

# TWO DEAD, MANY BURIED ALIVE IN BURNING MINE

## PICKETS MARCH ON NAVY YARD FLYING SLOGANS

### Philadelphia Workers Against War

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Philadelphia workers have landed a blow against Wall Street's latest invasion of Nicaragua.

A spirited demonstration before the Philadelphia Navy Yard by thirty-five workers and young workers demanded the immediate withdrawal of all American armed forces from that country. The demonstration lasted almost an hour.

It was held under the auspices of the Workers (Communist) Party and the Young Workers (Communist) League of Philadelphia and attracted the attention of marines and sailors in the Y. M. C. A. building and on the outskirts of the yard.

A battery of clicking cameras—representatives of all the movie news services—faced the demonstrators as they marched around the vicinity of the Navy Yard.

Carry Placards.

Some of the placards that the marchers carried read as follows: "America 1776, Nicaragua 1927"; "American Workers and Soldiers, Don't Murder Your Nicaraguan Brothers"; "Down With Wall Street Imperialist Injunction Government"; "Stop Wall Street War on Nicaragua"; "We Want No Imperialist War"; "Withdraw American Armed Forces From Nicaragua"; "Why Don't Coolidge Show Concern for American Miners' Lives"; "Mr. Wil-

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## 2 COLLECTORS OF MINE FUNDS FREE

### Four Other Workers to Face Trial

Two of the eight volunteer collectors of funds for the relief of the striking miners arrested in New York City during the week-end were given suspended sentences yesterday. They were participating in the tag days arranged by the Pennsylvania-Ohio-Colorado Miners' Relief Committee, 799 Broadway.

Joe Biustein was given a suspended sentence by Magistrate Earl Smith in the 54th St. Court. The same action was taken in reference to John H. McCarthy when he was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Court yesterday morning.

Four of the other workers will appear for trial in Jefferson Market Court tomorrow morning. They are Joe Ancher, Abraham Lefkowitz, Sara Novikoff and Ray Feinblatt. The other two were given suspended sentences in the Coney Island Magistrate's Court Sunday morning.

Jacquet Buitenkant, retained by the International Labor Defense, is appearing as counsel in all cases.

## Jardine Will Knife Even Meager Farm Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Secretary of Agriculture William M. Jardine has notified farm relief leaders in Congress that he will adopt a "hands off" policy in the impending struggle over the McNary-Haugen bill.

This news was received by farm relief backers as evidence that the administration will rest its case solely on the principles laid down by President Coolidge in his McNary-Haugen veto message of last year and his message to the present Congress.

Although there have been persistent reports that Jardine would make an active fight for his own farm aid program, Rep. Haugen (R.) of Iowa, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said today that Jardine had declined an invitation to appear before the committee.

## Arrest Communists in Poland; Fear Election

WARSAW, (By mail).—All of the Communists on the rolls of the party in Bialystok have been arrested in view of the municipal elections. They have been arrested on the charge of high treason.

The Communists recently made great gain in the municipal elections in Lodz, Gredno and Warsaw.

## Immigrant a Suicide; Ellis Island Victim



The body of Olga Condiof, who vanished from Ellis Island last November, was found in Ellis Island slip. Picture shows friends trying to identify the remains. It is generally believed that the woman was driven to desperation by the inhuman conditions prevailing at the American "reception home" at Ellis Island.

## First Soviet R. R. Delegation Reaches U. S. to Place Orders

The first Russian railway delegation since the war has just arrived in the United States to place orders for over a million dollars worth of construction machinery to be used on the Turkestan-Siberian line now being built. The delegation includes A. A. Lazarevsky, chief engineer of the new lines department of the Soviet Commissariat for Transportation, and S. M. Ivanov, vice president of the Turkestan-Siberian Railway.

Reconstructed System. "During the past few years we have reconstructed our railway system to a point considerably in advance of its pre-war condition," said Lazarevsky, in the offices of the Am-torg Trading Corporation.

"In the course of the civil war in Russia thousands of locomotives and tens of thousands of cars were destroyed. Tracks were torn up and bridges demolished. From 1921 to 1927 we succeeded in increasing the number of locomotives in operation from 7,360 to 11,485 and the number of freight cars from 328,000 to 424,300 in rebuilding tracks and bridges and increasing operations to 15 per cent above the figure for 1913. The length of the present Soviet railway system is 17,700 kilometers greater than the mileage in the same territory before the war.

Need New Lines. "However, many new lines are needed and several are under construction. In the United States we will purchase steam shovels, pneumatic drills, dump cars and spare parts totaling more than a million dollars. At the same time we will study the latest improvements on American railways."

## 25 ASK FOR EACH JOB IN NEWARK

By IRVING FREEMAN  
NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 9.—Unemployment is steadily rising in the large manufacturing cities of New Jersey. In Newark, the best indicator for the entire state, a 25 per cent decrease since 1926 in employment is revealed by employers' statistics, with 25 applicants for every job. Unemployed workers crowd the streets looking for the few ads appearing in the papers, and employment exchanges have little to offer them.

Charity organizations on Christmas could not handle the immense number of poor and homeless seeking food and lodging. Passaic, the textile center, Elizabeth, where automobile machinery is produced and the brickmaking Amboys and the pottery manufacturers at Trenton are jus. as hard hit as Newark. A large construction program is planned by the State Highway Commission and the Port Authority, but does not start until spring.

## Lindbergh at Panama Preparing for Wall St. Show at Havana

BALBOA, Canal Zone, Jan. 9.—Charles A. Lindbergh arrived here from San Jose, Costa Rica, on what will probably be his last flight before taking off for the Pan-American conference at Havana.

Before leaving San Jose Lindbergh was given a dinner by President Jimenez and other members of the Conservative Government.

## Report Sandino Takes Imperialist Property

### MORE MARINES RUSHED TO WAGE NICARAGUAN WAR

### Maj. Gen. Le Jeune Leaves U. S. for Front

The government of the Republic recently established by the Liberal leaders under General Sandino has issued ordinances confiscating the property of foreigners and cancelling all foreign concessions, despatches from Managua state.

The confiscatory order is the latest of several acts establishing the supremacy of the new Republic, the despatches report. Previous legislation deals with the issuance of currency and the enforcement of strong measures against the use of alcoholic liquors.

New Republic's Seal. The new official seal of the new Republic is described as being a Nicaraguan worker brandishing a machete over the head of an American marine. The seal bears the motto, "Republic of Nicaragua," and the words "Country and Liberty."

General Augustino Sandino was a former worker in a gold mine owned by the American Charles Butters. He left the mine to take a leading part in the revolution against the reactionary conservative regime under Diaz. Butters has admitted that Sandino was a "forceful character" and a good worker.

Corinto Strike Unbroken. The presence of several marine detachments and the arrival of reinforcements rushed from Managua has failed to intimidate the harbor work-

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## MILITANTS WIN CONTROL OF UNION

### Corruption Exposed In Los Angeles Union

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—Making sensational charges of corruption and theft of union funds against reactionaries, William Schneiderman, financial secretary of the Upholsterers' Union, Local No. 15, has exposed candidates running against the progressive slate in the local as having stolen money when in office and having failed to account to the union for hundreds of dollars collected from members. By a vote of nearly 3 to 1 the entire progressive slate, headed by H. Chait, militant business agent of the local, was elected, inflicting a severe defeat upon the reactionary candidates headed by Thos. Mayhew, former business agent.

Also the membership expressed full confidence in him, Schneiderman recently resigned as an officer of the Office Workers' Union when the international office threatened the local for refusing to remove him, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor having ordered his expulsion from the 1927 convention of the A. F. of L. and later from the Central Labor Council and the union.

## 3 Perish In Fire

BLOOMSBURY, Pa., Jan. 9.—An explosion which resulted from the pouring of a mixture of gasoline and kerosene on the fire of the gas range to make it burn faster, caused the death of Mrs. William Young and her two children, Jane two and Zane three.

## Allege Carolist Plot

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 9.—Charges are being made here that the alleged Carolist plot recently disclosed in Turkey was instigated by Captain Sabri, a Rumanian officer of Turkish extraction and former aide de camp of Carol's.

## EX-STRIKERS ON WAY TO NEW YORK

### Daily Worker Anniversary Concert to Fill Mecca Temple

As the date of the celebration of the Fourth Anniversary of the birth of The DAILY WORKER approaches there are indications that Mecca Temple will be filled to overflowing on Friday evening. That the audience will be there not merely to hear the concert, excellent as it is, but to pay tribute to the indomitable spirit that has kept alive the paper in the face of the fiercest reaction, is evidenced by the fact that many workers are coming from all the cities surrounding New York.

Many workers are arranging to come in a group from Passaic, where during the great strike that lasted more than a year they learned that the one paper in the English language that consistently defended their interests was The DAILY WORKER. Special blocks of seats have been obtained by the former strikers.

More Messages Come In. Messages continue to pour in from all parts of the United States and of the world praising the achievements of the paper and encouraging us to continue the fight against all odds. Leaders of the world revolutionary movement vie with the militant left-wingers of the mine regions of Penn-

### Nicaraguan Leader Defies U. S. Imperialists



General Augustino C. Sandino, mine worker, is causing great worry among the U. S. investors who thought that there would be smooth sailing in Nicaragua once they succeeded in establishing their puppet, Diaz, in the presidency. He is representing the Nicaraguan masses who are fighting against the domination of their country by Wall Street bankers.

## Sewer Contracts Threaten to Smother Sewer Probe

A threat that they would defy the Scudder investigation into the \$29,500,000 Queens sewer graft and go to the Supreme Court in an attempt to have the entire inquiry smothered, was made yesterday by a powerful group of contractors.

Hearings Continue. The move was announced by Judge Edgar F. Hazelton, attorney for several of the sewer builders, and by William Robbins, attorney for the Awixa Corporation, from whose offices vital records pertaining to the huge graft "mysteriously" disappeared last week.

Yesterday the secret preliminary hearings into the quiz were continued by Justice Scudder at the Long Island Court.

Builder "Disappears." At the same time another development put a crimp into the probe into the corrupt reign of Maurice E. Connolly, borough president of Queens. This was the disappearance of Clifton E. Turner, one of the contractors wanted as a witness in connection with the theft of the Awixa records. There is a rumor that he is at a "sanitorium" in another state where he would be free from the control of the inquisitors.

## POSTPONE FALL SINCLAIR CASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Postponement of the second Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy trial, scheduled for Jan. 16, was asked of the district supreme court today by William Leahy and Mark Thompson, counsel for ex-Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall, and kindly agreed to by Judge Siddons.

They said that Fall was ill in his New Mexico home.

A mistrial was ordered in the first trial when government attorneys alleged that Harry F. Sinclair placed an improper surveillance over the jury through Burns detectives.

## ILLINOIS BLAST PERILS LIVES OF SEVEN HUNDRED

### Bad Conditions After Separate Agreement

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Jan. 9.—The lives of the full shift of seven hundred men were imperiled today when a terrific explosion of gas wrecked the Industrial Coal Company's mine No. 18 here. Two are known to be dead and their bodies have been found, twenty-four are unaccounted for and are probably dead, one hundred and sixty escaped only after several hours below in the poisonous fumes, and the others got out immediately.

Formerly union officials called out the men when gas was found in a mine, and permitted no work until the danger was passed. This was one of the things the operators have always fought and in the separate peace negotiated between the Illinois Miners Union and the Illinois Coal Operators Association last fall, this was one of the tacit concessions, along with worse working conditions and more unpaid labor, which the officials of District 12 of the United Mine Workers of America consented to.

Numerous Accidents. Numerous accidents have taken place since the separate truce but the Frankfort disaster is the largest so far.

The bodies of Carl Jones and Dave McPhail, the dead men, were brought to the surface late this afternoon. Rescue workers are attempting now to reach the men still entombed and possibly asphyxiated by the dread aftermath.

Many of the men rescued, were overcome for a time by the gas.

