

## N. Y. Rents To Soar June 1st

Cantonese Smash  
Thru Sun's LinesCommunist Party of China in New Appeal Says  
Revolutionary Spirit Unbreakable

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16.—The Cantonese armies by a clever outflanking movement have inflicted a disastrous defeat on the mercenary forces of Sun Chung-Fang and are now within 35 miles of Hangchow.

As previously cabled to The DAILY WORKER the recent Cantonese retreat was a tactical movement designed to draw the enemy into a trap. Sun walked into it and is now trying to walk out again as best he can.

Imperialist elements here are plainly worried over the turn events are taking. They hugged the delusion that Sun's troops were winning. Now the horrible truth is being told. Sun's troops are demoralized, Chang Tso-Lin's boasted "advance" is almost stationary, Wu-Pei-Fu is still in the questionable column and General Feng is reported to be giving his army the final "once-over" before setting it on Chang's tracks. Sun Chuan-Fang is reported rushing his troops southwards in a frantic effort to halt the victorious Cantonese.

## CURRENT EVENTS

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

UNLESS all signs fail, Coolidge's attempt to embed his reputation in history by staging a fake reduction or arms conference is liable to be as successful as Woodrow Wilson's effort to jam the United States into the league of nations. Coolidge may emerge from the wreckage with his faculties intact, since one cannot take nothing from nothing. Wilson was one of those "do or die" fellows. "Cal" is content with making recommendations and watching them being kicked about the lawn by the jolly old senators.

The French government does not hesitate to inform the president that it does not intend to be caught without a girdle when the next war breaks out. England grins and intends to advise Washington that its heart throbs with peaceful desires but what can be done when France bars the way? Britain then sets about laying the keels of a few more cruisers and dispatches another ship-load of soldiers to China. Peace under capitalism is an illusion.

All governments are working their chemical departments overtime. Poisonous gases of rare deadliness are being invented. The several governments have officially frowned on the use of poison gas and vowed not to use it in the next war, they are producing it in large quantities. Yet, they raise their eyebrows in feigned horror when they read that the war department of the Soviet Union is preparing for the inevitable attack of its enemies. This may be displeasing to the pacifists who profess a great love for the Soviet Union but don't like to see good boys using their knuckles on bad boys.

STEPHEN Raditch, Croatian radical, has expressed his sympathy with China in the struggle against imperialism. He declared that Russia and China represented a mighty continental bloc against Western imperialism which controlled the seas. Yugo-Slavia would be in the West European imperialist system, said Raditch, until the Soviet system reached the Danube. This kind of language may smack of the old Pan-Slavism, but the Soviet system is going to spread until it takes in the whole world, Yugo-Slavia included.

RICARDO Trevino, general secretary of the Mexican Confederation of Labor, is reported to have urged the Mexican workers to produce more native products and to boycott foreign products, "especially those of the United States." This is good way of striking a blow at imperialism. The Chinese used the boycott weapon with considerable effect in the Japanese and British imperialist. But the Mexican workers should realize that whatever sacrifices they make will be unavailing if they in the long run if they leave government power in the hands of the rising Mexican bourgeoisie that represents. The workers and peasants of Mexico are facing the blots of American imperialism. It well they should have no illusions about the aims of the native capitalists.

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Senator Defies Coolidge  
And Moves for Union  
Of Latin Americans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—In the face of express presidential disapproval, Senator Shipstead, (F.L.), of Minnesota, today further pressed his proposal for a Federation of Central American Republics by offering in the senate a resolution calling upon President Coolidge to invite the five southern countries to send plenipotentiaries to Washington to arrange such a union.

President Coolidge, through his official spokesman, recently let it be known that he felt such a proposal should go through the proper diplomatic channels without publicity rather than be aired and exploited through the press and from the senate floor.

Coolidge Urged  
To Frame New  
Mexican PactKellogg Unloads New Cargo  
Of Falsehoods

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The senate foreign relations committee today favorably reported the Borah resolution requesting President Coolidge to negotiate a treaty with Mexico extending the life of the general claims commission between the United States and Mexico.

The resolution was sponsored by Senator Borah, so the commission could be used to adjudicate the present controversies over Mexican oil and land laws.

The committee also discussed the Frazier resolution, prohibiting the president from using American troops in Mexico during the recess of congress, but no action was taken.

Living up to his practice of spreading misinformation thru the state department, Secretary Kellogg today informed the senate that 70 per cent of the oil producers in Mexico have refused to subscribe to Mexico's new petroleum law. The secretary had been requested to furnish data from the department bearing on the oil situation.

This statement is at variance with the facts given out by reliable sources which show that most of the oil producers in Mexico have come under the provisions of the new law.

Miners Buried Alive  
Eight Days; Company  
Gives 2 Days Wages

HAZLETON, Pa. (FP).—Entombed eight days in a Lehigh Valley Coal Co. mine last November five union coal diggers are demanding full time pay for the time lost underground. That means 24-hour shifts. The company offers only two shifts' pay. District 7 officers will probably have to fight the case out before the anthracite conciliation board.

Coal Operators  
Propose Taft  
Set WagesLewis' Program Actually an  
Efficiency Plan

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 16.—Both the miners' committee for negotiation of a wage scale in the central competitive coal mining field, and the operators submitted plans today. The essential difference is that the operators' program provides for an open recognized arbitration board, to prune wages to the point where coal mining requires no more of a payroll in the union fields than in the unorganized cheap labor districts of the south.

## Supreme Court To Control.

This board would have vast powers, and would be controlled by its neutral members, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, if not agreed upon by the two parties.

The union program, as presented by International President John L. Lewis, allows for the creation of a board of technical advisers, counsel, rate experts, and so on, to be selected by the present conference, and to meet on all questions of dispute over the application of the contract.

Lewis, in answer to questions during the discussion of his proposition, said that wages would not go down during the two years of the conference. Some of the operators have stated that the offer to appoint such a council is the first step of retreat on the part of the miners, and that this council, could, in fact, reduce the payroll expenses, either by forcing the miner to do more dead work without pay, or by actually cutting wages, in spite of Lewis' statement.

If adopted, the miners' union plan would require both sides to "recognize the inadequacy of wage reductions to effect commercial security and stability in the bituminous industry."

Lewis also demanded a readjustment of freight rates to wipe out alleged discriminatory schedules given the non-union fields.

Lewis attacked the Interstate Commerce Commission, unfair freight rates, he said, are largely responsible for the demoralized conditions in union fields.

## Wants "Cooperation."

He declared that the republican national committee from West Virginia.

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STATUS OF CHINA  
IS LOWER THAN  
A CROWN COLONYPeking Minister Says  
Chains Will Be Broken

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—China is governed "more autocratically" by the powers than are the subjects of a British crown colony, said Dr. Sze, Peking minister speaking at a forum of the National Popular Government League, adding:

"How would you Americans feel if the foreign nations should impose upon you a fiscal regime, inferior even to Britain's dominions, depriving you of the right of raising revenue according to your own judgment and needs?"

"How would you feel if the various foreign settlements in your big cities, for example, say Chinatown, should claim an almost independent status, with their own laws, courts and police?"

"The world may rest assured that the Chinese nation will not rest until her independence and territorial and administrative integrity become realities. She will not be satisfied with mere assurance in the form of high sounding and pious declarations as the powers have been doing since the beginning of this century."

The Russian Soviet government is regarded with favor in China because it has lived up to its promises," said Dr. Sze.

California Edison Co.  
Construction Workers  
Buried in Avalanche

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—One man known to have been killed and many others are believed to have met the same fate when a tremendous snow-slide wiped out an outlying construction camp on the Deep Creek tunnel project of the Southern California Edison Company, last night according to belated advices received at company headquarters here late today.

William Laker met death in the slide. There were 250 other workers in the camp, which is approximately 75 miles northeast of Fresno and 1,000 feet up in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Relief parties have been sent to the scene from the main camp at Deep Creek.

Ford's Hatred of  
Usurers Hurts  
CouzensBanker Choate Would Not  
Handle Henry's Stock

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Wall Street's tireless buying and selling, its liking for prices stamped on a chatterbox ticket tape, and its panicky fears of "radicalism," rose up today to plague the former partners of Henry Ford.

These things, thrown into the conflict with the "anti-Wall Street" measures Ford used to keep bankers and brokers at arm's length, forced down the value of Ford Motor Company stock, according to Arthur O. Choate, New York banker.

## To Get Back Tax.

Choate was a witness for the government in its fight to collect \$30,000,000 more income taxes from Senator James Couzens of Michigan and other former Ford stockholders. He testified that Wall Street's alarm over the election of Woodrow Wilson in 1912, and the drastic restrictions Ford threw about the sale of his company's stock to "outsiders," held the value of this stock down to \$4,000 a share in 1913.

To a broker buying the stock for resale to the public the value was depressed still more, to a "perfectly ridiculous" figure, Choate said.

## "Couldn't Sell 'em."

"Absolutely unsaleable," was his summary of the effect of the Ford restrictions.

"I don't think the stock could have been listed on any stock exchange, with the restrictions," Choate continued. "He added that only under extraordinary conditions would he have accepted it as collateral for a loan."

The restrictions were written into the Ford Company's by-laws. They prohibited any stockholder from selling to an "outsider," until the other stockholders had been given the opportunity, first collectively and then individually, to "match" or better the offer. They would have applied both to purchase by a broker, and to repurchase by an investor, according to the government's view.

NO DISARMAMENT FOR LONG TIME,  
NOW THE SONG OF THE DIPLOMATS

ROME, Feb. 16.—Italy's formal reply to President Coolidge's disarmament proposals, which will be a refusal, will be handed to the American ambassador shortly, according to the Italian semi-official agency.

Italy refuses to bind herself to any reduction of lesser naval craft, and intimates that the submarine will be the great weapon with which Italy will oppose "superior armament"—of what country not stated but plainly either England or France.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—France's note of rejection was being studied today. It seemed to afford but little hope of any concrete success in the near future toward further naval disarmament. Indeed, Secretary of State Kellogg characterized it indi-

Landlords Scoff at  
Epidemic Warning;  
Fight to Finish Due

New York workers will pay 25 to 100 per cent more rent after June 1.

This was the threat today in dispatches from Albany where reactionary republican state legislators are threatening to allow the rent laws to die when they terminate this summer.

Assemblyman Edmund B. Jenks, in charge of the rent laws, declared "the emergency is over," although Health Commissioner Harris drew an appalling picture of the danger of epidemics in the slum areas of New York.

The city was drawn into two opposing camps today on what is probably the most vital immediate issue before the metropolitan public. On one side were:

4,000,000 workers and their families.

Social workers.

Workers' Health Bureau.

Public health authorities headed by Commissioner Harris.

Fair Play Rent Association and scores of tenants' associations.

Consumers' League.

Trade unions and workers' clubs.

On the other side were:

Real estate agents.

Property owners.

Professional patriots.

Reactionaries generally who regard the rent law as "socialism."

In hearings just concluded before the state board of housing, meeting at the city hall this week, scores of workers and renters' representatives told just how one half of New York lives.

"Dozens of families in north Harlem are living in coal bins and cellars and paying \$25 and \$30 a month for such quarters," declared James Middleton of the North Harlem Community Council.

Walter Lee, of the Fair Play Rent Assn., declared the rent situation today is just as critical for 90 per cent of the workers as it was six years ago when the rent laws were enacted.

Dr. Harris told of reports made to him by public nurses.

They visited 3,384 apartments in the section comprising Elizabeth street, Cleveland Park, Center Court, Canal street, Grand street, Mulberry and Hester streets. Of these apartments 3,313 were occupied. In 144 apartments the families both lived and carried on business on the premises.

Thirty-four of these families lived in basements, "not at all in accordance with what we consider our health ideals," said Dr. Harris.

"We made a study of occupancy of bedrooms, which is very important, because if bedrooms are overcrowded, communicable diseases are bound to spread in normal times, and should an epidemic occur, we would have a situation that might mean disaster."

"We found there were 1,059 bedrooms in which two children slept, exclusive of the adults that used the same bedroom—I am thinking only in terms of children, who are the inflammable material, susceptible to disease."

"There were sixty-seven bedrooms in which, aside from adult occupancy, a single child was housed for sleeping purposes."

"There were 458 bedrooms where three children slept in addition to the adults."

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U. S. MARINES TO  
RULE NICARAGUA,  
SAYS COOLIDGEWill Continue to Wield  
Big Stick Over Her

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The American government tonight abandoned any hope for peace in Nicaragua, and will continue to police the republic with United States marines, it was officially learned at the state department.

The navy transport Henderson was ordered to leave Philadelphia and pick up 800 apprentice seamen at Newport, R. I., stop at Hampton Roads for 600 marines and proceed for southern waters. The seamen are to be dropped at Guantanamo, for training with the U. S. fleet there, and as many more trained sailors or marines taken on board. They will proceed direct to Nicaragua.

