

CURRENT EVENTS
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Coal Mine Wage Conference Collapses
Progressives Call On All to Prepare for Strike

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 22.—The bituminous wage conference collapsed today. The miners' union negotiations committee and the coal operators' representatives jointly concurred in the disagreement report of the sub-committee on wage scales which has been consulting in secret over the two plans proposed.

The miners' union committee, headed by International President John L. Lewis, had made during the course of the negotiations sweeping concessions, even to the point where a thinly disguised arbitration committee was offered, in spite of the bitter opposition to compulsory arbitration which coal miners have always shown.

The only point at which the union committee did not yield, was in the matter of a formal reduction of wages. It was, instructed by the Indianapolis convention last month not to sign any contract involving a wage cut.

Altho the "committee of experts" which Lewis proposed to "apply the agreement" would probably cut wages in effect by increasing the amount of unpaid work the miner would have to perform, the operators held out for a reduction, open and apparent, to the level of "competition" with the non-union wages of Kentucky, West Virginia and Alabama.

Convention Forbids Cut.
This concession Lewis hesitated to grant, and the negotiations ended. It is reported that Lewis plans to make contracts with any individual companies that will sign on the basis of the Jacksonville scale, and then try for another joint conference, just before the ending of the present contract, March 31.

Expect to Fight.
Progressive miners who fought the Lewis regime during the miners' union election campaign, and whose candidate for international president, John Brophy, was "counted out" by the Lewis machine after he had actually won the election, are convinced that the brunt of the strike will fall upon them, if a strike comes on April 1.

They are urging the miners everywhere to prepare for the conflict, and not to trust to Lewis' methods of merely bargaining, which have just met a further defeat in the collapse of the Miami conference.

Program for More Cruisers Wins New Victory in Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The big navy bloc won another victory this afternoon when the senate reaffirmed its demand for the immediate construction of three new cruisers over the opposition of President Coolidge.

This action was taken by adoption of the conference report on the naval appropriations bill with specific authorization for construction of the three cruisers.

The report meanwhile went to the house which rejected the three cruisers plan, for another vote. The big navy bloc hoped to reverse their decision.

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RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 22.—The Ku Klux Klan as an active, organized force in North Carolina, virtually blew up today.

Judge Henry A. Grady, for four years grand dragon of the order, announced his resignation from the organization, following a break with Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans, and simultaneously there was introduced in both branches of the legislature today bills outlawing the use of masks and concealing robes by members of secret organizations.

Sixty-six of the 86 local Klan chapters in the state are said to have surrendered their charters today.

Washington Day Dedicated To Big Business

Washington Day exercises yesterday to couple up the name of our first president with the genesis of big business in America, and to claim him as a patron saint of Wall Street.

The New York City members of the Sons and Daughters of Washington assembled at Frances Tavern and marched up Broad Street to the Washington statue at the sub-treasury. More than 1,000 boys were given a dinner of turkey, vegetables, pie and ice-cream at Brace Memorial Newsboys Home in William Street by Mrs. Eliza Guggenheimer, in memory of Randolph Guggenheimer.

St. Paul's Near Wall Street.
Church services were held at St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway and Fulton Street, where George Washington once worshipped. It was the tenth annual service of its kind conducted by the George Washington Sulgrave Institution.

School children and the firemen's association paraded in Brooklyn.

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Kellogg Claims Diaz Asks for Protectorate

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The state department first unofficially gave out that a treaty was being negotiated with "President" Diaz, of Nicaragua, the lay figure which American marines defend from the attacks of the Liberal party led by Juan Sacasa, the regular constitutional president. The state department intimated that it would be demanded of Diaz that he consent to a protectorate over Nicaragua by the United States.

A Better Story.
This report having met with a mixed reception by the public at large, was immediately corrected, officially, by the state department, in this manner: Announcement was made that "Minister Eberhardt at Managua has informed the department of state that on Feb. 20 he received from the minister of foreign affairs a note written by direction of President Diaz. The text of this note will be forwarded to the department of state by mail and until its receipt it cannot be discussed."

Then, officially, it was given out here that though the state department did not know what was in the note, still it would contain the following main points:

1. An "alliance" between little Nicaragua and the powerful United States of America, similar to that which the Republic of Panama has just rejected on the grounds that it is a "slave pact."
2. An American police control in Nicaragua probably along the lines of the American receivership of customs in the Dominican Republic and the American-officered Haitian constabulary.
3. American supervisory authority in certain Nicaraguan governmental affairs similar to the supervision exercised by this Government in Cuba under the provisions of the so-called Platt amendment, which is a resolution of the United States senate embodied in the Cuban constitution. The Platt amendment gives the United States government the right to pass upon certain foreign loans proposed to be contracted by the Cuban government and permits American intervention in the event of political disorders, including disturbances at the time of political elections.

Hate "Colossus."
Latin America has always regarded with suspicion the steady encroachment of North American domination of the little countries to the south. The press of Latin America is filled with polemic against the "Colossus of the North." When the terms of the proposed Panama treaty were announced recently, the outburst of criticism in the Latin-American press went far beyond anything seen before.

The consummation of a Nicaraguan treaty now would be calculated to revive and increase that criticism, it is conceded.

Hoodwink Senate.
The details of the American protectorate over Nicaragua are expected to be worked out during the summer, while congress is in recess. From the state department's viewpoint, the time is propitious, as the negotiations will not be interfered with nor complicated by hysterical outbursts in the senate.

The Haitian treaty provides for a constabulary officered and directed by the American government, together with civil supervision of the native government. American "advisers" are appointed by the state department to direct affairs of the Haitian government.

Borah Asks Investigation.
A personal first-hand senatorial investigation of conditions in Mexico and Central America was proposed in the senate this afternoon by Senator Borah (R) of Idaho, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Killed While Track-walking.
SILVER CREEK, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Walter J. Rogers was killed today by a New York Central Railroad train while walking to work on the tracks. A snow storm prevented him from seeing the train.

Soviet Union In Spite Of War Threat Keeps Down Army Budget

MOSCOW, Feb. 22.—Each of the red army's 562,000 soldiers will cost \$616 to maintain this year. Although the Soviet government has given the population the impression that war was not far distant, Russia's new budget, which was discussed at Monday's session of the Soviet parliament, assigns \$346,000,000 for national defense, which is only \$14,000,000 more than in 1925, and only 14 per cent of the entire budget.

Even this increase, officials explained, will not be used for additional arms and munitions, but for improving the conditions of the soldiers.

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Battle to Capture Shanghai Is On

SHANGHAI, Feb. 22.—The battle for Shanghai—the richest port of China—is in progress.

Firing is heard without the city walls, heavy shells have fallen within the city limits, and there is every evidence that the Cantonese have started their drive for possession of the city.

Excitement ran high and the foreign defense units were assembling at 7:30 this evening, as the sound of the guns in the outskirts was intensified.

The French concession was the first to suffer, as heavy shells began falling within its limits late in the afternoon. One shell dropped on the Sporting Club.

As soon as the shelling began there were disorders of a serious nature in the native quarters, adjoining the French concession.

One report stated that the constabulary and soldiers in the Chinese quarters were mutinying and joining the Chinese populace. The many executions which the Chinese authorities have carried out have angered the population and it now appears that the "defenders" of Shanghai are menaced by the Cantonese before the city and by a rebellious population within the city.

The French population of Shanghai was kept within the international settlement, and as this dispatch is filed, there has been no disorder within the settlement. Except for shells falling in the French concession there is no evidence of the battle which seems to be raging virtually at the city gates.

The Cantonese have hosts of supporters in the city who are arousing the populace and are rather effectively impeding any defense by the forces within the city.

The soldiers of Sun Chuan Fang are reported to be wavering in their allegiance and there are many who believe that they will lay down their arms rather than give prolonged resistance to the Cantonese advance.

Revenge for the decapitation of Cantonese sympathizers and agitators by the minions of General Li Pao-Chang, Shanghai's defense commissioner, was sworn today by the Cantonese to be exacted when the southerners capture Shanghai.

