

PERU FIGHTS WALL STREET RULE

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

SAMUEL GOMPERS has again deceived the American working class. While the class conscious wage slaves were throwing their hats in the air and otherwise expressing their joy over the passing of the notorious labor lackey of the exploiters, in the throes of that one obstacle to their progress had passed away, the sad news that Gompers was up to another of his dirty tricks was flashed over the wire. This labor lieutenant of capitalism, as Mark Hanna characterizes him, was so crooked that he could not even die straight.

GOMPERS will at least have the satisfaction of reading the Workers Party obituary on his death. Gompers has been killing the radical movement in America regularly every year at A. F. of L. conventions, but that movement is even more tenacious of life than the notorious labor faker. Some people believe that the reason for Gompers' change of mind about passing away, was his desire to die in the United States. Others believe that in his last moments a spark of decency entered his heart and he felt that he had no right to leave this existence the same year that marked the passing of the world's greatest revolutionist, Nikolai Lenin.

THE allies are better pleased than the German nationalists and not the German Communists are about to form a cabinet. A Communist cabinet would see the agents of the American bankers who are now the receivers of Germany, beating it for the border. It would mean that a German-Soviet republic would be set up and the war equipment of the bourgeoisie reduced to toothpicks. Even a nationalist cabinet is better than that. Yet the present situation in Germany resulting from the elections is not satisfactory to the allies.

THE German Nationalists want to restore that country's former prestige and get out from under the Dawes plan. They have the ambition to re-establish Germany as a great commercial and military power. Naturally this prospect does not appeal to the French and the British. But England fears France and France fears England and they all fear Russia. England, France and Italy are trying to make a robber's pact over the part of northern Africa from which the Spanish were expelled. The league of nations stands by twiddling its thumbs and whenever it dares to speak above a whisper in protest one of the powers, the one most concerned, throws something soft and clammy at the league and there is an awful silence.

THE Chinese Christian general, Feng, pulled off a dirty trick on the capitalist powers. If the news from China has any degree of reliability it would appear that Feng has failed to carry out the instructions of the capitalist powers and is actually aiding Dr. Sun Yat Sen in bringing about the unity of China, a policy that is supported by the Soviet government. What an awful waste of bribes!

NOW that Calvin Coolidge is safely elected and after that gentleman saved the taxpayers of the nation \$1.95 more or less on his trip to the stockyards, the time is propitious for slipping thru a bill calling for the construction of a big naval program to the tune of \$140,000,000. We did not notice that Senator Borah who so vigorously opposed a pay raise for postal employees, raised his voice against this "extravagance." Big business needs battleships to fight the big business of other countries, while postal employees are plentiful and cheap.

THERE is an interesting graft trial taking place in Chicago. Forbes, former head of the veterans' bureau, is the star actor. That gentleman was a boon companion of the late President Harding. He was a "patriot" the before he was a professional patriot his record was not so good. Thru his relations with Harding (Continued on page 2)

THE ANGEL FALLS



"DEMOCRATIC pacifism," like Icarus in Greek mythology, makes himself wings and seeks to fly as the gods. But as he approaches the sun, the heat of its rays melts the wax with which he had attached the wings, and the would-be god takes a fall. The "democratic pacifist" illusion has held the working class spell-bound for the past many months, as shown

by the British "labor" government, the French "radical socialist" government, the LaFollette "progressive" movement in America, and the Dawes plan throwing its criminally hypocritical pretense of "democratic reconstruction" over Central Europe. But the creation of the "democratic pacifist" illusion is but a maneuver of capitalist imperialism which needs and receives the help

of the "socialist" parties to lift capitalism over a dangerous period. The work is done. With the aid of the "democratic pacifist" illusion, the plans of the imperialists are advanced, the original Dawes plan is put over, and capitalism is ready to restore its naked rule of blood and iron. The "democratic pacifist" angel falls.

BARBERS' UNION MEMBERS FIGHT REACTIONARIES

Election Takes Place on Dec. 28

The progressive members of the Chicago Local No. 548, of the Barbers' union, at the local meeting Thursday night, launched a drive against the proposed new contract and the reactionary officials who dared to bring in such a proposal, and placed their own progressive slate in the field against the present set of labor fakers.

The barbers have had to abide by their previous three-year contract, in spite of the advance in wages in other trades and the continuous increase in the cost of living. Now the old executive committee want to put over another three-year contract, to which the membership objects on the further ground that it contains proposals of class collaboration which no union should propose against its own interests.

Union Proposes Members Be Docked. Chief among these proposals is the one that the bosses should have the right to dock the wages of barbers who report after 8 a. m., regardless of the fact that the union rules now permit the bosses to work the men overtime two hours or so in the evening without extra pay. Why the union should propose such a thing to the bosses is something the membership of Local 548 wants to know.

Another similar proposal is that the workers shall be compelled to furnish their coats. Why the old reactionary officials put such things in the agreement is something that needs explanation.

Faker Strong on Points of Order. In the meeting the contract and the reactionaries who proposed it were bitterly attacked by the progressive members, led by Joseph Giganti, who criticized the proposal and its makers in a spirited speech, interrupted frequently by the official hecklers, especially Joe Lauder, who was as successful (Continued on page 2)

FARM HAND KILLED WHEN POLICE FIRE ON MILK STRIKERS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 12.—Richard Saunders, a farm hand, died last night as the result of wounds received when motorcycle state highway policemen fired at pickets in a milk strike at Garden Prairie, Tuesday. The patrolmen, Fremont Nestor and Paul Clendening, who fired into the line of defenseless pickets, have been released on bonds. The grand jury has been called to "consider indictments."

JOBLESS MEET RAISES SLOGAN 'WORK OR PAY!'

Another Meeting Sunday Afternoon

The meeting of the Chicago unemployment council was held yesterday at 913 West Washington boulevard.

It opened under the direction of Chairman Hayes and took up at once the discussion of organizing masses of unorganized unemployed.

A committee of seven was elected, on which the Chicago Workers Party is represented, to carry on the work of reaching the unorganized unemployed, the migratory workers, and so on.

The council has planned to hold open air meetings and demonstrations as soon as the movement takes shape and growth.

The matter of how to aid the unemployed was discussed and the slogan adopted of "Work or Compensation."

The next meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p. m., at 913 West Washington Blvd. All unorganized unemployed are invited to attend.

AID URGED FOR 18TH WEEK OF WALTHAM STRIKE

2,700 Workers Standing Solid in Fight

By JOSEPH MANLEY

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—"I'll leave it aside and perhaps the angels will fix it." These were the words used by one of the Waltham watch girl strikers, at present in New York soliciting aid for the strike at Waltham, Mass. That is now in its eighteenth week, to describe the terrible nervous strain to which she and the other highly skilled workers are subjected. This girl is one of the many "assemblers" who must assemble and adjust all the delicate parts of a watch. This task is a particular strain on the nerves. It requires intense mental concentration to adjust the various moving parts for truthness and distance of many thousandths of an inch that can only be measured by the eye and brain trained by years' experience. Sometimes an assembler will work for hours on a particular watch, especially the higher grade 21 and 22 jewel types, to make it run perfect, only to have to give up in despair and lay it aside with the hope that by tacking another one the brain may be "rested" enough to again resume the almost superhuman strain. Under this strain many of the girl assemblers have been known to scream out loud.

In the present strike can well be seen the truth of the expression that "capitalism is its own gravedigger." The Waltham Watch company has lately come under the control of that most highly developed section of the robber class—finance capital. The plant is notable for the tremendous amount of automatic and labor saving machinery used to grind out a maximum of profits for the coupon clipping capitalists. When the bankers, Kidder-Peabody and their group took control of the plant they were not content with the profits earned in the past. New piece work systems were introduced and the already speeded-up workers were forced to slave under (Continued on page 2)

Rodriguez Falls to Escape. MADRID.—Jose Rodriguez, revolutionist, attempted to escape from prison today. He climbed the wall of the hospital at the prison Carcel Modelo, but did not succeed in getting away.