To Save Diaz's Neck.

The Diaz forces were routed and the Sacasa forces were accused of firing upon the United States charge d'affaires prompted this action, it was learned.

President Coolidge today expressed the hope that Dr. Juan Sacasa, leader of the rebels and Adolfo Diaz of the constitutional government would come to terms.

Admiral Julian Latimer, commander of the American forces in Nicaragua, conferred with Dr. Sacasa early today. It was learned that he left there to make the long passage through the Panama Canal and back to the west coast to confer with Diaz. No one would say whether his mission proved profitable.

## Police Investigate Deaths.

SODUS, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The authorities here were today continuing their investigation into the deaths of J. Roscoe Dufflo, 35, and William Smith, a 15-year-old Sodus school boy whose bodies, both with bullet wounds, were found under an over-turned car.

British Official in  
Firing Squad Threat  
To War Opponents

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Sir Mitchell-Thomson, chief civil commissioner during the general strike, now postmaster general, threatened to use firing squads on Communists and left wing socialists and radical trade unionists who were opposing the dispatch of troops for war against the nationalist government of China.

"If they continue to oppose the steps being taken by his majesty's government to protect British property in China, they will end up and very properly, too, against a wall with a firing party in front of them. I think it is as well that they should know this right from the start."

Sir William Joyson-Hicks stated in the house of commons that the government was trying to find out the party responsible for publishing the leaflets distributed among the troops urging them to refuse to fight against the Chinese.

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## MURDERS VIE WITH ROBBERY IN WILD SPREE

### Crime Breaks Out Like Pox on N. Y.'s Face

Manhattan's tabloids shrieked with delight today as a wild assortment of crimes joined to jazz up headlines, languishing since the lid was put back on the Peaches-Browning mess.

1. Walter Ward, scion of the bread trust family, was facing suit here in a \$35,000 action by parents of Clarence Peters. The young millionaire killed Peters, a sailor, "illegally and unlawfully," to quote the quaint legal phrases and not because he was being blackmailed. The blackmail stuff won Ward's freedom at the murder trial several years ago.

Peters' parents claim damages because their son was a source of income. Mystery witnesses to prove Ward committed the murder in cold blood were being primed for the case.

2. Police dragged forth a "crime teacher" theory to account for the murder committed by Michael Ponkrushaw, 11. He shot and killed a Jamaica storekeeper. The boy is headed straight for the gallows if the cops can uncover a suspected underworld character whom he is supposed to be shielding. "Let them kill him, I don't care," asserted his father.

Young Michael, whose ideas came from the movies, he claims, has been implicated in other local robberies.

3. Harold F. Webster, who killed his mother-in-law, was "torn all night by sobs" after his wife had testified she hated him. Webster used a hammer.

4. The Tombs held John Sweeney for a mail truck holdup in Elizabeth, N. J., in which a cop and the driver were killed by machine gun bullets. \$300,000 was stolen.

5. Francesco Caruso, Brooklyn, who killed the physician who he said, had killed his son, was charged with murder in the first degree. He maintained stoutly that he had killed Dr. Pendola, "but not with a knife."

Alloy Found Guilty.

6. Anthony Alloy was found guilty in the Brooklyn County Court, charged with arson in the first degree as a second offender. This verdict means at least forty years imprisonment.

After the verdict Chief Fire Marshal Thomas P. Brophy told the jury that Alloy is "one of the most dangerous persons in the country."

7. A thief, apparently climbed up the grooved wall of the apartment house at 1010 Fifth Avenue, entered the first floor apartment of Thomas M. Blake through an open window and rifled two bed rooms of jewelry worth more than \$10,000.

BY THE DAILY WORKER  
AT THE NEW STANDS

To Reorganize State Police.  
TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 16.—Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, superintendent of the state police, today outlined plans for reorganization of state police force, as directed by Governor Moore. The number of stations operated by the state police will be reduced from 37 to 32.

Opposes Paying Doctors.  
ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—A bill which would permit towns to pay physicians for examining intoxicated persons drew the fire of Assemblyman Cuvillier, New York democrat, and arch foe of prohibition in the assembly today.

## All Workers

but particularly Irish workers will want to read "Jim Connolly and the Irish Rising of 1926," by G. Schuller with an introduction by T. J. O'Flaherty. "Connolly," name of the military leader of the Easter Week Rebellion, is a magic name to every Irish worker who has within him a single spark of the divine fire of revolt.

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## Old Taxi Corporation Involuntary Bankrupt: Rivals Will Benefit

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the Quaker City Cab company of Philadelphia recently by creditors of the company. Chas. Sinkler of Philadelphia was named temporary receiver for the company with a bond of \$25,000.

The Quaker City company was one of the oldest taxi corporations in the city of Philadelphia. It had gradually declined in power for a number of years but after the Yellow Taxi was purchased by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company (the Mitten interest) new financial backing was secured by Quaker City and it was announced that a determined struggle would be made to dominate the bus and taxi business in and around Philadelphia.

Announcement that the Quaker City company had been petitioned to bankruptcy would appear to leave the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. in full control of the car and bus business of Philadelphia.

## Coal Barons Place Hope in Bill Taft

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Virginia Kentucky and Tennessee were in Washington circulating reports that if President Coolidge names to the commission another man from Pennsylvania he won't get republican delegations from those states if he runs for a third term.

Lewis said the miners' settlement plan would result in "cooperation upon an intelligent basis and it would give wide authority to the conference."

Official Hope to Dicker.

There is a growing feeling of optimism in the ranks of the miners' union committee that a general breakdown in the industry can be avoided by signing agreements with separate districts or with individual coal companies. Union officials declared that if some of the operators sign for a renewal of the present contract others can be whipped into line before March 31. Even if an agreement is reached, there may be a temporary suspension in April to allow American industry to absorb the surplus stocks on hand, variously estimated between 60,000, 000 and 85,000,000 tons or at least a two months' supply.

Coal Was Ammunition.

These coal supplies were accumulated for the purpose of breaking the strike expected on April 1, if an agreement is not made before that date. The rank and file of the miners are not enthusiastic about any such closing down of mines for the purpose of saving the operators their campaign expenses against unionism, by allowing them to use up the coal reserves they have accumulated as a weapon against their employees.

Operators Propose Court.

William C. Perry, Illinois operator, offered as an amendment to Lewis' plan, the operators' proposal for a commission of four miners, four owners and three neutral mediators to settle any disputes that were not solved by the Joint Wage Conference. The neutral mediators would be named by the chief justice of the supreme court, if the miners and operators could not agree upon them.

The operators' plan, as set forth by Perry, and more especially by William H. Haskins, Secretary of the Eastern Ohio Operators' Association provided for wages to be settled by a commission provided for the agreement by the conference on a wage scale that would be competitive with that of the non-union districts, and for the commission, as outlined above, to remain in session and to:

1. Determine a competitive wage scale for the central competitive field.
  2. To readjust such scale from time to time in order to maintain competitive equilibrium.
  3. To have final jurisdiction in all grievances appealed from the several districts.
  4. To perform such other duties as may be agreed upon by the joint conference of miners and operators.
- The scene of the conference was shifted today from the Hotel McAllister to the Everglades Hotel. Three spokesmen presented the arguments for each side. For the miners, besides President Lewis, were Philip Murray, vice-president of the United Mine Workers, and Lee Hall of the Ohio Miners Association, Philip H. Evans of Terre Haute, Ind., was the third speaker for the operators.

## Civil Liberties Wires Protest When Official Stops Debate Over God

Governor Howard M. Gore of West Virginia was urged yesterday by the American Civil Liberties Union in a telegram from Forrest Bailey, a director, to restore the rights of free speech in Huntington and to rebuke Mayor W. E. Neal for banning a religious debate from the Huntington city auditorium and intimidating other hall owners.

At the same time Mr. Bailey wired to Mayor Neal protesting against

## OFFICE UNION BANS FREIHEIT OFFICE STAFF

### Officials Refuse to Or- ganize Big News Shop

Freiheit office workers cannot join the Office Workers' Union. This is the edict of Ernest Bohm, secretary of the union, revealed today in the publication of correspondence between the workers in the Freiheit office and the union.

Freiheit is the only Jewish workers' daily newspaper in New York City, and that is regarded the real reason behind the action of the officialdom of the union, which takes orders attentively from Hugh Frayne, local representative of the A. F. of L. hierarchy and Matthew Woll, leader of the reactionary union-disrupters in the A. F. of L.

The relationship between Freiheit and the Office Workers' Union is an interesting one. The office staff was the only unorganized section of the entire Freiheit staff until November 1926. When workers asked the Freiheit manager why the office workers were not in the union, he answered that the union never came to organize them. The manager immediately communicated with the union.

On March 23, 1926 the manager wrote to the union informing them of the actual conditions. The secretary came and took a list of the workers and their wages. But the office remained unorganized. On May 19 the manager wrote again. The secretary came again and asked for one more week's time. But the week turned into a month, and the office remained non-union.

In answer to the above, the president of the union offered the Freiheit staff the right to pay dues to the union without the elementary privileges of coming to union meetings and participating in the union activities. Needless to say such proposition was voted down by the staff. It was considered an insult.

But this did not close the matter. The office staff remained unorganized until two ambitious union members came to the Freiheit and stated that they would use their influence in convincing the president of the union that the office staff should be organized. They were given the names and salaries of each member.

Before the staff was unionized the secretary stated that he was in favor of organizing the Freiheit but the president of the union and his followers were not.

The secretary's position seemed to have won. The ambitious girls' influence was convincing. The Freiheit office staff was initiated on the union floor, without a single objection, at the November, 1926 meeting. "Hooraay," the Freiheit staff felt like telling the world. But they remembered the pledge made to the young office workers—that they would give no publicity to the fact that the Freiheit was unionized. And they kept their promise. No publicity—and all was well until—

On January 18, 1927 each office worker received a registered receipt requested letter with a check covering initiation fees and dues. The letter read:

"Greeting: Since your appearance before the membership committee of this union, additional information has been brought for the committee showing that contrary to the impression you created there, you are opposed to the principles of trade unionism as sanctioned by the American Federation of Labor. We therefore, return the money you have paid on account of initiation fees and dues, enclosed. Very truly yours, (signed) Ernest Bohm, secretary."

## Can't Even Get Bodies Of Edison Company Men Killed By Snow Slides

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 16.—Rescue workers seeking bodies of 14 victims buried beneath tons of snow, earth and rocks near Big Creek were withdrawn suddenly today when thawing weather was expected.

"Your high-handed procedure" in violation of "fundamental American rights of free speech." He declared he would "seek other means of relief through executive channels is not obtained."

In a third telegram, Mr. Bailey urged the barred debaters, Dr. T. T. Martin, field secretary of the Anti-Evolution League of America, and Charles Smith, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Atheism, to join the union in staging a free-speech test in Indianapolis, Ind., where they are to debate on the subject tabooed by the

## Mexico Loans Money To Progressive Latin American Republics

GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 16.—Two million pesos in Mexican gold—a million and a half as a loan to Guatemala and a half million as a loan to Juan Sacasa, liberal president of Nicaragua—has been received by Alfonso Graviato, Mexican ambassador here, according to reports in circulation here.

The Honduras revolutionary general Ferrera is understood to be in Mexico and it is believed that he will leave shortly for the East Coast of Honduras with an insurrectionary force.

## Dawes Gets Credit For Farm Relief Bill

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The McNary-Haugen bill improved the cotton situation, prices having increased as soon as the senate passed the farm bill. Last week, he said, 138,000 bales of spot cotton were bought as compared with the 60,000 bales of spot cotton bought the corresponding week of last year.

In the house the bill was slowly being steam-rollered through today. The announcement by Representative Aswell, democrat, of Louisiana, at the close of yesterday's session that he will move for the substitution of his own farm measure for the McNary-Haugen bill is considered a challenge, which probably will result in a real test of strength in the voting on the motion. If his motion is lost then another substitution—that of the Curtis-Crisp bill—will be attempted.

To Vote Friday.

After consideration of amendments to the bill its supporters expect to have the final vote on the measure by Friday or Saturday, and if the legislation is retained in the form approved by the senate, so no conference is necessitated, it will be sent to the White House immediately.

The belief that President Coolidge will veto the bill was voiced at yesterday's session by several representatives. Many members said they would vote for the bill because they think the president will veto it. Representative O'Connor, democrat, of Louisiana, said: "Others are planning to vote for it, although they openly admit it is unconstitutional."

Cotton Mills Object.

An announcement by the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers that the governors of five New England states had urged the twenty-eight representatives of their five states to vote against the bill came as an eleventh hour assault on the legislation. The association is sponsoring a drive against the measure.

