

# "TRUTH ABOUT CHINA TOLD AT LAST"

## 200,000 WORKERS UNDER LASH OF "BIG FOUR" MEAT PACKERS IN SCORE OF AMERICAN CITIES

The conditions of the 200,000 workers in the "yards" of Chicago, New York, Indianapolis, St. Louis, East St. Louis, Ill., Kansas City, St. Joseph, South Omaha, Sioux City, South St. Paul and Cudahy, Minn., Fort Worth, Texas, Spokane, Wichita, Kans., Salt Lake City, Utah, Los Angeles, Memphis, Tenn., East Chicago, Ind., have improved but little in the past ten years. In most instances the conditions of these workers has become worse.

The "Big Four"—Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy—not only maintain large meat packing plants in the United States, but its members have extensive plants in Brazil, Argentina, Australia and other parts of the globe. The "Big Four" in their desire for more profits are cutting the wages of their workers, trying to lengthen their hours of labor and putting in speed-up systems.

### Current Events

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

LAST Sunday's Chicago Tribune contained a long and well written editorial, boasting in a businesslike manner of its 700,000 daily circulation. The Tribune also has a 1,100,000 Sunday circulation. This means a gold mine in advertising revenue as well as a battering ram of tremendous force in storming the fortifications of whatever interests happen to be opposed to those of the Tribune's owners.

NEEDLESS to say the Tribune is always opposed to the interests of the working class as a whole. It is the most bitter enemy of Soviet Russia, having nothing in a material sense to gain by a contrary policy. Other capitalist publications that are equally hostile to everything Soviet Russia means to the workers of the world, favor full diplomatic and commercial relations with that country, because of the Russian market for American commodities.

FIVE million three hundred thousand copies of the Tribune are sold each week. At least three times that number read it. The great majority of the readers are members of the working class. Perhaps they only read "Orphan Annie," "Moon Mullins" or "Andy Gump." Perhaps they look over the sporting page to learn of "Red" Grange's latest observation on the American flapper. Perhaps they like to know what the "Inquiring Reporter" draws from five dumbbells in

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## MEXICAN R. R. TO BLACKLIST ALL UNIONISTS

### Private Owners Get Help of Calles

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 4.—Tomorrow the National Railways will be turned over to private stockholders, largely banking interests of the United States and their new president has already announced that he will discharge all radical workers, among whom he includes most of the present managerial staff.

The blacklist of "reds" is meant to destroy the power of the Railway Workers' Union, which is strongly Communist and independent from the reactionary controlled Confederacion Regional Obrera Mexicana, whose leader is the infamous Luis N. Morones—the "Gompers of Mexico."

The Calles government has promised to support the railway owners in every way, if they will destroy the strength of the union. Money will be set aside for port improvements, and to assist all forms of producers to ship their products, particularly the foreign owned mines and the large agrarian interests.

## PACKING HOUSE WORKER! THE DAILY WORKER DRIVE IS ON! HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR STORY?

Packing-house worker, where is that story of the conditions of the yards in your city—of the conditions in your department? Have you sent it in? The DAILY WORKER packing-house drive is on! The DAILY WORKER wants every item on conditions that it possibly can get. Every item will be published exposing the rotten conditions under which the 200,000 workers in the "yards" of America are forced to work. Send in your story! right away!

## RAILROAD COMPANY HEADS MAKE ENGINEER GOAT FOR TRAIN CRASH

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—George Stocker, engineer of section six of the Twentieth Century Limited, has been made the goat for the accident in Chicago that resulted in injuries to himself and several other persons, in a statement issued by the general offices of the New York Central railroad here.

In a statement, it was said, "It appears that Stocker failed to obey caution and stop signals," resulting in his train crashing into section five, made up of empty cars.

## RED-BAITING ORDER SEEKS JUICY PLUMS

### To Shake Down Bosses with "Red" Scare

By JOSEPH FREEMAN. NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Extensive anti-Communist propaganda among foreign-born workers in this country has been announced as the chief aim of a new group just organized in New York. The group, which calls itself the United States Patriotic Society, has its headquarters at 299 Broadway, and is backed by a number of petty politicians here.

