

## "BREAK INJUNCTION" CRY AT PITTSBURGH MEET

### AID FROM MEXICO WOULD HAVE SAVED NICARAGUA FROM IMPERIALIST REGIME DECLARES LIBERAL REPRESENTATIVE

#### More Forgeries Published as Marines Slay Six and Wound Seven in Southern Republic

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 16.—"If we had had 150,000 pesos in our treasury when the revolution started Diaz would long ago have passed into history," declared Dr. Pedro Zepeda, representative of the late Sacasa liberal government of Nicaragua, in the course of comments upon the series of forged documents being published in the United States by the Hearst chain of papers.

### SENATOR GLASS ATTACKS NEGRO'S RIGHT TO VOTE

#### Borah Dodges Issue, but Regrets Amendment

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Senator Glass of Virginia (D) has come out flatly in favor of violation of the fifteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, giving Negroes the right to vote and excuses all southern states where the lynch and lynchings' noose actually deprive anywhere from a half to two-thirds of the population from voting. Senator Borah (R) of Montana, echoes him in feebler strain.

In a letter to Captain Wm. H. Stayton, head of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, Glass writes to answer Stayton's charges that Glass, while insisting on the strict enforcement of the eighteenth amendment, against liquor, winked at the violation of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, giving civil rights to Negroes.

#### Plain Reaction.

Glass came back with an argument which can only mean, say political observers, that the Virginian is confident that the present period of reaction is a good time to try and put the stamp of law on the illegal practices now condoned by the law—the murders and terrorism by which the Negro is completely prevented from voting in national, state, county or municipal elections in the South.

The Southern senator declares that the amendments giving human rights to the Negroes, and particularly the right to vote, were not properly adopted, and that they need not be obeyed, inasmuch as laws for their enforcing were cheerfully neglected by the northern victors in the Civil War, who rode into power on the abolition program, but had very little use for it in private.

#### Courts Allow Mobs.

Glass glories in the fact that the federal courts, controlled by Republicans, have never declared any state laws defining the rights of individuals to vote or refusing to punish mobs who interfere with this right, and goes on to say that there is "no federal statute providing for the enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment which the people of any Southern state 'deride, detest and spit upon.'"

"And the white people of Virginia, within the limitations of the federal constitution, have complete control of their state affairs, without the least fear of disturbance by the blacks and with just as little fear of threats by negroist newspapers and politicians favoring the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution. I think this is true of every other Southern State, which, within the restrictions of the Federal Constitution, has legislated against the characteristics and habits of those who are too ignorant, too simple and too corruptible en bloc to administer the government."

Senator Borah, attacked by the same wet organization for his insistence on the enforcement of the 18th amendment, was also criticized for a statement made by him in the Senate some time ago that it was a tremendous mistake to enfranchise the Negro so rapidly, and that Congress evidently had all along decided that the Southern states would enforce or fail to enforce this amendment as they pleased, for Congress had many times refused to define the limits to which individuals might go in persuading Negroes not to vote. Borah publicly holds the opinion that the Federal government can do nothing if a mob in the South prevents Negroes from voting. But in his reply to the Wets, Borah evaded the issue by declaring that he was in favor of obeying the whole constitution, and all of its amendments.

### Coolidge Again Says Filipinos Won't Be Granted Independence

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—President Coolidge again categorically declared that the administration's policy regarding the Philippine Islands had not changed. The possibility of independence for the islands is remote, President Coolidge said, using the familiar argument that the islands "were not yet prepared for self-government."

### TRY TO FRAME UP JUDSON, LEADER OF UNEMPLOYED

#### Cleveland Police Help Council Starve Workers

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 16.—Joe Judson, leader of the Cleveland Council of the Unemployed, was yesterday arrested at the office of the council, spirited away, and held incommunicado for twenty-four hours. He was released today on three hundred dollars bail on a charge of vagrancy. This is the third frame-up during the last few days, as one man was arrested and charged with being insane, also with planning an attack on the city manager with a knife, and at Monday night's demonstration of unemployed before the City Council, another worker was arrested and charged with vagrancy.

#### Call Out Police.

The desperate condition of the jobless workers of Cleveland is growing worse, and their militancy is rising, despite attempts to railroad some of them to prison or insane asylums.

At Monday night's meeting of the City Council, the chamber was bristling with police detectives, which did not prevent the members of the Council of the Unemployed from jamming it full, nor did it prevent them from making a series of speeches, proving absolutely the need for city work, and relief.

The City Council rejected every demand made upon them, and ignored demands made for an investigation of the arrest and detention of Judson, who, at that time was still hidden from his friends and buried in jail without lawyers or without any public statement of charges against him. After the meeting of the unemployed in the city hall chamber, the jobless workers proceeded to the public square where the city council's action was vigorously denounced in a succession of speeches.

### Protest Enslavement Of Young Native Boys In Australian Mandate

A report describing the wholesale enslavement of native children and their brutal treatment on plantations in the territory which was formerly German New Guinea and which is now under Australian mandate has been presented to the Australian Government by a group of missionaries.

Young boys are recruited for labor on plantations and herded into unsanitary barracks. They are beaten for "insubordination."

### Unemployment Growing In New York; Lodgers In City House Double

More than twice as many lodgers have come to the municipal lodging house than at this time last year, states Commissioner of Public Welfare Bird S. Coler.

There are 489 residents this year, and a quarter of the increase is in women inmates. Coler finds a 25 per cent increase in the number of patients in city hospitals and remarks that the figures indicate considerable more unemployment this early winter than last.

### Siberian Agriculture Increasing Rapidly

MOSCOW, Oct. 30 (By Mail).—The rapid development of Siberian agriculture is shown by figures recently made public here which show that the sowing area of Siberia increased 11 per cent, with dairy produce increasing at a faster rate than agriculture. Agricultural machinery is rapidly being introduced in Siberia.

### "COMMUNISM IN SOVIET UNION SURE"—STALIN

#### Says Rural Economy Is Nearer Collectivism

(Special Cable to DAILY WORKER.)

MOSCOW, Nov. 16.—"The fact that socialist industry has already secured the role of the dominating element in the national economy and leads rural economy is the best pledge that peasant economy will lead the way to further collectivization," declared Joseph Stalin, secretary of the All Union Communist Party when interviewed by members of the foreign delegations who attended the tenth anniversary celebrations of the November revolution.

Replying to the question as to how the U. S. S. R. intends to struggle with anti-foreign oil concerns, Stalin declared this was the wrong way to put the question. If the question is put in such a form, he declared, it may look as if the Soviet oil industry had decided to move against the oil concerns from other countries attempting to destroy them.

As a matter of fact, he explained, certain oil concerns from capitalist countries are trying to suppress the Soviet oil industry, which defends itself by raising the quality of its production, and especially lowering oil prices. The Soviet oil industry, he declared, is not a capitalist branch of industry, therefore it needs no super-

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### "IN DEATH HOUSE BY CHRISTMAS," IS THREAT IN FASCIST FRAME-UP

#### New York Prosecutor Says It Is State's Hope; Greco-Carrillo Defense Replies

Answering a threat by district attorney McGeehan that he "hopes to have Greco and Carrillo in the death house by Christmas," Filippo Greco, secretary of the Greco-Carrillo Defense League, charged the prosecutor's office and the New York police department with ever growing prejudice against the two imprisoned anti-fascist workers Tuesday.

McGeehan's "hope" was published in an interview in a New York newspaper Tuesday.

Calogero Greco, brother of the defense league secretary, and Donato Carrillo are to go on trial Dec. 5 in the Bronx on charges of killing two fascists.

"My attention has been called to the fact that District Attorney McGeehan said that he hoped to have my brother and Carrillo in the death house at Sing Sing prison by Christmas," the defense league secretary said. "With the trial three weeks away and the defense witnesses yet to be heard from, this statement clearly shows the increasingly prejudiced attitude of Mr. McGeehan."

A statement attributed to Count Di Revel that the Fascist League of North America contained between 12,000 and 14,000 members is false, Carlo Tresca, head of the Anti-Fascist League of North America, said.

Di Revel's organization is directly responsible for the Greco-Carrillo frame-up, according to James P. Cannon, secretary of the International Labor Defense.

Workers Against It. That the overwhelming majority of the Italian workers in this country are opposed to fascism, the only group that supports them being professional men, is the information the DAILY WORKER has received from reliable sources.

The members of the Sons of Italy, largest Italian fraternal society in America, are opposed to fascism, it is said. In New Haven, Conn., nine lodges of the Sons of Italy with a membership of over 12,000 are continuously throwing into the wastebasket all communications they receive from the Fascist League of North America or from any other organization they suspect is sympathetic to the fascist regime in Italy.

Refused to Parade. In the past, New Haven Columbus Day parades drew 10,000 workers. This year the Sons of Italy lodges did not participate as they were informed that the fascists would be in the line of march. Less than 400 marchers joined the parade.

In Danbury, Conn., recently a fascist agent attempted to sell oil stocks in an Italian well, owned by the fascist government. When the

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WILLIAM J. BURNS

### BLACKMER, OIL WITNESS CITED FOR CONTEMPT

#### Burns and His Men May Be Held for Perjury

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Justice Siddons issued a ruling today in the case of H. M. Blackmer, wanted as a witness in the Teapot Dome case, demanding the absent oil man to show cause why he should not be held in contempt by next

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### A. F. L. DISCUSSION ON MINERS' RELIEF ENDS WITH RESOLUTION TO APPEAL TO PRES. COOLIDGE

#### Delegate From Seventeen Miners' Local Unions Demanding Militancy, Thrown Out of Hall

#### Representative of Pittsburgh Central Body Gets Applause Demanding Labor Party

#### BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Any appeal that the American Federation of Labor may make to President Coolidge in behalf of the 130,000 striking bituminous miners in Pennsylvania and Ohio fields, probably will be in vain, it was indicated on high authority here today.

The president "considers his hands are tied because there is no compulsory arbitration law under which he could act with specific direction." He will make the present situation an excuse for recommending again passage of a law giving him strike-breaking powers in excess of those he possesses already.

#### PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 16.—Demands yesterday by J. S. Otis, delegate to the American Federation of Labor conference

here discussing brutalities against the striking miners and relief for them, that the conference endorse mass picketing and itself proceed to break the federal injunction of Judge Schoonover, also organize a labor party for independent political action and assess one day's pay from all organized workers for relief, continue to be the sensation of labor and industrial circles. Though the conference rejected the recommendations of Otis, he has placed these two demands of the striking miners directly before the public. Pittsburgh newspapers reflect the consternation of the employing classes and the coal operators by putting Otis' statements in headlines.

The American Federation of Labor Conference on the lock-out of the coal miners, attended by representatives of 78 labor organizations, many of them the highest officials in the unions, has finally replied to the representatives of the starving and evicted and enjoined coal miners with a long and wordy resolution granting exactly none of the demands the miners made upon the conference.

The resolution finally adopted, in secret session, from which all delegates of the local unions of the United Mine Workers were

barred condemns the brutality of the coal and iron police, and as a remedy calls for the executive council of the American Federation of Labor to petition President Coolidge and Governor Fisher of Pennsylvania to have it stopped. The petition refuses the miners' plea for the organization of a labor party for independent political action, and reiterates the traditional bureaucrats' program of "non-partisan political action," which in this case means support for ex-Governor Pinchot, one of the speakers at the first day of the conference.

Rejects Miners' Demands.

The resolution rejects the request of the miners that the A. F. of L. conference call on organized labor bodies to donate a day's wages of their members to the relief of the miners' families, and instead issues a colorless appeal for individuals to give what they can, and for "the churches, the educational institutions and all liberal-minded and free institutions and organizations to come into Pittsburgh, to see what we have seen, to learn for themselves, to behold this degradation and oppression and brutality, to witness this economic and social tragedy, to learn of the perversion of the judicial processes and of the feudalistic police control in the state of Pennsylvania."

Evicts Mine Worker.

The demands of the local unions of the United Mine Workers of America were presented to the conference by Secretary Minerich, of Local Union 4238, U. M. W. of A., directly representing seventeen other local unions of miners. When he rose on the floor of the conference to speak on the resolution calling for mass violation of the injunction, organization of the unorganized, the labor party, assessment for relief, he was forcibly ejected from the hall.

Faker Threatens Worker.

The convention was in an uproar for ten minutes. Miners present shouted: "He is a striking miner; let him speak!"

Pat Fagan, district president of District 5, an office he holds thru having stolen the election last year from his progressive opponent, Fred Siders, rushed at Minerich, shouting, "Sit down, damn you, sit down!"

The Bellowing of Lewis.

John Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, joined in the chorus, yelling, "Be seated."

Minerich had only time to say: "All right, John, just sit down," when the machine men got hold of him and

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### MACHINE GUNS AND AIRPLANES MENACE PICKETS

#### Colorado Sheriff Denies Habeas Corpus Writ

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 16.—State police, sent by Governor Adams into the Lafayette coal fields to break the strike of the coal miners, here today menaced a hundred pickets led by a girl dressed in red, with their machine guns. Airplanes equipped with machine guns and bombs circled over the pickets, and added their threat to those of the troopers and mine guards.

The pickets stood their ground in spite of violence offered and the charge of heavily armed troopers. The strike is still on and spreading in some sections though there are continued boasts by the Rockefeller Fuel and Iron Co. that it is about over.