Now that the branch banking bill has passed the senate, the grouping back of the farm bill shows some indications of a split. It was a log rolling bargain between the eastern bankers and the western "farm" enactors that passed both bills through the senate.

Since that time Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, a banker, has delivered his attack on the McNary-Haugen bill, and the insurgents have become frightened of the branch banking act. The passage of the "farm relief" bill in the house, is not therefore, the cut and dried affair it was in the senate. But its proponents feel sure of putting it across.

Must Kid John Farmer.

The bill is demanded by political exigencies. There is widespread misery among the farmers, and though the bill does not, in the opinion of those who have studied it, do much for the farmer, it may make some farmers think their representatives are doing something for them, which is all that politics requires.

Necessary Purification.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Purifying the air of congressional chambers after long debate is expensive business.

President Coolidge today submitted a budget request for a \$245,000 appropriation for a new ventilation system for the house chamber.

He recently made a similar request for the senate.

Rep. Abernathy (D) of North Carolina, declared that foul air in the house chamber probably had been responsible for the deaths of several members.

West Virginia mayor, "Is There a God in the Universe?"

Mayor Neal, replying to the union's first protest on February 7 to his ban, declared that he had "filed the telegram in the waste basket," according to the Huntington Daily Advertiser. Both Dr. Martin, a fundamentalist, and Mr. Smith, an atheist, were charged by Mayor Neal and Colonel E. H. Waldon with being members of the Civil Liberties Union. Mr. Bailey in his telegram stated that neither is a member. The union, he added, is concerned solely with the constitutional right of free speech and is not interested in supporting either atheism or religious orthodoxy.

## Bankers are Victors in Congress Thru Maneuver With the Fake Farm Bloc

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL

It is now being called the farm-bloc. This is merely a confession of the existence of a condition that has prevailed in the legislative halls of congress ever since the present session convened.

The insidious forces that were rallied in support of the McNary-Haugen bill have been repeatedly exposed in these columns. It has been shown that the fact that Frank O. Lowden, multi-millionaire and former governor of Illinois, and a Vice-president, Charles W. Dawes, Chicago banker, supported this so-called "relief" measure, bode no good for the workers.

It was the organization of the farm-bloc that made it possible for the McNary-Haugen bill to pass the senate, with clear sailing at present in the house of representatives.

It has also made possible the passage thru the senate of the conference report on the McFadden-Pepper banking bill, which develops the power of the great financial institutions thru the farm areas thru establishing a system of branch banks, wiping out the small privately-owned banks.

This is the banker crowd, using the McNary-Haugen bill as bait, won the support it desired for the passage of its own legislation to strengthen its own position to exploit the farmers.

None other than Senator Nye, of North Dakota, now admits that the check made on this parliamentary combination, that can bring no good results to the dirt farmers is perfectly correct.

At this late day, Senator Nye now proclaims rather loudly:

"I resent the false information the friends of honest farm legislation entered into a deal with the banking interests to secure preferred places for the two bills. I resent it because I had no hand in such a deal. As one who believes in the intent of the international banker to crush and pauperize the American farmer and the farmers of the world I would not have brought myself to help such a deal."

Frankly, I should prefer to see the McNary-Haugen bill defeated than to see this banking bill made into law. Every advantage gained under the McNary-Haugen bill will be offset many times by the McFadden banking bill, which extends the privileges of the Federal Reserve System and condemns its damnable activities of 1920 and 1921.

Where restrictions should now be written on the system, we find, instead, that congress is extending

an invitation to the system to engage in another murderous program, at will, with the assurance that it will not be seriously molested for 30 years.

That sounds like an impetuous child bawling its eyes out after it has spilled its bread and milk and crashed the bowl. Frazier, LaFollette and Wheeler are found weeping along with Nye.

So it is exactly this outfit, the so-called LaFollette progressives, who made the farm-bloc deal possible. They have been heralding the McNary-Haugen Relief Bill, sponsored by the reactionary American Farm Labor Bureau, and supported by Dawes and Lowden, as a step forward, they have found it to be instead one of the biggest steps backward in the history of the agrarian struggle.

At no time did these political worthies ever consider developing an independent viewpoint toward the question of farm relief. It was, of course, in keeping with their own class position, supporting the middle class of rich farmers, small bankers, landlords and little business, whom they hoped would be benefited by the McNary-Haugen measure. They have in fact, played into the hands of the great capitalists, who are the actual winners.

The support of big business by these middle class politicians has not been passive. They have actually fought, openly and bitterly, against the workers and farmers themselves developing independent political action on their own behalf. In recent years the whole struggle of the LaFollette movement has been to crush the rising farmer-labor party movement.

Frazier and Nye, of North Dakota, have been among the worst offenders. When he could have devoted his time making a real fight for the wheat growers of his state, Nye was busy seeking political favors, in the shape of federal patronage, from Coolidge at the White House.

Some of the rotten fruits of the surrender of the LaFollette progressives to the republican "old guard" are just beginning to give off repulsive odors. The workers and farmers, the victims, will learn the real nature of the mess prepared for them by so-called "insurgents" in the old parties. Capitalism is driving to legislative victories in congress, but these victories will drive workers and farmers into a class Labor Party of their own to wage a real struggle for those who toil.

## COOLIDGE SIGNS LENROOT TABER PURE MILK BILL

### Although Harris Claims It Means Impure Milk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Over the protest of New York City, President Coolidge today signed the Lenroot-Taber Canadian milk inspection bill. The measure will require Canadian milk producers who ship their products into the United States, to conform to health inspection standards similar to those required of American dairies.

President Coolidge signed the bill after a long conference at the White House with Senator Lenroot, who urged its enactment as a vital health measure. Senator Lenroot denounced New York's opposition as "unsound and inaccurate."

"The cause of Health Commissioner Harris' opposition is difficult to estimate," said Senator Lenroot, "but the Canadian milk which comes into the United States is controlled by a few influential milk contractors, and milk contractors in the past have evidently been influential with Tammany Hall."

The circumstances referred to by Lenroot are probably the charges made during the last gubernatorial campaign, when various parties testified that the milk supply of New York City was badly inspected, and that dirty milk was sold by connivance of grafting officials.

Lenroot in his arguments with Coolidge is said to have stated that New York does not need even half the 100,000 quarts of Canadian milk which Commissioner Harris declared was necessary to the proper upbringing of its children.

## Women of Plentywood Put Crop Grabber On Run; Need His Office

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

PLENTYWOOD, Montana, Feb. 16.—A masterpiece of direct action was accomplished by the irate citizens of Sheridan county when women of Plentywood moved the office fixtures of the McKee and Langer Land company, characterized as a "crop grabbing organization," into the street, and took possession.

The office is in the public library, and the women demand that it be converted into a public rest room for women coming in from the country. The Board of County Commissioners having refused to act on their request, the women tried the more direct methods, and announced that they would occupy the room until the Board came to a decision.

Lease Expired.

The lease of the ousted firm had expired the day previous to the eviction, and although a month's advance rent had been paid to the county treasurer, a renewal of the lease had been refused by the county commissioners. The women therefore considered that they had as much right to the room as the land company, and moved the fixtures into the street.

Hold the Fort.

After placarding the place as a "Public Rest Room," the women proceeded to occupy it in shifts day and night, having moved in chairs and couches as furnishings for the "Rest Room."

The women of the town had desired this office for a rest room for some time, and had circulated petitions in the county for the removal of McKee and Langer because of their notorious crop-grabbing activities. In spite of the large number of signatures to the petition, the county commissioners had refused to take action.

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners has been called to consider the situation.

## SENATE PASSES MORGAN'S BANK BILL; 71 TO 17

### Now Up to Coolidge, Is Expected to Sign

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The McFadden-Pepper banking bill, extending the powers of the whole federal banking system, was enacted into law this afternoon when the senate adopted the final conference report.

The bill now goes to President Coolidge for his signature. While Coolidge has not expressed himself it is understood that he will sign it.

Permanent Federal Reserve.

The bill is one of the most far-reaching of any in recent years. It continues the federal reserve system indefinitely, and strengthens the banks in it by permitting them to run their branches as part of the reserve system and to establish new branches wherever state laws permit state banks to have such branches.

Centralizes Banking.

The general effect is to tremendously centralize the business of banking, and to increase the importance of the federal reserve banks, most directly dominated by Wall Street's big bankers, and able to increase or curtail the quantity of currency in circulation. Before the branch banks of this financial machine, the "independent" bankers will be powerless.

Insurgents Oppose.

The vote was 71 to 17.

Those opposing were: republicans—Deneen, Ill.; Frazier, N. D.; Gooding, Idaho; Powell, Neb.; LaFollette, Wis.; McMaster, S. D.; Norris, Neb.; Nye, N. D. and Stewart, Iowa. Democrats—Dill, Washington; Heflin, Ala.; Steck, Iowa; Tamm, Fla.; Walsh, Montana; Wheeler, Montana.

Senator Borah, (R.) of Idaho, was paired against the measure.

## No Disarmament Now, Song of the Diplomats

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ships unless France was willing to join in "outlawing" the submarine as a weapon of war. The French reported that the submarine was France's defense against superior naval power, meaning England, and the proposition speedily fell through. There is no reason to believe the British government has changed its position since the Washington conference. On the contrary, it is considered more likely the British viewpoint is more securely established.

Now For Cruisers!

The collapse of President Coolidge's disarmament proposals leaves his position a delicate one in the matter of the future of the American navy.

Coolidge, while bluffing at "reduction of expenses" and laying the basis for militarist campaigners to claim that this is the most unprotected country in the world, has committed himself against the three cruiser program now being agitated in congress. It has been freely insinuated that made the disarmament proposal "wing" beforehand that it would fail to get an excuse for changing his policy on cruisers.

Now that the disarmament habit has burst, at least for the time being it is expected that the agitation for cruiser construction in congress will increase enormously. The American navy admittedly is sadly deficient in cruisers. Whether Mr. Coolidge will now change his position toward the cruisers remains to be seen.

## Panama American Ship Breaks Down; One of Many Such Accidents

The Panama American steamer Finland is back in port with a broken propeller shaft. Passengers are being put up in hotels, or are scattering about the country. Suits are being prepared for damages caused by loss of time.

The Panama American line is only about two and a half years old, but during its short career, its vessels have had five serious accidents and many lesser ones. A bursting steam pipe some time ago killed a couple of men. Failure of the company to keep the equipment in proper shape is the cause.

Wants Penal Colonies.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Establishment of penal colonies on desert lands where prisoners would be forced to earn their living was suggested in the lower house of the legislature today by Assemblyman Jenks, Broome republican.

Smith Renominates.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Governor Smith today sent to the senate several nominations of state officers whose terms have expired.

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# DEPUTY DEMANDS WORLD BOYCOTT AGAINST BRITAIN

## Congress of Oppressed Plans China's Defense

BRUSSELS, Feb. 16.—Demanding that the civilized nations of the world boycott Great Britain in event of a war in China and that a commission composed of George Bernard Shaw, Henri Barbusse and Fritz J. Kautsky investigate conditions in the Dutch East Indies, the German Communist Deputy Munyberg started today's session of the Congress for Oppressed Peoples.

A resolution passed by the executive committee to organize a world league to fight imperialism and to aid nations struggling for national independence was another feature of the session.

**Horrors of Dutch Rule.**  
Describing the horrible conditions in the Dutch East Indies which have given birth to the recent revolts described as "bohevist" in press dispatches, Deputy Munyberg made a plea for the appointment of a committee which would investigate and expose the savage exploitation of natives by foreign capitalists.

Further evidence that the world faces a "white" rather than a "yellow peril"—if perils are to be described in racial rather than in social terms—was presented by Theodore Lessing, the German philosopher, who declared that the expansion of the white race was far more formidable than that of the yellow. "The tremendous growth of the white race in a hundred years from one sixth to one third of the population of the earth emphasizes that danger," he declared.

Lessing warned his audience that liberty for all people and social equality could save the world from the white peril.

**Africa for Africans.**  
The demand of exploited peoples of Africa for liberty was voiced by the Senegalese Negro Senghor, a former carrier and now a vigorous agitator for a league of black people against the French and the British.

"Africa for the Africans," was the slogan that he raised in his plea for the liberation of the black race. He described the exploitation of the African Negro by the British, French and Belgians and contrasted his economic condition with that of the American Negro.

**New Mexican Secretary.**  
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16.—Luis Motes De Oca, new secretary of the treasury, took office today.

# N. Y. RENTS TO SOAR ON JUNE FIRST

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adults in one bedroom. There were 157 bedrooms where four children were housed in addition to adults, seventeen bedrooms where five children were housed in addition to adults, five bedrooms where six children were housed, one bedroom housing seven children and one bedroom housing eight."

"It was not a nursery, was it?" asked Chairman Darwin R. James of the board.