Whither America? In a pamphlet entitled "Whither America?" this group of patriots attack Communism as "the menace to Americanism," and discusses plans for combating it. The pamphlet opens with a quotation in full of Trotsky's "American" preface to his book "Whither England?" It then proceeds to paint a picture of the United States overrun by "agents of Bolshevism," sent here by Trotsky and his ilk," and by Communist leaders who

## GRIEVANCES OF WORKERS IN THE PACKING HOUSES OWNED BY FOOD TRUST

The following are some of the grievances of the workers in the "yards" of the "big four" packers in Chicago:

1. The conference board, a tool of the bosses to put over speed-up systems in the "yards."
2. The attempt to lengthen the 54-hour week to a 60-hour week.
3. The attempt to lengthen the work-day from 10 to 12 and 14 hours.
4. Excessive speeding-up.
5. Rotten sanitary condition in the locker-rooms.
6. Must eat dinners on killing floor amid stench. No provisions for eating meals.
7. Low wages, the average wage being about 45 cents per hour.
8. Police system which makes the "yards" look like a penitentiary.
9. Periodic unemployment. During the so-called busy season at present workers toil under 40-hour guarantee, making wages of about \$87 to \$90 per month.
10. Workers who desire union are found out by spies; framed-up and fired.

## Senator Reed Attacks World Court as Mere Court of the League

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 4.—"American bankers who hold European securities have interested themselves in propaganda for the world court and league of nations for selfish reasons," said Senator James A. Reed of Missouri when interviewed here. Reed says the world court was "created by the league. Its membership may be changed by action of the league."

## Biggest Theater of the South Is Built Scab in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—Nonunion labor is employed in the construction of the New Saenger Theater of New Orleans, the largest in the south according to reports made to the central trades and labor body. A committee has been appointed to call on the owners.

## EXPOSES ALL IMPERIALISM, SAYS EDITOR

### Chinese Journalist Lauds Daily Worker

"Accidentally, the truth has at last been told," said L. P. Jin, editor of the Chinese Daily News of Chicago, when interviewed yesterday concerning the exposure by the DAILY WORKER of the butchery of Chinese at Shanghai by imperialist police troops as told by one of the butchers in his own words.

"For many months," he continued, "there has been a complete conspiracy of silence concerning the weeks of wanton massacre that only began with the shooting of Chinese students at the Louza Barracks on May 30.

Weeks of Massacre "Readers of capitalist papers in foreign lands never heard of the long period following the Louza Barracks affair, where a British officer gave only ten seconds warning in English to a parade of Chinese students before ordering them fired upon. So flagrant was the crime of the imperialists in that instance that even the two foreign investigation commissions, constructed purposely to whitewash the murderous police troops, were compelled to lay the blame upon them and free arrested students.

Did a Service.

"The DAILY WORKER has done a great service to humanity by proving thru the letter of an imperialist butcher, that the whole bunch of foreigners, civil and military—except for the noble exception of some friendly citizens of Soviet Russia—deliberately set out after the Louza Barracks affair, to terrorize the Chinese in their own country with what he himself calls 'a looting and raping, a torturing and murdering.'

"The letter shows, too, beyond a shadow of doubt, that Chang Tso-lin is supported by American interests as well as Japanese, who are his most outstanding supporters in bloody suppression of the movement for national liberation. So plain is it that Japanese troops invaded Manchuria and aided Chang to defeat Kuo Sung-lin, that a new movement, led by Shanghai Chinese, is arising, demanding that Japan get out of Manchuria or suffer a ruinous boycott in all the rest of China.

"Chang Tso-lin would be easily beaten if the Japanese did not protect and aid him.

Any People Would Revolt. "There need be no other answer to the claim that Chinese at times resort to violent demonstrations against foreign occupation and exploitation of China, than to point to the letter published Monday by The DAILY WORKER. Such ghastly and deliberate brutality would not be suffered in silence and without resistance by any people in any age.

"That the Chinese have revolted, barehanded, without arms against 'Enfield rifles with soft nosed bullets, armored cars, machine guns, and even American cavalry,' as told of in the exposure, only shows that the Chinese are imbued with a heroism and a will to fight on until they win the right to rule in their own country."

