

## ASK MEXICAN LABOR ROUSE U. S. TOILERS

### PASSAIC STRIKE PICKETS SMASH POLICE LINES

#### Lodi Mill Workers May Strike Next

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PASSAIC, N. J., March 10.—The 1,500 strikers led by their picket captains outwitted the Clinton police and marched in full force past the Clifton Forstmann-Huffman mill, and fifty-five spinners from the New Jersey Spinning and Worsted mill joined the ranks determined more than ever of pulling out every remaining worker in every mill on strike in this district.

Some opposition was encountered from the police. Several picket leaders were manhandled, but no clubs were used. The news of the arrest of Chief of Police Richard O. Zober and two policemen on charges of assault had swept thru the ranks, and stiffened the determination of the line to follow where it was led. The police felt the temper of the crowd and gave way.

Lodi Mill May Strike Next.

Delegates were received from the United Piece Dye Works of Lodi who asked for organization and requested that the seven demands presented by Passaic be sent to the bosses in Lodi. A 25 per cent increase in wages was asked, as wages are very low in Lodi. The demands for the Dundee silk mill were also raised to 25 per cent because of the low wage scale.

The action of the Lodi delegates is taken to mean that there is more than a possibility of bringing out the 4,000 workers of the Piece Dye Works. A monster picket line will march on Lodi some time this week.

Altho relief contributions are coming in steadily, the number of families needing relief increases daily. At the beginning of the seventh week of the strike, 1,050 families are receiving relief of food, and a meager relief at that. Other hundreds are receiving fuel and clothing.

Plan for Bazaar.

Plans for a gigantic bazaar in Passaic for strikers' relief, beginning March 18 and running for four days. It will be held in Kanter's Auditorium. Plans include an International night, featured by Hungarian dances, Russian and Ukrainian folk songs, and other entertainment. The second night will be Labor Union night at which delegates from all trade unions are expected to attend. The program for this night will include a well known violinist, an interpretative dancer and singing. Actors from the Equity have agreed to co-operate in making this evening a success. On Saturday there will be Maennerchor night, and 20 German singing societies will take part in a novel entertainment.

Get your tickets now for the International concert of the T. U. E. L., Sat., March 13, at 8th St. Theater.

Aristide Briand  
The Renegade Socialist



Who for the ninth time in his career leads a cabinet of France.

### FIGHT AS CLASS, URGE SPEAKERS ON WOMAN'S DAY

#### Workers Show Need of Solidarity

By LILLIAN BORGESON.

With tremendous enthusiasm, a great crowd of working men and women of Chicago celebrated International Woman's Day with a spirited meeting and entertainment at Northwest Hall. The hall was filled with workers gathered to demonstrate their desire for the solid unity of the ranks of all working class women.

Ida Goodman appealed to the workers present to throw all their energies to the support of the International Labor Defense. She pointed out in no uncertain terms the role of the working class women in modern life—how the same capitalist system which is crushing the life of the working man is grinding her to an even more miserable position.

Women in Industry.

The problems of women in industry were graphically presented by Ida Rothstein, herself from the shops. The working woman must join the union and learn to fight within the union for her class. The working-class woman who understands the problems of the working class must teach other women what she knows.

How to organize the great masses of working-class women was the subject touched upon by Arne Swaback. The women in the working class movement have been neglected for too long. A campaign must be started by those who understand the importance of the organization of this tremendously large section of the working class, to organize these working-class women. The women must join the unions to which they are eligible.

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### BRIAND AGAIN TAKES HELM OF FRENCH STATE

#### Dares Not Face Vote of Deputies

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PARIS, March 10.—Aristide Briand, forced out of office on Saturday by a no confidence vote in the chamber of deputies, formally took office again as premier early today. This is Briand's ninth time as premier. He will also continue to act as foreign minister.

His cabinet, marking a further swing to the right, is made up as follows: Premier and foreign minister, Aristide Briand; Interior, Louis Malvy; finance, Raoul Peret; war, Paul Painleve; marine, George Leygues; public instruction, Lucien Lamoureux; public works, Anatole de Monzie; colonies, Leon Perrier; labor, Antoine Durafour; commerce, Daniel Vincent; agriculture, Jean Durand; pensions, Paul Jourdain.

