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Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

THREE giant United States corporations distributed over \$700,000,000 in extra dividends during the past three months. Financial writers predict that the total paid by corporations will be well over three-quarters of a billion by Christmas. Is it surprising that the capitalists believe in Santa Claus? It is a prosperous country for some. But how many hundreds of thousands of wage slaves will not have enough extra money to buy a toy for their children, in this wealthy land?

IT should not be forgotten that this enormous distribution of dividends is paid on water-fogged stock. And by distributing this extra dividend in the form of stock instead of cash, the corporations are pouring in more water. Nothing is added to the value of the plant. It only means that the slaves of the United States Steel corporation and other concerns will have to sweat more profusely in order to pay the usual dividend. We do not notice any activity on the part of Mr. William Green of the A. F. of L. to organize United States Steel slaves so that they could get some of those profits in their pockets. He is too busy defending capitalism.

COLONEL GARIBALDI, who betrayed the republican movement of Italy to the fascists, for money, has a defender in a lady with the romantic name of Ferrante Della Rosa, who claims that Garibaldi risked his reputation to discredit Mussolini. Garibaldi incited the ex-socialist deputy Zaniboni to make an attempt on Mussolini's life, and then slipped the information to the Italian police. He did this, it is claimed, in his defense, because Zaniboni threatened to expose the republicans unless he was given money.

HAVING won the confidence of the fascists, Garibaldi proceeded to carry his plan further. He offered to become an informer for Mussolini, in France and the fascist government placed one million lire at his disposal or promised to give him that amount. He actually received one hundred thousand francs. Madame Ferrante Della Rosa will have a tough job trying to prove her hero's innocence. Mussolini and his cut-throat government will not be overthrown by such subtle methods, even granting that Garibaldi was actuated by honest motives. The blackshirt regime will be overthrown by the Italian masses sooner or later, and judging by the trouble inside the fascist party just now, it is likely that it will be sooner than later.

THIS McPherson-Ormiston case has been god-send to the Hearst press. No sooner did Almee slide off the front page than Hearst's sleuths, aided by chief Collins of the Chicago police, who lent one of his detectives to the Hearst syndicate, located the missing Ormiston. That gentleman was good for a series of rehashed articles concerning Almee, and his own wanderings. And no sooner did he hit California than he placed a series of articles on his own marital

TEACHERS WHO OPPOSE LEGISLATIVE WISHES OF BOARD FACE DISMISSAL

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 20.—The ruling of the Milwaukee board of education that no teacher in a public school can lobby for legislation affecting the welfare of the schools unless the legislation is endorsed by the board is under attack by the teachers. The association of teachers has passed a resolution denouncing this ruling of the board as a violation of the rights of citizens, and presented the resolution to the school board.

The board said that any teacher violating this ruling would be liable to dismissal.

BLACK CABINET SEIZES POWER IN LITHUANIA

300 Communists Are Jailed

(Special to The Daily Worker)

KOVNO, Lithuania, Dec. 20.—The fascist coup that upset the socialist coalition government of Lithuania was a military conspiracy under the leadership of the arch-reactionary Anton Smetona supported by the catholic and nationalist parties. A state of siege has been declared in Kovno and three hundred Communists and left wing socialists are reported under arrest.

The conspiracy had been brewing for many months; secret bands of fascists had been drilling; army officers were being prepared; and the influence of Great Britain was noticeable at work in stirring up the fascists as a means of weakening the recent pact signed between Lithuania and the Soviet Union.

Arch-Reactionary.

Smetona was the first president of Lithuania. He has been notoriously anti-Soviet from the beginning. In the years he was president he did much travelling abroad and became intimately involved in the counter-revolutionary activity of the powers and the Russian emigres.

Another cause for the revolution is the fact that mass pressure on the socialist coalition government that superceded an ultra-reactionary one, had resulted in a certain let-up in the persecution of Communists and left wing trade unions and also resulted in a stiffened policy towards the fascist bands that had run wild under the previous government. These facts coupled with the Soviet treaty determined the fascists upon the coup which won easily over the vacillating social-democrats in the government.

Black Cabinet.

President Grenius is under arrest and a thoroughly reactionary cabinet formed. The present cabinet of catholics and fascists have the support only of the large landowners and the big capitalists of the cities. The masses of workers and peasants are entirely without sympathy for the present coup. The activities of the Communists have been redoubled despite the fact another reign of terror has been unleashed against them.

Charge Graft.

The left elements who have been thrown out of the government by the coup charge that the conspiracy is the result of a ruse on the part of the fascists to cover up large amounts of graft that certain of their ministers are responsible for both in the old government prior to last May and in the present fascist cabinet.

Investigation Into Political Corruption Thruout South Asked

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A sweeping investigation of the alleged sale of federal patronage was proposed in the senate in a resolution introduced by Senator King of Utah.

The King inquiry would be conducted by a select committee to be named by the vice-president and would supersede the investigation proposed by Senator Harris of Georgia into patronage conditions in his own state. Republican leaders were said to be unopposed to the inquiry, as it will not be limited solely to charges against the republican administration.

Air Transportation Becoming Real Factor

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Air traffic between England and the continent is on the increase. Passengers travelling between the lands increased 48 per cent this year, last figures reveal.

SEND IN A SUB TODAY.

"CITIZENSHIP FOUNDATION" HERE IS FORMED TO BLACKLIST LIBERAL AND WORKER LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

By CARL HAESSLER,
(Federated Press.)

A blacklist of liberal and labor speakers, extending into every hamlet where church forums, women's clubs, lecture courses and other platform opportunities exist, is being built up by the American Citizenship foundation. This respectable sounding organization is a fusion of the broken-down patrolineering outfit, the American Sentinels fathered by Joseph B. Strauss and the United Americans whose paternity seems to trace back to Charles W. Folsom.

The foundation is in the publicity arena at present in an endeavor to raise \$2,000,000 in the Chicago area for its purposes. A victory dinner to celebrate the success of the drive was scheduled for Dec. 14 but has been postponed for a month or more as neither the victory nor the \$2,000,000 had been cinched. The director of the drive is George Bond Ellison, a commercial promoter who drives wherever the biggest honorariums beckon. Ostensibly the object of the foundation is to make better citizens, as is plausibly set forth in all sorts of

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SOME STEEL WORKERS GET A PIECE OF RIND; COOLIDGE GETS SLICE

(Special to The Daily Worker)
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 20.—The U. S. Steel Corporation, in connection with its big melon cut of a 40 per cent stock dividend, takes pains to call attention to the fact that employees who have purchased stock share in the cut. No figures, however, are given out to show what proportion of the millions thus distributed go to employees who are share holders and what to the investing class which lives on dividends and interest and does nothing to produce the great surplus which the company has accumulated.

COOLIDGE GETS A SLICE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—President Coolidge will share to the extent of \$2,000 to \$3,000 in the big melon which the U. S. Steel Corporation has just cut for its stockholders. His holdings are reported to be 50 shares, which means a stock dividend of another 20 shares.

COMMUNISTS WIN MUNICIPAL SEAT IN BUENOS AIRES

Argentine Party Gets 7,000 Votes

(Special to The Daily Worker)
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.—In the municipal elections of Buenos Aires a Communist councilor, Jose Penon, secretary of the Communist Party of Argentina, and of the South American secretariat of the Communist International, was elected.

