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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-bogged 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 GARIBOLDI, 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 tacitly the ex-socialist deputy Zamboni 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 Zamboni 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 out-thrown 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-Orniston case has been a 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 Orniston. That gentleman was good for a series of rehearsed 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 (Continued on page 2)

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.

"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 patrioteering outfits, the American Sentinels fathered by Joseph B. Strauss and the United Americans whose paternity seems to trace back to Charles W. Folds.

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 noticeably 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 superseded an ultra-reactionary one, had resulted in a certain let-up in 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 misters 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 opposed 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.

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 councillor, Jose Penelon, 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 councillors among the various political parties as follows: The Irigoyenista Radicals—a left wing petty-bourgeois party—will now have 17 seats; the Alvearista 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 Communist. In the last elections they received only 886 votes.

S. P. Loses.

The socialist party lost considerably. They elected only 4 councillors, 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 dissensions 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' strike 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 "ridding 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 Trades 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 law 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 18,000 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 election 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 (Continued on page 2)

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 Flack, 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

PRESIDENT Coolidge, Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Secretary of Labor Davis are demanding the enactment of legislation to prevent strikes in the bituminous coal industry.

President Coolidge makes a recommendation for the passage of this kind of legislation in his message to congress. Coal operators, hitherto reluctant to permit the invasion of government in this field except in the form of troops sent in to aid in breaking strikes, are reported to have been convinced of the necessity and value of such legislation by the example of the operation of the Watson-Parker law and by the practical certainty of a strike next spring.

President John L. Lewis is a member of the National Committee of the republican party. The proposed legislation is party legislation recommended by the head of the capitalist party of which Lewis is an active member.

What has President Lewis to say to the miners on this vital subject?

Does he consider that the arbitration agreement he signed for the anthracite coal fields establishes a precedent for compulsory arbitration—veiled under "voluntary" phraseology as in the Watson-Parker law—for the whole coal industry?

What have the rest of the leadership of the American labor movement to say concerning the proposed anti-strike legislation?

Officialdom is making war upon the Workers (Communist) Party of America because it fights with all its power against open or concealed forms of compulsory arbitration and the worker-employer co-operation policy whose logical and inevitable result is just such anti-strike legislation as Coolidge proposes.

Our program for the defeat of anti-strike legislation which will come before this session of congress is a united front of all sections of the labor movement on this one basic issue.

We propose that all forces of labor unite to defeat this measure and if unsuccessful in preventing its passage, to continue the struggle by mobilizing the labor movement and the whole working class for mass disobedience of anti-strike laws.

What is the program of the official leadership of American labor?

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.

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 a 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.)

LEWIS BEATEN BY BROPHY IN DISTRICT FIVE

Siders Makes 3 to 1 Showing Over Fagan

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 20.—Returns from eight local unions in this district (District Five) indicate that in the United Mine Workers' elections the miners here gave John Brophy, head of the "Save the Union" ticket, a large majority over John L. Lewis, and that Fred Siders, the left wing candidate, decisively defeated P. T. Fagan in the contest for district president.

Tabulated results are as follows:

Local Union	Brophy	Lewis
524	203	24
2210	98	21
106	17	10
2230	167	69
2232	88	71
2399	285	22
5085	253	130
5380	6	3

In these same locals Siders pooled 1253 votes to 400 cast for Fagan, the machine candidate.

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 118.

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,' 'sacriligious,' '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 1/2 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 magazine declares that the arbitrators 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 Eve celebration 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 oil it feeds to the public.

Another moron will bedevil 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 sob-sister of both sexes on the capitalist press and every pseudo mental 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 side without purpose or aim. On the other side poverty. Both extremes are hothouses 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—graffers 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 battle-ship 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 Renssaignon, in Orchestra Hall, last Sunday, a socialist, or ex-socialist, by the name of Madson, a member of the painters' union, asked Nearing a trick question, the kind usually asked by stooge-punks 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. Madson asked: "How would you go about doing this?" Instead of giving Mr. Madson the expected lurid picture of capitalist heads decorating lamp-posts, and the bones of labor skates strewn the landscape, Nearing simply answered, "By organizing the workers and expropriating the capitalists." Madson gasped and the chairman called for the next question.

Poison Gas "Humane" Method of War. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Without a roll call, the senate yesterday sent back to committee the treaty outlawing the use of poison gas in war time, and paved the way for what some senators declared would mean the use of gas in the next war that will destroy whole nations of unarmed women and children. The opposition which developed forced Senator Borah to move that withdrawal of the treaty for the present. It is expected that the treaty will not be brought up again at this session.

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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)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The progressive members of Local 89, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, issued a call for a meeting of the members of Local 89 on Friday evening, December 17, at the Italian Progressive Center. The circular calling the meeting pointed out the fact that Luigi Antonini, manager of Local 89, had among other things deliberately and fraudulently misrepresented the membership of Local 89 in a communication to the press, in which communication it was said that Local 89 at a meeting had decided to stand in back of Morris Sigman in the latter's actions against the General Strike Committee.

To Expose Fraud. "The fact was that Local 89 did not meet regularly and express itself upon the present situation in the international. This meeting was called for the purpose of exposing this fraudulent act as well as the whole treacherous conduct of Sigman and his Italian cohorts to the Italian members."

The meeting was called for six o'clock. At six precisely, Antonini, Crivello, with some members of Local 89 executive board—and some unknown, ugly looking gents, marched into the hall. They felt for the moment that they were in their own element, and proceeded to elect a chairman and secretary of the meeting. But just as they had saddled themselves the progressive element began to arrive.

Taken Down. Mr. Antonini, in a peacock fashion, was holding forth, announcing to the universe, that he was ready to answer not only the charges against him, but would go into the whole left and right side situation in the I. L. G. W. U. and establish who was responsible for the confusion and demoralization in the cloakmakers' organization.

Amico, business agent for Local 89, arose thereupon, and made the point that Antonini had deliberately lied when in the communication to the "Giustizia," the official Italian organ of the I. L. G. W. U., he had caused to be stated that the membership of Local 89 had at a meeting endorsed Sigman and his traitorous conduct.

Fake Meeting. Amico further stated that Local 89 was not regularly convened to pass upon the situation, that a meeting of 30 men and one woman, some of these members of Local 48, had been secretly called at the headquarters of the Women's Trade Union League, and there between these 31 funkies the resolution supporting Sigman had been adopted. Antonini then arose to explain away this lampid proof of his perfidy. He admitted that the meeting, at which Sigman's "policies" were adopted, was not a free and regular meeting of members, "but a meeting of active spirits."

At this juncture, Frank Coco arose and stated, "Luigi Antonini has come here and offered to go into a thorough discussion of the situation. I propose that we proceed with a discussion based on the following theme: that we progressives are ready to sustain in debate, namely, Resolved, that Sigman, Antonini, and the whole shiebang of the rights, have deliberately betrayed the cloakmakers, and in consequence, the whole membership of the International, and in further consequence, the whole labor movement. Come on, then, and let us proceed with the discussion." For a full minute not a word peeped out of the otherwise vociferous Antonini or Crivello.

