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## Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

# ADMIT PLAN TO STOP ONLY LABOR DAILY

**THE MICHIGAN MANUFACTURER AND FINANCIAL RECORD** is considerably exorcised because a representative, John Holland by name, introduced a bill in the legislature providing for the limitation of work in all state factories to eight hours a day and the imposition of a fine in the form of time and half for overtime on any employer working his help beyond the specified hour-limit. Should the employer flout the law and pay only straight time or nothing at all for the extra hours worked Mr. Holland would assess the refractory employer anything from \$50 to \$500 for each offense.

**FAR** be it from the indignant organ of big business to commiserate with the employer in his tribulation at the hands of this peculiar legislator. It is for the worker's liberty that the paper does battle. "This is a characteristic privation of liberty of the workingman, in whose alleged interest it is presented" says the "Michigan Manufacturer and Financial Record." Suppose the worker chose to work his overtime for nothing. Any citizen may make a donation of his property to any one whom he chooses. Suppose he desired to make a donation of his labor. Under such a measure as Mr. Holland presents, he couldn't even have that liberty."

**NOW**, I am sure you are all convinced that this man Holland is an undesirable citizen who would Bolshevize this country and reduce the workers thereof to a very low ethical and social level by robbing them of the god-given right to work for nothing if they saw fit. Let us suppose by way of illustration that the daughter of a manufacturer wanted to divorce a count so that she could marry a prince. She would need extra money to buy off the count in order to purchase the prince. And suppose her father's loyal slaves were wailing to contribute a few extra hours gratis to the marital experiments of their employer's daughter, Holland's bill, if passed into law would be the means of leaving a useless count on a fair lady's arm and a lonely prince pining away in his garret or gazing thru restaurant windows at food he could not buy.

**THE** American workers are more capitalistically-minded than is good for them. Too many of them believe that without capitalists there would be no work for them to do, no food for them to eat and no clothes for them to wear. They do not realize that the boss hires them in order to profit from their labor rather than to play the role of a humanitarian in business for the purpose of putting food in the mouths of the hungry. But we dare say that a canvass of the workingclass population of the United States would not subscribe to the indignation professed by "The Michigan Manufacturer and Financial Record" over the introduction of Holland's bill. They would exchange a lot of abstract freedom for a few hours out of the factory or time and half for extra hours inside of it.

**HERE** is a human interest story with a kick: William Keuntze of Hoboken finds \$34.75 in his envelope on every pay day. Mrs. Keuntze puts her trade mark on \$34.25 of that amount and she agreed that her reckless husband could hold on to the balance, provided he spent it on a daily lunch, a five cent cigar and a weekly package of chewing gum. Evidently William was saving his allowance, which made Mrs. Keuntze duly suspicious. "I believe he wanted to squander that fifty cents on other women," she told the judge. His honor being a man of the world could not see what a fellow could do nowadays in view of the high cost of living, with fifty cents, so he dismissed the case, returning Mr. Keuntze to the status quo, but the flea of suspicion still bites the jealous spouse, her theory being that what Mr. Keuntze saves by the week he spends by the month.

**THAT** little kidnapping escapade cost Aimee Sempie MacPherson dearly. Confessions should now be in order. Her life since she returned from the desert, footsore and weary, but with her most priceless heritage intact, has been one disappointment after another. Her mother broke with her, her orchestra leader left her because she bobbed her hair, and worse still, organized a rival church. The unkindest cut of all comes from the attorney who defended her against the Devil et al, in a Los Angeles court. He is suing her for \$8,500, the balance of his fee for saving a beautiful soul from Satan. Old Nick is a jolly good fighter. He never quits.

**CLIPPINGS** come from friend and foe. A California citizen spied a  
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## COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL GIVES LIE TO CHANG TSO-LIN'S FAKE DOCUMENTS

### Great Britain Reorganizes Wrangel's Army for War on Nationalist China

### Chicago Kuomintang Wires Support Pledge to Hankow Government; Calls Chiang Traitor

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF TODAY'S NEWS

- 1.—Britain organizing White Russian army under General Wrangel, for war against Nationalist China.
- 2.—Communist International brands Chang Tso-lin's statement that it is creating anti-foreign sentiment as a deliberate lie; charges Chang's "Soviet Documents" faked.
- 3.—Chicago Kuomintang cables support to Nationalist Government at Hankow; denounces Chiang Kai Shek as a traitor to the liberation movement.
- 4.—Mme. Borodin brought to Peking for "special trial."
- 5.—Nationalist troops repulse Chiang Kai Shek at Kiukiang.
- 6.—Chiang tries to forestall mass May Day demonstration in Shanghai.

**BELGRADE, April 29.**—General Wrangel, White Russian, whose invasions of Soviet Russia backed by the imperialist powers, were completely crushed, is organizing an army of 20,000 for service in China. Great Britain is subsidizing Wrangel again, it is reported. Wrangel is collecting troops from Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Turkey.

**MOSCOW, April 29.**—Documents alleged to have been found by Chang Tso-lin in his unprecedented raids on the Soviet embassy compound at Peking were declared to be counterfeits by Communist International.

In a statement made public today, the Communist International branded Chang's documents as spurious and declared that the "accusations that the Communist International is stirring up the Chinese masses against foreigners are political lies, fabricated by foreign espionage." The charges are too ridiculous to need repudiation, the statement declares.

**Substantial Backing.**  
Chang has been making public documents alleged to have been taken in his raids on the Soviet embassy in the hope of securing even more substantial backing from the powers than he has been receiving.

That Chang has succeeded in convincing willing and credulous foreign diplomats of "Soviet plots" in China is indicated in dispatches received here. Senator Bingham of the United States is reported to have expressed sympathy for Chang Tso-lin after a perusal of the spurious documents.

M. Cherny, Soviet Chargé who had been recalled from Peking, has arrived here with his staff.

**CHICAGO, April 29.**—The local branch of the Kuomintang has cabled the Nationalist government at Hankow pledging its support to the liberation movement and denouncing Chiang Kai-shek as a traitor.

The cable, signed by Chao Ting-chi, resident secretary in America of the Oriental Committee of the League Against Imperialism, recently formed at Brussels, follows:

**Denounce Chiang.**  
"Chiang Kai-shek has turned traitor. He is aiding imperialism. Destroy him. All oppressed peoples are rallying to your support."

**Nationalists Hold Position.**  
**SHANGHAI, April 29.**—The Nationalist troops are holding their own in their skirmishes with Chiang Kai-shek's troops at Kiukiang, according to reports received here.

In order to forestall a monster workers' demonstration on May 1st,  
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Read The Daily Worker Every Day.

## War Hero Badly Hurt When Cop Chases Him Off Roof in Brooklyn

Gregory Golenko, who is said to have been decorated for bravery while serving with the 147th Infantry in the World War, was seriously injured yesterday when he jumped from the roof of a three-story building at 63 Moore St., Williamsburg, while being pursued by Patrolman John Tanbrano, according to the police.

Golenko lay unconscious in the yard, back of the building until Ambulance Surgeon Donnelly took him to a hospital.

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## Imperialist Armada Anchors in the Hudson

On Friday, two days before May Day, there steamed into the mouth of the Hudson River the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets of the United States navy, fresh from their maneuvers in the Caribbean, where they were parading mightily and majestically before the peoples of that part of the world in order to properly impress upon them the convincing means by which Wall Street is able to enforce its will against smaller nations.

In all there are 129 warships, the greatest concentration of naval force New York has ever seen, anchored in the Hudson and extending from 57th street in Manhattan to Yonkers. Battleships, destroyers, armored cruisers, light cruisers, submarines, aircraft tenders, mine sweepers and all the other floating instruments of death and destruction that human ingenuity has yet devised comprise the combined fleets. Every battleship that is not occupied terrorizing the inhabitants of China, Nicaragua or some other country where Wall Street has heavy investments is now on exhibition in New York.