The municipal elections, out of 37 distributed 17 councilors among the various political parties as follows:

The Irigoyenists Radicals—a left wing petty-bourgeois party—will now have 17 seats; the Alvearists Radicals—moderate right wing liberals favoring the present conservative President Alvear—will have six; the socialists eight; the Communists one, and the other smaller political groups, four.

Over 7,000.

The Communists polled over 7,000 votes which is a considerable increase over the 4,389 votes they got last year. They received the large vote in spite of the opposition of the Communist Labor Party which was organized last year after the convention of the party. This party has been repudiated by the Comintern. In the last elections they received only 886 votes.

S. P. Losses.

The socialist party lost considerably. They elected only 4 councilors, thus reducing their number in Buenos Aires from 10 to 8. They lost about 14,000 votes. The year previous they received 60,000 votes in Buenos Aires.

The decrease in the vote of the socialist party is attributed to the disensions between the right and left wing groups.

U. S. IS URGED TO RECOGNIZE CANTON GOVT.

(By Federated Press).
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(FP)—Recognition of the Canton government as the government of the Chinese people is urged in a resolution introduced in the house of representatives by Congressman Loring Black, of New York.

In a statement he issued, Congressman Black said that the Canton government today controls 14 of the 21 provinces in China over which the Canton regime and the northern militarists are contending.

Canton Only One.

"It is an incontrovertible fact," Black declares, "that Canton is the only government that governs in China today, already having within its actual jurisdiction a majority of the territory and population. It is generally admitted that the Canton government is honest and is administered by the most efficient and enlightened officials to be found in China."

The Canton government proposes to remove all the infringements upon her sovereignty which were created by force and intimidation on the part of the western countries, he says. The principles and traditions of the United States are in full accord with the justice of that policy on the part of a free people, he adds.

BLACKLIST NEW WEAPON AGAINST N. Y. LEFT WING

Green Appoints Five to Help Sigman

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The American Federation of Labor has openly entered the cloakmakers' strife in New York on the side of the right-wingers under Morris Sigman and it is announced today that William Green has appointed five prominent officials of the A. F. of L. to co-operate with the Ladies' Garment Workers' International in "riding the New York unions of Communist influence."

The officials appointed are Matthew

Woll, Hugh Frayne, N. Y. organizer

of the A. F. of L., John J. Sullivan,

president of the State Federation;

Joseph Ryan, president of the Central

Trade Council and John F. O'Hanlon,

legislative representative at Albany.

Register Members.

Woll has accepted the honorary chairmanship of Sigman's finance committee for the New York Union and Frayne, the chairmanship of the aw committee.

Sigman announces that the rank and file is to be given an opportunity to choose its leadership—but in the following manner: The plan is to have all members register with the international and to relieve them of the payment of all back dues, demanding only a fee of 50 cents. The registration is to start next Tuesday, the first week by individuals, the second week by shops.

Black-list.

The object of this is to influence the expression of the union members' alignment, using the fact that the workers can get jobs only thru Sigman as a whip. It will be far from a true estimate of the members' feeling.

Sigman Seeks Kept Press Aid.

Following the triumph of the New York Joint Board over the right wing in the cloakmakers' union at the huge mass meeting of 16,000 members of the union at the New Madison Square Garden on Saturday, where the strike conduct of the militant leadership was cheered to the echo, Morris Sigman, president of the international, caught in defeat and despair, issued a vindictive statement to the willing press declaring that the meeting was "not representative."

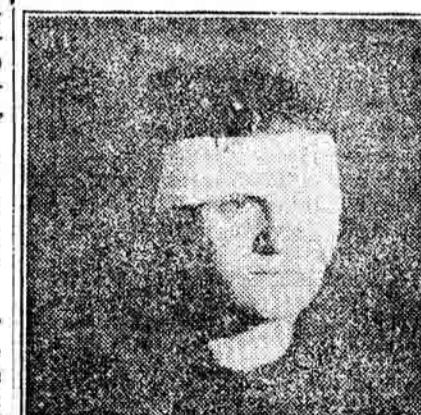
Pictures sent from here yesterday (reproduced in today's paper—Ed.) give graphic testimony to the fact that the police forces of the city are at the service of the right wingers, and yet, in the face of this, Sigman has declared that 15,000 of his supporters were kept from the meeting by "police and left wing leaders."

Continue Disruptive Work.

He claimed his followers were not allowed in the hall and that the police assisted in the ejection of many who did get in. The capitalist press gave ample space to these declarations. The truth is that the rank and file supporting the general strike committee massed around the doors of the meeting to prevent the entry of Sigman's paid gangsters, the same underworld gentry that broke up, with the assistance of the police, the demonstration of 6,000 workers before the international office on 16th street last week. Likewise, the committee assigned by

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BEATEN BY GANGSTERS AT FURRIERS' MEETING WHICH WAS DISRUPTED



When May Prizony, a member of Local 59 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, happened by chance, to step out of an office in Odd-Fellow's Hall, where a meeting of the Furriers' union was being broken up by right wing gangsters, she was recognized by Sol Black, of the old Perlstein gang and was severely beaten by this brave gentleman. The left eye was smashed and she has been under doctor's care since the meeting last week.

Our Program—A United Front of Labor to Defeat Anti-Strike Legislation

DEMAND PROBE

OF STATE DEPT.

MEXICAN ACTS

La Guardia Asks About Press Propaganda

By Federated Press Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—While state department officials and the Coolidge administration seem to be drifting into situation the nature of which they appear unable to predict, Representative Fiorello La Guardia, of New York, took the first step since the convening of congress to throw the spotlight on the state department's efforts to embroil the United States into Mexican war.

In a resolution he introduced in the house yesterday, La Guardia calls attention to the particular activity of Assistant Secretary of State Olds' underhand attack on Mexico thru the dissemination of false propaganda and directs the secretary of state to inform the house whether:

A. P. Incident.

1. The state department, thru any of its officers, on Nov. 16, 1926, requested the representatives of the Associated Press and other news agencies to circulate a statement concerning internal conditions in Mexico and alleged relations between Mexico and Russia?

2. The department, at the time it made this request to the news agencies, also requested those agencies not to reveal the source of information?

3. The department has any accurate information concerning bolshevistic activities in Mexico, and any information relative to Mexico's attitude towards Nicaraguan and Mexican activities in Central America detrimental to the interests of the United States.

Crisis Approaches.

As January 1, the date set by the Calles government when the new laws affecting the property rights of Americans and others are to become effective, approaches there is a noticeable feeling of concern at the state department. Having taken a stand which is probably far more advanced than the exigencies of the situation warranted, and more drastic than it is felt can be enforced, the administration seems to be awaiting developments, uncertain as to what will happen if these developments should not present a solution that will enable the American investors and their spokesmen to back down gracefully.

The one alternative that would be regarded as a way out, altho it is feared that it may also prove a way into further complications and difficulties, would be the lifting of the arms embargo. That is being urged upon the administration as the step to take, since it falls short of war and yet presents an opportunity of dragging matters along until such time as a way out may be found.

Catholic Activities.

Next to that the severance of diplomatic relations would be considered (Continued on page 3.)

Police War on Cloakmakers in N. Y.



These two photographs were taken in Rutgers Square, New York City, where the building of the Jewish Daily (Socialist) Forward is situated and before which six thousand cloakmakers demonstrated after they had been driven from the office of the International Union of the Cloakmakers where a similar demonstration was made against President Morris Sigman. There were 6,000 cloakmakers in the parade. The manner in which it was broken up is shown in the above pictures. The police were ably assisted in their work by right wing gangsters. More than a score of workers were injured and five women were arrested.

