

POLICE TERROR RAGES

RIF ATTACK STAGGERS THE FRENCH FORCES

Expect Tetuan to Fall Soon

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TANGIER, March 4.—Riffian artillery resumed the bombardment of the strong French positions at Tetuan today and for ten hours have steadily pounded the enemy lines, slaughtering many. French reinforcements cannot get to the scene of battle until nightfall or tomorrow, while Riffian reinforcements are expected within two hours in sufficient numbers to make possible an advance to the entrenchments of the imperialist enemy lines.

The advance, if it can be made before nightfall, will wipe out the French or capture them and their supplies. A flanking movement has already begun that aims to surround and bottle up the escape of the French forces with their equipment.

Chicago Politicians to Whitewash Selves

Chicago's political pot continued to boil following the statement last night by Mayor William E. Dever that he would like to go before a committee of congress to refute charges of the better government association that "Chicago has surrendered to criminals and crooked politicians."

"Prove your charges or get out," was the mayor's defiance to the so-called reform organization which recently, on the eve of a state-wide primary campaign, appealed to congress thru vice-President Charles G. Dawes to investigate crime conditions here.

"I am concerned about this city's reputation rather than the cheap little vendetta which has cost the lives of a few people," blustered Dever.

Mayor Dever has gathered "investigators," members of his cabinet and heads of departments to start a whitewash expedition on conditions in Chicago.

COOLIDGE TO BECOME A MIDWIFE AS WELL AS STRIKEBREAKER

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The appropriation of \$1,000,000 allowed in the pending bill of the department of labor for hygienic, maternity and infancy work to be expended under the stipulations of the Shepherd-Towner maternity act, is "state socialism," according to the declarations of Representative Tucker, democratic reactionary from Virginia. Tucker stated that he was "agin the government's appropriating any money for any function which properly belongs to the individual states." If the bill carries, Tucker mournfully asserts that it will make Uncle Sam the "midwife for the nation's babies."

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COLONIAL GIANT AWAKENING



CAL'S COHORTS NOW TERRORIZE MEXICAN LABOR

Launch New Attack on Foreign-Born Workers

Following the vicious attack on the foreign-born workers in the Italian colony, the Chicago police feeling secure their steps would be backed by the Coolidge administration, launched a series of raids on the Mexican quarter in the southwestern part of the city. In these raids many Mexican railroad laborers were rounded up, brought to the Chicago bureau of identification, where they were fingerprinted, photographed, their Bertillon measurements taken and filed away to be used against them at some future date.

After this procedure had been gone thru most of them were released. The bills aimed against foreign-born workers have not yet passed congress, the attacks of the Coolidge administration on the foreign-born workers has begun. Foreign-born workers need not think they will end soon. Neither need they think that the passage of the fingerprinting laws will bring them a respite. As soon as the anti-foreign-born laws are passed the raids that are now being carried on in Chicago.

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Anti-Fascists of U. S. Call Protest Meetings In All the States

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NEW YORK, March 4.—The Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America, with headquarters here, announces that in view of the forthcoming trial of the assassins of Matteotti, set for March 15 in Italy, it has laid plans for mass meetings to be held in every state of the union, at which prominent speakers will expose the murderous record of Mussolini and the cut-throat gang which surrounds him.

Matteotti's widow has withdrawn her counsel, declaring that it was "repugnant to her to participate in what she considers a comedy, since those really responsible for her husband's death will not be present."

The Anti-Fascist Alliance has been endorsed by the American Federation of Labor, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the International Ladies' Garment Workers, the Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York, the Italian Chamber of Labor and the United Hebrew Trades of this city, the Workmen's Circle, and scores of local labor bodies throughout the country.

The first mass meeting will be held here at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East Fourth street, Sunday afternoon, March 14, at 2 p. m.

