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Wheeler Charges Daugherty Ally of Crooks; Ships Role as Meat Famine Faces London

POINCARÉ AND BANKERS ARE FACING RUIN

Loans to Fascist Nations Blamed For France's Fall

(Special to The Daily Worker)
PARIS, Feb. 20.—The franc opened today at 24.20 to the dollar—only a fraction more than four cents each, or one-fifth the pre-war rate—as the Poincaré government reached frantically for some method of halting the monetary disaster that is overwhelming its cabinet.

A secret meeting of cabinet members and banking experts was called in the premier's home in the hope that a way might be found of arresting the slump which is leading to financial bankruptcy and which will destroy the Poincaré government's chances in the coming elections.

Locks to Reparations Experts.
No official information was given out after the conference, but it was understood the premier demanded speedy action by the reparations experts now trying to solve the German reparations question, and immediate adoption by the Chamber of Deputies of the government financial program.

These measures, the premier believes, are the only ones that will prevent continuation of the monetary confusion and resultant fall of his cabinet.

Newsweek today admitted the fall of the franc is due primarily to selling by French interests in Paris, but generally said the collapse has been hastened by government blunders.

The textile industry, it was said, has been upset by the government's prohibition of wool exports and sellers of textiles have been affected by the closing of the produce exchange.

Foreign Loans Planned.
Bertrix, widely known political writer, blamed the economic crisis granted to foreign nations for the slump.

"The franc is falling because of loans handed outside of our budget necessities," he said in the Echo de Paris.

DROPPING BALLAST



All Union Action Against Boss is Called 'Conspiracy' by Prosecutor in Chicago Upholsters' Trial

The question whether it is possible for a labor union to carry on strike activities without running foul of the employers' laws is raised in the important trial, which began yesterday in Judge Wells' court room in Chicago, of the five union men, held on boycott charges as the result of the upholsters' strike.

The right of a union man to refuse to work with scabs is also at issue. Fred Jurish, a member of the painters' union, is Jackess Leader Visits Mule State on His Way West

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 20.—Three hundred persons gathered at the union station here today and greeted William C. McAdoo, candidate for the democratic presidential nomination when he passed this enroute to Los Angeles.

McAdoo left the train, mounted a baggage truck and spoke about ten minutes to the cheering crowd.

It's Cruel World To Millionaire Kid With Doggie's Board So High

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The seventeen-year-old son of the late J. Arthur Hinkley, millionaire, has been getting \$15,000 annually for his living expenses. He finds this inadequate, and asked the courts to help him get \$5,000 more out of the estate.

ONE DROP OF BLOOD SETTLES DAUGHERTY

Fate Hangs in Balance As Probe Starts

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Attorney-General Daugherty will be asked to resign from the cabinet if he is connected by one specific fact with the Teapot Dome oil scandal.

This was the information from reliably informed quarters today. At the same time it was indicated Daugherty was preparing a statement, replying to the sensational charges yesterday by Senator Wheeler, Montana, author of a resolution for a senate investigation of Daugherty's administration.

Wheeler charged that the department was protecting crooks; that Jesse Smith, a close friend of Daugherty, had accepted money in connection with cases before the department of justice; that Daugherty was a friend of E. L. Doherty and Harry F. Sinclair, lessees of the naval oil reserves; that Daugherty and E. B. McLean, owner of the Washington Post, conferred here Sunday and before that at Fairmont.

McLean has figured in the senate investigation and is now under subpoena to appear again.

Harry Payne Whitney, millionaire, was asked before the committee as to his connection with the case. He was accompanied by his lawyer.

Whitney was questioned by members of the committee as to his purchases and sales of mammoth oil stock. Whitney told the committee that he now owns more than 100,000 shares which he accumulated from various sources. He was before the committee half an hour.

Harding Secretary Quits Under Fire For Federal Post

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—George B. Christian's nomination to be member of the federal trade commission was withdrawn from the senate today by President Coolidge. C. B. Conroy, the president's secretary, announced.