Sheriff Lies About Writs

Sheriff H. C. Detienne and Jailor T. E. Keenan of the Pueblo county jail calmly deny that they received the habeas corpus writs with which they were served when the case of their sixteen prisoners was brought before the federal court here. They are holding imprisoned, in most cases without even the formality of a regular charge, Kristen Svanum, organizer of Metal and Coal Miners Union No. 210-220 of the I. W. U., and strike leaders Hugo Oehler, C. R. Orr, Karl Klemens, A. S. Embree, A. B. Harris, Frank Menendez, and E. M. Huber.

Attorney Hendersen, who defended criminal syndicalism cases in Southern California has appeared in Colorado to assist in Defense work.

The I. W. U. general executive board has issued a call for all members to hurry to Colorado and help with the picketing.

About 200 scab steel workers at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. plant at Pueblo have volunteered to assist the mine thugs and state troopers "guard" the mines.

### RADIO CONVENTION NEAR END

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The International Radio-Telegraph Conference at a Plenary Session today adopted thirteen regulations governing ship-to-shore transmission of messages.



### "Break Injunctions" Cry At A. F. L. Conference

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...him out, amidst threats from the Lewis and Fagan supporters.  
Weak Decision.

The single realistic touch in the entire proclamation, adopted by the conference as reported in by the committee appointed from among international union heads by President Green, is an equivocal, veiled admonition to the strikers to violate the injunction of Judge Schoonover in the federal court here, ordering them not to picket except under impossible circumstances, and prohibiting the collection of funds with which to fight dispossession orders.

And this is a substitute for the local unions' delegation demand that the A. F. of L. heads at the conference call for mass violation of the injunction and come themselves to lead the picketing.

The A. F. of L. decision is a bit of advice to the miners to care for "the full observance of the law as prescribed in the American constitution and to pay no heed to power assumed by those who are unauthorized under the law to limit, circumvent or repress their rights as citizens."

#### Delegation Sees Fisher.

When the official delegation from the conference today laid before Governor Fisher at Harrisburg the request for an investigation of coal and iron police brutality, he merely waved it aside with a promise to look into any "new" specific instances of police brutality.

#### Fisher A Terrorist.

Governor Fisher has already answered another demand from union labor for an investigation of charges of violence against the coal company's coal and iron police (company thugs uniformed and armed by the state but paid by the coal operators) by appointing one Mock, a captain of the state constabulary to "investigate."

The captain's report cleared the police of all their crimes, but made a series of framed charges against the miners themselves. Moreover, Lewis himself declares Fisher to be a director in the Clearfield Mining Corporation, which is carrying on a vicious campaign of terror against the miners in its territory.

#### Otis' Militant Speech.

In spite of the rough treatment of Minerich, John Otis, delegate from the Pittsburgh Central Union and the unionists' union held the convention for 20 minutes with a forcible speech on the necessity of organizing the unorganized miners on a national scale, and not merely locally in Pennsylvania, as recommended in the report of the committee that was finally adopted.

The speaker pointed out the necessity for mass violation of the injunctions, declaring that even Samuel Gompers stood for violation and he demanded that the whole conference go out and break Judge Schoonover's injunction against picketing.

#### For Labor Party.

Otis pointed out the immediate need for organizing a labor party and the complete bankruptcy of the A. F. of L. system of supporting individual candidates of the old tickets in the face of the complete capitalist control of both old parties and the whole machinery of government.

#### Green and Woll Reply.

His advocacy of a labor party met with such applause from among the rank and file present that Vice President Matthew Woll of the A. F. of L. and President Green of the A. F. of L. both felt themselves forced to make lengthy speeches in reply.

It was after Otis' speech that the report of the special committee appointed Monday was brought in, a report in complete variance and contradictory to the loudly applauded speech of Otis. But it was the miners present as "visitors" without votes who applauded Otis, and it was the high official delegates from international unions who voted on the report—the same delegates who threw Minerich out of the convention.

### Frey Resigns as Head of Ohio Federation

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 15.—John P. Frey, president of the Ohio Federation of Labor, has resigned from his office. Frey is secretary of the metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor, to which he was elected at the Los Angeles convention of the A. F. of L.

### Blast Wrecks Building Near Gas Tanks



### Blackmer, Oil Witness In Contempt

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January 6, unless he makes an appearance at the trial. The judge also ordered Blackmer's property to be seized to the extent of \$100,000 and held to satisfy any judgment that may be rendered against Blackmer in the present proceedings.

Testimony of the western oil man is sought because he is said to be in a position to tell of the \$250,000 that passed to Fall thru the Continental Trading Company, Ltd. of Canada after the former secretary of the interior leased the Teapot Dome Naval Reserve to Harry F. Sinclair.

With the labors of the grand jury investigating the jury-fixing activities of William J. Burns, in the Fall-Sinclair trial practically at an end, rumors were flitting around here today that prominent persons not hitherto named in connection with the case would be involved in indictments for contempt of court in connection with the derailed trial.

In this conflict between rival capitalist groups, one with government backing, Burns, the labor-hating master of stoolpigeons suffered one of the worst setbacks in his career, when William McMullin, one of his most trusted sleuths, turned out to be a government operative while he was investigating jurors for Burns.

McMullin, who admitted that he signed faked affidavits at the orders of Burns operatives may bring his former master to trial for perjury charges.

Those involved in the conspiracy to purchase the Fall-Sinclair jury are:

Here Is the List.  
Harry F. Sinclair, who, with former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall, was standing trial for conspiracy to defraud the government of naval oil reserves;  
H. Mason Day, vice president of the Sinclair Exploration Company, alleged "contact man" between Sinclair and the Burns Detective Agency;  
Sheldon Clark, vice president of the Sinclair Refining Company, also said to have been a "contact man";  
William J. Burns, titular head of the private detective firm which was engaged to keep the Fall-Sinclair jurors under constant surveillance;  
W. Sherman Burns, son of W. J. and secretary-treasurer of the agency, to whom reports were made, and was field marshal of the operatives that did the investigating work;  
Charles G. Ruddy, manager of the flying squadron assigned to trail the jury;  
William J. McMullin, Burns operative known to them as William V. Long, who turned government informer;

#### NO WORD ON INDIA FLIGHT

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Up to a late hour this morning, no word had been received of the airplane "Princess Xenia," carrying Captain Robert McIntosh and his pilot Bert Hinkler.

### ANOTHER NEW BOOK

## Sacco-Vanzetti—Labor's Martyrs

By MAX SHACHTMAN

This new book is a popular dramatic presentation of the whole case of Sacco and Vanzetti. Their early lives, their work in the Labor movement—the effort of world labor to free them from the electric chair. The story is complete, and vivid—the kind to inspire every worker.

It is issued with an unusual cover in two colors with the photographs of the two martyrs. \$2.25

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### Aid From Mexico Would Have Saved Nicaragua

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obligations with any foreign government in the world."

#### Thrills for Morons.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The third of the copyrighted articles based upon forgeries against Mexico and Nicaragua, appeared today in the Washington Herald, the local Hearst sheet. Written by one John Page, it bears all the familiar trappings of a cheap detective story of the "Nick Carter" or "Old Sleuth" variety.

One of the documents branded by Mexican authorities as forgeries purports to be an order from Calles directing that 100,000 pesos (\$50,000) be placed at the disposal of the Mexican ambassador in Guatemala, "for expenses for newspaper propaganda in favor of Mexico," the sum to be charged to "secret expenditures of the department of foreign relations" of the Mexican government.

Even those who at first suspected these Hearst stories were based upon stolen documents are now convinced that they are forgeries, in view of the latest series of alleged "secrets" of the Mexican government. It is pointed out that the clumsy and romantic designation: "secret expenditures of the department of foreign relations" is not the language of diplomacy, but only the product of the imagination of those interested in trying to establish a spurious case.

In order to convince those who read and believe the Hearst publications there is a note of "historical explanation," stating that the word "citizen" applied to the representatives of the Mexican government "is a radical nomenclature, first used during the French revolution, and corresponds to the Communist 'comrade'."

#### "Conspiracies Everywhere."

Even the establishment in Guatemala of a Mexican embassy is viewed by the Hearst "journalists" as a conspiracy to lower the alleged prestige of a nonentity who as American minister, carried out Wall Street's imperialist designs in that country and thereby discredit the United States government. The money issued for "propaganda" is said to have been used by the Mexican ambassador, Alfonso Cravioto, for articles in the Guatemalan papers, to make him a "formidable rival of Arthur H. Gessler, the American minister and dean of the diplomats there."

The Mexican government is charged with the "crime" of raising its Guatemalan legation to the status of an embassy so that the Mexican representative could achieve "social and diplomatic precedence over the American minister, Mr. Gessler."

Plots and conspiracies are everywhere evoked by the fertile imaginations of the Hearst scavengers, "forgers, bribers and paltry propagandists for the imperialist ravaging of Mexico, Nicaragua and all Latin America. "War on Weaker Country."

A note of unconscious humor is struck by the Hearst writer who charges that Mexico's alleged financing of the liberal movement in Nicaragua was for the "purpose of making war on a weaker country."

This observation is the laughing stock of Washington today. Even the open and avowed imperialists cannot conceal their mirth at the audacity of the weaker nations of Latin America by the iron fist of the American invaders.

The publication of the third installment confirms the conviction that the whole campaign is based upon crude forgery.

#### More Nicaraguan Murders.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 16.—On Sunday American marines again launched another attack against the political opponents of the Wall Street puppet president, Diaz, killing six men and seriously wounding seven, according to their own reports. There was no fighting whatsoever and no casualties on the side of the marines—just plain murder of defenseless peoples. These attacks were made by marine patrols who are said to be on reconnaissance and combat duty.

### Fascisti Trying To Kill Greco, Carrillo

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workers of Danbury discovered that the stockpiling scheme was promoted by the fascist government they walked out of the hall. The Sons of Italy doge of Danbury rejects every letter from fascist sources.

#### Sing Revolutionary Song.

In Passaic several months ago fascist agents attempted to sell Littorio national loan bonds in the Italian colony. At a meeting called to boost the bonds attended by 75 workers only two arose to salute when the Italian hymn was played. The next minute the entire audience sang Bandiera Rosa (the Red Flag), a revolutionary workers' song. The workers then walked out of the hall without any of the bonds being sold.

"Only doctors, business men, pharmacists, people who expect to get the title of Chevelier or Duke," the informant continued, "or some other 'honor' support fascism. They try to use these titles to more easily prey upon the Italian workers in this country."

WANTED—MORE READERS! ARE YOU GETTING THEM?

### Bootlegger King Handling His Case



Geo. Remus is his own lawyer in his trial for murder of his wife whom he accuses of consorting with a prohibition agent, and with the agent's help, swindling him out of millions. He promises to shake the prohibition service with his revelations of official graft.

### Communism In Soviet Union Sure Says Stalin; Points To Oil Production As Lesson

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profits, while the capitalist oil concerns cannot do without the immense super-profits.

#### The Oil War.

Generally Soviet goods, particularly Soviet oil acts in the world market as a factor for lowering prices, thus relieving the position of the consumer-masses. Therein, said Stalin, is the secret why the oil magnates of all countries, and particularly Detering, are raising loud cries against the Soviet government and the anti-Soviet oil industry.

Their policy, he continued, of oil prices and robbing the consumer-masses in fashionable phrases about "Communist propaganda" is thus a mask for their activities.

#### Peasant Problem.

In answer to the question how collectivism is being realized in the matter of the peasant problem, Stalin pointed out: "We intend to realize collectivism in the peasant problem gradually, by economic, financial and cultural measures of a political kind."

Several years ago, he declared, numerous middlemen stood between industry and rural economy in the form of private capitalism. The situation, however, has radically changed since. Today, Stalin continued, in the exchange of goods between the town and the village, the share of the co-operative movement and the state commercial organs may be considered not only prevailing, but dominating, or even monopolist. As an example he cited the production of sugar, beetroot, cotton, etc., raw materials, prices and quality determined not elementally (not as a result of game in a disorganized market), but as a result of definite preliminary contracts between sugar and textile syndicates on the one hand, and tens of thousands of peasant economies organized in beetroot and cotton-growers cooperative societies on the other hand. It may be confidently said, Stalin continued, that all branches of agricultural, including grain production, will gradually pass over in such a form a development which will be a direct approach to collectivization of the rural economy.

#### Ultimate Collectivism.

All-embracing collectivism, he said, will be achieved when the peasant economies will be reconstructed on a new technical basis thru mechanization and electrification, and when the greater part of the peasantry will be embraced by cooperative organizations, and when most villages will have agricultural societies of a collectivist type.

Marx said, continued Stalin, that no new social order can be consolidated in history without being intensely financed with hundreds and hundreds of millions being spent for this purpose.

"I believe," he said, "that we are entering a stage of development in rural economy when the state begins to be in a position to intensify finance the new social order. The fact that socialist industry has already secured a role of the dominating element in the national economy, and leads rural economy, is the best pledge that peasant economy will follow the way to a further collectivization."

#### War Communism.

After replying to the question as to what were the main difficulties under war Communism when an attempt was made to suppress money, Stalin replied to the question on "Scissors," pointing out that the industrial products are still being sold somewhat dearer than they might be under other conditions. This, he declared, is due to the fact that industry is still young and it is necessary to protect it from competition from without. To do away with this negative point for the peasant economy the government and the Communist Party set themselves the object of carrying thru the policy of gradual, but constant reduction of prices of industrial goods.