Leave Meeting. It was a long spell of silence. Finally Mr. Antonini arose. "Come on friends, follow me out, we will go to the Local 48 building and have our own meeting." This was Antonini's answer to the specific charge hurled in his face that he and his sowsigman are traitors to the labor movement. About 14 people followed him out. The meeting went on and adopted a resolution condemning the strikebreaking crew as they should be condemned.

As the meeting of the progressives was going on, a few of those that had walked out with Antonini trickled back into our meeting. This is the result of the first move yet made to expose the funkies in the Italian Locals of the I. L. G. W. U.

Pepper's Expenditures in Limelight as Probe Is Asked in Campaign

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A senatorial investigation of the primary expenditures of Senator Pepper, republican, of Pennsylvania, who was defeated by William S. Vare, was demanded in a resolution introduced by Senator Blaise of South Carolina.

"There should be no distinction between Pepper and Smith—he should be kicked out," said Blaise.

He referred to Frank L. Smith, republican senator-elect from Illinois, whose appointment as successor to William B. McKinley has kicked up a terrific fight.

OMAHA JUDGES BOOST FOR CALVIN AND SANTA IN BURST OF GENEROSITY

OMAHA, Nebr., Dec. 16.—Judges of the municipal court here are determined that Coolidge prosperity shall be as authentic as Santa Claus' reindeers during the holiday. They will give the workers a treat by agreeing to withhold all proceedings in garnishment against workers' wages until after Christmas. Collection agencies must thus postpone all attachments of wages for delinquent debts until after Yuletide, when the regular brand of Coolidge prosperity will get back to normalcy.

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 this 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. When Jane Addams was proposed recently as a speaker before a woman's club in a village near Chicago a vigilante immediately objected on the ground that "Jane Addams is on the American Citizenship foundation's list as the third most dangerous person in America." Miss Addams did not speak.

Editor of Post There.

Active in the foundation are well-known spy-herders for the war department and the openshop industrial associations. Among these are Col. Albert E. Barnes, past president of the Military Intelligence Association, a volunteer espionage aggregation, and H. A. Jung of the Clay Products Association, who boasts of having the most complete private card index of labor leaders, radicals and liberals in the country. S. J. Duncan-Clark, editor of the Chicago Evening Post, has surprised Chicago liberals by allowing his name to appear with these others.

Not only individuals but organizations are on the foundation blacklist. Among these are the League of Women Voters, League for Industrial Democracy, Socialist party, Farmer-Labor party, Workers party, American Civil Liberties union, American Association of University Women, the Vanguard Press, The Federated Press, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the American (Garland) Fund for Public Service, the International Student Forum and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Norman Hapgood, Oswald Garrison Villard, Scott Nearing, Robert Minor, H. L. Mencken, Madeleine Doty, Mrs. Robert Morris Lovett, Kirby Page, Mary McDowell, Victor L. Berger and Mrs. Meta Berger are other individuals blacklisted.

Headquarters of the American Citizenship foundation are at 646 N. Michigan Blvd., Chicago.

Labor Papers Change Hands.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 20.—The Great Falls Labor Topics is now appearing regularly as the successor of Town Topics, formerly the property of the Great Falls Federal Labor Union. Efforts of the almost extinct local democratic party to boost their candidate for congress resulted in the reappearance of Town Topics until after the election, but it has now gone under.

Capitalist Philadelphia Opens Its Arms in 1926 to German Sea Raider

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL.

COUNT FELIX VON LUCKNER is the guest of Philadelphia, given official welcome by the city, after the manner, on a smaller scale, of the reception given Queen Marie, of Roumania. Marie made the first page of the local press. But the count gets big space on the inside.

Philadelphia has taken the count to its bosom in spite of the fact that not many years ago, in common with the 100 per centers of the whole nation, the jingoes of the Quaker City were denouncing the count and all his kind with all the vitriolic viciousness that only the chauvinist mind, lashed to fury during war time, can achieve.

For the count is German. During the war he was a sea raider. He plundered enemy commerce, which included American shipping. In reward for his exploits he became known as "The Sea Devil." He is the type of "sea serpent" that American movies, magazines and newspapers have held up, in pictures and story, to the greatest calumny, the living target of the American "Hymn of Hate."

But that is all supposed to have passed. Capitalist Germany crushed the workers' struggle for power. Applause from Philadelphia and capitalist America. Capitalist Germany accepted the Dawes plan. Applause from Wall Street and Philadelphia. Germany entered the league of nations. Applause from the international bankers and Philadelphia.

Germany elected von Hindenburg, the war lord, as president, altho at the same time millions of votes went to the Communist presidential candidate. Applause from Hindenburg, victor over the Communists, from the red-baiters of America, including all those in Philadelphia. And most recent of all, the Philadelphia Bulletin, Dec. 14, contained the following:

"The smiling, fair-haired 'sea-warrior' (Count Felix von Luckner) who captured 18 allied ships without firing a gun or taking a life, was tendered a reception in the mayor's office at noon and brought a message of peace and good will and the gratitude of the German children for succor given them by America."

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

It is not difficult to deny that "capitalist America" ever sent any succor to the children of Germany, the great majority of whom are the children of the working class.

No sooner had the war started

than the American profiteers trimmed for action. They fed the flames of the imperialist struggle with everything it needed, at a huge profit. America thus became an instrument for increasing the slaughter, making millions of children homeless and fatherless. When the war debts owing to the international bankers were endangered by a possible German victory, President Woodrow Wilson, the best president that Wall Street had ever had up to that time, plunged this country into the murder abyss and the blood-letting was renewed on an enlarged scale for another year and a half.

Any dribbles of food that went into Germany with the ending of the war had but one purpose, and that was to save Germany from going Bolshevik, which meant freeing the children from the grip of capitalism. It was Herbert Hoover, the American food administrator in Europe in the days following the war, who gloried in aiding the overthrow of the neighboring Hungarian Soviet Republic. The America that now greets the German count cheered the overthrow by Fascist Germany of the Bavarian Soviet Republic. Under the Dawes plan the German workday has been lengthened, conditions have been worsened and wages have been reduced, resulting in a cutting down of the standard of living of the German working class that first hits the children.

It is the new generation in Germany that has American capitalism to thank for its continued subjection to profit rule. It is this victory, of capitalism on both sides of the Rhine, over German labor as well as labor in all other countries except the Soviet Union, that the Philadelphians officially and quite consciously celebrate when they greet "The Sea Devil." The hatreds of the imperialist war are forgotten, but the fear of labor's rise to power continues. The count is welcomed, but every Communist speaker who comes to Philadelphia is faced with possible arrest by another "reception committee," the numerous police that attend all gatherings of militant workers.