Christian requested Mr. Coolidge to withdraw his name. His request for withdrawal followed testimony by Huston Thompson, chairman of the commission, that Christian tried to influence him with respect to a complaint against the Famous Players-Lasky moving picture concern. Christian was to have appeared later this week before the senate interstate commerce committee in connection with Thompson's testimony.

PLEDGE FULL ADD TO BIG DOCK STRIKE

Trades Congress May Call Out Other Unions

(Special to The Daily Worker)
LONDON, Feb. 20.—Shipping companies affiliated with the Federation of British Industries held a secret meeting today, it was learned. No public announcement of the proceedings has been made, but it is understood that great alarm was manifested at the successful efforts of striking dockers, not only in pulling out their own men, but in persuading other trades to quit.

The extremely small quantity of freight that is being handled is motivated by the executives and clerical staffs of the shipping companies and the attitude of the strikers toward their industry; feeble efforts is one of amused contempt.

DOHENY SAYS HIS FRIENDS 'BARKED WITH WOLVES'

Is Bitter Against His Former Pals

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—E. L. Doherty, who was named by Senator Barron of the Dew-Jones financial news service, voted bitter enmity toward the former friends who followed the former friends who had run to cover when their connection with the Teapot Dome oil scandal was disclosed.

Speaking of his final impression of the investigation, Doherty said: "It was the custom of prospectors to make every effort to shoot the dogs who deserted them and joined the wolf packs."

A lot of people in this country are trying to run the American people by the nose," said Doherty, referring to the investigation of the oil lease scandal.

He defended the lease he holds on naval oil reserves in California and explained his statement that his companies ought to make a profit of \$100,000,000 from the reserve.

Naval Reserve Number One consists of approximately 32,000 acres of land. Under the most advantageous conditions that could exist—if it were all loose sand, high gas pressure and light oil—it would take at least one well for every ten acres, that is 3200 wells for the 32,000 acres.

"Under conditions which have thus far existed and now exist, those wells will cost \$100,000 to \$400,000 to the well. Wells at Santa Fe, Signal Hill and Huntington Beach cost an average of over \$100,000 to the well.

Thirty two hundred wells at \$50,000 to the well would represent an investment of more than \$160,000,000 for the same amount of oil. A 100 per cent profit is considered high even in the oil industry."

RUSSIA ONLY LAND IN EUROPE WITH STABLE FINANCES

Soviets Now Calling in All Paper Money

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Two cables from Moscow received in New York today of the great strides toward economic stability made by Russia in the past year.

The first received by the Russian American Industrial Corp. from its representative in Moscow, states that the Russian Commercial and Industrial bank, which finances most of the state industries, including the textile syndicate, made a profit last year of two million gold rubles, the equivalent of about \$1,000,000. A dividend of 8 per cent has been declared and the capital has been increased from 20 to 40 million gold rubles.

It is thru this bank that the Russian American Industrial Corp. has received over \$5,000,000 into Russia since January of last year. The bank's deposit operations have increased 50 times in the past year, and it now has a total of 36 branches.

The second cable came from George Wishniak, Moscow correspondent of the Freiheit, Jewish daily, dated the 16th, he cabled, Russia ceased to print paper money. The government plans to call in all its paper currency. This is not as difficult as it might sound as the total value is no more than \$10,000,000, although its face value could not be written with less than a half dozen lines of cipher.

Russia has already gotten into circulation \$100,000,000 worth of chequerons—10-ruble gold notes. These notes are already worth more than the English pound—which has the same face value. Gold and silver coins are also being poured into circulation.

This news of the stability of the finance system in the Workers Republic comes while the French franc is beginning to chase the German mark downhill and the currency system of other capitalist nations is depreciating.

Warrior For Democracy Steals To Save Wife and Kids From Starving

(Special to The Daily Worker)
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—George Blaine was a veteran, was placed under arrest on a charge of stealing \$7 in cash from the home of Miss Marie Lamph. He told the police he had to find a job, and his wife and two children were hungry.