Faces Political Storms.

Briand summoned his new cabinet this afternoon, for its first meeting. Briand realizes that he faces still further political storms, advised his cabinet that he will lay down the policy which he believes "best for the nation" (meaning French imperialism) and if the parliament sees fit to reject it then responsibility must rest with members of the chamber and senate who are in opposition.

Briand outlined the main points of his ministerial declaration, which is described as "short and precise."

The premier indicated that his one great present difficulty is the league of nations crisis, and the cabinet decided to strengthen its representation at Geneva and voted to send Senator Jules Pams with Briand as a delegate.

While the opposition was starting new troubles, and demanding that Briand secure a vote of confidence before going to Geneva, the premier was nervously packing his bags in order that at Geneva he may claim to represent a government.

He is letting the political future take care of itself and devoting his energy to the league crisis, which he considers vital for the future security of his class.

Rush to Geneva.

Briand is expected to leave for Geneva tonight and tomorrow he will participate in conferences there in an effort to settle the league of nations crisis.

The league crisis is the one thing that concerns France now, but once that is settled Briand may find himself in much the same position as before his defeat on Saturday.

Edouard Herriot, leader of the radical socialists, appears to hold the future of the Briand government in the palm of his hand, for if he holds his followers in line then the government may carry on but if his cohorts

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### Offer of Aid to Mexico Is Accepted by Calles

PLUTARCO Elias Calles, President of Mexico, has expressed his recognition and appreciation of the position taken by the Workers (Communist) Party in resistance to the present imperialist assaults against the sovereignty of the Mexican republic.

The following personal telegram from him was received yesterday at the party headquarters, 1113 Washington Blvd., Chicago:

"VERY SINCERELY I THANK YOU FOR THE CONTENTS OF YOUR WIRE OF YESTERDAY.—PRESIDENT CALLES."

Brief and cautiously worded tho it is, this message is significant, for it is something quite different from a formal acknowledgment of receipt, signed by a secretary. Moreover, there is not a qualifying phrase or word in it. "The contents" of the Communist wire for which President Calles expresses his thanks, are as follows:

"Congratulations firm stand against

American imperialist demands. Mexico's land and petroleum laws are vital to your independence. You have support of important section of the American workers against Wall Street."

Commenting upon President Calles' message, C. E. Ruthenberg, general secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, declared:

"Plainly enough, the Mexican government, which is exposed to the day to day aggressions of Wall Street and Washington, appreciates the importance of working class support in this country. President Calles is not a Communist and he has even engaged in persecution of Communists in Mexico, but he realizes that the Communists can be depended upon to fight unflinchingly against the aggressions of American imperialism, with which Mexico is menaced."

"The Workers (Communist) Party is writing Senor Calles pledging itself to take the issue up in every important labor organization in the country."

### SUGGEST UNITY AGAINST PLOTS OF WALL STREET

#### Anti-Imperialist Body Sends Greetings

The All-America Anti-Imperialist League, has asked Mexico's Regional Confederation of Labor (C. R. O. M.) to send a delegation to this country to go before all labor organizations in the United States for the purpose of securing support for Mexico against the threatened break in diplomatic relations which the U. S. state department is holding like a club over the head of the Mexican government at the behest of Wall Street.

"C. R. O. M." Now in Session.

Mmanuel Gomez, secretary of the league, announced today that his organization had included the invitation to send a delegation here in a telegram of greeting to the convention of the C. R. O. M. now in session in Mexico City.

The telegram points out the need of the solidarity of U. S. and Mexican labor in the present crisis.

Text of Telegram.

The full text is as follows: Confederacion Regional Obrera Mexicana, Mexico City, Mexico.

Greetings to Mexico's strongest labor organization, Solidarity of Mexican and U. S. labor vital in present crisis. We pledge support against imperialist assault on Mexico's sovereignty. Urge that you send delegation here immediately to address labor organizations explaining need to support Mexico—All-American Anti-Imperialist League.