Local Cantonese swore that they will "strip two pieces of flesh from Li Pao-Chang's living body" for each person beheaded during the present disturbances.

The military authorities continue the strictest vigilance against disorders, also directing their efforts toward crushing the strike through threats of drastic punishment to strikers.

Nevertheless, 110,000 workers remain idle, new walk-outs balancing the numbers of those who have returned to work.

The post office is closed and mails have not been delivered for four days. Mail from the United States is being stored in warehouses, due to the defection of some mail by the strikers.

MINUTES SHOW FORD DIRECTORS VERY PIG-LIKE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—An intimate picture of the bickering and quarrelling that accompanied the Ford Motor Company's climb to automotive preeminence was written today into the records of the government's suit to collect \$30,000,000 in back taxes from Ford's former partners. Even profits of 700 per cent in ten years did not bring peace to a divided directorate.

Quarreling Greed.
Culled from the secret minutes of the Ford directors' meetings for the period 1903-1912, the inside story of the Ford empire reduces to this—that although every year's operations made a shareholder's copper equal in purchasing power to the farmer's dollar, directors' meetings never ceased to be a cross between a Hang Chow peace conference and a Senate session on the banking bill.

The minutes went into the Court of Tax Appeals record over repeated objections of defense counsel.

Avoiding Solid Tires.
One of the most interesting things for the future student of transportation or get-rich-quick problems is the fact that the stubborn determination of Treasurer Alex. Y. Malcombson was largely responsible for the use of pneumatic tires on the Ford car. He held doggedly to the view, too, that any car worthy of the name should be equipped with pneumatic tires. On this question the tension of the situation was relieved by the raucous laughter of the board en masse.

Potash-Perimeter Stuff.
Malcombson undertook in 1905 to organize an automobile company of his own, dedicated to the proposition that hard rubber rims were of four score and seven years ago.

The Ford directorate said that was treason—or something akin—and demanded Malcombson's resignation forthwith, to which he demurred most vigorously.

Malcombson's letter to the board, December 7, 1905, attained in spots the literary grade of inter-departmental correspondence in the pants and vest trade; but he didn't resign and so we have today rubber tires.

Blazing Rum Schooner Floating on Atlantic After Rescue of Crew

BOSTON, Feb. 22.—the schooner reported on fire 70 miles off Boston light by the Dutch steamship Blydenyk was found today to be the Kathleen Conrad, Leahave, N. S., to St. Pierre Miquelon, carrying 1,400 drums of alcohol.

The schooner's captain and a crew of nine were brought to port aboard the schooner Grant Marshall.

The Marshall came upon the Conrad in distress and after taking off the crew set the latter boat on fire, believing it to be a menace to shipping.

Explosions heard aboard the Conrad by the Blydenyk crew were from the bursting alcohol drums. Capt. Randall said the loss would come to about \$50,000.

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BRITAIN SENDS NOTE THREATENING SOVIETS; RELATIONS ENDANGERED

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The British cabinet today finished the draft of a note which it has been discussing for some time, and which threatens a rupture of Anglo-Soviet relations because of alleged propaganda against British imperial interests. The Soviet government is "warned" that "such propaganda constitutes a breach of the Russo-British trade agreement."

It is known that Winston Churchill is one of the prime movers for this first step towards a breach of relations.

Sabin Letters Confirmed.
Today's action confirms reports of letters and reports exchanged during the last six months between the Czarist agents, Eugene Sabin, and "Senior Diplomat" Geirs, in which Sabin boasted that he and his organization of White-guard Russians had great influence over Churchill and other cabinet ministers, and would break down friendly relations between the two

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Litvinoff in Moscow Speech Declares Trade Agreement Menaced by Oil Interests

LITVINOFF, Soviet foreign minister, in a speech in Moscow today declared that the trade agreement between the Soviet Union and Great Britain was in jeopardy because of the interests of oil companies.

Litvinoff said that the British government was trying to force the Soviet Union to accept a trade agreement that would give the oil companies a monopoly over the oil trade between the two countries.

He said that the Soviet Union would not accept such a trade agreement because it would be a violation of the principle of free trade.

\$2,000 a Year for "The Average Person"

By SCOTT NEARING.

"Current income," says the National Bureau of Economic Research, "was \$9 billion dollars for the whole United States in 1926." That meant "for every person gainfully occupied an income of slightly over \$2,000." Making allowance for price increases, "we find that the average person working for a money income received about one-fourth more for his services in 1926 than he obtained in 1917 and about 44 per cent more than in 1909."

"The Average Person."
Who is this "average person?" Surely not the Passaic textile worker. His purchasing power in 1926 was less than in 1909.

How about the Illinois corn grower? In 1917 his land was selling for \$150 an acre. Today the same land goes at \$60 to \$65. And in 1926, as one farmer put it, "I give away a quarter with every bushel of corn I sell."

Like the corn grower in Illinois, the Oklahoma cotton raiser produced this year at a great deficit. So did the grower of grapes and prunes in California and the apple rancher of Oregon.

But there are 4,000 families on Park Avenue between 44th Street and 92nd Street which spent in 1926 \$280,000,000—an average of \$75,000 per family. There are no figures to show what these same families spent in 1909 or 1917, but, in any case, they helped to make up that \$2,000 income of the "average person" in 1926.

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The Fat Incomes.
The total income of the U. S. A. has increased greatly in the past twenty years. A fringe of the workers has gained some advantage from this increase.

Owners of land and capital have benefitted hugely. Their fat incomes "averaged" with those of the masses of workers and working farmers, makes it possible for the Bureau of Economic Research to sell "average" prosperity to the rest of the country.

A Labor Press.
Incidentally, it might be mentioned that the Bureau of Economic Research secures its income from the "interest and dividend" class.

What better argument could be advanced in favor of a Bureau of Labor Research and a vigorous labor press, competent to collect and distribute economic information that will keep the mass of workers correctly informed as to the volume of national income and as to who gets it.

REED COMMITTEE TO GIVE INSULL UNTIL SATURDAY

Check May Show Graft Paid for Companies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—While still threatening to prosecute Samuel Insull, the "super-angel" of Illinois politics, and two other recalcitrant witnesses for contempt, the Reed campaign fund committee turned away from slush funds today to ask the senate for additional authority to recount the 500,000 ballots seized in Pennsylvania, that were cast in last November's senatorial election.

Need More Power.

The Pennsylvania recount cannot be started, it was explained, until the senate authorizes the committee to "open the ballot boxes."

It already has 2,904 boxes in its possession, 1,404 seized in Pittsburgh and 1,500 seized in Philadelphia. Even with this additional authority, it was said, the committee may decide to postpone the recount until after the seventieth congress convenes next December.

What About Check?

The contempt proceedings against Insull, Daniel F. Schuyler, his personal attorney, and Thomas W. Cunningham, a Philadelphia republican leader, will be delayed until after the utility magnate returns here next Saturday to testify about a \$190,000 check he drew to cover with cash advances he made to Illinois politicians last summer. In all, Insull testified, he spent \$237,935 in that campaign, of which \$125,000 went in cash in one lump sum to Col. Frank L. Smith, now senator-elect from Illinois.

The same total included \$40,000—two gifts of \$20,000 each—which both Insull and Schuyler refused to reveal. They admitted making the donations but declined to say who got the money. Insull protesting that "his conscience" would not permit him to "violate the confidence" imposed upon him by the men who got the money.

An After-thought.

The \$190,000 check assumed tremendous importance in the eyes of members of the committee because of a belief that Insull had spent the \$237,935 on behalf of the \$500,000, 000 worth of utility corporations which he controls. Insull explained that he drew the check to repay cash advances, which he took out of the "pills" of his various companies while making contributions to Chicago politicians. The committee felt that the advances were actually made by Insull on behalf of his corporations and that the check, refunding them, was an after-thought, which followed opening of the senatorial inquiry.

Aside from the check, members of the committee were determined upon citing Insull, Schuyler and Cunningham for contempt. Senator Reed (D) of Missouri, chairman, said that the contempt citations would be handled by the committee after next Saturday's session.