"Tenement dwellings used for residential purposes," replied Commissioner Harris.

"When we study tuberculosis frequency, when we study the frequency of other communicable diseases," he explained, "we see far more tragedy and drama than the newspapers ordinarily record when they display a flaming headline of a single murder."

The real estate sharks drew on imagination to describe the beautiful housing ready for industrial workers at \$5 to \$6 a room "in every type of apartment." Social workers retaliated that these accommodations were inherited from the civil war period.

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# DANGER OF FASCIST COUP IN LATVIA; ARMED BODIES LARGER THAN STATE'S MILITARY FORCE

MOSCOW, Feb. 16.—A prominent leader of the working class in Latvia made the following statements concerning the fascist danger there: "The unsuccessful fascist putsch in Wolmar proves that there is an immediate fascist danger in Latvia. The fascists are supported by the rich peasants, the bankers and the house-property owners."

The fascists are well organized. The higher commands in the army are on their side, particularly the supreme commander Radzin.

The chief organizations of the fascists are: The national club, Teweys Sargi and the Aisargi (self-defense). The latter is a military organization of rich peasants and has 30,000 members, that is to say it is larger than the army. One of the leaders of the fascists is the ex-president Ulmanis, the leader of the rich peasants' party and of the "Aisargi," a man who is a consistent visitor at the British embassy.

At the beginning of January the left-wing trade unions made the following proposals to the Central Bureau of the unions and to the social democrats for the purpose of fighting fascism: The liquidation of the three fascist organizations and the closing down of the newspaper "Reschis," the abolition of all laws dating from the period of Kerensky and the Tsar; a general amnesty for all political prisoners; complete freedom of the press and meetings; no further persecutions of left-wing workers; the dismissal of the reactionary supreme commander of the army and the democratization of the army and the police.

The Central Bureau of the unions made no answer whatever to the proposals and the social democratic newspaper made ironical comments upon them. A successful fascism and the prevention of a coup d'etat on Lithuanian lines is only possible if the left government with the assistance of the social democracy bases itself on the broad masses of the workers and the poorer peasants. The social democrats and the Second International have the opportunity to show if they are really prepared to join hands with the workers to defeat fascism.

**Paul Painleve Admits French Army Mutiny In 1917; Wanted Peace**

PARIS, Feb. 16.—Paul Painleve, minister of war, admitted today that there was a mutiny in the French army in 1917. French regiments actually turned their backs upon the enemy and began to march to Paris to demand peace, he said.

The hitherto unpublished story of French mutiny has just been revealed in Churchill's new book of the world war.

**Admits Mutiny.**

Painleve admitted the mutiny. For five anxious weeks, he said, the French high command battled to suffocate the germs of revolt spreading along the front and restore discipline and morale in the ranks.

Painleve summarized the spring of 1917 as one of the most thrilling periods of the great war. "It is history," he said, "of which it is difficult and painful to write. The truth develops slowly and with difficulty from passions and controversies."

As to the Russian troops, Painleve said:

**Refers to Russia.**

"The Russian General had threatened them and the artillery was even forced to fire on them several times. But the number of wounded was slight."

## CURRENT EVENTS

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THE DAILY WORKER has consistently supported the Calles administration against American imperialism. But we notice that in many instances government troops are used against the workers in strikes. The Calles administration has done splendid work in educating the Mexican masses and in reducing the power of the catholic church. But it is not a workers' and peasants' government. This must be the goal of the Mexican masses.

ONE dispatch informs us that negotiations between the British and Cantonese governments are broken off. Another dispatch tells us the exact opposite. One moment Wu-wei-Fu threatens to attack Chang-Tso-Lin's forces. The next wire tells us that Wu is marching on Hankow side by side with Chang. We are told that Japan will not co-operate with the British against the Chinese and we are told that Japan will co-operate. The trans-latin cables are in the hands of the imperialist powers. Most of the news is written by their trained liars. Lying dispatches will not defeat the Chinese revolution. It will be won by those who have right, backed up by cannon, and the heavy number on their side. The Cantonese have the man-power and right. Let us hope they can collect enough artillery.

It is well to be on guard against sensational stories of Cantonese defeats within the next few days. The stage is set for as fine a campaign of prevarication as the world war produced when the lie mills of Geneva and Heltingers were working twenty-four hour shift. Of course a Cantonese setback is possible. When His Majesty the Devil was bounced out of heaven we do not believe Jehovah depended entirely on his superior virtue to defeat his rival. We are of the opinion that the archangel Michael, the celestial commanding general, had a supply of stone hatchets on hand.

Some people persist in not believing unpalatable facts. When Germany was defeated in the war and Great Britain towed the once-haughty Teuton fleet into a Scottish harbor, in humiliation, a strong anti-British friend of mine insisted that the entire British navy was at the bottom of the North Sea and that the Kaiser's vessels were occupying British ports as victors. This honest fellow persisted in this belief even after the treaty of Versailles was signed. Whether he ever changed his opinion, I do not know and never will, the poor fellow having been killed by a truck on the street a few months ago.

SECRETARY of the Navy Wilbur believes that Communists are all over the place and that we need a large navy to protect the children from their propaganda. James O'neal, an author of parts, tells the world that there are only a few thousand Communists in America, just enough to write a book about. The New York Times takes note of O'neal's figures but fails to find consolation in that gentleman's assurance that the Communists are a negligible factor. Perhaps the Times editorial writer reads the New Leader, including the columns of space that organ devotes to the "negligible" Communists.

## White Goods Workers Enter Fourth Week of Strike Full of Life

PATERSON, N. J., (FP).—Five hundred girls began the fourth week of their strike against Garfinkle & Ritter, white goods manufacturers, with enthusiasm strong. Three unions cooperate in the fight. The strike is under the direction of the International Ladies' Garment Workers. The workers meet in the halls of the Associated Silk Workers, and the United Textile Workers lends aid.

**Search in Staten Island**  
The search for four year old Billy Gaffney, who disappeared from his home at 99 Fifteenth street, Brooklyn, last Friday afternoon shifted to Staten Island yesterday.

# PANGALOS SELLS POWER MONOPOLY FOR ALL GREECE

## Communists Lead Bitter Opposition

(Special to the Daily Worker.)  
By B. G. KALFIDES.

A power contract signed by General Pangalos, former dictator of Greece with the Power and Traction company of England, was ratified by the Greek parliament last week after a fight that nearly caused the fall of the present coalition government of the country, and over the united protests of the working class, which was led in demonstrations against it by the Communist Party.

The contract, which was the object of the special solicitation of Secretary of the Treasury Winston Churchill, who, according to report, came to Greece purposely to urge that the contract be ratified as it stood, if Greece were to receive further loans from England, gives away enormous concessions to the British.

**Political Trickery.**  
Its ratification was effected, in spite of powerful opposition, by a political trick. While the secretary of transportation Mr. Metaxas, deplored its conditions, he insisted that the signature of the state must not be dishonored "even though this contract makes Greece a slave to the foreign capital."

In the meantime, frightened by the determined opposition of the workers under Communist leadership, the monarchist liberals and the Venizelists united in making the matter into a "vote of confidence," threatening new elections if the members refused to vote for ratification.

**Give Monopoly.**

The provisions of the contract give the company the monopoly of election power and traction in the largest centers of Greece for a period of sixty years. The company is unrestricted in the matter of fixing prices, and can set any figure necessary to pay rich dividends to the holders of Quai d'Orsay of London.

The traction company is relieved of all taxes and duties in importing raw material or machinery, cars, and rolling stock in general. It is further relieved of income taxes, real estate taxes, occupational taxes, taxes on dividends and bonds, and so forth. Another article of the contract gives the company the right to forcibly appropriate any piece of land it deems necessary for transportation purposes. Thus the private property rights of the Greek citizens, supposed to be inalienable, are swept aside for a foreign concession.

When the treaty came up for ratification in the Greek parliament, workers organized a huge demonstration to protest against it, but were dispersed by soldiers. A general strike, which included taxi drivers, tramway motormen, and other crafts, was the next demonstration, and all classes united against the policy of the government.

The government finally forced ratification by the "vote of confidence" trick, and on February 11 the parliament voted for the government 144, against 25, with 13 refusing to vote, and 100 members, who feared to express an opinion, absent from the parliament.

**Communists Led.**  
The most militant fighters in the parliament against ratification were the Communist members, and the fight that they made resulted in great prestige for the Communist party among the workers of Greece. "Rizospastis," the official organ of the party, played an influential part in mobilizing the workers.

The Greek section of the Workers' Party of America sent the following cablegram to the president of the Greek parliament, T. Sofoulis, to the Greek Communist fraction of the parliament, and to "Rizospastis": "Greek workers of America protest vigorously against ratification of Power and Traction contract which enslaves and lowers Greece to the status of a colony of England."

## "Captive" Bows to Vice Crusaders

Leaders of the anti-vice crusade scored a rather hollow victory yesterday afternoon when "The Captive," one of the plays raided last week was withdrawn. Negotiations are already under way by which "The Captive" will be put on by another producer after a very short suspension.

The withdrawal of the play by the management was promised when District Attorney Banton agreed to drop the prosecution of the members of the cast, arrested on the charge of "corrupting morals" and "maintaining a public nuisance." Similar action may be taken by the management of "Sex" and "The Virgin Man," it was rumored.

That the production of "The Captive" may be taken over by new producers, perhaps by Horace Liveright, was intimated by the Actors' Equity Association yesterday.

**Catalina Victor Returns.**  
CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—George Young, on his way back to Toronto from the scene of his sensational triumph as winner of the Catalina Channel swim, stopped off here today for a conference with William Wrigley, Jr., patron of the contest.



Engineering science continues to develop, though those who hire engineering are not always wise in its use. At Wilkes-barre, Pa., somebody planned a bridge that didn't allow for progress, and now it has been moved, bodily, about thirty-eight feet upstream. The former foundation is observable in the picture.

# CHARGES AGAINST BOSTON FURRIERS NEWARK FURRIERS DEMAND TO HEAR DROPPED BY A. F. L. N. Y. DELEGATES

## International Quashes Injunction

NEWARK, Feb. 16.—A victory over the reactionary bureaucrats of the Furriers' International was scored by Local 25 of Newark yesterday when Organizer Peter J. McGrady, of the A. F. of L., appeared at the "hearing" to which local officials had been summoned and announced that all charges had been withdrawn.

**Communists' Smoke Screen.**

The International had brought charges of Communism against officials of the local in an effort to displace the left wing leadership that had been elected in the local after the discovery of corruption in the previous right wing administration. In their efforts to force the old administration back into power, the International applied for an injunction against the officials to prevent their functioning in office. The injunction proceedings were also dropped yesterday.

The efforts of the International to obtain an injunction against the officials were condemned generally by locals of furriers and other workers. Local 54 of Newark, which is under right wing control, has passed resolutions on last Saturday condemning this action, as did the Boston Local 50 at its meeting on Monday.

**Newark Workers Meeting.**

All Newark workers have been summoned to a meeting arranged by the Newark Hebrew Progressive Workers Club to be held next Saturday afternoon at New Montgomery Hall, 103 Montgomery Street, to hear the truth about the struggle of furriers and cloak makers. Representatives of the New York Cloakmakers' Joint Board and the Furriers' Joint Board will speak. Ben Gold, manager of the Furriers' Joint Board, will be one of the speakers, according to the announcement.

## Cantonese Smash Thru Sun's Lines

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O'Malley, British charge has asked for new instructions.  
Cantonese armies have captured Chuchow, according to a central news dispatch from Shanghai.  
Chuchow is to the south of Hangchow and its capture would mean a serious reverse to the Chekiang forces defending Shanghai.

The northern generals, Liu Yu Chun and Chen Chiao, are charged with defending Wu Chang against the siege of the Cantonese, before a revolutionary court, it is reported here.

The revolutionary court is said to consist of fourteen persons representing the workers, farmers and military and includes Miss Chwan Luki, delegate to the revolutionary women's organization. Miss Yuki has participated actively in the trial.

**Mutiny in Northern Army.**

HONG KONG, Feb. 16.—Fighting has broken out in Shansi between two divisions of northern troops, according to reports received here. One division is reported to have attempted to loot a town and the other division attacked it in order to check the looting.

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# PROGRESSIVES IN PLEA TO RETAIN DON WISHNEVSKY

## Local 38 Administration Has Fine Record

A statement has been made by progressive members of Local 38, International Garment Workers, of New York City, on the important election coming up February 18, at Bryant Hall, between noon and 7:30 P. M., as to the two tickets in the field for secretary-organizer, Italian business agent, executive board members, etc.

The two groups contesting for office are headed by Don Wishnevsky, the present secretary-organizer and B. Drasin, a renegade, who was ousted last election.