The bankers, the industrialists, the exploiters of labor, the despoilers of weaker peoples, may now sit in their exquisite automobiles as they traverse Riverside Drive and be assured that THEIR FLEET, fully armed and equipped, the mightiest on earth, stands at their disposal, ready at their command to repeat a hundred fold the massacres of helpless colonials as they massacred the Chinese on Socony Hill a few days ago. But for workers these majestic ships are ominous signs of impending disaster—of new and more devastating wars in which the death toll of humanity will mount to millions upon millions.

Also the very presence of this colossal assemblage of battle-ships at this time is significant for the working class. The master class knows that this May Day is set aside by the militant workers for a concentrated attack upon the forces of imperialist reaction that are now ravaging China, throttling the legally constituted government of Nicaragua because it will not become a lackey for Wall Street, striving, through ridiculous talk about "forged state documents" to conceal its foul designs upon Mexico, and endeavoring to murder Sacco and Vanzetti in order to strike terror into the hearts of the foreign-born workers in the slave pens of America. Knowing this, the presence of the fleet at this time was unquestionably deliberately timed by the master class in order to give the city a martial color during the period of the May Day demonstrations.

In spite of the presence of the gunmen of imperialism, the admirals, vice-admirals and the rest of the braided and epauletted officers who will strut before their masters in their gilded clubs and talk long and loudly about the glory of this government and lie about its pacific intentions, we will raise the standard of international solidarity of labor on this as on every other May Day and do all that we can to mobilize the workers against everything that the fleet stands for by demanding:

- Hands Off China!
- Hands Off Nicaragua and Mexico!
- Stop the Imperialist War Maneuvers!
- Life and Liberty for Sacco and Vanzetti!
- Open the jail doors and free the imprisoned fighters against capitalism!

And in every way we will strive to direct the mass energy of the American working class into revolutionary channels so that the workers and farmers and not the Wall Street brigands will control this country.

## 13 Admirals Lead Fleet Up Hudson in Huge War Show

Uncle Sam's foreign policemen, 32-500 bluejackets, came into town yesterday. Like a circus parade, 122 men of war of the United States fleet came through the Narrows, steamed into New York harbor amid the clamorous welcome of metropolitan imperialists, and dropped anchor in the Hudson river.

Thirteen admirals and vice admirals, at the head of the fleet, were winned and dined by their capitalist bosses last night. A series of dinners and conferences are being arranged, to culminate in a dinner at the Hotel Astor on May 3, which will be attended by all the officers of the fleet. Rodman Wanamaker will be toastmaster.

The fleet is the largest aggregation of warships ever assembled in New York harbor. Even when the United States was mobilizing for the world war, yesterday's record was not approached.

No reasons for the parade could be secured from the Brooklyn Navy Yard last night. Naval officials scouted the theory that the men of war were being prepared for a trip to China, but admitted that the mobilization was part of the administration's peace-time preparedness program.

Mayor Walker, late as usual, arrived at 11:45 a. m. to extend the city's official greetings to Admiral Hughes at the city hall. Hughes was kept waiting three quarters of an

## MANY MAY DAY MEETINGS IN AND NEAR CITY

### All Rally to Protest Against Tyranny

Labor's vanguard has completed arrangements for the celebration of May Day—International Labor Day—in innumerable meetings to be held in New York and vicinity. Every worker should come and demonstrate for "Hands Off China," for freedom for Sacco and Vanzetti, for defense of the persecuted leaders of the masses in New York, or international labor solidarity. Attend your May Day meetings.

**New York Meetings.**  
Central Opera House, 67th Street and Third Avenue, May 1; 1 p. m. Speakers: Gitlow, Stachel, Weinstein, Poyntz, Moore, Krumbain. Hunts Point Palace 163rd Street and Southern Boulevard, Bronx. Speakers: Dunne, Wicks, Weinstein, Trachtenberg, Grecht, Olgin, Wortis, Warshafsky.

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## FURRIERS' RIGHT TO PICKET UPHELD 12 WORKERS FREE

### Judge Throws Cases Out in Decision

The fur workers locked-out by the bosses for refusing to register with the reactionary right wing International, have a perfect right to picket their shops and to peacefully persuade other workers not to turn scab and fill their places.

This was the decision of Magistrate Simpson in Jefferson Market Court yesterday, when he dismissed seven fur workers who had been arrested in several parts of the fur market for picketing.

The workers brought to court were Lillian Winogradsky, Ester Polansky, Morris Wiener, Jack Kramer, B. Goldberg, Annie Feldman and M. Leuber. They had been picketing 150 West 20th St., 333 Seventh Ave., and one shop in West 32nd St. The court ruled that they have a perfect right to do this, and cannot be interfered with by the police.

Magistrate Gottlieb in Jefferson Market Court yesterday freed Ester Kushner, Annie Liebowitz and Anna Shapiro, three dressmakers who were arrested a couple of weeks ago for picketing one of the shops on West 36th St., where an injunction had been granted against the union.

Two other dressmakers also gained their freedom yesterday after serving a sentence of 30 days imposed upon them for their strike activities last summer.

Gussie and Clara Kimberg had been confined in Raymond Street Jail, after being convicted of attacking a scab who identified them only because she had once worked in the same shop.

The Kimbergs were met yesterday by a delegation of workers carrying flowers, and their release was celebrated by speeches and an enthusiastic welcome from the union. They were escorted to their home by the workers, and they will be guests at a banquet to be held on Sunday, International Labor Day.

## HELPERS PLEDGE FULL SUPPORT TO PLUMBERS UNION

A thousand striking plumbers' helpers showed their solidarity with the striking and locked-out plumbers in a demonstration which was held yesterday in front of the Labor Temple, 243 East 84th St., where the registration office of the locked-out New York plumbers is located.

The helpers not only showed their support of the plumbers in this way, but, according to C. E. Miller, president of the American Association of Plumbers' Helpers, they also "wanted to call the attention of the plumbers to the miserable conditions in which their helpers, with whom they work side by side on the job, find themselves."

Such slogan as "We are helping you, will you help us to win a union?" "You have a union, we want one too." "Four dollars a day is a dog's wage, not an American's" were seen on the banners carried by those taking part in the demonstration.

**Confer With Burke.**  
Coincident with this rally of the helpers, a conference between their representatives and Thomas E. Burke secretary-treasurer of the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters, was being held at the Aberdeen Hotel. Burke firmly denied that he had stated the A. F. of L. was opposed to organization of the plumbers helpers, or to the American Association which is working for formation of a union.

"The problem of the helpers will have to be solved," he said. "The situation is very complicated and it must be taken up by the whole executive board at the annual meeting at Chicago." The American Association of Plumbers' Helpers was invited to send delegates to this meeting.

**Mediators Baffled.**  
According to Burke there was no change yesterday in the situation of the locked-out and striking plumbers, so far as the men were concerned. It is reported that representatives of

## JAIL EDITORS AND SUPPRESS PAPER IS PLOT

### Professional Patriots on Stand Confess Plan

Salaried professional patriots and the organizations for which they work have been plotting for eighteen months to "get" The DAILY WORKER staff, rob the paper of its mailing privileges and railroad the editors and business manager to prison, it was stated under oath yesterday morning in the Essex Market court with Magistrate Tolleris presiding in the trial of William F. Dunne and Bert Miller.

Under the searching examination of Attorney Joseph Brodsky, George L. Dart admitted that he is the paid "adjutant-general" of the Military Order of the World War, that the organization is incorporated, is composed exclusively of ex-army officers, has its headquarters in Washington, D. C. and that he had personally notified the postmaster-general of the publication of the poem America on which the charge is based.

**Read Daily For Year.**  
He also testified that he had read The DAILY WORKER "religiously" for a year and a half and that this was the first time he had ever felt impelled to register a complaint with the postoffice and police authorities.