Find Man and Wife Dead.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 22.—A man and Mrs. Alex Schuster were found shot and beaten to death in their home here today. A revolver was lying on the floor near the bed, together with several small bars of iron. According to police, Schuster had been arrested two months ago on a charge of wife-beating. He had just recently completed a sentence in the Toledo workhouse.

Jersey Tories Plan Election Switch to Favor Republicans

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 22.—The state senate, by a vote of 13 to 2, passed a proposed constitutional amendment today which provides for an increase in the terms of governor and state senators from three to four years, from one to two years for assemblymen, and for biennial sessions of the legislature.

The amendment, sponsored by the reactionary majority, is designed to throw into presidential years the gubernatorial elections in New Jersey. The republicans normally have a majority of the vote in presidential years in this state.

The amendment must now be submitted to the people in a referendum four months from the date of adjournment of the legislature. Progressives are expected to wage a vigorous campaign against it.

Senator Abell of Morris County introduced a bill reducing the franchise taxes on street railways from five to two per cent on gross receipts. The traction lobby backs the bill.

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N. Y. COAL MEN PLAN HARVEST IN MINE STRIKE

Will Gouge Public to Fare-You-Well

Not anticipating, but praying for a strike in the bituminous coal fields in April, those New York brokers who deal in soft coal are already laying plans to reap a harvest when the union mines are closed down for the bitter struggle.

One brokerage office in this city, cheered by word from one of the operators that he expected negotiations in Florida to be broken off in a couple of days, is signing as many contracts as possible for the total output of non-union mines in various parts of the country. As soon as the union mines are not working, the price of coal will begin to soar, and those who control a supply of coal will be able to demand higher and higher prices and reap a fortune.

It is understood that the owners now operating under the Jacksonville agreement have leased mines in non-union fields, and as soon as the strike is called their union mines will be closed tight and they will open up the non-union mines in Kentucky or West Virginia and continue piling up the cash. They should worry how long the strike lasts.

Reaps Profit as Workers Suffer.

This is the sort of situation which has been created by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America. For two years the Jacksonville agreement has been violated by one operator after another and the bituminous fields have gone increasingly non-union.

Roll in the Subs For The DAILY WORKER.

Too Much Water.

CROTON, Feb. 22.—With a blanket of 10 inches of snow and sleet, the equivalent of 1 inch of rainfall, upon the vast Croton watershed, and a cataclysm of 5 inches of water splashing over the wide spillway of the big Cornell dam, there will be an enormous waterfall going to waste over the dam within the next few days as the snow and sleet melts.

AIMEE HOPES TO GET CASH QUICK IN GARDEN BOUT

To Eclipse Tex Rickard On Return Here

Aimee Semple McPherson, notorious California evangelist, will attempt to throw Satan over the skyline of New York some time next summer or even sooner.

She hopes to hold revival meetings in the new Madison Square Garden, where she hopes for tremendous collections and a quick clean-up of cash registers.

"There is the night life in New York where conditions are terrible. I visited three night clubs to get my information first-hand. I saw one place crowded with children, boys and girls from the ages of 16 and 17 to 21, collegians and high school students, all drunk."

So said Aimee at Syracuse, N. Y., shortly after her arrival to conduct a three-day series of revival meetings.

Confined to Parasites.

"This night life condition is deplorable, but it can be stopped whenever the country wants to stop it," said Aimee.

"This type of night life is open to only the rich, the people who have money to squander. It is not general. I believe those who indulge in it will see the error of their ways and will remedy the situation themselves."

While she talked of the evils of New York, Aimee's smile and the light in her eyes almost belied the fact that she thought them evil. She laughed heartily as she told how one of the dancing girls in a night club had kissed one of her escorts.

Does She Like It?

She described her embarrassment and then again became merry as she described how the girl had then jumped on a chair to dance for them and tried to get them to join a gay party at another table. For a minute it seemed as if Aimee was going to stand up and give an interpretation of the dance.

"I come fresh from the evils of New York City," Aimee continued. "I saw there things that seem almost unbelievable to you Syracuseans, but they exist there."

Britain Sends Note Threatening Soviets

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countries by the use of forged letters, and offers of concessions to oil and business interests.

Litvinoff Denies Charge.

MOSCOW, Feb. 22.—Acting Peoples' Commissar for foreign affairs, Litvinoff, appeared yesterday before a group of members of the Central Executive Committee of the All Union Congress of Soviets and made a public statement on British relations with the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Tells of Plot.

He received a great ovation, and then began to speak of the strain on international relations caused by the plots of reactionary Russian congresses in England, and the intrigues of oil company owners who desired to exploit the workers of Soviet Russia in the oil fields she is developing. He regretted that concerned in these intrigues were even members of the British cabinet.

Kept the Bargain.

Litvinoff pointed out that though the government of Soviet Russia had never concealed the interest and friendly feeling it has for the Chinese people, struggling for independence against the brutal inroads of foreign imperialism, the government has studiously kept the strict letter of the trade agreement, as is evinced by the fact that no single specific case of violation is mentioned in the general charges of "propaganda" which the British cabinet has frequently hurled at the government of the USSR.

In this connection the speaker particularly emphasized the recent speeches of the Japanese premier and foreign minister, who "appeared to have a more just and liberal comprehension of the true state of affairs than certain other countries."

Sacramento Overflows.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 22.—Warned that the Sacramento River will overflow its banks some time today, residents living near the river at Knight's Landing, Yolo County, today fled from their homes, dragging their belongings to higher ground.

Engine Crew Victims.

SALAMANCA, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Engineer Marlow Cool is dead and fireman Maurice Crump is in the hospital in a serious condition today from injuries received last night when a Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad locomotive overturned on a curve. Both men were from Bradford, Pa.

Wall St. Attorney Rounder, Wife Says; He Tells Tales Too

Supreme Court Justice Charles J. Druhman in Brooklyn yesterday reversed decision on the application of Mrs. Martha Chapman Blatchford, of Phillips Manor, Tarrytown, N. Y., for \$5,000 counsel fees and \$100 weekly alimony pending trial of her suit for separation from William W. Blatchford, Jr., a Wall Street lawyer.

Mrs. Blatchford said that her husband lives in a \$30,000 home at 118 Willow Street, Brooklyn, and that he expects shortly to receive \$50,000 as a fee for his legal services from Mrs. Edward R. Thomas, owner of the New York Telegraph. She said he also has a large income as attorney for other interests.

Mrs. Blatchford said her husband was in the habit of becoming intoxicated "four or five times a week," that he was abusive, and that he was cruel to her and to their daughter, Betty, 7 years old. On one occasion he blamed her when their daughter contracted pneumonia, pursued her through their home and finally broke down a door to get to her, and then struck her, she alleged.

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COURT DECREE ON VALUATION NOT DECISIVE

Commerce Commission Expects New Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Physical valuation of all railroads in the United States will be pushed steadily ahead as a result of the supreme court decision in the "fifteen billion dollar valuation case." Interstate Commerce Commission officials said today.

The true measure of the value of a road for rate-making purposes, however, remained an open question.

Negative Victory.

The case was that of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake valuation, and was not decided upon its merits, but on a legal technicality which gave the decision to the government.

This constitutes a negative victory for the Interstate Commerce Commission, as decision for the companies would have stopped their attempts to value the roads at all. But at some future date, the point of the right of the commission to value the roads will again be raised.

New Fight Coming.

There is no prospect of an early determination of the question, according to P. J. Farrell, counsel for the Interstate Commerce Commission. He predicted that the first big test would come when the commission attempts to apply the recapture clause of the Esch-Cummings Act, under which profits of the stronger railroads are to be divided with the weaker lines.

Experts have estimated that there is a difference of fifteen billion dollars in the railroad and commission interpretations of the true value of all the roads in the country.

U. S. Mail Clerks Appeal to Coolidge

WASHINGTON, (FP).—Final and direct appeal to President Coolidge to withdraw his opposition to their bill granting higher pay for night work has been made by the National Federation of Post Office Clerks.