## Union Miners Gather to Oppose Non-Union Mines in Ind. and Ky.

BOONEVILLE, Ind., Jan. 4.—Fourteen hundred union coal miners from District No. 23, of Kentucky, and District No. 11, of Indiana, gathered here today for a mass meeting, the purpose of which they refused to disclose. It was reported that the meeting was the result of indignation over the operation of non-union mines in this section.

Klan Starts to Disband. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 4.—Statements were issued here today announcing that the New Haven branch of the Ku Klux Klan has voted to disband because the order "is not only un-American, but non-American."

## CAPPELLINI SAYS THAT UNION WILL NOT YIELD ON ARBITRATION FIGHT

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 4.—Rinaldo Cappellini, district president of the United Mine Workers of America, and a member of the union's negotiating committee, home from New York City over the week end, declared today that no progress can be made in the parley until operators eliminate arbitration as a basis for settlement.

"We will not yield to this if it takes ten years," he declared. Cappellini, who will return to the metropolis Monday for a conference with the union chiefs, conferred with his own subordinates today to get the sentiment in the local field.

## COOLIDGE MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ASKS FUNDS FOR DELEGATION TO GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The influence of the House of Morgan over the Coolidge administration was again in evidence upon the reopening of congress today when a message to congress was read urging an immediate appropriation of \$50,000 to defray expenses of American delegates to the international conference at Geneva on February 15 next, which is to discuss the possibilities of signing a disarmament conference under the auspices of the league of nations. Such a message automatically requests congressional sanction.

With the world court proposition claiming the attention of the senate and the general drive of Coolidge supporters to force the United States into the league of nations in order to defend and extend the financial interests of the House of Morgan, this latest request is recognized as a continuation of the Coolidge-Mellon-Morgan policy.

Fears Break of New Storm. Coolidge's latest message was worded very carefully and he endeavored to offset criticism by ambiguous declarations that the sending of delegates would not commit the country to abide by the decisions of the February conference.

He has enough on his hands in the fight to bludgeon the government into the world court and to obtain ratification of the Italian debt settlement without incurring further opposition on the question of sending a mission to Geneva. The amount asked for is modest and it probably will pass without difficulty. To off-

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## China's Fighters Against Imperialism



Soldiers of the people's revolutionary army under the leadership of the Kuomintang.

## THE UNEMPLOYED



## Crouch and Trumbull Refuse to Appeal to War Dept. for Mercy

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Walter Trumbull and Paul Crouch, two soldiers convicted at Honolulu for Communist activities and now serving sentences at Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, refuse to appeal for clemency to the war department, the American Civil Liberties' Union says. The young men are appealing in the courts thru their attorney, Austin Lewis. Trumbull's sentence, reduced to one year, expires in February. Crouch is serving three years instead of the 40 first imposed.

Hurricane Sweeps Samoa. HONOLULU, Hawaii, Jan. 4.—The radio station on the island of Tutuila, in the Samoan group reports that the island has been swept by a hurricane. Many persons are reported to have been injured.

## DICTATOR PANGALOS EXILES 400 COMMUNISTS ACTIVE IN UNIONS

ATHENS, Jan. 4.—Four hundred Communists, most of them active trade unionists, were arrested in union meetings and at union halls, by the Greek police and then exiled to the Greek Aegean islands. This raid follows the recent creation of an under-secretaryship to combat Communism.

The Greek police descended on the union meetings and the temples and picked out those who were most active in the unions and then exiled them. This desperate action of the Greek military dictator Pangalos follows closely upon the victories of the Communists in Greece in the recent municipal elections in which many municipalities of Thrace, Macedonia and in other parts went overwhelmingly for Communist candidates. In Saloniki a Communist mayor was elected. The Pangalos government nullified the elections and declared new elections. In the new elections the Communist candidate was re-elected.

Now the Pangalos government, which came into power promising the unions and liberals of Greece an end to the persecution and jailing of working class fighters, shows itself in its true role as the defender of the capitalist interests of Greece.