Klein Local for Brophy.
Klein, Mont., Dec. 20.—Local Union 3674 cast 245 votes for John Brophy and 167 for John L. Lewis. Stevenson received 245 votes. Murray 154, Brennan 213, Kennedy 116.

LEWIS BEATEN BY BROPHY IN DISTRICT FIVE

REPLIES TO U. S. CHURCH ATTACK ON CALLES GOVT.

Mexican Consul Hurls Back Insults

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Arturo M. Elias, Mexican Consul General in the United States, replied to the pastoral letter issued by the American Catholic hierarchy attacking the Mexican government for its restrictions against the clergy and the church.

Elias' statement contains the following paragraphs in which the role of the church in Mexico is laid bare: "Religious liberty and tolerance in

deed!" "I refer the eminent cardinal and bishops of the United States to any and every pastoral issued by their colleagues, the archbishops and bishops of Mexico, at that time, so that they may note and ponder the invariable references to religious freedom and tolerance as 'impious,' 'sacrilegious,' 'un-Catholic,' and 'infamous.' They have not changed."

Protestant Martyrs.

"Let the cardinal and Catholic bishops of the United States ask any of the Protestant missionaries who are now in Mexico to relate the early experiences of many who were beaten, set upon, and how some lost their lives, martyrs to their religious faith; and of others who narrowly escaped death for the crime of being 'Protestants.'

"It was not the peaceful Mexican Indians who spontaneously attacked them with sticks and stones and knives, shouting 'muera los protestantes,' (death to the Protestants.)

Liberty, Indeed!

"Liberty, tolerance, indeed! When the word 'protestante' is today used by the Mexican Catholic hierarchy and unfortunately by many Mexicans who have been under their sway it is an epithet of contempt.

"Tolerance! Liberty!

"Who was it that taught the Mexican people that?

Want Freedom.

"Freedom! The Mexicans want freedom with the passion of a people to whom it has been denied. They want education, they want to go to those schools, those civil schools against which the Catholic hierarchy in Mexico have always conducted and are now conducting an intransigent warfare, denouncing them as 'Godless' and 'atheistic' merely because they are public schools.

Railway Bosses' Organ Hits Board for Giving Increase to Employees

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The neutral arbitrators of the National Board of Mediation which awarded a 7% per cent increase in wages to railroad conductors and trainmen are attacked in the current issue of Railway Age, because "they failed to give reasons for granting the increase." The bosses' magazine declares that the railroads are "embarrassed by the award" and have a right to know on what basis it was given.

The magazine says that now the railroads will be open for demands for further increases from the employees, and attack the award because of this.

It laments the fact that the increase will give the workers more than "even the railroad labor board did in 1920."

Los Angeles to Put on Red Christmas Eve

The Sacco-Vanzetti Branch of the International Labor Defense of Los Angeles is arranging a Red Christmas Vecherinka and dance, for Friday night, Dec. 24th, at the Cooperative Center. Music, dancing, and plenty to eat. The proceeds go to the Political Prisoners' Christmas Fund.

Los Angeles workers and their sympathizers are urged to patronize this event and spend their Christmas Eve for the benefit of those "who are in for us."

Greeks Are Urged to Revolt Against Zaimis

ATHENS, Dec. 20.—Another revolution may be brewing in Greece. Proclamations have been distributed around Athens and its port, Piraeus, urging an uprising against the Zaimis government. The military authorities are taking action to prevent a revolt.

CURRENT EVENTS

By T. J. O'Flaherty.

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troubles with the daughter of an Australian millionaire. Verily indeed the capitalist press thrives on the offal it feeds to the public.

ANOTHER moron will befall the readers of the Chicago papers until he is either hanged or proven insane. Since he is the son of well-to-do parents, in all probability he is insane. Only poor Negroes and poor white workers kill with malice aforethought. A six-year old son of a contractor was found murdered in the loft of a riding academy. The murderer surrendered and confessed. Now, every sub-sister of both sexes on the capitalist press and every pseudo-male expert will dish out their quack solutions for crime during the next month, or until another moron commits another outrage.

WE do not pretend to have any infallible cure for crimes of perversion, but under this dog-eat-dog economic system, which churns the blood of child workers into gold, and transforms strong men and women into caricatures of humanity, it is impossible to produce a healthy race either physically or morally. A plant grows thin and sickly in a weedy environment. The profit system injects its poison into the social atmosphere infecting exploiter and exploited alike. Too much luxury on one side and life without purpose or aim. On the other side poverty. Both extremes are hatcheries of crime. Neurotic editors will howl for more rope as a remedy for crime. And intelligent people will laugh scornfully as they see Doheny and Fall, Hoffman, Druggan and Lake—graffters and burglars, all walk away free from the court rooms, because they had millions behind them.

BRITISH imperialists are making good use of their royal furniture these days. The Duke and Duchess of York are leaving soon on a battleship for Australia, where their job is to act as imperial drummers in the Antipodes. The recent empire conference showed that the "mother country" could not rely implicitly on the loyalty of her young, particularly if she gets into a scrap, which is unavoidable in the comparatively near future. So the duchess is going to pull a Marie of Roumania stunt on the Australians!

ACCORDING to Australian labor papers, the right wing socialists are doing their utmost to drive the Communists out of the Australian Labor Party. A convention of the party adopted a rule barring Communists as candidates for parliament on the A. L. P. ticket. A strong section of the labor movement, however, is opposed to this policy and seeks to revise the rules in a way that would permit trade unions to put forward their choice, regardless of what section of the working class political movement their candidates adhere to. And, as should be expected, the socialists, those lovers of pure democracy, are tearing their hair, and charging the Communists with favoring a dictatorship! How typical of socialists all the world over!

DURING the question period at the debate between Scott Nearing and Professor Le Ressignol, in Orchestra Hall, last Sunday, a socialist, or ex-socialist, by the name of Madsen, a member of the painters' union, asked Nearing a trick question, the kind usually asked by stoopigons during the war when trying to inveigle a speaker into an answer that would give him a free ticket to jail. Nearing was after saying that the American workers would have to follow the example of their Russian brothers in getting rid of capitalism. Madsen isp: "What would you do about doing this?" Instead of giving Mr. Madsen the expected lurid picture of capitalist heads decorating lamposts, and the bones of labor skates strewing the landscape, Nearing simply answered, "By organizing the workers and expropriating the capitalists." Madsen gasped and the chairman called for the next question.

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No sooner had the war started

Editor of Post There.

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CLOAKMAKERS IN ITALIAN LOCAL MOVE ON SIGMAN

Show Up Antonini at Progressive Rally

By ANTHONY RAMIGLIA.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

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26 BODIES ARE RECOVERED FROM WRECKED LAUNCH

38 Die in Ice-Crushed Boat in N. Y. Harbor

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Twenty-six bodies had been recovered thus afternoon from the launch Linseed King which sank in the North river earlier in the day after being wrecked by ice floes.

Three bodies were recovered from the water at the spot where the boat sank, three were picked up off Edgewater, N. J., and 20 were removed from the cabin of the submerged craft.

38 Dead.

Conservative estimates place the number originally aboard the launch at 62. There are 24 survivors, leaving 11 persons unaccounted for. Most of these are believed to be still in the cabin.