Dart parades the title of "captain" in addition to adjutant-general.

George Seitz, who described himself as "a research worker" for the Keymen of America, testified that his job was to furnish information—he would not say about what or to whom.

"What kind of an organization is this Keymen of America?" asked Attorney Brodsky. Seitz replied that he knew little about it.

"Is it a Communist organization?"  
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## INSURANCE MAN BEATS RETREAT AS PROBE NEARS

### Tully Resigns as Daily Trails His Activities

William J. Tully, general solicitor of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company resigned yesterday, following The DAILY WORKER's exposure of the weekly payment frauds of the Big Four insurance companies.

Tully first reached fame in 1905 as a member of the Armstrong state senate committee. He was one of the reactionaries who blocked the move to have the "Big Four" investigated at that time.

Shortly afterward Tully was appointed solicitor with the Metropolitan with a yearly salary of \$20,000, later raised to \$30,000. He organized the law department in 1909 and has been its executive chief ever since.

Governor Smith's action in indicating that there may be a legislative investigation of the industrial life insurance business is believed to have caused Tully's speedy withdrawal. He will travel in Europe and the Far East.

the department of labor, Thomas Williams and George Liller, would continue their efforts to act as mediators but no results of their activities were announced yesterday.

The head of the Building Trades' Employers' Association, C. G. Norman, continues to refuse discussion of the lock-out until the striking Brooklyn plumbers return to work. The workers stand firm in their strike demands for \$14 a day and a five-day week but are ready to discuss a peace settlement at any time on the basis of these terms.

They will be guests of honor at the Proletarian Banquet for "Unity," the weekly newspaper recently inaugurated by the two Joint Boards, which is to be held on May 1 after May Day celebrations in the Star Casino.

The other guests will be Ben Gold and Isadore Shapiro, who were acquitted in the "Mineola" case last week. All workers are invited to attend the banquet in the Casino.



# FRAUDULENT LAWS SMOKE SCREEN FOR THE "BIG FOUR" SWINDLE

## RESUME OF INSURANCE EXPOSE

The DAILY WORKER herewith continues its exposure of the "Big Four" Insurance Trust. The "Big Four" is composed of the Metropolitan, Prudential, John Hancock and the Colonial Life Insurance Companies. In previous articles Mr. Harrison has adduced evidence proving misrepresentation, fraud, subornation and misuse of "mutual" funds. There are 40,000,000 American workers paying tribute to the "Big Four." Names prominent in government and financial circles have peppered the series thus far. Notably in this respect we find Charles M. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., Haley Fiske, president of the Metropolitan Life and outstanding labor-baiter by virtue of his membership in the National Civic Federation, Albert H. Wiggin, Joseph P. Day, New York's super-realtor and many others.

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### ARTICLE XVIII.

If while reading this article some of the phrases used sound outlandish and meaningless to the reader it should cause him no alarm. He is in perfectly good company. The very officials and legislators who originated them don't know precisely what they mean.

Phrases like, "net premium"—"select and ultimate methods"—"terminal reserve value"—all these are verbal camouflage employed by the "Big Four" to obscure their fraudulent machinations and to create the impression abroad that the life insurance business is tinted with cabalistic and esoteric financial overtones.

**Philadelphia Language Stuck.**  
A system has been built up which even the courts cannot penetrate, because the Insurance Law deals in vague and undefined phrases which are interpreted by the Superintendent of Insurance to suit the companies operating under the smoke screen.

Where there is smoke there is fire. Where there is vague and misleading terminology there is swindle and fraud.

The terms "net premium"—"select and ultimate methods"—and other jumbles of nebulous phraseology are simply excuses for legalizing the terrific overcharging and fake "expense" entries in the annual reports to the Superintendent of Insurance.

**Costs Money to Live.**  
The "Big Four" base their premium charges on a Table of Mortality which predicts two deaths for every funeral and the excessive charge, as always, is borne by our old friend and pee-pul; in this case 40 million American workers.

This insurance combine charge original premiums for protection assuming that every outstanding policy will become a claim or a maturity while public reports show that only 15 per cent of all policies now in force will ever be paid on.

**Neither Ignorant Nor Innocent.**  
Every actuary knows this; an actuary is one who figures premium charges for an insurance company. These actuaries are not fools. They are dishonest.

The average instructor in mathematics in any decent university gets about \$2,500 a year—and he's got to be good to get that much. But then he does not have to juggle figures which result in criminal insurance rates.

Listed below are some of the salaries paid to the actuaries in the employ of the "Big Four":

R. V. Carpenter.....\$21,000  
J. D. Craig.....20,000  
John K. Gore.....40,000  
James F. Little.....16,500  
L. H. Howe.....16,666

Why be a bookkeeper when being an actuary pays so well? Ask Gore & Co.

**Too Much Premium.**  
These companies assume that their colossal reserve will earn only 3% whereas it is a well known fact that they earn over 24%.

This enormous ratio of profits is due to the losses sustained by lapsed policyholders. In their official reports these companies say that the interest return is less than 6%—but this is

merely on the bond income and does not include forfeitures.

Net premiums are more than three times as large to pay death losses, claims, etc., and seven times too large for the actual benefits paid.

For example the "net premium" sanctioned by the New York State Legislature at age 40, whole life is \$23.50 while the actual death loss cost is less than \$5. No wonder an actuary receives \$40,000 a year.

**Hide the Loot.**  
Real profits made by the "Big Four" are fraudulently concealed, behind "net premiums" and expenses. The officials of the "Big Four" must have been travelling salesmen with expense accounts in their early days. No other explanation can account for their expense-padding proficiency.

Let us take for example the list of Home Office salaries as submitted in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's report to the legislature. It reads in part:

Haley Risko.....\$150,000  
Fred H. Ecker.....125,000  
D. E. Waid.....113,000  
F. O. Ayres.....38,000  
Robert L. Cox.....38,000  
Lee K. Frankel.....35,000  
J. E. Kavanaugh.....37,500  
H. L. Potter.....38,840  
Walter Stabler.....30,000  
Leroy Lincoln.....35,000  
William J. Tully.....30,000

This is a very abridged list of inflated salaries. I have merely listed those over \$30,000. Scores of fat jobs paying anywhere from ten thousand to \$30,000 pepper the payroll. So much so that the total Metropolitan Home Office salaries for 1925 amounted to \$5,725,784.30.

**Clerks Underpaid.**  
However, the reader must not labor under the illusion that all Home Office employes are overpaid. Clerks, and stenographers only receive an average of about \$15 per week and very often less. But then Mother Metropolitan serves free lunches, and provides the "free" use of umbrellas on wet days. Can kindness ever reach higher levels?

The Prudential Life Insurance Company, another limb of the "Big Four" submits this list for approval:

Edward Duffield.....\$ 75,000  
Cass Gilbert.....177,000  
Louis Kamm.....100,000  
John K. Gore.....40,000  
W. S. Johnson.....35,000  
G. W. Munsick.....35,000  
Fred A. Boyle.....30,000  
Ed. Gray.....30,000  
W. L. Hamilton.....30,000  
Alfred Hurrell.....30,000  
L. A. Wilkinson.....39,000

Total Prudential Home Office salaries and agency salaries came to \$8,999,612.38 for 1925.

In this face of these criminally wasteful bloated salaries Haley Fiske of the Metropolitan said: "It seems to us that the best thought of the age has fixed upon insurance as the solvent for most of the economic ills of society."

Quite true, Mr. Fiske. Insurance seems to have solved a lot of your economic ills.

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# SURVIVORS OF MASSACRE COMMITTED ON MEXICAN TRAIN BY PRIEST-LED BANDITS; 187 KILLED



Exclusive picture of arrival of survivors of looted Mexican train at Empalme, Escobedo. The train, bound for Laredo, was stopped, attacked and the wooden cars burned, with loss of life.