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN-BORN MEETS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14

PITTSBURGH, March 4.—The Pittsburgh Section of the Western Pennsylvania Council for the Protection of Foreign-Born Workers will hold a delegated conference at Walton Hall, 220 Stanwix Street, Sunday afternoon, March 14, at 2 o'clock. Letters have been sent out calling upon unions and fraternal organizations to send two or more delegates to the conference to map out ways and means of resisting the attacks of the union-smashing Coolidge administration on the foreign-born workers. The secretary of the Council is A. Rostrom, Room 204, 237 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

SENATE FIGHTS OVER SUBSIDY TO SILVER OWNERS

Democrats Join Mellon Opposition

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The majority of the senate committee on banking and currency, composed of republicans, voted unanimously last week to recommend the bill directing the secretary of the treasury to buy 5,000,000 additional ounces of silver on the open market for coinage purposes at the rate of \$1 an ounce.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is opposed to the measure and is supported by the democratic members led by Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia. Mellon states the legislation will make a gift of \$5,000,000 dollars more to silver producers, who, he declares have already received a bonus of \$58,169,950 from the treasury under the provisions of the Pittman act.

Economic Determinism.

The Pittman act ordered that from time to time the secretary of the treasury should purchase silver on the open market at a price which was above the market quotation but would be increasing the demand raise the price. Pittman represented Nevada in the senate. Silver mining is a principal industry in that state.

Must Create "Issues."

The democratic alliance with Mellon is only for political effect. The democrats have decided that they must create as many issues as possible during the remainder of this session of congress in order to wipe out the fact that they lined up with the republicans in support of the Morgan tax bill.

5,000 Chinese Strike in Shanghai Mills

SHANGHAI, March 4.—A great strike has broken out again in the Japanese cotton mills here. Over 5,000 Chinese laborers are out. There have been a number of serious clashes. The trouble started over the attempt of Japanese foremen to cut the already starvation wage scale by imposing fines for allegedly defective work.

VAN SWERINGEN MERGER MAY YET BE CONSUMMATED

Rejection by Commission Leaves Way Open

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Van Sweringen billion dollar merger balloon has been deflated, but the two Cleveland financiers who started their careers as newsboys, still have a chance to send it skyward. All they have to do, the experts say, after a microscopic examination of the interstate commerce commission's decision denying them the right to merge five large railroad systems into a single unit, is to change the "financial structure" of their plan. The commission probably will give them a clean bill of health on a new application.

Effect on Other Combinations.

There was much conjecture in Washington today as to what effect the commission's action in the Van Sweringen case would have on other pending railroad consolidation plans. Promoters of the Frisco-Rock Island merger have been withholding formal application for approval of their merger until the commission finally passed on the Nickel Plate case, altho plans for an interlocking directorate of the two big systems are now before the commission. Other tentative merger plans, primarily contingent upon the Van Sweringen Nickel Plate merger, including the Delaware and Hudson's absorption of the Wabash, the Wheeling & Lake

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Boston Garment Shops Sign up With Union

BOSTON.—(FP).—Half the manufacturers whose shops were struck a week ago by workers demanding uniform minimum wage scales, 42-hour week, and improved working conditions have signed with the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union representatives. Workers will march back to work after a mass meeting. Negotiations for settlements are proceeding with other dress and cloak manufacturers who refused to sign a group agreement.

7,000 FURRIERS MARCH THRU NEW YORK'S STREETS

Police Fail to Disrupt Strikers' Parade

By A. L. SUSKIN.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Seven thousand striking fur workers, marched thru the streets in the fur district in solid ranks, and have showed their unity and determination to fight for the demands they have submitted.

The procession started at seven o'clock in the morning at 27th street and Seventh Avenue thru Seventh Ave. to West 30th St. where the fur manufacturers' association has its office and then thru Eighth Ave. thru the other streets of the fur market and then down to the halls where a roll call was made and pickets sent out on duty.

The whole police force was out and tried in many ways to break thru the ranks and thus stop the demonstration but was unsuccessful. The police then tried to provoke some of the workers into a fight with them but this did not help them, for the workers refused to be provoked. The workers marched in orderly fashion thru the streets until 10 o'clock and then went to the halls.

One of the features of the demonstration (Continued on page 6)

WOMAN WORKER KILLED IN FACTORY FIRE DUE TO EMPLOYER NEGLIGENCE

A woman worker was killed by flames and smoke when fire broke out in the 3-story factory of the Western Haircloth Co. of Chicago. The landlord owner of the building was too greedy to spend any money on fire escapes, the city inspectors were too anxious to please the owner to order them installed and the manufacturer himself helped the tragedy along by nailing wire netting over some of the windows which prevented his 14 employees from escaping without injury when the fire broke out.