Terrific Struggle.

Evidence of the terrific struggle that went on in that tiny cabin as the boat sank was given when police recovered the bodies. Many of the victims were clutching life preservers which they had not had time to attach to their bodies.

Form New "Citizenship Foundation" to Fight Militant Workers

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red, white and blue literature, including a monthly called The American Citizen, leaflets and posters, and a textbook of citizenship training which speaks in the introduction of "labor oppression—carnivals of crime, blackmail, bribery."

Watch All Speakers.

In reality, as a private inspection of the office files revealed, the American Citizenship foundation keeps a close watch on all labor, liberal and pacifist personalities, noting where they speak, what impression they make and what influence they exert. Such persons as Jane Addams, Roger Baldwin, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Sherwood Eddy and William Z. Foster are on the blacklist of the foundation.

Dr. Thomas W. Davis, city statistician, welcomed the count and countess in place of Mayor Kendrick, who was absent from his office because of a heavy cold.

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DEMAND PROBE OF STATE DEPT. MEXICAN ACTS

La Guardia Asks About Press Propaganda

(Continued from page 1)
a desirable way out, but that again, in the opinion of those who are close to the administration, might bring war appreciably nearer.

The activities of the catholics in favor of war or anything that would aid them in their fight against the Mexican government are being intensified. The Knights of Columbus, in a series of pamphlets it is addressing to every member of congress, announces that it is raising a huge fund with which to continue its struggle to make the Calles government come to terms with the catholic church. For the first time in years, the ku klux klan, the American radicals, and the Communists of Russia are placed in the same category, and are charged with being in league to destroy civilization in Mexico.

All at Sea.
It is conceded that everyone here is at sea. While Kellogg and the American investors know what they want, and would probably stop at nothing to get it, they recognize the limitations to which they must confine their efforts, for sentiment is not particularly favorable to war, and will not be unless the encouragement the administration has given to adventurers in Mexico should suddenly result in some American being shot or some attacks made on American consulates.

Colombia Restores Voiced Concession to American Oil Interest

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 20.—It is reported that the controversy between the government and American oil interests over the Barco concession is ended, and that the concession, which was cancelled last February, will be restored to the American interests. It will then run the full length of its original time, to Oct. 31, 1965. The territory includes 2,000 square miles rich in oil deposits.

General Barco sold the concession in 1918 to American oil interests, reserving to himself 15 per cent royalty. His estate has disposed of a part of the shares in this royalty, 5 per cent of it being held by the Roman Catholic church, which has always refused to sell its portion. Majorities, both of the shares in the companies, and of the Barco royalties, are now held by Americans.

German Statesman Says War Could Have Been Averted With League

GENEVA, Dec. 20.—"If the nations had a league in 1914 the world war could have been averted," is the claim now being made by Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany following the closing of negotiations here on the control of German military activities, which apparently ended satisfactorily to the nations concerned.

"If the statesmen could have met for four or five weeks in 1914, just as the foreign ministers met at Locarno and Geneva and discussed the situation frankly and unreservedly, I am convinced that the great war would have been averted," he said.

America Immune to Culture. PARIS.—Sherwood Anderson, the American novelist, who is in this city says: "There is no danger of America's becoming cultured so long as the craze for standardization endures."

It's a Capitalist Santa Claus!



LONDON SHOWS U. S. BUILDING RUBBER EMPIRE

Firestone Tells of New Liberia

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Harvey Firestone, American rubber magnate, just returned from America's foothold in Africa, Liberia, relates that the million-acre rubber development in which he is the prime mover, is progressing rapidly and will soon be in a position to compete with the British East India monopoly on the precious raw product.

U. S. "Cecil Rhodes."

London papers refer to him as the American Cecil Rhodes in Africa. Firestone said that the Liberian government was "friendly" to the undertaking and had secured a loan from the United States to develop harbor facilities at Monrovia, presumably in preparation for the future rubber industry of the country.

Firestone also said: "We are having no difficulty in securing a sufficient labor force." Working-class comment in London remarks that this statement means plantation bondage for thousands of Negroes in Liberia and other portions of West Africa from which they may be procured. They can see no reason why American imperialism should treat these natives of Africa any different than the Belgians, British and Dutch have done, and there are no indications that this is so.

U. S. African Beginning.

Liberia is the only spot in the continent in which the United States has an actual hold, and it is seen here as the beginning of United States expansion in a continent already divided up among other powers.

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LIFELIKE APPEARANCE OF LENIN'S BODY DUE TO EMBALMER'S SKILL

Canadian Government Asked to Act Against Emigration to U. S.

MOSCOW, Dec. 20.—Of the more than three million people who have viewed the body of Lenin, lying in its case of glass, many have been puzzled. The simple-minded peasant has insisted that he still lives. The sophisticated have laughed at the innocence of the peasant and have said that it was a wax figure, substituted for the body.

Both have been wrong. Prof. Schilling, a German scientist, especially invited by the Soviet government to pass on the matter, explains the phenomenon by asserting that the life-like appearance of the body, three years after death, is due entirely to a wonderful job of embalming. It is without doubt the best known example of the embalmer's art carried to perfection. Prof. Schilling reported that even the skin of the face was still perfectly elastic.

Mussolini Arrests Group from France

MILAN—On their arrival from France arrests were made of former socialist deputies Gonzales and Zivardi, Doctors Giordani and Pirri, and the socialist leader, Turati, who had been exiled. No announcement has been made as to what charges are preferred against them, other than that they are not wanted on Italian soil.

Pray But Don't Pay. LISBON—The American Methodist mission at Angola, Portuguese West Africa, are accused by papers here of exploiting the natives. It is charged that the missionaries hire them to build roads and then fail to pay them. Certain of the missionaries, by name, are charged with abusing the government's hospitality extended to them in permitting them to proselytize there.

Mikado Still Alive, But Death Is Nearing. LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Evening News from Tokio stated the emperor's condition is most grave. The Japanese foreign office has requested the British, American and German embassies to cancel their Christmas celebrations.

EMPLOYED AND JOBLESS MUST JOIN IN CRISIS

Permanent Unemployment Faces Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Decline and bankruptcy of the capitalist system in Germany demands that the great army of unemployed and the employed workers join hands. This was emphasized at the national conference of the unemployed here, attended by 429 delegates representing workers throughout the country. The unemployment situation in Germany is diagnosed as being permanent, instead of temporary, and nothing short of a united front of the unemployed and the employees can save the German working class from utter slavery, it was pointed out at the conference.

The delegates demanded the 8-hour day for all workers in Germany and immediate employment for the jobless.

The conference meets at a time when the political situation is very acute, with the social-democratic Marx government preparing to carry thru a number of oppressive measures designed to strip the masses of what few rights they now possess. When Chancellor Marx was informed of the demand for the 8-hour day he scorned the petition.

Communists Predominate.

Of the delegates attending, representing constituencies of 1,000 to 3,000 electors, 254 are members of the Communist Party of Germany. Thirty-three are social-democrats, and 117 had no party affiliation.

Canadian Government Asked to Act Against Emigration to U. S.

OTTAWA, Can., Dec. 20.—The steady trek of Canadians across the border into the United States threatens to become an important issue of the present session of parliament. Opposition leaders intimated they intend to ask the government why, when millions of dollars are being spent to bring immigrants to Canada the country is facing a depopulation of her native sons. They intend to ask the government to formulate a policy that will keep Canadian sons on the northern side of the international boundary line.