## Communist International Brands "Documents" False

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Chiang Kai-shek's subordinates here have announced a mass meeting for that day.

Demonstrations against Chiang's ruthless suppression of labor unions may break out on a few of the numerous national holidays, which will be observed throughout May.

### Workers' Holidays.

May Day will be observed by a complete suspension of work. On May 4th there will be another holiday to celebrate the anniversary of the students' strike in 1919; on May 5th, there will be another suspension to commemorate China's humiliation in accepting the twenty-one demands forced upon her by Japan; on May 30th, Shanghai workers will mourn the loss of students and workers shot down by British soldiers in 1925.

### Remove Officers.

In addition to executing militant labor leaders and workers, Chiang Kai-shek is removing officers in his armies suspected of Nationalist sympathies. The commander of the First Division of Chiang's army was recently removed on direct orders from Chiang Kai-shek.

### Detain Russians.

PEKING, April 29.—Russian citizens arrested in the raids upon the Soviet embassy here are still being detained.

Besides the twenty-four Chinese, executed yesterday as the result of these raids, four others were given lengthy prison sentences.

Mme. Borodin, wife of the Russian adviser to the Hankow Nationalist government arrested by Chang's troops, is being brought to Peking for a special trial.

### Packed Court.

The twenty-four left wing leaders executed by Chang Tso-lin yesterday were strangled after a secret trial in a court packed by Chang.

Pointing out the militant stand that the State Department has taken on the Chinese situation, twenty-eight American educators and missionaries who have recently been to China have addressed an open letter to President Coolidge urging the United States to act independently of the other powers and to accept the Nationalist request for an international investigation of the Nanking affair.

John Dewey, well-known philosopher and educator, Edward A. Hume, president of Yale in China, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, who has lectured in China, Paul Monroe, director of the School of Education of Teachers' College, Columbia University, are among those who signed the appeal.

The letter says, "It appears to us that our present policy leads step by step automatically to intervention."

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## Lectures and Forums

**LABOR TEMPLE**  
14th Street and Second Avenue  
THIS SUNDAY  
5 P. M.—The Pioneers of the Race  
DR. G. F. BECK  
"The Seer of Modern India"  
—Rabindra Nath Tagore  
ADMISSION 25 CENTS

7:30 P. M.—  
SPECIAL PROGRAM  
SPEAKERS:  
DR. WILL DURANT  
DR. G. F. BECK  
and Others.  
ALL WELCOME.  
ADMISSION FREE

**INGERSOLL FORUM**  
anti-religious center of N. Y.  
CHAMBER MUSIC HALL,  
CARNEGIE HALL  
SUNDAY EVENING, 8 P. M.  
CHARLES A. WAGNER  
will speak on  
"Why Evolution Is Morally  
Necessary for Children"  
Questions and Speeches from floor.  
Admission free. All welcome.

## Needle Trades Defense

If one would like to know how the workers stand in the present struggle, he need only pay a visit to the office of the Joint Defense Committee at 41 Union Square.

As the great defense bazaar draws closer, the group of workers bringing in bundles of dollar bills on the \$100,000 Fund Roll Call, or paying money on booklets, Bazaar Honor Roll Lists, Collections or Donations, are supplemented by more delegates of workers from the shops, bringing presents for the bazaar.

### For the Bazaar.

Thirty workers of the Marcus Brothers Shop sent in a committee consisting of Charles Friend, shop chairman, Morris Bernstein, R. Einstein, and Louis Moscovitz. The committee brought a present for the bazaar consisting of a half dozen newly made beautiful ladies' spring coats and a half dozen children's coats. Morris Divin brought only a small package but it contained a half dozen pair of ladies' hose and several sets of delicate ladies' lingerie.

### Lists and Tickets.

All Bazaar Honor Roll Lists must be turned in before the end of the present week so as to enable us to have the names published in the Special Bazaar number of "Unity." Bazaar tickets must be settled for by May 5th or they will be charged to person holding them.

### Another Reply to Sigman.

Dear Sirs:  
The letter sent us thru your information bureau, concerning Communist activities in the Jewish unions, was received by our last meeting and acted upon as it deserved.

We decided to answer your letter immediately by sending \$36.00 for the defense of the imprisoned cloakmakers and furriers. This is only a deposit on the fund being raised by our branch.

As to a lecturer, please send us someone who is willing to debate the question and we will be glad to receive him. If you are willing to send someone please notify us at once so that we may make the necessary preparations.  
(Signed.) Abe Bleckman, Secretary, W. C. Branch 519.

## Even Winnipeg Plute Paper Is Critical

WINNIPEG (FP).—Under the caption Civilized Cruelty, the conservative Winnipeg Tribune comments adversely on the handling of the Sacco-Vanzetti case by the state of Massachusetts.

"Dissatisfaction with the conduct of the case for the prosecution has lately become widespread in the United States," it remarks. "On questions of American law it is impossible for outsiders to form any opinion. But the fact that the case has dragged on for six years is legitimate ground for foreign comment."

### Recover Tuition Fees From Fake School.

DETROIT (FP) April 29.—In Cooperation with the Detroit Federation of labor many young workers are forcing the so-called Detroit school of trades to refund their tuition fees. This outfit advertises that it will teach a boy a trade in 6 weeks or refund the money. Fees of \$90 have been paid and refunding was refused until the Detroit federation brought pressure.

### Plan Anti-War Meet.

CLEVELAND, April 29.—The Cleveland Committee against Imperialism will hold a meeting against war on China at the Engineers Auditorium, St. Clair and Ontario Aves., on Tuesday, May 3 at 8 P. M. This is the second meeting that the Cleveland Committee has arranged, and promises it to be a big one. Among the speakers scheduled are Judge Florence Allen of the Ohio State Supreme Court, Rev. Joel Hayden, Rev. Lupton, Max Hayes, Minister Zee, representing the Chinese government, Rabbi Brickner and A. F. Coyle.

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# New York's Water Front

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## Families on N. Y.

### Coal Barges Lead

## A Miserable Life

The situation amongst the coal barge workers in the New York harbor and the adjoining rivers as far as employment is concerned is becoming more and more critical each day.

Along the waterfront there is an increasing string of barges and scows tied up and rendered useless by the existing slump in the buying of coal. This slump has already thrown over a thousand men and their families out of work, and it is predicted by union officials that shortly, that is, within the next few months this condition will not only double but also triple itself.

### Many Idle Barges.

All along the upper North, East and Harlem Rivers the barges that usually are occupied in transporting the coal from the centers of shipment off the freight depots in New Jersey are lying idle. This means that the men and their families on these boats must starve thru the six or seven months on a miserable sustenance that necessitates living a hand to mouth existence.

Statistics and observation on and among these workers show that the great majority of them know no other trade than the manipulation and steering of these barges. The majority of these barge captains have their wives and children living with them on the barges.

### Miserable Conditions.

At the best, existence on these barges is miserable. Due to the unsanitary conditions and inadequate space for living and cooking aboard them, especially the sea going barges are dangerous. The children on these barges rarely have even the opportunity to get even a primary school education. All must be above board to the profits and exploitation of the contractors and coal companies. This is so true that the board of education no longer even takes the trouble to send patrol officers after the delinquent or hooky-playing children.

### Little Union Organization.

These conditions would not be so terrible if all of the workers were in the ranks of the union. Then the workers would not only be able to take action towards the improvement of their conditions.

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ments of the general living conditions for the men and their families, but would also be able to regulate the periods of employment and slack so that there would be no sudden crises arising at the expense of the highly exploited workers.