"The example is well-known," declared Stalin, "that during the last year we have been able to reduce from eight to ten per cent of the prices of industrial goods. Industrial organizations systematically bring down the cost and selling prices of industrial goods. The cornerstone of Soviet economic policy without which it is impossible to have either improvement or rationalization of our industrial economy or consolidation of the union of working class and the peasantry."

#### French Loans.

Answering the questions as to what proposition the Soviet government made the French small holders in regards to debts, Stalin replied that

these propositions were contained in Rakovsky's well-known interview. They are conditional upon simultaneous receiving of credits for the U. S. S. R.

"This merely means that while we maintain the validity of the well-known decree about the abolition of the tsarist debts, we are at the same time willing by way of a practical agreement to make some payment on the pre-war debts, provided that in return we receive credits which we need and which in turn will be useful to French industry. The October Revolution is a fundamental negation of the imperialist war, and the tsarist debts are connected therewith.

Moreover, the U. S. S. R. cannot strike off from accounts those robberies and acts of violence which our country suffered during the several years of intervention by foreign states and wherewith are connected certain counter-claims of the U. S. S. R. The imperialist rulers are apt to forget these disagreeable things, but they should know such things cannot be forgotten."

#### Vodka Monopoly.

To the question of vodka monopoly and anti-alcohol campaign, Stalin replied:

"When we introduced the vodka monopoly we were faced with the alternative either to surrender to capitalists the whole series of the most important works and mills and receiving in return a certain amount of means necessary for tiding over, or to introduce the vodka monopoly in order to receive the necessary floating capital for the development of industry with our own forces.

"The members of the Central Committee, including myself, then had a conversation with Lenin who recognized that unless we receive the necessary loans from abroad we should have to admit openly and directly a vodka monopoly as a provisional extraordinary measure.

"This monopoly actually yields 500 million roubles income. Actually, to give up vodka would mean to give up this income while at the same time allowing no reason to affirm that alcoholism would decrease because the peasants would proceed to produce their own vodka and poison themselves with home-made spirits.

#### Nothing to Gain.

"If the vodka business were to be handed over to private hands, this would first result in strengthening private capital and would further result in the government foregoing the possibility of duly regulating the production and consumption of vodka. In addition the government would make it difficult for itself in the near future to abolish the production and consumption of vodka. Actually our policy consists in the gradual reduction of production of vodka. I believe that in the nearest future we will be in a position entirely to abolish the vodka monopoly and reduce the production of the spirit to a minimum necessary for technical purposes, and then altogether cease selling vodka.

"I believe we possibly might not have had anything to do either with vodka or many other disagreeable things if the Western European proletarians had taken power into their hands and rendered us necessary help."

#### Regarding Ogpu.

Regarding the question of the state political department of the U. S. S. R., (Ogpu) Stalin declared that many people reach the utmost leniency and advise the abolition of this department. "However, who can guarantee that after the abolition of the state political department the capitalists of all countries will refrain from the organization and financing of counter-revolutionary groups of plotters and terrorists and bomb-throwers?"

"To disarm the revolution with no guarantee that the enemies of the revolution will be disarmed—would that not be stupid? Would it not be a crime against the working class? We do not wish to repeat the mistakes of the Paris Communards. The Paris Communards were too lenient towards Versailles, wherefore Marx was quite right to blame them. For their leniency they paid with the lives of tens of thousands of workers, shot by the Versailles when they entered Paris.

#### Lessons of Commune.

"Perhaps the comrades that the Russian bourgeois land-owners are less blood-thirsty than Versailles France. At any rate we know how they dealt with the workers when they occupied Siberia, Ukraine, North Caucasus, in alliance with the French

### Bob Minor and Bill Dunne Will Address the Daily Worker Agents

Very important meeting of all unit, sub section and section organizers and DAILY WORKER Agents will be held on Monday November 21 at 8:00 p. m., Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., New York City.

### Many Speakers to Talk at National Membership Meets

The membership meeting of the Workers (Communist) Party in connection with the "Labor Party Campaign and Build the Party Drive" at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., which was to have been held Friday evening has been postponed to next Tuesday evening, Nov. 22.

Other national meetings in the campaign are as follows:  
Friday, Nov. 18, Duluth-Superior, at Workers' Hall, 6th & Tower Sts., Superior, Wis. Max Bedacht, speaker.

Saturday, Nov. 19, Twin Cities at Party headquarters, 215 So. 3d Street, Minneapolis, Minn. Max Bedacht, speaker.

Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8 o'clock, Party headquarters, 38 Howe St., New Haven, Conn. Jay Lovestone, speaker.

Saturday, Nov. 19, Detroit, Mich. Hall to be announced later. Alex Bittelmann, speaker.

Sunday, Nov. 20, Noon at Party headquarters, 820 Eagle St., Buffalo, Alex Bittelmann, speaker.

Monday, Nov. 21, at 8 o'clock, Slovak Hall, 5th & Farmount Ave., Philadelphia, W. W. Westmore, speaker.

Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 8 o'clock, Folklax Hus, 2733 Hirsch Blvd., Chicago. Max Bedacht, speaker.

### Republicans Defeat Tax

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—A proposal which would levy a tax on wealth of large corporations which cannot be reached by taxation under the present revenue laws, was voted down by the solid Republican majority in the House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday.

The proposal was to levy a tax on undistributed profits 20 per cent higher than the rate on distributed profits. It was advocated by the advisory committee on taxation and was supported by democratic members.

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# Foreign News --- By Cable and Mail from Special Correspondents

## YOUNG WORKERS PLEDGE DEFENSE OF THE U. S. S. R.

### Youth Congress Closes; Bukharin Speaks

(Special Cable to DAILY WORKER) MOSCOW, Nov. 16.—The conference of the young foreign workers delegates closed yesterday with a resolution unanimously passed calling upon young workers to fight against imperialism and to help protect the Soviet Union against an imperialist attack.

Youth delegates from Poland, Czechoslovakia, France, Brazil, England and China united in the pledge to defend the workers' and peasants' government. The conference closed with a speech by Nicholas Bukharin and the singing of the International.

The conference was called several days ago by young members of foreign delegations for the purpose of formulating plans for the defense of the Soviet Union. The youth conference was held simultaneously with the Congress of Friends of the Soviet Union, composed of foreign delegates to the November 7th celebrations, who also pledged to defend the U. S. S. R. against an imperialist onslaught.

## Communist Is Elected Vice-President of the Hamburg City Council

BERLIN, Nov. 4. (By Mail).—Gundelach, a Communist, has been elected first vice-president of the governing council of Hamburg in the municipal elections. The president is a social-democrat.

## Machado Government Grants Ex-Czar Wood's Widow Nice Fat Pension

HAVANA, Nov. 16.—The Cuban House of Representatives, dominated by conservatives, passed a bill yesterday granting a pension of \$500 monthly to the widow of Major General Leonard Wood, who was military governor of Cuba from December 1899 to May 1902.

The Machado government has recently renewed its attack against labor organizations.

## U.S.S.R. OIL HEAD HERE TO STUDY U. S. PRODUCTION

### Stresses Rapid Growth of Soviet Industry

For the purpose of purchasing millions of dollars worth of oil refining equipment for the development of the rapidly growing Soviet oil interests, A. P. Serebrovsky, president of the Soviet Oil Trust and Vice Minister of the Supreme Economic Council of the Soviet Union arrived here Tuesday on board the White Star liner Olympic.

American technical methods will be carefully studied by Serebrovsky, who will remain in this country for three or four months.

**Stresses Soviet Progress.**

The rapid increase in oil production was stressed by Serebrovsky who declared that production totalled 84,000,000 barrels in the fiscal year ending October, representing a new record for Russian oil production.

Serebrovsky who was here in 1924 purchased more than \$8,000,000 worth of machinery. Carlton J. Anderson, executive of the Oil Well Supply Company of Pittsburgh, recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union, will act as an interpreter for Serebrovsky.

Extensive new drilling areas have been undertaken recently and are expected to produce in great quantities when equipped with pipe lines. Serebrovsky said in stressing the growth of the Soviet oil industry.

## Wuhan Cities Fall As Nanking Troops Filter Into Towns

SHANGHAI, Nov. 16.—Hankow, Hanyan, and Wuchang, were occupied by the Nanking forces today.

The defending Wuhan troops retreated towards Changsha and Shasi, planning to make a stand at Hunan.

The occupation of Hankow, Hanyan and Wuchang by the full Nanking force had been only a matter of hours for several days and already large numbers of Nanking troops had filtered into Hankow after its defending general, Tang-Sen-chi fled.

## France Grants U.S. Low Tariff Pending Treaty

PARIS, Nov. 16.—The United States will be given most-favored-nation treatment under the terms of the provisional agreement that will remain in effect until the negotiation of a new tariff treaty.

The schedules published today place tariff rates for the United States at the 1921 level.

## LATIN-AMERICA PLANS FIGHT AT HAVANA MEETING

### Foresee Attack Against U. S. Imperialism

By LAURENCE TODD WASHINGTON, (FP) Nov. 16.—Charles Evans Hughes, Ambassador Morrow, Ambassador Fletcher, Oscar Underwood and the rest of the American delegates chosen by President Coolidge to take charge of the Sixth Pan-American Congress at Havana in January, are preparing to soft-pedal a long series of rebellious sentiments coming from Mexico, Central and South America and the West Indies. Harmony is their slogan, and they will be prepared for rough work if any little Latin American state attempts to challenge their idea of harmony.

Thus far, the Pan-American Union has printed and circulated five books for the use of delegates at Havana. First comes the official handbook, giving the history of earlier sessions, the program for this one, its regulations and memoranda on the topics to be discussed.

Next come reports to be submitted by the Pan American Railway Committee dealing with a proposed Pan-American railway from north to south, and by the Inter-American Commercial Aviation Commission for a convention governing commercial aviation. Then come two volumes of projects submitted by the International Commission of Jurists which met in Rio De Janeiro last spring, on private international law and public international law.

**"International Code"**

In the book of projects in public international law comes the opportunity for discussion of the growing imperial domination of Latin America by the United States. The Commission of Jurists has laid out a plan for a code of international conduct which necessarily deals with sovereignty, equality, recognition, obligations of states in time of civil war, etc.

From Haiti, occupied these past twelve years by American armed forces, came this proposal, which is not endorsed by the Commission, but is passed along to the Havana meeting for its information: "Any action carried out by a state, whether by means of diplomatic pressure or by armed force, in order to force its will upon that of the other state, constitutes intervention."

**Not Intervention.**

From the Dominican Republic, formerly occupied like Haiti, but now released under a heavy American bond issue, and from Mexico as joint sponsor, came the following: "No state may in the future directly or indirectly, nor by reason of any motive, occupy even temporarily any portion of the territory of another state. The consent given to the occupying state by the state occupied will not legitimize the occupation, and the occupant will be responsible for all occurrences resulting from the occupation not only with respect to the state occupied, but to third parties as well."

**No Action.**

Paraguay proposed: "That intervention or any act of a state within the territory of another state without a previous declaration of war, with the intent to decide by force, material pressure or moral coercion, internal or external questions of the other state, will be considered as a violation of international law."

In its report the Commission said that it did not act on some of these proposals because they seemed to be "manifestations of a means of obtaining the Commission's views regarding pending American political questions."

That these pending political questions of American conquest in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama will be brought up at Havana is the spectre before the eyes of Hughes, Fletcher, Morrow and their associates. President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg may go to Havana to overawe the assembly at the start. They propose that Latin America forget its past indignation and accept the overlordship of the Washington government henceforth as a matter of course.

## French Deny Agreement With Riff Tribesmen

PARIS, Nov. 16.—A published report that an agreement had been reached with the hostile Riff tribesmen in Morocco for ransom; Yves Steeg, Jean Maillet and four women, who were kidnapped in October, was officially denied at the Foreign Office today.

"One never reaches an agreement with these tribesmen until the prisoners are actually delivered into our hands," said the Director of Moroccan Affairs. The Riff tribesmen demand the release of a number of captured natives.

**MARX LEAVES VIENNA.**

VIENNA, Nov. 16.—Chancellor Marx of Germany left for Munich this morning after visiting Chancellor Seipel of Austria. Foreign Minister Stresemann who accompanied Marx went direct to Berlin.

## WALL STREET'S AGENTS MEET



Vito Alessio Robles, head of the political party that backed the counter-revolutionist Gomez for the presidency, is shown addressing a reactionary meeting in Mexico City. Robles is strongly suspected of being implicated in the plot to assassinate ex-President Obregon.

## BITTER STRUGGLE BETWEEN CAPITALIST POWERS FOR FAT PROFITS FROM TRADE WITH FAR EAST

### Workers of Seattle Send Banner to Vladivostok; "Far West to Far East"

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 16.—Workers of the city of Seattle have adopted the city of Vladivostok and have prepared a banner of pure silk with the following inscription in gold letters:

"Revolutionary Greetings From the Far West to the Far East: The Workers of Seattle to the Workers of Vladivostok."

The banner is embroidered with a hammer and sickle.

The Seattle comrades are placing their individual signatures on the parchment which is to accompany the banner.