**Wishnevsky's Fine Record.**  
The present administration, made up of Wishnevsky and associates, has a fine record of real trade union activity. It is these efforts which brought the two locals of ladies' tailors and dressmakers to amalgamate into one local.

It is this administration which conducted the most aggressive organization drive amongst the dressmakers, which resulted in an increase of 300 members.

It is this administration that fought for the tailors' demands at a time when there were no funds in the International and no toll treasury in the local itself and in a short strike, the 40-hour week, as well as wage increases.

It is this administration that established the unions standing amongst the great number of unorganized workers, the custom dressmakers by an aggressive organization campaign and forced a substantial reduction of hours and increase of wages even in the unorganized shops.

This was accomplished despite the obstruction, sabotage, and demoralizing activities of the group that is led by Drasin in this election. The many difficulties as a result of this sabotage cost the union additional expenses and some smaller shop strikes could not be conducted with the full strength that the union could otherwise muster.

**Drasin's Treachery.**

Drasin, who opposes Wishnevsky, on the other hand, has a bad record. The progressive group in Local 38 points out that he got himself elected in 1923 by pretending to be a progressive, but once in, settled down to a soft snap, and did nothing beyond drawing his wages and attending to small routines.

He conducted no organization drive. He referred most of the demands of the members to the governor's commission.

**Sold Out for Job.**

After being defeated for the position of secretary-organizer, at the last election, Drasin got on the executive board. But since this is not a paid position, he did not care for it, say the Lefts, and resigned in order to be a good boy and keep his job at Carnegie's.

While on the settlement committees, Drasin sacrificed the demands of the employees, such as double pay for overtime, and one additional holiday. He also, they say, made supplementary agreements and understandings with the boss, which involved the right to discharge, division of work, etc. And he associates himself now with men like Rosenfeld, against whom Drasin himself had to bring charges of graft at one time, and with a former bureaucrat of the union, who is now a boss.

## Working Women: Paris Decrees Your Seaside Garb; Try and Get It

PARIS, Feb. 16.—It is no longer possible for a smart woman to bathe in a regular bathing costume, nor to be seen parading the beach at Santa Monica, Deauville, Cannes or Palm Beach in an ordinary bath robe.

The modern beach attire requires no less than six different articles, a bath rug, a bath parasol, a smart cloak, a racy cap, a beach cushion and, of course, a bathing suit.

The latter is intentionally last and least. They are charming, though. The shortest of the short pantallettes reach a good ten inches above the knee and are delightfully held by a water-proof belt placed just about where the lovely blouse-decollete and sleeveless—should join the leeches. The choice of this exact meeting spot is conveniently left to the wearer, who chooses it according to her waist and girth size.

The material employed are generally satin or taffetas. The cloak is an elaborate affair, preferably sleeveless if made of satin or with full sleeves if they are of the models featured by Patou and Marie Nipitzi.

The rug is light, soft, comfortable and large enough to accommodate, when spread on the sand, the fair bather and her friends.

The parasols are tiny and gorgeous in color. They are made chiefly of silk but novel feather flowers make them extremely attractive, although they are hardly adequate to protect anything except the head.

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## Asia Large Purchaser Of U. S. Cigarettes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—America's output of cigarettes last year, placed end to end, would reach to the moon and back eight times. Production totaled ninety billion, a ten-billion jump from 1925, the commerce department announced today. Eighty billions were consumed in this country. The nation's cigarette bill was about \$662,000,000. A per capita consumption record of 720 was hung up.

Asia was the largest foreign buyer.



## NEW EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS BEGIN WORK IN PASSAIC

### Taught Miners; Will Now Teach Mill Hands

PASSAIC, N. J. (FP)—Passaic textile workers are getting acquainted with their new education director. Paul Fuller and his assistant, Clara Johnson, have been speaking to some of the nightly mass meetings. They are taking up with the executive committee of Passaic local 1603, United Textile Workers, the question of what work is most urgent. A class on How to Run a Union will probably be first, since the workers realize their own need to know such elementary essentials.

Offices for educational work have been taken by Fuller in Carpenters Hall, Passaic, where most of the town's local union offices are. The textile union office is a few blocks away. The Workers' Education Bureau is sponsoring Fuller's work in Passaic with the approval of the United Textile Workers.

Fuller comes to the Passaic textile strike area from the soft coal mine fields of central Pennsylvania. He and Miss Johnson, former school teacher and the daughter of a union miner, have been in charge of educational work for Dist. 2, United Mine Workers. Their Labor Chautauques, to which miners' families contributed talent in music and dancing and union officers gave educational talks, have been especially successful. Union problems, nationalization of the coal industry, labor party possibilities are some of the discussion topics brought to the miners. Miss Johnson organized women's auxiliaries among miners' families and started classes so that the women as well as the men could learn the ills of the industry and how to overcome them.

After telling a big meeting of Passaic workers how their great struggle backed up a mine strike where workers were fighting attempts to break the union, Fuller said:

100% Union Men.

"You've learned the value of sticking together, of unionism. Now you want to learn how unionism can make you still stronger and more powerful. We aren't going to teach you how to be a boss, but how to be 100% union men and women, so that next time you will fight solidly from the beginning and not have to struggle so long."

## Green and Morrison Satisfy Coolidge; No Fear of 5-Day Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Coolidge and Secretary Morrison dined with President Coolidge on February 12, it has just become known, and "explained" to him why the Detroit convention adopted the five-day week. Although Coolidge is a fanatical believer in long hours and short pay, the two high officials of the American Federation of Labor were able to make him see that the Detroit convention means no harm.

Whether they discussed also the pending coal wage scale negotiations, or any of the score of labor bills now dying in congress, was not disclosed.

## Philadelphia Defense Local Increases Its Activity; Has List Out

PHILADELPHIA.—Our local of the International Labor Defense is working hard to raise \$500 to fight the deportation of Pajor, Snyder, Danerbach and Peter Klein, who were arrested during the famous "Palmer Red-Scare" times. The executive committee has decided to ask the various branches to arrange special affairs and parties to help raise the required amount. Also an emergency collection list will be issued for that specific purpose. The lists are being mailed now and the members of the I. L. D. are asked to take notice and act. These members must be defended as also many others, such as the Ziegler miners, whose cases are coming up now. It is our duty to raise this money without fail.

As the first reply, we received \$50 for this purpose from the Philadelphia branch of the Anti-Fascist Alliance. The Kensington branch of the I. L. D. has promised to give some from the affair they had on February 12.

Send all donations to the secretary, John Lyman, 235 Rochelle Ave.

The local is preparing to celebrate the "Paris Commune" on a much larger scale than last season. It is the opinion of the executive committee that it should be turned into a magnificent demonstration to the memory of those martyrs of years gone by.

The annual bazaar of Local Philadelphia has proved to be a regular feature in the labor movement of Philadelphia. This year the bazaar will be held on April 15 and 16 at the New Traymore Hall.

## JIM REED GRILLS COOLIDGE'S QUIET DURING GRAFTING

### Harding's Appointees Hideously Corrupt

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 16.—Blame for failure to punish the principals of the scandals of the Harding administration was placed squarely upon President Coolidge by Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, who painted a hideous picture of political corruption before the Indiana Democratic Editors' Association.

"It was the business of the president to carefully guard the public interest," declared Reed with great solemnity. "It is entirely possible that he did not know of the rape of the public domain by Fall, Doheny and Denby; but the body of the fraud was dragged into the daylight by the senate."

Did Not Do Duty. "The moment the facts became apparent, it was his duty to have set in motion every resource of the government in order to apprehend the culprits."

"He remained impassive and silent. He allowed the machinery of justice to remain under the control of Mr. Daugherty, the chief of the culprits."

Even the White House telegraph instrument and the secret code of the government was employed to convey information to those implicated in the scandalous transaction.

Daugherty Lasted Weeks. "Weeks went by and still Daugherty remained in his place of power, where he could to a large extent block and render negatory the efforts of the senate to ascertain the facts."

"At last, and for an assigned reason which in itself was utterly insufficient, he yielded to public indignation and gentility, ceremoniously and almost apologetically requested Daugherty's resignation."

Likening the present situation to the fall of the Roman Empire, as a result of corrupt officials, Reed exclaimed:

"Are we approaching such a catastrophe?"

The senate resolution by which former Senator Truman H. Newberry of Michigan was seated with a denunciation of his \$195,000 campaign fund, was called a "monstrous thing" and an "open confession of villainy" by Reed. And then he took up the nomination of President Harding. He said:

Convention Well Trained.

"All men know the story of the nomination of Warren G. Harding. It was accomplished when Harry M. Daugherty agreed with Penrose that Harding would be suitable to the great protected industries."

"The convention obeyed the mandate of its masters as obsequiously as a well-trained office boy obeys the command of his employer."

"From the seed thus planted only an evil crop could be expected."

"The whole story may never be completely disclosed but there are certain outstanding facts that the public will not soon forget."

## Paris Commune to Be Celebrated at I. L. D. Bazaar This Sunday

Plans for bazaar program were discussed at the International Labor Defense Conference held Sunday. The Finnish workers have undertaken to furnish the program for first night.

Friday is being jointly taken by Hungarians and Slovaks, who promise an exceptional evening's enjoyment.

On Saturday afternoon the entertainment has been given over to the youth and great things are expected from them. There will be an International Costume Ball in the evening.

Sunday afternoon the Paris Commune celebration is being staged. Prominent speakers will be present.

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## The Manager's Corner

### LABOR AND THE POWER OF THE PRESS

Miniature typewritten editions of the *Albuquerque, N. M.*, dailies have appeared in place of the regular editions. The two newspapers affected were the *Evening Journal* and the *New Mexico State Tribune*. These powerful capitalist journals failed to appear in their usual form, for one simple reason. Labor did not want them to appear. The pressmen, of the plant, having failed to reach an agreement with the publishers, walked out and thus the paper was forced to suspend publication in its printed form.

Last May the printers of London demonstrated in a similar way their power over the leading dailies of the *British Empire*, which were forced to suspend operations on account of the printers' strike. The foremost sheets of the *Empire* were virtually put out of existence by the irresistible power of organized labor.

But labor cannot depend solely upon its ability to stop the production of capitalist papers, its struggle against their pernicious influence. Not every struggle of the workers involves the printers. The sense of solidarity among the various trades has not yet developed to the point where we can look forward confidently to the support of the newspaper workers, when other workers are on strike. The large mass of the workers therefore have no guarantee that labor's case will be properly presented unless . . . unless there is developed at the same time a strong labor press.

The workers must be taught to read labor newspapers at the same time that they build up their strength against these who control the channels of capitalist publicity. By building up this economic and political power and at the same time a real appetite for news from a labor viewpoint, the workers will soon be in a position to defy the present tremendous destructive power of the capitalist press.

—BERT MILLER.

## 2 CONGRESSMEN PUNCH HEADS IN BLUE LAW TALK

### Pious Lady Calls Jesus To Part Combatants

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Two congressmen staged a fight which spread into a "free-for-all" melee and broke up a congressional hearing today.

It was a near riot. During the panic a woman screamed and in shrill tones which sounded above the din of battle, implored the lord to restore order.

Rep. "Tom" Blanton (D) of Texas attacked Rep. Sol Bloom (D) of New York, and the set-to wound up with Bloom lying across a table with Blanton on top of him.

'Twas a Religious Affair.

Strangely enough, it all happened at a hearing of the House District of Columbia Committee on the Lankford "Sunday Blue Law" bill, designed to put the lid on capital sports and amusements on the sabbath.

Nearly a thousand persons were present. Many joined in the fracas while the joining was good.

Harry L. Bolby, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, an advocate of the bill, landed his right fist on the jaw of the official stenographer.

L. B. Sloss, manager of a Washington amusement park, was knocked to the floor by Blanton and Bolby, according to observers. Sloss was trying to break Blanton's strangle hold on Sol Bloom.

Jesus—Referee.

In the midst of the tumult Miss Hattie Pitts of Washington, D. C., jumped upon a chair and repeatedly screamed, "Jesus, stop this fight."

After the storm had subsided and the crowd was dispersed, she said:

"You notice that the fighting stopped when I called upon god for aid."

Blanton Clinches.

Bloom, giving his version of the fracas, said that Blanton rushed him after he had denied Blanton's statement that he represented big New York moving picture interests.

"He grabbed me around the waist and both wrists and pushed me over a table quite unexpectedly," said Bloom.

Sees a Knife.

Blanton, however, had a different version.

"After I facetiously had said that Mr. Bloom was interested in the fight of the big picture houses, he said 'that is absolutely untrue' and started after me. I met him half way and grabbed his wrists and held him."

"A little fellow started toward me. I was told later that he had a knife open."

It turned out that nobody had a knife. But the witnesses, the members of the committee, and the spectators nuzzled around generally, and despite the loud calls to Jesus, as a peace-maker, considerable damage was done.