Rescue Crews in Mine. Rescue crews from Benton, Herrin and Valer are in the mine seeking to establish new air currents so that the mine can be cleared of the poison gases.

The rescuers were forced to don oxygen helmets before they could enter the mine. Those still in the mine are down about 500 feet and are believed to be almost a mile from the mine shaft.

## MINERS APPEAL TO WORLD LABOR

### Reign of Terror, Cold, Hunger Described

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 9.—Declaring that the defeat of the striking coal miners of Pennsylvania, Ohio and other sections would not only strike a deadly blow at the American trade union movement, but would also weaken the trade union movement throughout the world, the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, with its headquarters at 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., today issued an appeal to the international labor movement urging them to come to the aid

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## MANY MEETINGS FOR MINE RELIEF

At the many mass meetings now being arranged by the Workers' International Relief throughout the Eastern part of the country the terrific struggle being waged by the Colorado, Ohio and Pennsylvania striking coal miners will be told in a simple but forceful manner, by "Flaming" Milka Sablich, the nineteen year old girl strike leader for the Colorado miners and by A. S. Embree, general organizer for the Colorado miners. Mother Reeves Bloss, the well-known American labor champion, will expose the horrible conditions of the mine regions of Pennsylvania, where evictions are daily occurring.

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# Tetra Ethyl Chloride Still Kills Bayonne Standard Oil Company Workers

## DRIVE SICK MEN BACK TO WORK; COMPANY UNION

### Fire Half the Crew and Do More with Rest

By NATHAN HONIG.

A constantly increasing murmur of discontent may be heard these days among the 8,000 unorganized workers of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey plant in Bayonne, and the additional thousands employed at Standard Oil plants in Jersey City and Bayway. A never ending process of squeezing the long suffering workers to satisfy the gnawing greed for gold of Rockefeller will yet cause a revolt whose echoes will reverberate to every corner of this nation where the many slave that a few may prosper.

**A Big Plant.**

8,000 men work at the 100 acre Standard Oil of N. J. works at Constable Hook, Bayonne. Less than two years ago the plant employed over 7000. In the past year 2000 workers have been laid off, and lay offs, temporary and permanent, continue steadily. Wages have been cut right and left. Wages, according to information supplied by workers, are as follows:

- Laborers, forming the vast majority in the plant—53c to 57c an hour.
  - Bricklayers, reduced a year ago from \$1.10 to 60c an hour.
  - Painters, average wages about 70c an hour.
  - Boilermakers, cut about a year ago from \$1.25 to 80c an hour.
  - Boilermakers' helpers, 60c an hour.
  - Carpenters, reduced in the past year from \$1.10 to 75c an hour.
  - Machinists, cut a year ago from \$1.25 to 80c an hour.
  - Firemen, average wages, 70c an hour.
  - Stillmen (refiners), 71c an hour.
  - Truck drivers, 71c an hour.
  - Coopers, from 60c to 81c an hour.
  - Pressers, 71c an hour.
- Laborers have received from 53c to 57c an hour for nearly 20 years. No increase has been given any worker for at least that period, but instead many have received reductions, especially in the last year. Indeed, all the men fear, and on good grounds, that a great decrease will be their portions in 1928.

The speed-up system is at a killing rate, and every day sees the Oil Trust grow greedier in the amount of work it wishes to eke out of the workers. Foremen are at the workers' elbows constantly. There is one foreman to every six men. Any boss, any petty official from the office or from any department may order the men around. Foremen get from \$75 a week up, the greater the speedup they force on the men, the greater their salaries. Old Standard Oil workers, Standard Oil employees for 25 years or more, cannot stand the terrific pace. Out they must go, says Standard Oil. They are transferred to harder, dirtier jobs, requiring still greater efforts, beyond their ability. They are forced to quit. The last drop of strength pressed out of them by Standard Oil, they are helpless paupers in the end. A 65 year old employee, after 20 years service, is supposed to be retired on a half-pay pension. A few years before the time for his retirement is at hand, Standard Oil gets rid of him by the process related above.

**No Pay During Storms.**

Practically all the work is done outdoors, where the tanks are located. No work can be done during storms or on rainy days; no pay of course then. The workers freeze in the winter. No fires are allowed on account of the inflammable products handled. The men are not allowed a second off to warm themselves in the boiler room. Here are a few specimens of Standard Oil rules:

- A man caught eating anything on the job—fined 2 days layoff.
- Failure to call up when sick (Few workers have phones, and their wives cannot use them) fined 2 days layoff.
- One second late to work—fined a half hour's pay.
- Workers are supposed to start work at 7:20 a. m.; but they must get their checks by 7:15. If a man has not taken his check at 7:15—fine, a half hour's pay.
- One half hour allowed for lunch which must be eaten right on the job.
- The quitting whistle blows at 4:30 p. m. If a man works near the check office and therefore turns in his check too soon after the whistle blows, a mark is placed against his name. Ten such marks result in 2 days layoff.
- Workers must be examined every year by the company doctor, not for the worker's own benefit, but to determine if he has enough strength left to give to Standard Oil.
- A worker gets a two weeks' vacation with pay, after 5 years service, but when he returns he must take on another man's job in addition to his own.
- If several men are away, the other men must do their work.
- No talking is allowed on the job. (To Be Continued.)

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 9.—Miss Mary Dupont, gunpowder heiress, has left her nursing position in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, to wed Dr. James Morrison Faulkner of Boston.

## Mother Dies in Tenement House Fire



Mrs. Victoria Correa lost her life in a fire which swept the tenement at 1623 Madison Ave. when she attempted to save her 20-day-old baby. The child was rescued by firemen and taken in ambulance (above) to hospital. Her grandmother was also killed in the fire. Working class families are always compelled to live in dingy, cheerless and unsafe fire-traps.

## PICKETS MARCH ON NAVY YARD MINERS WIN FREE SPEECH VICTORY

### Philadelphia Workers Against War

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bur. What About the American Lives Lost on the S-4? "Fight With the Workers (Communist) Party and the Young Workers (Communist) League Against Imperialism."

A statement, issued to the press, follows:

"Statement of Workers (Communist) Party and Young Workers (Communist) League on demonstration staged before Philadelphia Navy Yard Saturday, January 7th, 1928, at 3 p. m.

"The purpose of this demonstration is to register the vigorous opposition of the workers of this country against the subjugation of Nicaragua to the will and in the interest of the Wall Street imperialists.

**Ruthlessness Proved.**

"The decision to send several thousand additional marines and sailors into the disease infested swamps of Nicaragua to suppress with further murderous methods the effort of the Nicaraguan masses to win freedom from American oppression, coming after an extended campaign of 'pacification' under the direction of Stimson who has been promoted for his valuable services to the bankers with a similar position in the Philippines, is further proof of the ruthlessness of the American capitalist government.

"The action of the Wall Street government in Nicaragua is undertaken under the cynical pretext of protecting American lives in Nicaragua. This despite the brutal disregard of the lives of hundreds of thousands of American miners and their families who today are starving in consequence of the attack on them by the same interests and government who pretend an interest in the lives of Americans in Nicaragua. This claim is all the more farcical when it is recalled that the Americans in danger in Nicaragua are those who are being sent in to murder the Nicaraguans and suppress their struggle for freedom.

**Withdrawal Demanded.**

"We demand the immediate withdrawal of all American armed forces from Nicaragua.

"We call upon the workers of America to support the heroic struggle of the Nicaraguan masses who are being maliciously branded as 'bandits' even as King George III branded as bandits the colonists who fought for freedom in 1776, by the modern King Georges, the Coolidges, Kelloggs and Wilburs.

"We urge all American workers, soldiers and sailors to organize for struggle against American imperialism the common enemy of all the exploited and oppressed within and outside the borders of America."

### Colorado Strikers Smash Into Locked Halls

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to interfere.

An enthusiastic meeting at Coal Creek, Fremont County, resulted in cutting down the number of workers in the mines considerably, and made the effort to cover a new mine there a dismal failure. Only 14 men showed up for work, and these included several bosses. The Fremont County miners believe that the strike is near victory and are determined to stand out despite the fact that they are on short food rations.

**Arrest 3 Strikers.**

Three strikers were arrested in Wausenburg Sunday and one in the northern field. The miners are now investigating a report that 25 strikers have been deported from Folsom, Tex., by the state police.

The hearing before the Industrial Commission is scheduled to begin Wednesday. At the same time the strikers are anxiously awaiting the long planned raid on their headquarters in the southern area, which was so definitely scheduled last week that the newspapers announced it had taken place, telling all the details.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 9.—Southern Colorado strike workers won two outstanding victories when both halls in the district were re-opened. Judge McChesney handed down a permanent injunction against the Trinidad authorities stopping the I. W. W. from using their hall.

However, the strikers had already opened the hall tearing the boards off the windows and locks from the door.

**Solidarity Triumphs.**

The mayor has been whipped by the solidarity of the workers. A similar victory was won in the north where the state militia had placed machine guns and troops on the streets of Erie, but withdrew them when protests were made by many citizens.

It is reported that Col. Newlon has been forced to demobilize some of his officers. This will undoubtedly take some of the pleasure of strikebreaking out of service, for he has been building a political machine by keeping one officer in the field to every four or five men.

**Many in Jail.**

Efforts to break the strike are therefore crumbling in all the coal fields before the solidarity of the miners.

At the same time the great need for relief is the tremendous problem before the striking miners. Eight strikers were held as prisoners in Canon City. Their crime was picketing. They were released only when the strikers succeeded in raising the required bonds.

## SURVEY SHOWS MILLIONS ARE DISFRANCHISED

### Figures on South Given At Negro Meeting

Results of a survey on disfranchisement in the southern states were given by Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of the Crisis, at the annual mass meeting here of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The survey shows that a larger number of white workers and poor farmers than of Negroes is disfranchised by southern capitalist politicians with the aid of the police and the courts. The extent of this disfranchisement is an index to the conditions under which millions work and live. Du Bois gave figures for several states, based on 1920 statistics, as follows:

	Negroes Disfranchised.	Whites Disfranchised.
Virginia	349,231	626,814
N. Carolina	337,756	324,230
S. Carolina	375,930	337,711
Georgia	569,330	793,590
Florida	179,008	208,209
Alabama	458,130	464,136
Mississippi	441,130	342,484
Louisiana	240,234	443,421
Oklahoma	367,251	449,849
Texas	71,331	463,852
	374,428	1,615,269

Rep. George H. Tinkham, of Massachusetts, who spoke at the meeting, characterized the "gross and lawless" disfranchisement of Negroes in the south as a "national scandal."

## DRY ENFORCEMENT CHANCES SLIGHT

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Any bill for stricter prohibition law enforcement introduced at the behest of the Anti-Saloon League before the present session of the state legislature is doomed to certain defeat, a count of dry strength in the legislature reveals.

There are six wet republicans in the state senate, who with a unanimously wet democratic representation can block the passage of any dry bill. Sixteen wet republicans in the assembly, with the lower house democrats solidly anti prohibition with one exception, have expressed determination to defeat strengthening of dry laws.