Blaine was investigated and found correct. Miss Lamph refused to prosecute. "Give the wife that \$7," she told the young man. The district police captain says he will help Blaine find a job.

Defends Lease.
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MAGNATE "PEACH" HIS PAST HEADS TO Fall If Sinclair Squawks

Headed by the Daily Worker
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—

HARRY F. SINCLAIR will be called to the witness stand Monday in the oil scandal inquiry. Chairman Lennox of the Teapot Dome Committee announced.

The committee believes Sinclair is "the whole story" and they intend to compel him to tell it.

Lennox said he saw no reason for issuing an immediate subpoena for Sinclair, who arrives in New York today. The chairman has been informed that Sinclair will communicate immediately with the committee and agree to appear on Monday.

Senator Walsh of Montana, the chief investigator, said that Sinclair be met with an immediate subpoena as soon as he gets from the boat. Senator Adams, Colorado democrat, in Walsh's absence, agreed that the subpoena be issued by Sinclair's staff busy.

"Mr. Sinclair says he is a busy man and in a hurry, but I think he is too busy to appear before the committee," Adams said.

Walsh will return for the resumption of hearings Monday.

Here is the evidence taken from Sinclair:

1. Whether or not he loaned more than \$25,000 to former Secretary of Interior Fall before or after he obtained the lease on Teapot Dome from Fall, whether he paid money with any other person or persons for influence in connection with the lease.

2. What he knows about a \$1,000,000 stock fund alleged to have been raised in New York through "big oil interests" to finance the Teapot Dome government officials.

3. Whether or not he was "blackmailed" by any one who had private information regarding the sudden increase in wealth of Fall about the time the lease was made.

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Only 13 Senators Fought Penny Lawyer as Oil Fraud Investigator

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—

By LAURENCE TODD.
The Senate vote on Pomerehne was a fatal mistake—beside registering once for all his moral stature—when he employed lame-duck senatorial "courtesy" and the dead weight of the administration control, to jam Atlee Pomeroy, attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad, down the hatch of the Senate as "eminent special counsel" in the fraud cases.

The Senate vote on Pomerehne showed exactly 13 senators willing to oppose Coolidge in this attempt to throw the case into obviously incompetent and unreliable hands.

Henchmen Stand Alarm.
On Sunday Senators Lennox and Pomerehne were forced to rush to the White House with alarming news disclosures. Senator Wheeler of Montana, who has been trying to get Daugherty kicked out of the cabinet and who has fought Denby and the oil and railroad crowd on every point issue, had set off a mine under their feet. Coolidge talked with Lennox until late in the evening.

Next morning Coolidge talked whereupon Denby with Lennox, who had pledged himself against Denby. Denby, a few days earlier, had had an interview with Lennox.

Wheeler's denials this morning in consultation with senate leaders on the Democratic side. It was soon reported around the capitol that a stock-broker firm in New York dealing with certain persons had been dealing with the federal government in an official file. These deals were of an order to restrain.

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Dome deal, would be called back to testify again, on stock transactions.

Wilton J. Lambert, local attorney for Lennox, Pomeroy and publisher of the Washington Post, had been the man who had introduced McLean to admit, in Palm Beach, Florida, that he had been in the senate committee that he had lent \$1,000,000 to the government.

A. McLean would take the stand, and might create a bigger sensation than when alleged to have been in New York through "big oil interests" to finance the Teapot Dome government officials.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—

Senator Davis Elkins, West Virginia, today told the DAILY WORKER that he had dealt in Sinclair oil stocks through Benard and Company, the New York brokers, whose books were examined yesterday by the Senate Teapot Dome committee.

Elkins' name was found on the books, it has been stated. Elkins said he bought and sold several hundred shares of Sinclair oil stock.

