today that it expects an early signature to the local agreement with the nationalist government relative to the administration of Hankow.

Announcement was made today that as the result of last night's cabinet meeting, new instructions were sent to China laying down lines upon which Owen O'Mally, British charge, might continue his negotiations with Chen

disarming," said Representative Begg (R) of Ohio, assistant floor leader.

Representative Britten (R) of Illinois, attacked the insincerity of European nations toward disarmament and predicted the Geneva conference would be "a fizzle and a farce."

LONDON, Feb. 18.—An alternative to President Coolidge's disarmament proposals will be suggested in the House of Commons on Monday by Rear Admiral Suter, as follows:

Abolition of battleships by general consent;

Ten thousand ton cruisers to be the largest unit of modern navies, each

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Woll Shows True Character of Right Wing in Labor Movement

IF any remnants of working class principle hung in tatters about the shoulders of the leaders of the right wing drive in New York on trade unionism free from capitalist control they were thrown to the winds by Matthew Woll, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, Thursday night, in his speech from the throne when the unseating of delegates of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and Furriers' Unions came before the Central Trades and Labor Council.

Woll's speech—and on this reports from all sources are in agreement—was a combination of anti-Semitism, Civic Federation reaction and denunciation of foreign-born workers.

It was the speech of a fascist.

He tried to incite Americans against Jews, Jews and Americans against Greeks and Christians against Jews. He stated that the issue was "Americanism" and urged the council delegates to stand behind the A. F. of L. committee for this reason.

In the face of the conviction of strikers and pickets by the capitalist courts working in co-operation with the right wing and the sentencing of these workers to prison for long terms, Woll accused the Communists and left wing of "terrorizing" members of the needle trades unions. Right wing gangsters with police protection have slugged and stabbed rank and file members of the needle trades unions but there have been no prison sentences handed out to these underworld elements. Woll had nothing to say on this matter.

Communist workers, of course, came in for Woll's most unrestrained abuse. The reason for this is clear.

The Communist press has exposed Woll and it will continue to expose him. He is an agent of the bosses in the labor movement. He is acting president of the Civic Federation, the organization with which the capitalist class penetrates the labor movement. Communist workers expose Woll in their unions.

Woll is also the agent of an international organization—the Roman Catholic Church. In the

labor movement he carries out the policy of both the Civic Federation and the instructions of the political wing of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

It was Woll, who at the Detroit convention of the A. F. of L. in spite of the drive of the open shoppers, tried to prevent the trade unions coming to the assistance of the Passaic strike although the workers were members of the United Textile Workers affiliated to the American Federation of Labor.

It is Woll who fought the hardest against any assistance being given to the Mexican labor movement in its struggle against feudal catholicism and American imperialism.

We say that the right wing is welcome to the leadership of Matthew Woll and that this leadership whose policy, under the guidance of labor's most powerful enemies, is becoming more reactionary day by day, will produce, as the rank and file of the labor movement comes to understand its full implications, a revolt that will send Woll and his ilk whimpering back to their capitalist masters.

The right wing is wrecking the labor movement by open destruction of unions as in New York, by a deliberate conspiracy against the rank and file as in the United Mine Workers and by open co-operation with the bosses as in the machinists and railway shop unions.

In the United Mine Workers of America the denunciation of Communists and the Communist Party was followed by destruction of all rank and file democracy. This same policy will be carried out in every union where Woll and other agents of the bosses gain the upper hand.

The unseating of Communist and left wing delegates in the Central Trades and Labor Council will be a signal for a further extension of the powers of the Tammany Hall bureaucracy at the expense of the rank and file and a still closer alliance of officialdom with the enemies of the labor movement.

This is the real meaning of Woll's speech and the action against the left wing delegates of the Ladies' Garment Workers' and Furriers' Unions.

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NEGROES ASKED TO JOIN UNIONS; A. F. L. INACTIVE

Study Shows Internationals Are Inactive

While the American Federation of Labor still fails to interest itself actively in the plight of the Negro worker, many local unions and district councils continue to enlist Negro members.

T. Arnold Hill, research worker in the industrial relations department of the National Urban League, reaches this conclusion after an intensive study of the field. He declares sentiment favoring Negro membership in trade unions is growing.

In Atlanta, Ga., labor union officials have recorded their opinion that "the labor movement in Atlanta does not feel safe with Negroes out of the union," writes Hill. They have expressed a desire to organize Negroes in auxiliary unions in certain trades.

Building Laborers Local. In Philadelphia where 2,500 tobacco workers are employed, efforts are being made to secure their membership in the union. "Ninety per cent of the hod carriers and building laborers in Kansas City are Negroes. They remained loyal to the union during a carpenters' strike in July."

Hill mentions that colored motion picture operators have been admitted to the union in New York City; relates the progress of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; tells of colored workers in the New York cloakmakers' and paper box strikes; and of colored women date workers striking in Chicago.

In Columbia, S. C. the number of colored plumbers and electricians increased, these trades being those in which very rigid restrictions prevail against colored membership," he reports. In Chicago an electrical workers' union made concessions to colored electricians.

In Philadelphia and Harrisburg efforts were made to organize building trades workers and in Atlantic City colored waiters were sought for union membership.

A. F. of L. Refuses to Act. "Against these favorable conditions there are a number of instances which show that considerable prejudice still exists against Negro membership in trade unions," states Hill.

"An attempt to get the American Federation of Labor, through its executive council, to appoint a colored advisor and organizer failed. The metal lathers' union denied a charter to colored men in Chicago. None of the international trade unions, which refused membership to Negroes at the beginning of the year changed its policy."

The National Urban League is a Negro social welfare organization largely interested in helping Negro workers get into new and more skilled kinds of work.

Tex Guinan's Hangout For Rich Loafers Is Placed Under Padlock

As the result of the most sensational liquor raid staged on Broadway, the "300" Club, of which the famous "Texas" Guinan is the hostess, was ordered padlocked for a period of six months by Federal Judge Bondy here yesterday.

The joint was closed on charges of violating the prohibition law.

Texas herself will be haled into court today, to face charges of possession and sale of liquor. United States Attorney Lowell Wadman announced that contempt proceedings also would be brought against the jovial hostess, charging that she violated a previous injunction restraining her from selling liquor.

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(Continued from Page One) being concerned in a conspiracy to assassinate King Ferdinand. The members of the tribunal may have a little fun but Rakovsky will have a lot more sitting in the palace occupied by the late Czar's ambassadors in Paris.

THE Russian refugee steamship Okhotsk, the last of a fleet that left Vladivostok carrying white guards after the Soviet occupation, has been seized by a local Chinese court to cover debts contracted by the Cosacks who traveled on it.

Since 1922 the vessel has been rotting in Shanghai waters. The brass trimmings of the vessel were sold to provide food for the refugees. Had the Russian workers and peasants failed to crush the ruling classes, they would now be under the heel of those refugees and their fellow parasites.

THE vatican has accepted the fascist corporate laws, so the much outed break between the pope and Mussolini appears to have fizzled out. The pope did not like the idea of seeing his catholic fiefdoms coming completely under the influence of Mussolini's propaganda. The pope would have them swallow his ope-out, as we said many times, thieves fall out when they can best afford it, exceptions to the rule regardless. The pope and Mussolini cannot afford to indulge in the luxury of a drastic rupture. The alleged break between the vatican and the fascist dictatorship was mainly a clever piece of acting under cover of which Mussolini was able to effect a satisfactory compromise with the pope.