## New Jersey Bosses Worried by Strikes in Building Trades

ASBURY PARK, N. J., April 29.—Several hundred thousand dollars worth of construction work has been tied up in Asbury Park, Bradley Beach, Neptune and Belmar sections as a result of the general strike called by building trades on Monmouth County in sympathy with the hod-carriers and cement mixers when the bosses refused to concede a raise in wages from \$7 to \$8 at the expiration of their agreement.

This country is the seat of the open shoppers and manufacturers association who are out to establish the American Plan or open shop in the building trades in this state.

### Carpenters Ask Boost

NEWARK, N. J., April 29.—Representatives of the carpenters' locals and Master Builder Assn. have been negotiating for the past few months on an increase in wages for the journeymen from \$11.20 to \$12 a day. The agreement expires July first. Possibilities are there will be no strike and that the bosses will concede to the demands of the union.

NEWARK, N. J., April 29.—The agreement between the electricians local union of Newark and the Association of Electrical Contractors which expires May 1 will undoubtedly bring about a walkout of the 800 workers. The union men are asking for an increase in wages from \$12 to \$14 a day. The bosses stubbornly refused to grant the increase and a strike will result.

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# The Paytriots vs. The Daily Worker

George L. Darte, Adjutant General, of the Military Order of World War Veterans, Incorporated, and Charles J. Seitz, "Research" worker of the Key-men of America, declared in court today that their object in bringing The DAILY WORKER to trial, was to rescind its mailing privileges. They stated that they read the paper "religiously." These organizations have taken the initiative in reporting the case to the post office authorities.

The issue is clear. In open court these representatives of the business interests of the city, parading under a number of doubtful titles, have proclaimed their unflinching opposition to The DAILY WORKER and their determination to destroy it.

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## Defend Kushner; Seek Appeal on Moskowitz Case

Argument by Attorney Joseph R. Brodsky, representing the two workers who were arrested Wednesday for distributing "Hands Off China" leaflets, resulted yesterday in having the plea of Morris Kushner changed to "not guilty," and his case set over for hearing until Thursday, May 5th.

Kushner, who was arrested with Herman Moskowitz, had entered a technical plea of "guilty" when he was not represented by counsel. For this reason, Magistrate Weil, sitting in the 57th street court, was unwillingly forced to allow a withdrawal of the first plea and the entrance of a plea of "not guilty." Bail was fixed at \$100, instead of \$500 as the judge intimated was his intention.

### CURRENT EVENTS

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news item that told of a certain Feodor Volkov, who was recently sentenced to death by the Soviet Government for murdering 300 peasants to avenge himself for the confiscation of his property by the state. He was a big landholder under the Czar. "Fine. I'd kill a million of you dogs if you tried to take my property" comments this gentle soul, whose property in all probability is confined to whatever livestock manages to eke out a precarious existence on the inside of his rags.

OF better stuff is our Cleveland correspondent who forwarded a clipping from a local paper which recorded the death of a prohibition stool-pigeon. The fink is alleged to be a former radical who became an agent of the department of justice and was responsible for the arrest and imprisonment of many workers. There is a suspicion that the bootleggers got him. But the informer could not claim that they did not give him a fair warning. Some of them recently hung him by the heels out of an eight-story window with the hint that the next time he became over-zealous in the line of duty, he would hit the sidewalk. Those soft-hearted people who sympathize with stool-pigeons may now shed a tear over Dan Kuts.

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### Volunteers Wanted Articles Wanted

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## British Union Heads in Conference Against No Strike Bill of Tories

LONDON, April 29.—Representatives of 4,000,000 British trade unionists met today in Kingsway Hall to complete plans for a campaign to fight the government's proposed bill for the control of trade unions.

Although George Hicks, chairman of the Trades Union Congress, announced that "labor forces will fight the bill to the bitter end," the convention indicated early in its session that it would take considered action.

Communists proposed a real strike to force the withdrawal of the bill.

## Policemen Assault Workers Who Defy Fascist Murderer

Uniformed policemen and detectives last night again aided the notorious fascist propagandist, Francesco de Pinedo, who prostitutes his ability as an aviator in order to get a favorable hearing for his apologies for the bloody regime of Mussolini, by launching a savage assault upon some 2,000 or more anti-fascists who were demonstrating against the presence of de Pinedo.

The anti-fascist workers were marching toward the Victor Emanuel Post of the Italian Legion at 215 Second Ave., where de Pinedo was delivering one of his apologies for fascism. There was no disorder and the marchers intended merely to pass the place in order to prove that the vast majority of Italian workers in this country, as in Italy, are opposed to fascism.

As the workers marched toward the hall Patrolman Schoenfeld and three other policemen tried to head them off by assaulting them with clubs. In a few moments reserves from three police stations arrived and began beating the marchers. At the same time a handful of fascist hoodlums who were listening to the harrangue of de Pinedo rushed out of the hall and mixed in with the fracas. Since the anti-fascists were anxious to avoid such a disturbance as was provoked by the police and the fascists they withdrew.

Fascist Had Revolver.  
A number of the fascists were armed and flourished weapons. One of them, Antonio Tumbarelli, was arrested because he continued to flourish a loaded revolver in a drug store. The fascist explained that it was a "self-appointed" defender of de Pinedo and that he was armed in order to protect his leader.

The anti-fascist workmen who were interviewed charge that de Pinedo is utilizing his time here to encourage the fascist to arm themselves to avenge Mussolini against his political enemies in this country who criticize his murderous regime.

Fear Four Fliers Dead.  
Washington, April 29.—Four navy fliers are believed to have perished when the plane in which they were flying from Philadelphia to the naval station at Hampton Roads was struck by lightning off Matthews, Va. late this afternoon.

## Scores of Big May Day Meets in New York

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Brooklyn Meetings.

Amalgamated Temple, 11-17 Arion Place, May 1, 2 p. m. Speakers: Giltow, Mizara, Grigstas.

Royal Palace, 16 Manhattan Ave., May 1, 2 p. m. Speakers: Bimba, Cosgrove, Undjus, Maturano.

Hopkinson Mansion, 428 Hopkinson Avenue. Speakers: Lifshitz, Cosgrove, Ragozin, A. Stone.

New Jersey Meetings.  
Passaic—27 Dayton Ave., May 1, 3 p. m. Speakers: O'Flaherty, Clarence Miller.

Elizabeth—Lutwin Hall, 152 Front Street, May 1, 2 p. m. Speakers: Markoff, Powers.

Perth Amboy—308 Elm St., May 1, 8 p. m. Speakers: Powers.

Newark—Montgomery Hall, Prince and Montgomery Sts., May 1, 3 p. m. Speakers: Devina, Hulswood.

Jersey City—166 Mercer St., May 1, 2 p. m. Speakers: Ella Wolfe, Joe Freeman.

West N. Y.—Labor Lyceum, 17 St. and Tyler Pl., May 1, 3 p. m.

Paterson—Carpenter Hall, Van Houten and Main Sts., May 6, 8 p. m. Speakers: Wicks, Weisbord.

St. April 30, 8 p. m. Speaker: Weisbord.

Yonkers, N. Y.  
20 Warburton Avenue, May 1, 8 p. m. Speaker: A Markoff.

Connecticut Meetings.  
Hartford—Unity Hall, 64 Pratt St., April 30, 8 p. m. Speakers: Primoff.

Stamford—Workmen Circle Center, 49 Pacific St., May 1, 8 p. m. Speaker: Siskind.

New Haven—38 Howe St., May 1, 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.

## A. C. W. Workers to Fight Piece System

A mass meeting to protest against the attempt of the officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers to institute the piece work system will be held at Manhattan Lyceum at 1 p. m. today.

Convinced that the establishment of the piece work method would eventually result in the return to sweat shop conditions, the "Rank and File Conference Committee" which is organizing the meeting will point out the dangers of the present policy of the Amalgamated officials.

At a meeting of Local 5 held Wednesday evening the workers pledged their opposition to piece work and secret agreements and urged that a meeting be called where the membership can have an opportunity to vote on the question.