"Certainly I bought and sold Sinclair oil stock," Elkins said. "I dealt in several hundred shares through Benard and Company and don't care who knows it. I bought and sold in any kind of stock I want. There is no law against it and my office does not prevent my dealing in stocks."

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Local Chicago Accepts Detroit Challenge: Declares Home City of DAILY WORKER Will Lead

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—

When the meeting of Branch Subscription Agents and "active" members of Local Chicago was held on February 7th and the campaign "NEW Subscribers by March 10th" took definite form, it was decided that subscriptions turned in prior to February 10th would not count in the present contest.

Some who have very enviable records for number of subs turned in prior to the beginning of the contest have since expressed their opinion that subs previously gotten should be credited to their account, with the understanding that the figures set for this contest should be increased. Chicago is not resting on past efforts, however, and is giving no consideration to results attained before February 10th.

Windy City Will Show Speed.
Detroit started its contest to boost the circulation of the DAILY WORKER long ago and every sub Chicago turned in since that time is in its spite of this fact, Chicago intends to outstrip them in the total by March 10th.

"The City of Chicago will not only do that, but will do its mightiest to get more subs during its special month's campaign than the District of Columbia," declared the Chicago Branch Subscription Agent, who said that he will be "chief marshal" to who will not believe any one who says that the Chicago Branch will make a runaway race of the contest.

Among the comrades are active in assisting the speakers at union meetings by getting sub lists and by the fact that the Chicago Branch will be credited to their branch account. The Chicago Branch will be credited to their branch account. The Chicago Branch will be credited to their branch account.

Members of the English branches at the head of the list at the time of the last contest were Heinrichsen (Englishwood branch) first with 101 subs. A. Valentine, of the

OTHER WORKERS STRIKE IN AID OF BRITISH DOCKERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—

Five Big Unions Are Now Involved
LONDON, Feb. 19.—With every port in England tied up by the strike of 225,000 dock workers for a wage increase, the whittling away of maintenance and the fact that the dock workers are breaking out in sympathy with the dock workers in other parts of the world, the British dockers are threatened. With no coal to burn, the British dockers are threatened. With no coal to burn, the British dockers are threatened.

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BLACKTALIN PROBE OF BIG DOCK STRIKE

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But Officials of Strikers Show No Faith in Ramsay
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Cannot be unloaded and because their crews object.

The strikes are striking all world storage houses and great difficulty is encountered, despite the terrible unemployment, in getting workers willing to black out for the men's pay.

Moved by the steep increase in food prices the government has appointed Colonel Wedgwood as chief commissioner of the emergency committee to handle all food prices.

London, Feb. 20.—The government of Premier Ramsay MacDonald opened its court inquiry into the strike of the dock workers today and there appeared to be some hope the action would hasten settlement.

Executives of the dock men's union, however, were not optimistic, and said the strike had been intended to force the government to meet their demands.

Ships Are Idle.
Scores of ships lay idle in harbors, unable to discharge their cargoes. The government is now trying to get the government manifesto against going to war.

Fear Rank and File.
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Pictures of Lenin Funeral!

THIS week's Magazine Section of the DAILY WORKER, appearing with Saturday's issue, will contain sketches of the funeral of Lenin held in Moscow yesterday. They show the house in which Lenin died, the throng passing before Lenin's home, the funeral cortege, the funeral service, and the burial. There will also be an article on Lenin, written by a famous writer, and a feature on the funeral of Lenin, written by a famous writer. Better because a regular subscriber. Send in your subscription to the DAILY WORKER, 1610 N. Halsted St., Chicago, Illinois.

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to ask, how far is the thing going? Whom is it going to smother?"

On this basis, it is easy to understand why James Livermore, the noted Massachusetts banker, has said that the confidence of business and the country were being undermined by Congressional investigations and therefore called for the election of "none but successful business men to Congress." This is the same Livermore, who was employed by Harry F. Sinclair to market stock of the Mammoth Oil Company, which leased the Teapot Dome area.