Mrs. Marcella Orlepka, an employee, was found dead by firemen on the top story, after the flames were subdued. Six other women workers were injured. The coroner is "investigating."

The law firm of Schuyler, Ettelson & Weinfeld, of which Samuel Ettelson is a member, owns the property which was burned and leases it to the Western Hair Cloth company. Ettelson is a prominent republican politician of Chicago. The property was insured for \$25,000.

LIVERIED THUGS RUN MOTORCYCLES OVER WOMEN AND CHILDREN; SMASH CAMERAS TO DESTROY EVIDENCE

BULLETIN.

PASSAIC, N. J., March 4.—Protected from tear bombs and other missiles of the police by gas masks and trench helmets, 4,000 textile strikers gathered this afternoon for another attempt to break thru the police lines and picket the mills in Clifton and Passaic in defiance of the order of the commissioner of public safety.

At Clifton, the city's police force awaited their arrival, guarding the bridge leading into the city.

Undaunted by the action of police in stripping pickets of their helmets this morning, the strikers, many of them ex-service men, donned steel headpieces taken during the war.

Two armored cars, containing photographers who were clubbed by police yesterday, preceded the marchers.

Strike leaders said they would march to the New Jersey Worsted Spinning Company's mill in Garfield and then to the Dundee mills in Clifton.

Citizens of Passaic were aroused by a sensational report that the strikebreaking agencies had imported a large number of gunmen, thugs and ex-convicts from New York City to work in the mills.

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PASSAIC, MARCH 4.—Continuing their frightfulness of the past few days police of this city and Garfield attacked a peaceful assemblage of strikers, numbering some 4,000, on the border line between Passaic and Garfield last night, beating and injuring scores of men, women and children. Motorcycles were used as weapons by policemen riding into the crowd, running over and severely cutting women and children. Other policemen trampled them as they lay on the ground with a ruthlessness that has not before been equalled in the struggle of the mill workers here against continued wage cuts.

Smash Cameras.

The infuriated police, most of them reeking with bad bootleg booze, conducted themselves in the most obnoxious and brutal manner, hurling the most obscene oaths at young girls and calling them insulting names such as are seldom heard even in the red light districts that flourish openly in all the mill towns of this state.

For days a number of New York newspapers have been publishing photographs of the police lines as they assault the peaceful groups of strikers. This damning evidence has placed the city mayor and other authorities on the defensive to such an extent that indignant citizens, offended at the unprovoked outrages, are demanding the impeachment of the mayor, the chief of police and other officials responsible for the disorders of the past few weeks. In an effort to avert further nationwide exposures the police assaulted the cameramen, beating a number of them badly, and destroying equipment value at more than \$5,000.

TEXTILE BARON NEGOTIATES WITH STRIKERS

Worsted Spinning Mill Meets Workers

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PASSAIC, N. J., March 4.—As the strike of the textile workers enters the sixth week, the Passaic Worsted Spinning company has sent representatives to the United Front Committee of Textile Workers to carry on negotiations for a settlement of the strike at their plant.

This company recognizes the right of collective bargaining and expresses its willingness to grant many of the demands of the strikers among which is the 44-hour week.

Out of the promised 300 mounted police that the police commissioner threatened he would send against the strikers to trample them down and thus force them back to work only four were on duty as a picket line of 2,000 gathered at the Botany mills and 2,000 at the Garfield mills at 5:30 in the morning.

When the pickets began their picketing, these four mounted policemen rode towards the strikers. The strikers jeered the short-legged policemen mounted on four dray horses. The strikers then began to sing "Solidarity Forever."

The police then jumped from their horses and arrested some of the pickets—four at the Botany mill and two at the Forstmann-Huffmann mill. A number of those arrested were fined and the others were all released.

Tacna-Arica Dispute Provokes Bitterness

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ARICA, Chile, March 4.—The Peruvian member of the plebiscitary commission at yesterday's meeting attacked the Chilean government's method of providing for a fair vote and demanded the plebiscite be postponed to August. He claimed that Peruvians were being intimidated and barred from the disputed area.

On Tuesday when the Chilean member, Senor Claro, is expected to outline his government's position, the Peruvians have arranged a demonstration with bands. Feeling is becoming more tense.

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