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## UNIONS PERMEATED WITH CORRUPTION ASSERTS BECKERMAN AT COLUMBIA

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union is immune to the "right and left" fight occurring in the rest of the needle trades, so Abraham Beckerman, manager of the New York Joint Board of the Amalgamated, told members of the Social Problems Club of Columbia University at a meeting held yesterday afternoon.

"The methods I have used in ridding the union of this problem have been severely criticized," Beckerman confessed, "but I have no apologies. They have succeeded.

"If someone sticks me in the ribs with a knife, I go one better and get a gun."  
Admits Corruption.  
Beckerman was announced to speak on the present controversy in the needle trades, but his talk was not so much of any issues at stake or any problems involved as a picture of wholesale corruption which he says exists in all labor unions throughout the country. His frank acceptance of these evils, without promise or hope for the future, was a revelation.

"I imagine it would be almost impossible to get an honest election in any trade union," said Beckerman.  
"Books may be handed out promiscuously; they may be printed promiscuously and given to anyone who wants to use them. I imagine there are many crooks in the needle trades and the rest of the labor movement. Many of the leaders are lazy. But the people throughout our country are inclined to smile at corruption."

He seemed to feel that trade union members had the same attitude.  
No Faith in Membership.  
Beckerman discussed at length the "right and left" fight in the Inter-

national Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and the Furriers' Union. He attributed it to the rise of the Trade Union Educational League, and stated his belief that the only difference between the rights and lefts was the question of whether an outside body should control the union. He felt the matter would be settled by the members themselves, but he did not explain how. He definitely opposed the efficacy of an election. He even had no faith in an election supervised by an impartial body, like the American Civil Liberties Union.

"I myself suspect that body. Two or three people do the active work for the others. For instance there was a meeting called to discuss problems of our union and I deliberately did not interfere, just to see what would happen. But the Civil Liberties appointed a committee to visit that meeting without even asking me whether I wanted it. They have lost whatever usefulness they had."  
Fired For Attending Meeting.  
One of the students asked about the Kulkol shop, where a worker was taken off the job for attending a left wing meeting, and the whole shop came out on strike. Beckerman remembered that the man had been fined by the Executive Board for some infringement of union rules, but he could not remember what it was. He was taken off the job for failing to pay the fine.

According to Beckerman, members of the Amalgamated can be members of the T. U. E. L. but such members cannot run for office.  
"But as a member of the union is he not entitled to all privileges of the union," someone asked.

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## Envoy Houghton Dines With Royalty While Insurance Quizz Pends

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In addition to his plenipotentiary activities Houghton acts in the capacity of director for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company whose business practices are threatened with an investigation due to pressure brought about by a series of articles now appearing in The DAILY WORKER.

## Maj. Berry Opposes Five Day Week For Printing Trades Men

President George F. Berry of the International Pressmen's Union received the commendation of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in convention here yesterday when he declared that he is opposed to the five day week in the printing trades.

The publishers special standing committee on the five day week quoted with approval Berry's statement in his official journal, the American Pressman:  
"The International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America has very frankly declared that it does not consider the time propitious to even think about a further reduction in the work week."

The American Federation of Labor, in which Major Berry, whose title dates from quartermaster service during the war, is an important leader, has declared officially for the five day week. Berry has forced his union to buy several banks in Tennessee. He was formerly vice commander of the American Legion and tried hard to get the democratic vice presidential nomination in 1924.

Give Beckerman the Air.  
NEWARK, N. J., April 29.—Abraham Beckerman, manager of the New York Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union was chased out of a meeting of Local 24 that was held in this city last Tuesday evening, when the installation of new officers of the local was to be the order of business.

Three elections have been held in the local during the last month where two cliques have been struggling for the two paid jobs that are available. Last Tuesday Beckerman had more than 200 ballots stuffed in the ballot box and "elected" his two men.

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POYDRAS, La., April 29.—The Poydras crevasse on the east bank of the Mississippi, twelve miles below New Orleans was blasted at 2:17 p. m. today in a supreme attempt to break the back of the valley's most devastating flood in history.

Guns and Deadline.  
Virtual martial law prevailed from day-break today in the territory in which the levee line was to be ripped open with dynamite. State troops patrolled the highways and fast river boats with armed guardsmen aboard maintained a dead line across the river.

Airplanes flew over the doomed region to give final warning to scattered residents who were either unaware that the river was to be turned upon them, or unwilling to leave their possessions to the yellow torrent. Three hundred people were believed by state officials to be in the sacrificed territory at day-break.

Some stragglers still made their way to New Orleans. A few others apparently, were preparing to take their chances on high spots in the vicinity of their farms and gardens.

Ruins Two Parishes.  
The Poydras dynamiting already has gone into history as the \$2,000,000 blast, that being conservative official estimate of the property loss involved to St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes.

New Orleans for the most part went about her business quite as usual—almost nonchalantly—as she has during the entire period of the flood, apparently convinced that the man-made volcano at Poydras would remove the last menace to their city.



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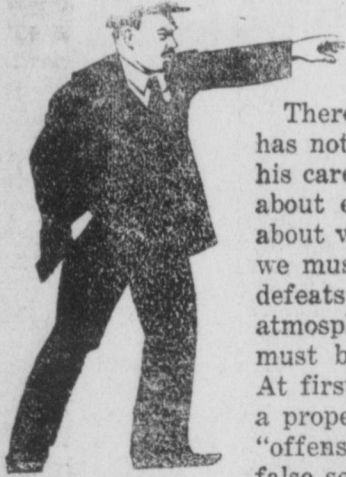
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### LENIN SAID:

There is not a single political worker who has not experienced defeat at some period of his career, and if we desire to speak seriously about exercising influence upon the masses, about winning the "good will" of the masses, we must exert every effort to prevent these defeats from being concealed in the vitiated atmosphere of study-circle and groups; they must be submitted to the judgment of all. At first sight it would seem that this is not a proper thing to do and that it would give "offense" to this or that leader. But this false sense of propriety must be overcome; it is our duty to the party and to the working class. By this and this alone will we make it possible for the whole mass (and not a casually selected group or study-circle) of influential party workers to select their leaders AND TO PLACE EACH ONE OF THEM IN THEIR PROPER PLACE.

("Lenin on Organization"—From a letter to the Iskra, November 25, 1903.)

## Hankow and the Chinese Eastern Railway— The Imperialist Front.

The two things that remain clear in the Chinese situation, that stand out thru all the confusion created by imperialist correspondents who do not know what is actually going on to begin with and who in the second place wish to create an intervention atmosphere, are:

1.) The attack of the imperialists is centering on Hankow, the stronghold of the labor movement, of the Kuomintang government and the important industrial district of China.

2.) The offensive against the Soviet Union is being developed by means of attempts to seize the Chinese Eastern Railway and eliminate the Soviet Union from the management committee organized jointly by them and the Chinese.

Battleships of the great powers numbering from forty-five to fifty (estimates vary) are anchored in front of Hankow "with their guns trained on the city," to quote the imperialist press. Wild rumors of disorders in Hankow, which would furnish an excuse for intervention, have been cabled to the American press ever since the treason of Chiang Kai Shek occurred. But to date nothing of the kind has happened and yesterday the news comes of a resumption of business by Japanese concerns by agreement with the labor unions and the Hankow government.

It seems that the "demoralization" of the labor unions and the left wing government, which the imperialist correspondents have been so industriously propagating, is pure fiction. Not only is the Hankow government consolidating its influence in the three great industrial cities of Wuchang, Hanyang and Hankow but it is, according to the New York Times, whose correspondent is bitterly hostile to Hankow, sending four armies southward to Canton.

This certainly is evidence of strength and not weakness. On the other hand, Chiang Kai Shek has not even been able to organize a civilian government in spite of strenuous efforts in this direction but is still operating as a dictator with but little authority over subordinate commanders.