FORTUNATELY our warning to readers to be prepared for a fresh load of militarist victories in China need not be heeded yet. The prediction was almost perfect. In fact, if Sun managed to stay put for a few more days the imperialist correspondents would have done their share. But Sun fell down on the job. He took to his heels and the Cantonese took Hankchow. As it is now, our warning must be put in cold storage for future use.

THERE are rumors that the noted boxing impresario, Tex Rickard, may be invited to assume the position of congressional czar. Baseball has long had the movie industry. Why not congress? Judge Landis's job has to do with exposing players who bet on the opposite team's chances of winning. Will Hays is busy trying to soft pedal the amorous affairs of screen stars. Tex's job would be to see that senators and representatives stopped lowering the standards of pugilism, by pulling off no-hit fights.

In the German reichstag, when the inmates get unruly the president hurls his stein at the offender, beer and all. The gentleman is reasonably safe in taking the offensive since a German solon can deal with the Beer he wants without leaving the reichstag building and is therefore not obliged to carry the stuff outside his skin. But let us suppose that Charley Dawes hurled his hip flask at "Jam" Reed of Missouri, what a hurricane of glassware would disturb the atmosphere?

Vote Trade Passes It. The bill came to the House from a fight in the Senate, in which the so-called "farmer" senators made a deal with the Morgan group to trade support for the farm bill for votes to put over the imperialistic McPadden-Pepper branch banking act, centralizing the banking business as much as Marx ever predicted, and creating the basis for an international Wall Street owned money trust.

Bankers Cheated Bloc. After they did it, apparently some of them regretted it. A few "in-surgents" fought the branch banking act, in vain, and the bankers double-crossed the "farm bloc" by having Mellon write a last-minute counterblast against it. However, both bills have passed.

Creates Board. The McNary-Haugen act is briefly as follows: It creates a Federal Farm Board, appointed by the president from nominees selected by cooperatives, banks and state departments of agriculture.

Loans \$250,000,000 to the Board from the Federal treasury. Permits the Board to declare an emergency exists in wheat, cotton, corn, rice, tobacco and swine, on approval of more than half the producers.

Permits the Board to make agreements with cooperatives or processors to finance the purchase, storage or sale of the commodity to remove a surplus from the market.

Creates a stabilization and for this purpose, provided by the levying of an equalization fee upon each bale of cotton, each bushel of wheat, etc., which is sold.

By removing the surplus from the market, it is contemplated that the domestic price of the product shall be higher than the world price.

Permits the Board to insure producers against price fluctuations and loan money to cooperatives to establish terminal marketing facilities.

President Coolidge has not yet decided whether to veto or sign the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, he told callers at the White House today.

The bill was discussed at today's cabinet meeting, and will take the usual course of being referred to the various departments for consideration before either signature or veto.

Plan Catskill Bridge. ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Three sketches of a proposed toll bridge over the Hudson River at Catskill have been submitted to the legislature by Col. Frederick Stuart Greene, state superintendent of public works. The bridge, and its approaches, would be about one mile long and would cost upwards of \$6,000,000, Col. Greene said.

CAL'S VETO OF FARM BILL WILL ASSIST LOWDEN

President's Action to Affect 1928 Race

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A foundation has appeared in President Coolidge's doorstep, and no one knows whether he will adopt and nurture it, or kick the embarrassing brat into the nearest snow bank. Congress has laid on him the task of either signing or vetoing the McNary-Haugen Farm "Relief" Bill, offspring of some of the weirdest political miscegenation of modern times.

What Will Cal Do? Administration supporters were sharply divided in their predictions. The majority opinion is that he will veto the bill. Those who believe in the veto denounce the bill as a price-fixing measure and a dangerous experiment which would put the government in the farming business.

Sponsors of the bill, on the other hand, declared that Mr. Coolidge had left the problem to Congress and thereby was virtually pledged to sign it. Political observers saw in Mr. Coolidge's action an answer to the riddle of 1928. Approval of the bill, they asserted, would be tantamount to a declaration of his candidacy for the next Republican presidential nomination.

Veto Aids Lowden. With the middle west aroused over the farm relief problem, a veto would boom the stock of two other presidential aspirants. Ex-Governor Frank A. Lowden of Illinois, and Vice-President Charles G. Dawes, it was predicted.

An alternate course open to the president is to permit the bill to become a law without his signature, but few believe that he will adopt so negative a course.

Party Lines Melt. The bill was passed last night by the House, 214 to 176, after a spectacular fight of nine hours, in which the farm bloc rode down all opposition. The margin of victory, 38 votes, was about what had been anticipated, and it is too small to permit of hope of re-passage over a veto.

Party lines were badly split. The leaders in both parties voted against it. Generally, the line-up found the agricultural middle west and west in support, and the industrial east against it. The south has divided, but a majority of the southerners supported it.

Dr. Juan B. Sacasa, the Nicaraguan revolutionary leader, has refused to be intimidated by the marines sent to impress him many weeks ago. Despite their presence, Sacasa has regularly purchased arms and ammunition from other countries which recognize him, as well as peso loans, and so marked has been his military successes over the American-supported President Diaz that anti-American revolutionists throughout Central America have been encouraged to "start things." There have been rumblings of a new revolution in Honduras for several weeks.

The great days of Diaz of Mexico, Latin Resist Plundering. Chamorra of Nicaragua, and such like highwaymen, who ruthlessly plundered their own countrymen of land and mineral rights, to sell to their secret allies, the industrialists of the United States, are gone.

Formerly American banks could make deals with the reigning freebooters in the contemptuously named "banana republics" of Central America, and by giving them loans at ruinous interest, could get half the country in pledge, the local tyrant using what of the loan he did not squander on himself to maintain an army of "rurales" or other armed forces to whip his countrymen into the American yoke.

Use Own Forces. Since the series of rebellions started in Mexico in 1911, however, these tactics have failed. More and more it has been necessary for the oil, copper and cattle and fruit interests of America to call the state department to their aid. This process reaches a culmination now, in the brutal invasion of Nicaragua, to open a war of conquest that a wave of indignation is sweeping all Latin America, and anything may happen, from a boycott of American goods to open declarations of war.

Presbyterian Minister Swindles His Six Wives. DETROIT, Feb. 18.—Robert Alan Browne, Presbyterian minister, and alleged bigamist with six wives, was arrested here today on a charge of passing a worthless check. According to police statements he swindled his wives out of various sums of money.

Aimee Wants More Coin. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—This was sheaf-gathering day for Aimee Semple McPherson, however, at the afternoon meeting, Mrs. McPherson stated that expenses had not yet been met by the free will offerings, in spite of the size of the pans that have round.

Reveal Conspiracy to Invade the Union of Soviet Republics

(Continued from Page One) tion will "automatically become official once we succeed in bringing about a rupture in the diplomatic relations of Britain and the Soviet." A White Guard Bloc.

Sabin tells gleefully of relations he has established with leading British conservatives, including Lord Birkenhead, Winston Churchill, Jovian-Hicks, and Commander Locker-Lampson, etc., together with oil magnates and others. Then, it is said, with the British association of Russian creditors, form the backbone of an organization of which Locker-Lampson is president, called "Out With the Reds" which is devoted to a rupture in Anglo-Soviet relations. Sabin permits himself free criticism of the British mission in Moscow.