The news of Felix von Luckner's reception in Philadelphia should prove to the youth of Germany that "America!" under the rule of Wall Street is an ally of the capitalist enemy that they fight at home. America's youth cannot help but come to the same conclusion. A Soviet America in solidarity with a Soviet Germany are the only safeguard of the interests of the children in both countries.

CHICAGO LEADS OFF IN CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE CLASS PRISONERS' FUND

All indications point to a highly successful Christmas party on December 24, 1926, which is being held by the International Labor Defense of Chicago at the West End Women's Club, Ashland and Monroe, for the Christmas fund of I. L. D. Packages containing all kinds of valuable articles to be hung on the large Christmas tree and to fill the "grab bag" at the party are coming into the local office in a steady stream.

Interest in the program of dancing, singing and other special features has been aroused, and the committee in charge intends to make this affair top all the other successful ones recently held by the I. L. D.

Records of tickets already sold show that when the doors of the hall are opened the place will be filled with a crowd in short order.

The Chicago affair is a part of the national drive being made by all sections of the I. L. D. to raise a large fund for the workers in prison and their dependents during the Christmas holidays and to provide adequate legal defense in the numerous cases now pending thruout the country. The New York section promises to raise the quota of \$3,000 assigned to it, and Chicago assures the national office that it will easily pass its quota of \$1,000. Boston, which received the same quota as Chicago, is working hard to go over the top.

The sections in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Buffalo, Erie, Canton, Youngstown, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Duluth, St. Louis, Kansas City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland and Portland are pushing ahead vigorously to achieve their share of the drive. In Avella, one of the best sections of the I. L. D., \$200 has already been forwarded and efforts are being continued to raise another large sum. In addition, various smaller sections of the I. L. D. are working hard to add their bit to the Christmas fund.

Among the language sections of the organization, a considerable activity has been developed, particularly among the Czechoslovaks and Jugoslavs.

Why don't you write it up? It may be interesting to other workers. WRITE AS YOU FIGHT!

FARMERS LOOKING FOR MAN TO SIT IN WHITE HOUSE

Tillers to Get Revenge in 1928

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The specter of the farmers' revolt against the blocking of legislation designed to provide farm relief by the old line party leaders is casting its shadow over the 1928 presidential campaign. A movement is now on foot among the farmers designed to place a "corn belt" president in the White House in 1928.

Coolidge "Blacklisted."

Coolidge is definitely "blacklisted" because it is largely thru his activity, inspired by eastern business men, that caused the McNary-Haugen bill to be defeated in the last session of congress. In his presidential message Coolidge again reiterated his opposition to any proposal that would give the farmer relief thru what he called "price-fixing" or binging the "government into business."

Four Throw in Hats.

Among the presidential aspirants who are making a bid for the farmers' support in 1928, realizing that the farmer is now sufficiently aroused to make its vote count, are Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, Vice-President Dawes, in the republican party, and Edwin T. Meredith, former secretary of agriculture, in the democratic party.

The men, with the exception of Dawes, have already publicly championed the farmers' cause, with their eyes on the president's chair.

Haugen Will Sponsor New Farm Bill After Forcing Compromise

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Peace was said to be restored among mid-west members of the house farm bloc when a compromise was reached with Representative Haugen of Iowa, chairman of the agriculture committee, under which he agreed to introduce the revised McNary bill with amendments.

Haugen had previously repudiated the new McNary bill and refused to allow his name to be used in connection with it. He declared the new bill had no "teeth" in it, and was useless. The revised bill was introduced by Haugen, who declared the bill provides for "one hundred per cent farmer control," of the machinery for disposing of agricultural surpluses. He pleaded for unanimous support of farming groups for the measure.

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DEMAND PROBE OF STATE DEPT. MEXICAN ACTS

La Guardia Asks About Press Propaganda

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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 add 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, 1955. 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

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 Ziyordi, 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 proselyte there.

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 employed 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.

Mikado Still Alive, But Death Is Nearing

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Evening News from Tokyo 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.

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. However, he is a politician and may consider it inadvisable to support the left wingers.

Window Framers' Strike.

For six weeks there has been a strike at Dobson & Wormald's window frame works at Sydney. This firm had 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 discontinue 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.

A farmer, called as a witness before the basic wage commission, sitting at Sydney, admitted that he got the labor of "newcomers" from 18 to 19 years of age for 15 shillings per week and keep. Another witness, a dairy farmer, stated that the average wage paid for "single men" was 25 shillings per week and keep. In connection with this, it should be understood that there are no prescribed hours for farm laborers. Many of them work seven days a week and their hours are from "daylight till dark."

Land Scarce.

To those who have been led to believe that there are millions of acres of crown lands available for free se-

lections, the following extract from the columns of the Sydney Morning Herald will be interesting:

"The May land board last evening concluded a four days' sitting, during which it examined 1,297 applications for two original holdings near Booligal of 7,600 and 7,800 acres, respectively. The board sent 272 applicants to ballot. The farms were drawn by Rupert Brim of May and George M. King of Mimosa, Temora. "Great interest was manifested in the proceedings, applicants coming from all parts of this state and Victoria."

"Hands Off China."

On Sunday, Nov. 7, a great "Hands Off China" demonstration was held in the Sydney domain. In the evening the ninth anniversary of the Russian revolution was celebrated in one of the big picture theaters. A collection for the British miners was appealed for at both meetings and 45 pounds was netted. Up to date the British miners' aid committee have collected over 10,000 pounds for the miners.

QUEENSLAND.

A trade union congress is to open at Brisbane. It has been convened by the Brisbane Labor Council for the purpose of recognizing the attitude of the trade union movement to the political wing. The policy of the labor government has been so anti-working class that it has aroused the indignation of even the moderate section of the industrial movement. The latest traitorous action of the government has been to make a penalty of one pound on every man who takes part in a stop-work meeting on the state-owned railways.

Stop-Work Meeting.

The Brisbane Labor Council called upon all trade unionists to take part in a gigantic stop-work meeting to protest against the board of trade's decision not to raise the basic wage. Trade union officials were not prepared to go so far as that, and the proposed meeting fell thru.

VICTORIA.

The case for the 44-hour week in the common wealth arbitration court is still dragging on. It seems to have become more or less a permanent affair.

The Ford company has established an assembling works at Geelong. The management decided to run it on the "open shop" plan, a thing almost unknown in this country. The union officials of all unions are co-operating in this matter and will soon have it in hand. Already the management is complaining that they have been misunderstood. If they had been successful they would probably have been strutting about telling the world how to deal with unions.

On Sunday, Nov. 7, the Russian revolution was celebrated by the Communist Party, the Victorian socialist party and the trades hall council.

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.

The State Department's Conspiracy Against the Mexican People

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE.

THE state department has been conspiring secretly against Mexico. It has also been conspiring against the American people.

In particular it has been conspiring against the lives of the largest section of the American people—the working class—which would be called upon to fight for Wall Street's interests in Mexico in case the activities of the state department should, as they quite easily might, result in war.