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## WOMEN'S PARTY STILL FIGHTS FOR LONG HOURS

### Delegation to Coolidge Reactionary as Ever

WASHINGTON (FP).—How far from sympathy with the immediate demands of working women the remnants of the National Women's Party now promoting the so-called "equal rights" amendment to the federal constitution have drifted, was shown in public statements by members of the Women's Party delegation which called at the White House on Feb. 15.

They asked President Coolidge to oppose all 48-hour laws and other measures giving special safeguards to women in industry by supporting the proposed amendment.

Mrs. Frances G. Roberts was advertised in their official press publicity as their "former waitress" spokesman. She is now a department manager in one of the biggest restaurant enterprises in New York.

She recently appeared before the New York Industrial Survey Commission in opposition to the now pending 48-hour law for working women in that state.

"The only reason why I joined the Women's Party," she is quoted by the party's press statement as saying, "is because they came out for industrial quality. That is what working women need and want. Others who are urging special legislation, like the 48-hour law, should change their point of view when there is so much evidence that the women who will be effected by it do not want it."

She is further quoted as claiming that some of the New York restaurants are "ready beginning to dismiss their women and put men in their place" in anticipation of the passage of the 48-hour law in New York state.

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## DRAMA

### BROADWAY BRIEFS

"What Will People Say?" is the new title of the George Macfarlane production, and will open Monday night at Werba's Brooklyn Theatre. H. Reeves-Smith, Anne Shoemaker, Charles Richman, Kathryn Givney, Orlando Daly, Virginia Williams, Carleton Hildreth and Raymond O'Brien are in the cast.

"2 Girls Wanted" has inaugurated an extra Thursday matinee at the Little Theatre.

"A Woman in the House," the comedy co-starring Louis Mann and Clara Lipman, will have its first performance at Teller's Shubert Theatre, Brooklyn, next Monday night.

Georges Renavent will give a special midnight performance of the Grand Guignol plays at the Grove Street Theatre tonight.

Walter Hampden has again postponed his intended revival of Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People." The success of "Caponsacchi" is keeping him busy.

The Neighborhood Playhouse will resume "The Dybbuk" this evening for its last seven performances. Ansky's dramatic folk play will continue until Feb. 23. "Pinwheel" resumes Thursday, February 24, and will continue to the opening of the next bill.

John Kirkpatrick's "Charm," which had a brief career here under the title of "The Book of Charm" will be revived and open in Boston next Monday. Minnie Dupree will be featured.

Helen Gahagan, now in the all-star revival of "Trelawny of the Wells" is to place in rehearsal a new version of "Salome" by Dan Totheroh to be played at a series of special matinees in March. Miss Gahagan will play the daughter of Herodias.

Otto Harbach and Oscar Hammerstein, 2d, have finished work on "The Golden Dawn," the musical play with which Arthur Hammerstein is to open his Temple of Music next September.

"Pinwheel," by Francis Edwards Farago, which is playing at the Neighborhood Playhouse, is to be published by the John Day Company.

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## Music Notes

Martha Graham, dancer, assisted by her pupils will give another dance program at The Guild Theatre Sunday evening, Feb. 19.

Francesco Malipiero's new cantata, "Princess Uliana," will have its world premiere by the Oratorio Society under the direction of Albert Stoessel in Carnegie Hall next Saturday evening. The rest of the program consists of Brahms' "Song of Fate," the Peasant Cantata of Brahms and the Polovetzian Dances from Borodine. "Prince Igor." The New York Symphony orchestra will furnish the instrumental part of the program. The soloists are Amy Evans, soprano; Mina Hager, contralto; Wendell Hart, tenor; and Fraser Ginge, baritone.

Richard Hale will sing the title role in "Orpheus," now in rehearsal at the Mayfair for the Intimate Opera Company. Eleanor Lowell, Wayland Echols and Dorothy H. Chamberlain, will be in the cast.

Ernest Schelling announces an all-American program at the next pair of children's concerts of the Philharmonic Saturday morning and afternoon, February 19, at Aeolian Hall.

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### Hyman Charges the Reaction Prepares Court Weapon Against Workers

"The international is beginning to prepare the ground for the use of injunctions against the workers," Louis Hyman, manager of the Joint Board, said yesterday.

He pointed out that the continuous propaganda now being carried on in the Jewish Daily Forward to the effect that the Joint Board is using injunctions, is an attempt to deceive the workers so that this weapon may be used against them by the international.

#### Vague Accusations.

"The international never states when and where an injunction is used by the Joint Board, for the simple reason that no injunctions have been obtained by the Joint Board, but it continues to make vague charges that the 'Communists' are procuring some kind of injunctions to use against the workers."

This is no more than a trick to deceive the workers and pave the way for such an action on the part of the international. This practice, which has been so much condemned by all people interested in labor, is to become a tool in the hands of the international in its fight against the Joint Board, and against the interests of the workers. The purpose of the present propaganda is clear.

The international means to threaten us with an injunction with which it will attempt to restrain us from carrying out our duties to the members."

#### No Notice Yet.

Mr. Hyman said that no formal notice of the new suspension, voted by the General Executive Board meeting in the Hotel Cadillac without its full membership being notified, has been received by the "suspended" Locals, 2, 9, 22 and 35, up to late yesterday. "Perhaps they intend to suspend these locals through the capitalist press," he said. "That would be in line with the illegality of their whole procedure."

#### Two Pickets Beaten.

A. Regan and R. Feranti were severely beaten when six gangsters attacked them this morning as they were picketing the shop of Haber and Seifert, 236 West 26th street. Although members of the Industrial Squad were standing by, the gangsters attacked these pickets with impunity, chased them to the roof, and there beat them up while they cried to the police for help. This shop was called on strike by the Joint Board on Monday after the employer had locked out all his old workers, on the plea of going out of business, signed an agreement with the international, and at once employed new workers.

The policy of expelling individuals or groups opposing the bureaucratic officials of the international ladies' garment workers union was begun by these officials more than ten years ago. Since that time many active workers have been expelled, and

at intervals whole executive boards have been suspended or expelled.

In June, 1925, the international opened its attack upon Locals 2, 9 and 22 by expelling their executive boards and attempting to seize the local buildings by force. They succeeded in capturing Locals 2 and 9, but Local 22 was held by its members and from there the famous campaign of the joint action committee against the international was carried on until Sigman begged for peace in September of that year.

#### Violates Peace Treaty.

The terms of the treaty which Sigman signed at that time he violated before the ink was dry on the paper, and his continued effort to keep control of the union in spite of the repeatedly expressed wishes of the membership for proportional representation and a democratic rule by the majority, led him to renew his expulsion policy—which in the peace treaty he swore he would abandon for all time.

Profiting by his bitter experience in 1925, Sigman has hesitated to come forth with an acknowledgment that he was again expelling the local officers chosen by the members. He has for weeks been evading the issue and camouflaging behind such phrases as "setting aside" the officers, or "taking over the affairs" of the locals.

#### Sigman the Faker.

Now he comes forth with an open repudiation of his agreement of 1925 in which he stated that there should never again be expulsions of those who differed with the administration. He brands himself by his own acts; and by this pronouncement of the general executive board, he prepares himself not for a duplication of the defeat administered in 1925, but for total elimination from the union. Sic semper tyrannus!

#### Arrests for Attempted Robbery.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Feb. 16.—Three men are being held in the Bergen county jail here, it was learned today, for questioning as possible suspects in connection with the recent attempted air mail robbery in New Brunswick, N. J., in which Frank J. Kearney was killed, and a shooting affray in the French Hill Inn, near Paterson, N. J., in February, 1926, in which state trooper Charles Ulrich was shot and killed.

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## Stalin Denies That He Is In Geneva; He Even Denies That He's Dying

(By Special Cable). MOSCOW, Feb. 16.—A London dispatch which stated that Josef Stalin, general secretary of the Communist Party of Russia was dying in Geneva, was called to Stalin's attention in his offices in the Kremlin.

Stalin, fondled his mustache as a sly grin overspread his countenance.

"Please inform the anxious bourgeoisie," he chuckled, "that in my opinion I am not in Geneva yet. In fact I have not the slightest intention of dying, therefore, I am keeping away from Geneva."

This was all the Soviet leader would say about the rumor. Nevertheless foreign correspondents are scanning the news carefully as they suspect that another political assassination has been committed in Swiss territory. Vladimir Vorovsky, Soviet envoy was murdered by a fascist in Lausanne a few years ago and the murder went unpunished by the Swiss government.

## JERSEY BOSSES GET INJUNCTION ON ORGANIZERS

### Teamsters and Building Trade Drive Starts

HACKENSACK, N. J. (FP).—Building trades and teamsters' unions are leading a movement to organize the unorganized in Bergen County, across the Hudson River from the upper end of New York City. And open shop employers are countering with a temporary injunction issued by Vice Chancellor Church.

#### Much Building.

The fight is the result of the building boom that is turning the commuting zone of northern New Jersey into a populous region. It will determine whether the growing towns near the Palisades will develop as union or open shop communities. Many New Yorkers are moving into northern New Jersey and it is estimated that when the new Hudson River bridge is opened and new ferry lines are running that hundreds of thousands of new residents will move into Hackensack, Palisade and the surrounding region.

#### Issue Injunction.

As usual in such cases the restraining order forbids interference with the plaintiffs' business by boycotts, sympathetic strikes and the wearing away of customers. The writ charges the union representatives with visiting Jersey business men and advising them to have nothing to do with open shop firms.

Employers who are party to the writ are the Tidewater Coal & Supply Co., the Comfort Coal-Lumber Co., the John Wehrle, Jr., Trucking and Rigging Company, Huyssons-Kipp Co., dealer in building materials; O. Weisgerber & Sons and F. Schultz & Sons, truckers.

#### Big Industries.

Labor forces enjoined are Local 560, teamsters; Locals 825 and 825A, steam and hoisting engineers; the Hoisting and Portable Engineers' Local of northern New Jersey and Local 45 of the iron workers and its officers.

The teamsters' and building trades' fight is exciting interest among the workers in the big manufacturing plants of Bergen County, in the Forstmann & Huffman woolen mills of Garfield, where the United Textile Workers are holding the line and in the open shop city of Kearney where Henry Ford has a big assembly plant.

### Croarkin, New Leopold, On Trial for Murder

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The murder trial of Harold J. Croarkin, 26, scion of a prominent family, accused of slaying Walter Schmitt, a six-year-old boy to prevent him from telling his parents of improper acts, got under way before a packed courtroom. The battery of legal talent retained by the defense and the public interest aroused by the brutality of the crime, indicated the trial might be a pocket-sized edition of the fight to save Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb from the gallows.

### Bay Boston Ward Heeler Robs City Ashmen

BOSTON, Feb. 16, (FP).—Some grafter in city hall is pocketing 70 cents a day off the city ashmen in the Dorchester section, Councilman Geo. F. Gilbody believes. He reported to the city council's unemployment committee that the men are getting only \$4.50 a day, though their wages are nominally \$5.20.

#### Doctor Marv.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Princess Mary is now a surgeon. She was admitted to the royal college of surgeons as an honorary fellow, the first woman ever to be admitted to this institute. The Princess was awarded an "honorary diploma."

## HEARING REVEALS OVERCROWDING OF NEW YORK HOMES

### Two Shifts of Boarders; Even in Cellars

At hearings held by the State Housing Board at the City Hall, on the question whether the emergency rent laws, that expire June 1, should be continued, there were amazing revelations of conditions under which most of the workers in New York city live.

The testimony given before the board will be reported back to the state legislature, and is supposed to be used as a basis on which to decide on continuation of the rent laws.

#### Members Shocked.

Social conditions, which they ascribed to high rents, were described in some detail by witnesses whose stories shocked members of the housing body. Testimony was given by the deputy commissioner of health, the chief justice of the Municipal Court, welfare workers, lawyers and rent payers, and it was brought out that doubling and tripling of families in apartments was still going on, and that this condition obtained in rooming houses built fifty years ago and condemned as insanitary and uninhabitable before the rent laws were passed.

#### Unfit for Pig.

Even in cellars, it was said, two families could be found living in rooms described as "unfit for a pig to live in."

The testimony showed that families with growing children, which, prior to the advance in rents that began in 1919, could afford a few limited luxuries were now reduced to the bare necessities; that old couples barely able to pay rent hitherto have been compelled to go to almshouses because of the rise in rents; that landlords have been notifying tenants to "wait until the rent laws lapse in June and we will give you the trimming of your lives"; that landlord and tenant litigation in 1926 increased over the previous years, and that in 95 per cent of these cases the invariable reply of tenants to the courts was inability to afford the higher rents.

#### Worst in Harlem.

The worst conditions described were in the Negro section of Harlem, where it was said, "double shifts" of boarders used bedrooms day and night and rents had advanced more than 100 per cent.