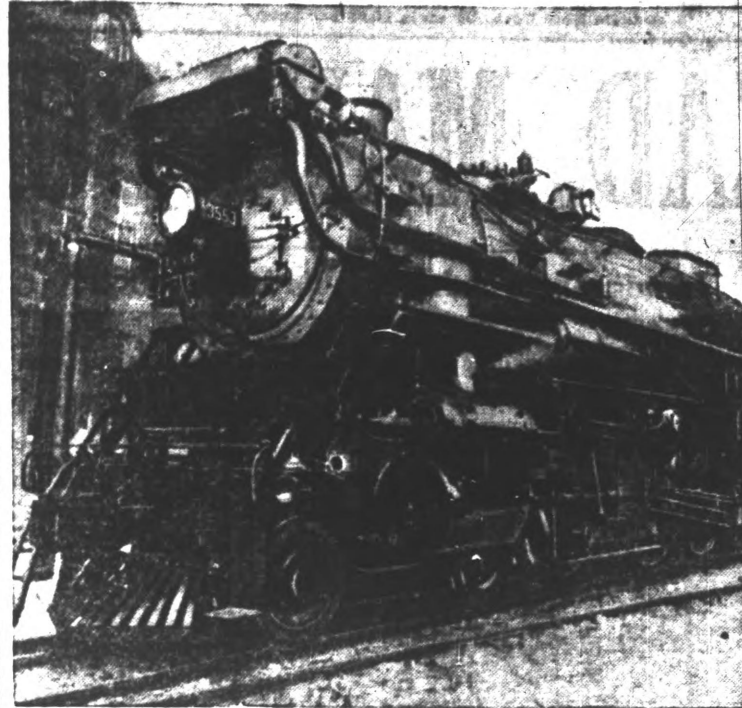
## Awards for Negroes

Sixteen Negro men and women have received awards from the Harmon Foundation, directed by the Federal Council of Churches, for distinguished work in arts and sciences in 1927. James Weldon Johnson won the first prize in literature for his book of poems, "Gods Trombones." The award is \$500 and a gold medal. James A. Parsons received the chief science award for his research and discoveries in astronomy. Benjamin Brinkley, educator of Raleigh, N. C., declined the second prize for education.

## BROOKLYN FIREMAN HURT

A fire starting in the rear of a five-story building at 1855 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn yesterday, rapidly spread to five adjoining houses and caused \$20,000 damage. One fireman was injured.

## New Type Locomotive; More Workers Jobless



New type of locomotive, first of ten recently received by the New Haven Railroad. It has sufficient power to haul 100 loaded freight cars at passenger train speed. This mountain of steel is 97 feet long and weighs 350 tons.

This acquisition will succeed in displacing thousands of railroad men. Under capitalism advances in technique result in making the lot of the workers more miserable, since science is utilized primarily for profit.

## FORMER STRIKERS BOSTON WORKERS TO HEAR CONCERT TO PROTEST WAR

### Mecca Temple to Be Filled at Celebration

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speaking of Tarasova's art said: "Those three Es—Russian, Red and Revolution; but when you apply them to that tornado of temperament, little Nina Tarasova, they only mean Russian genius, luminous red hair, and a way of singing into people's hearts that is revolutionary."

### Other Stars to Appear

Paul Althouse, the internationally renowned Metropolitan Opera tenor noted for his full resonant voice, able to carry the most difficult aria to a thrilling climax, or of the most delicate shadings of tonal beauty, will appear in a series of selections from the great operas of all time. Then Doris Niles, classic and interpretative dancer, will appear in her usual dances, in addition to special Russian and Gypsy dances. A fourth star on the program is Sascha Jacobsen, the young violinist who has within the past few years arose to first rank among the violin soloists of today.

### Nicaragua Meet Friday Miners' Relief Sunday

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 9.—Thousands of Boston workers are expected to attend the protest demonstration against the war on Nicaragua to be held at the Paine Memorial Hall, 9 Appleton St., Friday evening, Jan. 13. Speakers will describe the imperialistic basis for the present attack on the Nicaraguan liberation movement and demand the withdrawal of marines and warships.

Under the auspices of the Speakers International Relief a mass meeting for the relief of the striking miners of Pennsylvania, Colorado and Ohio will be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15, at 3 o'clock in the same hall. Speakers include "Flaming Milka" Sablich and A. S. Embree, Colorado strike leaders, and Mother Bloor. No admission charge will be made at either meeting.

## Senate Committee to Ask Many Millions For Flood Grafters

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—The Senate committee on commerce now considering flood control plans for a series of levees and spillways on the Mississippi is expected to ask \$200,000,000 more of Congress than the Coolidge plan demands. The new policy involves shifting the main burden of costs to the federal government rather than taxing local flood areas.

It is believed the new plan will increase graft possibilities, which, according to experts, is the only advantage of the present flood control policy. Contracts are awarded for ineffectual patching which requires frequent renewing.

## FENG RUTHLESS IN WARRING ON LEFT ELEMENTS

### Slaughters Communists Without Trial

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9.—That General Feng Yu-hsiang, who formerly led the nationalist armies, executes workers, peasants and soldiers suspected of Communist leanings without the formality of a trial is revealed here in a copy of an order issued to his subordinates. Feng himself in a telegram to the Kuomintang convention, which will open here soon, boasts of his ruthless campaign against the Communists.

The order issued by Feng to his subordinates follows:

"I hereby order the commanders of all army corps, divisions, brigades, regiments and battalions to organize a special secret service to detect and apprehend all Communist conspirators where our troops are stationed so that none can escape. All found guilty will be sent to this headquarters to be executed.

"Any one who has knowledge of these criminals but who fails to report them is punishable as a criminal himself.

"As this is a vital concern to the future of the country, you are to exert yourself to the utmost to track down the evil-doers without mercy."

## Senate Wants Own Quiz Into "S-4"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—To the three "investigating" committees ostensibly inquiring into the circumstances of the sinking of the S-4 and the resultant death of the crew of 43 men, may now be added a fourth committee.

**Battle in Senate.**

A real battle over President Coolidge's request for a civilian commission developed today at a secret session of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee.

### Recover 17 Bodies.

The fight against the President's request was led by Senators Swanson (D.) of Virginia, Walsh (D.) of Massachusetts, and King (D.) of Utah.

The bodies of seventeen of the forty dead, recovered from the sunken submarine today, were enroute to their homes or national cemeteries for burial or were ready for shipment from Chelsea Naval Hospital.

## Millions to Boost Private Shipping

The United States Shipping Board, a government corporation, will be asked to put up approximately \$90,000,000 for the construction of four-day liners, making departures from each side of the Atlantic three times a week.

The Trans-Oceanic Corporation of the United States is making the bid for the money, and it is likely that it will receive it. The hearing before the shipping board will be held on Jan. 24, and decision as to the outlay of the funds requested will be made at that time.

# LENIN MEMORIAL MEETING

## Saturday - 8:30 p. m. - Jan. 21 - at Madison Square Garden

### PAGEANT ON THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION—1,000 IN THE CAST

#### LENIN SAID:

"Tens of millions of corpses and maimed, who are the victims in the war... are with a heretofore unknown speed opening the eyes of the millions and tens of millions of people, stupefied, oppressed, deceived and fooled by the bourgeoisie. In this way, upon the universal ruin caused by the war, the revolutionary crisis is growing.

**TODAY: American marines are bombing men, women and children in Nicaragua.**

**PROTEST AT THE LENIN MEMORIAL.**

#### TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED AT:

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# Calles Government Orders Troops to Disarm Peons and Ranch Workers

## REPORT MEXICAN PACT WITH WALL ST. RAPS LABOR

### House to House Search Is Ordered

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 9.—Federal garrisons throughout Mexico were instructed by the war department today to search the homes of peons and other ranch workers and to seize all rifles and munitions.

In 1923, when President Alvaro Obregon was hard pressed by counter-revolutionists, about 5,000 rifles were distributed among agrarian workers in the state of Vera Cruz, Jalisco, Guerrero and Oaxaca.

Official explanation of the order for disarming the agrarians is that the "conditions that originally called for their arming" have since disappeared.

### Blow to R. R. Workers.

The Calles government has grown much less popular with a large section of industrial and agrarian workers as the result of its recent oil land decisions and its alleged agreement with international bankers, headed by Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., for the financing and the reorganization of the railroads.

It is charged that the international bankers in reaching an agreement with the Mexican financial agents in New York demanded protection from the railway workers' union, which has steadily opposed the reorganization of the road and the wholesale dismissals which such reorganization would involve.

### Peons Oppose New Law.

The recent delegation of power to President Calles in regard to the agrarian laws, which it is believed, is a move favorable to United States investors, is also extremely unpopular among agrarian workers.

The disarming of peons is regarded as a precaution on the part of the Calles regime.

## LATIN-AMERICAN LOANS INCREASE

### Reach Record Total In 1927; Big Loan to Peru

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—United States loans to Latin America in 1927 reached the record total of \$335,360,000, when the flotation of the \$50,000,000 loan to Peru was announced.

The huge total of \$335,360,000 contrasts with the less than \$15,000,000 which was loaned to Latin-America in 1914. During the six years from 1915 to 1920 the grand total of loans to Latin America only reached about \$125,000,000.

The largest loans have been made to Argentina. The distribution of loans in 1926 and 1927 was as follows:

Country	1926	1927
Argentina	\$88,293,000	\$109,352,000
Bolivia	11,885,000	11,885,000
Brazil	59,973,950	62,280,000
Chile	74,330,000	23,383,300
Colombia	28,320,250	53,200,000
Costa Rica	8,000,000	1,800,000
Cuba	9,000,000	9,000,000
Dominican Republic	3,300,000	5,000,000
Panama	5,800,000	1,500,000
Peru	16,000,000	57,960,000
Salvador	1,520,000	1,520,000
Uruguay	31,671,000	31,671,000

## White Guard Spies Sentenced In USSR

LENINGRAD, Jan. 9.—Found guilty of espionage for counter-revolutionary groups, three White Russians have been sentenced to death. Twelve other counter-revolutionaries have received prison terms ranging from five to fifteen years.

The White Russians operated near the Finnish border and carried information to counter-revolutionary groups abroad.

## CALVIN COOLIDGE'S PRAYER FOR PEACE



## PAN-AMERICANISM, TOOL OF WALL ST.

### Declaration of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League

On January 16, 1928, there will meet in Havana the Sixth Pan-American Conference. This conference comes together at a time when the imperialism of the United States becomes more and more brazen, at a time when the political and economic oppression of the countries of Latin America by the most powerful imperialism of the world is an established brutal fact.

#### The Pan-American Conference and Its Real Aims.

The Latin American peoples are sufficiently familiar with the Yankee method of disguising real aims under a cloak of humanitarian phrases which always conceal new plans for imperialist aggression. With each new advance of imperialism we are treated to a new hypocritical formula: the Monroe Doctrine, the Platt Amendment, the Treaty for the Independence of Panama, the Corinto Pact, the Dawes Plan, Pan-Americanism. They are all instruments for subjugating the peoples of Latin America and in the last analysis, of the entire world, to the sovereignty of Wall Street.

Pan-Americanism, the doctrine under whose auspices the coming Havana conference is to meet, is as dangerous for the economic and political independence of the Latin American peoples as the Monroe Doctrine which once went forward under the slogan of "America for the Americans," but which has now adopted the slogan of "America for Wall Street." Pan-Americanism, preached and disseminated by those who continue to send troops to Nicaragua and to whatever Latin American countries stand in the way of Wall Street, is nothing but a bludgeon in the hands of the Dollar Kings.

Pan-Americanism means submission to the yoke of Wall Street.

Against Pan-Americanism, the Union of Latin American Peoples, The All America Anti-Imperialist

League, through its Continental Committee declares before the peoples of Latin America that the Pan-Americanism propagated by the agents of Wall Street is a shameful fraud to which we can never submit.

Union of oppressed with oppressors is impossible. The attitude of Latin America can only be one of open, indefatigable combat. After the triumph of our cause, with imperialism vanquished, the way will be open for the idea of the union of all the peoples of the western hemisphere. The task before us consists in uniting free peoples on the basis of unquestioned equality, but at no time in delivering over defenseless territories to the designs of the powerful exploiter.

Recent declarations of President Coolidge show the importance of this truth. The Washington declaration will not participate in the conference if any Latin American delegation proposes to discuss the Monroe Doctrine or proposes the transfer of the permanent headquarters of the Pan-American Union from U. S. to another country. President Coolidge makes it clear that Pan-Americanism is possible only with the predominance and control of the United States.

The American Delegation. It is well known that never has the United States sent out such an imposing delegation as the one elected to represent her at the Sixth Pan-American Conference.