SECRECY CLOAKS C.P.P.A. MEETING AT WASHINGTON

Many Clashes on Line of Action to Adopt

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—In a guarded room atop the Machinist Building here today a little group of men and women discussed plans for starting in the United States a permanent new political party.

They were members of the executive council of the conference for progressive political action, the organization which first endorsed the independent presidential candidacy of Senator Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, and which supported him vigorously in the recent campaign.

Can Only Recommend. Individually at least, most of the members favored creation of a new party, a movement seeking the backing of the workers and farmers of the country for concerted political action in future national and state elections.

If the wishes of the leaders prevail, it was indicated that out of the committee's discussions will come the definite recommendation that the groundwork for the new party, laid in the LaFollette campaign, be maintained and strengthened. The committee can do no more than recommend. The final decision must be left to a new convention of the progressive conference, expected to be called for Chicago in about six weeks.

Delegates themselves held widely divergent views over what course should be followed if it is decided to give permanency to the new movement. There were among them, particularly the socialists, those who favored launching at once a national party organization, complete from top to bottom, which would place candidates in all election races, from the presidency down to minor state and local offices.

Urge "Go Slow" Policy. The more conservative of the group would not go so far. They would build along the lines followed in organizing the LaFollette campaign. They would concentrate on a few of the more important offices, contesting only against those candidates, regardless of party, whom they regarded as "reactionary."

Then when they had gained sufficient strength, indicated thru the election of candidates to office, they would branch out in political contests all over the country.

Senator LaFollette is said to adhere to the belief that the new movement should be built slowly to insure its permanency. He has repeatedly said that "new parties are born, not made." He believes that the people themselves will demand such a political realignment and that this should be encouraged by maintaining a permanent third party organization which should lead the way in consolidating opinion toward a new movement.

A spirited wrangle broke out in the opening session when representatives of at least two labor unions, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, moved to postpone indefinitely issuance of a call for a national convention.

Under a mandate from the convention last July, one of the committee's (Continued on page 2)

Torture Soldiers of French Imperialism in Sahara's Desert

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PARIS, France, Dec. 12.—The torturing of French soldiers sentenced to service in the Sahara desert, has not yet been abolished, altho General Nollet, French minister of war, promises reform. The soldiers sentenced to this African service are put to work for ten to twelve hours a day on public utilities under the broiling African sun, and are made to undergo numerous tortures, including being beaten with whips. Those who lag behind in their work are put out in the sun without water.

Prisoners who return to France alive from this African service, are broken wrecks who never recover. Those who try to escape are shot on sight.

GOMPERS, WEAK BUT STILL ALIVE, ARRIVES AT SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 12.—Gompers, the head of the American Federation of Labor, whose death was widely reported thru-out both the United States and Mexico from reports originating with General Gomez of the military telegraph office in Mexico City, was expected to arrive at this city at 3.45 this afternoon and be taken to a hospital.

Gompers was first taken ill with bronchitis on Monday night and was ordered to bed. He became worse until Wednesday, when he was taken aboard a train to the American border in order to reach a lower altitude on account of weakness of heart function.

Enroute to the United States, the train on which he was taken had to cross two mountain ranges. While still passing thru these high altitudes, General Gomez, the commander of the northern army of Mexico, announced at the telegraph office in Mexico City that he had received a wire from San Nicholas, a small station in the mountains, that Gompers was dead.

Upon arrival at Laredo this morning, a bulletin was issued by physicians saying that Gompers' temperature, pulse and respiration were normal.

CAR STRIKERS CAST VOTES ON PROPOSED PACT

They Stand Firm for Overtime Pay

(Special to The Daily Worker)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 12.—The striking employes of the Illinois Traction system are now voting on a compromise agreement which was reached by union leaders and representatives of the company in a conference here, according to reports.

The 350 striking trainmen met behind closed doors in the Collins House here Wednesday night. Altho no statement was made as to what the man decided, it is understood they are standing firm on their demand for time and a half pay for all work over ten hours.

Sentiment Overwhelming. W. I. Taylor, representing the strikers, in a statement declared, "I don't want the public to get the idea that I am engineering this strike. I am simply speaking the attitude of the men in plain terms. They feel they are entitled to the overtime payment in common decency, not that they want more money, but more reasonable hours and better living conditions. Their attitude on this question is overwhelming."

"We are making no threat as to what we will do if the company attempts to operate the lines. We are opposed to violence." It is declared here that if the men vote down the compromise agreement, the terms of which have not been revealed, the Illinois Traction system threatens to immediately import strikebreakers.

The company is losing over ten thousand dollars each day the strike lasts, according to employes working around the building. Friday was the seventh day of the strike.

Albanian Uprising Grows.

BELGRADE, Serbia.—The newspapers here today, stated the Albanian uprising was gaining strength and the new tribes were joining the movement. Government troops reported the home of the mayor of Scutari, Albania destroyed by them.

WORKERS OF PERU RISE IN REVOLT

Indian Union of Two Million May Join

By J. W. JOHNSTONE.

(Special to The Daily Worker)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12.—From information given me by Anibaec Secada, a revolutionary worker who was exiled from Peru and who is now a member of the Communist Party of Mexico, a revolution has broken out in southern Peru, against the autocratic government of President Leguia, a tool of American imperialism.

Hundreds of exiles are waiting the signal to return to Peru to take up the fight against this servile government which has become, nothing but a creature of the imperialism of the United States, which sent Admiral Woodward at the head of a whole corps of officers of the army and navy of the United States to "train the Peruvian army and navy to fight Chile."

Hotly Resents U. S. Imperialism.

The Peruvian people are hotly resentful, especially the great group of Peruvian Indians who are, contrary to the North American conception, largely peaceful, industrious and home-building workers on great plantations. They do not want insane wars between Peru and Chile or any other nation, and stirred by the Communist call to arms against imperialism which aims to divide, embroil and weaken the southern countries, they are opening a struggle against their own government which sells their nation into the hands of Yankee imperialists.

From the northern part of Peru, it is said the guerrilla bands are attacking the government garrisons, in order to divert the mercenary forces of the government from concentrating on the south where the main force of the revolt is arising.

Indian Union 2,000,000 Strong, for Moscow.

The Indian workers of Peru are organized in an Indian organization of 2,000,000 members. A representative of this organization attended the recent Third Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions at Moscow this year and also was present there during the sessions of the Fifth Congress of the Communist International.

This Indian organization has now officially declared its adherence to the Communist movement, and it is expected to participate in the revolt which may dislodge the Leguia government from power.

Announce Trotsky Plans to Leave Soon For Health Resort

MOSCOW, Dec. 12.—Leon Trotsky, Soviet war commissioner, will go to a health resort soon according to a statement today of Commissar Siamashka of the Soviet bureau of public health. Trotsky's illness, said to have been a complication of lagrippe, was complicated by recent speeches in the open air, it was said.

Poland Thinks It Can Pay.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Poland has agreed to pay Great Britain 4,500,000 pounds on war debts on the same basis Britain funded its war debts to the U. S. dispatches from Warsaw said today. Poland is the first country to make a settlement with England.

Get Daylight in London.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—England's sixty hour fog lifted during the night and the metropolis awoke today for the first daylight in three days. The day was dull and overcast but the last of the fog had vanished.

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JAPANESE PREPARE TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

(Special to The Daily Worker)

TOKIO, Dec. 12.—Japan is preparing to reopen negotiations with the Russian Soviet government, it was learned here today. It is understood that instructions have been sent to Japanese representatives in Moscow, outlining a new basis of negotiations into which the Tokio government would be willing to enter with Russia.