#### Opposes Rent Law Extension.

ALBANY, Feb. 15.—Defeat for the rent laws is seen as the result of the statement of Assemblyman Edmund B. Jenks, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, who said today that he would oppose any further extension of them.

Unless other members override him, he will not let any rent extension bill out of his committee.

The committee had intended to act on rent bills today, but decided to postpone action until after receiving a report of the housing commission. Mr. Jenks said that his visit to New York Saturday convinced him that the emergency rent laws were no longer needed.

#### "Go To The Movies."

The tenement dwellers of New York city aren't so bad off after all. They dress well, go to the movies and everything. This is the view of Assemblyman Forman E. Whitcomb, a rural district member from Broome County, who accompanied the legislative party to New York last Saturday.

"To my way of thinking," he said, "they all dress well, no matter what they pay for rent. They are also strong for the movies. I noticed long lines of them at these places of entertainment."

### London is Tied Up By Dense Fog; Fifth Day With No Relief Seen

LONDON, Feb. 16.—For the fifth day a dense fog has practically tied up shipping on the English Channel. Not only are hundreds of ships waiting in the harbors but scores, not daring to attempt to move, are anchored in narrow strips of the sea.

Cross channel boats are unable to leave and hundreds of passengers are being held up at Dover, Folkestone, Calais, Boulogne and other places.

The king and queen of Belgium, who are visiting privately in London, were unable to return to Brussels today according to their plans.

The Donaldson liner Cordillera, of 16,865 tons, from South America to London, collided today with an unknown vessel and was slightly damaged.

Among the hundreds of steamers that are stationary in the channel between Dover and Beachyhead is the Cunard liner Ansonia on its way from New York to London.

The fog continued heavy over London today but was not dense enough to stop traffic.

Skeleton Identified as Miss Rachel E. Wood.

KINGS PARK, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The skeleton of a woman found in the woods near Northport has been identified by Dr. R. E. Blaisdell, assistant superintendent of the New York State Hospital here, as that of Miss Rachel E. Wood, 43 years old, a paranoiac patient who disappeared from the institution on July 11 last.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

ROMA, Feb. 16.—The Jugoslavian steamer Isabran is reported to have been wrecked in a cyclone in the Gulf of Cadix with heavy loss of life.

Iszy Presser to Face New Trial. OSESSING, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Iszy Presser, notorious gunman, was to be taken from Sing Sing prison here today under heavy guard to Lake George, N. Y., to face trial on a charge of jail breaking.

#### Try to Avoid Strike.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16.—The secretaries of industry today summoned a meeting of labor union heads and railway executives in an effort to avoid the threatened railway strike, now set for February 17.

#### Man Dies from Bullet Wounds.

Michael Bonti, of 1111 Eighty-sixth street, Woodhaven, Queens, died in Jamaica Hospital, Jamaica, early yesterday from bullet wounds he received in the street near his home late last night. His condition would not permit his being questioned by detectives and he died without rallying.

#### De Pinedo Reaches St. Vincent.

MADRID, Feb. 16.—Commander De Pinedo, Italian aviator, who left Sardinia on Sunday for a trans-Atlantic flight, has arrived at St. Vincent, according to a dispatch received today from the Cape Verde Islands.

Commander De Pinedo left Villa Cisneros in Spanish Africa early today, after a 1,000-mile hop from Rabat yesterday.

#### Arrest 3 In Booze Raid.

MOUET VERNON, N. Y., Feb. 16.—In one of the largest liquor raids staged in Westchester county in recent months, a squad of detectives under Captain Michael Silverstein, of the Mount Vernon detective bureau, early this morning descended upon a garage in the rear of 317 South 9th avenue, here, confiscated a large amount of bootleg liquor and apparatus, and arrested three men.

#### Butler to Tour Middle West.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, expects to start Saturday on a tour through the middle west on a ten-day speaking campaign against the prohibition law. Butler has stated he has no desire to become a candidate himself, but that he seeks to have a "wet" republican nominated for the 1928 campaign. He will visit Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and other states.

#### "Peaches" Enjoying Herself.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 16.—In this Isle of sunshine, palms and oceans, "Peaches" Heenan Browning is having the time of her life. She trips the light fantastic on the ballroom floors at night and almost every day can be seen on the links attired in a snow-white golf suit desperately trying to "break 100." The buxom, blonde "Peaches" has been recipient of admiring glances from young and old men alike but "Mamma" Heenan, who is along, is not very keen for the elderly gentlemen—not since that experience of her "babe" with Daddy Browning.

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—Six hundred dead, many injured and a property damage of millions of dollars is the estimated toll of the earthquake which shook Serbia yesterday.

Thousands of houses were destroyed and thousands of homeless men, women and children are camping in the open air of the snow covered mountains.

### Weisbord to Address Pennsylvania Miners Facing Coal Strike

AVELLA, Pa.—Albert Weisbord, organizer of the Passaic textile strike, will address a mass meeting at the Slovenic Hall, Branton, Pa., on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, 7 p.m. Admission is free and all miners are invited to attend.

Weisbord's coming to Avella is to be especially welcomed in view of the fact that the miners expect to strike shortly when the Jacksonville agreement expires. The miners should come to hear this well known organizer of the Passaic strike about the experiences through which the textile strikers went through in their struggle for better living conditions and for their right to be organized in a trade union.

In addition to the Avella meeting Weisbord will address two meetings in Pittsburgh and East Pittsburgh. The meeting in East Pittsburgh will be held Sunday afternoon, 2 o'clock, at the Hungarian Hall on Beech street, and the meeting in Pittsburgh will be held on Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, at the Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller street.

### Tractor Bureau Holds Meeting Next Sunday

DETROIT Mich., Feb. 16.—A meeting of the Soviet American Tractor Cooperative "Lenia" will be held February 20th, 1927, at 12 o'clock, in the "People's Home" at Grandey & Handry, Detroit, Mich.

There will be elections of the committee and a report of the representative of the Central Bureau Stair, A. Striz, and other important questions, on the order of business. All members of this cooperative must attend this meeting.

## CLOAKMAKER IN HOSPITAL SCORES SIGMAN BETRAYAL

### Attempted Suicide In Despair and Disgust

Jacob Goldstein, 55 years of age, was allowed to see visitors for the first time today since he was taken to Beth David Hospital suffering from a relapse.

He had been thought to be recovering from the effects of drinking shoe polish more than ten days ago in his home at 245 East 110th street, but grew worse on last Saturday and was removed to the hospital.

#### Worked Many Years.

Goldstein is a cloakmaker, who has worked at his trade for many years, educated his children, and was trying to lay aside savings for old age from his wages as a cloakmaker. He was a good union man, for he had seen what benefits the union could bring the workers, in his own experience.

During the cloakmakers' strike, Goldstein went on the picket line. He was arrested, and a scab who was nearby testified that he and Joseph Goretzky, manager of Local 85, had tried to beat him up. The day of his

appearance before Judge Rosenberg for murder drew near.

Faced Various Sentences. All the workers know of the various sentences Judge Rosenberg had handed out to other cloakmakers. Rather than face that cruel, strange court, Goldstein drank the poison.

Today on his hospital cot he told the real reason for his act. "It was not because I was afraid to go to jail," he said. "I felt that we had all been betrayed by the international, by our union, for the international took our attorneys away when it expelled the Joint Board—and refused to help us."

#### Betrayed By Betrayal.

"I have always worked hard for the union, and picketed though I am an old man. Why should the international betray me and the other union members?"

"Besides I was grieving that they had framed up Goretzky, a leader. I thought that it was something I had done that had given them a chance to arrest him. The judge hates union members, and union leaders even more. I was afraid that he would give Goretzky a longer sentence even than me."

#### Explosion Accidental.

Police of the Fort Hamilton station, Brooklyn said yesterday they have determined that the fatal explosion in a paint room in the basement of an apartment house at 7133 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn Monday, when two young men were killed, was entirely accidental.



## LENIN DRIVE

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## What Does President Lewis Mean by "No Backward Step?"

The proposal made by President Lewis of the United Mine Workers at Miami to the coal operators' representatives, i. e., a commission of technical experts to devise ways and means of overcoming waste in the industry certainly is not in line with the "no backward step" slogan with which the rank and file delegates were beguiled at the Indianapolis convention.

This move of President Lewis is nothing less than acceptance of the principle of compulsory arbitration coupled with something still more dangerous—the organization of efficiency machinery in co-operation with the operators. That such a proposal can be made in the first few days of the negotiations is proof that the main line followed by the Lewis machine at the recent convention—that of bringing the UMWA into line with the worker-employer-co-operation-efficiency-unionism doctrine of the American Federation of Labor—is to be given its practical application in the negotiations in Miami.

There is no essential difference between the Lewis proposal and that of the operators who put forward a scheme for compulsory arbitration with persons appointed by the United States supreme court as the final board of appeal. President Lewis wants a board of technical experts. There is no difference except over the personnel of the commission. This of course is important but upon the main principle President Lewis and the coal barons are in agreement.

This is the beginning of the major operation that it is hoped the United Mine Workers will submit to without much protest. The efforts of the Lewis machine have been directed to chloroforming the membership so that, as is the usual case with major operations, the victim suffers no pain until he recovers consciousness.

The essential organs of the union are to be removed if this scheme goes through. The will to fight for control of working conditions by the union is to be paralyzed.

At the convention the Lewis machine did its best to destroy all rank and file resistance in advance of negotiations with the operators but it did not succeed. It did succeed in convincing large numbers of delegates by its onslaughts on rank and file democracy and its unscrupulous repudiation of the former militant traditions of the union that it had in mind just such a plan as has been broached.

Against this preparation for surrender to the coal barons camouflaged under the stereotyped phrases of the industrial efficiency experts, flavored to taste less nauseating, the left wing will fight with all its might.

The negotiations, even in their early stages, have shown that the slogan of "Save the Union" raised by the left wing correctly puts the problem which faces the UMWA on March 31 when the Jacksonville agreement expires.

"No backward step" for the coal miners means no reduction in wages—either by an actual cut or by a worsening of conditions—and immediate organization of the non-union fields.

The operators will change their tune the moment the UMWA drives in earnest into West Virginia, western Pennsylvania and Kentucky with the full force of the union behind its organization campaign.

100,000 more miners brought into the union while the negotiations are going on will enable the UMWA to take the offensive.

Rank and file pressure on an officialdom which puts negotiations ahead of organization is the answer the left wing will make to the retreat of President Lewis.

## Fred Marvin Has a Competitor.

The New York Times announces that Mr. James Oneal, prominent socialist has added his mite to the efforts of Fred Marvin, of the late New York Commercial, William J. Burns, who needs no introduction and divers spies and detectives, to scotch the "Communist menace" before it pulls the props from underneath the capitalist system.

Mr. Oneal is alleged to have given the "low down" on Communism in the United States. He is reported to have pried into the innermost recesses of Communist Party organizations. His book on American Communism is intended to fill in the blank spaces in the D. of J.'s scrap book on the revolutionary movement in the United States. But we fear that Mr. Oneal arrived on the scene too late.

The field has been ploughed too often. The soil has become impoverished. We fear the shekel crop will be poor. "Exposing" the Communist movement was a paying proposition until the capitalists discovered that a subscription to THE DAILY WORKER would supply them with all the necessary information. Then the stocks of the stool-pigeons fell and most of them were forced to take a job with the prohibition enforcement department of the government.

Fred Marvin and a few others still hammer away on the old anvil but those fellows are so long in the game that they find it difficult to turn their hands to something else.

We noticed Max Eastman's book exposing the Communist Party of Russia lying in a second-hand book-stall on 4th avenue, marked "5 cents." Those who can afford to curb their impatience to learn what Oneal has learned about us, outside of what the detective agencies have already published, can save money by waiting a few months until they see the nickel sign on Oneal's latest "exposure."

Another "general strike" against Communism and even Morris Sigman may get a free lunch at the White House.

## THE LANDLORD AND HIS VICTIM



Capitalism's Solution of the Housing Problem.

## The Farmer in the Nitrogen Age

By H. T. AHRENS  
THE present congress, like its predecessors, will discuss farm relief measures. The discerning farmer no longer looks upon this farcical action with any seriousness. He realizes it is just a fake fight staged for his benefit in order to have him remain a partisan voter. Nothing will be enacted to help the farmer; the metropolitan press will blame the farmer for the failure by saying the argument that the lack of unanimity of the latter as to the remedy to be used was the cause of not obtaining relief.

**Co-operative Marketing.**  
Other pseudo-friends try to give proof of their interest by advising the farmer to co-operate in marketing.

The farmer is not only robbed by those who juggle his products but he is subject to greater exactions from the industrial and transportation interests. Co-operation in marketing would only prevent insignificant exaction compared with those taken by the monopolists of transportation.