This bill is awaiting action by the house. The president has blocked it because he opposes salary increases in general. Secretary Thos. F. Flaherty of the clerks, accompanied by Wm. Green, president of the A. F. of L. went to the White House on Feb. 17 and laid the case before Coolidge. Flaherty said 75 per cent of the mail distributed in the postal service is handled at night. This night work brings added hardship to the clerks and should be compensated accordingly by higher pay or shorter hours. Even the Postmaster General has recommended the higher pay rate of 10 per cent proposed in the pending bill.

Coolidge made no promise to cease his opposition.

Chicago Federation to Move.

CHICAGO, (FP).—After many years at its present location, 186 W. Washington Street, the Chicago Federation of Labor is about to move into the Brunswick Bldg., 629 S. Wabash Avenue. It will have 10,000 square feet of floor space in the new quarters with a radio studio for its station WCFL in connection.

45 Marries 21.

MAPLEWOOD, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Mary Kavanaugh, 45, threw a bomb-shell into the social life of this town by suddenly marrying Verne E. Moon, a twenty-one-year sailor of Indianapolis. The bride is a wealthy widow whose husband died a few months ago, leaving her a quite considerable fortune.

Daily Worker Builders in New York and Boston Point Way to Victory

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH.

Two gatherings, historic in the development of The DAILY WORKER into a mass Communist daily, have just been held at Boston and here in New York City.

In the words of M. J. Olgin, speaking at the Yorkville Casino, New York, assemblage of DAILY WORKER Builders in the metropolitan vicinity, "The coming of The DAILY WORKER to New York turns another page in the progress of the working class movement in this country."

It is because The DAILY WORKER is in New York City, striving with might and main to develop as a powerful propaganda weapon and organizing instrument of labor, that great significance was given to these meetings, pledged to aid in this task.

The DAILY WORKER has been in existence for more than three years. Yet it still faces the task of enlisting an irresistible army of Builders, covering the nation, but especially active in the great industrial centers.

New York has been leading in organizing The Builders. One year ago a much smaller banquet hall at the Yorkville Casino afforded comfortable accommodations for the Builders' Celebration. The numbers had grown at The DAILY WORKER Builders' Encampment last summer on Long Island Sound. The affair on the eve of this year's anniversary of Washington's Birthday marked new progress, increased numbers realizing the tremendous task that lies ahead in winning a growing support from labor for Labor's Daily.

It was Joseph Brodsky, the workers' lawyer, who fights their battles in the courts, who came to the Builders' Celebration direct from the prison house that walls in the militant fighters of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, victims of the capitalist class justice of the infamous Judge Otto Rosenthal.

"Tell the Builders at The DAILY WORKER Celebration that our imprisonment will not have been in vain when we are released, we find that progress has been made in the building of our party and our press.

These prisoners of the class struggle have been sent away, not for a few days, or weeks, but some of them for years, having incurred upon the picket line the vicious wrath of their employers. The assembled builders cheered the greet-

MONTANA INDIANS APPEAL AGAINST BUREAU'S PLAN TO STEAL WATER AND FLOOD WITH DEBT

WASHINGTON, (FP).—In despair at the stupidity of the Indian Bureau of the interior department, which is burdening them with debt while destroying their chief commercial asset—a 100,000 horsepower hydro-electric site—the 2,800 members of the Flathead Indian tribe in Montana have appealed, through the American Indian Defense Assn. to President Coolidge.

Piled Up Big Bill.

When the Flathead tribe bought and paid for their reservation of 1,250,000 acres in 1855 they saved for themselves the Falls of the Flathead River where the stream leaves Flathead Lake. Since 1910 the Indian Bureau has expended \$5,000,000 on an irrigation project on the reservation, bringing water to 113,000 acres of land, of which the Indians have brought under the plow only 33,000 acres. When the work was begun congress declared by law that the costs would not be chargeable against the Indian land allotments. Later congress, at the instance of the bureau, made the \$5,000,000 charge against the Flathead lands.

Bum Engineering.

Recently the bureau decided—in the face of adverse reports by the Montana state engineer and the Montana Railroad and Public Service Commission who have wired protests to Washington—to expend \$2,133,000 more on a project of boring 1,800 feet through rock to take away this water-power, use some of the power to pump the water 325 feet into the air, and develop a new irrigation project on a higher level. The cost will again be charged against the Indians, and congress, by granting the bureau authority to take away the water, has in effect confiscated the 100,000 horsepower asset of the tribe.

The Montana Power Co. is watching and smiling. It will logically sit quietly until a dozen years hence, the pumping project has been admitted a fiasco. Then it will buy the property, scrap the pumping plant, build the power dam where the Indians want it, and take away their wealth over its cables.

Roll in the Subs For The DAILY WORKER.

TORY ASSEMBLY KILLS BILLS FOR HONEST ELECTION

Plans to Delay Action On Water Power

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Reactionaries in the Assembly today had killed two progressive bills. One provided for the restoration of direct primaries for state and judicial offices. The other would have compelled candidates to file a list of their expenditures and contributors with the secretary of state ten days before election.

The Legislature will adjourn March 18 or March 25. Only a few major problems, such as water power, the proposed tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline, and the \$300,000,000 New York City subway bond issue remain to be disposed of.

Wealthy Don't Get Tax Cut.

With the total cost of the state government for the next fiscal year well above the \$200,000,000 mark, reactionaries have abandoned all thoughts of reducing the income tax this year. For the last two years the income tax has been reduced 25 per cent, saving approximately \$10,000,000 to wealthy tax payers.

The six year old deadlock between Smith and Republican leaders of the Legislature over water power may be broken at a conference today. Al wants a "power authority" to plan for state development of hydro-electric power sites. Republicans favor private exploitation by the power trust. Republicans are willing to create a commission to investigate water power to kill time and postpone any action.

More Time On Bonus.

The bill which would give golden wedding couples a pension of \$100 a month was killed today. The bill extending from January 1 to April 1 the time in which veterans of the World War may apply for the state bonus, was sent to Governor Smith today. It was passed unanimously in both houses of the Legislature.

Punishment for arson, first degree, would be death instead of imprisonment for forty years, under a bill introduced today.

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Appalled by World's Degeneracy, Student Snuffs Gas, Ends Life

The student suicide toll of the past few weeks reached nearly a score today when Leo Meisel, a philosophy and music student, took his life by locking himself in his room and turning on the gas. The youth had been dead several hours when discovered by his father.

Members of the family said Leo had lately been morbid and melancholy, and had expressed dissatisfaction with life. He frequently complained of "the wickedness" of the world, and said he was tired of it. He left no note to explain his act.

Harriet Russell's "disease"—an unconquerable urge that prompted her to leave behind her everywhere a trail of swindles and petty thefts—today has earned her an indeterminate sentence in jail.

Miss Russell, who for six months prior to the first of the year was a teacher in the Scarsdale, N. Y., high school, faces a possibility of spending three years on Welfare Island. She pleaded guilty to a charge of petty larceny in Special Sessions Court yesterday, and was immediately sentenced.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 22.

Mrs. Rosie Gaboza and Peter Szoptich, her fourteen-year-old son, were today held criminally responsible for the death of Frank Vanco, 58, at Danbury on January 19. Mrs. Gaboza's flight to Yonkers, N. Y., and a statement by her son after their arrest, justified the action, said authorities, who lack any shred of evidence.

Mrs. Edmund Gaffney was now collapse today in her Brooklyn home while police continue their search for her four-year-old son, Billy, who was kidnapped 11 days ago. Police believe he was drowned in the East River.

Cribbing at Naval Academy.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 22 (INS).—Another "cribbing" scandal threatened to rock the United States Naval Academy today. Academy authorities are investigating reported widespread irregularities in the mid-year examinations, and if their findings bear out reports circulated in student circles it is probable there will be a number of expulsions.

Ask Action on Subway.

New York City will be officially requested about March 15 to express its opinion in regard to the proposed commuters' subway under Madison Avenue, from the Bronx to New York City Hall.