### HELP WIN THE PASSAIC STRIKE! HELP IN THE NEW YORK TAG DAYS!

NEW YORK, March 10.—You can help win the Passaic strike! You must help win it! You will help win it if you will enlist for three days on the relief front of this big struggle. The relief front constitutes that army of workers that backs up the struggle front. You know that these textile strikers have accomplished wonders, won commendable victories on the struggle front, the picket line. Police terrorism, gas bombs, hose attacks by the fire department in freezing weather—this and much more these strikers have had to meet. Children and women have been clubbed. Every form of brutality capitalism is capable of has been used in an effort to beat the strike.

But the workers, the strikers have been victorious in every battle, and the mass picket line is today stronger than ever. However, cupboards are bare. There is no food in the homes. Children need shoes. Babies need milk. Every home must get bread if this strike is to be won. You must help place bread into every strikers' home. Enlist for the BIG NEW YORK TAG DAY! INDUCE OTHERS TO ENLIST. TELL EVERYBODY. LET NOT A SINGLE WORKER FAIL IN HIS DUTY!

- REPORT AT THESE STATIONS:  
MARCH 12, 13, 14.
- BROOKLYN—Laisve, 146 Ten Eyck St.; Shoe Workers' Protective Union, 142 Livingston St.; Brownsville Workers' Club, 1344 Pitkin Avenue; Bath Beach Workers' Club, 1940 Benson Ave.; Coney Island Workers' Club, 2285 W. 27th St.; 310 Union Hall street.
  - DOWN TOWN—Amalgamated Progressive Center, 177 E. Broadway; Freiheit Singing Society, 133 Second Avenue; Workers Party, 108 E. 14th street; Freiheit, 30 Union Square; Local 22 I. L. G. W. U., 16 W. 21st St.
  - HARLEM—Hungarian Workers' House, 350 E. 81st street; Harlem Labor Forum, 64 E. 104th St.; Finnish Progressive Club, 15 W. 126th St.
  - BRONX—Workers' Club, 535 E. 146th St.; Bronx Workers' Center, 1347 Boston Road.

### RESEARCH CLASS SHOWS TEXTILE BARON'S PROFITS

By BERTRAM D. WOLFE.

PASSAIC, N. J., March 10.—"Bosses, open your books and show us your profits." With this slogan the striking textile workers of Passaic, Garfield and Clifton marched in their ten thousand-headed parade and demonstration of solidarity.

The day following the parade the "director of the Workers' School" appeared before them in two large halls of Passaic and before their astonished eyes opened the "books" of their bosses and revealed the \$1,145,553 profit of the Gera Mills for 1924 and a profit of over a half million from the workers of the Botany in the first half of 1925.

Members of the volunteer corps of research workers and students of the Research class of the Workers' School performed this feat. The textile strikers, who had never up till then realized that education can also be made an instrument in the class struggle when it was true working class education, cheered the School and demanded that circulars, containing the information, be printed and distributed broadcast among the strikers so that next time the boss, or his foreman, or his newspapers, or his

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### ASSAULT UPON RIFFIANS COST SPANISH DEARLY

#### Victory Reports Reveal Hand of Censor

MADRID, March 10.—The Spanish attack upon the Rifian battery which has been snelling Tetuan, the capital of Spanish Morocco, intermittently for several weeks, has cost them most heavily. Altho all communications are heavily censored, it is known that at least 1,000 casualties were suffered.

The Rifians, outnumbered 8 to 1, put up the most stubborn resistance. Sixteen batteries of field guns, forty bombing planes and two large cruisers have been bombarding the natives' position ever since March 1. Over 12,000 of the best forces of the Spanish were able to make little impression on the enemy.

A Peculiar "Victory."

The Spanish claim to have wiped out the Rifians it is significant that they admit finding no guns on the heights. The Spanish commander has withdrawn his forces, except a skeleton organization for garrisoning the blockhouses to be established and protecting the telephone, wireless, and signal services.

In another minor operation near Adfir 13 Spanish soldiers have been killed. The casualties occurred when an effort was made to enlarge the sector.

Butcher Clamps Down Lid.