Develop "Electric Eye" to Penetrate Darkness with New Television

LONDON, Dec. 20.—An "electric eye," which is able to penetrate darkness, is a new development in television which John Baird, inventor of the "television" has discovered, according to the Daily Mail.

"This is accomplished by isolating and then employing rays which are outside the visible spectrum," explained Baird.

Baird explained that in military aviation it might be possible to scour the skies with this ray and the results of its penetration would be thrown on a screen at the place of operation of the ray.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN LETTER

SIDNEY, Australia (By Mail).—The special conference of the New South Wales branch of the Australian labor party was to open Nov. 12. The conference will consider the proposed new rules, and also the disunity in the parliamentary labor party. From the left wing point of view the new rules are the more important of the two, because as they are proposed they will enable the industrial movement to control the political wing. They will also allow members of the Communist Party to represent their unions on the A. L. P. conference and allow them to be elected to the executive committee. If this portion of the rules is adopted we will soon show them how to deal with disunity in the parliamentary party.

Much Intrigue.

Much intriguing is going on regarding the conference and many secret meetings are being held, but it is impossible to say, even at this late hour, which section will win out. One thing is certain, Premier Lang will dominate the conference, and if he supports the new rules they will be carried.

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Window Framers' Strike.

For six weeks there has been a strike at Dobson & Wormald's window frame works at Sydney. This firm has displaced members of the engineering union with boys and unskilled laborers. Everybody was called out, including the boys, who responded remarkably well. Scabs were placed in the vacant positions, and the firm carried on production, but the building trades unions rallied to the support of the strikers by refusing to handle the window frames produced by scab labor. This had the desired effect, and the management has capitulated by agreeing to reinstate the whole of the men previously employed; also to dispense with the services of all the scabs. The disputes committee of the labor council conducted the dispute.

Chinese Sailors Victimized.

Another successful fight conducted by the disputes committee was the case of the Chinese crew of the S. S. Malabar. It is the custom for the crews of vessels to be paid a certain amount for lodgings ashore when their quarters are being fumigated. In this case the crew, consisting of 67 Chinese, did not receive the necessary money, and as a consequence they went into the saloon and slept there. About midnight an officer strolled along and kicked the Chinese out of the saloon. They had no alternative but to sleep on deck, without any covering of any kind. The Chinese decided to come out on strike until the offending officer was dismissed. The disputes committee took the matter in hand, with the result that the officer was dismissed.

Importing Workers.

Migrants are being brought into New South Wales in great numbers lately. Many of them are coming from Italy and other southern European countries. Many are young boys from Britain. These boys are being used for the purpose of lowering the standard of living in this country.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The free speech fight is not over yet. Men and women are still being jailed for speaking in the Botanic Park.

The timber workers employed on the wharves are threatening to strike if they are not paid at the same rate as the wharf laborers. J. RYAN.

GERMAN AND FRENCH IN POTASH COMBINATION

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The tentative agreement framed at Lugano last April between the representatives of the potash industries in France and Germany was made definite for a period of at least seven years at a meeting held in Paris this week.

The treaty will probably be signed in Paris at the end of December or in the first days of January. Neither the French nor the German officials show any desire to discuss the terms of the agreement until the signatures are affixed.

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COAL MINE BOSS BLOCKS VOTING OF PROGRESSIVES

Vesta Changes Procedure to Aid Lewis

By a Worker Correspondent.
BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—For the past six years it has been the custom of the coal miners of Local Union No. 2399, Dalsyton, Pa., to vote by the check board at the mine in the election of national and district officers.

Because the membership of Local 2399, composed of about 1,400 members, is progressive and was backing John Brophy and the "Save the Union" ticket, Joe Edwards, manager of the Vesta Coal company mine refused to permit the miners to vote by the check board as before.

Bosses Help Lewis.

The management knew that the miners of the local were for the progressive ticket and decided to eliminate as many progressive votes as possible, to help the John L. Lewis machine become re-elected. The denial of the customary voting method means that more than 600 members of the union could not vote on election day because they would have to walk four or five miles to go to the meeting hall or any voting place.

Grand Rapids Likened to Passaic in Speech to Furniture Workers

By a Worker Correspondent.
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 20.—A most inspiring and instructive message to the workers of the unorganized regions of western Michigan, was delivered by Albert Weisbord at a well attended meeting held at the Workmen's Circle Temple here.

Following the introduction by the chairman, Comrade Arnold Ziegler, the speaker, after giving a brief history of the textile industry itself, declared that Passaic is not an exception; but that many little towns engaged in a certain industry are spread all over the United States, even as the unorganized furniture industry right here in Grand Rapids. "This city too, must follow the lead and courage of the textile workers, and organize its ranks," he said.

The workers, who contributed well to the collection and bought many Passaic strike pamphlets, are now looking forward to breaking the unchallenged power of the Grand Rapids furniture trust.

Gurley Flynn Inspires Oakland Workers with Speech on I. L. D. Work

By a Worker Correspondent.
OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 20.—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, addressed Oakland comrades on the Passaic strike. Oakland workers were thrilled by the portrayal of the drama, which has been going on in Passaic for 10 months.

Gurley Flynn brought a new note of militancy to the Oakland workers, as she outlined the history of the establishment of the I. L. D., the scope of its important functions, as a permanent shield, for the class conscious, militant workers inside and outside of the organized labor unions.

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FIGHT BETWEEN OLD PARTIES IN MASSACHUSETTS BRINGS TO LIGHT BIG CORRUPTION OF BOTH OF THEM

By SIDNEY BLOOMFIELD.
(Worker Correspondent.)

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 20.—The political pot in Massachusetts is now reaching the boiling point. The recent election campaign is now having its repercussion in the form of charges, threats and exposures. Tweedledee and Tweedledee and visa versa. And thereby the sordid and corrupt political practices of both capitalist parties, the republicans and democrats, stand out in bold relief.

The democrats gained victory by the election of David I. Walsh to the senate, from Massachusetts. But they are not content with stopping here.

They are already preparing for the 1928 elections. And what can be a better issue than having the goods on an opponent? So, accordingly, the democrats

are now rubbing salt into the wounds of the defeated republican state machine.

Probe Republicans.

The first blow was struck a few weeks ago, when Conrad W. Crooker, who styles himself as counsel for the Massachusetts Liberal Civic League, an organization that has no membership, and still less followers, appeared at the state house with stenographers, copied the returns of the expenditures as filed by the republican state committee and wired Chairman Reed of the United States senate investigating committee of his findings. Reed, being a democrat, naturally replied that he would tackle the job of investigating the election expenditures of the republican state committee as soon as he could.

Charge Democrats.

The opening shot in the campaign was fired by Walsh, for the democrats, who made the prediction that the republicans would spend tremendous amounts of money to buy the election of Butler. To this charge Senator Gillette, the senior senator from this state, replied that the democrats would spend more money than the republicans.

Preparing Ground.

Upon this basis the democrats are preparing the sentiment of the voters for a clean sweep for 1928. But those who know Massachusetts politics and politicians knew that the charges made by both Senators Walsh and Gillette respecting expenditure of enormous sums were true and neither lied.

In order to offset suspicion, William Gaston, Walsh's running mate for governor, declared publicly that he had contributed about \$9,860, which, even if it were true, was too much for the debt he suffered at the hands of Alvin Fuller, who, like Gaston, is a millionaire.