## James Maurer Lauds Trade Unionism in The Soviet Union

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 16.—Russia, as seen through the eyes of James H. Maurer, President of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, is a land of friendly workmen and women, enjoying workers' clubs, shorter hours, and a new industrial freedom. Maurer gave his impressions as a member of the labor delegation, at a dinner here.

John Brophy, former president of the central Pennsylvania coal miners, and the other guest of honor, entertained the diners with the story of a table-mate on the SS Roosevelt that took them across. The stranger turned out to be ex-senator Lusk of New York, author of the famous Lusk Laws, and Lusk investigation that led to raids on radicals and the expulsion of five Socialist assemblymen from the New York legislature. Disconcerted at being outnumbered, the noted red-baiter apologized for his sins, and said he liked the common people and had never meant such use to be made of his material.

**Role of Unions.**

Maurer's picture of Russia was eagerly awaited as this is his first address on the subject at a labor gathering since his return—the hot Reading campaign having taken up his time till now. It was a very human picture, and many-sided.

"Don't believe anyone who tells you that the government dominates the unions," said Maurer. "The unions dominate the government." Telling of the shooting of absconding union treasurers—a regulation sentence for that offense until recently—he said that the greatest crime in Russia was to rob a workman.

**Unions Free.**

The unions are very free institutions, said Maurer, and they give the worker the freest of speech and press on industrial affairs through "wall papers" and the union organs.

Brophy contrasted the "well-rounded" trade union-cooperative-labor party movements he inspected in Britain, Belgium, Germany with the outlook towards the future, as expressed by the miners' nationalization program in Britain, with the still immature movement in America. He said that his visit to western Europe and in particular his visit to Russia, has freshened his vision of the goal toward which the labor movement must strive and had given him new faith and determination to carry on towards that future.

## CHIANG TO MARRY.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 16.—Chiang Kai-shek, who betrayed the nationalist movement last spring when he commanded the nationalist troops, will be married to Miss Ling Soong at the home of T. V. Soong on Nov. 30, it was announced today.

## Nine Mexican Bandits Betrayed; Shot And Killed in Battle

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 16.—Ten counter-revolutionary bandits, headed by Clemente Barrales were killed after a battle near San Jose, Puebla, according to despatches received here.

Barrales, who had surrendered to the federal commander and who was given special privileges at the barracks, suddenly killed two of the sentinels. The clash followed when Barrales was joined by his outlaw band.

## U. S. OFFICIAL IN PEKING ABSCONDS WITH GOVT. CASH

### Deserts Wife, Children for White Russian

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Search is being made for Krenz, and Mayer said he expected him to be apprehended within a few days.

Krenz is from Washington. He came to Peking in 1920. He had previously been an enlisted man in the U. S. marine corps.

## U. S. Sea Captain Beat Up Seaman, Is Charge in Commons

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The case of Capt. Crowley, master of the American steamship Manatawny, who was accused of brutal treatment of Frederick Thomas, a British subject, and former member of the crew of the Manatawny, was called to the attention of the House of Commons today.

The federal grand jury at New York had considered the Crowley charges in September, but dismissed them for lack of prosecution.

Sir Austen Chamberlain informed Commons that the British government is taking "steps to obtain additional evidence with a view to having the case reopened."

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## DIE-HARD MINE POLICY HIT BY BRITISH LABOR

### Marching Miners On Way to London

BULLETIN LONDON, Nov. 16.—The discussion accompanying the debate on the motion censuring the Baldwin Government for neglecting destitution in the coal fields was so tumultuous that the House of Commons was adjourned twice yesterday.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister who attempted to defend the Baldwin government was howled down by the Laborites.

## LONDON, Nov. 16.—Premier Stanley Baldwin's conservative government was under vigorous attack today from two quarters as a result of deplorable conditions prevailing in the Welsh and English coal fields.

Ramsay MacDonald, labor party leader, gave notice he would introduce a resolution censuring the government for its handling of the coal situation.

The cabinet faced scathing criticism not only from the opposition in Commons but from a section of the press. The Chesterfield correspondent of the Daily Herald, organ of the Labor Party, reported that many of the coal miners in that district are idle and that those who are working are earning on an average of £7.50 per week.

**Marching Miners.**

Meanwhile the little army of unemployed Welsh miners, organized by A. J. Cook, is slowly approaching London to make an appeal to Premier Baldwin, calling his attention to the destitution in the coal fields.

Critics of the government declare that conditions are so serious in the coal mining districts, owing to unemployment and physical sufferings, that a tendency towards actual revolt may develop.

According to the Daily News correspondent at Durham there are 50,000 unemployed miners in the Durham coal fields with no money to see them through the winter. Some of these miners have been idle since 1924.

## Despite the apparent concern which Ramsay MacDonald has displayed for the miners in pretty parliamentary speeches, the Labor Party, presumably under MacDonald's leadership, has frowned on the march of jobless Welsh miners, according to the Sunday Worker, left wing London labor paper.

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# The Hearst Forgeries, the Monroe Doctrine, the Nicaraguan Invasion and Mexico

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE.

The outbreak against Mexico and Nicaragua in the Hearst press following as it does closely upon the appointment of Dwight Morrow, a partner of the House of Morgan as Mexican ambassador, and preceding the much advertised Pan-American Union Conference to be held in Havana on January 16, cannot be taken merely as one of the evidences of the vicious anti-Mexican policy of William Randolph Hearst, the owner of much valuable property in Mexico.

**Hearst—the Coolidge Booster.**  
In the first place, the Hearst press, with its tone set by Arthur Brisbane, its \$100,000 per year editorial writer, is perhaps the most enthusiastic supporter of the Coolidge-Kellogg-Mellon Wall Street administration.

The praise of Coolidge, Kellogg and Mellon is of the most fulsome kind, Brisbane himself never overlooking an opportunity to write in a tone of slavish adulation of this trio of imperialists, collectively and severally. Hearst and Clerico-Fendal Reaction.

The Hearst press grovelled before the avalanche of clerico-feudalism which preceded and followed the Eucharist congress in Chicago last year and which was used to whip up hatred of the Calles government among wide circles of American Catholics. The palpably false documents which Hearst is publishing now are admittedly furnished by the same landlord and clerical elements which tried to organize the Catholic boycott in and outside of Mexico following the Eucharist congress, and which a short time ago backed the abortive counter-revolution led by Gomez and Serrano.

**The Connection Established.**  
The publication of the Hearst documents establishes publicly the connection between active American imperialist interests and the reactionary elements hostile to the Calles regime.

No longer can these clerico-feudal reactionaries pose as "Mexican patriots." The sale of forgeries to Hearst, the obvious willingness to accept assistance from Wall Street in order to weaken the middle class nationalist government of Mexico, the unblinking and open appeal to the lowest depths of Yankee jingoism for aid against the Calles government, stamp these reactionary elements as Mexican Benedict Arnolds, preferring imperialist domination for their country to struggle against imperialism.

**Reaction Has No Popular Support.**  
The swift manner in which the last reactionary revolt was crushed forces the conclusion that clerico-feudal reaction in Mexico has little or no real popular support, that it cannot be a powerful menace to the Calles regime without unlimited support from Wall Street and its government.

Furthermore, in the present stage of imperialism there is no such thing as purely "native" reaction. In Mexico, as in all other countries which have lagged behind in capitalist development and which are either owned outright, controlled or threatened by imperialist nations, the forces of national reaction are actually the base of the imperialists, the forces which are used to overthrow the anti-imperialist colonial and semi-colonial governments.

**Imperialism's Base.**  
Imperialism sometimes prefers to use these forces rather than to organize armed intervention under its own banner. The first method has the possibility of being made to appear as a "native" movement and does not bring about that consolidation of all honest nationalist elements against imperialism which intervention does. It is cheaper and less dangerous.

But if native reaction is too weak for imperialism's purposes, if it cannot set up and maintain a reactionary as a puppet of imperialism, armed intervention follows as soon as it can be arranged with the minimum of risk.

**A Stalking Horse for Wall Street.**  
This is the role of Mexican clerico-feudal reaction—to serve as a stalking horse for Wall Street, to weaken the nationalist government as much as possible and, failing to bring another Diaz to power, to prepare the way for intervention.

It is in this light that we must regard the latest onslaught of the Hearst press upon Mexico—as part of the general Mexican policy of American imperialism outlined above.

**Popular Protest Aroused.**  
Second, the invasion and conquest of Nicaragua by a combination of military and naval forces and financial penetration, designed to make of this country a second Canal Zone and at the same time another buffer state between Mexico and Central America and the South American republics—another step in the development of the general program of American imperialism for complete domination of the Caribbean area as against Great Britain and also intimately bound up with the Far Eastern policy of Wall Street, has aroused much popular criticism, protest and opposition.

**Pan-American Union Conference.**  
At the coming Pan-American Union Conference, at which the leading spokesmen of American imperialism, including Coolidge, will be present, the Nicaraguan policy will be under

attack. The Latin-American press is very bitter in its criticism and Mexico is looked upon by the Latin-American republics as the leader of the opposition to the Wall Street program.

**Two Excuses for Intervention.**  
The Wall Street-Coolidge-Kellogg policy in Nicaragua was justified by administration spokesmen on two grounds:

First, that the Calles government was giving aid and comfort to "Bolshevik plotters" of Latin-America against the United States.

Second, that the canal treaty with Nicaragua made it eminently right and proper for the American government to anything it believed necessary to protect its canal zone from hostile powers.

**Purposes of the Documents.**  
The Hearst documents are intended to corroborate the wild tale with which Secretary of State Kellogg regaled the representatives of the capitalist press services relative to the "anti-American" activities of the Calles government, and which the state department tried to force all press services to carry as legitimate news without the state department taking any responsibility for it.

The Hearst forgeries also are designed to prove that the Calles government gave aid in the form of finance and munition to the popular forces which rebelled against the Diaz-Wall Street dictatorship in Nicaragua.

**Some Facts.**  
That Mexico had recognized the Sacasa government which the American state and war department crushed, that it at least had as much right to support Sacasa as Kellogg and Coolidge had to support Diaz (are the facts that are not mentioned by Hearst and his war-mongers.

**A New Stage in the Monroe Doctrine.**  
This brings us to a third and vitally important point: It is that the Monroe Doctrine has developed to a new stage. Briefly, the stages of its development are as follows:

First, that period when the Monroe Doctrine served to justify joint struggle by the United States and Latin-America against any European power trying to establish its domination over any substantial section of Latin-America.

Second, that period when the United States itself determined the policy toward European powers.

Third, the present period when Wall Street government not only demands that it alone shall determine the policy of Latin-American republics toward European powers, but ALSO DEMANDS THAT IT ALONE SHALL DETERMINE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE LATIN-AMERICAN REPUBLICS THEMSELVES.

Stated differently, this means that Wall Street government considers itself the sole arbiter of the fate of all Latin-American governments. If Wall Street refuses to recognize a government, whether it be the government of Mexico or the government of Nicaragua, it demands that all Latin American governments follow its example.

**The Real Issue.**  
If, in spite of its pressure, another Latin-American government recognizes the offending regime, Wall Street government considers that "an unfriendly act" and "a plot against the United States."

This is practically the whole question at issue with the Calles regime so far as its support of the Sacasa government was concerned.

The new attack by the Hearst press, as were the previous inflammatory statements of Kellogg, is intended to notify not only the Calles government but ALL Latin-American governments that American imperialism will tolerate no opposition to its latest interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine and the policy of domination and conquest based upon it.

## Lenin Said:-

"Politics is a science and an art that did not come down from Heaven and is not acquired gratis. If the proletariat wishes to defeat the bourgeoisie, it must train from among its ranks its own proletarian class politicians who should not be inferior to the bourgeois politicians."

And he proceeded to organize the Bolshevik Party of Russia without which the Russian Revolution would have been impossible.

We must organize a strong party in this country that will be able to organize and lead the masses.