The evidence of this conspiracy has been obtained and it is of such a definite character that even certain capitalist papers have commented upon it and denounced it.

WHAT the state department did was to use its power as a part of the national government to prevail upon the Associated Press to send out a story concerning Mexico which had not the slightest basis in fact and which was designed to arouse public sentiment against that nation and its people.

Papers like the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the New York World, the Baltimore Sun, the Cleveland Press, and the Los Angeles Record have assailed the state department for its secret attempt to stir up another "red scare" by the false statement sent out thru the Associated Press asserting that "Mexican bolshevism" was threatening the Panama Canal.

THE NEW YORK WORLD said:

This is what happened on Tuesday, Nov. 16, when Assistant Secretary Olds prevailed upon the Associated Press to flood the newspapers of this country with a mischievous, sensational and altogether irresponsible story (for which Mr. Olds himself admitted privately he had no proof) to the effect that Mexican bolshevism was reaching down thru Nicaragua to threaten American defenses of the Panama Canal. In this case the state department was stooping to deception and intrigue; the Associated Press was permitting itself to be used as a semi-official news agency, with all of the loss of independence and integrity which that policy involved.

Two things need looking into, badly. One is the method by which the state department distributes its news; the other is the personnel of the state department bureau of the Associated Press.

INTRODUCING its attack on the state department, the World goes still further:

There is no way of characterizing the efforts of a state department official to inspire an anonymous attack upon a friendly nation for an ulterior purpose in which the state department disavows responsibility, except as dishonorable.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch condemns the action of the state department as follows:

If the state department proposes

to attack Mexico, it should do so openly and hold itself accountable; if an individual press association or an individual newspaper proposes to attack Mexico, it should act individually on its information and hold itself accountable. To have the state department and the heads of press services conniving to put out weasel-worded attacks on Mexico based upon "moral certainties" is to invite distortion of public opinion, and to destroy that direct, precise responsibility which must be the ultimate safeguard of accuracy of information given to the people.

THE CLEVELAND PRESS is rather cynical. It says:

We very much fear Secretary of State Kellogg and President Diaz of Nicaragua are playing a similar game. In one breath Diaz loudly charges that the liberals who oppose him are bolsheviks sick on him by Mexico, and in the next he extends a most cordial invitation to them to lay down their arms and accept important jobs in his, the Diaz government. . . . If we are going to intervene in any way, shape or form in Mexico, let's know why.

The stars and stripes have never lacked defenders. . . . But every mother's son of them is going to want to know what it's all about before he offers his body as a target for leaden pellets on a foreign battlefield.

THE LOS ANGELES RECORD takes the opportunity to say a good word

for itself and its press service: The United Press, which serves this newspaper, needless to say, did not carry the Mexican "bolshevism" story, its representative was present at the conference with Mr. Olds.

Even if the state department can get a news agency to lend itself to misleading propaganda, responsible officials of that department realize the folly of such procedure. The press associations are the necessary, even vital link between the American government and the American people, but the good thus accomplished will be much or little or none, according to just what reliance the public feels justified in placing in news from this source.

It is interesting to note the motives behind this barrage against the state department.

First, there is undoubtedly a large section of the middle class that is in opposition to the policy of the state department and Wall Street in the Mexican situation. This opposition, composed of persons and interests connected with both the democratic and republican parties, is similar in many respects and, in fact, in most instances is a duplication of the forces which are in revolt against the Coolidge administration—farmers, small business men and professional elements. It is significant that no protest against the state department's plot against Mexico has come from the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

Second, the section of the capitalist press which is protesting is manifestly alarmed lest the masses, as a result of the dissemination of information which can be shown to be false and inspired by Wall Street-controlled government agencies, lose all faith in the capitalist press.

It will be noted that, none of the comment quoted defends the right of the Mexican government and the Mexican people to return all natural resources to the nation and separate church and state—the questions that are at the base of all the attacks on Mexico.

Nevertheless, the comment itself, and the volume of it, indicate a clear division in the ranks of the American capitalist class on the Mexican question.

THERE is no doubt that the state department, headed by the ignorant Jingo, Kellogg, whose white top-knot is always stained with mud collected while licking Wall Street hoots, wants to start a holy war against Bolshevism and Communism in Mexico. The plan is to gather in all worthwhile loot while waging war against Mexico in the name of Christianity and civilization.

If there was any doubt as to the purpose of the state department it is removed by such statements as those of the Washington Post, semi-official organ of the state department:

A full exposure of the Russo-Mexican Communist movement and its aims should be made by the administration. . . .

A clash with Mexico itself is one of the inevitable events of the incoming year as a result of the capture of the government of Mexico by Communists.

THE refusal by Kellogg to grant a visa permitting Alexandra Kollontai, ambassador from the Soviet Union, to enter Mexico via the United States, the "red scare" story sent out thru the Associated Press, the statements of the administration organ, the Washington Post—all are a part of the campaign of the state department to create a hysterical atmosphere in America under cover of which Wall Street government would have a free hand for anything and use anything from diplomatic pressure to war to force obedience on the part of Mexico to American imperialism.

THE whole series of incidents dealt with above is a stern warning to the American labor movement to be on its guard, a warning that with a leadership of the labor movement which has refused to take up the cudgels for the Mexican labor movement in its struggle against American imperialism' domination there is ever present the danger of the masses being deceived into supporting a war against its Mexican brothers.

The trade union rank and file should call upon its officials to denounce the conspiracy against the Mexican masses and hold these officials responsible for all failure to combat Wall Street and the Wall Street-state department imperialist program.

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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, Daisytown, 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 Workers' 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 repercussions in the form of charges, threats and exposures. Tweedledum is exposing 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 a 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.
Opening the fight 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 defeat 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 sums under various names. Nor do the expenditures of the democrats refute the counter-charges of Senator Gillette. Edmund Talbot, mayor of Fall River,

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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 a quarterly. Its editor and publisher, Queen Silver, was 16 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 Godliness 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 "M'Phersonism" and the greatest enemy of Aimee 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 a few 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 out 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 Britten 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"



Who is "merry" at Christmas time? The RICH boy whose father (he is a boss) has just bought him lots of presents or the POOR boy (whose father is a worker) who has to stand shivering in the cold streets selling things to the rich people so as to have something to eat? Ask your teacher this question when she begins telling a lot of bunk about "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year."

Teacher Lies About Russia

By John Bobinec, Dayton, Ohio.
IN school my teacher teaches us about Russia. She tells us they are all thieves, that is, the head ones. The leaders steal things. When she reads the Bible it's all right! You can't blame the teachers. The bosses gave them their ideas. They can't think for themselves, but have to be taught.

Join the Pioneers!

By John Stiglic, Cleveland, Ohio.
ALL you know in some cities there are Pioneer groups. Is the organizer of a Cleveland group, advise all the children to join the Pioneers or to organize a Pioneer group. Here's Workers are red. Capitalists are blue. I join the Pioneers. Why don't you?