The concentration of imperialist naval and military forces at Hankow is in itself a refutation of the tales of the weakness of the anti-imperialist and labor government there. World imperialism knows that the Hankow government, with its base in the labor unions and peasant organizations, with millions of supporters in and around great centers of population such as Shanghai and Canton, is the only powerful force opposing it in China.

This is the secret of the huge fleet 600 miles up the Yangtze and the constant bombardments conducted jointly by British and American gunboats.

These two great imperialist nations, both of them seeing in the rise of the Soviet Union and the Chinese liberation movement the beginning of the end of their careers of robbery, and aided by Japan and France when necessary, are striking at the heart of the mass movement in China. Japan again is inciting Chang Tso Lin to aggression against the Soviet Union.

To end the war on the Chinese labor unions, the peasant organizations, the militant nationalist student organizations and those sections of the middle class which are honestly fighting against imperialism, is the task of the workers in the imperialist countries. We can be certain that if the present plans of the imperialists mature and the Chinese liberation movement is crushed temporarily (it cannot be destroyed) that there will be a new and more destructive wave of world reaction.

The Chinese masses hold the first line trenches. We must give all possible aid.

Every imperialist government must be exposed by the workers whom it oppresses at home.

The demand for Hands Off China can be made so powerful that imperialism cannot carry out its program for establishing anew the enslavement of the Chinese masses.

## Nicaraguan Liberals Should Reject Stimson Plan

The combination of American marines and subsidized Diaz forces having thus far failed completely to subdue in the interest of imperialist policy the liberal forces supporting the legally selected government of Sacasa, the Wall Street-Coolidge-Kellogg government has sent Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war under President Taft and one of the directors of the American Superpower Corporation, to utilize dirty diplomacy in an effort to disarm the liberal forces.

Stimson, under orders of the Coolidge administration, has proposed to the supporters of Sacasa that they disarm and permit the usurper Diaz to remain in office until December 31,

## Official Labor Reaction Meets Political Defeat

(Big Capitalists and Their Agents Discipline Their Labor Leaders)

By WM. F. DUNNE

REACTION in the American labor movement has suffered a political defeat in the last thirty days.

If the left wing is able to drive home the lessons of this defeat to the workingclass and give organizational expression to the disillusionment and resentment which is bound to arise, it will be able to take the offensive again in the near future.

IT MUST be understood to begin with, in this article a distinction is made between reaction in the labor movement proper and the general wave of reaction which is sweeping the United States and which is bound up intimately with its predominant imperialist position. It is exactly the great depth of this general wave of reaction which is partially responsible for the impossible political position in which the Greens, Wolls, Lewises—the whole leading circle of the American Federation of Labor and its socialist allies—now find themselves.

IT IS hardly necessary here to give in detail the evidence (listed in many previous articles) which shows that the leadership of the American labor movement has adopted a program having as its central point the castration of the unions and the replacement of virility by organizations which are to be instruments for promoting increased production. This policy does not merely abandon the class struggle (these leaders have never acknowledged the existence of the class struggle) but it repudiates the rank and file militancy, shown in strikes, boycotts and armed struggles which made the American labor movement as forceful as it is.

THIS policy, to be successful, must be based on a truce in the class struggle—agreement by the capitalists to abandon their aggressions against the workers' organizations, their wages and working conditions and all attempts to lower the political status of the workers and their organizations. The class struggle arises from the fact that the capitalist class never treats the working class as anything else than a subject class. (The reasons for this do not need to be explained here.)

THE official leadership of American labor has acted on the theory that in the United States there is no such thing as the class struggle—no class division. It does not fight capitalism. In the American Federationist for June 1923 (about the time the present offensive against militant trade unionism got under way) we read that the American Federation of Labor is "squarely for the defense and maintenance of the existing order and for its development and improvement."

IN practice the above statement has expressed as "union-management cooperation"—the Baltimore and Ohio plan, the Watson-Parker bill, etc. Flowing out of this denial of the class struggle has come a flood of apologies for the discarding of the policy of struggle for obtaining demands made by the unions.

A WHOLE literature has developed whose sole purpose is to justify the embrace with American capitalism. Every two-by-four "economist" has been prating about the "tremendous new developments in American industry," preaching against "waste in industry," lauding the "same and constructive" policy of the Greens, Wolls and Lewises, forecasting a "new civilization," etc.

THE Workers Education Bureau, beginning as something of a revolt against the absolute lack of any educational activity in the A. F. of L. program, has rapidly become a propaganda instrument for efficiency unionism. Its principal function is to give as much theoretical justification as possible for the wrecking of the unions as weapons of the workers.

AGAINST the Communists and the organized left wing the principal arguments used by the efficiency union apologists have been 1) that they insisted on basing a policy on the class struggle when no such class existed in democratic America and

2) that the strikes organized and led by the left wing were unnecessary when the capitalists were ready to come to an understanding, and further, that these strikes interfered with the sweet peace which enveloped worker and capitalist alike.

LABOR officialdom is for peace but American capitalism is for war and in the last month it has shown clearly that any disposition for a truce in the class struggle that may exist is solely in the breasts of labor officialdom.

How has this been shown? By two important events and by a number of minor ones. Occurrences of a major character which show that American capitalism is on the offensive are:

1.—The closing of their mines by the coal barons rather than con-

tinuing the wages and working conditions specified in the Jacksonville agreement.

2.—The decision of the United States supreme court handed down on April 11 in the Bedford Cut Stone case outlawing even the ordinary defensive activities of unions in so brazen a manner that Justice Brandeis in his dissenting opinion referred to it as "an instrument for imposing restraints upon labor which reminds of involuntary servitude."

These two blows at the labor movement cannot be understood in their full importance as complete and unanswerable refutations of the worker-employer cooperation doctrine unless they are seen in their relation to the recent history of the labor movement. (To Be Continued.)

## The First of May and the Working Woman

By RACHEL HOLTMAN.

Not long ago, the First of May was celebrated by just a small group in the big industrial centers. Then came the Russian revolution and the liberated workers and peasants took this day as the most cherished holiday. The class conscious workers followed them and soon there will not be a corner in the globe where this day will not be recognized as the most praised workers' holiday.

It is hard to believe that the reactionaries of the American Federation of Labor, the ones that now persecute workers, the ones that go hand in hand with the bosses—that this American Federation of Labor should have been the first over thirty years ago to propose at the International Congress in Paris, that the first of May be considered as the day of struggle for the eight hour day.

With that proposition (it was accepted unanimously) the A. F. of L. put herself in the forefront as the vanguard to fight for better working conditions.

Now They Change. Never before was it so plain as it is now that the leaders of the A. F. of L. are closely connected, are going hand in hand with the government courts, bourgeois press and the bosses. Never before were the class lines so sharply drawn as they are now. Never before were there such disruptions in the workers' movement as there is on this first of May.

The A. F. of L. has completely forgotten its ideals—the cause for which it stood. It is no longer celebrating the First of May, but instead has adopted the labor day which is so ardently being celebrated by the American bourgeoisie, namely, the first Monday in September.

Call It "Health Day." Yet, the bourgeoisie is considering this great international holiday and the manner in which they are celebrating it is by taking an account of the great work they have done for society.

They are trying high and low to show how much they have done to bring up a healthy generation, healthy physically and morally.

The Child Welfare Association is organizing May 1, celebrations throughout the States, the attractions with which they hope to draw people are with May Day Parties, prizes for the best fed children, etc. Naturally—who are the best fed children? Certainly not the children of the great masses, who are compelled to go to work before they are physically developed, for a low unearthly wage that is not even enough to give them the mere necessities of existence.