Proposes Forgery. He relates the trickery he had to use to introduce Russian monarchist propaganda into British newspapers "which might suspect 'white' propaganda if we gave it to them direct through the good offices of our parliamentary and other friends." He adds the cynical suggestion that M. De Giers prepare anti-Bolshevik documents "which we can get published here as intercepted letters from leaders of the Russian Communist Party opposition."

Churchill Wants Rupture. LONDON, Feb. 18. — Coincident with the revelations that Winston Churchill was part of the White Guard Russian intrigue Sabin's conspiracy to rupture trade relations between the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and Great Britain, comes confirmation through a speech made last night by Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill, in which he said: "Well, nothing could be less alarming from the government's point of view than a gesture to sweep the Russian delegation, trading associations and diplomatic representatives out of the country," but stated that though the government shared the opinions of the critics of the Bolsheviks, certain considerations hindered this action just at present.

Wall Street Plans to Smother Nicaragua

(Continued from Page One) which carries thousands of bluejackets. They could be landed at any spot in Central America in a short time, and there are Quatico, Paris Island and San Diego, another force of 1,000 marines available for duty and "awaiting orders."

To Bully Latins. It was developments outside Nicaragua, rather than inside, that prompted the administration to make this new and greater display of armed strength in the Caribbean, it was said today.

Dr. Juan B. Sacasa, the Nicaraguan revolutionary leader, has refused to be intimidated by the marines sent to impress him many weeks ago. Despite their presence, Sacasa has regularly purchased arms and ammunition from other countries which recognize him, as well as peso loans, and so marked has been his military successes over the American-supported President Diaz that anti-American revolutionists throughout Central America have been encouraged to "start things." There have been rumblings of a new revolution in Honduras for several weeks.

The great days of Diaz of Mexico, Latin Resist Plundering. Chamorra of Nicaragua, and such like highwaymen, who ruthlessly plundered their own countrymen of land and mineral rights, to sell to their secret allies, the industrialists of the United States, are gone.

Formerly American banks could make deals with the reigning freebooters in the contemptuously named "banana republics" of Central America, and by giving them loans at ruinous interest, could get half the country in pledge, the local tyrant using what of the loan he did not squander on himself to maintain an army of "rurales" or other armed forces to whip his countrymen into the American yoke.

Use Own Forces. Since the series of rebellions started in Mexico in 1911, however, these tactics have failed. More and more it has been necessary for the oil, copper and cattle and fruit interests of America to call the state department to their aid. This process reaches a culmination now, in the brutal invasion of Nicaragua, to open a war of conquest that a wave of indignation is sweeping all Latin America, and anything may happen, from a boycott of American goods to open declarations of war.

Presbyterian Minister Swindles His Six Wives. DETROIT, Feb. 18.—Robert Alan Browne, Presbyterian minister, and alleged bigamist with six wives, was arrested here today on a charge of passing a worthless check. According to police statements he swindled his wives out of various sums of money.

Aimee Wants More Coin. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—This was sheaf-gathering day for Aimee Semple McPherson, however, at the afternoon meeting, Mrs. McPherson stated that expenses had not yet been met by the free will offerings, in spite of the size of the pans that have round.

Reckoning Day Coming For Fake Progressives Who Betray the Workers

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH.

VICTOR L. Berger, the lone socialist congressman, voted in favor of the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill and thus gave what aid he could in its passage.

The socialist program is supposed to be one separate from and against the capitalist program. Since the war, however, it has become the practice of socialists, in all countries, to get their leadership from the capitalists, the socialist parliamentarians trailing along in the wake of their bourgeois compatriots. This was the tendency under the development of the Second (Socialist) International, accelerated by the events following the world war, when the capitalists needed the socialists more than ever to combat labor's struggle for victory.

It is not necessary to array any testimony against Berger to show that he follows this course, that in other countries makes socialist members of anti-labor governments and even premiers of the capitalist state. Berger admits it. He confessed it in his speech on the McNary-Haugen Bill before the assembly members of the house of representatives and they applauded him.

Berger voted against the McNary-Haugen legislation in the last congress. He has now changed his mind, which is always the privilege of the socialist politician who refuses to stand on the firm basis of the class struggle, but listen to Berger speaking:

"Mr. Chairman, I admit that when the McNary-Haugen Bill was up last year I voted against it. I was not quite sure at the time that I did right. I am going to vote for it now, and I am not any more certain that I am right now."

Thus Berger says he finds himself in the position of the "Pennsylvania-Dutch" justice of the peace who listened to the lawyers in a damage case. He agreed at first with one of them and then with the other," according to the story. "And finally he said that they were both right, and decided that the constable had to pay the costs." Which brought laughter from Berger's fellow congressmen, laughter at the expense, however, not of Berger, but of the working farmers of the nation.

Berger's decision to vote for the McNary-Haugen bill was then reached thru this line of reasoning: "Thinking the matter over, however," said Berger, "I thought that of the various evils before us it might be wise to choose the smallest. And I believe that the McNary-Haugen bill in its present form is the least dangerous," which brought more applause.

Thus Berger bridges the way to support of old party legislation, with the same argument that great masses of workers use in voting the old party tickets, supporting the "best man", or, where there is no good man in the field, giving aid to the least dangerous, claiming that this is the only way to "get something now."

That was the basis on which the Nonpartisan League was organized for functioning with the old parties, rather than develop the independent action of the workers and farmers.

Speaking of the declaration of one of the chief organizers of the Nonpartisan League, Laurence Todd, the Federated Press correspondent at Washington, writes: "That a day of reckoning is coming, for senators and members of the house who voted for the re-chartering of the federal reserve system and for loosening the reins on branch banking, was the warning given by Senator Frazier of North Dakota, Nonpartisan Leaguer before the senate adopted the action banking bill."

It seems, however, that the day of reckoning is not coming for the legislators who have always remained loyal to their class interests, who did so in supporting the McNary-Haugen bill and the Mellon-Morgan bank bill, thru the building of the farm-bank bloc, and who will continue battling for their masters. They will be well taken care of. Take a look at "Nervous Nellie" Kellogg, who was made ambassador to Great Britain and then secretary of state after he had been repudiated by the voters of Minnesota in his attempt to be re-elected to the United States senate.

The reckoning is due in part for those who have been passing for the champions of labor, loudly proclaiming it in election campaign speeches, and then following the farm-bank bloc in aiding Wall Street achieve one of the biggest legislative victories it has ever won, which even Senator Frazier, in weeping for his little banker friends, declares will "sound the death knell to independent banking in the United States within ten years." But this glorious victory was only made possible by the aid given this Morgan-Mellon bill by supporters of the McNary-Haugen Relief Bill.

Berger, Frazier, Nye, LaFollette and the rest may not know where they are at in congress. Very evidently they don't. But the workers and farmers, as a result of these bitter experiences with "know-nothing" members of congress, will awaken to the fact that they must build an independent political power of their own. The support of the masses drifts to the labor party as the false friends of the working class confess their treason in Washington. Labor needs spokesmen in congress who know why they fight, now to fight and when to fight. Labor will get them.