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 concertist, Matusewicz; 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.

Is Leading Dancer.
Dorsha is one of the leading interpretative dancers and conducts a theater of the dance. Her program includes two very beautiful dances, the East Indian Nautch and the Algonquin Street Dance. She will have her own accompanist.

The programs of Moissaye Matusewicz, Nina Wolfe, the Mandolin Quartet and Mr. Righthand will be announced later.

One Big Affair.
This Christmas Eve ball of the Workers' School has become so much an annual event that all other progressive workers' organizations of the city are accustomed to reserve that date and therefore there is no other way for a progressive worker to spend Christmas Eve except at New Star Casino and the Workers' School ball. All organizations are expected to come en masse to the New Star Casino and take part in this celebration.

Senate Investigation in "Sale" of Federal Jobs in South Looms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A senatorial investigation of the alleged "sale" of federal offices in southern states is proposed by Senator Harris, democrat, of Georgia.

Sponsoring a resolution for an inquiry into the situation in Georgia alone, Harris provoked considerable debate which ended only after the senate agreed that the investigation, if made, should include all southern states. The resolution was referred to the senate judiciary committee to be re-drafted to authorize a sweeping investigation.

In the debate southern senators charged federal offices were "sold" and postmasters forced to contribute to republican campaign funds.

WCFL Radio Program

Chicago Federation of Labor radio broadcasting station WCFL is on the air with regular programs. It is broadcasting on a 491.5 wave length from the Municipal Pier.

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By Mike Mandich, Cass City, Mich.
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Young Coal Miners Cheated at Scales

By Young Coal Miner.
POMEROY, O.—A good example of when a rise in wages is really no raise at all can be found here among the 700 nonunion coal miners of Pomeroiy Bend. At first some of the companies opened the mines with imported scabs who were paid below the 1917 scale. Then a 25 per cent raise in wages was forced on the company because of the reopening of many of the union mines. What some of the miners couldn't figure out was how, with the increased rate and the miners producing just as much coal as before, their pay envelopes grew no larger. The answer is the weigh bosses who cheat at the scales in the companies' interests and there are no union check-weighmen to protect the miners.

The brand of non-partisan education handed out at Commonwealth College can be seen in the declaration of its educational director, William E. Zench, that revolution in the United States in our generation is unthinkable. Quite a few revolutions have already occurred in our generation, dear professor. Look at Russia and China! Next time more of the revolutions will be as successful as these two. The revolution will also reach the United States in our generation. Just look how fast Britain declined!

Courtesy
A haughty lady had just purchased a postage stamp at a sub-station. "Must I stick it on, myself?" she asked.

"Positively not, madam," replied the clerk. "It will accomplish more if you stick it on the letter."

—Terre Haute Advocate

Daily Worker Builders Help 'Young Worker'

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The DAILY WORKER Builders' Club here has offered the following proposal for the Young Workers League: All League members can become members of the D. W. B. C. by getting at least two yearly Young Worker subs., 'till January 15th. This is the date when the sub campaign for the Young Worker ends. On this date there will also be held a gala dance to celebrate the occasion. The young workers are out coming here for Pittsburgh as the winner of the campaign.

Protest of the Viennese Young Workers
IRA—The young workers of Vienna held a large mass demonstration before the Bulgarian Embassy in order to protest against the persecution of the Bulgarian working class youth.

The police which were called immediately, dispersed the demonstration. However, the young workers soon gathered again and forced the police to retreat. Only an increased police force was able to drive the demonstrators away.

The Issue, paper at the University of Wisconsin, says that the only kind of a "youth movement" that will succeed in the long run is one "that begins in the classrooms and the laboratories in an effort to get at the underlying reason for things." We just want to call the Issue's attention to a world youth movement, the Young Communist International, which has already discovered the underlying reason for many things and is now fighting it out. It is also successful and growing.

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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 meeting of 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.

Enviied Sigman.
Beardsley was really jealous of his "comrades," who were ruling with an iron hand in some needle trades locals, but alas! he had no local worth-while 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 rate by his own local before very long.

Close For Inventory.

DETROIT, Mich.—This week the Ford plants will close partially for the taking of inventory. It is said they will again be in full operation by Jan. 6.

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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 of the attack made on the meeting, which was regularly called by the executive board of the union, by right wingers of outside unions and organizations, and informed them that the union officially protests against such interference in the affairs of the union by outsiders.

No comment on Goldstein's report was made by the officers of the federation, who quickly passed this issue up.

Three Unions Get 40-Hour Week.
Three organizations reported to the federation that they had obtained the 40-hour week in their industry in Chicago. They are the cloakmakers, capmakers and fur workers.

J. Levine, manager of the joint board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, reported that the union's new agreement goes into effect Monday, Dec. 20. The agreement, which Levine pointed to the delegates, was won largely because of the New York cloakmakers' strike, provides for the 42-hour week for one year and a half, and for the 40-hour week during the completion of the three-year agreement.

Result of New York Strike.
Levine told the federation that had it not been for the heroic struggle of the New York workers the Chicago union would have been unable to force the manufacturers to agree.

Levine informed the federation that it must consider means of combating the injunction menace to the labor movement. He again reminded them of the injunction against the union secured by a small dress manufacturer employing a dozen workers, preventing the union from picketing the shop, or talking to the scabs. "If such a small manufacturer can secure an injunction to tie the hands of the union, what can't a large manufacturer do," asked Levine.

Dress Workers' Agreement Expires.
He reported that the dress workers' agreement expires on Dec. 31 here. The workers in this industry are not well organized, he said, but with militancy and determination they should be able to force a favorable settlement.

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

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.

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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.

Blast 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 actions whereby they could transfer their men to other departments. They simply left them in the cold, with no prospects of any kind.

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

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, lathers, 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"

PHILIPSBURG, N. J., Dec. 20.—Workers at Tirrell Bros. Silk Co. have been given a wage cut just before the holidays. Wages are posted at 12 per cent less pay and weavers at 1 1/2 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 on 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.

Dever and the Commission.
By a 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

Signor 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 at 9:30 p. m. 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.

WRITE AS YOU FIGHT!

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 behooves 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.

BERT MILLER.

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Nurses, in Defending Their Rate of Pay, Hint That Doctor Gets His Share

Intimating that the pay of nurses has increased at a much less rate than doctors' fees, Minnie H. Ahrens, of the Chicago Nurses' Club, takes issue with the Chicago Medical Society, which has announced its intention of starting its own nurses' registry and cut the cost to patients.

Miss Ahrens says that members of her organization must spend years in study and practice and be capable in their work. For this they are entitled to a day not longer than 12 hours and be paid at least \$7 a day.