The above statements by men of such great prominence in the financial circles are of inestimable significance. They show very clearly that big business is planning to launch an offensive to put an end to the present investigation. The first step in this direction is the soft-pedaling of the investigation by Chairman Lenroot of the sub-committee in holding executive sessions during the absence of Senators.

The Dockers' Strike

Instead of greeting the strike of the dock workers as evidence of a revival of militancy among the workers of Great Britain, the MacDonald government announces in the House of Commons that "the government will not fail to take such steps as are required to secure the necessary transportation and has already set up the nucleus of an organization."

In plain English, the MacDonald government is preparing to break the strike.

It might be noted here that the theory of strike-action is that the cessation of work creates such a shortage of the commodity produced or transported by the particular industry involved that the concessions demanded by the workers become of less importance than the inconvenience their idleness causes.

It follows then that in arranging for the transport of foodstuffs the MacDonald government is actually taking the side of the private employers, who, rather than pay the two shillings per day increase demanded by the dockers, will witness nation-wide suffering.

Two shillings per day in England mean the difference between comparative comfort and poverty. That the employers could will afford the increase is tantamount to a complete abandonment of the MacDonald government is there found any threat of action against the employers.

The MacDonald government, the opposition and the capitalist press, are a unit against the dockers.

Perhaps the dockers believed that with socialists elected on the British Labor Party ticket holding the government portfolio, the strike would be won easily; that if the government interfered it would be to aid the striking workers. Perhaps they wanted to settle this disputed question.

The answer has been given. It is that the MacDonald government is not even a labor government let alone a revolutionary one.

It is a government of the "people" and just as the interests of the capitalists are paramount in economic life so are their interests of first concern to any government that does not intend to abolish the foundation of their privileges—private ownership of the means of production and distribution.

If proof were wanting that the leadership of the British Labor Party has no wish to disturb the status quo it has been furnished by its action in the dockers' strike.

Instead of ordering the employers to grant the two-shilling increase as an alternative to the nationalization of their properties and enterprises, the MacDonald government does exactly what its predecessors have done—mobilize the attaches of the government to do the work of the strikers and force them back to their jobs in the name of the good of the British Empire.

It is well that this early in its career the reformists of the second international, who rule in England, have shown their close kinship to the Kerenskys, Noskes and Pilsudskis the world over.

Parliamentarism as an end in itself leads to the same point in all countries—betrayal of the workers and support of the workers' enemies.

Business and Politics

Because of the shocking disclosures of abnormal graft and corruption in Washington many people have limited their consideration of the Teapot scandal to the political field. An important and seldom considered angle of the historic investigation, now besmirching the White House with its ill is the business-side of the matter.

What effect does the revelation about sordidness in politics have on business? How do the big interests react to the examination? These questions are pertinent because if any pressure is to be brought to bear on Congress to drop the whole investigation, it will be big business that will do the pressing.

The black smoke of the oil conflagration is befogging many a hope of Wall Street. Big business is plainly worried where and when will the investigation stop. The reaction of the market to date spells only trouble. Said the authoritative Commercial and Financial Chronicle: "It would be useless to blink the fact that the oil scandals at Washington have had a more or less disturbing effect on all the markets, whether for securities or for commodities. To mention stock markets and its decline of late on enormous transactions, has been the subject of painful interest as reflecting the disturbance of business sentiment growing out of the fact that the Teapot Dome oil scandal is probed at Washington, the worse it looks, until men are beginning

The Teapot investigation must not be interfered with. The workers and farmers should make every effort to force the Senate to probe to the depths of the oil well.

The Fate of the Workers

We have shown how the workmen of New York have been forced to live in abominable houses and dangerous congestion.

The loss of thirteen lives in a fire which swept a five-story tenement house on the East side, only brings into painful relief the findings of our investigation.

The bodies of seven children, two women and four men, removed from the burning tenement house are a ghastly warning to all the workers of New York and other cities, dangers that beset them in the present acute housing crisis.