Gave \$18,000.

But now, in the midst of Crooker's charges, comes the financial report to the state house as filed by the democratic state committee, which shows that Colonel Gaston had spent in contributions to the democratic committee under various dates and as William Gaston, P. Gaston, May L. Gaston, etc., the small but neat sum of \$18,650.

"Poor" David.

The "poor" David I. Walsh, as he was pictured by the democratic campaign spellbinders, spent only \$1,500. The liquor interests under the name of the "Association Opposed to the Prohibition Amendment" contributed \$19,005 on one date and \$8,161 on another date. A long list of patrons contributed in sums of \$1,000. Some of the long list of contributors to the democratic fund are listed thusly: R. Burnett, \$1,000; Harry Burnett, \$1,000; John T. Burnett, \$1,000, etc.

The listing of contributions under various names such as the above is clear that all of these names represent but groups of individual contributors who split up the sum under various names. Nor do the expenditures of the democrats refute the counter-charges of Senator Gillette. Edmund Talbot, mayor of Fall River.

NOT ENOUGH POLICE FOR GUARDING CHILDREN, BUT PLENTY FOR PAPER SCABS

By FLORENCE PROFKY.
(Worker Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—"Not enough police to protect human lives, but plenty to protect scabs and beat up strikers." This seems to be the slogan of the New York police department, according to statements made at a meeting of school children's parents at Morris high school.

We were told that upon request for more policemen to guard children's lives in their coming to and going from school our present police commissioner claimed that there were not enough policemen to spare for the traffic squads.

This statement startled mothers whose husbands are paper box workers. They thought of the activity of police in the strike, of two policemen on each wagon guarding scabs, of the policemen in front of the scab shop, of strikers being constantly beat up by the officers and taken to jail.

"Not enough policemen!"

who ran as democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor, received for his expense on election day \$2,500, while Joseph B. Ely, who was nominated candidate for governor in the primaries by the voters, but who was forced to relinquish his position by the state machine in favor of millionaire Gaston, whom Ely defeated, was given \$4,500 as "election day expense." Charles McGee, another democrat who was nominated in the primaries by the democratic voters and who, despite his name, did not stick as a result of pressure put upon him by the democratic bosses, was given \$900 as his share of "election day expenses," and Johnny Fitzgerald got his bit in the sum of \$4,375, etc., down the line.

Crooker Got His.

But the irony of it all is the fact that Conrad Crooker, the self-styled defender of the people and crusader against corruption, is also listed in the democratic returns as having received from the campaign fund the following sums: \$150, \$250, \$385 and \$800.

If nothing else but the two financial reports of the democrats and republicans were to be studied as an example of political freedom and equality in the United States, there is no doubt in the mind of any thinking worker that the capitalist dictatorship, as expressed thru both capitalist parties, stands here revealed in its brutal nakedness.

Leader of Los Angeles Republicans Sentenced to Leavenworth; Fined

By a Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—W. D. Mitchell, prominent financier and politician of Fresno, Cal., was sentenced yesterday to serve 15 months in Leavenworth penitentiary and pay a fine of \$1,000 for using the mail to defraud. Mitchell was a candidate for the republican nomination for governor at the last primary.

S. E. Whiting, who, according to the evidence at the trial of Mitchell and his four associates, sold \$128,000 worth of stock in the Mitchell-Virden Lumber Company, which failed to pay dividends, was an "agent" of Mitchell, the judge said, when he sentenced him to the Fresno county jail for six months and ordered him to pay a \$750 fine.

Charles W. Virden, president of the California Fruit Distributors and the Virden Packing company, and J. M. Brainer, lumberman, were also given light sentences and small fines.

PREACHER GIVES MUCH PUBLICITY TO L. A. ATHEISTS

Queen Silver Again Is Publishing

By L. P. RINDALL.
(Worker Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Queen Silver's Magazine, after being suspended for a year, is now once more being published. In the future it will be a monthly instead of quarterly. Its editor and publisher, Queen Silver, was 18 years old on Dec. 13. Her magazine is devoted to atheism, evolution and revolutionary propaganda. She has been lecturing and writing on these lines since she was 8 years old. Queen is also secretary of the "Devil's Angels," the largest branch of the A. A. A. in any city of America. The January number, just published, contains the lecture, "The Godlessness of Ignorance."

Gives Atheism Publicity.

The press, past and present, has been good enough to give atheism and Queen Silver's Magazine some publicity. And now a prominent preacher comes along with a "helping" hand. He is Rev. R. P. Shuler, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, member of the executive committee of the Church Federation, editor and publisher of Bob Shuler's Magazine, author of "McPherson" and the greatest enemy of Almeda Semple McPherson. An article in the December number of Bob Shuler's Magazine says:

"Unnecessary God."

"The Los Angeles market is now completely submerged beneath a deluge of atheistic literature, chief of which is a journal published by a Jew by the name of E. Haldeman Julius, who comes out quite recently in a brazen and insulting editorial on 'Unnecessary Gods.' We note that a few days after the appearance of this editorial upon the streets the announcement is made thru a poster that a self-appointed 'Queen Silver' has launched an organization to be known as 'The Devil's Angels' and is soliciting members in Los Angeles."

Hints Deportation of Atheists.

After having defended "the glorious history of the christian religion," Rev. Shuler continues, saying that "there are still some spots on the face of the earth where there is no christianity. Why do not E. Haldeman Julius, Queen Silver and all of their ilk secure passage and sail to those delightful ports?"

This deportation hint sounds like the voice of a bloody 100 per cent un-American kluxer. Does it not?

Part of another article in the same magazine says:

"Godly Criminals and Criminal Gods." This is the subject announced for next meeting by "The Devil's Angels," otherwise known as the Los Angeles branch of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, of which Queen Silver, rather spectacularly known about the Los Angeles Plaza as secretary. A cordial invitation to attend is extended this editor. We take no stock in these organizations that are seeking to break down christianity and stable government that aim alike at the Bible and the flag."

Preachers Criminals, Shuler Admits.

"And yet," Bob Shuler says, "we do wish to call attention to the fact that there are entirely too many so-called ministers in the headlines of today, with their crimes against god and man, against decency and honor, against law and justice, string down the columns"

Young Asia Society Holds Conference in Chicago, December 27

A two-day conference in Chicago is announced by Young Asia for Dec. 27-28. Young Asia is an organization of Chinese, Hindus, Filipinos, Koreans and other orientals in the United States, formed to interest the youth of Asia in the struggle against imperialism.

J. Nandedkar of room 48, 106 N. La Salle street, Chicago, is the chairman of Young Asia.

Russian Fraction W. P. Will Meet Tonight at Workers' House

The Chicago Russian fraction of the Workers (Communist) Party will meet Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 8 p. m., at the Workers' House, 1902 W. Division St. Final arrangements for the Novy Mir Masquerade Ball to be given Saturday, Dec. 25 at Mirror Hall, will be made.

Navy Militarists to Stage Congress Debate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—America's naval strength, claimed feeble, will be injected into congressional debate, it is learned, following the conclusion of hearings by the house naval affairs committee.

The hearings have disclosed that the United States has fallen far below the 5-5-3 ratio established at the Washington arms conference, said Representative Britton of Illinois.

"We are deficient not only in the arms limited by that agreement, but in aircraft and other fleet arms as well," he claimed.

YOUNG COMRADE SECTION

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"



With the Workers Or the Bosses?