NEW BRIDGE COLLAPSES

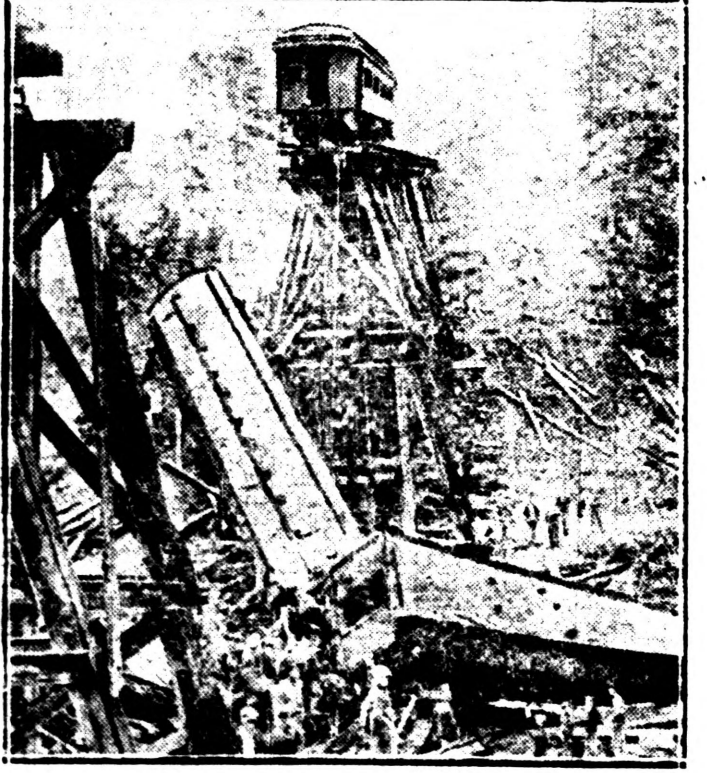


Photo of baggage car and passenger coach in which one was killed and nineteen injured in wreck near Demorest, Ga. A new bridge fell from under the train as it was crossing. Bridges built with honest material, by union workers, following a plan drawn up for use and not entirely for profit, do not fall over this way.

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ARMS PARLEY TO BE CALLED OFF; POWERS REJECT

Britain Talks About "Idealistic Proposals"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—According to all indications President Coolidge's call for a second world disarmament conference is not going to get any response except from Japan. France and Italy have definitely rejected any plans for modification of their strength of arms, Italy stating quite frankly that she needs a bigger army and navy for her program of expansion, while France is putting up the same old plea of self defense.

Japan has a willingness to enter into a new discussion, since such a reopening could only be to her advantage. The Washington Treaty left Japan in a weakened position thru the 5-5-3 ratio, and it is understood that Japan's anxiety for another arms parley is with the hope to have her own ratio of construction be raised from its present quota.

The negative attitude of these three countries on limitation of armament is not said to have encouraged Great Britain to advocate reduction of her own fleet. On the contrary, even tho the British government is trying to have it appear as if she really favors such reduction, the admiralty openly opposes the move.

The note which has been drafted by the admiralty as an answer to the Coolidge proposal openly states that Great Britain doesn't think of reducing her naval strength.

It accuses Washington of having only recently elevated the gun range on its battleships so that these same guns have now an added range of 12,000 yards.

This was done in spite of a vigorous protest from the admiralty in London. The note also states that 13 of Britain's cruisers are in Chinese waters, which has left only 5 cruisers for the Mediterranean service. A plea is made that with its enormous trade routes Great Britain has an obligation to give protection to the ships travelling these routes and that Britain can not therefore think of any reduction.

Reports also state that altho much good might come out of such an arms limitation conference that nevertheless British statesmen are not ready to "jeopardize the safety of the British Empire for the sake, at its best, of idealistic proposals."

Japan's original proposal to hold the conference in June has now been altered with a proposal to hold it probably some time during next year. This move is said to indicate that the whole conference as such will be called off.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Immediate strengthening of the national defense was recommended by the house appropriations committee today in reporting the second deficiency bill to congress carrying a total of \$63,400,957. More than \$17,000,000 was proposed for the army, navy and marine corps.

Funds are provided to bring the strength of the army from 110,800 to 115,000 enlisted men, ration allowance is boosted and funds are provided for air service reserve activities.

CARMI THOMPSON, PROF. MOON, SIR HERBERT AMES, AT CONFERENCE, APPROVE IMPERIALISM

By I. AMTER.

CLEVELAND.—To "inform the public" on all foreign and domestic policies and to help to mold public opinion, the chamber of commerce of this city arranged a foreign policy conference for Feb. 14-15.

None other than the treasurer of the league of nations, Sir Herbert Ames, opened the conference with a carefully prepared address on the function of the league of nations, and why the United States should be inside. When questioned as to whether the league should not step in the struggle of the Chinese people against Great Britain, he declared that the Chinese affair was a domestic affair, and therefore the league has no jurisdiction. He said the league knows only of the Peking government.

The next day, Prof. Moon of Columbia University, delivered an address on our relations with Nicaragua. Moon believes that it is one of the functions of industrialized countries to take their civilization to the less developed countries. "The Monroe Doctrine meant keep your hands off, imperialism means keep your hands on," he explained. He condemned the manner in which the U. S. government has interfered in Nicaragua, and declared that force must be kept out of the field of development. Imperialism is correct, but violence must be avoided.

Dislikes Hypocrisy.

Moon said that "we advocate arbitration over armed force—then go ahead and use armed force. And 'hypocrite' is being hurled at us from all sides. I believe that America has acted imperialistically, but really is unconscious of it. Mexico is back of Sacaca. Hence we support Diaz. This is a poor reason. We fear a Bolshevik wedge between Mexico and the Panama Canal. This seems to me rather far-fetched. We wished to 'protect lives and property.' No lives were in danger, but some property was. We own canal rights through Nicaragua. Nicaragua would make a fine naval base for any nation controlling it. It is difficult for me to make much of any of these reasons, as advanced through official sources, the real truth for such actions until

THE MEXICAN WORKER DUMPS A LOAD



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NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIAL SURVEY REPORT PROVIDES FOR NINE-HOUR DAY CALLED EIGHT

The industrial survey commission, appointed last year by the state legislature to investigate the industrial conditions pertaining to employment of labor, has rendered its report. The mountain labored and brought forth a mouse.

While every member of the commission admits that he is in favor of a 48-hour work bill for women workers, yet it is pointed out that not enough material has been accumulated to show the feasibility of such a law. It therefore recommends that the commission be instructed to continue its work and make definite recommendations by next year.

For this year the commission recommends to the legislature to regulate the working hours for women as follows: 49½ hours shall constitute one week's work; these hours will be divided so that one half day will be free. In other words the report calls for 9 hours work for five days a week and 4½ hours for the remaining day.

It is to be observed, however, that the report does not specify on what day the short hours shall be worked, whether on Mondays or Saturdays. Evidently any day suitable to the employers would be acceptable. In fact the recommendations as a whole are drawn up to "provide the necessary elasticity for certain industries." In order to give this "elasticity," the 48-hour law is shelved, and to make sure that the employers are not hampered in any way, provision is made that within the period of one year the employer may work his employees 78 extra hours as overtime, these

hours to be worked whenever the boss calls upon the workers to do so. No mention is made for extra payment for such overtime.

Really Nine-hour Day.

On the whole then the commission's report is not for a 49½-hour week, but for a 51-hour week, and leaves it to the employer to grant the half-day rest either for Monday, Thursday, Saturday, or any other day. It also legalizes the overtime employment at straight wage-rate payments. Be it said here to the credit of assemblyman Hackenburg, that he voted against the 48-hour bill as drawn up, and stated that his concept of the 48-hour bill would be one without any provision for extra work.

Mervin K. Hart, representative of the employers, emphatically opposed any restriction of working hours; which shows how backward some industrialists still are. At the same time it is hoped that such statements will force conservative labor leaders to fight more aggressively for the passage of a 48-hour law.