The group plan, which the doctors

advocate, has, according to Miss Ahrens, been in use in her organization in home nursing for some time, and that they themselves are trying to introduce it into hospitals. A nurse's work, she says, usually keeps her busy much less than the working days of a year and cuts annual incomes to between \$1,300 to \$1,800 a year.

The Nurses' Club has 3,500 members, supplying all the hospitals of Chicago, and it will refuse to abandon its present rules and schedule, whatever action the doctors may take.

Government Has 10,000 Miles of Airways for Business, Hoover Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Growth of commercial aviation has been so rapid this year that the government will have more than 10,000 miles of airways in operation by Dec. 31, it was announced by Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

Congress is to be asked for an additional appropriation of \$4,000,000 to extend lighting and radio facilities along the routes, Hoover said.

Use your brains and your pen to aid the workers in the class struggle.

Carpenters in Mass. Urge Five-Day Week

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 20.—Five day work weeks are favored by the Southeastern Massachusetts Carpenters' District Council. The monthly meeting endorsed this national program of building trades workers. The bay state workers expect their campaign for the shorter work week to bring it generally thruout the district in the next two years.

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Socialists Prepared the Way for Lithuanian Fascism

The fascist dictatorship in Lithuania is the child of the socialist coalition government which it overthrew.

The socialist ministry carried on the most rigid suppression of the trade unions, peasant organizations and Communists. It prohibited meetings of workers, broke strikes and jailed workingclass leaders.

The socialist government, by its war on the Lithuanian working class and peasantry made possible the seizure of power by the reactionary militant clique now in control. It betrayed the masses to their sworn enemies.

The coup d'etat of reaction in this little country of less than 3,000,000 population is likely to have serious consequences. It is a blow at the Soviet Union and undoubtedly is backed by British imperialism. Fascism in a puppet state can be nothing else than the tool of a great power.

The role of the catholic church, (the leaders of the fascist coup are Catholics) is to give a fanatical religious character to the enterprise. It is stated in news dispatches that the former government had antagonized the catholic church "by passing a law legalizing civil marriage, instituting divorce, and compelling the registration of births, death and marriages within the state." The completely feudal character of the Lithuanian catholic church is shown up clearly by the laws against which it is revolting in the second quarter of the twentieth century.

The next few days will tell whether the Lithuanian fascists will enter an alliance with the Polish dictator Pilsudski against the Soviet Union under British imperialist auspices or wage war against former Lithuanian territory now nominally neutral but actually under Polish control.

In any event the rise of fascism in Lithuania should serve to convince every worker that the social-democrats, unless defeated by the masses, merely prepare the way for black reaction by their fear of sacrificing abstract principles of democracy basing their governments upon the masses of workers and peasants. Afraid to antagonize the capitalist and middle class elements by stimulating economic and political organization of the masses, afraid to declare for open support of the workers' and peasants' government of Russia, they either become fascists themselves or give way to fascist government.

The Sacco-Vanzetti Case in Congress

Representative Sabath of Illinois has introduced a resolution in congress demanding a congressional investigation of the charges made by friends of Sacco and Vanzetti that these two Italian labor organizers were the victims of a conspiracy on the part of the department of justice in collaboration with the legal tools of Massachusetts capitalists to railroad the two workers to the electric chair.

This action has been forced thru the campaign of publicity conducted in behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti by the International Labor Defense, the Sacco-Vanzetti conferences thruout the country and thru the columns of THE DAILY WORKER, and other publications sincerely interested in saving Sacco and Vanzetti from the vengeance of their class enemies.

The airing of this conspiracy in congress should serve to spur all working class organizations that have been working to save these comrades, into renewed efforts.

There is no doubt now in the mind of any fair-minded person that Sacco and Vanzetti have been framed. The ruling classes are tenacious and hang on to the possibility of whetting their thirst for revenge with the grip of a bulldog. The workers must just as tenaciously stick to their task—saving Sacco and Vanzetti—until their collective power bursts open the jail gates and forces the capitalists of Massachusetts to release their victims.

All workers regardless of political affiliation should rally behind the International Labor Defense which has aroused the American masses behind these two persecuted workers on an international scale.

Letters From Our Readers

Teaching Citizenship.

Dear Comrades: I am sending my contribution to Keep The DAILY WORKER. I send in this letter a money order for \$5. I had no opportunity to send it before because I was without work and with little money for living and other expenses. I have been in America only two years. Before I came here I worked on the ships of several nations. That is my occupation, and here in the city I have not any trade; laborers' jobs are very small wages and not steady.

At Evening School.

I am going to the evening school to learn the English language. What the teachers teach us foreigners about patriotism, the glorious flag, and of this rich and big country. I do not pay much attention to. My goal is to learn to read and write English. Every evening in school they show us that big "old glory" for us to salute. The flag of equality, justice and symbol of liberty. They are paid only for pumping patriotism in the heads of poor foreigners to become "great Americans."

Generally flags are only the masks for the butchering wars, for us to kill one another. The teachers do not know workers' international flag of all countries and all the races in the world. They said that the red flag is only of organized bandits, the people who do not want to work; that those people are bolsheviks.

The teachers say that America isn't

like most of European countries ruled by the kings, autocrats. Here in America all the people have the same rights, rich and poor.

What kind of right is here, if the workers demand their rights, and then comes a policeman and puts these bolsheviks into the jails? Such rights for workers in prosperous America! These songs did effect me, because I have suffered enough on the capitalist ships. That kind of poison that they put in the brains of poor foreign workers for them to become good and valuable Americans. What did I see three years ago in Russia? How the Russian seaman lives, in the city of Odessa. They had one of the best buildings near the harbor. Before the revolution that house belonged to some of the grand dukes. Now it belongs to the International Seamen's Club. The Russian seamen are bosses of the ships; in other nations they are only slaves of the capitalists.

Now, comrades, I did not receive THE DAILY WORKER for about two weeks. Please continue immediately sending me every copy of THE DAILY WORKER. THE DAILY WORKER is better than the capitalist schools to educate one in English and to teach the doctrine of Communism.

Comradely yours,
Nikola Yurlina,
New York.

WRITE AS YOU FIGHT!

The New Drive on Militant Trade Unionism

ARTICLE V.

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE.

THE support given by the capitalist press to the drive against militant unionism is of three kinds:

1. Agitation against the Communists and the left wing which follows—shapes, is probably nearer the truth—the tactics of the socialist and right wing trade union press.

2. Completely false statements as to the gains made by the workers in Passaic and the cloakmakers' strike with the purpose of making victories obtained under Communist and left wing leadership appear as defeats.

3. Propaganda for "class peace"—the worker-cooperation policy of the official trade union leadership.

THE first and second types of agitation against the Communists and the left wing are generally combined as in the following quotations from editorials in the New York Times:

Whether a strike is won or lost, it is a victory, in the Communist doctrine, if the operation of peace machinery is destroyed, if a six month's strike leaves behind it a rankling bitterness. To be sure it does not always work out that way. Among the local garment workers the indications are that the lessons have been learned and the left wing's power for harm will be wiped out.