The Spanish dictator, Primo de Rivera, has cabled his congratulations to the Moroccan army. There is a general feeling thruout the country that if any victory has been really achieved it does not amount to much. The oppressive measures of the dictatorship and the severe censor prevent any real knowledge of what is going on.

### MONTANA FARMER-LABOR PARTY WILL ENTER INTO ELECTIONS THIS FALL

PLENTYWOOD, Montana, March 10.—The Farmer-Labor Party of the state of Montana is planning to file a complete ticket in the elections this fall. Candidates will be filed for the offices of two supreme court judges, one railroad commissioner, two congressmen for the first and the second district. The election this year is on national offices only.

### 'YARDS' BARONS ARE CAUGHT IN HUGE FRAUDS

#### Trust Violates Corrupt Practices Act

Evidence of huge frauds in the Chicago stockyards in the shape of short weights, discriminations and other practices prohibited by the corrupt practices act have been uncovered by agents of the department of justice and the department of agriculture, it was announced from the office of the U. S. district attorney, Edwin Olson. The evidence is to be presented to a grand jury within a few days, it was said.

Ten confessions have been obtained and twelve indictments will be asked. The investigation, it was said, resulted from revelations made at a recent hearing involving discrimination charges against the Co-operative Chicago Producers' Association.

### Imperialist Envoys Demand Removal of Mines at Tientsin

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PEKING, March 10.—Envoys of foreign governments here, with the exception of the Soviet Union, today sent a note to the Chinese government demanding the removal of mines from the harbor of Tientsin. The note also requested that firing between the Taku fortress and attacking cruisers cease.

The signers of the note stated they would reserve the right to protect foreign shipping and the lives of their nationals unless this request was complied with immediately.

Mines Only a "Bluff," is Claim.

Laying of mines in Tientsin harbor was denied today by representatives of the nationalist forces. The "mines" it was explained, are a "bluff" to keep attacking squadrons from coming too close to the city.

The port of Tientsin is open altho foreign shipping is menaced by intermittent firing between the taken fortress and Shantung cruisers, representing the Chang Tso-lin forces.

Woman is Mayor of Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 10.—Mrs. Bertha K. Landes was elected mayor of Seattle. She is the first woman mayor of Seattle.

### DRUSE REBELS STRIKE BACK AT FRENCH ARMY; DAMASCUS THREATENED

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PARIS, March 10.—Several soldiers have been killed and a colonel of infantry seriously wounded in a major engagement of French troops with Druse tribesmen near Damascus, the war ministry announced today. The announcement reveals that Damascus is seriously menaced.

### PARALYSIS NOW GRIPS LEAGUE OF CAPITALISM

#### Secret Conferences Are the Order of the Day

GENEVA, March 10.—The league of nations deadlock is as tight as ever today. A three-hour secret conference of agents of the powers that participated in the Locarno hoax concluded with no results. It is an open secret that the Polish white guard agents of French finance capital are insistently demanding that Poland be granted a permanent seat on the council.

Austen Chamberlain, British foreign minister, whose adventurist proposals to enlarge the league in an effort to outmaneuver France, tried in vain to induce Poland to abandon the demand.

It is expected that Poland has been instructed by Briand of France to stick to its guns until he gets back from Paris. On the other hand Germany is just as insistent that she enter the council alone and that no other nations enter at this time.

Futile Gesture.

The league council is meeting in secret session this afternoon to try to find an amicable solution for the impasse that has paralyzed the conference, but only the super-optimists hold out hope for any agreement until the French agents get here to fight for their own interests.

### League Commission Criticizes French Mandate in Syria

(Special to The Daily Worker)

ROME, March 10.—The permanent mandates commission of the league of nations has finished its report upon the administration by France of her Syrian mandate after two weeks' study of the situation. Many criticisms are made of the French policy. After submission to the secretary-general of the French high commission in Syria, the report will be sent to the council of the league for action.

### Express Company Refuses to Grant Clerks' Wage Demands

An increase in wages of 11 1/2 to 12 cents an hour, demanded by the express division of the Brotherhood of Railway, Steamship and Express Clerks was refused today by a special committee on wages and working conditions of the American Railway Express company. Sixty thousand express clerks whose salaries range from \$126 to \$130 a month are affected.