RED WAVES OF SOVIET RULE TAKE BIG SLICE OFF NORTH MONGOLIA

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PEKING, Dec. 12.—Tannuola, a vast district of Northern Mongolia, has seceded from the Chinese republic and joined the Soviet Union, according to a telegram received by the central government here from the government of Chinese Turkestan.

TEXTILE MILLS CUT WAGES; RUN ON PART TIME

Run at One-Third of Their Capacity

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 12.—The large textile mills here which are working on a part time basis, have started a drive to drastically reduce wages.

The Everett Mills company, working four days a week, has just announced a ten per cent reduction in wages.

The Arcadia cotton mill is pursuing the same tactics. This mill is working four days per week, with only 30 per cent of its normal capacity employed. A reduction in wages in the Arcadia mill is looked for in the immediate future. The Arcadia mill has been on part time since June.

The weavers in the Arlington mills are running from two to six looms each. The Tye rubber company has just reduced wages ten per cent and extended the hours to 50 hours per week. For overtime work the men receive only their straight wage rate. Time keepers and efficiency experts have been put on the job in large numbers in all mills and factories in this vicinity.

Cuts in wages are being made in small groups, and two complete shutdowns have been effected this year, one lasting for four weeks.

The notice of reduction in wages in the Everett mills blamed the cut on "business conditions." The notice to the employees declared, "After more than a year of unprofitable business and greatly curtailed operations, it has become necessary to reduce manufacturing costs. Accordingly a reduction in wages of about 10 per cent will be made in the wages paid in these mills beginning on Monday, Dec. 15. At that time a reduced quantity of machinery will be put on a five-day a week schedule.—Signed, William D. Twiss, agent."

The Everett mills management declare that their largest competitor, producing ginghams in the Utah—the Dan River mills—has recently cut wages 12 per cent. The reduction in the Everett mills applies to all departments.

The Everett mills have been operating at only 45 per cent capacity for a year, and only 35 per cent capacity for the past three months. The mills have been working on a basis of three days every other week for some time.

Capitalist Solon Crazy.
TOKIO, Dec. 12.—Baron Shimppei Goto, one time brilliant Japanese statesman, has gone mad, according to reports made by the Tokio police. Goto has had picturesque and varied career in Japanese politics. He was a member of the house of peers one time minister of home affairs and later minister of foreign affairs in the Terauchi cabinet. He is an ex-president of the Japanese imperial railways. Goto is 68 years of age.

Earthquake in Italy.
LONDON, Dec. 12.—Several houses were damaged but no one was injured in an earthquake at Telmezo, Italy, according to dispatches received here today.

MILWAUKEE GOES OVER THE TOP FOR THE DAILY WORKER

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 12.—The members of the Milwaukee local of the Workers Party at a well-attended membership meeting last night, pledged \$500.00 to the DAILY WORKER drive for funds to insure the daily for 1925.

The local branch of the South Slavic federation of the Workers Party pledged \$100.00. The membership meeting was one of the best ever held in this city.

Outgrown Its Quarters!

By January 15 the

Amalgamated Trust & Saving Bank

(Now at 371 W. Jackson Blvd.)

WILL MOVE to new and more attractive quarters in the Austin Building at Clark and Jackson.

Patronize Chicago's Growing Labor Bank!

BUILD ON IT

The task is to make the DAILY WORKER safe for 1925. FORWARD—that's the command. It can only go FORWARD if it kicks its obligations out the back door. It will go FORWARD at a fast pace if we GIVE it money to build upon.

Your Policy must Be — Buy a Policy —

Secrecy Cloaks C. P. A. Meeting at Washington

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chief tasks was to set a date for a national meeting in January.

Union Heads Oppose Third Party. The move by union men was opposed by a coalition of socialists and leaders of the LaFollette campaign committee who charged that indefinite postponement of the convention would virtually mean the death of third party plans, at least for the immediate future.

The union men, whose names were withheld, declared their organizations would not go along with any third party movement.

This was in line, they said, with the decree of the American Federation of Labor convention that organized labor must remain strictly non-partisan in political affairs.

Despite the protest of the labor union officials, third party supporters predicted they would have sufficient strength to pass the resolution calling for the national convention at which they hope to give life to a permanent new political movement.

Keating Leads Anti-Third Partyites. Third party adherents scored an important victory today at the first session of the executive committee of the conference for progressive political action. A combination of LaFollette supporters and socialists succeeded in blocking a motion by Edward J. Keating, editor of the official newspaper of the railway brotherhoods which would have postponed indefinitely another convention of the conference when plans for a new third party will be worked out. After a spirited discussion William H. Johnston, chairman, ruled Keating's motion out of order and no protest was made by the railroad brotherhood group.

Keating's resolution postponing the convention, expected now to be called for February, probably in Chicago, would have killed off immediate efforts to develop out of the LaFollette organization a permanent new political movement in the United States.

The sessions are expected to continue until tomorrow afternoon.

William M. Johnstone, president of the International Association of Machinists, is chairman of the committee.

New York Tailors' Meeting Called for Monday, Dec. 22

The members of the Journeymen Tailors' Union, Local 1, of New York City, are to hold a meeting on Monday, Dec. 22, 8 p. m., at Maencher Hall, 205 to 207 east 56th street, near 3rd avenue.

A complete and open discussion of the policy of the union is to be carried out at the meeting, which is aimed to put the union more in line with the wage standard of better paid workers and to give them an idea of what their position is in relation to the problems of the whole working class.

Julia Stuart Poyntz, a forceful and well-informed speaker on working class problems, will lecture at this meeting. All tailors are urged to attend.

Suspend Spanish Censorship.
MADRID.—Censorship was suspended today. Hitherto there has been a general censorship on nearly all military matters, especially of revolutionary nature.

Next Sunday Night and Every Sunday Night, the Open Forum.

Barbers' Union Membership Fights the Reactionaries

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ful as Harry Lauder in making a monkey of himself by raising points of order.

The reactionaries had the chairman to help them, they failed to whet off the battle waged by the rank and file. The president, Leidig, tried to attract attention to himself by a soft soap speech, his poor heart bleeding for suffering humanity, which he was going to help by aiding the sick members—while he proposes docking the well ones who are working.

The Progressive Slate.
The progressives put up a full slate for local officials, nominating Paul Petras for president; Joe Braun for vice-president; Joseph Giganti for secretary-treasurer; Ben Polk for recorder; and Wm. Wolkowsky for guide. All progressive barbers, who want to take the union out of the control of those who make proposals to benefit the bosses, should support this ticket.

Ackerman and Lauder, both former progressives, are now rank reactionaries, since they got re-elected, and Ackerman, together with Frank Rango, are in disfavor with the membership for their connection with the hold-up sheet called the "Chicago Union Labor News"—a paper that was so rotten that even the A. F. of L. denounced it.

Ackerman, Rango and Castleman.
Before the denunciation, however, it published in one issue, a fake resolution which stated that the Barbers' Union endorsed it. This resolution was never brought up at the local, and was simply faked by Ackerman and Rango who had their names on the "advisory board" of the sheet, in cahoots with its chiefs, Pete Kanif, a self-acclaimed gunman and "tough guy" and Castleman, an unprincipled parasite who acted as editor.

These latter worthies, when the membership protested at the fake resolution, came over to the union meeting, to "find out who the reds are," and by raising the red bogeyman and using the gavel, they finally got the fake resolution endorsed after all. But then the Chicago federation had to denounce the sheet, and even the A. F. of L. repudiated it, and Ackerman and Rango found themselves in a fix. Now they have to answer to the membership for their slimy tricks.