Coolidge, president of the United States; Kellogg, secretary of state; Morrow, partner in the House of Morgan and ambassador to Mexico; Fletcher, ambassador to Italy and former ambassador to Mexico; Duah, ambassador to Cuba, and other prominent figures in the banking, industrial and political world—surrounded by an array of expert advisors, publicists, etc.—such is the delegation—larger and more carefully chosen than the one sent to the Versailles Peace Conference—constituting a serious warning to the Latin American peoples with respect to the program of penetration and domination dictated to the White House by the potentates of Wall Street.

Deeds, Not Words. We could very easily summarize the evangelical discourse which Mr. Coolidge will utter at the opening session of the conference. We know that he will repeat the terms "Good Will" and "American Altruism."

We doubt, however, that he will dare to repeat—even before a corps of diplomats, his attacks against the Nicaraguan patriots, the defenders of the sovereignty of our peoples; we doubt that he will dare to repeat—even in Havana—that in Nicaragua "the only ones who continue to resist are bands of thieves and outlaws."

We know that he will eliminate

all harshness from his speech, we know that he will avoid all friction, we even have faith in the liturgical success of his oratorical effort and in his "expression" of infinite philanthropy. But we declare in advance that the peoples of Latin America will not listen to his words, will not believe in the sincerity of his promises. Tired of promises, they demand fulfillment, in terms of concrete acts.

Immediate withdrawal of all Yankee troops from Nicaragua; Abrogation of all treaties limiting the sovereignty of Latin American countries; withdrawal of the financial overseers from the tillers; independence of Porto Rico and the Philippines and of all the territory of Panama; withdrawal of support to the dictatorship in Venezuela, etc.; recognition of and obedience to the sovereign laws of our countries.

The All America Anti-Imperialist League calls upon all the Latin American delegations; especially those having even relative liberty of action in the face of imperialism, to defend the interests of our countries, to courageously unmask the representatives of Wall Street and expose them for what they are.

Our voice is the voice of twenty nations oppressed and assaulted by imperialist might. A courageous attitude on the part of our representatives can count on the unanimous support of Latin-America.

With the approach of the Havana fair, the All America Anti-Imperialist League reiterates its appeal to Latin Americans to intensify efforts for the union of our countries and to press forward the organization of the open struggle against Yankee imperialism.

Fight against Pan-Americanism, the instrument of Yankee imperialism!

Intensify the campaign of unification of all Latin American countries for their national independence!

Yesterday against Spain, today against Wall Street!

Let us make 1928 the anti-imperialist year, the year of our liberty!

Against American Imperialism!

For the Union of the Peoples of America!

ALL-AMERICA ANTI-IMPERIALIST LEAGUE, CONTINENTAL COMMITTEE.

Mexico City, January, 1928.

U. S. SHIP AGROUND.

TOKIO, Jan. 9.—The American liner President Monroe, which went aground in the Swo Sea near Moji, was refloated today and is proceeding to Shanghai. She was not damaged.

The liner, which sailed from New York on Nov. 24 on world cruise, was bound from Kobe, Japan, to Shanghai.

## LITHUANIA-POLE PEACE FAR OFF, PREMIER ADMITS

### Must Recover Vilna, Waldemaras Says

WARSAW, Jan. 9.—No peace is possible between Poland and Lithuania until the Vilna question is finally settled, Premier Waldemaras informed Polish newspapermen in an interview yesterday. The Lithuanian government will only receive Polish envoys, in Vilna, Waldemaras added.

The Waldemaras statement indicates that the "peace" declared by the League of Nations several months ago was merely formal and that no settlement of the essential difficulties between the two countries has been reached. The Lithuanian Government has made it perfectly clear that it will not consider any peace that does not provide for the recovery of Vilna, since the Pilsudski regime has made clear that it will not relinquish Vilna.

No goods coming from Vilna will be permitted to enter Lithuania, Waldemaras declared in an interview and letters bearing a Vilna postmark will also be barred from Lithuania.

Lithuanian and Polish frontier guards exchanged shots several days ago. One Lithuanian soldier was wounded.

## YEAR NEW FLOOD IN LONDON SLUMS

### Thousand Families Are Homeless

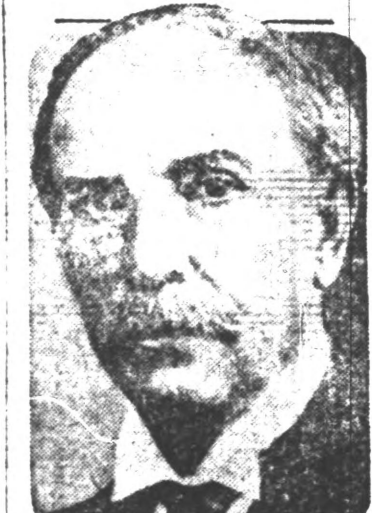
LONDON, Jan. 9.—Tension tightened this afternoon as close watch was kept on the waters of the Thames. Within another twelve hours London will know whether it is to suffer another devastating flood from the abnormally high tides and the river, overflowing with waters from recent rains.

Dawn tomorrow should bring the flood situation in London to a climax, and if the temporary dikes erected to strengthen the embankment hold, then it is expected that the flood terror will have passed because after the high tide tomorrow the abnormal height of the tides will recede.

Workers along the embankments of the Thames in London have put in hard hours of labor and are confident that the embankments will withstand the flood tides now unless the waters are whipped by heavy winds.

More than 3,000 families and possibly 15,000 people from the tenement districts along the Thames are still homeless.

## Friend of Wall Street



Ricardo Jimenez Oreamuno, president of Costa Rica, is doing his bit to make his part of Latin America as docile as possible for the American capitalists. He recently gave an elaborate dinner to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, boy scout of the financiers of the American Empire.

## Arrested for Petition to Japanese Emperor

TOKIO, Jan. 9.—For attempting to address a direct appeal to the emperor, a Tokio native has been seized by the police. He was held under an azalea bush until the royal procession passed. The police feared a repetition of the attempt made by a soldier several months ago to interest the emperor in the savage oppression of the lowest ranks in the army.

## FASCISTS FEAR NEW UPRISINGS AS PRICES SOAR

### Mass Protests Force Delay of Wage Cuts

GENEVA, Jan. 9.—The wages of Italian workers have dropped so low and retail prices have soared so high that the Fascist Party has been compelled to postpone the twenty per cent wage slash which it decreed recently. Wages are already at a starvation level and the Fascists fear outbreaks in industrial centers.

Despite the stabilization of the lira retail prices have not decreased. In fact a quarter cent per pound increase in the price of bread is likely. The increase in the price of bread will be a severe blow to many working class families.

The wage cut has been postponed by the Fascists for fear of an increase in riots which have been quite common in recent months. The Fascist militia has been called out a number of times to disperse groups of demonstrating workers.

Despite the credits which Italy recently received from J. P. Morgan and Company and English banking houses, depression continues in the metal, engineering and building trades.

### BAD BOOZE KILLS 25

MADRID, Jan. 9.—Twenty-five are dead and fifteen are seriously ill as the result of drinking methyalted spirits in Larache, Morocco, according to dispatches received here today.

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# RUSH 1000 MARINES TO NICARAGUA WAR

## STRIKE UNBROKEN AS PORT WORKERS HINDER INVADERS

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who recently declared a strike in sympathy with the struggle of the liberal army under General Sandino, according to despatches from the Nicaraguan capital.

The arrival by airplane from Managua of Col. Louis Mason Gulick, the present commander of the marines in Nicaragua, has apparently accomplished nothing in the way of breaking the strike.

Fresh marine re-enforcements were rushed to the aid of the outpost in Corinto when armed bands outside the town threatened to sever the railroad communications with Managua and the American authorities feared that the workers might unite with the armed patrols and seize the town for the Liberals.

### Will Rush Marines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. — A thousand United States marines, together with Major General John A. Lejeune, commander of the United States marine corps, will be rushed to Nicaragua when the light cruisers Trenton, Milwaukee and Raleigh, and the minesweeper, Oglala, sail from Charleston, South Carolina and Hampton Roads, tomorrow.

The order to sail follows the completion of the full marine quota of 1,000 marines who will re-enforce 1,400 who are already on active duty in Nicaragua.

Major General Lejeune, before departing for Charleston, reiterated the old statement that he considers the Liberal General Sandino an "outlaw" and hopes he will be eliminated from the otherwise peaceful Nicaraguan horizon before the August elections.

MANAGUA, Jan. 9. — Although General Sandino's forces entrenched in the El Chipote area, are reported to have been receiving new recruits during the past week, the situation is still quiet with the marines and the Nicaraguan constabulary better unprepared to give battle because of their own lack of reinforcements.

In the hinterland there has been great enthusiasm among Sandino supporters, owing to the battle a week ago, it is reported, and this has resulted in additional men joining the liberal forces.

There are indications that the marines are not planning to attack Sandino. It is even reported that some new efforts may be made as making peace with Sandino.

Sandino's snipers are still active.

### 500 Marines For Corinto

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 9. — A detachment of nearly 500 marines will sail from here tomorrow for Corinto, the only western seaport of Nicaragua. The force consists of three infantry companies, a machine gun and howitzer company and a headquarters company. The departure of the marines from San Diego coincides with the sailing of a thousand marines from Hampton Roads and Charleston.

### Wives Say Farewell

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 9. — In an atmosphere reminiscent of the World War, hundreds of wives and children of the enlisted men have arrived at Hampton Roads to bid farewell to the soldiers who are being sent to invade Nicaragua and many of whom it is admitted will never return.

The marines have been hurriedly assembled from points throughout the east and final touches are being given to the outfit preliminary to their sailing tomorrow. Most of the marines are veterans of the United States' previous attacks in Latin America and China and no men whose enlistments are expiring in six months are being shipped to Nicaragua. The officers are frank in admitting that they participate a long hard campaign.

## NEW PARTY BOOKS FOR MEMBERS

Every member of the Workers (Communist) Party will have to exchange his old book for a new one before the end of this month of January in order to be considered in good standing.

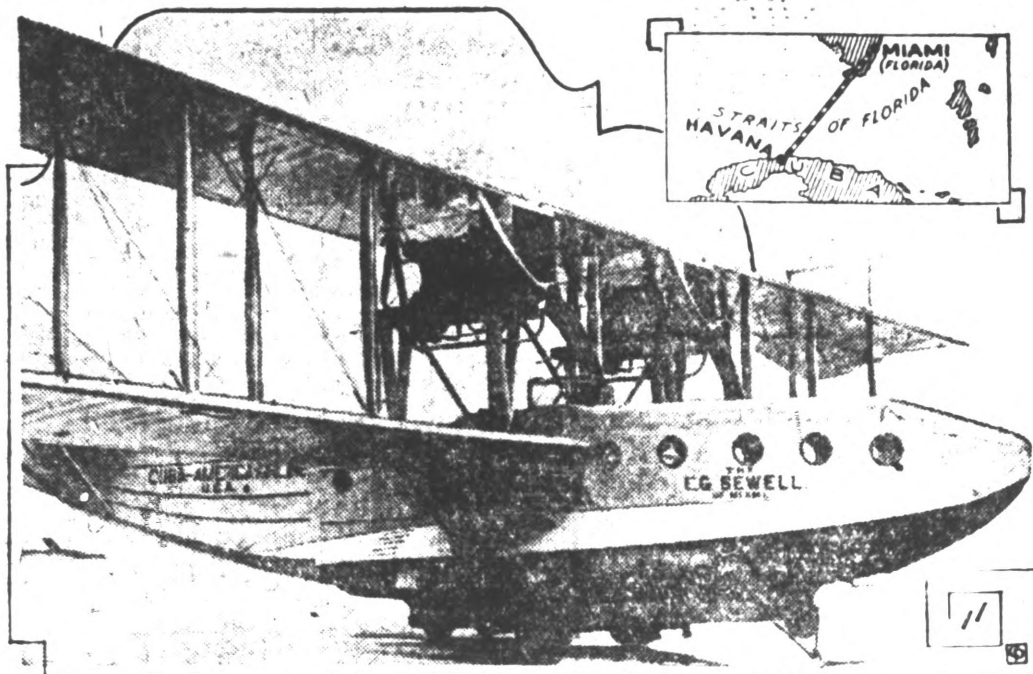
The new book is published for one year only and expires on December 31st, 1928. The new book also is numbered so that this will afford the Party a better check-up and control of the membership.