FORCE EDISON CO. TO RENEW HUNT FOR MEN

Power Lords Left Them Buffed In Snow

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 18.—Although efforts to rescue the bodies of the construction workers killed in the snow slide that buried the camp of the Southern California Edison Co. at Big Creek, 75 miles from here, had ceased, reports that some of the men were still alive caused public sentiment to force the company to renew them.

The Southern California Edison Co. is the power trust which has control of all available water power sites in the southern part of the Sierra Nevada. It not only provides light and power for the cities, but due to the fact that most of San Joaquin Valley farms are irrigated with ground water, pumped by electric pumps, it grips the agricultural life of the community, and levies enormous toll, on dairymen and fruit growers.

The company is continually expanding its system, opening up new power plants back in almost inaccessible parts of the mountains. Its construction gang camps have many times been shut down by strikes organized by the I. W. W. General Construction Workers Industrial Union No. 310.

The fighting point on which the I. W. W. was able to organize the walk-outs was dangerous work, poor food, and mistreatment of the men. The latest disaster is nothing more than could be expected, say the workers familiar with Edison Co. work, for the location of the camps is made without reference to the convenience or safety of the men.

THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE

At Cooper Union (8 St. & Astor Pl.) at 8 o'clock Admission Free Sunday, Feb. 20—John Cowper Powys, "Psychology of Modern Literature." Tuesday, Feb. 22—Dr. Charles R. Stockard, "The Skin and Individuality."

Friday, Feb. 25—Everett Dean Martin, "What is the Matter With Modern Ideas?—Modernism in Religion." Monday, Feb. 27—Dr. Morris R. Cohen, "American Philosophy—American Religion." Wednesday, Feb. 29—Dr. C. Stuart Gager, "How the Scientific Works—The Life of Plants."

Thursday, Feb. 24—E. G. Spaulding, "Questions People Expect a Philosopher to Answer—Is Change Universal?"—Bergson. Saturday, Feb. 19—Mortimer J. Adler, "Psychological Relativity: The Four Geometries of the Soul—The Soul as Desire."

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10th Street and Second Avenue THIS SUNDAY 3 P. M.—Contemporary Authors. PROF. H. W. L. DANA "Toller" ADMISSION 25 CENTS

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High-Priced Lawyers Save Hair to Baker's Millions in Lawsuit

Backed by a high-priced legal staff, Walter S. Ward, wanstrel son of the baking trust magnate, escaped judgment yesterday of \$75,000, asked by the parents of the boy who slew five years ago.

The jury disagreed, but Judge Anderson immediately ordered a new trial.

Young Ward claimed in the White Plains trial in 1922 that he shot in self-defense. In this case he refused to testify. The wealthy slayer fled the United States and was discovered only a month ago living in the lap of luxury at Country Club Park, a suburb of Havana, where his father's home is located.

The old millionaire has stayed in the background, lavishly financing his son's trial but refusing to come out in the open.

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sent to Leon Hausman, 'Bolshevik' Play Office, 137 St. Elizabeth, N. Y. secured a copy of 'Bolshevik' in English for the present. Translations may be had at a later date.

On and after March 15th, 1927, 'BOLSHEVIK' will be shown in a copy of M. L. H. Hausman in town to play the title role, advises his wide acquaintance to first read the book. The author is finding it difficult to secure a 'BOLSHEVIK' script in newspapers, but 'BOLSHEVIK' will be over just the same AND HOW!

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Disrupters in Trade Unions Expel Leaders of Militants

Ben Gold and Militant Leaders of Furriers and Ladies Garment Workers Read Out of Council

Union disrupters, acting under direct orders of the reactionary officials of the American Federation of Labor, expelled 23 militant delegates of the Ladies' Garment Workers and Furriers' Unions at the Thursday evening meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council.

The expulsions mark another step in the campaign of reactionary elements in the A. F. of L., headed by Matthew Woll and local followers, led by Hugh Frayne, to "purge" the labor movement of all militant workers.

Woll, Frayne and Edward O'Grady, A. F. of L. representative, were seated on the Central Labor Union platform yesterday evening when the session came to order at Beethoven Hall. Without wasting time, the machine steamroller got under way immediately.

Green Orders It.
Letters from President William Green ordering the expulsion were read. President Joseph P. Ryan of the central body then read the executive committee's report, carrying out the orders.

Samuel Liebowitz, assistant manager of the Furriers' Joint Board, and Emma Yenetski of Ladies' Garment Workers' Local 22 were on their feet immediately.

"Why am I unseated," Liebowitz asked.

"You are not a delegate," replied Ryan.

"Are we to be unseated without even a trial," Yenetski fired at the chairman.

"Sit down, sit down," Ryan roared.

Sergeant At Arms Moves.
The sergeant at arms moved menacingly toward the expelled delegates as they stuck to their ground, demanding reasons for the unwarranted action.

Ryan passed on to the "next order of business," completely ignoring left wing protests. Replying to a demand for an executive session, Ryan countered that "this body is chartered by the American Federation of Labor and must carry out its instructions."

The expelled delegates are: Ladies' Garment Workers' Unions: Local 2—H. Kroger, J. Goldman and H. Furman.

Local 9—S. Miller, Rose Kaplan and Molly Perlman.

Local 22—Emma Yenetski, Charles Furman and Celia Samarodin.

Local 3—Joseph Goretzky and Louis Kudrenetzky.

Furriers' Unions: Local 1—Ben Gold, manager of the Central Board, L. Birger and Samuel Liebowitz, assistant manager.

Local 5—B. Weinstein, B. Coleman and Sam Mencher.

Local 10—Mark Spivak, B. Garf and J. Fleiss.

Local 15—L. Greenberg, J. Winogradski and Fannie Warshafsky.

The Ladies' Garment Workers' delegates represented unions which had been "suspended" by the right wing international officials while the furrier delegates represented locals now under charges by the A. F. of L. for their militant policy.

Sigman's Delegates In.
Delegates representing "reorganized" locals of the I. L. G. W. were seated directly after the real delegates had been expelled.

The opening was a letter from Green, dated February 16 ordering the Central Labor Union to drive out the militants. Parts of Green's letters, charging "Communist influence," follows:

"The attempt of certain Communist leaders to substitute Communist principles and policies for trade union principles and policies in the administration of the affairs of these two

organizations cannot be tolerated. It is imperative that organizations chartered by the American Federation of Labor be maintained and administered upon a sound and constructive trade union basis.

Solomon In Judgment.
"It has been brought to my attention that Locals 1, 5, 10 and 15 of the International Fur Workers' Union, as now constituted, have forfeited the right to representation in your central body, and that the delegates representing Locals 2, 9, 22 and 35 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, who have been recognized as duly accredited representatives to your central body, have likewise forfeited the right to continue as delegates to the New York Central Trades Council."

Matthew Woll, vice president of the American Federation of Labor and chairman of the special committee selected by the executive council of the A. F. of L. in a hot tirade, declared:

"New York is the strong hold of Communism. In this city is the only organization where they still have control in the furriers' union."

Communism Grows.
He then referred to the growth of the Communist movement in this country saying that it started in Chicago then spread to Minneapolis and ultimately reached Winnipeg. "Now it is carrying out its activities in New York."

According to Woll, in the needle trades, "the Communists have set up a reign of terror." "We must save the needle workers from the Greek mobs of the Communists."