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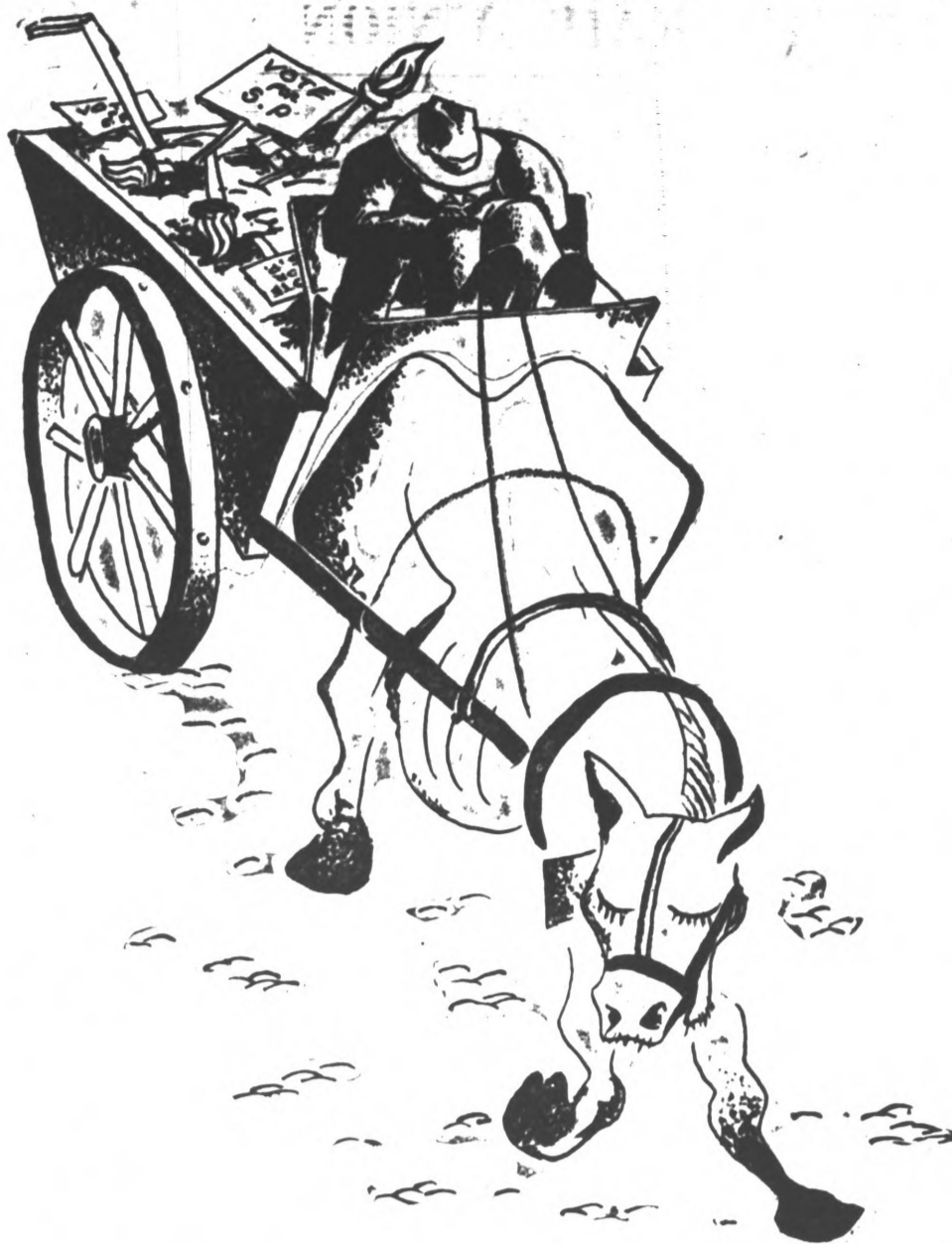
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## THE STAGGERING STEED



After a strenuous day at the polls the socialist hucksters return home with their wares to await the next political fair.

### Who Backs Hearst?

Back of Hearst are the most powerful sections of America's imperialist rulers—finance-capital represented by the House of Morgan and Dwight Morrow with its holdings of \$500,000,000 of Mexican government bonds, oil barons, metal mining capitalists and landowners.

It is possible and even probable that Wall Street does not give categorical approval to all of the statements and insinuations made by Hearst and that it does not contemplate intervention NOW.

But there cannot be the slightest doubt that Wall Street welcomes this campaign as a blow at the Calles government and will be only too glad to use it if possible to force more concessions from Mexico.

**Wall Street Welcomes Attack.**  
Finally, it is certain that Wall Street's Latin-American program has advanced to the point where it is deliberately aggressive in the political sense. The interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine which makes American government the dictator of internal Latin-American relations, and which corresponds with its role as a world imperialist power, is sufficient proof of this.

**What It Means For Labor.**  
For the American labor movement and the whole American working class these developments are of the most vital significance. They mean that the weakening of the American labor movement thru the attack on the United Mine Workers and the needle trades, the progressive militarization of the masses, the placing of American industry on an army corps area basis, have the sinister purpose of co-ordinating an aggressive foreign policy with aggression against the working class and its organizations.

The menace of imperialism war for the American masses can never be absent from the present period. A strong and conscious labor movement is the best protection for the masses

and the biggest obstacle to carrying out the Wall Street program.

**Working Class Preparedness.**  
The recent developments in the relations between the United States and Mexico are a warning to us to establish the strongest ties of solidarity with the Latin-American masses,

to watch with a suspicious eye all efforts to antagonize us against the Latin-American peoples and to build at top speed powerful labor unions and a broad labor party uniting the forces of the American masses for resistance to the bloody program of Wall Street government.

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## DRAMA

### Killed By The Help

A Kept Woman Commits Suicide in "New York" at the Mansfield Theatre

PLAYS have a habit nowadays of starting out with promise and winding up without making good. The first scene of "New York" playing at the Mansfield with Ruth Shepley and George MacQuarrie in the leading roles opens on a living room in a working-class family where the breadwinner Conway, a bricklayer, is injured while at work, but refused compensation under the Workmen's Compensation law for the alleged reason that he appeared before an inspector with the smell of liquor on his breath.

The bricklayer's daughter Madeline comes home from work and admits that she stole a purse belonging to the daughter of the man for whom her father was working when he was injured. The admission turned the father against her and almost immediately afterwards the lady who lost the purse arrives with a detective and the next scene opens on a line-up at the police station. Here the brutality of the police is shown effectively. A brutalized lieutenant bawls at the victims, dragged in to show themselves to the masked detectives and when they answered a question they were abused and threatened with punishment for answering. It is a realistic scene as anybody who ever had the pleasure (?) of finding himself in a similar situation knows only too well. The bricklayer's daughter is sent up to Auburn for two years.

When she returns her father refuses to take her in because there never was a thief in the Conway family so she leaves the house in the company of the detective who was made her parole officer, thru the influence of Mr. Crane, father of the lady whose purse she took, also her father's employer at the time he got hurt.

Of course the detective has designs on the girl's honor and even if he were not the kind of a dog who takes a job as stoolpigeon his personal appearance would freeze any tender emotion that might be expected to bloom in the girl's heart. After assisting Mr. Crane's daughter to get a divorce from her husband, Madeline finally winds up in Cathedral Towers, on the 36th floor of a skyscraper as the mistress of Mr. Crane. She reaches those heights thru the aid of Alma Lavelle, played by Mabel Acker to perfection.

After considerable conversation during which cynical remarks are made on things in general including virtue, the play comes to an end after Mr. Crane's son falls in love with his father's mistress, which quite naturally aroused the indignation of the father.

The play might be an effective attack on capitalist society with all its works and pomps but it seems to me that it is wrecked by bad acting and the introduction of chap melodrama.

Mabel Acker as Alma LaVelle was the gag-shooter and being a likable person, at least from the sixth row, pleased the customers. George Pro-

### FRIEDA INESCORT



With Leslie Howard in "Escape," John Galsworthy's tense drama at the Booth Theatre.

bert as Sanchez the detective succeeded in getting himself thoroughly disliked which may indicate that Samuel Ruskin Golding, the author of the play does not like "dicks."

Ruth Shepley as Madeline Conway struggled thru the piece like an unfortunate daughter of sin who could never be reconciled to her role of an old man's private darling.

George MacQuarrie as the roue Crane was too much of a blackguard to be convincing. John D. Seymour as Mr. Crane's son could not be more unfitted for his role. George Conway as the honest and indignant bricklayer aroused my anger so he probably did a good job. T. J. O'P.

### Civic Repertory Group to Open Children's Theatre

The Civic Repertory Theatre has embarked on a new policy. The organization will furnish entertainment to the younger generation. It is the intention of Eva Le Gallienne's Fourteenth Street Playhouse to present special children's performances every Saturday morning.

The first of these will take place this Saturday when Bobby Fulton will join with his puppets in giving "Jack and the Beanstalk." Bobby Fulton is the master of puppets who served his apprenticeship with Tony Sarg, and whose performances of fairy tales were so successful at Fifth Avenue Playhouse last year. The Civic Repertory Theatre will provide its children's Saturday mornings with the best available entertainments. It is planned to have the Civic Repertory group give special performances at least a few Saturday mornings during the year. The first performance of the "Twelfth Night" this year will be given Saturday morning, December 17. The cast will include Eva Le Gallienne, Josephine Hutchinson, Alma Kruger, and Egon recher.

William B. Friedlander will start rehearsals on Daisy Wolf's play "We Never Learn" this Wednesday. The cast will include Phyllis Povah, Charles Trowbridge, Austin Fairman, Helen Flint, Mabel Kromans and Alfred Cross.

## AMUSEMENTS

Max Reinhardt's "Midsummer Night's Dream" OPENS TONIGHT AT 8 SHARP AT CENTURY Theatre. First Mat. Friday

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# TAMMANY PLAN BEHIND SIROVICH TALK, IS CHARGE

## Right Wing Confiscates Local 35 Furniture

Congressman William I. Sirovich, democratic party representative from the East Side, who is attempting to win the needle trades workers for Tammany Hall, has come out in support of William Randolph Hearst's anti-Mexican campaign. He has sent a communication to Secretary of State Frank Kellogg calling his attention to Hearst's so-called exposure. The DAILY WORKER, in another column, exposes the Hearst "documents" as forgeries.

That the intervention of Congressman William I. Sirovich into the difficulties in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union is a move on the part of Tammany Hall to extend its influence in the needle trades is the opinion of many cloak and dressmakers interviewed Tuesday.

The workers charged that the expenses for the Mecca Temple meeting held by the so-called Committee of 50 Monday night were paid by the Jewish Day, an organ of Tammany Hall.

"The demagogue speech of Sirovich, said one active cloakmaker, was delivered for the purpose of giving the impression that the democratic party is a friend of labor.

The cloakmakers said they remembered very well that it was Gov. Smith's commission that lined up against them in their last strike and that it was Mayor Walker's police force that beat them brutally on the picket line.

"The workers must be careful of speeches such as the one delivered by Congressman Sirovich Monday night," a dressmaker said. "It was Tammany Hall political propaganda.

Criticize Shelley. In the market yesterday much criticism was levelled against Samuel Shelley, chairman of the Committee of 50, for allowing Meyer Perlestein, former international vice president, to speak. It was pointed out that Perlestein was one of those who originated the wholesale expulsion campaign against militant workers.

While the workers present did not agree with many of the remarks of Shelley and Sirovich they adopted a resolution calling upon the American Federation of Labor to meet a committee of 50 cloak and dressmakers. The resolution as originally presented by Shelley contained vague attacks on the Workers (Communist) Party but the audience compelled Shelley to eliminate this attack before a vote was taken.

Part of Resolution. The resolution adopted was in part as follows:

"We appeal to the American Federation of Labor, the highest authority in the American labor movement, to receive a delegation of our committee of 50 and give us a hearing. At this hearing we are ready to lay before the American Federation of Labor all the facts about the present situation in the union and in the shops to the end that the Federation may take a stand in the question and take it out of the hands of the usurpers."

Remove Local 35 Furniture. Right wingers and a group of thugs supported by Deputy Sheriff Plunkett and seven patrolmen raided the office of Local 35, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, 10 E. 22nd St., Tuesday noon, broke down the door and confiscated all the furniture on the premises.

When Elias Kudrinsky, acting manager of the local, arrived several minutes later he was at first refused admittance to his own office. Only on the insistence of Jacques Buitentant, attorney for the union, was he admitted.

Workers Are Barred. When the news of the invasion spread thru the needle trades market scores of pressers who belong to Local 85 hurried to the union office. They were barred from entering by the police, though a number of right wing sluggers were admitted. The right wing group was headed by Izzy Newman and Frank Ginsberg. Both of them have in the past been arrested for slugging progressive cloak and dressmakers.

An Empty Victory. "This is the way the right wing attempts to secure victories," Kudrinsky said after the furniture was removed. "Although they remove our furniture they cannot take our members away from us." The union had added that new furniture would be obtained this morning and the union affairs continued as in the past.

Several months ago similar raiding parties under legal pretenses descended on Locals 2, 9, 22 and on the Workers' Cooperative House in the Bronx where union furniture was being stored.

PANKEN TO DEMAND RECOUNT. Jacob Panken, socialist party judge defeated for reelection in the recent election, will demand a recount of votes on the ground of fraud, Gilbert E. Roe, head of his non-partisan lawyers committee, announced yesterday.

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# ORGANIZED LABOR—TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES

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## Los Angeles Labor Assails Coercion By Community Chest

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 16.—Several unions have called to the attention of the Central Labor Council instances where workers who were earning only a few dollars a week for part-time work were fired by employers for refusing to contribute from their meager earnings to the Communist Chest charity drive, the manager of which receives \$10,000 a year.

With the slogan "give one day's pay," the Community Chest is trying to raise three million dollars by having wealthy employers intimidate the workers to give up a day's wages. There are thousands of workers in Los Angeles whose day's pay amounts to exactly nothing, as they are unemployed and cannot find work. Last week 78 unemployed workers were arrested as "vagrants" and given 48 hours to find work or leave town with threats of jail sentences. The joker is that there is no work to be had.

Labor Condemns. Declaring that the present system of society by paying low wages and causing poverty is responsible for the present system of charity, and that the employers most enthusiastic for the Community Chest don't seem to be giving one day's income or profit toward the poverty which they help to make because of the unorganized condition of the workers, the Central Labor Council adopted a strong resolution condemning coercive methods in collecting the fund and the firing of workers for refusing to contribute, but the officials refused to publish the contents of the resolution, but kept it secret, fearing to offend their friends in the Chamber of Commerce who are backing the Community Chest.

