

ENGLAND PLOTS WAR ON CHINA

ZEIGLER MINERS HOLD BACK SCABS; PREPARING TO FIGHT CONSPIRACY TO RAILROAD MEN

(Special to The Daily Worker) ZEIGLER, Ill., August 21.—Provocateurs attempted to start trouble at the Bell and Zoller Mine No. 1 here this morning when a picket line of hundreds of union miners who have refused to work formed to send back local weaklings and what ever other miners might be brought in to take their places.

Scores of women turned out with the strikers and some of them threw rotten eggs at those attempting to enter the pit for work. A rock was thrown and a small riot developed in which pickhandles and coal figured much to the disaster of those trying to enter the mine.

The miners have been careful not to allow any of their number to carry guns on the picket line. A contingent of police and deputies who have been stationed at the mine for the last ten mornings since the beginning of the strike are in open sympathy with the men who refuse to work.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

THE worst feature of the surrender of the British government to the threat of a general strike, said James Ramsay MacDonald, socialist, is the prestige it gave to the Communists. Better that the miners lose than that the Communists' program should be justified.

The government had fought their policy out, one would have respected it. It just suddenly doubled up. The consequence has been to increase the power and the prestige of those who do not believe in political action.

IN times of crisis the workers are not flincky. They are more inclined to grasp at whatever promises to bring them succor than in normal times, when they are easily influenced by propaganda that appeals to their prejudices.

STANLEY BALDWIN bought peace in the recent industrial crisis by subsidizing the coal operators. He may now have to subsidize the railroad owners. The rail workers have rejected a proposal for a reduction in wages.

J. H. THOMAS, labor party leader does not like the idea of subsidizing either the workers or the capitalists. He is grievously offended because the government was forced by the threat of a strike to purchase peace.

VICTOR LAWSON, the editor and publisher of the Chicago Daily (Continued on page 2)

GARMENT WORKERS OF NEW YORK STOP WORK BY THOUSANDS IN A GIGANTIC PROTEST AT SIGMAN

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK CITY, August 21.—Never in the history of New York labor has such a tremendous demonstration been held of such a determined mass of workers as the throng of thirty thousand estimated workers of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union which poured out of the garment shops of Manhattan island yesterday at three o'clock to back up in a veritable army of labor their chosen leaders of the left wing locals, 2, 9 and 22.

NAKED SCABBERY



THOMPSON AND WATT ISSUE AN ANSWER TO FARRINGTON ATTACK IN HIS SHEET "ILLINOIS MINER"

By ALEX REID (Secretary of the Progressive Miners' Committee.)

The following is self explanatory and shows Frank Farrington, the president of the Illinois miners, in his true light, as the most contemptible faker in the history of the Illinois miners' union. The miners' treasury in Illinois, long recognized to be the strongest in the miners' union, is being sucked dry by the Farrington vampires and today is about bled to death.

To the Officers and Members of all Local Unions United Mine Workers of America, in District 12; "As to the Expenditures of Union Funds:"

When we saw the above heading that appeared on an article written by Frank Farrington in his paper the Illinois Miner, so called, we thought we were going to learn something about the expenditure of funds in District No. 12, in an itemized form showing in detail all about the mining properties bought and the other hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been squandered by Frank Farrington and his machinery.

We thought that we were going to have explained to us about the split that President Lewis complained of that was transacted between former director of Mines and Minerals Medill, and Fishwick and Farrington. We thought we were going to be informed about the Hamilton and Lester damage claims, we thought we were going to learn all about the \$1,518.00 telegrams while traveling and also of the \$300 train fare bills and the \$700 hotel bills for three months time.

Lots of Things. We also thought we would get an explanation of why Farrington and Fishwick went on a Peabody boss's note for a certain amount of money. We thought an itemized statement of the legal department would be given which would account for individuals of the Red Maher type who do practically nothing but loaf around the Windsor Hotel and put in expense bills for three months totaling around \$1,200 or at the rate of \$13.00 per day every day for the three months period of 90 days, besides their daily salary of \$9.60 per day.

We thought we would learn what was the "special field work" that "Bill Hogan" and others of his ilk do around election time and we thought that some of the money that had been squandered was going to be put back into the treasury and divided to the out of work coal miners in this state.

But our dreams and those received a rude awakening after we had read further than the camouflage head line that appeared in Frank's paper, and (Continued on page 6.)

BROTHER-IN-LAW OF CROWE RUNS SCAB PRINTERY

States Attorney's Police Used as Guards

Police from State's Attorney Crowe's office searched pressmen and feeders in the vicinity of the Cuneo Printing Company plant and even threatened to shoot.

Most of the police employed to protect the Berry flunks working at Cuneo are from the state's attorney's office. It was stated at union headquarters yesterday that Cuneo is a brother-in-law of State's Attorney Crowe and that Crowe is using the funds to help his relative out of a tight fix.

One of Berry's strikebreaking recruiting sergeants is Tom Polston, former vice president of Pressmen's Printing Union No. 3. While he was an anti-Berry man he relished telling the story of Berry's scabbing in St. Louis. The story is told in another column.

Threaten to Shoot.

About 10 o'clock Thursday night, as a group of the locked-out Cuneo employees were standing near the plant conversing with each other, a big automobile drew up. Two uniformed policemen and several plainclothes dicks jumped out and pulling their guns lined the workers up against the wall and searched them.

One of the dicks carried a sawed-off shotgun and brandished it before the pressmen, who were threatened with "real strongarm tactics" if they did not keep away from the plant.

Several loads of scabs were hauled to the plant in Premier cabs, which is a union concern, but it appears that the officials of the union do not take their unionism any more seriously than does "Majah" Berry. Neither does the advertising matter put out by the Premier company bear the union label. Premier company carry the union label.