Other divisions of the Brotherhood who have demands pending are expected to receive answers from the railroad companies tomorrow.

### BELLAIRE FORMS COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN-BORN; WILL HOLD A CONFERENCE ON MARCH 28

BELLAIRE, Ohio, March 10.—A Conference for Protection of Foreign-Born Workers was held at Bellaire, Ohio, with 34 delegates, representing 18 working class organizations, present.

It was decided to call another conference on March 28. A call is being sent to every workers' organization, political, fraternal or social, and every local union.

### URGE UNIONS TAKE PART IN CELEBRATION

#### C. E. C. Requests A. F. of L. to Aid Fight

The central executive committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has addressed the following communication to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor calling its attention to the preparations being made for the grand Sesqui-Centennial Celebration to be held at Philadelphia beginning July 4 and lasting for some months. The letter urges that a fight be made for the right of labor as such to participate and requests the co-operation of the A. F. of L. in trying to secure this privilege.

Concrete steps to be taken as outlined by the party's executive include the demand that all mechanical work involved in the preparations shall be done by union labor and all supplies be union made. The committee asks that a special section of the grounds be set aside where the various work-

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# POLICE ATTACK STRIKE PARADE; ARREST LEADER

## 8,000 Furriers Smash Thru Slugging Crew

By J. O. BENTALL.  
(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK CITY, March 10.—The arrest of Manager Benjamin Gold and forty-three others and the triple defeat of the police to break up the mass picket line of the Furriers' Union now in the 19th day of the strike marked the events of the morning when 5,000 determined pickets braved the hostile bosses and their hiring police officers.

The demonstration was led by Ben Gold and Aaron Gross. Scores of police and private detectives were on the job before the picket line was formed and when the strikers appeared they began to swing their clubs and threaten the strikers on every side. When the threats failed they hit the strikers on the head and knocked down scores of them, arresting Manager Gold, hoping in this way to weaken the mass and induce the pickets to disperse. When they failed in this they arrested 43 more of the pickets. But even this did not deter the strikers from the task they had set out to accomplish.

The workers were then driven into a corner near 26th street, where they were further clubbed. At this place 12 women were arrested and the rest told to get away and quit their demonstration.

Line Increases.

But instead of the line becoming smaller it grew till the streets were packed with more union men and women. Many sympathizers joined the demonstration. This was the signal for further brutal attacks by the police. More fiercely than ever the police now plunged into the mass of workers and beat down scores of pickets. But the line broke thru the police gang and marched thru the fur district, as had been planned from the beginning.

The arrest of Gold the police thought would leave the line leaderless, and the police hoped this would throw the pickets into a panic. Not a single moment was lost because of his arrest. The line forged ahead and made the job a complete success.

Filiver Squad Clubs Strikers.

When the force sent out to stop the strikers failed, cops in Florida came to reinforce them. They came with breakneck speed and ran their fists upon the sidewalks and directly at large numbers of people on the sidewalk.

The strikers did not budge. The line grew with every new attack and with every brutal assault of the motor cops. Finally the "law and order" gang were left powerless and the great mass of pickets, now over 8,000, passed on their way back, and when the line came in front of the Freiheit it stopped to cheer the paper that has helped so much to inform the Fur Workers about the conditions and helped to hold them firm in this struggle.

In court before Judge Harry Goodman 26 men and 6 women were fined \$5 each and one was given a suspended sentence. The judge lectured the strikers and told them that no rioting would be tolerated. But the attorney for the pickets declared it was the police that had rioted and not the striking fur workers.

## Color Bar Brings Fine to Prejudiced Waiter

The Chicago Avenue police court fined Wm. Burkhardt, a waiter in a restaurant at 3 West Grand Ave., \$5 and costs because of his refusal to serve Bobby Pain, a colored woman. Burkhardt told her if she insisted on eating in the restaurant she would have to go in the kitchen or take the food out.