## Suspension of CCNY Students for Anti-Drill Acts Opposed

Indignation against the indefinite suspension of Alexander Lifshitz and Leo Rothenberg, students at the College of the City of New York, because they sharply criticized military training at the college at a symposium last Thursday was heard on the campus yesterday.

This is the first time since the undergraduate campaign started two years ago that the college authorities have taken such a drastic move against students who oppose the military course.

Frederick B. Robinson, president of the college, said yesterday that action on the suspended students would be taken at a meeting of the board of trustees Thursday. Until then they are indefinitely suspended, he said.

The remarks said to be responsible for this move on the part of the college administration, as reported by "The Campus", the undergraduate newspaper, follows:

"As long as we are here, agitation with regard to military science will go on in the college; we should strive to instill this spirit of agitation into the lower class men so that they may carry on the protest against the compulsory feature of military training in C. C. N. Y. We do not seek the advice of experts, but we want student opinion on this matter.

"The faculty is not sincere in its tacit agreement with the student body concerning this issue."

The Campus continues to say that "he (Lifshitz) pointed out that the civilian drill somewhat defeats the terms of the tacit agreement between the Faculty and student body."

Rothenberg is alleged to have said that civilian drill also is obnoxious training, in addition to emphasizing the fact that students choosing this course must pay \$7 for uniforms.

Agitation against the compulsory feature of the army course was first started two years ago Armistice Day by Felix S. Cohen, then editor of the Campus, in an editorial. A referendum at the time showed the student body to be overwhelmingly against the course. The vote was 2,093 to 845.

## Fear Chinese Famine, Washington Is Told

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The most disastrous famine in history is about to strike China and millions are already feeling the pinch of hunger, according to authentic advices reaching government officials here today.

The winter, always severe from Shanghai to the north, has set in and there is little or no food, it was stated.

A story of the firing of a carpenter's union steward by the carpenters' union district council for insisting on union conditions in his shop is told in an appeal now being circulated by the progressive carpenters of New York.

Locals 1164 and 2090 are reported to have demanded a new trial for the carpenter in question. Halkett, president of the New York Building Trades Council, was chairman of the carpenters' district council trial board. The main points of the appeal follow:

Non-union Men Hired. "The carpenters of New York should acquaint themselves with the union-smashing tactics of the New York District Council of Carpenters."

"Brother Ivan Elchibegoff, member of Carpenters' Local Union 1164, was working in the Forest Trim Mills, Oakland St. and Newton-Creek, Brooklyn. This shop was signed up with the district council and was supposed to have union conditions. In reality the big majority of the carpenters were non-union and many of the union men were paid below the scale.

"Brother Elchibegoff was shop steward and he tried his best to unionize the place. When the boss heard of this, he threw Brother Elchibegoff and his tools out of the shop and then fired seven union men who dared to protest."

"The district council was notified. Business agent Stephen Schmeiser of Local Union 1164 came to investigate. An agreement was reached with the boss whereby all who were discharged would be taken back to work and where Brother Elchibegoff could be removed as shop steward and another appointed who was acceptable to Mr. Mandel, the boss. The

## Teachers' Union Forms Western Locals During Organization Campaign

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Two new locals of the American Federation of Teachers have been established in the west as a result of an organization tour by Mrs. Florence Hanson, national secretary. They are at Seattle, where high school teachers formed a union, and at Rock Springs, Wyo., where elementary and high school instructors organized. Another local was installed at Superior, Wis., by Mrs. Hanson recently and a campaign in Denver is considered, it is announced.

## More Window Cleaners Are Arrested in Strike

Three more pickets of the striking Window Cleaners' Protective Union were arrested Tuesday, the union reports. They are George Goulart and G. Zawana, taken into custody at Myrtle Ave. and Tompkins St., Brooklyn, on charges of felonious assault, and D. Shyskowski, arrested at Grand St. and Broadway for alleged first degree assault. Harry Feinstein, business agent of the union, said in a statement last night that these arrests like similar ones in the past were instigated by the employers.

## Dairy Clerks Wages Are Increased After Strike

Twenty striking clerks of H. & S. Dairy Co. shops at 184 Rivington St., and 29 Ludlow St., have won an increase in wages from \$40 to \$42 and a reduction in hours from 57 to 54 weekly, the Retail Grocery and Dairy Clerks' Union announced Tuesday.

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carpenters of the shop protested as they considered the new shop steward a stool pigeon, since he was a non-union man who had only recently joined the union. No attention was paid to the protest. Brother Flehbegeff again complained in his local union whereupon he was put on charges in the district council by Business Agent Schmeiser for spreading false and slanderous statements regarding working conditions in that shop.

Trial Held. "At the trial held Sept. 30, 1927, an affidavit was presented to the trial committee signed by the foreman of that shop stating: That 'there are non-union men working in the shop, that the men who recently joined the union from that shop are getting from \$1 to \$4 dollars per week and that the machine or mill work department is working completely with non-union men. But instead of being commended for his action, Elchibegoff received a notice under date of Oct. 26, 1927, that he was fined \$200 by the district council. If this is not paid within 30 days he will be expelled from the brotherhood.

"Somebody's pockets are being heavily lined for allowing such conditions to exist. The officials of the district council want to terrorize the membership. They want to silence all who dare to raise their voice.

"Brothers: Good union men are walking the streets in thousands, while union carpenters who are accepting less than the union wage scale and non-union men are working. We must protest! The rank and file must answer. We must demand union conditions everywhere. We must have democracy in our union. We must stand solidly behind Brother Ivan Elchibegoff of Local 1164."

## Ruthenberg Pamphlets Are Planned By Party; Material Is Requested

The Workers (Communist) Party is planning a number of pamphlets dealing with the life and work of the late C. E. Ruthenberg, national secretary of the Party, who died last March 2. Much of this material is on hand, while there is still a great deal of material dealing with his writings, speeches and general activity in the possession of Party members and sympathizers throughout the country, according to the national Party office. Anything relating to his life and work can be used in these publications, the office said in an appeal yesterday, and all Party members and sympathizers who are in possession of such information or material are asked to communicate with Jay Lovestone, national Party secretary, 43 E. 125th St., New York.

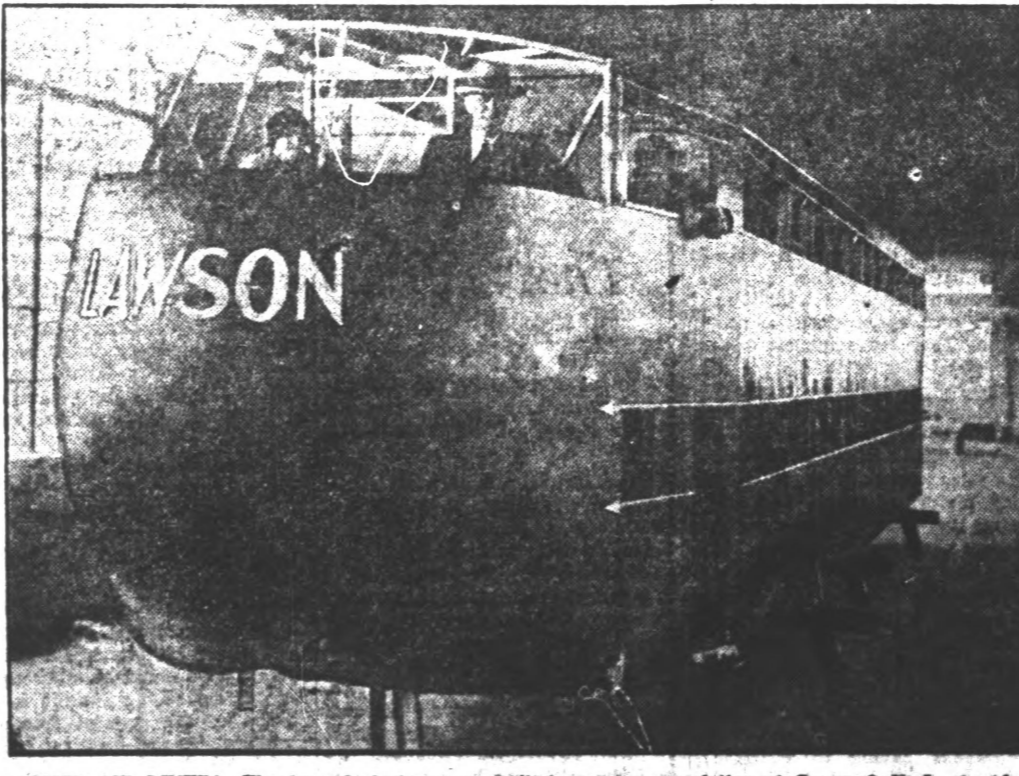
## MILLS WANT LOWER TAX.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (FP).—Over 20 cotton textile mills of New Bedford are renewing their fight for tax reductions. Mayor Ashley expresses surprise, since the city authorities have already reduced the rates. Butler Mills, owned by National Republican Party Chairman William M. Butler, are in the fight, as well as Fisk Tire Fabric Co.

## STATE EXPENSES GROW.

ALBANY, Nov. 16.—An increase of \$20,000,000 in the cost of New York State's government for the fiscal year 1927-28, is in sight, according to fiscal experts at the capitol. This will bring the total cost of government for the next fiscal year to \$235,000,000. The 1927 budget totalled \$213,000,000.

## Largest Airplane Nearing Completion



SUPER-AIR LINER! The largest airplane ever built is nearing completion at Garwood, N. J. An idea of the immensity of the air liner can be gained from photo above, which shows cabin which will accommodate 100 passengers. The plane is known as the double-deck Lawson super-air liner.

## Nov. 11 Holiday for Labor Dead, Urged At Chicago Meeting

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Although 40 years have passed since the Chicago Anarchists were hung following the Haymarket riot, legal murder still exists in the United States, Chicago workers were told at a mass meeting to commemorate the hanging of the 8-hour day movement leaders.

"The execution of Sacco and Vanzetti was a recurrence of legal murder and their crime was the same," Max Bedacht of International Labor Defense, said.

Otto Hermann, president of the Pioneer Aid & Support Assn., an organization formed after the Haymarket hangings, urged workers to observe Nov. 11 as a workers' holiday and not for celebration of the ending of the war. Labor he pointed out has no reason to participate in the celebration of a glorious war, but rather to gather its forces to continue the work of organization so bravely begun by these men.

## Classes Start in Los Angeles for Workers' Education

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 16.—The Workers Party announces the opening of the following classes:

1. Party Organization, by Schneiderman, Sunday 7 p. m., at Henne Building, 122 West Third Street, Room 105. Compulsory for new members, but open to all members of the Workers Party and Young Workers League.
  2. Elements of Political Education, by Bush, Monday 8 p. m., Room 105, Henne Building. Compulsory for new members, but open to all others.
  3. Party Speakers, by Schneiderman and Chernenko, Tuesday 8 p. m., Room 105, Henne Building.
  4. Elements of Political Education (in Jewish), by Reylan, Friday 8 p. m., Co-operative Center Building.
  5. Monthly Open Forums, First Lecture, "The Russian Party Discussion," by Bush, Sunday 8 p. m., December 4th, Co-operative Center.
- Other classes will be announced later by the Agitprop Department. A research bureau, speakers' bureau and press committee have been organized.

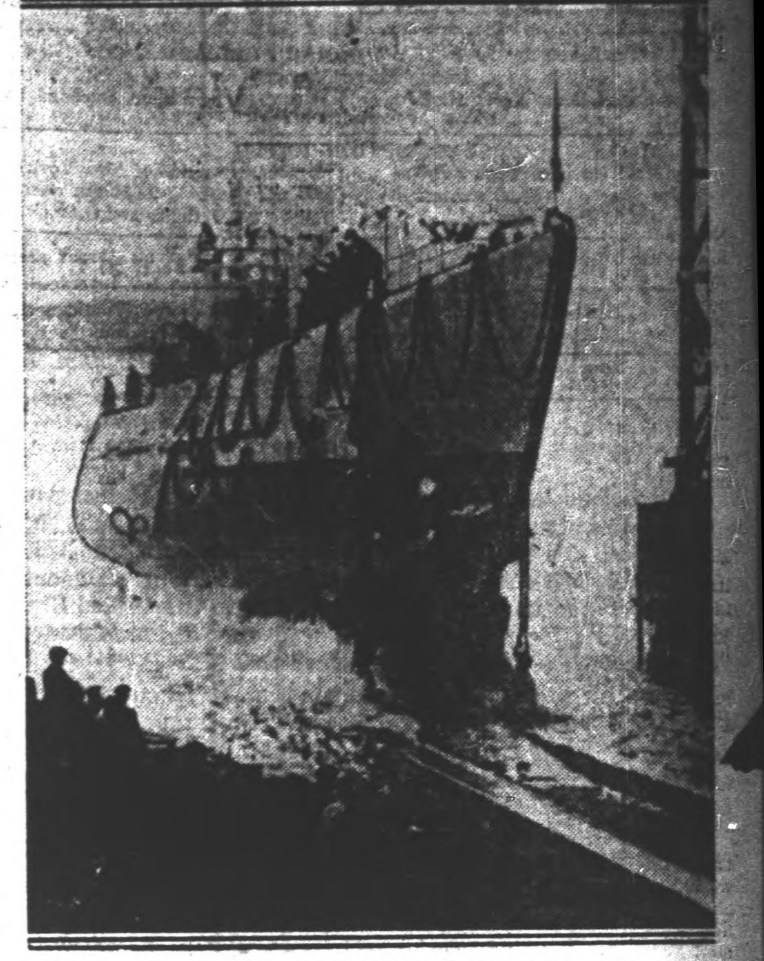
## Italian Workers Giving Ball for "Lavoratore"

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16.—The Italians of the Workers Party will give a ball for the benefit of the Italian paper "Il Lavoratore" on Saturday evening, November 19, at the Italian Progressive Institute Hall, 1208 Tasker St., Philadelphia. Admission will be 50 cents including wardrobe, and all party members and sympathizers are asked to co-operate and make this affair a success. Tickets can be obtained at the office of THE DAILY WORKER, 521 York Avenue, Philadelphia.