Kovelski Rather Timid. Labor was represented on this commission by Emanuel Kovelski, vice-president of the State Federation of Labor. While his fight for the 48-hour bill was weak, nevertheless he did make an aggressive attempt to have payments under the state compensation insurance increased from \$20 to \$30 per week. He opposed the commission's recommendation not to bring about any changes in labor laws for the next five years and also attacked certain building trades unions for closing their books and thus to prevent admission of new members to their organizations.

The report reaffirmed the present system of bi-monthly wage payments, and also allowed such payments to be made in checks. On the whole the commission's report is as reactionary as any report dealing with employment regulation could be. The commission at all times had the employer's interest in view, and actually leaves it to their discretion to regulate the working hours as it will best serve their interest.

Altho, as stated above, Hackenburg and Kovelski made objections to a few points, yet it is significant that the report was signed by the entire membership of the commission.

Letters From Our Readers

To The DAILY WORKER, New York City.

I receive your Daily every day, and I am very much pleased to read it. I only regret that I am not very good at English, and I cannot read and understand it very clearly, but I translate some of the articles into Chinese once in a while.

It is rather hard to translate some of the articles into Chinese (from your paper), and I wish I knew English as much as I know Spanish, then I could translate them better and more of them.

I hope that the DAILY WORKER will be stronger and stronger, and that the anti-imperialism movement, which is also my idea, will be a great success.

Hoping your constant endeavor against imperialism and fearless advancement, and also hoping for the endless progress of your Daily,

With my heartiest congratulations to our DAILY WORKER,
SUI YAN (Snow Man),
A student of Sun Yat Sen.

Uncle Sam's Holy Murderer



Central Press Photo

Although he won the title of "the fighting chaplain" during his war days with the Ninety-first division in France, the Rev. C. A. Rexford, of Spokane, Wash., is seeking further laurels. His latest achievement is qualifying as an expert rifle and pistol shot, both feats accomplished in one day. He now is a pastor in a Spokane church and also chaplain of the 161st regiment of Washington guards.

Washington Day Is Dedicated to Big Biz

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The crowded chamber of the house presented a brilliant picture as the president delivered his address. Floor and galleries were crowded. Present were the membership of both houses, the members of the Supreme Court in their robes, cabinet officers and other officials of the government. The color was supplied by members of the diplomatic corps and officers of the army, navy and marine corps, in dress uniforms.

While awaiting the president's appearance, to make the speech in which Washington was to be branded the first business man of America and the first American imperialist, the crowd discussed the exciting news of the declaration of a protectorate over Nicaragua, and the overwhelming of that country with U. S. marines, news of which has just been given out by the state department.

The LaFollette Discard. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Senator LaFollette (R) of Wisconsin commemorated Washington's birthday today by introducing a resolution in the senate against a third term for presidents.

The resolution declared it would be "unwise, unpatriotic and fraught with peril to our free institutions for any president to disregard the precedents of Washington."

Mass Arrests in Poland Show Need of a Strong International Defense

Reports received from Poland show that 400 arrests were made recently, including four White Russian members of parliament and many leading functionaries of the minority movement. In Warsaw alone about 120 to 150 arrests have taken place and over 200 houses were searched.

The widest rumors about Russian money and Soviet agents are being spread for the undoubted purpose of supplying an excuse for a continuation of the terror. Mass executions are likely to become the order of the day unless a sufficiently strong international protest is made.

The International Labor Defense, New York Section, calls upon all workers to rally to the support of the oppressed workers of Poland. Our organization is fighting in all countries. New York must not lag behind, but should be in the forefront of the struggle.

The J. L. D. Baggar in Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave., on March 10-13, is for the purpose of helping to raise funds to carry on the fight for freedom for mass war prisoners not only in America, but in the whole world. Join in this job. See that your local does something. Send articles and donations to International Labor Defense office, 799 Broadway, room 422, at once.

Manager On the Make Indifference of Rank And File, Wreck Co-op.

MINNEAPOLIS.—(FP).—The bankruptcy of the great cooperative Associated Textile of Minneapolis, with a probable loss to the cooperative stockholders of \$250,000 is a severe blow, says the Northern States Cooperative League, but not attributable to cooperation itself.

Analyzing the disaster, the league shows that it was due to a neglect of cooperative principles that is ordinarily avoided in even the smallest cooperative unit. Among the causes of the failure the league lists:

1. A board of directors of labor men that were little more than figureheads. "A good labor man is not automatically a good co-operator," it remarks.

2. Bad Manager. A manager, H. Naphtalin, who was heavily on the make and "who either was dishonest or utterly devoid of an understanding of the aims and principles of cooperation." He inventoried the stock at \$300,000 when an independent appraisal placed it at only \$80,000. Though stockholders were led to believe that the cooperative had made over \$50,000, an independent audit showed a loss of \$270,000. The first proper audit was made in December 1926 after the co-op had been in existence 3 years. But then it was too late.

3. Indifference of the cooperative members. "Most of them," the league rather bitterly reflects, "were just investors, expecting only to get regularly a good interest on their money but never expecting to be bothered with the worries of supervising the affairs of the organization."

4. Greater vigilance should have been exercised by the league itself with which the Associated Textile was affiliated. "From now on we are going to keep our eyes open in this respect," the league asserts. "We do not wish to be stung again." Although a reorganization committee is on the job it is generally thought that the \$250,000 paid up capital is a total loss.

SHANGHAI LABOR TO TAKE POWER, SAYS N. Y. EDITOR

Chinese Writer Tells of Soviet Aim

By HARRY FREEMAN. Chinese workers will sweep out foreign imperialists from Shanghai just as they swept them out from Hankow, H. Linson, editor of the Chinese Nationalist Daily, asserted today in a special statement to The DAILY WORKER.

"The general strike in Shanghai will clear the way for the nationalist army," he declared. "The terrorist tactics of General Sun, the so-called 'defender of Shanghai,' will not prevent the workers of Shanghai from sweeping out the foreign imperialists as well as their lackeys, the warlords."

Comparing the Shanghai strike to the great Leningrad strike that preceded the October revolution in Russia, Linson said: "There are many reasons for believing that the Shanghai workers will take over the factories just as their Russian comrades did in 1917."

Oust Native Capitalists Too. The working class constitutes the backbone of the revolutionary movement and with the proper leadership they will succeed in ending the exploitation of the workers and peasants by native as well as foreign capitalists.

Linson praised the students for their staunch support of the nationalist movement.

Memorial To Sun Yat-sen. Five thousand Chinese of this city will meet March 12 to pay tribute to Sun Yat-sen and to express their sympathy for the struggle of their countrymen for emancipation.

Scott Nearing, Harry F. Ward, John Dewey, William Weinstone, J. Louis Engdahl and William F. Dunne are among those who have been invited to address the meeting.

A committee consisting of H. Linson, editor of the Chinese Nationalist Daily, Dr. Sui Feng, associate editor of the Chinese Nationalist Daily, T. K. Chao, Kuomintang official and others, will meet tonight to make arrangements for the demonstration.

Still Seek Bodies of Lost Air Lieutenants

Following a forlorn hope, two officers in an observation plane left here to search the New Jersey coast for traces of Lieutenants William A. Gray and Willard Harris, believed to have fallen into the ocean while flying from here to their home station at Langley Field, Va., in a heavy fog last Thursday.

Banker Gets Rejuvenated. BUDAPEST, Feb. 22.—Because he underwent a rejuvenation operation a retired Budapest banker has been notified by his insurance company that the annuity payment of his insurance has been stopped.

Women Plan Mass Lobby. LONDON, Feb. 22.—Lady Astor's attack on the government in an effort to obtain equal suffrage for women will be sensationally supported, under present plans, by mass lobbying of the members of parliament at the house of commons on March 3 by women drafted from the numerous suffragist organizations.

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Gen. Adolphus W. Greely.

General Adolphus Washington Greely (above) spent his life discovering new lands in the Arctic. He is one of the last of a tribe that began with Christopher Columbus, and only passed out in our own generation, when there are few more worlds to win for capitalism.