# PARIS COMMUNE CELEBRATIONS

Chicago Workers Demonstrate. Chicago will hold a Paris Commune celebration at the Ashland Auditorium Ashland Ave. and Van Buren on Friday evening, March 19 at 8 o'clock with Bishop William Montgomery Brown, Robert Minor, editor of the New DAILY WORKER Magazine, J. W. Johnstone and others speaking. There will also be special moving pictures of the class-war prisoners' aid in Europe and America.

Cleveland to Hold Bazaar. CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 10.—Local Cleveland, International Labor Defense, will have its Paris Commune celebration at Moose Hall, 1000 Walnut Ave. on Sunday, March 21st., beginning 2 o'clock.

The bazaar begins at 2 o'clock and continues throughout the entire afternoon and evening.

Supper will be served from 5 to 6 p. m.

Paris Commune program from 6 to 7:30 o'clock consisting of one or two musical numbers, a pantomime under the direction of Comrade Sadle Amter

and speeches by Walter Trumbull and H. M. Wicks. Dancing from 7:30 to 11:30 p. m.

Bring in your articles for the Bazaar to Room 521—328 W. Superior Ave. any afternoon.

New York Celebrates. NEW YORK, March 10.—The Paris Commune celebration will take place at the Central Opera House, Friday night, March 19.

Ben Gitlow, M. J. Olgin, J. Zack, and Harry Fox will be the speakers. William W. Weinstein will be chairman of the meeting. An unusual musical program is arranged.

Minnesota Arranges Meetings. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 10.—Paris Commune dates for District No. 9.

Minneapolis, Thursday eve., Mar. 25, Labor Lyceum, 1426—6th Ave. N. St. Paul, Sunday, March 21, Commonwealth Hall, 435 Rice St. Hibbing, March 22nd. Chesholm, March 23rd. Superior-Duluth, March 21st.

# LABOR LEADERS OF N. Y. FORM A TRUST COMPANY

## A.F. of L. Leader Chums with Open Shoppers

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, March 10.—Governor Al Smith and Mayor J. J. Walker of New York head a group of 25 federal, state and city officials included in an advisory committee of more than 200 stockholders in the Federation Bank of New York, controlled by metropolitan trade unions, to assist in transforming the bank into a trust company. Other members of the committee are President William Green of the A. F. of L., Mortimer L. Schiff, banker; Senator Royal S. Copeland, Thomas Meighan, John McCormack, Charles Chaplin, Adolph Zuker, Gerard Swope of General Electric Co., Charles D. Hillis, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hugo Mayer, director of the Labor Bank of Germany, and Luis N. Morones, Secretary of Labor in Mexico.

The state department of banking has approved the bank's plan for adding trust functions. The Federation Bank & Trust Co., as it is to be known, will start with resources of \$17,000,000, according to President Peter J. Brady.

A Dangerous Venture. This latest venture in the field of class-collaboration shows the dangers of this tactic to the working class most effectively. If allowed to permeate the whole American labor movement it will destroy its fighting capacity and bind the workers to the chariot of American imperialism in a fashion most difficult to break. This is evident from a consideration in the first place, of what a trust company is, and in the second place, from the interests represented by the officials named.

A Capitalist Institution. A trust company has for its object the investment of funds, not the receipt of banking deposits to be paid out on call. When the Federation Bank is transformed into such a concern, the money of the unions and union members will be used to purchase real estate bonds, corporation stock, and income securities of one kind or other. In a short time the company will find itself in the predicament of the railway engineers' trust company which invested its funds in coal mines and then since it was in business for as much profit as possible, just like an ordinary capitalist, refused to allow the unionization of its miners because that would entail additional expense and lessen the engineers' control of the mines. Very soon it is inevitable the union trust company would be in the position of fighting the very working class it is supposed to represent.

In the second place, there are the individuals who are guiding the institution. Naturally they will direct its policies to coincide with their economic interests. From this standpoint we have the instructive spectacle of Wm. Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, lining up with Gerard Swope, of the bitterly anti-union General Electric company. Mortimer Schiff, one of the great Wall Street bankers, will help Hugo Mayer, director of the Labor Bank of Germany, tell the New York workers how to exploit their own fellow-workers more effectually. Luis D. Morones, the Gompers of Mexico, and the willing agent of every effort to dilute the militancy of Mexican labor, will talk over the matter of policy with Franklin D. Roosevelt, former republican secretary of the navy, and an avowed American imperialist at Mexico's expense.