A new feature of the book is the place to record the attendance and activity of the member. This together with the dues payments will serve as a record for every member.

All Party units and sub-divisions will make a special drive during the month of January to make every member in good standing. If you have not yet secured your new book, visit your nucleus meeting and become a good standing and active member.

All those unemployed or on strike will be given exempt stamps to make them in good standing.

## Commercial Line to Latin America Paves Way for Huge War Fleet



International air service between Miami, Fla., and Havana, Cuba, on a commercial basis, is being inaugurated this winter. Picture shows E. G. Sewell, flag-ship of the line. The American war mongers are doing the utmost to boost this new industry, realizing that it will be a comparatively easy matter to convert it for the next imperialistic slaughter.

## MINERS TO APPEAL TO WORLD LABOR

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of their striking brethren in the United States and to their destitute families. The call follows:

An appeal to organized labor throughout the world in behalf of the striking miners in the United States and their dependents:

One hundred and twenty thousand union miners in the bituminous coal fields of the United States have been on strike for nine months. Faced with the united opposition of the mighty money barons of Wall Street and the United States government the miners and their dependents are going thru a period of intense suffering. Thousands of them have been evicted from their homes in the middle of winter by the coal companies and are now compelled to live in cold crude barracks.

Reign of Terror. A reign of terror prevails thruout the strike regions; miners and their wives being mercilessly beaten by the cossacks of the coal companies. Government by injunction reigns supreme and no attempt by the company-owned authorities to observe the law. Foreign-born workers are picked out for special persecution. They are

threatened with deportation for going on strike to preserve the standard of living they had earned thru a bitter struggle. They are beaten and thrown into jail and charged with sedition.

The coal operators have made up their minds to crush the miners' union. So determined are they in this aim that they refuse to attend a conference called by Coolidge administration union officials were invited. Another conference called in Pittsburgh, the heart of the great steel industry, also proved abortive.

A. F. of L. Officialdom Fails. The officialdom of the American Federation of Labor, apparently not recognizing the seriousness of the situation and the danger to the whole trade union movement involved in the possibility of a defeat of the strike, has made no serious effort to conduct a relief campaign on a sufficiently broad scale.

The breaking of this strike of workers who have for years constituted the backbone of the American trade union movement would not only threaten the existence of the labor movement in the United States, but would have a damaging effect on the

standard of living of the workers the world over. A defeat of the miners in the United States would be a signal for the bosses in other countries as well as in the United States to stage a new attempt to hammer down the living conditions of their employees. This is what followed the defeat of the miners' strike in Great Britain.

First Appeal Made. The heroic miners, veterans of many bitter struggles against the coal barons have until now refrained from appealing to their brothers and sisters in other countries. This is the first appeal made in their behalf to international labor.

In the name of the common interests of the workers in all countries, in name of working class solidarity, as well as in the name of the self-interest of all workers we now call on international labor to come to the assistance of the battling miners of the United States and their destitute families.

You must stand by the striking miners workers of America.

If unionism is to survive they must win.

Help them win and save unionism by contributing to their support.

## POLITICIANS IN COLORADO HIDE FROM MINER HATE

DENVER, Jan. 9 (FP).—So strong has grown the sentiment against the brutal and illegal strike-breaking tactics of the state police, that reactionary politicians are taking advantage of it to get under cover for their former weakness during the coal strike.

### Vagrancy Charges.

Foster Cline, district attorney in Denver, sent a letter to Mayor Ben F. Stapleton Wednesday in which he condemned the action of the state police and city coppers in bringing three Wobblies to Denver to be questioned at the state capitol and then having the city police arrest them at the capitol and charge them with vagrancy; they were sentenced to serve 90 days, but have been released on appeal bonds.

"Never in my experience have I heard of justice being more ruthlessly prostituted than has been done in this case," he said. "If we can perpetrate this kind of thing under the name of expediency, then so can the man who robs, steals or murders. The principle is the same—lawlessness in both cases."

"If I read history correctly in the long spans between the periods of social revolutions, the voice of the majority today is often considered wrong tomorrow."

"If the majority can arbitrarily suppress the voice of a minority, no matter how feeble that voice may be, we are departing a long way from the constitutional principles of freedom of speech laid down by our forefathers and we are establishing a dangerous precedent."

"It would be better for our government and for law enforcement that every man be turned out of our jails than these men be incarcerated without cause and against all constitutional guarantees."

"I would be untrue to my sense of justice and untrue to my conception of a lawyer's duty if I did not protest against this unwarranted, unlawful and unconstitutional procedure."

Mr. Cline is not quite converted to radicalism, however. He still has as one of his assistants Capt. Charles M. White, in command of the largest body of troops breaking the strike and secretary of the Democratic state committee.

Mayor Stapleton's answer was, "I am not interested." He doesn't come up for election until 1931. Mr. Cline's term runs out after the election this fall.

# DRAMA

## "Hamlet" As Usual But Walter Hampden Good

WALTER HAMPDEN puts on a thoroughly conventional performance of "Hamlet," at Hampden's Theatre, but a well presented, highly polished one. As befits a tender-hearted and civilized audience, the emphasis all along falls on the psychological difficulties of the weak man, forced to decide problems too great for him, and not on the objective events. The soliloquies are best.



Walter Hampden

The performance at Hampden's is not intended, apparently, to solve any of the outstanding difficulties of the play, about which huge and indecisive and contradictory books have been written. Hampden's Hamlet shows the same casualness about pinking Polonius that he does hesitation about stabbing the king consort, a state of mind never yet explained, except on the assumption of madness, which again is another debatable matter. And neither does Hampden clear that up.

The play is left the same mystery that it has always been, from Shakespeare's day to this, as good an explanation as any being Frank Harris theory that Shakespeare merely felt like making some Freudian revelations, and wrote himself up as the hero of whatever next play he had in mind, the same happening to be a blood and thunder melodrama with half a dozen murders in it. And the incongruity remains with us even to this day. Hampden continues it.

Hampden is good, as we said before, but not enough better than the rest of his players to warrant his taking all of the curtain calls alone. C. Norman Hammond was a satisfactory Claudius, and Caroline Meade well above the average in Gertrude. Ernest Rowan was a fiery and outstanding Laertes.—V. S.

"Rosalie," the new Ziegfeld production, is the only opening scheduled for this evening. Gershwin and Romberg composed the score for this musical show.

Metro has acquired the motion picture rights to the play, "Her Cardboard Lover," which was produced by Charles Frohman at the Empire Theatre last season.

### RUDOLPH GANZ.



Who will give his piano recital at Carnegie Hall Tuesday night.

### Broadway Briefs

The premiere of "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," by Jerome K. Jerome, at the Davenport Theatre, will not take place Wednesday evening, as previously announced in error, but on the following night.

Two one-act plays by Mack Will Kraike and Leon Blumenfeld, have been accepted for future production by Butler Davenport. They are entitled, "Inheritance" and "Shining Stars," and will be produced under the direction of Mr. Davenport about March.

### BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY.

The Beethoven Symphony Orchestra, Georges Zaslavsky, conductor, will give their fourth concert at Carnegie Hall Friday evening, January 13, with the composer-violinist, Joseph Achron, as soloist. The program includes: Overture to a Comedy, Philip James; Sonata, Pietro Castrucci; Fifth Symphony in C minor, Beethoven; Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, Joseph Achron; Prelude from "The Mastersingers of Nuremberg," Wagner.

## AMUSEMENTS

Max Reinhardt's Production of "The Servant of Two Masters" and "He is to Blame for Everything" Cosmopolitan Theatre, Columbus Circle. Evenings 8:15. Mts. Fri. and Sat. at 2:15.

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DRACULA. Evs. 8:15. Post 8:45. Mts. Wed. & Sat. 2:30. FULTON Theatre, W. 42 St. Evs. 8:30. Mts. Thurs. & Sat. 2:30.

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# MEETINGS OVER U. S. TO OBSERVE LIEBKNECHT DAY

## Speakers to Do Honor to Fighter

BUFFALO, Jan. 9.—Buffalo will celebrate Liebknecht Day this year with a huge mass meeting Friday Jan. 13, at 8 p. m., in the Workers Party Hall, 20 E. Eagle St. The Buffalo section of the Young Workers League, under whose auspices the meeting is held, has arranged for a fitting program to honor the memory of this great revolutionist.

Music will be supplied by the Y. W. L. orchestra. The lessons of Liebknecht's life-long struggle against capitalist war and militarism, especially as they bear on the present world situation, will be related by Herbert Lam, executive secretary of the Young Workers League of America.

Sam will analyze the danger to youth contained in the imperialist menace against the Soviet Union, and the American imperialist ventures in Nicaragua, China and elsewhere.

Two hundred members of the Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, out on strike against terrible exploitation in the Milway plant, have been invited as special guests of the league to this meeting.

**Prominent Speakers.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The Young Workers (Communist) League of San Francisco has arranged a large memorial meeting to commemorate the death of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, who so bravely fought, and lost their lives in the fight against capitalism and militarism.

This year's Liebknecht meeting is also a protest against militarism and will be held on Sunday evening, Jan. 15, 8 p. m., at 1212 Market St. There will be a musical program and prominent Party, League and Pioneer speakers.

Admission will be 15 cents.  
**Denver Meet Jan. 15.**  
DENVER, Jan. 9.—The Young Workers League of Denver has arranged a Liebknecht memorial meeting to be held at the Barnes Auditorium, Jan. 15, 8 p. m.

The speakers for this meeting are R. Shoban, district organizer of the league; Frank Pa'ner, former editor of the Labor Advocate; George Saul of the I. L. D.; James Buchanan of Denver University; Roy MacDonald, a young striking miner, and others. The program will include classical dancing by some of the best known dancers in Denver.

**Combine Lenin-Liebknecht Meet.**  
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—Preparations are under way for the greatest Lenin memorial meeting Los Angeles has ever had. The mass meeting will be held Sunday evening, Jan. 22 at the Music-Arts Hall, 233 S. Broadway. Rose Rubin, sub-district secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, will be chairman. A fitting musical program is being arranged. Speakers will be announced later. The meeting will also be combined with the Liebknecht memorial of the Young Workers League, under joint auspices.

## Power Trust Will Start New Boulder Dam Fight

WASHINGTON, (FP) Jan. 9.—The House committee on irrigation and reclamation has voted to close hearings on the Boulder Canyon Dam Bill Jan. 14. A rollcall vote in the House early in the session is virtually certain, and passage is anticipated.

Opposition to the construction of the Boulder Dam plant will be transferred to the Senate, and will be directed by Josiah Newcomb, counsel eight or nine Insull senators who are already seated, and no questions in that line were asked.

## "Gave" Smith \$125,000

WASHINGTON, (FP) Jan. 9.—Sam Insull of Chicago, one of the biggest power barons in the country, confessed to the Senate political slush fund inquiry committee, on Jan. 7, that he spent \$237,925 in political donations in the 1926 campaign, of which \$125,000 went to elect Frank L. Smith, chairman of the state commission regulating power rates, to the Senate.

"I like politics and have some very intimate friends in it," said Insull, generally. He did not name any of the eight or nine Insull senators who already seated, and no questions in that line, were asked.

## Banks, Coolidge, Taxes

The Coolidge-Mellon program for a tax reduction of \$225,000,000 is supported by Albert H. Wiggin, chairman of the Chase National Bank board. Reduced business activity in the latter part of 1927 presages a decrease in revenue tax collections for 1928, he stated, and makes further tax reduction unwise. The Chase Bank made a profit of over \$8,000,000 in 1927.