Hates Daily.
"Why has the DAILY WORKER moved to New York? This smudge sheet in which Foster, Ruthenberg and Gold carry out their fight? It is because they realize that the center of struggle is in this city."

He closed his speech of accusing the Communists of using violence and suggesting that the Central Trades and Labor Council call a delegate conference of local unions to carry on their fight.

With the left wing delegates already deprived of their vote, and the center groups confused by the vehemence of the attack by the highest officers of the A. F. of L. the reactionaries secured a standing vote to concur with their action in expelling the garment workers delegates.

The following are the right wing delegates seated by the I. L. G. W.: No right wing credentials were handed in for the furriers' union.

Local 2: B. Moser, M. Wagman, Saul Stieglitz; Local 9: H. Willenberg, J. Halprin and F. Rein; Local 22: Mollie Friedman, Julius Hochman, B. Wollinsky; Local 35: I. Friend, H. Dorfman and Louis Rief.

Witnesses Testify Couzens Cheated On Tax Report
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Support for the government's contention that in 1913 stock in Henry Ford's motor enterprise was worth only about half the treasury valuation was furnished today by Arthur M. Anderson, of J. P. Morgan Co., testifying in the \$30,000,000 federal tax suit against the former Ford stockholders.

The treasury valuation was fixed at \$9,500 a share, and now the government contends the shares were worth only \$3,500. The difference, for tax purposes, is \$30,000,000.

Young Workers League Giving Valentine Ball In Cleveland, Feb. 20
The Young Workers' League of Cleveland will give a valentine dance on Sunday, Feb. 20, at I. O. O. F. Hall, East 123rd St. and Lakeview Ave., at 7:30 p. m. There will be an excellent union orchestra, a good dance floor, and a good time is assured to all.

Hungarian Soccer Team Holds Dance for Daily In Cleveland, Sunday
CLEVELAND, Feb. 18.—On Sunday, Feb. 20, the Hungarian Soccer team of Cleveland will give a play and hold a dance at Hungarian Hall, 4309 Lorain Avenue, at 7:00 p. m. Twenty-five per cent of the proceeds go to the DAILY WORKER. All west-siders are invited to be present to enjoy themselves.

Spain Sees Thru It.
MADRID, Feb. 18.—The Coolidge memorandum proposing an armaments conference is obviously a new pretext for a White House attack against the League of Nations," declared an editorial in the Heraldo De Madrid today.

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CRIME CARNIVAL STIRS POLICE TO OVERTIME DUTY

Arrests, Trials, Convictions—Grist of Courts

Attacks on mothers, mother-in-law murder, mysterious abduction, girls astray in the big city, electrocutions, prison escapes and scandal in high society completed today in the crime story of metropolitan misery and disipation.

1. Two angered women relatives were being sought by police to explain the disappearance of little Billy Gaffney, 4, spirited away from his Brooklyn home last Friday. The boy was last seen, according to information, pressed closely to the bosom of one of these women while shrieking. "I wanta go home to my mamma."

2. Joseph Ferrando, Hoboken grocer, was awaiting sentence in Jersey City on a charge of attacking his former partner with a razor. Ferrando's daughter, he said, had been attacked by the partner previous to her recent marriage to another man.

3. Michael Ponkrashaw, 12, who killed his man with two bullets in the back, successfully hid the identity of the men "behind him" in his fatal robbery. "Gee, where'll they send me?" he asked. Probably to the reformatory, say court officials. Mike's parents, who washed their hands of him after the murder, are united behind him now.

4. Harold F. Webster, former Florida "realtor," killed his mother-in-law, he testified after she had told him "he was not man enough to do it."

5. Izzy Presser, charged with escaping from a prison gang in 1921, went on trial at Lake George today, fighting to retain his liberty.

6. Joseph Boris, 25, released after serving 90 days in Hudson county penitentiary, New Jersey, on the complaint of his mother, was held without bail of a charge of beating his mother soon after his release.

7. Mrs. Marian Bamford, daughter of a New York stock broker was granted a divorce from her husband, a coffee shop proprietor at White Plains, N. Y. on grounds of infidelity. There are two children. Alexander Crawford of Trenton, N. J., former assemblyman from Hudson county, asked a divorce from his wife. In a counter-petition, she alleges infidelity.

8. Paul E. Hilton, radio burglar, faced electrocution at Ossining last night for the murder of a New York patrolman.

9. Two young women of Queens were reported missing for several days, among police lists of scores of other girls lost, strayed or stolen.

10. Two hundred and thirty men and two women faced trial today after a police raid on an alleged immoral show in Woodhaven, Queens. Immoral dancing is alleged.

Dual Unionism, Not Scabbing, Is Crime In Case of Cleveland

In the issue of Feb. 12, appeared an article from Cleveland relating to the dispute between the sharpeners and laborers. Owing to an error, the laborers were called scabs. They are not scabs. The struggle is over who shall have the right to remove the wooden forms after the concrete molds are put up. The laborers claim this as their work, while the carpenters say it is theirs. The origin of the fight is the fact that the carpenters are in the building trades council, while the laborers are in another.

SUIT AGAINST MEXICO BY U. S. PETROLEUM CO.

Recognize Commission Formerly Despised

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—A claim against Mexico totaling \$1,800,000 was filed by the National Oil Company of New York tonight just prior to the expiration of the final six month period when the special claims commission may accept cases growing out of revolutionary disturbances. Two smaller claims were also filed in accordance with cabled instructions from the state department at Washington. The regular period for filing expired six months ago but a majority of the commission may admit claims filed by tonight.

Uncle Sam Can Bootleg.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The government-owned steamer Ambridge is "immune" from punishment by prohibition officials, despite the fact that \$49,000 worth of liquor was seized on board the vessel at Hoboken, it was learned today. Officials pointed out that a privately owned ship, under similar circumstances might be seized and sold.

Flying Militariats In Chile
SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 18.—A message from Mejillones, Chile, announced that the Pan-American "Good Will" airplanes arrived there at 2:50 o'clock this afternoon.

Mabel Normand Unchanged.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—Still in extreme danger, but fighting her battle for life against bronchial pneumonia with renewed courage, Mabel Normand, screen star, was apparently holding her own late this afternoon at the Santa Monica hospital.

Free State Has Fire Traps
CORK, Ireland, Feb. 18.—Trapped in a top story of a blazing tenement building, a mother and three children burned to death today.

U. S. Plans to Take Revenge on France

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ration being allowed cruisers in accordance with their needs for security and protection; All nations to be permitted to build as many 5,000-ton cruisers as they desire for purely police duties; Submarine tonnage to be limited for each nation; An international conference to be held under the League of Nations with instructions to draw up concise regulations, governing all phases of submarine warfare.

Will Talk, Not Act.
TOKIO, Feb. 18.—Japan will make an unconditional acceptance of President Coolidge's invitation to participate in an armament parley, it is understood in Tokio today. The cabinet, according to reports, has approved the reply to President Coolidge and the Emperor's sanction will be obtainable Saturday.

The reply will probably point out the difficulty of solving the armament question unless France and Italy agree to participate in the arms conference. Previously Premier Wakasada had stated to the Diet that Japan would not reduce her naval building program, but was willing to talk about it.