The landlords and their government agents know that there are thousands of working men living in fire traps. The government is well aware of the fact that if it were to execute its own laws, it would condemn hundreds of tenements now occupied by working men who cannot afford to pay the exorbitant rents demanded by their profit-hungry landlords.

In the days of feudal oppression, the ruling class, now and then, burned their subjects at the stake. Capitalism is much more ingenious and complicated. The capitalist class does not resort to this crude method of murdering the helpless men, women and children of the laboring masses. What the ruling class of today does is somewhat more peaceful in appearance yet characterized by the same deadly intent in effect.

The fatal blaze in New York, that destroyed the lives of thirteen people is to be attributed solely to the horrible system of housing that now prevails in the metropolis. The blood-guilt for this heinous crime is to be placed solely on the heads of the landlord class of New York.

Dollar Diplomacy

While the Interior, Navy and Justice Departments are being drained of Teapot oil, it might be well to pay a little attention to the State Department.

It is an open secret, in political circles, that the Department of State also reeks with oil from the Standard Oil brand. The State Department is now in the midst of a controversy with the Government of Peru because of the attempt of a Standard Oil banking firm, the Guaranty Trust Co., to monopolize the field of Peruvian investments.

The president of Peru has just protested to Washington against the methods pursued by the Guaranty Trust Co. in Peru. It is charged that the New York bank has notified all financial institutions that it alone has the option on Peruvian financing. This group of Wall Street bankers proceeded to "warn all others off the field."

On the basis of the record of the State Department, the policy that our government will pursue is a foregone conclusion. There is no doubt that Secretary of State Hughes will run to the support of the Guaranty Trust Co. in the name of national honor and the country's security—really the banker's securities. Needless to say our ambassador at Lima, the lame-duck reactionary ex-Senator Poindexter, will do his best to defend "our interests" in the South American republic.

The mailed fist of dollar diplomacy will be swung in the face of the people of Peru who are dependent on American capital for the development of their natural resources. A smoke screen of the thinnest juridical abstractions will be raised to show that American property rights are being violated in the Latin republic.

Soft as these words may appear on the surface, they are in reality stern warnings to the English capitalists to keep out. They are a challenge to the safety of the Latin American republics in general and the national life of Peru in particular. The services rendered by Secretary Hughes to these bankers is a constantly recurring menace to the safety of the American workers as well as their southern brethren.

Dollar diplomacy is only another form of dollar democracy as enjoyed by the workers when they strike for the right to organize and against unbearable conditions of employment.

The British dock strike is holding up seven cargoes of bananas at Liverpool. Yes?



Russia Leads the Way

With Germany on the eve of becoming a strappy of the international financiers and France face to face with bankruptcy because of the collapse of the franc and burdensome taxation, Soviet Russia's greatness in reconstruction is the outstanding feature of the European politico-economic situation today.

M. Krassin, the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Trade, has just announced that the Soviet Republic, in the fiscal year 1922-23, exported gold to a total value of more than 210 billion gold rubles—an increase of more than 200% over the preceding year. According to Krassin the estimate of Russian export for the coming year already exceeds 500 billion gold rubles. The Soviet government is now winding up arrangements with French, Austrian and Dutch firms for credit on consignments of grain lying in Russian ports. Up to the end of 1923 close to 2 million tons of grain have been forwarded to Russian ports and 1,500,000 tons had been delivered abroad. This shows the great progress that the Russian railway system and shipping are making. The trade balance is now on the right side, imports having been reduced, those of food having practically ceased.

The recent recognition of Russia by England, Italy and Norway are of paramount political importance. The British government has laid special emphasis on its ambassador to Russia devoting his major attentions to securing agreements for English interests to counterbalance the close French control of nearly 70% of the iron and coal deposits of Central Europe by French capitalists.

The political side of these prospects for gigantic British development of the coal and iron wealth of Russia spells an attempt of England to co-operate with the Soviet government in order to counteract French policy in Central Europe.