The progressives are waging a hard fight and expect every barber who belongs to the union to turn out and support their slate at the election, held Sunday, December 28, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. at 180 West Washington.

Aid Is Urged for the 18th Week of the Waltham Strike

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the grinding lash of the modern efficiency expert.

Spontaneous Strike.
The workers in this plant are men and women about equally divided. Their wages are not sufficient to keep them from the brink of poverty, consequently whole families must work so that they get enough to eat and pile up the enormous profits for the heartless watch trust. The workers both the men and women are typical simple people. They never went on strike before in their lives, no "professional agitators" were on the job to stir them to rebellion. The strike is a spontaneous outburst against the savage exploitation being forced upon American industry in its last capitalist stage—that of operation by finance capital.

Long Struggle.
The strike is now in its eighteenth week; the strikers have maintained a solid front out of the original 2,700 who went out—the entire working force—not more than 100 have returned to work. The strikers have organized a union and affiliated with the International Jewelry Workers' Union. They have sent out committees to the large cities to solicit aid for those back home who are keeping up the fight. One of these committees is now in New York City. Previously they were at New Haven, while there, they were very much impressed by, and grateful for the help they received from the Workers Party of New Haven. In New York City the Workers Party, the Trade Union Educational League, and their sympathizers will actively support the strike by helping in the solicitation of aid.

The strike of the Waltham Watch workers is a typical mass spontaneous strike. Communists and their sympathizers must support this struggle. Send all donations to the strikers' committee the secretary of which is: Frank Clements, 69 Lowell street Waltham, Mass.

PEASANTS OF MEXICO JOIN WITH MOSCOW

Internationalism of the Workers Endorsed

That the peasant movement of Mexico looks with clear eyes on the world wide class struggle, is indicated in the following statement, adopted by the Second Congress of the League of Agrarian Communes of the state of Vera Cruz in Mexico. It was presented by the resolutions committee, Ursulo Galvan, Rafael Carrillo, and Manuel Diaz Ramirez.

Thesis on International Relations.
We the peasants of the agrarian communes affirm and sustain that the proletarian organizations must tend to greater and greater centralization. And for the realization of our destiny it is not sufficient to organize on national lines but on international lines.

In this our Second Congress has been planted the project of the national agrarian organization. Why? Simply because the peasants wish to take advantage of their acquired experience, they wish to perfect their organization, they wish to strengthen themselves, and they feel the need of such an organization; not an organization as a mere formula, but one that is effective and solid.

This aim and this new tendency shows that the peasants of the state of Vera Cruz are beginning to comprehend the historic mission of the proletariat—that his mission is the realization of the workers' and peasants' government and the absolute control of such a government of the land and all the factors of production.

The peasants understand that the realization of their proletarian destiny cannot be accomplished except by strong organization which will result in their own capacity to direct the proletarian economy in a not too distant future.

It will be well to analyze at this juncture the continental situation in relation to American imperialism.

Against Imperialism of U. S. A.
Our internationalism is not the product of an insane desire for empty phrases, but it is the product of the necessity to insure ourselves to strengthen ourselves against our near, our power, and our enemy. This enemy is not a chimerical fantasy, it is an only too tangible reality—THE IMPERIALISM OF THE UNITED STATES. This absorbing imperialism has thrust its tentacles into all Spanish-speaking countries, after crushing its own working masses.

The Latin-American countries are in fact colonies of U. S. imperialism.

One of these colonies, alone, no matter how powerful it may be economically cannot fight against or withdraw from this system of absorbing imperialism. And precisely in this lies the reason for our present tendency towards internationalism. But first let us see what is an internationalism, how many internationalists exist and which of them suits us most.

Internationalism in Two Forms.
There are two distinct international tendencies: one based upon the class struggle and the other in the defense for the collaboration of classes.

Around the International at Moscow the revolutionary worker of all countries have grouped themselves; those workers who are struggling for the establishment of workers' and peasants' governments with the dictatorship of the proletariat, as a representative instrument against the bourgeoisie who will never admit its defeat nor give up its privileges peacefully.

While around the other international—at Amsterdam, are grouped the traitors of socialism, those who helped the imperialist countries in the last European slaughter, something which future generations will remember only with horror.

The Yellows of Amsterdam.
Towards Amsterdam the false and hypocritical revolutionary leaders direct themselves—such a Gompers, Ebert, MacDonald, and all their followers of the American continents, who work for the interests of the landowners and the industrialists, who fight against the dictatorship of the proletariat and who submit themselves like little lambs before the dictatorship of the capitalist class.

It is to this yellow international that our "working class leaders," servile dogs, blind instruments of Yankee imperialists, are trying to blind us.

Hail the Peasants' International.
The second congress of the league of agrarian communes of the state of Vera Cruz has affiliated itself with the peasants' international at Moscow, but we must not stop with this simple adhesion, which will not be complete unless we use all our power to form a united front with all Latin-American countries, to fight American imperialism.

Therefore the league of agrarian communes of the state of Vera Cruz resolves:

1. That recognizing the absolute necessity of national as well as international organizations in the economic

LaFollette's Regulators Slap Big Wall Street Financiers on the Wrist

By J. LOUIS ENGD AHL.

TODAY, the timid voice of the Interstate Commerce Commission is heard in whispering criticism of the three great Wall Street banking houses of W. A. Harriman & Co., and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., in their handling of the nation's latest rail merger. It is the I. C. C. that is supposed to "regulate" the great transportation of the United States, with its mileage half that of all the railroads on earth. The I. C. C. is in line with the LaFollette idea for "regulating" big business.

But this present development, growing out of the merger of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company and the New Orleans, Texas and Mexico Railway Company, shows again the utter fallacy of "regulation" as a policy for controlling big capitalism.

The three Wall Street banking houses mulcted the two railroads for a \$1,000,000 fee in payment for the little job of effecting the merger. The two railroads are no better off today than they were before the transaction was put over. No new roadbed has been built. No ties have been put down. No rails have been laid. There is no new or repaired rolling stock. That is the heavy work that falls on the backs of labor, under brutal conditions at low wages.

Back in palatial offices in Wall Street, the financiers juggled some of the gilt-edged securities of these railroads, persuaded some to sell, others to buy, to put the deal thru. The railroads both had full sets of parasitic officials, but the little job of effecting the combination was too much of an exertion for their languid lives. The workers on these two roads are willing slaves, and they will continue to toil for a mere pittance, so the officials could spend the million dollars, knowing that they could wring more millions out of labor's sweat and agony.

LaFollette urges "regulation" as a panacea for these big grafts and other raw deals put over under private ownership. LaFollette and his followers believe that if these manifestations, which are a little irritating to the reformist viewpoint, can only be cauterized, then the capitalist social order will be a beautiful thing to behold. It was largely in response to this urge that the Interstate Commerce Commission came into existence.

But in the case of this merger, according to its usual custom, the sanctified I. C. C. slaps the Wall Street banking houses on their respective wrists, and call them "Naughty! Naughty!" with the best Fifth Avenue inflection. Then it goes ahead and approves the merger. Of course, the railroad magnates and the Wall Street financiers laugh uproariously at the comical antics of the I. C. C. and then go ahead and plot some more steals and the annexation of some more rich graft.

The Interstate Commerce Commission and its thousands of offspring, to be found in the regulatory bodies of numerous kinds set up in the nation, in the states and in the cities, are the creatures of the capitalist system. They are all jealous of the rights of private property. They always decide on the side of capitalist interests. They are a bulwark of capitalism.