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ARREST SPEAKER, QUESTION MINERS NEAR PITTSBURGH

Two Held for Deporting—L. L. Sands Lawyer

(Special to Daily Worker.)
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 18.—The Wilkes-Barre police arrested J. Zaldokas, a Lithuanian speaker scheduled to address an audience of workers in that city February 15, and thus prevented him from speaking. Zaldokas was charged with violating the Flynn Anti-Sedition act, and was at first held under \$10,000 bond. Efforts of Attorney George J. Shaffer, representing the International Labor Defense, reduced the amount of bond to \$2,000 and Zaldokas was released on that amount, after spending two days in the county jail.

Said By D. of I.
This is the second exhibition of "Democracy" in this vicinity within the last few days. The other was when Department of Justice agents swooped down on Fairmarville, a little mining town near here, and questioned miners as to whether they read the DAILY WORKER, or Radnik, a Workers' Party language paper.

All who admitted such an interest in the class struggle were then quizzed as to the length of time they had been in America, and the particulars of their entry. Two miners were held under \$500 bond, charged with illegal entry, and threatened with deportation, one to Italy, and the other to Czechoslovakia.

The inquisition took place in the mining company office when the men came to get their pay.

Interrupt the Coal Wage Negotiations

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operator and three "impartial" mediators would constitute the Haskin commission. In the event the miners and operators are unable to agree on the three mediators they are to be appointed by the chief justice of the United States Supreme Court. Both plans have a more efficient organization of the industry as their basis.

Report Agreement Rumors.
There is great gossip here relative to the probability of separate agreements with the union in the four states comprising the central competitive field.

Ohio and Western Pennsylvania operators claim that the short distance from their markets to the non-union fields of West Virginia places them under a handicap from which the Illinois operators do not suffer.

While there are statements that Illinois will sign a separate agreement—the operative appears to be more probable—that the operators of the other competitive fields will insist on separate agreements, whether Illinois does or not.

It will be remembered that before the exposure of Frank Farrington, former president of District 12 Illinois, as an employe of the Peabody coal interests, he advocated a separate agreement for the Illinois sections of the union.

The statements that separate agreements will be signed in the central competitive field are probably based on the belief that the liquidation of Farrington did not mean the liquidation of his policy.

Expect Turkish Relations.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Resumption of diplomatic relations with Turkey, despite refusal of the senate to ratify the Lausanne treaty, was envisioned by state department officials today as a result of negotiations now in progress between Admiral Bristol, American high commissioner, and Turkish officials at Ankara.

Read The Daily Worker Every Day

The Manager's Corner

THE FUTURE OF THE NEWSPAPERS
"Unless we today think of the generations to come and plant the seeds physically, politically and practically there will be no forests, no lumber, no paper, and without paper, no civilization," says B. T. McBain in The Paper Industry (New York). "Eight million and eight hundred thousand tons in 1925 is a lot of paper, but each year we as a nation use using from 5 to 10 percent more. Where will it all end unless some steps, and strong measured ones, are taken soon not only to perpetuate our pulp timber supply, but to stop this enormous waste of our natural natural resources."

Curiously enough the very newspapers, about which experts like Mr. McBain are concerned, are doing everything in their power to perpetuate the system of which waste of natural resources is an integral part. Anarchy in production in the paper industry, as well as the exhaustion of our lumber reserves are part and parcel of the system of capitalist production as a whole.

Mr. McBain's proposed adjustments of the problem are temporary in their nature and fundamentally unsound. We would recommend to him and to the workers generally, the support of a newspaper which is dedicated to the task destroying this system and supplanting it with an order of society, which will insure the conservation of our lumber and newsprint paper supply, and also the reorganization of the entire system of production and distribution for the good of humanity as a whole.—BERT MILLER.

GREAT WORKERS CARNIVAL BAZAAR PREPARATIONS ABOUT READY; CHICAGO WILL CELEBRATE

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Preparations for the big \$10,000 workers' carnival bazaar which is to be held in the Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and Van Buren on February 25, 26 and 27, are now being completed by the committee.

Numbers of booths will be distributed all over the hall. A group of German organizations will conduct one of the booths. The Workmen's Circle 519 and the Ladies' Auxiliary will have another of the booths.

Other organizations conducting booths at the bazaar will be the International Labor Defense, the Freiheit Youth Club, the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, the Freiheit Singing Society, the progressive group of the Millinery and Cap Makers' Union, the Young Workers' League, the Independent Workmen's Circle, No. 96, the North West Branch of the I. L. D., the progressive group of the Mothers' League, and others.

Sunday evening will see the wind-up of the bazaar. The Russian orchestra will render selections from 4 to 9 p. m. The net proceeds will go to the DAILY WORKER and the Jewish Daily Freiheit, and the committee in charge has decided to donate 30 percent of the profits to International Labor Defense. The committee calls attention to the conference of all active bazaar workers to take place February 20, Sunday, at 10:30 a. m. at the Workers Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Boulevard.

Workers Party Boston District Approves CEC On Russian Discussion

District 1 of the Workers (Communist) Party, Boston, one of the largest districts in the party, held a discussion on the recent situation in the Russian Party on Sunday, February 13. After listening to a report from Comrade D. Benjamin, Assistant Agitprop Director of the New York District of the Workers Party, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 144 for, 0 against, 5 abstaining:

Resolution Passes.
"The membership meeting of the Boston District of the Workers Party approved the action of the C. P. of the Workers Party of America, in endorsing and upholding the position and action of the C. P. S. W. against the opposition in the party of the Soviet Union.

"It expresses condemnation of the latest action of the opposition in attempting to create a platform for an opposition in the Comintern, and "pledges itself to carry on a campaign among workers of the district to increase their understanding of the fact that Russian workers can build socialism in that country."

State Spending Spree Exceeds Record of 1926; No Cut in Income Tax

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Showing an increase of \$10,000,000 over last year, the annual appropriation bill totalling \$147,000,000 was passed in the assembly yesterday.

The total cost of the state government for the next fiscal year is expected to reach \$220,000,000 and legislative leaders are wondering where the state will get the money. The total estimated resources have been placed at \$204,000,000. The cost of the state government last year was about \$187,000,000.

Governor Smith and the republican leaders have forsaken their intention to reduce the income tax 25 per cent this year.

Republican leaders have virtually decided to pass a bill imposing a tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline. This would bring upwards of \$18,000,000 into the state treasury.

While the appropriation bill was under discussion in the assembly today, Assemblyman Cuvillie, New York democrat, suggested that the state impose a tax of 25 cents per day on hotel guests and also a tax on tobacco.

Pioneers Prepare for Philadelphia Jubilee On 3rd Anniversary

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—Pioneers (Communists too young for the Young Workers' League) are bending all energies to the task of preparing a jubilee to celebrate their third anniversary here. A chorus of about 60 is studying their new song, "We Are The Builders," and a harmonica chorus of 20 is being put into training. A new play is being rehearsed, and the international dances are being "practiced." Pioneer training classes are studying the "A. B. C. of Communism," and will graduate at the jubilee. The celebration will take place at Tyron Hall, Broad and Oxford St., Feb. 25.

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The Most Dangerous Weapon of the People's Armies.

Sun Chuang-fang's forces have been found susceptible to the same arguments which left Wu Pei-fu without an army when the propaganda machine of the Peoples Government of China went into action.