# ORGANIZED LABOR—TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES

NEWS AND COMMENT LABOR EDUCATION LABOR AND GOVERNMENT TRADE UNION POLITICS

## Southern Textile Mills Silent on Wage Slashes

By ESTHER LOWELL, (Fed. Press)  
Southern textile mills are cutting wages despite statements indicating the contrary. While various New England mills have cut wages 10 per cent, arousing the United Textile Workers' Union protest, Southern mills have been saying that they are "not considering wage cuts."

The Journal of Commerce exposes the facts in a sensational editorial. From reliable sources information has come, the editorial states, "that a number of Southern mills have already quietly cut wages and said nothing about it. These mills, at any rate, may truthfully be said not to be 'considering' wage cuts at present."

To the United Textile Workers' council in Rhode Island raising \$50,000 "to fight wage cuts" in New England, the Southern mills' action brings a new challenge. The United Textile Workers has announced, through president John Barry of the New Hampshire Federation of Labor, its intention to organize Amoskeag Mills at Manchester, N. H., where the union was crushed in the 1922 strike and a company union followed.

Many northern mills own southern branches or are linked through jobbers with southern mills, as a study of the Boston Women's Trade Union League shows. And now northern and southern yarn mills have joined in an agreement to stop production from Friday noon to Monday morning each week, still further reducing workers' earnings.

Two northern jobbers are uniting 150 southern yarn mills right now into one consolidated company. **Starvation Wages.**

Besides living costs are higher in southern mill towns than in the north. Federated Press investigators confirmed Blanshard's figures on this subject. But even with 58 per cent higher annual earnings and somewhat lower cost of living, textile workers in the four leading New England states fall below the standard of living.

Southern mills will not always have the protection of silence for their wage cuts, it is predicted. As more plants are established, the competition for workers will grow, mill village isolation will diminish and the sense of working class solidarity will be strengthened. Employers will find then that widespread publicity will attach to all their acts which in any way effect the earnings and living conditions of their employes.

**Power Plants Back Mills.**  
Texas is the latest of the Southern states to bid for textile mills. Guided by the Texas Power & Light Co. president, the Texas Industrial Committee appointed by governor Dan Moody is bidding for New England mills. Native born cheap labor is advertised with "reasonable tax rates" as inducements for northern mills to move to Texas. In other Southern states it is the power companies which give strongest backing to industrialization, as in Texas.

## CHICAGO PLANS MINERS' RELIEF

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Delegates from various workers' relief and fraternal organizations, societies and clubs will meet in conference on Friday evening, Jan. 13 at Redifer Hall, 30 N. Wells St. to formulate and adopt plans that will bring greater help to the striking miners of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Colorado.

All who can read and hear know that the miners are facing extermination at the hands of the coal operators and mine owners, who have set out to destroy the miners' union and thus make of them defenseless and helpless wage slaves. But in spite of imprisonment, murder by machine guns, hunger and cold, the miners are fighting back desperately.

All organizations are hereby urged to send delegates to the January 13 Conference. A successful Chicago Miners' Relief Conference will go far toward victory for the miners and organized labor in general.

## Chicago I. L. D. Plans Celebration of Paris Commune March 17

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The next three months will be active ones for the Labor Defense movement in Chicago, according to decisions and plans of the local I. L. D. executive, which proposes steps to get all members in good standing by February 15, to hold a conference early in March, and to take various steps for further and broader activities of the branches. This period will reach its height with the Paris Commune Anniversary Commemoration on March 17 at Temple Hall, which will be preceded by the annual I. L. D. Proletarian Cabaret, held this year on Feb. 5 at Mirror Hall, and a Bunco Party and Dance on January 17 at Northwest Hall.

The January City Central Delegate meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 8-11 p. m., at Polish Club Hall, 1555 West Division (3rd floor) will be devoted to organizational and propaganda problems and to the naming of the best branches after famous labor martyrs—such as the Haymarket martyrs and Sacco and Vanzetti.

## Two Large Affairs Are Planned by Chicago ILD

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—A Grand Bunco Party and Dance run on a scale unique in the Chicago movement, will be held by the I. L. D. here on Tuesday evening, January 17, at Northwest Hall, North Avenue and West-ern.

The committee in charge is headed by Hans Pedersen. The Local I. L. D. office announces the good success of the recently held Bazaar—with over \$2,000 realized, but in view of the ever more extensive needs for defense throughout the country, urges all friends to rally to the support of coming affairs—on Jan. 17, on Feb. 5, which is the date of the annual Proletarian Cabaret to be held this year at Mirror Hall and the Paris Commune Anniversary—March 17 at Temple Hall.

## Denies He's to Build Houses for Workers

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 9.—More than 6,000 names of "phantom voters" will be removed from registration lists in anticipation of the coming elections. It is charged that names of dead men are still found on the lists.

## HOSIERY UNION GIVES BENEFITS

By JOHN W. EDELMAN  
PHILADELPHIA, (FP) Jan. 9.—Members of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers—a division of the United Textile Workers have expressed a spirit of solidarity for strikers in their trade in a most practical manner. In Philadelphia, where the Federal Knitting Mill employes are fighting to maintain a 48-hour work-week, all strikers received double strike-pay, for the holiday week, which brought the married men's allowance up to \$60. Another increased pay was distributed among the Federal strikers in New Year.

This donation was a spontaneous offering from the workers in the fair mills in Philadelphia. The collections were taken up without any official action.

Somewhat similar holiday cheer went to the strikers in Minneapolis, Minn., and the Milway company strikers in Buffalo, N. Y. In both these cities groups of young workers are conducting splendid fights against "yellow dog" contracts, and sweatshop conditions. The Milwaukee, Wis., local of the Federation donated \$10 to every active Minneapolis striker and various New Jersey and New York locals took up collections for the Buffalo strikers.

Carl Holderman, in charge of the Milway strike in Buffalo, increased each workers' allowance by half, and made special payments to individuals who had special responsibilities.

## See Chicago Movie Strike for Wages

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Chicago motion picture operators may strike to enforce their demands for a wage increase and a 6-day week. This is the opinion after several conferences between the union and the exhibitors' association failed to bring an agreement.

The workers ask an increase of 25 per cent and pay on the basis of a full week for 6 days. Their scale now ranges from \$1.85 an hour to \$2.50 an hour. The union has not had a wage increase for 2 years and increased cost of living in Chicago is given as argument for the increase by the workers.

## Gitlow to Speak in L. A. Jan. 15

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 15, there will be a political mass meeting at the Music Arts Hall, 233 S. Broadway, where Benjamin Gitlow, noted Communist speaker now on a national tour in the interests of building a Labor Party, will speak on "Politics and the American Workers." Every worker in Los Angeles should be sure and attend. Sid Bush, sub-district organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party will be chairman.

## Freight Handlers on Soo Line Win Raise

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (FP)—Announcement that 3,000 clerks and freight handlers on the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Ry. have received wage increases of 24c and 2c an hour respectively is made this week.

The increase was won after prolonged negotiations. The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks was represented by C. G. Orendorff and the railroad by B. F. Flannigan, assistant general manager, in the negotiations.

## Five Leather Workers Hurt in Naptha Blast

PEABODY, Mass., Jan. 9 (FP)—Five leather workers and two firemen were badly burned when 1,500 gallons of naphtha exploded in the Waters River plant of A. C. Lawrence Leather Co.

The naphtha was stored in the "japan" department for use in degreasing leather. The building was wrecked by explosion and flames. The Peabody leather workers had a union of nearly 5,000 members during the war years but the organization has declined to only a few hundred.

## Conboy Funeral Today

The funeral of Sarah Conboy, secretary of the United Textile Workers Union, who died Saturday evening, will be held this morning from her home in Brooklyn. Prominent reactionary officials of the American Federation of Labor are expected to attend the funeral.

## FIREMEN'S WAGE DECISION LOOMS

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (FP)—Whether or not 50,000 firemen and hostlers employed on 55 western railroads will receive the wage increase of from 30c to 35c a day awarded them by an arbitration board recently may be decided in the U. S. district court here Jan. 14.

Hearing on the petition of the carriers to impeach the award given in Denver on Dec. 21 will be held then in Judge George A. Carpenter's court. A counter petition, filed by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, asking the court to set aside the carriers' petition will also be heard.

The Brotherhood's petition, filed by Donald R. Richberg, counsel, declares that the carriers' petition is based on insufficient facts. The Brotherhood also filed a petition with the same court asking judgment on the arbitration board's award. The carriers attack the validity of the wage increase on the grounds that the arbitration board acted without authority.

They claim this because, previous to making the award, the board announced that it could not reach a decision. After making this announcement the board was prevailed upon by the Brotherhood to again go into session and meet until the final date agreed upon by the two parties. The board did this on opinion of the U. S. board of mediation and the department of justice, and the wage increase was granted. The carriers contend, however, that when the board announced it could not reach a decision the announcement constituted adjudgment. This the Brotherhood denies.

## Women's Union Bulletin Fights for 5-Day Week

In the first issue for 1928 of the New York Women's Trade Union League Bulletin, women worker students of the League's English class write on the 5-day week. The workers conclude: "The five-day work is important for the worker from the physical, intellectual and social point of view. Therefore, we must all fight for the 5-day work week." The Bulletin now appears in printed form, supplementing the mimeographed sheets of previous years.

## Arithmetic Books Now Held to be Pro-British

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The term of William McAndrews, suspended as Commissioner of Education here by "Big Bill" Thompson August 29 for being pro-British, expires today. A determined campaign to rid Chicago school textbooks of "anti-American" propaganda will be undertaken by his successor, the Board of Education announces. Arithmetics, grammars and geographies, as well as histories will be revised.

## Denies He's to Build Houses for Workers

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Julius Rosenwald, Sears Roebuck sales order magnate, has denied reports that he was planning to build \$4,000,000 worth of model dwellings for workers in the poorer sections of this city. "Arbitrary restrictions in the building of homes for working-class families make it impossible for me to build such homes in this city, he stated.

## 2 Workers Dead by Gas From Factory Boilers In Philadelphia Plant

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 9.—John Shay, 42-year-old worker, who was night watchman at the Kensington Machine Works for some time, was killed from gas fumes coming from a boiler in the basement of the factory. His friend, Charles Burnes, 27, who often visited him to make the long hours of the night pass more easily, was also found at his side, dead.

Both bodies were discovered by a fellow worker in the boiler part of the machine plant when he reported for work Saturday morning. It is believed that Burnes found his friend in the cellar, in an unconscious condition, and when he attempted to carry him up an iron ladder out of the pit, he too was overcome by the gas fumes and collapsed, succumbing to asphyxiation.

## FEDERATION HITS STATE PENSIONS

(By Federated Press)  
The National Civic Federation has issued another blast in its campaign against state old insurance or pensions. The Civic Federation's activity comes close to the New York State Federation of Labor plan for state old age pensions included in its 1928 legislative program.

Supplementing the Civic Federation studies of old age dependency in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania comes the present Woman's Department survey of almshouses in those states. But almshouses are a minor factor in considering old age dependency asserts Abraham Epstein, secretary of the American Association for Old Age Security. Epstein served as research director for the Pennsylvania Old Age Pension Commission headed by President James H. Maurer of the State Federation of Labor.

While New York state spends \$4,000,000 caring for 9,000 people in almshouses, by spending only \$1 1/2 millions more, 36,000 people could be cared for under an old age pension law, says Epstein. The Old Age Security Association is for abolition of almshouses and for hospitals to care for the chronically ill now in poor-houses.

The number of old people who go to almshouses is small compared to the total of those who are too proud to go and struggle along, depending on relatives, friends almost as poor as themselves, or on organized charities, declares Epstein. These 2,000,000 in the United States over 65 years old would get subsistence from state pensions and never have to go to almshouses.

Industrial pensions plans advocated by the Civic Federation are almost always actuarially unsound and financially unguaranteed, states the American Association for Old Age Security. Even in the few scientific and guaranteed plans, 20 to 30 years' service with the corporation is required and the federal statistics show only 4% of wage earners stay over 20 years with any concern.