The reformist weekly, The Nation, sends us an advance copy of its Dec. 15th issue, blue pencilling an article on "Soviet Georgia's Little Revolution." In speaking of the recent counter-revolutionary uprising in Soviet Georgia, the writer says:

"I have put the question to many Communists (in Soviet Georgia) only to receive an almost unvarying reply: No bourgeoisie will voluntarily relinquish its wealth and power. Nationalize its mines, railroads, land, real estate, factories, attempt a serious land levy, and even the bourgeoisie which is the greatest champion of democracy will fight, the enemy be a regularly elected parliamentary majority. No class submits to the guillotine without a struggle, not even so small and weak and unorganized a class as the Georgian bourgeoisie."

The workers and farmers in Soviet Georgia, as in all the other Republics of the Soviet Union, have learned that the LaFollettes, with their choice assortments of cure-alls, are the staunchest allies of the enemy class.

The millions of American workers and farmers in the United States, who turn longing eyes toward the LaFollette movement as "a hope" must learn this lesson. They must learn that their only hope lies in the abolition of the capitalist system, from Morgan to LaFollette, including the Wisconsin senator's "socialist" offshoot. Labor's salvation lies only under the red banners of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat blazing the way for the new Communist social order. The millions must turn their steps that way to achieve their emancipation.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

(Continued from page 1)

ing he was placed in charge of the distribution of the millions appropriated for the relief of wounded veterans of the world war. Forbes proceeded to prove that he was a "go getter" by entering into deals with contractors, which would relieve the veterans of the appropriation.

UNFORTUNATELY for Forbes, one of those with whom he was in league in the work of robbing the war veterans, a gentleman by the name of Mortimer, had a wife who could shoot craps and was otherwise agreeable. Mortimer caught both of them rolling the ivories, while a bottle of Scotch stood guard over the game. This sight had a damaging effect on Mortimer's pride, with the result that he turned around and exposed the whole grafting scheme, involving himself with the rest. The scandal was one of the unsavory affairs that set Washington buzzing with excitement last year. But now that the election is over, it can hurt nobody but Forbes and the lesser crooks.

LEWIS MACHINE IS SWAMPED IN LOCAL ELECTION

Dilles Bottom Miners for Progressives

(Special to The Daily Worker)
DILLES BOTTOM, Ohio, Dec. 12.—John L. Lewis and his administration were snowed under in the elections for international and district officers in local 2262.

The vote for international president was, 237 for George Voyzey, progressive, of Verona, Illinois, against 113 for John L. Lewis, Springfield, Illinois. Philip Murray, of Pittsburgh, Pa., received only 118 votes against 222 for Arley Staples, Christopher, Illinois. Both were candidates for the vice-presidency.

Nearing Beat Green.
William Green, secretary-treasurer of the U. M. W. of A., and the most popular member of the Lewis administration, was able to run up only 123 votes against 215 for his opponent, Joseph Nearing, of Nova Scotia. For auditing and general committee the voting was almost two to one for the progressive candidates. The fact that the administration leaders had their names at the head of the ballot gave them an advantage.

Communist Gets Big Vote.
In the voting for district president, J. J. Hoge, Bellaire, Ohio, a member of the Workers Party, polled 196 votes against 88 for Robert Farmer and 68 for Frank Ledvinka, thus polling more votes than his opponents combined. For vice-president, Frank Blahovec, Dillonvale, Ohio, polled 159 votes, beating the total of his two opponents by one vote. The progressive candidate for secretary-treasurer, John Gross of Dilles Bottom, got 202 votes, the highest man in the local union.

Brophy Unopposed.
CHICKASAW, Pa., Dec. 12.—There was no opposition to the candidacy of John Brophy, district president, but 20 votes were cast for George Voyzey, Verona, Ill., candidate for international president against John L. Lewis, who received 56 votes. Arley Staples running against Philip Murray, received 24 votes and Joseph Nearing, candidate for secretary-treasurer, received 26 votes.

CONFERENCE FOR RED AID BAZAAR MEETS SUNDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The second conference of delegates to the International Workers' Aid will take place on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p. m. sharp, at 208 East 12th street. The conference will act upon the important arrangements of the bazaar which takes place jointly with the Labor Defense Council, from Feb. 11 to 14. The preparations are now in full swing.

All delegates are requested to see that their branch have made arrangements to be listed in the Red honor roll of the souvenir program as well as to support a booth at the bazaar. Many novel entertainments are being arranged for the bazaar and the affair will be one of the most unusual of entertainments.

All branches which have not elected delegates to the conference, are requested to do so immediately and to send in the names of the delegates to the International Workers' Aid, at 208 East 12th street.

New Jersey Workers Party House Warming This Sunday, Dec. 14

UNION HILL, N. J., Dec. 12.—The Workers Party of Hudson County has just moved into new headquarters at 393 Broadway, Union Hill, N. J. They invite all comrades and Workers Party sympathizers within the vicinity of New Jersey to come and help them make merry at their house warming party on Sunday, Dec. 14. They promise many surprises and a real jollification. They invite you to spend all day Sunday with them. In the afternoon the meat of the program will be served at 3 p. m. at the open forum. The desert and trimmings will come at 7 p. m. when the real fun will be let loose. A good time is assured. Come and bring your friends.

Boston to See Russian Film.
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 12.—The "Beauty and the Bolshevik," a motion picture of Soviet Russia will be shown in Boston, Jan. 16, (Friday) at 8 p. m. in Symphony Hall. Once only watch the local and party press for further details.

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Cash Judiciously Used Is Very Convincing

By LAURENCE TODD (Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Who actually got the millions of dollars spent by the republican national committee in the Coolidge campaign will never be known in detail by the public.

Cash Is Convincing.

Angus McSweeney is the veteran Washington correspondent for the Philadelphia North American, Van Valkenburgh, editor of that paper owned by the Wanamakers, was one of the noisiest of bull moose.

Reporters Like Labor Fakery. Another newspaper man on salary from the Chicago headquarters, but operating in the national capital, was Mulligan, assistant Washington correspondent for the Boston Post—the "democratic" paper of Boston that came out for Coolidge.

Expense money for traveling was furnished to Marion Burton, the

NEW YORK PLEDGES WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT TO DAILY WORKER DRIVE

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 12.—The District Executive Committee of New York District No. 2, endorsed the resolutions of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party regarding the DAILY WORKER policy campaign at its last meeting.

Most Important Party Job. The committee urged all branches to give not only formal compliance but wholehearted support and co-operation in putting the C. E. C. resolutions into effect.

At the meeting last Sunday the New York Lettish branch pledged itself to raise the same amount for the DAILY WORKER within the next year as it did last year—namely, five hundred dollars.

\$18,000 president of the University of Michigan; to Ben W. Hooper, of the railroad labor board; to Frank Mondell, Chas. Brand, Phil P. Campbell and other pro-packer notoriety.

Raymond Robins got \$1,500 for traveling expenses, and Dan G. Smith, J. P. McArdle, Jos. Ryan, and Thos. B. Healy of the "labor" brigade dipped deep in the trough.

Ninety-four foreign language papers shared the distribution of "advertising" money, from \$30 to \$650 per paper, in the last week of the campaign while the Negro press got two payments ranging from \$100 to \$1,600 apiece for about 20 publications.

Of course the weekly item of "payroll" amounting to \$40,000 to \$55,000 told no tales.

Immigration Law Is Now Being Revised to Hit Radical Workers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Revision of the three sections of the Burnett immigration act of Feb. 5, 1917, dealing with deportation of criminal aliens, is attempted in a bill now being whipped into shape by the house committee on immigration.

SOCIALISTS OF WISCONSIN TRY TO RAFFLE CORPSE

Berger Looking for a Political Grave Digger

By G. S. SHKLAR. (Special to The Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 12.—This is indeed a very difficult time for Berger of Wisconsin. The contradictions of the socialist democratic parties of the Second International are so many that it takes "Comrade" Berger a great deal of time and effort trying to explain things away.