BRITISH IMPERIALISM AUTHORIZES VICE ADMIRAL SINCLAIR TO TAKE 'FREEDOM OF ACTION' AT CANTON

(Special to The Daily Worker) PEKING, China, August 21.—The authorization by the British government to Vice Admiral Sinclair to take "freedom of action" in resisting the shipping regulations ordered by the South China Canton republic means, according to political interpretation, war upon the Canton government by Great Britain, and a possible dragging in of all China into a revolutionary war against imperialist nations who may ally themselves with England.

That the shipping regulations ordered by the Canton government will be, if successful, a death blow to British shipping and trade and completely paralyze the great British port of Hong Kong.

These regulations are that steamers of any nationality except British and Japanese will be allowed the use of any Chinese port (controlled by Canton), provided, however, that such steamers will not call at the British port of Hong Kong. Also, all steamers entering the port are subject to inspection by pickets of the Anti-Imperialist Union to prevent arms shipments to reactionary counter-revolutionary elements.

Hit British Trade. The Canton government proposes to American traders that all shipments of American goods for Canton should be first landed at Shanghai and trans-shipped by Soviet Russian or Chinese steamers to Canton, as striking workers are refusing to handle goods passing thru Hong Kong or transported in British ships.

Great Britain is thus threatened with a vital loss of trade, and she has every imperialist reason to be worried over the situation. But with the Shanghai settlement yesterday made between the Chinese and the Japanese, whereby the boycott of Japanese goods is ended by the granting of practically all the demands of the strikers by Japan, puts Britain into a position of isolation and she may not be able to gain any support from other imperialist rivals in a war upon China or even the Canton government's part of China.

Real diplomacy will move slowly in these circumstances, and it is to be remembered that China, while not a strong military centralized power, has 1,700,000 soldiers under arms in the various provinces under the almost independent governors, and that a war of intervention would take at the least estimate on the part of imperialist military experts, and army of 300,000.

If the United States could, as the imperialist powers figure, be induced to join in a war of intervention, it would be asked to furnish 100,000 men and to keep them there for two or three years. And this would cost some \$2,000,000,000 or more. And in the end the situation would be the same—or worse—for the imperialists as when they started.

Intervention Fails to Scare Anybody. Some Chinese believe that intervention would be a good thing, to (Continued on page 2)

CAL'S ECONOMY BUNK EXPOSED, EXPENSES RISE

Government Spends 37 Million More in 1925

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Despite the heralded Coolidge drive for economy, the cost of operating the American government during July—the first month of the new fiscal year—showed a sharp increase over the same period of 1924, the treasury department reported.

The total cost of government last month, the treasury announced, was \$245,592,753, an increase of \$37,597,000 over federal expenditures in July, 1924.

In the face of the president's orders for strict economy, a majority of the government departments showed higher costs of operation in July than in the same month of 1924.

The treasury itself used \$5,500,000 more in July than a year ago in refunding internal revenue receipts, while an increase of \$5,700,000 was noted in civil service retirement payments. The veterans' bureau also showed an increase of \$2,000,000 in monthly operating costs, while the state, treasury and agriculture departments all showed \$1,000,000 increases. (Continued on page 2)

'THE UNION BE DAMNED', SAID 'MAJAH' BERRY

George Scabbed in St. Louis in 1902

The story of the efforts of Chicago Printing Pressmen's Union No. 3 to call a halt to Berry's looting of the treasury was started in yesterday's issue, but I must digress a little to give another instance of the "Majah's" crooked and scabby career, and curiously enough this story first saw the light thru the initiative of Tom Polston, now one of the wheel horses pulling the Berry band wagon.

Berry's record as a scab herder is well known. It is not generally known however, that Berry scabbed in St. Louis in the year 1902. The following statement by Alfred Dale, signed by a notary public, is offered in evidence:

"I was employed by the Donnelly Printing Company as a pressman on or about May, 1902. Acting under the instructions of Pressmen's Union No. 6 I notified Mr. Donnell that it would be necessary for him to have a pressman in charge of the pressroom and according to the number of presses he had, an additional pressman.

"This Mr. Donnell refused to do and I notified him that I could not continue to work under these conditions as I had been instructed by Pressmen's Union that unless he complied with the laws of the Pressmen's Union I would have to cease work. He said: 'Go ahead and get out.'

"I then had a talk with Mr. Berry, trying to explain things to him, and told him that I would see that No. 6 would try and get him a card as soon as possible if he would come out with the pressmen and feeders.

"He said to me, 'The union be damned, they can go to hell.' He said he was going to stay with Mr. Donnell. I said, 'Mr. Berry, don't talk that way; you are a young man; it won't do you any good.' He said, 'To hell with you.' I said, 'All right,' and I left. (Signed) 'Alfred Dale.'

The above statement was subscribed and sworn to before Florence Pallod Hearsum, a notary public, on the 12th of August, 1902.

Some Father! This is only one of the colorful incidents in the career of George L. Berry, president of an international union and claiming the right to speak in the name of organized labor and consign radicals, progressives and Communists to perdition. This trade union flunk had the colossal gall at the last convention of the union, if convention it may be called, to have a motion passed ordering that his picture be painted and that it be hung in the Pressmen's Home in Tennessee with the inscription, of "George L. Berry—Father of the Home."

Berry has pursued every honest member of the union who has dared to stand up against his rotten grafting rule with unparalleled malignity. One of those is John G. Warrington of St. Louis. But the rank and file in St. Louis support Warrington against Berry.

Another Berry Tool. A specimen of the type that Berry uses to do his dirty work in the union is Charles Fleck, now in a steward- (Continued on page 2)