Mrs. Sara Conboy, former secretary of the United Textile Workers' Union, is on the National Civic Federation women's executive council. Anne Morgan, sister of the financier J. P. Morgan, is treasurer of the woman's dept. Mrs. Wm. N. Reynolds of the Camel cigarette makers' family, and Mrs. Ralph Easley, whose husband is chairman of the Civic Federation, are also on the women's executive. Matthew Woll, president, International Photo-engravers' Union, American Federation of Labor vice-president, is acting president of the National Civic Federation.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 9.—A number of new bills aimed to make more rigid the present Baumes laws will be introduced in the state senate when that body convenes tonight.

## MANY MEETINGS TO HEAR OF MINE STRIKERS' NEED

### Sablich, Embree, Bloor to Make Tour

(Continued from Page One)  
currences and where thousands of children and women are actually starving.

In the cities below listed the local secretaries of the Workers' International Relief are busy with preparations to make the meetings a success. It is anticipated that large crowds will be on hand to welcome the speakers from the Pennsylvania and Colorado battle fields.

From the National Office of the Workers' International Relief at One Union Square, New York City, it was announced that mass meetings will be held at the following cities in cooperation with the local miners' relief committees:

New Haven, Jan. 10; Hartford, Jan. 11; Springfield, Jan. 12; Providence, Jan. 13; Worcester, Jan. 14; Boston, Jan. 15; Philadelphia, Jan. 17; Baltimore, Jan. 18; Washington, Jan. 19; Schenectady, Jan. 21; Albany, Jan. 22; Syracuse, Jan. 23; Rochester, Jan. 24; Buffalo, Jan. 25; Erie, Jan. 26; Ashtabula Harbor, Jan. 27; Canton, Ohio, Jan. 28; Cleveland, Jan. 29; Akron, Jan. 31; Youngstown, Feb. 1; Toledo, Feb. 2; Detroit, Feb. 4; Flint, Feb. 5; Chicago, Feb. 5.

## LOBBY WILL AID THE POWER TRUST

WASHINGTON, (FP) Jan. 9.—In advance of the discussion of the Walsh power trust inquiry resolution by the Senate committee on interstate commerce, the lobby established in Washington by the association of state public utility commissioners has shown that it will help the power trust.

This lobby faithfully reflects the attitude of a great majority of the state utility commissioners, who are far from active in reducing rates for gas and electricity in their respective commonwealths. They have one notable example in Frank Smith of Illinois, backed in lavish fashion in his senatorial campaign by Sam Insull, utility magnate in Illinois and other states.

An inspired statement on behalf of this lobby, issued in Washington, says they will take the position that public utilities do not need any federal regulation, more than already exists, and that the states do not ask for any investigation of the power trust. They will deny that rates charged the consumer are excessive, and they will warn the Senate that the Walsh inquiry would go into the value of utility securities held by banks, insurance companies and educational institutions. Moreover, they are informed that the power companies deny any over-capitalization, while state rates are not based on capitalization anyhow.

The real strategy of the power trust, in mobilizing these pliant state commissioners, is to delay the adoption of the Walsh resolution as long as possible, and to enforce a reduction in its scope. They hope finally to kill the resolution by hostile amendment.

VINELAND, N. J., Jan. 9.—George A. Constantine, 46, owner of a chicken farm committed suicide here with a shotgun when his chickens failed to lay enough eggs to enable him to support his family.

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## Brailsford's World Peace Illusion

Henry Noel Brailsford, just arrived from England to give a series of lectures at the New School for Social Research on "Progress and Reaction in Post War Europe" proves in his first interview with the capitalist press that he is totally unfit to deal with international problems by his inane comments upon what he considers the prerequisite for world peace—an understanding between Britain and America on interpretation of international law.

He visualizes a world government of which the present league of nations is the European nucleus. If the league is to realize world peace, says Brailsford, it must come to terms with Britain's great imperialist rival and the Shylock of the world, the United States. When Brailsford speaks of Britain and the United States reaching an understanding preparatory to the establishment of world peace he recognizes the fact that Britain at present dominates the league.

Such a conception ignores completely the reality of the world in which we live—a world of declining capitalism—where even the evanescent nature of its boasted stabilization is becoming apparent to all. The proletarian revolution in Russia dealt a mighty blow to world capitalism. The national revolutionary movements in the colonies weakens it still further. The present world reaction, the frightful international offensive against the working class in order to "strengthen the rear" as a prelude to the next great world slaughter, appears to the superficial only as evidences of vitality. In reality it is evidence of the frantic straits of the imperialist governments who desperately strive to smash all dissension, because their position is so precarious that any powerfully organized opposition will expose their weaknesses and endanger their rule.

To propose unity between the United States and Britain as a guarantee of world peace is to join the chorus of the British imperialists, who are striving to create a united capitalist front against the Soviet Union and the colonials and semi-colonials, precisely because Britain is most seriously menaced by the immediate situation in China, India and Africa. Only a hopeless philistine could propose that the American imperialists abandon their crusade to dominate the whole world and agree to live in peace with its most formidable rival, which it is now fighting against for supremacy in every part of the world.

An alliance between the imperialist powers of Britain and the United States could only be realized if the yankee imperialists felt their power threatened by the same forces that threaten Britain. Such a pact would certainly not be a guarantee of world peace. It would be an alliance for the purpose of waging a joint predatory imperialist war against the nationalist liberation movements and against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Such an alliance would, of necessity, be short-lived, for the simple reason that even in the midst of the joint struggle irreconcilable antagonisms would come to the surface. And no sooner would the objective be obtained for which the alliance was made than these antagonisms would burst forth into a conflict between the imperialist powers for a redivision of the earth—a division of the spoils.

Brailsford, like all others of his ilk, is useful to his imperialist masters, inasmuch as he tries to create the illusion that alliances between the rapacious powers are for the promotion of peace instead of preparations for new wars.

This imperialist agent, a prominent parliamentary representative of the British labor party, even joins the international jackal pack of war-mongers and ravagers of weaker nations, by assailing the recent proposal of the Soviet Union for complete disarmament. Says Brailsford, the henchman of the imperialist flunkey, J. Ramsay MacDonald:

"Regarding the Russian proposal for complete disarmament, the great body of intelligent opinion in England did not consider it very seriously, and undoubtedly if such a program were put into effect at this time, it would precede disorder and world revolution, with the Communists taking control in some countries and the fascists in others."

We need not here dwell upon Brailsford dragging in the idea of a fascist "revolution" in some countries. He and his cohorts in the labor party have done nothing to expose the fascist tendencies of the Baldwin Tory government and like all heroes of the second-international he tries to lull the working class into a false sense of security by talking twaddle about the pacifism of imperialist governments in order more easily to pave the way for fascist tyranny.

Brailsford, like the worst of the British Tories, talks pacifism so long as it serves the purpose of imperialism, but when proposals are made for disarmament, he re-echoes his masters by indulging in dirty sophistry calculated to aid the war-mongers.

That proposal of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics for disarmament was a master stroke of diplomacy is more evident every day, inasmuch as it not only exposes the hypocritical pacifist slogans of the avowed imperialists, but also exposes the shallow pretenses of the liberal and "laborite" pacifists.

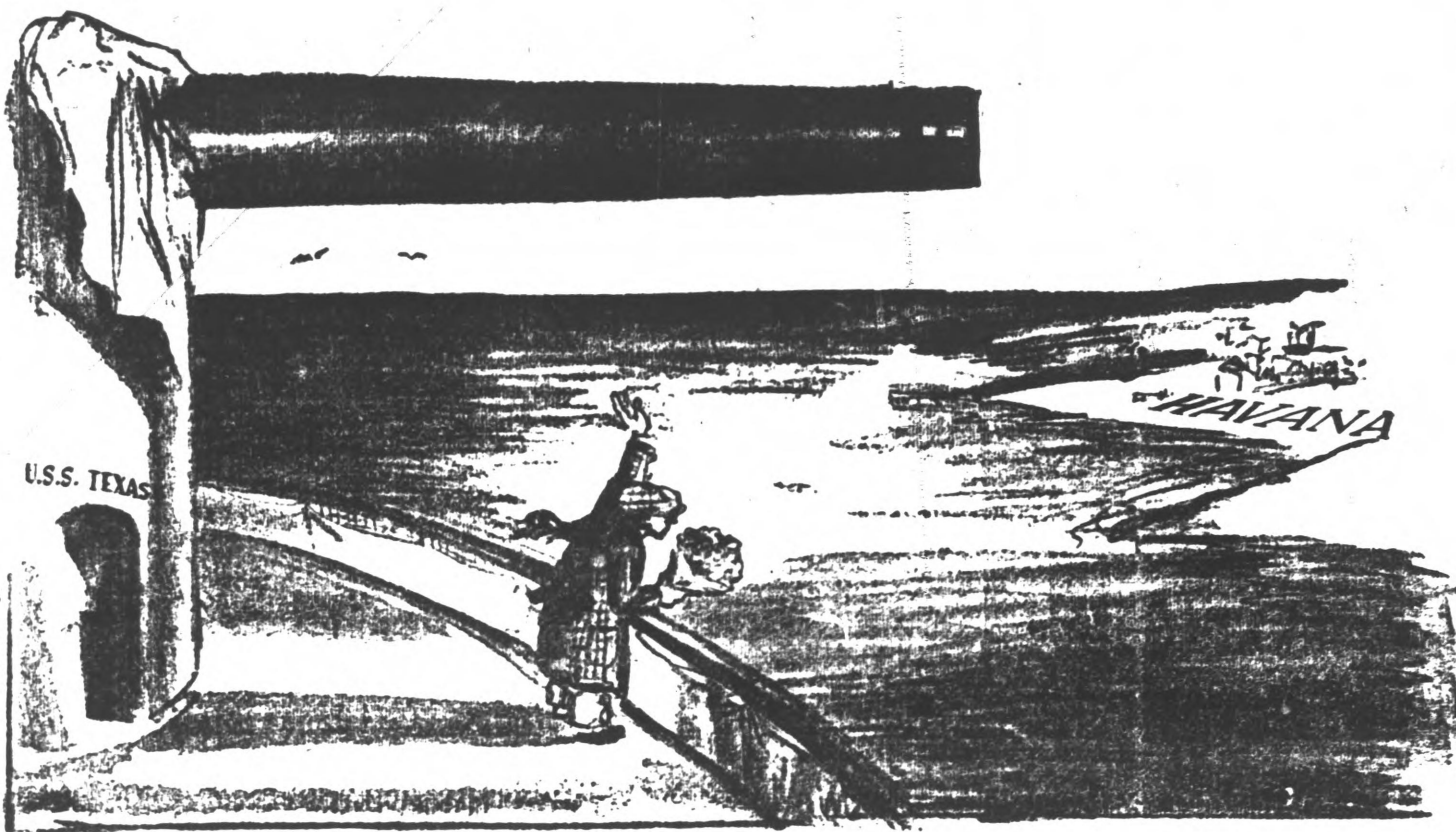
## Fascism in the Pressmen's Union

Major George L. Berry, who acts as liaison officer between the American Legion and the American Federation of Labor in their joint assaults upon the demands of the rank and file of labor, has achieved one ideal of fascism in the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America—the abolition of elections.

Waging a campaign of terror against every effort on the part of the membership of the pressmen's union, characterized by wholesale expulsions and denial of the privilege of functioning as local unions, Berry has finally brought the union to such a state of impotency that a nominating committee simply chooses him and his cohorts to remain in power for the ensuing two years.

In true fascist style this crushing of the last vestiges of democracy in the union is hailed as a great victory for the vicious class-collaboration policy of Berry. Simultaneous with the announcement of the abolition of elections in the union comes a reaffirmation of the "principles" of Berryism—aiding the employers increase production, abolition of the right to strike through compulsory arbitration of disputes and a "determined fight

## "YOO-HOO!"



Mr. Coolidge Goes to Havana.