The Latest Perversion. The Milwaukee Leader in its editorial on December 8, states that the Dawes' plan may be used by German socialists as "a transition to socialism" for "have not the Communists of Russia used retreat and maneuvers?"

In its election campaign the S. P. of Wisconsin plays strongly upon the sentiment of German workers and yet in this unique perversion of Marxism, Berger tries to justify the enslavement of German masses by American imperialism.

The Third Party Puzzle. There is another matter that taxes the sluggish mind of "Comrade" Berger. The third party slogan under which they have lured the party into supporting LaFollette is now demanding solution.

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The hearing will be continued later in the month at the Engineers' building, 30 W. 40th st. New York City. Postponement was granted, after debate, in order to allow Hibben's counsel to read and correct errors in the 1,000 typewritten pages of testimony already given.

Cleveland Workers Get Behind Daily Worker for 1925

Cleveland Workers Party members are getting behind the drive to insure the DAILY WORKER for the coming year. One correspondent sends direct to the DAILY WORKER a subscription to the Workers Monthly as well as the DAILY WORKER.

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MINER JUST OUT OF PRISON SAYS DAILY WORKER WAS SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO EVERY DAY

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MIAMI, W. Va., Dec. 12.—H. C. Hickey has just been released from the Lewisburg county jail after serving six months for taking part in the 1921 "march of coal miners" Hickey's term ran out this month, but he was being held in jail indefinitely with a \$500 fine hanging over his head.

The DAILY WORKER has just received the following letter from Comrade Hickey: "Editor the DAILY WORKER: I am home now, owing to the assistance of Miss Meyer and other friends of our cause. I enjoyed the DAILY WORKER while I was in prison and want to continue it. I will write and thank Tom Swain, at La Jolla, Calif., who contributed my subscription. Each day I have had something to look forward to.

"Don Chafin had me persecuted and sent to prison on account of the miners' march in 1921. I was given six months and \$500 fine. I paid \$200 of my fine and a friend went my security for the balance, which I will have to settle up as it will run him in here now. We have been out three years in Cabin Creek and will win yet. I am doing good work for our cause. Please send the DAILY WORKER here. (Signed) H. C. J. Hickey."

Head of Children's Bureau Says Kids On Farms Must Work

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Child labor is all right for the children of farmers, according to Julia C. Lathrop, former head of the children's bureau of the U. S. department of labor, who spoke here on the proposed federal child labor amendment.

Miss Lathrop was supposed to be speaking for the amendment, but her interpretation of it would make it futile. "Opposition to the amendment by the farmers is ridiculous," said Miss Lathrop. "It never was the intention of the amendment's framers to have its provisions apply to work done by farmer's children about the farm."

There are more children working on the farms than in any other occupation in the United States, according to the United States 1920 census figures.

No Leopold-Loeb Mercy for Them.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 12.—On a cold winter morning, Dec. 6, at daybreak, two more workers went to their deaths in the South Carolina electric chair. They were Mortimer N. King and Frank Harrell, young cotton-mill workers and confessed slayers of Maj. Samuel H. McLeary.

Desperate and hungry, without funds and in dire need, the two young millworkers held up McLeary at the point of a pistol. The major resisted the two men and was killed in the encounter. An appeal was made to South Carolina's "praying governor" for mercy, but it was refused.

Judge Upholds Sandwich Picketing.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—Judge William M. Byrnes of the New Orleans civil district court rules that it is not unlawful for members of movie operators unions to have a sandwich man in front of a theater to inform the public that that theater does not employ union labor. The decision was made in the case of Paul and Marcel Brunet, proprietors Harlequin theater who asked that members of Local 293 Motion Picture Operators, be punished for violation of an injunction restraining them from interfering with the theater. Judge Byrnes held sandwich men not unlawful but that not more than one was necessary.

Opposes Judges' Salary Grab.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 12.—A 30 per cent wage boost for Milwaukee's civil judges got a unanimous turndown from the Federated Trades Council to which the grab had been referred for endorsement. The judges are drawing \$5,000 a year and want \$6,500. "The civil courts need improvement but not by pay raises," said Delegate Friedrich of the machinists. "The judges only come to organized labor when they want our votes or are after fatter salaries."

Life for Bottle of Milk.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 12.—James Taylor, Jr., a high school freshman was shot and killed today by Herman Frobose, who had lain in wait in his home for the person who, he said, had been stealing milk left there by the milkman. Frobose told the police he opened fire as the boy picked up the bottle.

Outbreaks in Albania.

BELGRADE.—The Politiks said today that it was reported an insurrection had broken out in various parts of Albania. The government is taking stringent measures for suppression.

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Legion Head for Big Navy. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—James A. Drain, national commander of the American Legion, committed that organization in favor of conscription, of "navy for the United States equal to any in the world," and "an army capable of quick expansion."

Scientists Study Jimson Weed. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Standardized supermen and maybe even standardized robots instead of ordinary variable humans are quite conceivable says Albert F. Blakeless of Carnegie Institute, Washington, who is sailing to South America to study the evolution of the Jimson weed. Scientists are studying this weed's evolution with the hope of finding some key to man's evolution.

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Workers Party Upholds Old Bolshevik Guard in Russia

The Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party has sent the following cable to the Central Executive Committee of the Russian Communist Party:

To the Central Committee, Russian Communist Party,

Dear Comrades: The Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party notes with regret that in spite of the decision of the Thirteenth Congress of the Russian Party and Fifth Congress of the Comintern which definitely repudiated the position of the minority in the Russian Party, Comrade Trotsky again resumes the discussion on those matters.

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The Capitalists Mourn Sam

That Gompers was a key figure in the superstructure of American imperialism is easily gleaned from the manner in which the capitalist press has handled the news of his illness and death.

The comments of the capitalist press are invariably friendly. He receives the title of the "grand old man of labor" and eulogies of his sanity, conservatism and patriotism are the order of the day.

In other words, the capitalist press of the United States knows that its owners have lost a valuable ally. The workers who think, know that the death of Lenin brought forth no such unrestrained praise for him and his career.

What the solution of the (Mexican) government's labor problems was has been told in the columns of the DAILY WORKER by our special correspondent.

A labor leader who can accomplish such a betrayal in the name of labor solidarity is certainly a loss to American capitalism and the capitalist press shows that it realizes it.

More Millions for Battleships

The first fruit of the Dawes plan is now being given to the working masses of the United States. It is in the shape of a huge naval appropriation totalling \$140,000,000.

This is the first of a series of naval appropriations that will be voted by the Coolidge government which prates so much about economy when the question of raising the salaries of the postal employees, helping the bankrupt farmers, or granting even the most insufficient compensation to ex-soldiers is brought up.

With the United States becoming the official receiver of Germany; with the insistence of a large and influential section of the American capitalist class that some sort of a Dawes plan be worked out for the settlement of the French and other debts; with the sharpening of the imperialist conflict of interests in the Pacific; with a growing unrest in the American colonial empire, the imperialist government is preparing to build a battle fleet that will be able to terrorize and crush into submission all opponents and all discordant elements, whether at home or abroad.

A portion of this gigantic sum will be consumed in paying for the cost of additional gunboats to serve Yankee imperialists in Chinese waters. Six more deadly American fire-pipers are

to be sent to these waters. The Standard Oil properties in China must be protected and extended. The influence of Soviet Russia in the Orient must be stifled.

The huge war budget just accepted by the senate is a menace to the safety and welfare of the working and poor farming masses of the United States and the other countries of the world. The bill was adopted without the slightest opposition on the part of the so-called progressives in the senate.

Debts and Danger

The parlous days when the horrid hun was driving toward Great Britain are over, the once formidable foe is vanquished, the loot is divided and the need for aid has passed. The enemy of British imperialism is not Germany but the United States and the negotiations for the payment of the British debt to wealthy America take on an ever sharper tone.