The imperialist press holds this method of warfare to be especially damnable and if they had to choose between the use of poison gas and the dissemination of the doctrines of Dr. Sun Yat Sen by the Peoples Armies would undoubtedly choose the latter as less deadly both in its immediate and ultimate effects. Poison gas merely disables or kills while the conversion of enemy troops by the propagandists of Chinese national liberation leaves them in fighting trim but with the direction of their fire reversed.

Since the Russian Revolution it is becoming more and more apparent that the hazards encountered by imperialist armies fighting revolutionary troops are of a kind for which the imperialist general staff has not been able to devise a defense. This is especially true when the imperialist nations are compelled to use soldiers of the same race or nationality as the workers or colonial peoples which they are trying to subjugate.

The disaster which has overtaken the forces of Sun Chuang-fang south of Shanghai is additional proof of the weakness of the political position of Great Britain and the other imperialist powers in China. Similar proof was given by the simultaneous refusal of the Peoples Government and the generals of the reactionary forces to agree to the Coolidge proposal for the "neutralization" of Shanghai.

Great Britain especially has been proceeding on the theory that there is no such thing as a united national sentiment in China and this has led her diplomats into grotesque errors—errors which show that the bankruptcy of British diplomacy is just as far advanced as the decay of the empire.

Even Chang Tso-lin, while he accepts support from the Japanese, is forced to follow a policy which makes some pretense of national independence for the provinces under his control. Unity with Chang Tso-lin, as in the case of Wu Pei-fu, has, because of his orientation to Japan, proved disastrous to every militarist whose troops have faced the People's armies.

The Chinese masses, altho the northern minority is still misled by treacherous militarists, are united against imperialism. This is the one big fact which the imperialist powers will disregard only to make this unity more solid.

We believe it is no exaggeration to state that the bombardment of Shanghai or the actual launching of a land offensive by Britain against the People's Armies will mean the desertion of Chang Tso-lin and Sun Chuang-fang by decisive sections of their forces who will then fight under the banner of the People's Government.

The People's Government (Kuomintang) is the organized and militant expression of Chinese nationalism and its program has a wide popular appeal. In the face of imperialist intervention the militarist leaders will be swamped.

The beginning of the latest phase of this process is the break-up of Sun Chuang-fang's southern army.

The War on Nicaragua Continues

The Coolidge government certainly is giving service to that section of the plunderbund which has investments in Nicaragua and to the general interests of American imperialism in Latin America.

Almost all of the ships of the Atlantic fleet are in Caribbean waters; a number of them are patrolling both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Nicaragua. All available marines are either on their way to Nicaragua or already there.

Admiral Latimer has been kept busy establishing "neutral" zones in order to prevent the popular army from sweeping Diaz into oblivion and establishing the Sacasa government on a firm foundation and now the state department appears to be preparing to declare the whole country a "neutral" zone and outlaw the liberal forces.

The ease with which the poorly organized and equipped popular army has defeated the Diaz forces, in spite of his support by the American state and war departments, exposes the Wall-Street-Coolidge-Kellogg conspiracy against the liberties of the Nicaraguan people in all its nakedness. Diaz, it is evident, could not last 24 hours without the backing of the United States government.

It is fortunate that the logic of events has disproved the lying assertion that the U. S. forces have been sent to Nicaragua to preserve order. This excuse is without weight and in itself is no justification for the role the state department is playing, but it might serve to beguile elements who think that it is the duty of the United States to police Latin-America.

As it is now the fact cannot be concealed that the only elements of disorder in Nicaragua are those sent there by the United States and its puppet Diaz.

The popular forces have shown beyond a shadow of a doubt that they represent the vast majority of the Nicaraguan people. This is precisely the reason why the Wall Street government supports Diaz who, contrary to the desire of the masses, is willing to give Nicaragua to Wall Street for a canal zone and a military and naval base for imperialist operations against Mexico and Latin-America.

There is no longer any doubt that, lacking powerful protest from American labor, Wall Street government intends to continue its aggressions in Central America.

Speeches of middle class representatives in congress and the senate are all very well; they focus attention on the rape of Nicaragua but they do not stop it.

The workers and farmers of America, their organizations, alone have the power to force withdrawal of armed forces from Nicaragua and prevent American imperialism from establishing a base for a future bloody war upon the peoples and republics to the south.

THE RIGHT WING'S BIG BROTHER



RIGHT WING:—You Left Wing Garment Workers are going to be expelled!
LEFT WING:—Who says so?
RIGHT WING:—Me and the boss and President Bill Green!

OL A NEW NOVEL by Opton Sinclair

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The upshot of the debate was that no one of them was sure the enterprise would be a success, but all the young ones were willing to pitch in and help, if Bunny was determined for a try. And Bunny said that he had already been looking about for a site, with good land and plenty of water, somewhere about fifty miles from Angel City; he was going to make a first payment on land as soon as he could get the cash, and meantime they would work out the details. He would give his own time for three years to getting the institution on its feet, and if it proved possible to develop the right discipline and morale, he would make the institution self-directing, and furnish whatever money could be used effectively. They would need teachers, organizers, and business managers, so there were jobs for all.

And meantime, Bunny must go back to the interviews with lawyers, to try to save as much as possible of the estate. It meant long wrangles with Bertie, for their affairs were in a snarl, and getting worse every day. Verne insisted that Ross Operating must have funds to meet its current expenses; and did they want him to assess the stock, and force the estate to raise the money, or did they want him to buy the lease to the Ross Junior tract, the only asset of Ross Operating, except the claims against the insurance companies? Verne could do what he pleased, because the directors of the concern were himself and his trusted young executives. He was proposing to form another concern, the Paradise Operating Company—with other trusted young executives as directors, and sell himself the lease which had twenty years still to run, and was worth nobody could tell how many millions of dollars, for the sum of six hundred thousand!

All right then, said Verne, let the estate do better. Bertie took up the challenge, and exchanged long cables with her husband in Paris and went out among her rich friends—to make the embarrassing discovery that people who have six hundred thousand dollars in cash do a lot of investigating before they spend it, and then want to hog the whole thing for themselves. Bertie spent much worry and hard work—and what made her most furious was that she couldn't do it for herself alone, but had to do it for the whole estate, giving the incompetent Bunny and the infamous Alysé the benefit of her labors. She got a proposition; and then the lawyers of the infamous Alysé turned up with another proposition; and Bertie declared they were bigger thieves than Verne.

And then Ross Consolidated needed money, and Verne was going to assess that stock—meaning

ribbons of feminine elegance. Alysé had had that Bunny had not failed to consult a medium, and would send her whatever dear Jim had had to say in his old home.

Bunny went through the record, and it gave him a strange thrill. There were pages and pages of sentimental rubbish about this happy shore and this new state of bliss, with angel's wings and the music of harps, and tell my dear ones that I am with them, but I am wiser now, and dear Bunny must know that I understand and forgive—all stuff that might have come out of the conscious or subconscious mind of a sentimental elderly lady or of a rascally medium. But then came something that made the young man catch his breath: "I want my dear Bunny to know that it is really his father who speaks to him, and he will remember the man who got all the land for us, and that he had two gold teeth in the front of his mouth, and Bunny said that somebody would rob his grave." How in the name of all the arts of magic was a medium in Paris to know about a joke which Bunny had made to his father, about Mr. Hardacre, the agent who had bought them options on ranches in Paradise, California?