## YOUTH PROBLEMS IN INDUSTRY AND LEFT WING

By JOHN WILLIAMSON.

(Continued from Last Issue.)

It is not the purpose of this article to make an analysis of the conditions of the working class as a whole. However, in order to bring into the proper place the conditions of the youth, a few words are necessary.

In general there is no abrupt downward trend of wages of the workers as a whole. There is a tendency in certain industries towards lower wages and longer hours. This tendency is augmented in certain industries like coal mining and textile. The outlook is for this process to continue but at what time this will become abrupt and reach a stage of crisis it is impossible to state.

### Poor Wages

Even under the present conditions the wages and hours of the young

workers are extremely poor. Statistics on the youth itself are scarce but it is a well known fact that the great bulk of the youth can be listed under the unskilled workers and the Government figures for July 1926 show that the average wage of the unskilled worker is 18.48 per week. This is calculated on a full year of steady work which is myth in most cases. It also includes the adults who are unskilled and receive a slightly higher wage than the young worker. (See Table 7) Other general material of interest may be found in Tables 8-9-10 and 11.

### Government Figure Erroneous

Individual experience and investigation as well as contact with young workers, show that the wages and hours are even much lower than indicated in government figures. If we average the wages of the young workers in various industries, throughout the industrial section of the U.S.A., we can safely say that the average wage

is between \$15.00 and \$16.00 per week and the nine hour day is applicable more than the eight hour day. The average reader can imagine how far \$16.00 will go. Even the National Industrial Conference Board, a statistical bureau representing the Manufacturers Association, says the minimum necessary for an unmarried young worker is \$18.00 per week, and a reading of the distribution of this \$18.00 as outlined by the N. I. C. B. is better than a Broadway comedy.

### Turnover of Youth Labor.

Another problem confronting the young worker is the great turnover of labor in the industries in which they are employed. This turnover is largely a result of the high development of industry, with its consequent intermittent lay-off for a few days or sometimes even hours. The turnover of labor is greater in the U. S. A. than elsewhere and especially in the types of industries where the youth are employed. As an indication of this problem the following is important:

Rochester, N. Y.—Boys 14-16 change jobs every 17 weeks.  
New York—Youth change jobs 6 times per year.  
Chicago (Swifts)—Average length employment youth 3 1/2 months.  
Maryland—51.3 per cent employed less than 2 months.  
Indianapolis—Average youth employed less than 2 weeks, 7 per cent; 1 month, 15.8 per cent; 2 months, 30.3 per cent; 3

months, 48 per cent; 6 months, 70.7 per cent.

### Unemployment.

Unemployment amongst the youth industries is not prevalent although the total time unemployed per year is higher amongst young workers than adult because of the great labor turnover indicated above. In case of a crisis in the coming period and a resulting large army of unemployed, the Left Wing must take up the slogan without and without the Unemployment Councils of "Government Maintenance of the Young Workers at Trade Union Rates." The Left Wing must also take the initiative in seeing that the unemployed youth have their representatives on such Councils or similar organizations.

### Summary of Conditions.

Summarizing the economic situation of the young workers we see their conditions are very poor—in contrast to the so-called opportunities afforded very young Americans. The trade union movement has not yet even recognized the problem of the young workers, and when strikes do occur, the youth are generally neglected—no attention is given to special demands of an economic or social character, which will improve their lot under the present system. To win the youth for the trade union movement—especially to guide its inherent rebelliousness into the organized militancy of the Left Wing, it is the duty of the Trade Union Educational League to become their champion with the labor movement.

Table 7—Average Hourly, Daily, Weekly, Wage Unskilled Workers, July, 1926.

Industry	Hour	Day	Week (calculated on 8-hour day)
Auto	\$.46	\$3.68	\$20.24
Elect. App.	.43	3.44	18.92
Leather	.40	3.20	17.60
Packinghouse	.41	3.28	18.04
Average	.42	3.36	18.48

Table 8—Trend Average Weekly Earnings in N. Y. & Ill.

Industry	New York				Illinois			
	1920	1922	1924	1926	1923	1924	1925	1926
Elect. App.	\$30.74	\$26.50	\$30.53	\$31.07	\$25.26	\$26.27	\$24.76	\$26.68
Paper Box	23.80	23.39	25.85	25.93	24.95	23.78	22.46	25.25
Candy	19.40	19.33	21.04	22.36	22.23	22.17	21.90	19.39
Textiles	23.20	20.26	22.03	23.08	18.87	21.09	18.35	19.24

Table 9—Average Wages & Hours in Cotton Goods Industry.

Occupation	1924	1926	Sex	1924	1926
Picker Tender	53.6	54.1	M	\$17.74	\$16.07
Frame Tender	54.9	55.9	M	16.20	15.35
Frame Tender	51.3	51.9	F	15.95	14.58
Frame Spinner	53.2	55.1	M	19.63	15.92
Frame Spinner	53.1	53.5	F	16.94	15.09
Spool Tender	55.0	59.2	M	10.56	11.25
Spool Tender	53.3	53.6	F	15.19	13.19
Trimmers	55.3	53.0	M	16.81	15.64
Trimmers	52.7	52.6	F	14.12	12.94
All Employees	53.5	53.8	M	20.87	18.67
All Employees	52.3	52.8	F	18.15	15.89
All Employees	53.0	53.3	M&F	19.72	17.48

Table 10—Average Wages and Hours in Soft Coal Industry.

Occupation	Hours per Day		Wages per Hour	
	1924	1926	1924	1926
Brakemen	8.4	8.5	.71	.687
Drivers	8.2	8.3	.748	.708
Laborers	8.3	8.4	.657	.620
Motormen	8.6	8.7	.752	.718
Trackmen	8.3	8.4	.737	.705
Trapper Boys	8.0	8.0	.408	.379

Table 11—Working Hours in Mfg. Industries.

Hours	1914	1919	1921	1923
44 and under	11.8	12.3	13.7	9.9
44-48	11.8	3.8	4.2	4.5
48	11.8	32.6	33.6	31.7
48-54	13.5	16.5	18.2	21.9
54	25.8	9.0	7.8	8.8

against doctrines in contravention to Americanism." Berry's interpretation of Americanism being a system of universal scabbery.

In spite of this high-handed tyranny there still remains in the ranks of the pressmen's union sufficient oppositional forces to create a powerful left wing that, if properly organized, can overthrow this petty fascist despot and place the affairs of the union in the hands of the membership, where it belongs.

More than ever must the pressmen fight to make reality the demand that Berry must go, with all his strike-breaking, scabberding official crew.

The other militant workers in the printing trades unions should aid the pressmen in their fight against Berry's fascism. In fact the whole left wing of the labor movement should rally to the support of those workers in the pressrooms of the country who suffer under Berryism in order to put an end to it, and make the union a fighting instrument against the bosses.

To stand idly by while one union after another is crushed by its reactionary officials is to indirectly aid those forces of black reaction that are striving to destroy completely all effective unionism, in order to reduce the labor movement to a mere appendage of American imperialism.

By Fred Ellis

## Wear a Lenin Button



Thousands of workers in scores of cities will soon be wearing the brilliant little Lenin Button that the Workers (Communist) Party organizations are distributing among the workers as part of the campaign to mobilize the American working class and lead it along the Leninist way.

The Lenin Button is unusually attractive and significant this year. It is a brilliant reproduction of the famous "Lenin Directing the Revolution" picture on a background of factories and trucks full of armed Workers' Guards. The cut here gives but a poor idea of how attractive the button really looks.

The button is a real symbol of Lenin showing the workers the way to freedom. The worker who wears it shows that he is ready to take up the struggle against exploitation and oppression to carry it forward to victory under the flag of Lenin, in the way shown by Lenin. To spread these buttons among the workers is to do an important work in spreading militancy and class-consciousness among the working class.

Every militant and class-conscious worker should wear this button!

Every militant worker, every Communist, should get his fellow-worker to wear this button!

The price is: up to 25-10c per button. Over 25-7c per button.

Party organizations should order thru their district organizers. Other working class organizations order from the National Office, Workers Party, 43 East 125th St., New York City.

This year the children are not forgotten. More than once Lenin emphasized how necessary it is to win the proletarian and farmer children for the class struggle, to organize them. To bring this message home to the millions of American children, the Young Pioneers have issued a special Children's Lenin Button, a button so attractive that any child who sees it will want to wear it immediately.

The button represents a beautiful picture of Lenin surrounded by a lively group of children. Around the whole scene are the words: "Organize the Children."

Every workers' child should wear this button and every working class parent should get this button for his children.

These children's buttons may be ordered from the Young Pioneers of America, 43 East 125th St., New York City. The prices are: Up to ten, 10c per button; orders of from 10 to 100, 7c per button; orders of over 100, 5c per button.

## "Socialist" Pays 130 Months' Back Dues

(By Organization Dept., District 2, Workers Party.)

In the last issue of the New Leader, the local secretary of New York boasts of the fact that one of the former members of the socialist party paid one hundred and thirty months' dues and became a good standing member.

No doubt this socialist must be a prosperous business man and did not find it necessary to pay one hundred and thirty months' dues at a time.

The above shows the degeneration of the socialist party organizationally. Another comrade has called to our attention that he knows of a case where a member had paid dues for almost as long a period in the socialist party and became in good standing.

According to the constitution of our Party anyone who is in arrears more than six months is dropped from the rolls. Our Party consists only of active members. To be an active member one must not only pay his dues but attend Party meetings regularly and carry on Party activity. Many of our Party members are now much in arrears in their dues and they are advised to become in good standing, and if they are unemployed they will be given exempt stamps.

## AMERICA UEBER ALLES

(To the Incurable Nicaraguans)

America Ueber Alles.

Why can't you understand,  
You gang of dirty greasers,  
The mission of our land?

We are the world's protectors,  
The home of liberty;  
We put our chains upon you  
To teach you to be free.

America Ueber Alles  
Is all you need to know;  
We rob you and we kill you  
Because we love you so!

A. B. MAGIL.

## WHITE TERROR INCITES ATTACKS

Rumanian Government Responsible, Says Letter to the Editor

Editor, The DAILY WORKER:

Along with the New Year message of the Rumanian premier, V. Bratianu, in which he claims that Rumania has had much to be proud of during the past year, comes a cable which states that the hand of anti-Semitic students arrested for the murder of a number of Jews in the pogroms in Oradea Mare, Cluj, and other Rumanian towns has been set free and that the Jewish victims of the pogroms are instead being tried for resisting the cowardly student-thugs and are being forced to sign papers absolving the student maniacs and naming the Communists as guilty in the pogroms.

If this is the deed that Bratianu is proud of, if the murder of Jews, raping of Jewish girls, and plundering of Jewish communities makes him proud, then all thugs and murderers may be proud of themselves.

Despite its protestations, the Rumanian government is guilty of the pogroms on the Jews, as well as it is guilty of massacring the Rumanian workers and peasants who dare to stand up for their rights. The pogroms upon the Jews in old Czaristic Russia and in the "modern" capitalist buffer states set up against the only Workers' Republic, Soviet Russia, are tricks to foster hatred between the different nationalities, so as to divide the masses into weak sects hating and fighting one another. In this way the capitalist governments are able to crush them easily.

I have lived thru several pogroms of old czaristic Russia, and know that whenever the government agents organized a pogrom badly or the police and military failed to give ample protection to the pogrom, a hastily organized self defense of a few Jewish workers was invariably able to repel

the attacking mob. If the imbecile Rumanian students were not led and inspired by government agents, protected by the police and military, these bestial orgies would not have taken place.

The degenerate Rumanian government is not alone guilty. The imperialist clique of big capitalist powers fully approves of the sadistic acts against the Jews, and has made Rumania a favored protegee.

Soviet Russia has stopped pogroms in its territory. When the workers take over power in the rest of the world, persecution of other Jewish minorities will stop.

Fraternal yours,  
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