The British financiers insist that if payments are made to America by France that similar amounts be paid to Britain by this common debtor of the two great powers. The British imperialist press is frantic with the thought that the House of Morgan, because of its ability to bring pressure on France that Britain dare not use, may get payments that should go into British pockets.

The Morning Post, echoing the sentiment of the other capitalist sheets, says:

It is obvious that we cannot bear all the sacrifice, despite the somewhat barren glory which we reap for our generosity. At the same time, as Mr. Churchill asserted, this country does not wish to pursue any niggardly policy toward France.

President Coolidge and congress are faced with a grave decision. They have to choose between a policy which from the party point of view may be easy and for the time being profitable, and one which, the causing temporary embarrassment, will in the end redound to the credit of the United States and make for settlement and peace in the world.

It is primarily a moral, but it is also a business issue. For a too rigid creditor suffers in the end almost as much as his unfortunate debtor.

Discernible behind this smoothly worded threat is the snarl of the British lion whose markets, spheres of influence and world prestige are threatened by the growing financial power of the American plunderbund.

Wars are made in counting houses and fought by the working class doped with patriotic phrases. The scene shifters of Mars are arranging the stage for another world struggle which honeyed phrases concerning "Anglo-Saxon unity" do not avert but which serve to lull the working class of the two contending nations into fancied security.

The Communist International and its affiliated parties alone point out the danger and the only safeguard—working class solidarity and world revolution.

Anglo-French Unity

More and more it is becoming clear that the imperialist British Baldwin government and the so-called liberal French Herriot government have come to a complete understanding. In this sense it is interesting to note how little fundamental difference there is between the foreign policies of the MacDonald and Baldwin ministries.

Great Britain is prepared to blink the anti-German operations of France. The latter is to be allowed more gun toting and bayonet brandishing. Besides, Germany must be forced to keep in mind continually that there was a certain kind of peace signed at Versailles.

But the basic significance of the rapprochement between the imperialist cliques of both countries lies elsewhere just now. It is a union of the hangmen of the colonial and oppressed peoples to perpetuate the imperialist edifice at the expense of the lives and energy of hundreds of millions of poor people.

France is to be permitted to step in and crush the heroic Rifis who have made the Spanish murderers bite the dust. England is to be given a free hand in butchering the defenseless Egyptians. An entente cordiale is to be established of all the erstwhile allied imperialist powers to fight Communism. A new offensive will be launched again what the capitalist pogrom agents call Pan-Asiatic movements. China must be strangled especially as a move to stab Soviet Russia in the back and thus save the greatest labor market in the world for the exploiting class. It is particularly important to notice that the imperialists are planning to combat "the black chauvinist propaganda by Negro organizations in the United States."

This is an unholy alliance of the imperialist powers against every movement which struggles for freedom of the oppressed from the oppressors and for freedom of the exploited from the exploiters. Such Anglo-French unity is not only a source of friendship between the two countries, but is at once a source of new conflicts, new wars between France and England as well as in the world at large.

The workers of every country must smash this union of imperialist piracy.

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COMMUNIST QUIZ UNWELCOME TO LA FOLLETTE, JR.

Workers Party Heckler Stumps Speaker

By G. S. SHKLAR. (Special to The Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 12.—"There is no place in this country for a party of class action; the LaFollette movement is based upon a much broader basis of democracy," declared Phil LaFollette, son of Robert M. LaFollette at the open forum lecture, on "Rich, Poor and My Father" delivered by Bob's son on Dec. 9.

In a sentimental appeal to a group of intellectuals to gather courage and militant spirit in a crusade for the principals of democracy, district attorney of Dane county denounced the dictatorship of the rich and the workers' dictatorship and pleaded for the group "in between" standing for the spirit of 1776 and the true spirit of democracy.

Wisconsin Humbug Cited Ideal State

Mayor Hoan, acting chairman of the meeting, sat silently while Bob's son cited Wisconsin as an ideal state. Mayor Hoan is the author of a book written in 1914 on the failure of regulation in which he proves that the LaFollette management had the effect of strengthening the grip of monopoly and corporations on Wisconsin industry and Wisconsin railroads.

LaFollette's boy was very much embarrassed when he confronted him with questions whether the C. P. P. A. intends to form a third party and whether it will be a farmer-labor party, a liberal party or no party at all. As the local paper describes it: "Mr. LaFollette blushed, grinned and did not answer for more than a minute. Then he replied: 'I'd rather not answer that question' and then he blushing added: 'There are too many reporters in this room.' You understand I am my father's son."

When confronted with the same question from the other corner of the hall Philip again declined to answer.

Sham of Courage and Democracy.

The representative of the Workers Party rebuked LaFollette, Jr. for lack of courage to answer the question or organization of the third party, after delivering a fifteen minutes oration on the necessity of courage and fighting spirit. His eulogizing of democracy was also exposed when it was pointed out that while he was opposed to the workers' rule and class action his father did not hesitate to set himself up as a dictator over the progressive movement.

Workers Party Only Leader of Workers.

The fact that Mayor Hoan presided at the LaFollette meeting assumes considerable significance since he was the bitter opponent of the LaFollette alliance.

It appears that the so-called left wing of the socialist party is willing to go the right wing one better. While the right wing is holding conference with the left wing of the republican party the other group is willing to go all the way towards the alliance with real reactionaries of the republican camp headed by Governor Blaine, who was officially endorsed by LaFollette.

With the destruction of farmer-labor party movement and the demoralization of the socialist party following the LaFollette swoop—the Worker (Communist) Party holds the most strategic position in Wisconsin as the only party of revolutionary class struggle. In opposition to Coolidge and LaFollette dictatorship the Workers Party raises the slogan of proletarian dictatorship.

Post Office Clerks Get Less Pay Today Than Ten Years Ago

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Ninety per cent of all postoffice employees receive less than \$2,000 a year, and the real wage of the postoffice clerk is less today than 10 years ago, says Thos. F. Flaherty, secretary National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, in a final appeal to congress to pass the salary increase bill over the Coolidge veto.

Flaherty thinks patience has ceased to be the only virtue to which the 300,000 workers in the postal service need aspire. The virtue of survival in the race with poverty is one he would match up with patience. Flaherty shows that in less than four years the over-worked employees in the service have produced an increase in revenues that has wiped out a deficit of \$83,000,000, and that the clerks are giving more service at less real wages than at any time since Ben Franklin stated the postoffice system. He asks congress to pay a living wage.

Fatal Fire in Pullman.

Pullman, Ill., Dec. 12.—One man was suffocated and a score of persons were routed by fire which today destroyed the Westgate Hotel here. The victim was Simon Weel, 65, found unconscious in his room on the second floor. He was pronounced dead at a hospital.

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NEW ENGLAND TEXTILE WORKERS LEARN WHAT PROSPERITY MEANS TO THEM UNDER CAPITALISM

(Special to The Daily Worker) LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 12.—The Everett Cotton Mills, among the largest of Lawrence, have announced a 10 per cent cut and the beginning of a 5-day week operation. This is the first Lawrence textile mill to follow the general New England movement of wage reductions and more regular operation. Fall River mills in southern Massachusetts are already on the new schedule and Rhode Island mills are also.

Everett Mills normally employ about 1,800 workers. It is thought that at least a third or possibly one-half of the workers will not be employed under the new schedule as the whole plant will not be reopened. The mills have been operating on a three-day week for a month and a half previously operated only intermittently, frequently closing completely for two weeks' periods.

FIRST COMMUNIST "FACTORY DANCE" ON TONIGHT AT NORTHWEST HALL

The first Communist "factory dance" ever held in America will take place tonight under the auspices of the Young Workers League at Northwest Hall, North and Western Aves.

