









# U. S. GUNBOAT SHELLS CHINESE; PLANES AND SUBMARINES RUSHED

## 154 Imperialist Warships Ready for Attack on Nationalists; Browder Sends Appeal

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TODAY'S NEWS

- 1.—American guns bombard Kiangyin. Chinese losses unknown.
- 2.—Twelve American military planes arrive at Shanghai; flotilla of submarines arrive at Hongkong; 154 imperialist warships ready for attack on Nationalist China.
- 3.—Right wing executes five Communists, including two girls, at Canton.
- 4.—American marines aid Chiang Kai Shek in war against Shanghai labor unions. Turn Nationalist soldiers loyal to workers over to Chiang.
- 5.—Earl Browder, now in Hankow, appeals to Labor for protest against administration's militant Chinese policy.

SHANGHAI, April 26.—American guns killed an unknown number of Chinese yesterday when the gunboat Penguin fired upon Nationalist troops with her main battery.

The attack was made after the Penguin was accidentally hit by a few stray bullets, about eight miles below Kiangyin. The number of Chinese killed in the bombardment is unknown.

**Airplanes and Submarines.**  
The steamship Gold Star arrived here today bringing twelve airplanes for use by the American forces. Two American submarine tenders and a flotilla of submarines is reported to have arrived at Hongkong yesterday.

**154 Warships.**  
There are 154 imperialist warships in Chinese waters ready for an attack on Nationalist China. The fleet is composed of the following units: Americans, 48; British, 64; Japanese, 29; French, 9; Italian, 3; Spanish, 1. Thirty-seven of these are anchored at Hankow, with their guns trained on the Nationalist capital.

**Rights Execute Communists.**  
Reports from Canton state that the situation there is acute. Five Communists, including two girls, are reported to have been executed. The right wing is retaining control of the city and continuing the ruthless suppression of labor unions.

**Americans Aid Chiang.**  
American sailors and marines are helping Chiang Kai-shek crush the

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left wing labor movement in this city. Many of Chiang's soldiers, refusing to shoot down workers at Chiang's orders, are reported to have deserted his army and entered the city in disguise. American marines, who have discovered many of them wearing Nationalist uniforms under civilian clothes, have turned them over to Chiang's agents and to certain death.

**Help Raids On Labor.**  
General Smedley D. Butler, in advising the marines here "not to knock out a Chinaman's teeth because he needs them to eat," congratulated the men "on not using force."

**Browder Fears Bombardment.**  
Pointing out the danger of an imperialist bombardment of Hankow, Nationalist capital, Earl Browder, American Communist member of the committee sent to China by the Red Trade Union International, has sent the following cable to William Pickens, chairman of the Hands Off China Association of New York:

"The actions of the American diplomatic and armed forces in China, is making the American people jointly responsible for one of the great crimes in the history of the armed struggle of imperialism against the Chinese revolution."

"The Chinese people are demonstrating their ability for organization and leadership in crushing the militarists and rebuilding Chinese society on progressive lines."

**Must Protest.**  
"This progress is threatened by imperialist intervention. Thirty-five warships are demonstrating at Hankow against the Nationalist government. Among them are 10 American warships, including the cruiser Cincinnati. This is an imminent threat of armed force against the Chinese people."

"The American people must protest emphatically against this shameful assault and must demand the removal of all armed forces from Chinese territory and waters. The war against China threatens not only the Chinese revolution but also the peace of the entire world."

**Prevent Disaster.**  
"I urge most strenuous action to acquaint the American people with the true facts and mobilize all forces of the friends of China and freedom to prevent such a disaster."

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## Coolidge Admits U. S. Imperialism is Policy

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ines was followed by a revolution. The leader of the forces of reaction was promptly recognized by America.

**Will Aid Oil Barons.**  
"On his representation that he was unable to protect life and property I sent a force of marines there," Coolidge said, and added that the government had sold arms and ammunition to Nicaragua as well as to Mexico. After saying that "American people who go abroad to develop new oil fields should be encouraged," he gave sweeping assurance of the use of force wherever necessary to maintain the imperialist progress of this country's capitalists operating in smaller nations.

"We feel a MORAL responsibility to the countries north of the Panama," he declared. "We have undertaken to discourage revolutions. THIS TERRITORY IS RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES. We have large and PECULIAR interests there."

Applying the doctrine of "protecting lives and property" also to China, he referred to the slaughter of Chinese by American and British gunboats as the "unfortunate incident at Nanking." Further steps on the part of this country were velleid in the assertion that the Chinese reply to the American note "leaves the final disposition of the issue a matter of future consideration."

Summing up the rise of America to the position of the world's leading imperialist nation, Coolidge said: "Recent history has brought America into a new position in the world. We must expect to be charged with imperialistic motives."

**Postpone Women's Meeting.**  
A meeting of the Fur Council of Working Class Housewives No. 1, which was supposed to be held on Thursday, April 28th, has been postponed until Wednesday, May 4th, at 8 P. M., sharp, at the Sholem Aleichem Shoola 22, 500 East 174th St., Bronx, near Bathgate Avenue. It is very urgent that all wives, mothers and sisters of furriers attend this meeting.