THE above was written before the mass meeting of 15,000 needle trade workers in Madison Square Garden categorically demanded the resignation of President Sigman and endorsed the left wing leadership of the New York joint board in the cloakmakers' strike. It will be seen from this that with The Times, as with the socialist and official labor press, the wish is father to the thought. "The Communists should be driven out of the trade unions and the left wing should be crushed." No sooner said than done—on paper.

THE Times again: "The precipitated 30,000 workers into an unnecessary strike, protracted over five months, involving a loss of millions of dollars in wages and terminating in an admittedly disastrous defeat. This is the characterization of the cloakmakers' strike by the president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. The conflict was planned and let loose by the left wing element in the local unions.

THIS terrible "left wing" that insists on fighting when the kind-hearted bosses are simply oozing peace and good will all over the place, with the minor reservation, so far as The Times and its friends in the labor movement are concerned, that all concessions to the workers must be secured thru a Tammany Hall governor whom The Times controls! No capitalist sheet was louder in its denunciation of the left wing demand for the 40-hour week, which has been secured by both the furriers and cloakmakers' unions under left wing leadership but since it has been obtained, The Times and reactionary union officialdom which it supports have conveniently forgotten all about it.

THE Times, however, reaches highest into the realm of hypocrisy when it laments the struggle in the union:

War within the garment workers' organization is on, and may yet end

Introduction.

THE purpose of these articles is to show by documentary evidence, whose authenticity no one can impugn, that the campaign against all progressive tendencies in the labor movement which was launched at the A. F. of L. convention in 1923 has entered a new phase in which there is a more open combination than ever before of the trade union officialdom, the capitalist press, the employers and the government.

It will also be shown that the main motives which prompt the intensified attack, centering first on the Communists and second on the left wing, are (1) the desire of the capitalists to suppress all struggles which interfere with the development of American imperialist prosperity and either destroy the trade unions or force them to a general dead level of docility, (2) the desire of the trade union officialdom to force on the unions a policy which will make of them the docile organizations which the capitalists will accept, (3) the desire of both the capitalists and their labor agents to drive the Communists out of the unions and destroy their influence in the labor movement because they are the most conscious and best organized exponents of fighting unionism who are trying to rally all workers for struggle on a program of immediate and necessary demands.

Finally, these articles will show that the policy of the trade union officialdom, of which the latest attack on the left wing is a logical result, is based on one phase, and one phase alone, of American capitalist development, i. e. its present temporary upward swing, and that because of this neglect of other fundamental factors, can bring nothing but disaster to the labor movement.

The more "successful" this policy is, i. e. the more endorsement it receives from the masses now, the more disastrous will be the ultimate result. The Communists and the organized left wing therefore are fighting the battle of the whole working class when they resist to the utmost the new offensive of the combined forces of American capitalism which, in the period of imperialism, include with some minor exceptions the whole bloc of trade union officialdom.

—W. F. D.

in disruption of the union.

Such an outcome would be all the greater pity because of the long years it took the unions and the garment industry to escape from chronic conflict and chaos.

THE right wing leadership which is responsible for the struggle in the union should welcome this new ally of trade unionism and give its representative a high place on the "Committee for the Preservation of the Trade Unions." Altho a belated convert to trade unionism, The Times is doubtless just as honest in its assertions as are the leading elements in this committee and it is certain that they would feel far more at ease with a representative of The Times than they would at the recent Madison Square Garden meeting, for instance.

BUT it is when The Times speaks of the Passaic strike that it throws all caution to the winds and out-Munchausens the famous baron while at the same time not forgetting to say a good word for its particular hero—President Sigman. It says: (I quote at length so that readers may be able to form some idea of the amount of lying that can be done in a few paragraphs by a skilled editorial writer on a capitalist sheet.)

Passaic's textile strike is virtually brought to an end amid circumstances that have now become the regular thing with labor conflicts conducted under Communist inspiration and leadership. The same formula operated as in the cloakmakers' strike. Hostilities are proclaimed without sufficient cause. . . . Bitterness and violence are engendered. Exhaustion casts the deciding vote. The Communist leadership decamps, as in Passaic, and leaves the task of bringing order out of chaos to moderate

labor, or subscribes to a defeat which it hails as a victory.

IT seems useless to argue with a sheet which dismisses such gains as the establishment of a union in a hitherto unorganized industry, the recognition of the right of union committees to take up and settle grievances, the restoration of the 10 per cent wage cut, the acknowledgment of the right of workers to be hired thru the union office, the securing of an agreement that there shall be no discrimination by the companies against strikers and the provision that no employees are to be hired until all strikers who wish to return have done so, as a defeat.

THE Communist leadership decamps is a method of describing one of the most tremendous sacrifices ever made by a strike leader possessing the full confidence of the masses, and one of the most dramatic incidents in the history of the labor movement, to which The Times editorial writer is welcome. His ability to distort and conceal the truth in the interests of the capitalists shows that he has socialist leanings.

We challenge the writer of this canard to make the same statement concerning Albert Weisbord to a mass meeting of the Passaic textile workers.

IT may be well to say here that the policy followed by the Passaic strikers did not change with the voluntary withdrawal of Weisbord but that the Communists and left wingers in the U. T. W. have led the struggle which has forced the Botany, Passaic Worsteds, the Dundee and the Garfield mills to capitulate and settle with some 8,000 organized textile workers.

I have kept for the last the juiciest morsel with which The Times has

regaled its readers on this particular subject and it is here that President Sigman is again quoted approvingly:

President Sigman of the International Ladies' Garment Workers justly accuses the 'radical' leaders in control of the cloakmakers' strike of having alienated public sympathy. THIS WOULD BE EVEN TRUER OF PASSAIC. The textile workers failed notably to win the support of a body of public opinion which has usually expressed itself in strikes affecting large bodies of low-paid workers. The reason was not indifference. . . . But despite the partial merits of the strikers' case, despite the unfavorable impression created by unwise or arbitrary police methods, popular feeling refused to be stirred. The dominant, and justified, impression was of a strike conducted by a 'little coterie of revolutionary leaders for purposes of their own. (Emphasis mine.)

"I WOULDN'T say he was a liar," said Abraham Lincoln in speaking of the reputation of a certain farmer for veracity, "but I do know that he has to get some one else to call his hogs at feeding time."

No strike of similar size has ever met with such wide popular support as has Passaic. The workers were able to hold out for over ten months just for this reason. Something like \$500,000 was contributed to the relief committee by unions, fraternal societies, individual workers and liberals.

Sympathizers and supporters of a strike make up the most diverse group in American society. They include organizations like the I. W. U., the Civil Liberties Union, protestant and catholic organizations, liberal middle class elements and prominent individuals like Rabbi Wise and Senator Borah.

BUT The Times, like the reactionary union and socialist press, is interested only in "selling" the idea that fighting leadership is bad for the trade unions.