France Asks Payment Of 30 Million Pending Mellon-Berenger Pact

PARIS, Feb. 22.—Pending the ratification of the Mellon-Berenger debt payment agreement the French finance commission has proposed a temporary payment of \$30,000,000 to the United States and to Great Britain. This action is to be reported to the Chamber of Deputies, and hope is expressed in financial circles that this plan will be acceptable to both Britain and America.

Fight Scandal Probe Due if Reactionaries At Albany Consent

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—An investigation of the sale of tickets for boxing bouts would be made by the judiciary committee of the assembly under a resolution offered by Assemblyman Louis A. Cuvillier. The probe would be especially directed, Cuvillier said, into the alleged scandal of the sale of tickets for the recent Delaney-Maloney fight in New York City. "If reports about the sale of tickets for the Delaney-Maloney fight are true, it amounted to a public scandal and should be investigated by the legislature," Cuvillier said.

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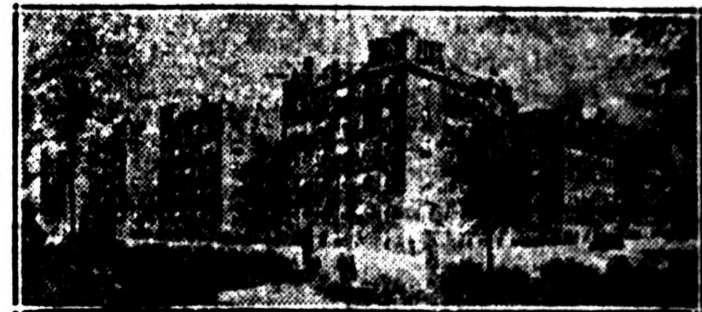
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SUPREME COURT REFUSES "WRIT" AGAINST UNION

Contractors Unfair Plea Not Recognized

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The supreme court of the United States today denied the petition of the Barker Painting Company of New York for an injunction against painters' unions, which it alleged caused a strike because the company would not pay the New York wage scale in Philadelphia. The action of the labor unions, the company contended, was designed to aid the Philadelphia contractors, who had a union wage agreement lower than the New York scale.

The government won today in the supreme court an anti-trust suit against 23 pottery manufacturing concerns and 20 individuals, alleged to control 82 per cent of the business in the country.

Decision was rendered upon the government's appeal, after the circuit court of appeals in New York had refused to declare that the Trenton Pottery Company, Thomas Maddock's Sons Company and other defendants had entered into an illegal combination to unreasonably maintain prices.

Dissolution of the sanitary potter's association, which the government alleged dictated a price fixing and sales agreement, was demanded by the government.

The federal government today won the "fifteen billion dollar" railroad valuation case on jurisdictional grounds.

The supreme court, which did not decide the case on its merits, held that the question of railroad valuation was still a matter of investigation by the interstate commerce commission.

Justice Brandeis who read the opinion said the lower court should have dismissed the case of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad which appealed from the tentative valuation made by the interstate commerce commission.

Newest Phonograph Plays Entire Hour

The latest advance in phonographs makes it possible to play for an hour without any activity on the part of the player.

The machine automatically feeds twelve records to the revolving disk from a magazine, with stops between records of less than half a minute. The machine makes it possible to put into the magazine an entire symphony or an assorted program of dance records. The machine stops after the last record.

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Queen Marie Pays Her Respects to American People: "Flock of Swine"

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—"My son was right when he said Americans were a flock of swine." This statement is attributed to Queen Marie of Roumania in a copyrighted article said to have been written by one of her attendants, appearing today in the Chicago Herald Examiner.

The queen also complained that during her visit to America she was insulted daily on the streets with such remarks as "hey, queen, how's the old man?"

"What can you expect from a people who always refer to their president by his first name," the queen is also credited in the article with saying.

It is known that queen was shocked at the crowd which gathered to greet her here by shouting, "Cotzefanesti," the name of a village in which during the war, the queen and her court engaged in a naked, drunken orgy, leaving soldiers in their care to bleed to death.

COMMUNISM NEXT IN EUROPE SAYS 'NATION'S' WRITER

Louis Fisher, European correspondent of "The Nation" and author of the recent book "Oil Imperialism" spoke Sunday evening at the open forum held at the Community Church Park Ave. and 43rd St.

Fischer, who has spent four and a half of the last five years in Europe, stressed his belief that European capitalism is in the last throes of its existence and that within the next decade or two, a European war will demolish the last of the tottering imperialistic nations in Europe. When asked from the floor what form of government would take the places of capitalism, he answered "undoubtedly Communism."

Fischer was careful to state that he does not include Soviet Russia when he speaks of Europe's decline. He reiterated several times that with every slip of the rest of Europe, Russia's power is increasing and that when the trade of the United States in Europe has been demolished, the America government will turn to Russia, China, India and South America for her trade.

His speech threw a horrible scare into the minds of the Park Ave. intelligentsia church-goers that made up the bulk of the audience.

Plan County Park. The Westchester county board of supervisors within the next two weeks will be requested to appropriate an initial sum of \$1,250,000 for the construction of a model, county-owned, amusement park at Rye Beach, on property recently acquired by the county at a cost of \$2,250,000.

How Landlordism Has Gripped New York Workers By Throat Told in Daily Worker Series

The DAILY WORKER begins publication today of a series of articles surveying New York's housing problem. Will de Kalb, who as reporter and research worker knows intimately every district of the city, will conduct the survey. Lower east side, upper east side, west side, Yorkville, Harlem, Brownsville, the Bronx and Brooklyn will be reviewed district by district. Today's story presents a general summary of the problem.

Tomorrow THE DAILY WORKER continues its pen pictures of wretched, insanitary and disease-breeding housing for New York's workers, contributed by readers of the paper. Send in your letter, telling your own personal experiences. Name not used, if requested.

By WILL DE KALB

Food, shelter and clothing—the three essentials to existence. According to what I learned and read between the lines when I studied the theory of economics in my college days, they at least were guaranteed to the workers under the capitalist system of exploitation.

And yet, upon completing an intensive survey of wages, rentals, prices and living standards in the various nooks and corners of greater New York, I have come to the conclusion that even that guarantee is considered by the ruling class like all other of their agreements—they are so many words.

In the series of articles that will begin tomorrow, I will give a detailed report of an investigation that has extended over many years. Every community, every residential section in the five boroughs will be analyzed along the lines of average wages received by workers, the amount of rent paid, and the standards of living prevalent.

Rents Go Up.

During the war, America's hundred percenters were educated into exacting high prices for food, clothing and shelter through unending flag-waving and trumpet-toting by the "men behind the men behind the guns"—the war grafters. Millions were turned over by the manufacturers; shortage after shortage was artificially created to keep prices up.

After the armistice, the price of food and clothing dropped a little. Since there were no armies to be supplied, and European nations were rapidly beginning to resume their old places in the industrial world, a surplus of food and clothing was manifesting itself to the price-fixers.

The sky-high prices of the war period could no longer be maintained. Gradually, but with many a heartache, the war-profiteers were forced to acknowledge this.

But rents began to soar in 1918. The huge armies of the A. E. F. were being demobilized in New York and the vicinity. Many ex-soldiers remained here. Immigration, breaking all past records, was resumed. Thousands of families had to find shelter. The result—the creation of a demand.

The Housing Shortage.

The landlord, long willing to accept 12 and 15 per cent interest and a good living from his investment, rubbed his hands in glee. The demand exceeded the supply. He controlled a monopoly, due to high building costs. Rent began to climb higher than Halley's comet. But the landlord was merely obeying the laws of capitalist economics, when you have an advan-

8 GIRL PICKETS ARE RELEASED IN JEFFERSON COURT

Cases Against Them Are Thrown Out

Eight girl pickets were arrested on Monday morning as they were picketing the shop of J. Gershel, 488 7th Avenue, but were released in Jefferson Market Court when the officers failed to present sufficient evidence to the judge that they had been "disorderly."

The shop was called on strike Monday by the Joint Board after seven workers were discharged for refusing to register with the International. The chairman of this shop, J. Kushner, was an "executive board member" appointed by Sigman to take the place of the regularly elected board member of Local 22, after he had expelled the officers of Local 22 and "taken over" its business.