## PLAGUE SWEEPS VILLAGES.

ALLAHABAD, Oct. 23 (By mail).—A number of villages in the vicinity of Geonderabad have been completely abandoned as the result of a plague which swept the district.

## U. S. Imperialism's Steel Shark



U. S. navy's new submarine V-4, largest in the world, and especially equipped for service in tropical waters, where the Latin Americans are being conquered. Shown being launched at Portsmouth, N. H.

## Labor Union Notes and News

(A Review of Local Trade Union Activities)

By JOHN THOMPSON

Coal strikes have always attracted national attention. It is their nature. One of them—the 1902-3 strike, gave Roosevelt the first record-breaking presidential majority since the Civil War. It also canonized the greatest bundle of mediocrity and commonplace cant that ever flashed across the American skies, in the person of John Mitchell.

Coal strikes have repeatedly developed great sacrifices and great heroism on the part of the nameless toilers. They have also brought to the surface some crude as well as some consummate scoundrels. In no other industry has the political labor fakir thrived so richly at the expense of the workers than in the coal mine regions of Pennsylvania and Illinois. To be a secretary or president of a miners' union or president or secretary of a mining district meant to be richly rewarded by the political powers that be with easy jobs and high salaries.

Farrington's Treachery. Farrington's treachery in Illinois was not exceptional. President Lewis as a creature of the republican machine and as a friend of Coolidge is notorious. Mr. Lewis has two brothers, not because of their real or imaginary abilities, but for no other reason than that they are brothers of John L. Lewis.

Will the present strike figure in the coming presidential elections? It does look that way. The wires from Pittsburgh, Pa., tell us that Gov. John S. Fisher of the Keystone state was invited to address the special conference called to discuss the conditions in the anthracite fields. Gifford Pinchot, who would not do anything for free speech or for the rights of strikers while he was governor of the steel trust state, although a progressive and a liberal, has been invited to tell what he can do and perhaps what he does not know.

Publicity Stunt? Why politicians should be invited to take part in a discussion on a purely economic and industrial question is hard to explain, except as a publicity stunt, considering the innate snobbery of the A. F. of L. leadership and the slave mind that has been characteristic of it since its foundation.

Perhaps back in the heads of these officials there is somewhere an idea of a demand for some form of state ownership of the mines. If that is so then we can well pardon the Green-led green-goods brigade now making a noise in Pittsburgh. For it will show they are on the right road. Whether honest or dishonest or groping for new light and better measures to pull the coal strikers out of the mess they are in, the United Mine Workers' Union leadership with a few exceptions is now only reaping what it has sown.

Green's Value Doubtful. It is doubtful in view of the changing economic conditions that President Green will be able seriously to improve matters or prevent the inauguration of regional agreements and contracts.

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## National Issue In N. Y.

The traction situation is different. Local and municipal though it is, there are incorporated in the contest between the Amalgamated and the traction interests of Brooklyn and Manhattan great national principles. Shall labor control its own unions, bad as they may be, or shall the capitalists control the trade unions of the men, handle the finances and elect the officers?

There is also the age old battle of injunctions. Shall the courts be permitted to issue wholesale injunctions restraining union men from striking? Shall the courts restrain officers of unions from organizing branches of their unions in any part of the country? If the A. F. of L. win one or both cases, or win one and compromise on the other it will have justified its existence. However it is too soon to talk of victory and compromise, for the fight has only just begun.

## Plan N. Y. Fight.

The conference in Pittsburgh will draw a rough plan for the New York fight. It will seek endorsements and powers for the Amalgamated in its fight to organize the traction workers. It may recommend a campaign to raise funds to carry on the legal war. It may draw up a program of action for the coming session of congress. Whatever it does, beyond the above generalities and recommendations, the plan as regards New York will have to be reviewed and licked into shape here to fit the special circumstances and conditions. The lawyers here are bound to have their say and will surely try to keep the fight a legalistic affair as much as possible, with the eyes of Senator Robert Wagner on the coming state and national elections. Wagner being advisory counsel to the union.

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## Trying to Justify the Rape of Nicaragua

The vicious campaign being carried on by the Hearst papers has a two-fold significance. First and foremost the Hearst sheets always speak for those predatory forces in Mexico who will be satisfied only with the complete dispersal of the government of that country and the annexation of Mexico to the United States. For years the Hearst institution of depraved journalism has waged a relentless campaign to achieve this aim.

This present campaign based upon the alleged support by the Calles government of the liberal forces of Nicaragua is calculated also to justify the invasion of that country by the gunmen of American imperialism. As Dr. Pedro Zepeda, representative in Mexico of the liberal government of Nicaragua that was dispersed by the armed forces of American imperialism, said yesterday: "There is evidently an effort on foot to create a false impression about the Nicaraguan revolution in advance of the international conference to be held in Havana in January."

These particular forgeries will be completely discredited before the convening of the Pan-American congress at Havana in January but they serve their purpose today as the beginning of the campaign that will grow in malice and intensity until the close of the sessions. Assured, because of the supremacy of its armed hordes in Nicaragua, that all the alleged representatives of that country will sing paeans of praise to Wall Street, the state department has nothing to fear from that source. Unless there is a revolt staged at the Havana conference against the domination of the United States those who were chosen to speak for the people of Nicaragua will be barred from its sessions.

But there is grave apprehension at Washington that Mexico's delegates will raise the whole question of American imperialism in the southern republics. The influence of Mexico upon the other Latin American countries is feared because that country is regarded as the initiator of a movement to create a united Latin American movement against the depredations of Wall Street.

For years the Mexican people have been the victims of duplicity, forgeries, provocations and even intervention by armed forces of the United States without even a declaration of war. They know that the greatest enemy of their independent development is precisely Yankee imperialism. Any government that represents the interests of the people of Mexico must inevitably take measures against that tyranny. As the nation that lies nearest the United States and that endured the longest series of abuses, it is only the logic of history that its role should eventually be that of consolidating the anti-imperialist sentiment into a formidable force that will challenge the arrogance of dollar despotism.

The sympathies of the Mexican government are well known to have been with the duly constituted government of Sacasa in Nicaragua and it is only logical that the state department at Washington should anticipate a conflict at the Pan American conference at Havana between the forces of imperialism and anti-imperialism.

Every adroit maneuver known to diplomatic confidence men will be exhausted in order to line up all the forces of reaction that can be bribed, bought or intimidated to support the program of the state department. The personnel of the American delegation leaves nothing to be desired as far as defense of imperialism and reaction is concerned.

The chairman of the delegation is none other than the former secretary of state, Charles Evans Hughes, whose distinctive contribution to "American diplomacy" was his interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine as an instrument of American imperialist aggression against Latin America. One of the most astute diplomatic sleight-of-hand performers, this man has been involved as a cabinet member in the whole series of pecuniary scandals from the department of justice affair to Teapot Dome and Elk Hills, and yet his participation had never called down upon him that condemnation that overwhelmed a number of his associates.

The next luminary in the galaxy of time-servers of imperialism is Henry Prater Fletcher, a Pennsylvania republican and one of the lieutenants of Andrew W. Mellon, whose most recent job was as ambassador to Mussolini at Rome. Graduating from the military service as an officer in the Spanish-American war in Cuba and the Philippine Islands, Fletcher has had long experience in diplomatic service in Mexico and Chile and was chairman of the American delegation to the fifth Pan-American conference held in Havana in 1923. His experience with bribed tools of imperialism will be invaluable in the preliminary work of perfecting alignments at the conference.

The third member of the delegation is the well-known Tammanyite and roman catholic propagandist, Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, who is head of the "national committee for the protection of religious rights in Mexico," and holds degrees from three catholic universities. This organization has flooded the two continents with mendacious propaganda against Mexico in behalf of the land thieves of that country who are among the most venomous tools of reaction. His experience and affiliations determine his role at the conference.

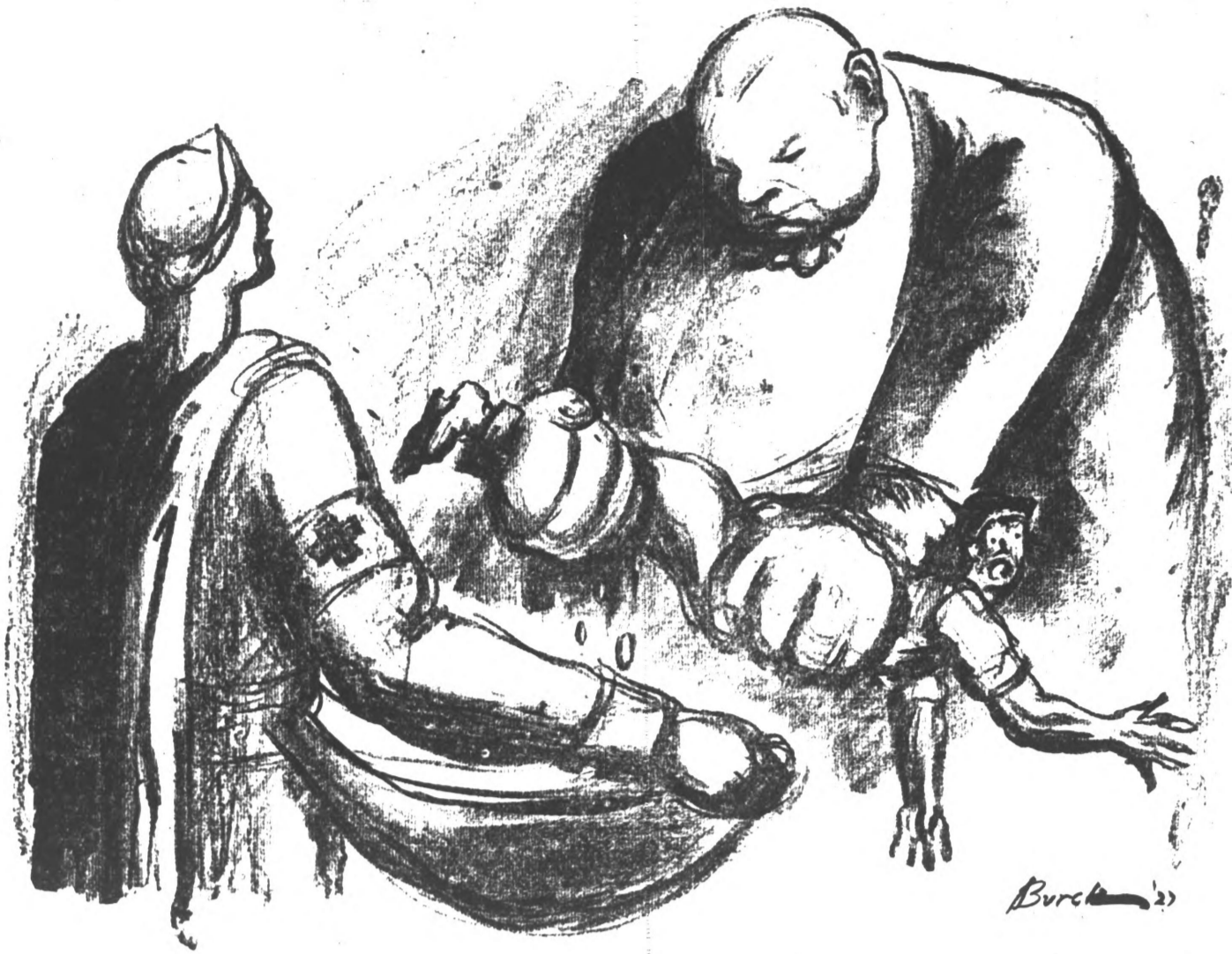
The fourth member is Oscar W. Underwood, democratic senatorial leader from Alabama, who is notoriously an agent of the House of Morgan and a defender of the most open imperialist policies at Washington, including support of the league of nations and the world court because the House of Morgan desires to use those organs of international banditry for its own purposes.

As opposed to the policy of the United States there will be present at the conference the Mexican delegation which is said to be prepared to launch a general attack against the policy of the United States in Latin America. Certainly the record of American imperialism in these countries furnishes the basis for one of the most damning indictments ever drawn against predatory avarice in all the history of international plunder.

Working class organizations of the United States and the Latin American countries should take a determined stand on the side of Mexico and the other anti-imperialist powers against the policies of the Wall Street gang, and encourage in every conceivable way the creation of a powerful bloc of anti-imperialist nations that will strive to free the southern republics from the menace of Yankee tyranny.

## CAPITALISM GIVES TO THE RED CROSS

—By Jacob Burck.