The dance is being held especially for the mail order house workers in the Montgomery and Ward factory, who have become acquainted with the Young Workers' League thru the Young Worker mail order house campaign.

"Many affairs have been arranged by your bosses for you," says the circular distributed by the Y. W. L. to the "Monkey" Ward employees. "But this dance is arranged by young workers like yourself and for the benefit of yourself—not for the bosses."

The admission price is 35 cents, but a special price of 25 cents is being charged the "Monkey" Ward employees. A large number of tickets have already been sold to league and party members who are expected to be present to enjoy the snappy jazz music and get acquainted with the Montgomery and Ward workers. Incidentally, the Young Workers League members are planning to make the "Monkey" Ward employees better acquainted with the Communist movement.

Tickets have been sold at the doors of the factory by the Young Workers League members. The dance is known as a "moonlight and snowball." Half the proceeds will go to the DAILY WORKER and half to the Young Worker.

A Russian Lecture Tomorrow.

A lecture on Russia and the elections in England and the United States will be given tomorrow, Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p. m. at the Soviet School 1902 W. Division St. arranged by the Russian branch of the W. P. Speaker Alexander Bittleman, member of the Executive Committee, Workers Party. Admission free.

Russian Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting with a musical program is called by the Russian branch of the W. P. for next Saturday, Dec. 20, at 8 p. m., at the Soviet School, 1902 W. Division St. Speakers will talk on the situation in the United States and the program of the Workers Party. Admission free. Send your friends who speak Russian to this meeting.

Consider Glassberg Case.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Commissioner of Education Graves has taken under consideration the petition of the committee on academic freedom of the American Civil Liberties Union for the reinstatement of Benjamin Glassberg New York teacher suspended during the war for alleged disloyalty.

Next Sunday Night and Every Sunday Night, the Open Forum.

LECTURE SUNDAY UPON CANADIAN LABOR MOVEMENT

Tom Bell Has a Live Subject for Workers

We are strangely unacquainted with the labor movement of Canada. The it lies next door and has many important and interesting organizations, political parties and union movements, the overly self-centered labor movement of the United States pays little heed to the millions of workers beyond the Canadian border.

Yet there are many vital matters upon which we may well inform ourselves, many situations in the organizations of labor, political and industrial, which serve as a warning and a guide in our own movement. These matters will be taken up fully at the open forum of the Workers Party, which will be held at the Ashland Auditorium, next Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock, in a lecture by Tom Bell.

The speaker is one who is thoroughly acquainted with the Canadian labor movement and whose analysis of it will be given in his characteristic incisive and spirited delivery which few speakers possess.

The title of the lecture is, "The Canadian Labor Movement; Its Tendencies in Politics and the Trade Unions." The movement for Canadian autonomy from the American Federation of Labor, the rise and decay of the O. B. U., the Canadian labor party and many other features make this lecture one of especial importance for those who wish to profit from the experience of labor in other countries.

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COMMUNIST CHILDREN'S COLUMN

The Russian Workers' Revolution.

When the Russian workers and farmers made their revolution in November 1917, they took over the lands and the factories, the palaces and the houses, and made all the rich people go to work or else leave the country. Whoever would not work, got nothing. Only workers and farmers who were willing to work for each other, got all the land and the homes.

This revolution made the capitalists in other countries afraid. That is, they thought that the workers in their own countries would do the same thing, and they would have to go to work for a living. So they got together and tried to overthrow the workers' government; they wanted to bring back the old days when landlords and capitalists owned everything in Russia, and the workers nothing—the same as in all countries where there has been no workers' revolution.

But the Russian workers and peasants built up a Red Army and a Red Navy, and the workers in many of the capitalist countries refused to fight the government of the Russian workers and farmers.

When the capitalists saw that they could not change back to the old order by fighting with armies and guns, they tried something else. They made up their minds to fight Soviet Russia with the BLOCKADE. That is, they kept all ships away from Russia, the

ships that carried food, clothing and machinery which Russia had to have. On top of this, Russia had famine, a terrible drought when nothing would grow out of the ground. Now even where there is no drought, a country can't live unless she trades with other countries. That is, she gives other countries things that those people need, and she gets in return other things that she needs.

The Russian workers' government said to the capitalists of other countries, "We will pay you well for the things we need. We will pay you in gold or in goods." But the capitalists said, "We will not sell to a workers' government. We will starve you out until you give back the land and homes to the landlords, and the factories to the capitalists."

The world capitalists are fighting Russia, because Russia is fighting to free all the workers. But the workers of all countries have made up their minds to save Russia even tho they are poor workers themselves because they work for capitalists in rich capitalist countries, and get only a small part of the wealth they produce.

The capitalists see that their guns and blockades did no good so they now pretend friendship for Russia. No matter what the capitalists say or do, the workers and the workers' children must support Russia to the limit.

MUSIC - LITERATURE - DRAMA

By ALFRED V. FRANKENSTEIN.

When I read that the Bush conservatory orchestra, which gave its first concert of the season at Orchestra Hall recently, had announced the finale of "Das Rheingold" as the windup of the program, I blinked and read again. For the finale of "Das Rheingold" is, to say the least, exceptionally difficult music to play. It has a very definite program, as unfolded by the Wagnerian system of leading motives. Donner, the god of thunder, calls up a storm. The storm clears away leaving a rainbow leading to Valhalla. In a slow procession the gods cross the rainbow to their newly built castle, while from below comes the cry of the Rhinemaidens, bereft of their magic gold. (These Rhinemaidens are Wagner's worst dramatic blunder, but the music allotted to them is quite effective on the concert stage.)

Conductor Deserves Praise.

The difficulty lies in the string parts, especially toward the beginning, in the description of the rain bow. I didn't think they could do it but they did, and much is Richard Czerwonky, the conductor, to be praised for the accomplishment.

The program opened with Dvorak's fifth symphony, "From the New World." Dvorak wrote most of this work while living in a Bohemian colony in Iowa, and when he had finished he thought he had produced a symphony which, while not actually using the melodies of Negro folk songs, got into the spirit of the Negro music. Viewed from this angle the symphony

is a very diluted creation indeed. Seen without the connotations of any kind of folk music, it is one of the great masterpieces in symphonic form. I have heard it and played it a thousand times, more or less, and never get tired of it.

Didn't Play Best Part.

Robert Quick, a good violinist with a rather wooly tone, played the first movement of Saint-Saens' third violin concerto. The first movement is unfortunately far worse than the second which is really fine, but Quick didn't play the second.

Evelyn Daniels played the first movement of Beethoven's third piano

concerto. It only composers could be induced to study these piano concerti of Beethoven! It would result in far fewer concerti, and those of a lot better quality. For the five works Beethoven wrote in this form for piano and orchestra are unsurpassed, and stand out as perfect examples. Miss Daniels' performance had much vigor and life and character.

Beulah Van Epps, a soprano, also a student at Bush, sang the famous aria "Depuis le Jour," ("Ever Since the Day") from Charpentier's opera "Louise." It is an aria full of romance and charm, but it was not particularly inspiringly sung.

ONE THOUSAND DOGS

A thousand dogs took part in the dog show in Chicago. Big police dogs, trained to help break strikes. Little toy spaniels bred to play with.

We read on: "The little fellow. He was an affectionate, inquisitive, watchful little 'pooch,' always chipper, ready to eat anything and full of tricks and amusing devices."

Maybe that will be said about kids some day, but this was dog day in Chicago and the reference was to an English spaniel.

Maybe you too are willing, very willing for "some day" to come, when the class that carries the world will say to the class that rides it, "Children before dogs, and we before you." When masses begin to say this and start to crowd in a bit, elbowing the yellows out, well, it will only be a short jump then to a workers' and farmers' government. If you are strong for that day, you'll buy an INSURANCE POLICY and so help

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