With whom are you—with the workers or bosses? Write in and tell us!

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By Mike Mandich, Cass City, Mich. I am on the workers' side because I am a worker myself and so are my folks. I would not be worth living if I was to go on the bosses' side and the bosses' government, to help them fight the workers. It would mean that I am fighting against my own parents and friends.

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By John Bobinec, Dayton, Ohio.

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CHRISTMAS EVE BALL PROGRAM FEATURES STARS

Workers' School Affair Draws All Workers

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The full program of the annual Christmas Eve ball of the Workers' School, to be held this coming Friday night, Dec. 24, at New Star Casino, has been announced by the entertainment committee. It includes the dancer, Dorsha; the concertina, Matusewich; Nina Wolfe, violinist; Freiheit Mandolin Quartet, and a novelty feature will be provided by Righthand, a musician whose instrument is an ordinary carpenter's saw and who can get from it classical music.

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LEFT WING IN JEWELER UNION REVEALS POWER

Beardsley Has Hard Time to "Rule" Union

By a Worker Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The elections held in Local 1, International Jewelry Workers' Union last August was won by the right wingers, due to their control of the offices of the union, but the progressives have not lost control over the membership meetings; on the contrary their power is growing steadily. Beardsley, the organizer and his gang, being aware of this and fearing the coming elections in January, have decided to "act."

Pass "Hush" Laws.

A special meeting was called by the local for the purpose of adopting "resolutions." The letter did not state what kind of resolutions. A the meeting the bomb exploded: (1) you must not discuss union activity anywhere outside of the local; (2) must not distribute any literature or leaflets without sanction of office; (3) election to be held once a year instead of every six months as was the custom.

Poor right wingers—they had to work hard, postpone and drag out the meeting to carry these resolutions by a vote of 57 to 50. This vote revealed the strength of the left wingers, and we can assure the right wingers that the "devil will get his due." No hush laws will cover up their record of failures.

Envied Sigman.

Beardsley was really jealous of his "roommates," who were ruling with an iron hand in some needle trades locals, but alas! he had no local worthwhile to "rule" so he had to stand for the criticism of the lefts. Now, thanks to the efforts of the lefts, a campaign was made and quite a few members were taken in. Instead of solidifying the local and attempting to really fight for better conditions, he got busy trying to crush the progressive needle trades unions in company with the slugger-hero Beckerman and arch-betrayer Sigman. Beardsley started a drive to "clean" the unions of Communism, but indications are abundant that he will be given the baton by his own local before very long.

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FUR WORKERS MAKE PROTEST BEFORE FEDERATION AGAINST BREAKING UP OF GOLD MEETING BY ITS MEMBERS

Protest against the part played by officials of the Chicago Federation of Labor and members of affiliated unions in breaking up the meeting of the Fur Workers' Union here, because Ben Gold, leader of the New York furriers' strike, spoke, was made on the floor of the federation meeting Sunday. R. Goldstein, delegate to the C. F. of L. from the fur workers, told the delegates

into effect on July 1, 1927, for three years. Details on other working conditions and wages were left to be settled by a committee of the union and the manufacturer. New standards of pay are being negotiated for, he reported.

Fur Workers' Agreement.

Goldstein of the fur workers reported that his union has obtained a 40-hour week, but that it was granted only for the slack season. In the busy season they must work 44 hours a week, he said. This was only a partial victory. The reason the Chicago union made the demand, however, he reported, was because of the fur workers' strike in New York for the same demand.

Take Up School Situation.

Action by the federation to gain for the school teachers of Chicago better salaries and to abolish the evil of large classes in the schools, was urged by the Chicago Federation of Teachers, represented by Delegate Mead. Mead pointed out that the teachers were fighting three evils in the school system, the introduction of the "speed-up" ideas of modern industry into the schools, low wages for teachers, and over-large classes.

Rap Inequitable Taxes.

The excuse the administration gives for the condition is that the school system has not sufficient money to remedy the situation, Mead declared.

For that reason the teachers are conducting a campaign to have large corporations who are now evading taxes to pay only a small amount of what they should pay, be made to pay just amounts.

In this connection President Fitzpatrick pointed out that \$32,000,000 worth of property in Cook county is escaping taxation. Out of \$36,000,000 in property in the county only \$4,000,000 is assessed, he said. "It is high time that the Chicago Federation of Labor raises its voice in protest against this," he said. "Evasion of taxation by the corporations means that the cost of government is taken from the backs and stomachs of the workers."

He suggested that a campaign of education over the radio station be conducted to inform the people of Chicago of this inequitable situation.

Paul Rapaport of the capmakers reported that an agreement had been reached whereby this organization obtains the 40-hour five-day week, to go

MANY "PASSAICS" IN UNITED STATES, SAYS WEISBORD, WHO FINDS WORKERS EAGER TO LEARN OF TEXTILE STRIKE

There are many Passaics in the United States. Workers in many industrial centers in the country are experiencing the same conditions that prevailed in Passaic; they possess the same spirit, which needs only to be crystallized." So says Albert Weisbord, leader of the Passaic textile strike, in Chicago, who is now on a speaking tour that is taking him into practically every industrial center in the country. Weisbord has been on his tour for two months, and will continue for nearly three months more. On his tour he has come in contact with countless numbers of workers, who gathered for his speeches on the Passaic strike, in which he carried the message of the strike to the workers of all industries.

Great Interest in Passaic.
There is great interest in the Passaic strike, its causes, its results, and what it demonstrated to the labor movement throughout the country," Weisbord said. Everywhere the workers are eager to learn of the great strike, he reports. In many cities, even of officials of American Federation of Labor organizations attended the meetings and took active part in the discussion, despite the warnings of the higher-up A. F. of L. officials to "stay away from Weisbord meetings."

Many Buy Pamphlets.

An extraordinary large sale of pamphlets on the strike is strong evidence of the great interest being displayed in the strike and the strike tactics employed, Weisbord points out. His tour has been a real success both from the standpoint of awakening the country's workers to Passaic and from the financial standpoint. The workers have contributed to few causes, as they have for Passaic at the meetings.

Will Rally to Defense.
Weisbord is traveling while he is under indictment on five charges, brought against him for his activity in Passaic. The enthusiasm he has created will serve, it is felt, to create a great wave of public opinion in his favor in case the charges are prosecuted. He is charged with sedition, hostility to the government, distribution of Communist literature, inciting a riot, and carrying weapons. The political character of the charges is readily seen. An attempt to imprison the strike leader will undoubtedly be made, and when it is, the thousands of supporters Weisbord has made in speaking tour will rally to his defense. If the charges are upheld, Weisbord would face a prison sentence from 5 to 63 years.

Several unsuccessful attempts to break up the meetings and prevent

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WESTERN UNION OPERATORS PUT ON 'PART TIME'

Rump Union Soft-Soaps Exploited Workers

By a Worker Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—One hundred and fifty Morse operators, employed at the Western Union Telegraph Co., were put on part time basis this month, as a result of the speed-up system introduced by the company.

Machines Replace Men.

The Western Union has developed and installed telegraph machines whereby any young boy or girl, trained for a period of two to three months, can produce more than any skilled telegraph Morse operator. The average Morse operator can send or receive 30 to 40 telegrams an hour, while the machine operator can do about 100 in the same time.

A good operator gets \$35 to \$40 a week, a machine operator only between \$18 and \$23. Very few get above that rate.

Blat Workers' Hopes.