The simple truth, in a campaign of this kind, is an obvious handicap.

Next we will see how the capitalist and official labor press are engaged in a joint selling campaign to put over a still more dangerous doctrine. (To be continued.)

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PEOPLE IN GLASS HOUSES

By BERT MILLER.

Senator Thomas J. Hefflin, the water power democrat of Alabama, has just come out on the floor of the senate with a scathing denunciation of the verdict of "not guilty" in the Fall Doheny case. In his speech he hints at the probability that Jess Smith, who knew too much about the sordid details of the case, was murdered by Daugherty's gang. He mentions the fact that Smith foretold his own murder two days before when he said: "It's all up with me. They are going to get me."

In high indignation, Hefflin asked: "My god, have we reached the point where criminals in high places cannot be convicted in the courts of justice?" And further: "I burn with righteous indignation when I contemplate what has occurred here. The poor unfortunate man and woman anywhere in the country unfortunates in the common walks of life are herded like cattle and are sent to the penitentiary, and they are in there now by the hundreds of thousands. If a man has money he has the passport to his freedom. If he has money he can defy your courts."

Hefflin incidentally mentioned the fact that Doheny, the oil king, "contributed to the campaign of the republican party largely both times. He quit the democratic party and went into the republican party." He also brought out the fact that Judge Hoehling, who presided at the trial, was an appointee of President Harding, of whose cabinet Fall, the pal of Doheny, was a member.

Mr. Hefflin brings to light some interesting data, for which we would be most beholden to him were it not for the fact that he has inadvertently overlooked some important details in regard to his own capacity for judgment of the conduct of Fall and Doheny. Mr. Hefflin makes no mention of his own shady connections with the Muscle Shoals steal. He makes no mention of the network of shady deals

with which the democratic party and Tammany Hall are connected. While parading as an apostle of the "poor unfortunate man and woman in the common walks of life" he is very careful to avoid any mention of the verdict in the Sacco-Vanzetti case and to compare the kind of justice which these two workers have received with the kind given to millionaires like Doheny.

We can, therefore, be beholden to Mr. Hefflin only in so far as he has lifted the lid from the cesspool of capitalist politics and has shown, clearly thereby the need of a party free of grafters and tools of big business—a labor party.

First Two Days of Passaic Bazaar Hold Big Crowds' Interest

PASSAIC, N. J., Dec. 20.—Capacity crowds featured the first two days of the great eight-day New Jersey State bazaar which opened here Saturday night at Kanter's Auditorium.

The bazaar, which has the endorsement of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor and President McMahon of the United Textile Workers, was arranged to raise money for relief of the 10,000 textile strikers of this city and vicinity who are now in the eleventh month of their arduous strike against the wage cut and anti-union attitude of the mill bosses.

Well-Stocked Booths.

The booths were liberally stocked with a large variety of valuable articles, most of them suitable for Christmas gifts and for home furnishings. On display Saturday night and Sunday were beautiful hand embroidered, dinner sets, table lamps, art floor lamps, furs, silks, perfumes, cosmetics, candies, cigarettes, dresses, millinery, men's hats and caps, men's suits, smart shoes, art objects, of all descriptions and a horde of other things.



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XI.

There came another development, to protect Vee from the possibility of boredom. Schmolinsky sent her up the "continuity" of the new picture upon which she was to start work in the fall. And then suddenly it was revealed that the world's darling knew how to read! For a whole hour she sat buried in it, and then she leaped up, ready to start rehearsing—and all the hurricanes that ever swept the province of Ontario were as nothing to the one that came now. Clear the way for "The Princess of Patchouli!"

It was a popular musical comedy which was to be made into a moving picture. "Patchouli" was one of the little Balkan kingdoms, tho it looked and acted very much like Vienna of the Strauss waltzes. A young American engineer came in to build a railroad, and found himself mistaken for a conspirator, and presently he was rescuing the lovely princess from a revolutionary band—no Bolsheviks, these were aristocratic army conspirators, so Bunny wouldn't have his feelings hurt, would he? Of course he carried her off, and married her for love only, and then got the kingdom thrown in—the bankers who were financing the railroad bought it for him.

So here was Vee, being a princess all over the place. It was amazing to watch her work—Bunny suddenly came to realize that her success hadn't been all money and sex, after all. She pounced upon the role like a tiger-cat, and when she got going the rest of the world ceased to exist—except to the extent that she needed it for a foil. "Now, Dad, you're the king; you walk in here—no, no, for old's sake, kings don't walk so fast! And I have to fall at your feet and plead for his life, 'Oh, mercy, sire, and so-and-so, and so-and-so, and so-and-so!'"

It is one of the peculiarities of motion picture acting, that it doesn't matter what you say, so long as you are saying something; so Vee would weep, "And so-and-so," and she would croon "And so-and-so" in passionate love accents to either Bunny or Apple, and she would shriek "And so-and-so" in deadly terror to an executioner with uplifted axe. And if in the course of the scene the other person didn't do it right, then scolding, and commands would serve equally well for a love song. "Hold it, now, you idiot, I adore you darling—" or maybe it might be, "Take your hands off me, foul beast—don't let go, you goose, grab! That's better, you don't have to be polite when you're a murderer."

If Bunny had wanted to rehearse tempestuous emotions, and shriek and scream and tear his hair, he would have sought refuge in the woods, where only the chipmunks could have heard him. But Vee was utterly indifferent to the existence of other humans. That is something one learns on "the lot," for there will be camera men and scene-shifters, and property boys, and carpenters working on the next set, and some visitors that have managed to break in despite the strictest regulations—and you just go on with your work. The first time the executioner lifted his axe and Vee started screaming the Indian guides came running in alarm; but she hardly stopped even for a laugh; she went on with the scene, while they stood staring with mouths wide open. She and her two lovers would come in from swimming, and suddenly she would call for a rehearsal or some royal pageantry—she could be a princess just as well in a scanty bathing suit, with a carpet of pine needles under her bare feet.

Mr. Appleton Laurence had never met any princesses, but he had read a great deal of history and poetry, and so he was an authority, and must criticize her way of walking, her gestures, her attitudes, her reaction to the love advances of a handsome young American engineer. "Just imagine you're in love with me yourself, Apple," she would say—and so his emotions became sublimated into art, and he could pour out his soul to her, right before Bunny and Dad and Dad's secretary and the Indians! "You're much better at it than Bunny," she would declare. "I believe he's got used to me, it's as bad as if we were married."

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Benito to Explain.

ROME.—Premier Mussolini is expected to make an explanation of Italy's recent foreign policies to the parliament. His explanation will probably center on the situation resulting from the signing of the treaty with Albania, which has resulted in seriously strained relations with Jugoslavia.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—To avoid falling into a receivership, the directors of Sir W. C. Armstrong-Whitworth & Co. have asked a five-year moratorium. This is the big British armament firm, and their difficulties are due to their attempt to adapt their plants to the production of peace products.

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