The farmer to a great extent relies on succor from a number of associations whose main object is to inspire him with false hopes.

In reality these associations constitute the masked batteries from which the interests fight and defeat their unopposed dupes.

These associations have a taboo on the discussion of political or kindred subjects and the members conscientiously toe the mark. The Grange of Washington at the state assembly last summer was so conscientious that its members refrained from discussing their misery or demanding relief. The taboo ridden Polynesian would be very proud of his brother of the Grange.

The agricultural tragedy is contemporary with the world war. When the Entente declared the illegal blockade against Central Europe the price of wheat, also cotton, went below the cost of production. The invisible government of America was more interested in the welfare of the people of the entente than in their compatriot farmers. There was not an earnest remonstrance against the illegal blockade.

**Kept Prices Down.**  
Upon the entrance of the United States into the big slaughter a government price and absolute control of wheat was established. Wheat was the only commodity which was denied a competitive market. As a rule the price of wheat is double the price of corn.

The quotation for the latter was \$1.75 per bushel; in accordance with this rule the price of wheat should have been \$3.50 per bushel, but by reason of the government established price, the wheat grower only received \$2.20.

The commission houses, as formerly, were retained as intermediaries, reaping exorbitant profits. At the conclusion of government control the U. S. grain corporation found a fund of \$50,000,000.

The government appropriated this sum, refunding was not fashionable in this case. The farmer had positive

proof that he had been robbed inasmuch as the price of wheat went above \$3.00 per bushel when government control was abrogated. Very few farmers received the benefit of this price, as they no longer were owners of wheat.

**Prices Went Down.**  
The year following the cessation of the war the price of wheat settled down to a little above \$2.00 per bushel. The banking interests deemed this price too high. The farmer was deflated through the action of the almighty reserve banks. Credit was refused to the purchasers of wheat. Without any warning wheat became a dead commodity. Not a bushel of wheat was purchased during a number of days. The stunned farmers' world stopped with a jolt.

When commerce, through the perit of the reserve banks, was resumed wheat was purchased at one dollar less the late price. The new established price became the permanent quotation. Last year we exported wheat to a point where it became uncertain if there was enough left for home consumption.

The threat of the banking interests no doubt was severe; there would have been excessive speculation at all former times, but it seems no one dared to take hold of the market.

Every argument was brought out to lower the price of wheat. In one instance the arrival of 30,000 bushels at a terminal point was used as successful argument for the lowering of the price. In view of the whole matter the farmer is fully entitled to the conclusion that he is the victim of deep plots.

**Government Won't Help.**  
The farmer is entirely too optimistic when he hopes that relief will be given through government action. There are too many factors which, from the viewpoint of certain industrial and financial interests, forbid the inauguration of any artificial relief measures. Prosperity of agriculture would mean a general rise in prices on account of a greater increase and devaluation of the currency with a higher cost of living as a consequence. This would entail the inability to compete with European industrialists on the world's market. At present a precarious hold on foreign commerce is retained by speeding up labor and keeping the farmer deflated and furnishing farm products at low cost. It is only too obvious that the domestic market is destined to suffer on account of the submergence of the farmer. The interests must choose between the two evils and it seems they consider the reduction of the domestic market of less importance than the debarment from the world's markets. Hence the opposition of the interests against any relief measures of importance.

**Principal Factors.**  
The chief factors which cause the unfortunate conditions are as follows:  
1.—The abyssal ignorance of the farmer regarding economic and political questions engendered by the slush dispensing metropolitan press.  
2.—The exactions levied upon the farmer in the way of contribution towards enormous dividends on watered

values, and the upkeep in general of a top heavy system.

3.—The opposition of the "powers" that be toward any artificial relief measures.

4.—Purchasing in an artificially inflated market and selling in the world's market to impoverished purchasers.

5.—Having to compete on the international market with people who make less demands on life and who do not bear the burden of such a heavy economic super-structure as the American farmer.

6.—The elimination of horse traction, meaning less consumption of farm products.

7.—The elimination of grain consumption on account of national prohibitions.

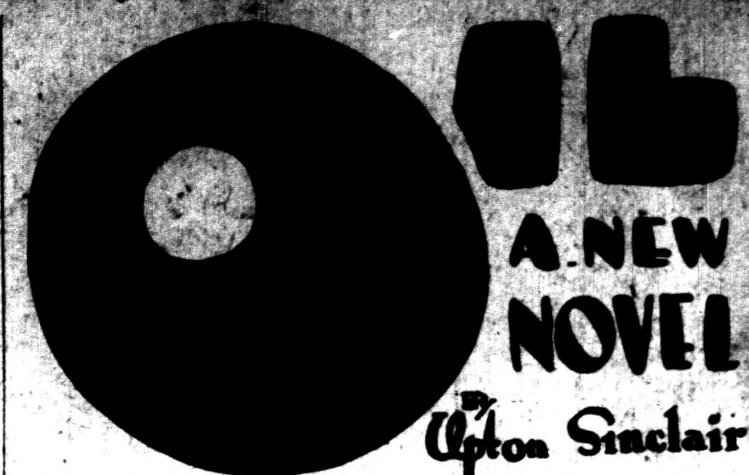
8.—The under-consumption of the masses of the world owing to unfavorable conditions brought about by the severe exploitation by the interests and bearing the burden of a top heavy economic system.

**Here Comes Nitrogen.**  
A new actor is about to enter upon the world's stage, reeking with blood and corpses. Nitrogen in the hands of the militarists is a cruel agent of death and destruction. In the hands of the farmers it is humanity's friend and benefactor.  
Nitrogen is the main ingredient used in making explosives, at the same time it is the rehabilitant of robbed soil. The process of manufacture has been cheapened to such an extent that the Chilean nitrate can no longer compete with the synthetic product.

Germany had to rely on synthetic nitrogen for making explosives. The plants which formerly furnished the death-dealing product are now being used to make nitrogen for agricultural purposes. Germany, by the use of nitrogen as a fertilizer, has reduced the importation of cereals to a very great extent, with the prospect of having a sufficiency within a few years.

**Plentiful As Air.**  
The supply is inexhaustible inasmuch as it is derived from the air. Other wheat importing countries are certain to follow the example of Germany. The scientists are so enthusiastic about the new agent and the revolutionary changes that will be forced upon the world through its general use that they make the prediction that this will be called the nitrogen age. The first to feel the effects of nitrogen will be the wheat exporting countries and the wheat will not be the only sufferer.

The effects upon the exporting countries when the wheat importing countries increase the crop yield can be readily calculated. When the effects of this revolution in agriculture are felt greater expediences must be used than those incorporated in the Haugen-McNary Bill. Then the people will have to choose if nitrogen shall drive humanity into the caves and jungles or whether it shall be the force which will compel humanity to shape economics to conform to its advancement in science instead of using economic methods inherited from the ox-cart period. "All hail to the nitrogen age!"



Rachel had published a brief article about Bunny's return from abroad, quoting him as saying that he intended to use his inheritance for the benefit of the movement. And this statement had attracted the attention of a bright young newspaper woman, who had written a facetious article:

## MILLIONAIRE RED TO SAVE SOCIETY

And now it appeared that there were a great many people who had ideas as to how to save society, and they all wanted to see Bunny, and waited for him in the lobby of his hotel. One had a sure cure for cancer, and another a perpetual motion machine actually working; one wanted to raise bullfrogs for their legs, and another to raise skunks for their skins. There were dozens who wanted to prevent the next war, and several who wanted to start colonies; there were many with different ways of bringing about socialism, and several great poets and philosophers with manuscripts, and one to whom God had revealed Himself—the bearer of this message was six feet four and broad in proportion, and he towered over Bunny and whispered in an awe-stricken voice that the words which God had spoken had been set down and locked in a safe, and no human eye ever had beheld them, or ever would. Several others wrote that they were not able to call because they were unjustly confined to asylums, but if Bunny would get them out they would deliver their messages to the world through him.

There was one more "nut," and his name was J. Arnold Ross—no longer "junior." He had a plan, which he had been turning over and over in his mind; and now he gathered his friends to get their reaction. Old Chaim Menzies, who had been a long time in the movement, and watched most of its mistakes, Chaim was working in a clothing shop, as usual, and giving his spare time to getting up meetings. And Jacob Menzies, the pale student—Jacob had got a job teaching school for a year, but then he had been found out, and now was selling insurance. And Harry Seager, who was growing walnuts, and escaping the boycotts. And Peter Nagle, who was helping his father run a union plumbing business in an open shop city, and spending his earnings on a four page tabloid monthly ridiculing God. And Gregor Nikolai, who had done his socialist duty working for a year in a lumber camp, and was now assistant to an x-ray operator in a hospital. And Dan Irving, who had come from Washington at Bunny's expense—these six people sat down with Rachel and Bunny at a dinner party in a private dining room, to discuss how to save society with a million dollars.

Bunny explained with becoming modesty that he was not putting forth his plan as the best of all possible plans, but merely as the best for him. He wasn't going to evade the issue by giving his money away, putting off the job on other people; he had learned this much from Dad, that money by itself is nothing, to accomplish anything takes money plus management. Moreover, Bunny himself wanted something to do; he was tired of just looking on, and talking. He was a big paper, but he had no knowledge of journalism, and would only be a blunderer. The one thing he did know was young people; he had been to college, and knew what a college ought to be, and wasn't.

"What we're doing—Rachel and Jacob and the rest of us Ypsels—is trying to work on young minds; but the trouble is, we only get them a few hours in the week, and the things that count for most in their lives are the enemy's—I mean the schools, the job, the movies—everything. So I want to get some students together for a complete life, twenty-four hours a day; and see if we can't build a socialist discipline, a personal life, with service to the cause as its goal. Rachel will agree with me in this—I don't know if anyone else will—I think one reason the movement suffers is that we haven't made the new moral standards that we need. Our own members, many of them, are personally weak; the women have to have silk stockings and look like the bourgeoisie, and their idea of freedom is to adopt the bad habits of the men. If the movement really meant enough to socialists, they wouldn't have to spend money for

tobacco, and booze, and imitation finery."

"Dat let's me out!" said old Chaim Menzies, who had already lighted his ten-cent cigar.

The substance of what Bunny wanted was a labor college on a tract of land somewhere out in the country; but instead of spending his million on steel and concrete, he wanted to begin in tents, and have all the buildings put up by the labor of the students and teachers. Everybody on the place was to have four hours' manual labor and four of class work daily; and they were all to wear khaki, and have no fashionable society. Bunny had the idea of going out among the colleges and high schools, and talking to little groups of students, and here and there seducing one away from football and fraternities to a new dedication. Also the labor unions would be invited to select promising young men and women. It was a thing that should grow fast, and take little money, because, with the exception of building materials, everything could be produced on the place; they would have a farm, and a school of domestic arts—in short, teach all the necessary trades, and provide four hours' honest work of some sort for all students who wanted to come.

(To Be Continued.)

## Letters From Our Readers

Organizing the Unorganized.

Dear Comrades:  
Since the arrival of THE DAILY WORKER in New York it has already accomplished big things for the workers of New York and the class struggle in general.

THE DAILY WORKER is not only writing labor news, but is also organizing the unorganized. Here is now it happened: The shops of "Myers Hats, Inc., where ladies' hats are made, has been for years a fifty-fifty shop, half slave and half free. The men operators were members of the Millinery Union, while the girls, copyists, were left in the cold and neglected by the bureaucrats of the union, unorganized for years and years, until the happy arrival of THE DAILY WORKER on the newsstands of New York.

One of the girls of the shop, Jean is her name, began buying and reading daily the only labor paper in New York and was deeply stirred by its message to the workers to organize. Jean at once began organizing the unorganized girls. Her appeal to the 20 girls of the shop to join the union and strike for better conditions was just the thing they were waiting for. Jean, with the ability of a leader and heart of a rebel, with the aid of a few other girls of Myers' shop succeeded in getting the girls to go to the millinery local union to register and organize into a body and demand recognition from the boss, that he is to deal with the girls thru their union, and not individually, as he used to do in the good old times.

The boss, learning of the union movement, fired Jean and eight more girls and declared that they can never again work in his shop. The rest of the girls refused to go to work without Jean and the other fired girls who dared to agitate and organize the exploited and insulted girls into a union, and a strike was declared.

The boss tried to fill the places with scabs and tried all kinds of tricks in order to confuse the striking girls and force them back to slave for him without a union, promising all kinds of sugared conditions, but seeing that his tricks didn't work, he recognized the union and took all the girls back and sent down his few scabs.

So, THE DAILY WORKER was instrumental in organizing the unorganized girls who had been for years exploited and insulted and criminally neglected by the decaying bureaucratic officials of the Millinery Union. More power to you, comrades of THE DAILY WORKER. Long live THE DAILY WORKER.

ABE OLKEN.

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