**Downtown I. L. D. Meeting.**  
A special meeting of the Downtown Branch, International Labor Defense, will be held Thursday evening, eight p. m., at the Urkainain Labor Hall, 17 East Third St. The need of workers defense at the present time will be taken up.

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## Furriers Section of T.U.E.L. is Supporting Mass Picketing Here

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The Trade Union Educational League, furriers' section, has issued a statement urging all their members whether working or not, to be present every morning on the picket in front of the striking shops. All those not working should report at Webster Hall after the picketing demonstrations.

## Women's Council In Defence Meeting

Six councils of the United Council of Working Class Housewives have united on a defense mass meeting to be held at Hunts Point Palace, 163rd St. and Southern Boulevard, Bronx, tonight.

An attendance of thousands is expected to turn out to listen to the addresses of Louis Hyman, Juliet Stewart Poyntz, Kate Gitlow, Rose Wortis, Fanny Warshawsky and others. Admission will be free.

## Alteration Painters Hold Meeting Where Men Can Join for \$5

To give all non-union painters an opportunity to become union men, the International Progressive Alteration Painters' Union will hold a special meeting Thursday evening at their headquarters, 85 East 116th St., where all painters can join the union for \$5 on that night only. The regular initiation rate is \$25.

As the books of the Painters' Union are now closed and more than 25,000 painters in greater New York are not union members, the Independent Alteration Painters' Union is a means of organizing the un-organized painters, who latter can attempt to become affiliated with the Painters Union. Most of the un-organized painters are alteration men.

**Merchants Fight. Both Die.**  
**APPLETON, Wis., April 26.**—Adam Oreck, 40, died today from a bullet wound inflicted by David Fleischer, a business competitor. Fleischer entered Oreck's store and after a brief argument fired two shots at Oreck. Fleischer then killed himself.

## Cuban President is Feted by Bankers Here

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active in the trade unions have been deported from the country, according to the program of dictatorship of Machado.

The Consolidated Railways are owned and controlled by American bankers.

The gunboat "Maximo Gomez," anchored in Havana Harbor, has become a floating prison for those active in the Cuban labor movement. Many are known to have been thrown into the sea.

Labor organizers disappear mysteriously in Cuba.  
**Not Mentioned In After-Dinner Speeches.**

Yesterday President Machado of Cuba was the guest at a luncheon given in his honor by the officers of the Chase National Bank. None of these things were mentioned at the luncheon.

Mayor Walker, the directors of the important business houses—all agree that things are "fine in Cuba."

When the U. S. declared war on Spain in 1898, in order to free Cuba and several other persecuted republics from the domination of that decayed empire, American investments amounted to 50 million dollars. The bankers who greeted Machado were aware yesterday that American investments totalled \$1,250 million.

**Four Firemen Injured.**  
Trapped by a falling wall, four firemen were injured today in a blaze that destroyed a five story building of the Universal Feed and Milling Company, foot of Sixteenth Street in West New York. A second building suffered heavy damage.

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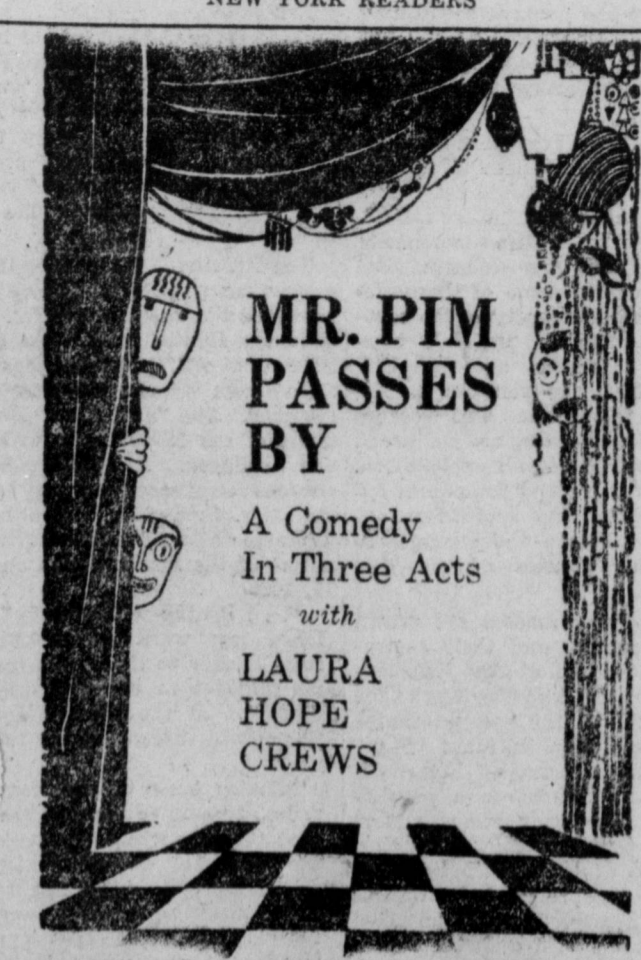
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