The girls who were arrested for picketing the shop were Anna Liebowitz, Dorothy Gochberg, Sarah Begun, Dublin Farber, Ida Lifsky, Rebecca, first and two other workers.

Rosalinsky at It Again.

Sentence was pronounced upon Max Bernstein and Cesar Newman by Judge Rosalinsky on Monday, after they had been held in jail for over two weeks, awaiting sentence, which was postponed four times. Max Bernstein, who was charged with malicious mischief by Irving Vock, an employer who was said to be doing scab work during the strike, was sentenced to the penitentiary for an indeterminate sentence.

Osceola Newman, twenty-year old strikers' charged with assault in the third degree was placed on parole for two years. The judge has not decided whether the two weeks and three days Bernstein has spent in the Tombs awaiting sentence will be counted on his sentence.

Frenchy's Gangsters Up.

Four gangsters who were identified by several witnesses as the men who shot and wounded Samuel Cohen at 57th Street and Broadway as he was leaving the picket line at Reisman, Rothman and Beider, were bound over to the grand jury at a hearing before Judge Simpson in 54th Street Court on Saturday. They gave their names as Harry Goldman, salesman; Samuel Ober, chauffeur; Max Richter, loan broker and Samuel Friedman, garment worker. But they are well known to the pickets as members of Frenchy's gang, which has been terrorizing the garment district for the past eight weeks.

The gangsters were released on \$8,000 bail apiece, excepting in the case of the chauffeur, who was released on \$15,000 bail, all of which was furnished by the International. The men were defended by attorney of the International, who withdrew from the cases of cloakmaker, members of the union for 15 years, and arrested for the first time, on the picket lines, on the grounds that they "did not wish to defend gangsters."

Shop Chairmen to Meet.

Shop chairmen of cloak and dress industry have been called to a meeting on Thursday evening in Manhattan 1, Secum by the Council of Shop Chairmen, for the discussion of the defense of the prisoners.

The Women's Defense Committee will meet on Wednesday evening at Manhattan Lyceum, to perfect plans for a general campaign for the release of the prisoners and the relief of the wives and children. Women of many organizations have been invited to attend and a general call sent out to all working-women.

Lewis' "Sound Basis" For Agreement Seems To Be Less Employment

CLEVELAND, Feb. 22.—John L. Lewis stated at the conference of the coal miners and operators that the former would be willing to agree to a continuation of the Jacksonville agreement with the provision that the miners and operators then work out a "sound basis" for the industry. Samuel S. Wyer, consulting engineer and chairman of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Coal Committee, in the current issue of the "Cleveland," predicts that the "present" seasonal employment of laborers will be increased by many factors which caused decreased demand for coal. Among them are centralization of power plants; development of water power, education of consumers to conserve coal, and development of labor-saving equipment which will replace the miners themselves.

Goss Press Concerns Demands Physical Examination for Jobs.

CHICAGO, (FP).—Physical examination of applicants for jobs are now demanded by the Goss Printing Press Co., producers of union-made printing presses. The machinists union pointed out that such examination is not permitted of its members by the union. The officer, which employs about 600 men, declares it will exact it only of new applicants. Organized labor looks upon physical examinations by the employer as easily used element in a national blacklist system against union men.

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Fifteen Multi-Millionaires Insure Precious Hides By Million Dollar Policies

Fifteen men in the United States today carry life insurance of \$4,000,000 or more.

According to a survey of the National Underwriter, there are between 200 and 300 policies for \$1,000,000 now in force.

Rodman Wanamaker leads the list with insurance of \$7,500,000, all of it personal coverage. He was the first man to apply for a \$1,000,000 policy more than 20 years ago. Other heavily insured individuals are William Fox, the motion picture producer, with \$6,000,000; S. S. Kresge, 5 and 10 cent king, \$5,000,000; Frank P. Book, J. Hargren Book and Herbert V. Book, Detroit real estate operators, \$5,000,000 each; J. L. Lasky, Adolph Zukor and Marcus Loew, \$5,000,000 each; William Ziegler, \$4,500,000; Joseph Schenck, \$4,250,000; John McE. Bowman, hotel owner, \$4,000,000; Pierre du Pont, \$4,000,000; Ralph Jonas, president of the Brooklyn chamber of commerce, \$4,000,000, and J. F. Kettering, automobile manufacturer, \$4,000,000.

Storm Brings Booze Catch.

Nassau county police today have taken charge of a five-masted schooner, said to have been laden with at least \$300,000 worth of alleged liquor, after she floundered off Bayville, when the vessel lost her steering gear and had to drop anchor.

Filth in Cities and Papers Reflection of Decadence — Holmes

This is the "dirty decade." That was the term used today by John Haynes Holmes of the Community Church.

"As I walk the streets of the city," said Holmes, "I find them filled with dirt. I ride in the subways and find them filthy. I stroll through the public parks and find them littered and neglected and unclean."

But the dirt of the streets is no worse than the dirt in certain of our magazines and newspapers; the filth of our subways is no worse than the filth in our theatres, and the ugliness and disorder of our public parks is no worse than the chaos of our social life.

"We find ourselves in an environment of decadence and social degeneracy."

Workers Hard Hit By Pennsylvania Storm

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 22.—The death toll of the forty-eight hour snow storm, the worst in Pennsylvania in many years, mounted to ten today.

Pittsburg reported five dead; Harrisburg two; Philadelphia one; Renoa one, and Washington, Pa., one.

In addition to the death toll there was a heavy property loss running into thousands of dollars and much suffering among the workers in the metropolitan areas.



We Told You So!

WE gave you fair warning that you would probably be challenged during the Lenin Drive to tell exactly what you have done to build up The Daily Worker. Now the official challenger (who is also the official and champion subscription acceptor) is on the job. He challenges the comrades listed below to tell exactly what they have done to aid in this subscription drive. Will the comrades whose names appear below please write in immediately before the official challenger (depicted above) loses his smile and—

"Vents his wrath Upon the staff"

Remember! Do your stuff. Give full details as to what you have done to get subscriptions and then, at the close of your letter, list the names of five comrades whom you wish to challenge. They'll soon be shaking in their boots, too.

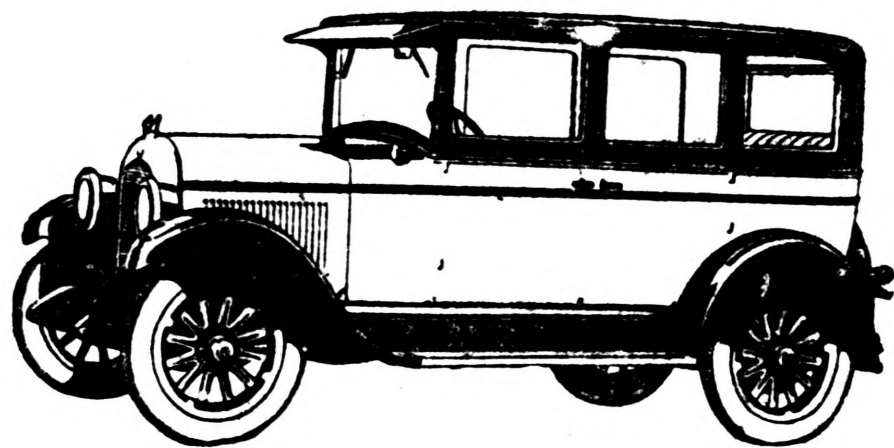
Here he goes! "The official challenger" challenges:

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| Kauzloskas | S. Boston, Mass. | Anton Gerloch | Detroit, Mich. |
| F. Chaica | Boston, Mass. | Alma Michelson | Detroit, Mich. |
| R. Gilbert | Dorchester, Mass. | Ida Piterson | Detroit, Mich. |
| F. Lundvall | Cambridge, Mass. | Lina Rosenberg | Detroit, Mich. |
| J. Sanders | Chelsea, Mass. | E. Petersen | Kansas City, Mo. |
| Y. Resnick | Roxbury, Mass. | J. W. Wilson | Omaha, Neb. |
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