By golly it was something to think about! Could it really be that Dad was not gone forever, but had just disappeared somewhere, and could be got hold of again? Bunny would go for a walk to think about it; and through the streets of Angel City he would hear the voice of Eli Watkins booming over the radio. Eli's Tabernacle was packed day and night, with the tens of thousands who crowded to see the prophet who had been floated over the sea by the angels, and had brought back a feather to prove it; all California heard Eli's voice, proclaiming the ancient promise: "Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

It taught them a lesson. They would get themselves out of Verne's clutches, get rid of everything that he controlled. Dad had put nearly a million into a concern called Anglo-California, which was to develop the big Mosul concession; and the lawyers of Alysé got an offer for that stock, but it included time payments, and Bertie wouldn't agree to that, and the lawyers wouldn't agree to Verne's cash offer, and Bertie was in terror lest Verne would do some more hocus-pocus—organize an Anglo-California Operating Company, and lease the Mosul tract to do it, and swipe all the profits!

Amid which wrangling came a letter from Alysé to Bunny. She was sure that he would not let horrid money troubles come between him and her, and break their sacred bond, the memories of dear Jim. Alysé had gone to consult her favorite medium, immediately upon her arrival in Paris, and at the third seance Jim had "manifested," and ever since then Alysé had had his words taken down by a stenographer, and here was a bulky record, big as the transcript of a legal trial, and tied with blue

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(To Be Continued).

Another Student Kills Self.
ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Dependancy was believed today to be the reason for the suicide of Miss Edith M. Stewart, 21, of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., a student of Elmira College.

The girl declared she could not find her parents if her suspension from college, which was not even contemplated, was ordered. Almost immediately afterwards she swallowed some strychnine tablets which she had taken from the infirmary office.

Anna Pavlova, Dancer,
Now Ready to Return
To the Russian Stage

MOSCOW, Feb. 18.—Anna Pavlova will soon visit Russia for the first time since the revolution.

Pavlova was the star ballerina in the old St. Petersburg imperial ballet. She will return home to find that her former colleagues who remained in Russia are taking her place.

In this city Madame Golor is depicting the leading roles. Madame Krieger, who also was a star before the revolution, remains in the forefront.

FOOTNOTES TO THE NEWS

By EUGENE LYONS
Liberals.—They are fair to everybody and everything. The capitalists, communists, fascists, politicians, clergy, etc., etc. They have open minds on everything. The fear that sometimes somehow they may have judged harshly or spoken sharply gives them nightmares. And so they change their views twice daily, impede action, do tight-rope stunts, and generally get in their own and other people's way. It doesn't matter that they are wrong on the whole, so long as they are just and considerate in detail. If only liberals could cure themselves of their paralyzing fairness they would be quite tolerable. But then they wouldn't be liberals. They would be useful conservatives or radicals.

Swiss Justice Smells Like Swiss Cheese.—Ivan De Justh, who attacked the Hungarian premier in Geneva, has been sentenced by a Swiss court to 24 days in prison, ten years' exile and 500 francs fine. The court of the same country acquitted the murderer of Vorovsky. De Justh probably realizes that his mistake was in not killing the premier outright.



—Drawn by William Gropper.

THE SYSTEM AND ITS COURT CLOWNS.

A Suggestion to the Nation.—The Nation the other day staged a dinner at which Ruth Hale, Lorine Pruette and Freda Kirschweg defended the thesis that woman is superior to man. The girls made a brave argument. They left the only male speaker, John Macy, no more than two legs to stand on. But the men and the audience who had forked over \$2.75 for the dinner of some female companion felt that there was something fishy about the argument. In justice to the speakers, a customer of this column suggests that in future meetings to establish the superiority, or even equality, of the female of the species, she be compelled to pay for her own meal. It will make the thesis more convincing.

Judging from the amount of sacramental wine being confiscated by the booze-sleuths, there has been a very decided revival of religion in this land.

Presenting a Sonnet That's Rather Rough On The Cops, The Spelling and Even The Sonnet Form, Entitled "Soliloquy of a Mounted Cop."

Yeh gotta treat them goddam strikers rough.
They're lousy dagoes, sheenies, slavs and rooshians;
Don't give a whoop in hell for constitutions,
Law and order—all that sorta stuff.
Goin' around there, giving scabs the guff!
Makin' trouble, these reds, and revolutions!
Breakin' our laws and sacred institutions!
We'll show those goddam greasers soon enough.

They stand right at the gates, disturb a feller,
That's trying hard to earn his honest wages.
They boo and yell at him—they're that damn yellin'.
Yeh gotta treat them rough. Why it's outrageous;
A guy can work in any place he pleases,
Accordin' to Gary, Adam Smith and Jesus.

—NUDNICK.

How the World Reports a Lenin Meeting.

"Some time ago," A. B. Magil writes, "you may recall there was a Lenin Memorial meeting. Well, what do you think happened? The New York World, which, as every child knows, is the great liberal newspaper of the United States, sent a reporter to Madison Square Garden—or maybe it wasn't a reporter. Anyhow, the next morning, gazing over my favorite family journal, I spied the story trying to sneak around a corner of the second page. It consisted of about two paragraphs. The story recorded the fact that there had been a Lenin Memorial meeting and that more than 20,000 Communists had been present. (This must have been heartening news to the comrades who are trying to build up a strong party in New York.) It also said that speeches had been made, but it forgot to say who made them and what they were about. And it ended up with a tasty bit of newspaper writing by saying that 50 policemen kept order and listing the names of the sergeants in command of the diligent cops.

"This struck me as a swell idea, democratic and everything. I would suggest that the World carry the idea into its other departments to be consistent. Why not have Woolcott and Chotzinoff give the names of the head usher, the man at the box office and the janitor in their dramatic and musical reviews? The program and the performers don't matter."

"Women Hold Most Phone Stock," says the headline to a financial item. We don't know about phone stock, but they certainly hold most phone booths, especially when a fellow needs one badly.

He signs himself "Young Sweeney" and writes to us "as one conductor to another." But his is not the pleasant job of conducting a column. He works on a rapid transit line, works on it all night long, cheerfully answers a lot of questions, and is paid next to nothing by a company which made a million dollars more this year than ever before. (The information comes to us in rhymes.) And now he asks a question in turn:

"Now what I want to know
"Is where does all the money go?"

The answer is too easy. As Young Sweeney grows older he will find out. Or maybe he's only teasing us. Maybe he knew the answer all the time. If it is any consolation to Sweeney and his fellow-workers on the rapid transit, he is welcome to the news that at least one conductor is paid even less than they. Give you one guess.

We lament the decline of pornography. Post-war realism (a lopsided kind of romanticism) has done for it. That realism finds its popular expression in the picture papers and the nude revues. The world's becoming shock-proof. Crude, thick, vulgar, obvious stuff has dulled the taste for such things. The only way Rabelais could get any attention for his work in New York today would be to hire a go-getting publicity man who in turn would get after Sumner to get after the police. Intimate bedroom stuff—in a novel or a divorce court action or a play—is as conventional as the happy ending and as little satisfying. Of finesse and subtlety there is none.

Maybe that explains our plight. A scribe who shall remain unnamed sends some verses with the assurance that they are pornography. A diligent search in, between and around the lines fails to disclose the thrill. Nothing short of a picture postcard with accompanying charts will be recognized nowadays, alas, for what it is intended.