The Western Union, which has been paying the Morse men very low wages for years, feeding them with hopes of steady jobs, seniority rights and higher wages—is rewarding them now with four-hour shifts.

The company union, instead of attempting to remedy the situation, is preaching "humanitarianism." The bulletin boards on every floor are filled with company union brochures.

Six Building Trades Unions in Seattle on 5-Day Week Standard

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Seattle, Wash., leads in the number of building trades unions having a recognized five-day work week, as far as a survey has been able to discover. Painters, plasterers, fitters, plumbers and steamfitters, and electricians in Seattle are all enjoying the shorter work week.

Painters in New York, Boston, Bridgeport, Newark, San Francisco, Portland, Scranton and Seattle, as well as in many smaller towns, have the five-day week.

President George F. Hedrick of the painters' international union has stated that \$5,000 out of a total of 110,000 unionized painters have the five-day week.

Plasterers in Boston, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Providence, Pittsburgh and Seattle are under the five-day week. Lathers in Boston, Buffalo, Seattle and Pittsburgh have it.

Silk Workers Receive Wage Cut as "Present"

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J., Dec. 20.—Workers at Tirrell Bros. Silk Co. have been given a wage cut just before the holidays. Workers are posted at 12 per cent less pay and weavers at 1½ cents less per yard. The Reynolds Mill is closed.

Two other mills, Standard and Wallace, are not expecting to put in pay cuts, officials say.

Service Company Must Pay Youth for Burns

The Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, after vainly trying to secure first a new trial and later an order for an arrested judgment, has been ordered by Judge Marcus Kavanaugh to pay \$20,000 to Theodore Jansha, 20 years old, of Waukegan, Ill. A jury had awarded Jansha that amount for burns received from a high tension electric wire.

Texas Oil Company.
AUSTIN, Texas—The state of Texas, claiming title to 608 acres in Harris county, has brought suit for \$50,000,000 against the Atlantic & Gulf Petroleum Co. for oil and gas taken from the land.

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RECEIVER TAKES CAR LINE; CITY TALKS SUBWAY

Traction Muddle Grows Ever Muddier

Two important developments in the city's transportation question are the receivership for the Chicago Railways Co. and the report of the council's transportation committee recommending the immediate starting of subways.

While a receivership for the surface lines was expected Feb. 1, when the franchise expires and the bonds fall due, it was a surprise when it was announced that on petition of the Westinghouse Electric Co., and with the consent of the railway's directors, Federal Judge Wilkerson had already appointed receivers. The receivership extends to only a part of the surface lines, which are a consolidation of several companies. It does not affect the Chicago City Railway Co., the Calumet and South Chicago Railway Co., or the Southern Street Railway Co., operating on the South Side.

The court authorized the road affected to continue unified operation with the other lines, thus insuring the issuance of transfers as usual. Whether the city will participate in its share of the company's receipts, 55 per cent, is a question.

Mayor Dever charges that the receivership is dishonest and that its effect will be to take control of the lines from the Illinois commerce commission and will block the city's effort to have municipal control indefinitely.

The council hastened to grant a six months' extension of the present and expiring franchise. President Busby of the Chicago City Railway Co., one of the lines not in receivership, announces that his company will accept the grant of an extension.

Plan for Subway.

Meanwhile the transportation committee had recommended to the council immediate steps to build two subways as a start in that means of solution, one on State street between the elevated structures at Roosevelt road and Chicago avenue, and west to Franklin; the other to be a curve from the Washington street tunnel east to Michigan boulevard, south to Jackson, west to Franklin, and south to the Van Buren street tunnel. The cost of these, it is planned, is to be split between the city and the owners of property to be benefited. The property owners are yet to be heard from in this matter. None have so far rushed forward with certified checks.

The tunnels are to be used partly by the surface lines and partly by the elevated system.

The program contemplates submitting the scheme to the voters at the primary on Feb. 22.

Dover and the Commission.

By coincidence, while all this is going on the Illinois Municipal Conference is holding its meetings in the city. Mayor Dever, in speaking of the conference, urged the repeal of the act establishing the Illinois commerce commission. He claims that its decisions are only obeyed by the transportation companies when they are favorable, but contested in the courts when they do not please.

At the same conference Professor Merriam urged an amendment to the state constitution permitting cities to issue bonds for the purpose of buying their public utilities. "The law permits dissatisfied cities to purchase their public utilities," he said, "but it makes no provision whereby the necessary money may be raised."

Who Shall Control?

Thus the immediate question of transportation for Chicago is mixed up with the question of where control of franchises shall lie—whether in home rule, as advocated by the mayor, or at Springfield, as the transportation companies wish, according to the mayor's charges against them. The mayor says that while all the city asks is proper service on the part of the companies, what the latter most desire is to engineer the control from the city council to the commerce commission or the legislature at Springfield. It is this which, according to Dever, has caused the companies to delay the building of needed extensions to its present systems.

Mussolini Unable to Come to Chicago Saturday, December 25

Sigmar Mussolini sent his regrets for being unable to attend the Novy Mir masquerade ball next Saturday, Dec. 25, at Mirror hall, 1140 North Western avenue, near Division street. He promised to name his representatives, the black shirts, there. Kerenky, Nijukov and a couple of grand dukes may be present, if permitted to land by the state department.

The worker correspondents' class of Chicago, the DAILY WORKER, the Young Worker, the Young Comrade and many other comrades will be there. Beginning at 6:30 p. m. Ending? . . . Nobody knows his end.

Asks Bar to Prison-Made Goods.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Otto Nichols, general organizer for the United garment Workers, has asked the industrial survey commission to prepare a bill prohibiting in New York the sale of prison-made goods from other states, unless they are so labeled.

The Manager's Corner

Red Corners.

Comrade Tomsky, head of the All-Russian Trade Union Council, reporting at the 15th Party Conference of the Communist Party of the U. S. S. R., calls attention to the fact that from December 1, 1925 to June 1926 the number of Red Corners in Russia increased from 16,000 to 19,000. These Red Corners have become cultural centers for the Russian workers, their chief weapons against ignorance and illiteracy, the main channel for adult proletarian education. These corners are, of course, conducted with the full support and encouragement of the trade unions and the government.

The Russian workers are fortunate, insofar as they have been able to establish for themselves a system of proletarian education to combat the legacy of ignorance and illiteracy, which czarism and capitalism has left them. But the workers of America are not so fortunate. The education of capitalism is the education of submission to exploitation and slavery. It therefore behoves those American workers, who realize the vicious influences which are being brought to bear to tighten the fetters of wage slavery upon them, to create their own instruments of proletarian culture and education. Something has already been done along this line through the establishment of Lenin Circles, (self-culture groups) in various cities throughout the country. These circles devote one evening a week to the serious study of Communist literature. A book is read by one comrade and from time to time questions are asked and the points raised are discussed and explained. The possibilities for this sort of self-culture are considerable. In fact no group of radicals, whether it be in the party, the trade unions or other organization, can avoid stagnation unless some work of this kind is carried on.

In order to encourage the formation of Lenin Circles or Red Corners the DAILY WORKER will publish from time to time, a set of stimulating and thought-provoking questions by Will Herberg dealing with some Communist book. These questions should be used as a basis for Lenin Circles throughout the country. The DAILY WORKER will do everything in its power to assist these self-culture groups. It will also be glad to hear what established groups are doing and to give others the benefit of whatever experience they have obtained.

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