Workers Look to Future. May the 1st, when the workers gather to account for everything they have done and decide what should be done; it is also the duty of the working class woman to take stock of what she has done to enlighten the lives and better conditions of the working women, in the factory, and home. What is the situation now? For the last year into the class struggle were

drawn in elements as were considered impossible to get hold of—i.e. the women.

Women Unionists. The heroic fight in Passaic, where 80 per cent of the working women are now organized in unions shows clearly what a power women can be when organized. The excellent relief work during the strike showed clearly what the women have been able to achieve. For the last year, the women grew up and developed mentally. She is beginning to understand that the struggle of the workers is her struggle. This historic mass meeting of the 3000 women workers in Cooper Union is the best proof that the woman is on the right path and in the right place.

Give Relief. For the last year the women have built up and developed their organization. They gave relief wherever and whenever it was necessary. They took part in picketing, in different protest meetings, bazaars and educational work.

With the best of hope and aspirations, the women may look towards the future and with enthusiasm continue the struggle.

On the day of May 1st the working women of America are sending to all the oppressed and enslaved the world over their comradely greetings.

Sisters, unite with the men workers in the fight for a better, more beautiful world.

I.L.D. Bazaar in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, April 29.—The annual bazaar of the International Labor Defense, Local Philadelphia, will be held at New Traymore Hall, Franklin St. and Columbia Ave., on Friday evening, and Saturday afternoon and evening, May 6th and 7th.

Secretary Lyman claims that this bazaar will certainly measure up to the high standard set by their previous bazaars, and invites all who wish to help in the work of defense for political prisoners to participate. Anyone wishing to contribute money or articles to the bazaar should send same to the local headquarters at 521 York Ave.

Young Pioneer League, May Day Celebration.

The Young Pioneer League will celebrate May Day on Saturday afternoon, one o'clock at 525 East 72nd Street. The program includes a play, "The Rose Bush" and a talk by Joe Freeman, who has just returned from Russia, on May Day in Soviet Russia. He also brings greetings from the Russian Pioneers.

## Let's Fight On! Join The Workers Party!

In the loss of Comrade Ruthenberg the Workers (Communist) Party has lost its foremost leader and the American working class its staunchest fighter. This loss can only be overcome by many militant workers joining the Party that he built. Fill out the application below and mail it. Become a member of the Workers (Communist) Party and carry forward the work of Comrade Ruthenberg.

I want to become a member of the Workers (Communist) Party.

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Union Affiliation.....

Mail this application to the Workers Party, 108 East 14th Street, New York City; or if in other city to Workers Party, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Distribute the Ruthenberg pamphlet, "The Workers (Communist) Party, What It Stands For and Why Workers Should Join." This Ruthenberg pamphlet will be the basic pamphlet thruout the Ruthenberg Drive. Every Party Nucleus must collect 50 cents from every member and will receive 20 pamphlets for every member to sell or distribute.

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## FOOTNOTES TO THE NEWS

By EUGENE LYONS

### FROM RAGS TO RICHES: A SUCCESS STORY.

By Jake, the Démon Reporter.

From rags to riches—that in brief is the story of Herbert Klotz, the multimillionaire rags dealer, a self-made man who attributes all his success to his mother. This reporter, being softhearted, wiped a tear as Mr. Klotz unfolded the stirring story of his career.

No man (since the last one we interviewed) has had so many obstacles to contend with before rising to his present pinnacle of wealth.

"You see, young feller," Mr. Klotz said from the side of his mouth which was not occupied by a cigar, "it was this way. When I got to this here country I was just a kid, you know. And I was interested in a lot of nonsense. I liked music, for example—Bach and Mozart and Beethoven and the rest of the heavyweights. Get me?"

"Yeh," the reporter interjected.

"But my mother, God bless her memory," he continued, signing large checks for charity, perhaps a little sadly, "my mother she says, 'Herbie,' she says, 'y'gotta get over it. There aint no future in it. Money talks in this here country, see? Now look at Uncle Gerhart,' she says, 'just look at uncle Gerhart.'"

Mr. Klotz did. This uncle was born with a fine tenor voice. In the old country he had dreamed of becoming an opera star. But in America he decided to put his voice to better use. He became an old clothes collector. No one could resist his sweet resonant cries. Women rushed to sell their husbands' Sunday suits for next to nothing when his "Any ol' clo's . . ." echoed through the streets. And so Uncle Gerhart was established as a prosperous rags dealer, with a cellar all his own, then two cellars, and so on.

"I became apprenticed to my uncle," Klotz declared, absent-mindedly tearing up the checks he had signed, "but it was no cinch. Always at the wrong moment music would come into my head, and thoughts about birds and spring and that sort of stuff. But I thought of my poor old mother and her hopes for my future. I crushed those thoughts and got down to hard tacks. And after a while I got on quite nicely, thank you."

Then came a great day when he discovered that there was another kind of rags, a kind that his uncle knew nothing about. Klotz discovered that his great failing, music, could help him. He began to specialize in musical rags!

"Ragtime music was just going into style," he said, toying idly with \$20 gold pieces. "That was my chance! I began to corner the market. At last my love of music was a Business Asset. I began to buy up bits of Bach and Beethoven and Mozart and the rest of the big boys; tag-ends, snatches, 'seconds' from all the masters; tunes torn out this place and that. . . . I had them all turned to good honest rags. Orders came faster than I could fill them and now I have a factory in Rutherford, New Jersey, another in Gary, Indiana, and a third—but let me show you."

He led the excited reporter to the show-room. Radios and victrolas and mechanical pianos were going full blast. Hundreds of uniformed composers were at work.

"You see," he said, "business is just humming." "Humming ain't the word for this racket," the reporter agreed and rushed off to beat the deadline.

### The Battle of Banker Hill.

At the Battle of Banker Hill  
our men saw red  
and stabbed  
at those straps criss-crossed  
on the chests of  
lazy shiftless fellows  
And Lost!

### At the Battle of Banker Hill (And other Socony Hills)

our men saw clouds  
of red—red—red . . .  
and sent speeding, sizzling  
shell . . . shell . . . shell  
and Won!

—SPULL.

### God and Gunboats.

"Some mean people are saying," Norman Studer advises this department, "that the missionaries have forsaken God for Gunboats in China, but don't you believe them. To prove it, I am sending you a quotation from a letter written by a one of God's own salesmen, now stranded in Shanghai. The letter appears in full in the college newspaper of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C. Here it is:

"We do crave the prayers of our friends at home. It is not for ourselves that we are concerned, but for the native Christians, the native pastors, the native evangelists and the native Bible women. They are having to undergo all kinds of persecutions at this time, and there is no one to protect them. . . . For our protection there are warships from America and Britain here in the harbor, and plans are laid by which we could be put on boats at short notice. . . ."

"In an exclusive spirit-world interview for this paper I have just discovered why the missionaries are right in praying for God to protect the native Christians while they rely on Gunboats. It seems that God is so busy protecting the native Believers from an awful fate at the hands of the enemy that it would be downright ingratitude to ask Him to bother with a mere handful of missionaries."

Literary Intervention.—A distinguished group of Jewish writers has published an open letter to the needle trades workers of New York. These literary gentlemen have been watching the internal struggle for a long time. They saw the bloodshed, the starvation, the threat against the very life of the unions involved. But they did not feel that they should interfere. Then, however, something worse happened. In the fervor of the fight the combatants forgot their manners. The Yiddish tongue was being defiled by gross invective. That was more than they could stand, wherefore the public letter demanding peace.

Now it only remains to see how Messrs. Woll, McGrady, Frayne et al will meet this appeal to their literary conscience.

Further Suggestions For An All-Star Reporting Team.—Comrade Sam Levine volunteers the following recommendations for the all-star staff of reporters being mobilized by Footnotes:

- History—Henry Ford.
- Communism—Abraham Cahan.
- Latest News From Russia—Alexander Kerensky.
- Left Wing Trade Unionism—Matthew Woll.

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