## Red Rays

JOHN H. WALKER, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, was a member of the delegation that William Hale Thompson of Chicago led to Washington to intercede with the government in behalf of the victims of the Mississippi floods, and incidentally to help Thompson to a more advantageous position on the political thap, in line with his presidential aspirations. Walker is a great humanitarian now, tho he used to be a radical, and radicals cannot be humanitarians in the broad sense as long as a section of humanity exploits other sections.

WALKER favored congressional action "regardless of expense, because no written law should interfere with the higher law of humanity to prevent the recurrence of such a catastrophe." Walker knows very well that the only law recognized by capitalist governments is the law of profit. Billions of dollars have been expended on the Mississippi, but most of it went into the pockets of contractors to whom senators and congressmen owed political debts. Walker is associated in Illinois with a gang of politicians that would steal the sheet off a corpse. Should congress grant relief, the poor farmers along the banks of the mighty river will get little of it.

STILL, it is worthy of comment that a government that can afford to spend millions protecting the interests of Wall Street bankers in Nicaragua and in China cannot afford to give a dollar to the victims of the flood. Coolidge was not legally obliged to call a special session of congress to give him the necessary authority to send marines to shoot down the people in Nicaragua or to sanction the massacre of hundreds of Chinese by the guns of United States warships, moored in the Yangtze River. There is a reason. It can be found in the answer to the question: who owns this government,

THE police are taking the usual precautions for the protection of Christmas shoppers by announcing that any criminal caught inside a certain area is liable to be arrested on sight. After he Christmas holidays our best criminals can roam the city at will without fear of molestation. This edict will give them a chance to work the Bronx, Brooklyn and other sections that are usually scorned when their field of operations is unlimited. Our department store magnates must be saved from embarrassment during the Christmas rush.

DESPITE the general use of meats and other foods considered fatal by our best vegetarians, people live longer nowadays than formerly, according to Dr. Emanuel Baruch, who has just returned from Europe. The doctor's age is not given, but he is a handsome-looking brute, sporting a small hirsute forest under his nasal appendage that might well excite the envy of Ludwig Lore, or Alexander Trachtenberg.

NEW discoveries are being made every year, said the doctor, which contribute to longevity. Even the rascally liver that caused more trouble than all the other organs put together may be harnessed and compelled to drop its evil ways. A Viennese doctor discovered a substance in the liver which will stimulate to action a heart that has ceased beating. The doctor was good enough to try it on a frog whose heart action was stopped forty-five minutes. It worked, but we are not informed what happened to the frog, except that inside of seven minutes his heart was beating more strongly than ever before. The Dr. makes a good picture which fits in nicely in a three column yarn.

DR. John Roach Straton the fundamentalist preacher and publicity expert who claimed that he was annoyed by atheistic literatures sent to him thru the mails by Charles Smith president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, has now succeeded in annoying Mr. Smith by essaying to heal the sick by the laying on of hands. Mr. Smith seeks to have Dr. Straton arrested as a common quack, under the law that prohibits practicing medicine without a license. There is little likelihood that the district attorney will lift a finger against the religious mountebank, but had he been a helpless chiropractor he would be locked up inside of twenty-four hours.

"TWO Bankers Jailed," is the amazing headline in a New York evening newspaper a few days ago. It appears that the convicts took an active part in the famous struggle between ranchers in Owens Valley, California and the city of Los Angeles over the water that was being diverted by the city from the ranches. What they were convicted of however is embezzlement and falsifying accounts. They must have supported the weaker side in the struggle.

J. C. THAW, nephew of the famous Harry, is being sued by his grandmother for \$600,000 which she claims she gave him because of undue influence. As a matter of fact, says her grandson, she gave him the money out of the fullness of her heart when she learned that he went to work after quitting college. This was such an unusual thing for a Thaw to do that the old lady lost her balance for the moment.

—T. J. O'FLAHERTY

## Money Writes

By Upton Sinclair

(Continued from Last Issue)

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### The Critic-Caste.

EVERY successful artist becomes a host to a number of parasites, the critics who live by telling the public what the artist means, and how and why he is great. The average person is unable to formulate a judgment of an art work; he knows what he likes, of course, but literature is a more serious matter. You have heard the story of the little boy who asked his mother how it happened that all the things that tasted good were bad for you, while those which were good for you were so hard to get down.

Literature, in the capitalist order, is a profession, and like other professions it is concerned to increase its own prestige and emoluments. Do not say that you have a sore throat, says the doctor; come to me and let me tell you that you have follicular pharyngo-tonsillitis, with leucocytosis of the parenchyma and inflammation of the arytenoid cartilage and the lymphoid crypts. In exactly the same way, don't say that the characters in Proust's novels are miserable sex-degenerate; get Henry R. Fuller, a venerable professional of American letters, to tell you that "Sapho and Urania appear as the twin patronesses of Proust's oeuvre"; or let Anatole France, a venerable professional of French letters, describe Proust as "un Bernardin de Saint Pierre deprave" and "un Petrone ingenu."

If you join the congregation of the Proust-worshippers, and read these interminable volumes, you will find that the aristocrats of present-day France, like all other decadent groups they give them, the costumes they conduct of their idle and empty lives; the words they use and the accents they give them, the costumes they consider proper, their manner of lifting an eyebrow at what they disapprove. And the farther the process of their degeneration proceeds, the more remote from reality and common-sense do their standards become; they have to invent finer shades of difference, because there are herds of Americans, watching them, and having the insolence to publish books of etiquette.

And exactly the same system prevails among the professional high-brows of literature and art. The standards of these critics have no relationship to beauty, kindness, or wisdom; they are a code of artificialities, designed to enable the critic to awe his victims. They lay emphasis upon technique, since that is the aspect of art concerning which the ordinary person seldom thinks; nor indeed does the artist, until his powers have begun to wane. The sophisticated critic accumulates a vast complex of technical and historical knowledge, and overwhelms us with this apparatus of learning, and with his ability to appreciate work in which we can see no sense whatever.

In the days of my youth it was the academic critics who were set over me, and they put me to translating Xenophon and Thucydides, Virgil and Plautus. Then I went on to "post-graduate work," and I remember for two weeks having to struggle through a translation of Ariosto; I am sure I never spent an equal length of time at a more silly occupation.

The world war was only fifteen years away, and anyone but a moron could see it coming; and there I sat, dutifully reading elaborate and high-flown descriptions of the efforts of mythological monsters to accomplish rape upon the persons of beautiful maidens of the mediaeval Italian nobility!

And when I rebelled, and sought to find out about modern books, there was a learned critic, established in the seat of authority, and equipped to tell me about the living writers of Europe. James Gibbons Huneker was his name, and the august house of Scribner published his essays, in which he discovered a score of new French and Italian and Hungarian poets every year. I don't know how many years he worked at it, but to illustrate his method, let us assume that at a given date he has announced the arrival of one hundred new poets, and is writing an essay hailing number one hundred and one. You then read: "One Hundred and One has the athletic verve of One Hundred, and the vertiginous elan of Ninety-Nine, but is lacking in the elegant insouciance of Ninety-Eight, and the mechante diablerie of Ninety-Seven. He combines the technical expertise of Ninety-Six with the atrabililar fuliginosity of Ninety-Five, and the exotic flair of Ninety-Four"—and so on till you had got back, say to Number Sixty, where you stopped, because the poets prior to that number had most of them died of delirium tremens since their discovery by Huneker ten years previously, and anyhow, old things are a bore. And if you think I am caricaturing a famous critic, just look up one of those old essays, and see how many foreign names he could manage to drag into one paragraph. You didn't learn much about his poets, but you learned a great awe of the critic, and this was the effect the critic had set out to produce.

And now we are in the ivory age, and have a swarm of critics who base their judgments upon the Cabell thesis, that the purpose of literature is to find more varied and subtle ways of hinting at the approach of the male and female generative organs. These critics are learned in the lore of a hundred languages, living and dead, and they search the legends and inventions of all time, and compile essays of vast erudition, which are published in our most respectable literary reviews, and it makes me think of the ancient tale about the crowds of people who assembled to marvel at the gorgeous new robes of their queen, and all cried out with admiration and wonder, until suddenly one little boy exclaimed, "Why, the queen is naked!" A little boy critic is urgently needed now, to say, in plain, everyday English, "Why, this is just copulation!"

The various schools of professional litterateurs constitute an aristocracy all their own, a critic-caste. They are not content with looking down upon the common herd, they even affect to look down upon the rich and mighty of the earth, who have not been able to spend several years in the cafes of Paris, learning to pronounce the names of eccentric poets from two-score nationalities, and to discover the hidden rhythms of the newest cenance of free verse tricksters. Or maybe the critic has been to Ireland, and discovered a series of epics about Cuchulain, written by a modern poet

in ancient Erse; or maybe it is a commedia dell' arte in Sicily, or a theatre movement in the ghettos of Warsaw, or a painter of primitives from Tahiti, or of geometrical lines labelled "Nude Coming Downstairs." Anything, so long as it is sufficiently difficult to understand! Many years ago I remember in the "New Age" of London, a literary explorer returning from a tour of South America with a whole string of poetical scapals; a new culture, outdoing anything previously known in the world, but unfortunately all in Spanish, and too exquisite to be translated!

There lies before me a sumptuous volume, bound in orange-yellow cloth: "Emerson and Others," by Van Wyck Brooks. The public is invited to pay three dollars for this work of the bookmaker's art, and apparently does so, because it is one of the successes of the critical season, the leading reviews all devote columns and pages to praising it. It is a perfect example of the highbrow school, fastidious and aloof, comparing with literature as chiselled marble to the living body. Mr. Brooks fights the battles of privilege with the weapons of disdain; while at the same time maintaining an elaborate pose of liberalism, and a serenity so lofty that it seems to be aware of opposition.

One of the other "others" in this volume is my unfortunate self; my novels are disposed of in half a dozen devastating pages. I am the betrayer of the working classes, because I tempt them into self-pity, and hatred of their oppressors. Hatred of oppressors tends to place you more at the oppressors' mercy, says Mr. Brooks—but does not condescend to

explain this cryptic utterance. As proof of my evil influence he contrasts the labor movements of America and Europe. The former, which has been exposed for so long to my writings, is weak, its members being "intellectual and moral infants," while the movements in Europe are, "in comparison, strong . . . because the masses of individuals that compose them are, relatively speaking, not intellectual and moral infants but instructed, well developed, resourceful men."

This essay was first published in the "Freeman" six years ago; and at that time I supplied to Mr. Brooks the facts, which happen to be exactly the opposite of what he states. The novels of Upton Sinclair named by him—"King Coal," Jimmie Higgins," and "100 Per Cent," have had very little circulation among the workers of America, but the "instructed, well developed, resourceful men" of the labor movements of Europe have devoured them. These novels have appeared serially in scores of Socialist, Communist and labor papers, and in book form have been best sellers in French, German, Italian, Dutch, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Yiddish, Polish, Czechish, Slavic and Ukrainian. Literally scores of editions have been published in Russia, they have toured the country as stage-plays, and moving pictures have been made of them.

These facts I supplied to Mr. Brooks; and what attention did he pay to them? He waited six years, and then reprinted his false thesis without altering a single essential word! And that is what passes for critical authority in America!

(To Be Continued.)

## Letters From Our Readers

Editor, Daily Worker:—  
I have read the letter of one Joseph Payne, Jr., appearing in THE DAILY WORKER under date of October 14.

Now that letter is a fair sample of what constitutes the American mind. I've lived here 20 years, and have long ago been disillusioned. When affairs of a general nature are discussed by Americans of this type—and they, sadly enough, are in the immense majority—a most fearful stupidity seems to pervade their words and thoughts, and one is rendered speechless at the crass ignorance of these supercilious scissorbills.

Everything in Anglo-Saxon America is contradictory and subverted. A country that was founded upon justice and freedom, now practices the most infamous tyranny and hatred of freedom.

A country that formerly granted refuge to the politically oppressed, now deports the friends of liberty while offering asylum to the former tyrants such as the Russian emigres.

This individual who has only just finished yelling against the German police system would gladly introduce the same despotism here. Instead of being a balanced man of thought and reason and seeing benefit in a promotion of the general freedom, his stupidity causes him to believe in racial superiority or inferiority.

Editor, Daily Worker:—  
On this Tenth Anniversary of the Russian Social Revolution which ushered a new era of socialist construction in all phases of life, I cannot hold back my deep admiration and joy.

The workers' and peasants' government of the Soviet Union have proved to the most sceptic and reactionary its entire devotion for the happiness and welfare of the most humble inhabitant. The daily distortion of news of capitalist papers can no longer sway the masses and keep them in complete ignorance about this world shaking event.

There are millions now organized throughout the world under the Communist banner, who are engaged in deadly struggle against capitalist and its enslaving regime, explaining to the workers the fundamental causes of our misery and oppression, the periodic wars—vast slaughter houses for the working people.

The October Revolution for the first time in history was led and remains in the hands of proletariat, and here we celebrate its glorious Tenth Anniversary.

Our task is to continue for the success of social revolution in every country, against a combined capitalist attack on Soviet Union head by perfidious Albion, and in this event turn it into a civil war eradicating thereby this exploitation system and for the benefit of working people.

Long live the Russian October

—JOHN SHAFFPROTH

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