To the workers and farmers of the world the great advance made by Soviet Russia, to date with practically very little outside help, is a victory of first rate importance. The Soviet government's tenacity and energy have forced the foreign capitalists to terms. Germany is making a strong demand for Russian rye and barley; Italy and France are competing for Russian wheat. While the currencies of practically every government in Europe are tumbling, Russia's financial condition is becoming more and more stable and sound.

Pollyanna at the Helm

President Coolidge, if one can judge by his most recent official statement, is an incurable optimist.

The governmental machinery, he says, has not been injured by the oil scandal.

The ship of state, says he, sails serenely on. New Hampshire's favorite and favored son is at the helm, a Jonah has been jettisoned, and all is well.

The agonized wails from amidships that split the air lead one to believe that the mates are not as enthusiastic as the skipper. In the forecastle mutinous curses are voiced by the ordinary seamen who complain of the smell of oil in their quarters. The ship itself reeks with the odor of disinfectants that, the liberally used, may still not prevent quarantine officers refusing it permission to dock on November 7.

The jagged rocks shaped like teapots beset the course of the careening vessel, the pirate fleet of which it is a part continues to seize more rich loot.

"Business is good. Be of good cheer," says Captain Pollyanna Coolidge.

These be parlous times for American institutions and we are moved to inquire the whereabouts of their staunchest defender—one William J. Burns—who was wont to issue from time to time hair-raising statements dealing with the communist plans for seizing the White House.

Perhaps he has discovered that the White House is now so well oiled that the Communists could not hang on to it. Even his chief, the doughty Daugherty, seems to be having trouble maintaining his hold.

The Strikebreaking "Penns"

One of the bitterest, if not the most uncompromising anti-labor corporations in this country is the Pennsylvania Railroad.

During the shopmen's strike of 1922 and since, the Pennsylvania Railroad set the pace in smashing the organizations of its workers. So tactless and arrogant have the officials of the Pennsylvania system been in their attack on the labor unions that now and then a government official was compelled to disapprove of the offensive open shop methods.

Now, the Interstate Commerce Commission has come forward with a report which shows that the Pennsylvania Railroad has been able to break up the railway workers organizations at the expense of crippling its service. The war of the Pennsylvania on the union men has brought in its wake a serious danger to the people traveling on this railway system. The Pennsylvania Railroad which is the leader of the anti-union crusade also ranks first in faulty engineering. The Interstate Commerce Commission has just found that the Pennsylvania Railroad has had the largest percentage of defective locomotives of the nine railroad systems selected by the Commission as representative of the railways of the United States.

Of the Pennsylvania locomotives examined for 1923 fiscal year, 76% were found defective or actually approaching violation of the law and actually committing the most flagrant disregard of all safety statutes.

Within the last six months of the calendar year 1923, all of the nine railroads except the Pennsylvania showed a decided improvement. The Pennsylvania alone which has been most violent in its campaign against organized labor, showed no signs of improvement.

The conditions on the Pennsylvania system are a menace to the safety of thousands of people traveling on its roads. The dangerous state of affairs arises directly from the war being waged on the workers by the labor-hating officers of this corporation. The government in not compelling the Pennsylvania to improve its system and in tolerating the continuation of this man-killing inefficiency is aiding and abetting the strikebreaking activities of the Pennsylvania railroad.

To a foreigner who saw Austria on the verge of chaos only eighteen months ago, the attitude of the officers of the working class, who are constantly striking, appears to be grossly selfish while the government is struggling to meet the obligations of the State and the interest on the international loan due in April.

Vienna correspondence of the N. Y. Times.

We submit the above as evidence of the impartial character of the news carried by the capitalist press. No comment or editorializing is allowed in the news columns, is the claim of its apologists.

Sixteen million dollars in fines have been collected from bootleggers by the courts according to a government report. There are no statistics available as to the amounts collected by prohibition enforcement officers.

Brother Denby has gone to swell the ranks of the unemployed and the "Help Wanted" sign on the White House has brought scores of applicants.

Our conviction that the oil leases were entirely legal has been somewhat shaken by the insistence of prominent prospective witnesses upon immunity.

Clare Sheridan says the British aristocracy is looking for a savior of the Mussolini type. They probably do not recall that Clare does not approve of Mussolini.

The Hearst papers are disappointed by the developments in the Teapot Dome scandal. No sex angle has been found as yet.

The tie-up of shipping in England must be working awful hardships on the drove of lecturers who are headed this way.

If we were Attorney-General Daugherty we would begin to believe that the boss wanted us to quit.

AS WE SEE IT

A young girl, a foreigner who assimilated some of the Americanism that is floating around our large city, is on trial for her life in a Chicago court room.

She is charged with the crime of selecting a jury proceeds she reads a German bible. The poor unfortunate is a Christian. Perhaps she hopes the jurors are. So much the better for her. The jury has forgotten the Puritan brand of that creed.

This girl came from Hungary when she was a child. She had dreams of a land where there were rich folk but no poor. It did not take her long to learn her mistakes. The first thing to do was to drop her old world customs and become Americanized. She had to quit school early and go to work. Her father was sick. She went to work. She tried to starve. Only a few weeks ago she was able to pile up some money. The blood of countless slaves is on every dollar of that gift.

The girl could not live on the wages she got. She had dreamed of a land where there were rich folk but no poor. It did not take her long to learn her mistakes. The first thing to do was to drop her old world customs and become Americanized. She had to quit school early and go to work. Her father was sick. She went to work. She tried to starve. Only a few weeks ago she was able to pile up some money. The blood of countless slaves is on every dollar of that gift.

Christian ministers continued to rave about a just God, defended the moral code of the Christian religion, of pestiferous busybodies raided police rooms, bootleg parties and houses of shame. They tried to make a show of shame, the shops where girls were victimizing the poor. They tried to show that they were forced to choose shame or death were not raided, the streets were full of girls and the newspapers were buried deep in the sand of hypocrisy and a price.

An unfortunate victim of capitalist court charged with murder, ignorance, starvation wages, prostitution, the girl was charged with the crime of being a criminal, that ignorant girl of the system. The trial and the prosecutors who will try to send her to the gallows of this immoral robber system—should be placed on trial and the whole thing should be a farce at a hospital or a school.

The workers of this city who suffer torture in riding to and from work, who are being driven to the wall and crawling cars ask themselves the question: why do the capitalist bosses of this working community do not provide the people with adequate means of transportation? To anybody who does not know that democratic and reform politicians do not seek election to run cities but to ruin them the failure to build subways would be a mystery. The capitalist politicians take advantage of their terms of office to make money. They take advantage of the conflicting interests of rival capitalist groups. The big fellows are robbing the little fellows and Sam-in-hull is probably going through them all. By the time that gentleman has died on his competitors perhaps he may say to himself: "I wish I had a subway. We will have a good deal more to say about the Traction Trusting later on."

Modern politicians promise liberal consideration of the poor and afford to back them in the race for office with cash. But the politician who means new even then the considerations offered are different. A far back as the year 1455 a book was printed containing an indulgence issued by Pope Nicholas V. "to each person as should contribute money to aid the King of Cyprus against the Turks." The big fellows are robbing the little fellows and Sam-in-hull is probably going through them all. By the time that gentleman has died on his competitors perhaps he may say to himself: "I wish I had a subway. We will have a good deal more to say about the Traction Trusting later on."

The writer noticed a deadly pallor overspread the countenances of the delegates to the McKidoo conference when the photographers set off their flashes in the Crystal Room of the Great Northern Hotel. He could not understand the reason. He was an inking of it now. They feared an explosion. Scratch a capitalist politician nowadays and you will touch an oil can.

Get unity thru the Labor Party!



The Post Fish says that Chicago needs a subway because its own white wants to ride on street cars filled with workingmen in dirty clothes.