Sense of the Humorous. It seems that the organizers must have some sense of the humorous, for they have put on the advisory committee Charles Chaplin, the motion picture comedian, and John McCormack, the Irish tenor. Altogether the whole proposition would be a roaring farce and a wonderful illustration of what not to do for the workers if it were not for the fact that it threatens to involve the whole New York City labor movement in a long-continued program of class-collaboration of the most dangerous type.

## N. Y. Auto Workers Amend New Contract

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, March 10.—Local No. 49 of the United Automobile, Aircraft and Vehicle Workers of America has rejected the offer of the association group of the New York Auto Coach Manufacturers' Association for a new three-year contract. The union members demand an agreement for but one year. Another clause in the bosses' proposition providing that the foremen shall be responsible to them was rejected in favor of the stipulation that instead they shall be accountable to the workers.

The new wage scale represents for most members of the trade an increase of from \$1 to \$3 a week.

## Waterways Conflict Reaches Final Stage

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Administration circles today predicted the defeat of New York's bid for a \$590,000,000 "all American ship canal" from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic.

President Coolidge and Secretary Hoover are said to favor the St. Lawrence-to-the-sea project now under survey and army engineers are sure that both waterways cannot be started in the near future under present budget limitations.

Final hearings on the appeal will be held next Monday, but Congressmen from the northwest and middle west representing the 21 states which endorse the St. Lawrence project are aligning themselves for an onslaught on the New York proposal, which they believe will definitely kill it.

# Detroit Auto Czars Open Attack on Foreign-Born To Shield Their Profits

By J. LOUIS ENGDHAL.

THE extremes to which The Chicago Tribune, in common with the whole herd of kept newspapers, is willing to go in seeking to blacken foreign-born workers and create prejudice against them is again revealed in a news item, this time from Detroit, Mich., under the headline, "State Troopers Take Charge of Alien Center; Hamtramck Is Again in Troubled Time."

It is the Tribune that is foremost in Chicago in seeking to charge every crime of the underworld, especially the shootings incidental to the profitable business of bootlegging, to the alien population. Therefore, its latest propaganda from Michigan must needs also carry this viewpoint.

Hamtramck, Mich., is a municipality in itself, nestling in the midst of Detroit. It is the home of automobile workers. It is, in some respects, a duplicate of Highland Park, the seat of power of the Ford dynasty in the automobile industry.

In 1910 Hamtramck had a population of only 3,559. This had grown to 48,615 by 1920, more than 12 times as great. It outstripped the population growth even of Highland Park, that made a showing of 4,120 in 1910, compared to 46,499 in 1920.

This is a reflection of the tremendous growth of Detroit itself, that practically doubled in 10 years. Detroit stood below the half million mark at 465,766 in 1910, but showed a population of 993,739 in 1920. Including Hamtramck and Highland Park, the population of this tremendous industrial center actually leaped the million mark to 1,088,853.

It was inevitable, of course, that such a huge growth in population should bring with it tremendous problems. The capitalist municipal government of Detroit solves these questions in the usual capitalist way.

There has been a tremendous influx of Negro workers into Detroit, for instance. Instead of protecting these Negro workers in their rights, the whole power of the city government was used against them. When mobs attacked the home of the Negro doctor, Ossian H. Sweet, resulting in one death, the police arrested Dr. Sweet and 10 other Negroes who were subsequently placed on trial for their lives. None of the whites in the mob was arrested or placed on trial. In fact, it was claimed that the police functioned as members of the mob.

It was shown in a school canvass taken in December, 1920, that 4.5 per cent were children of native-born Negro parents; 50.5 per cent of native born white parents, while 45 per cent were children of foreign-born parents. Children of Polish parents were most numerous with those of Russian parents, second.

Seventy per cent of the whole population of Detroit is foreign-born or the children of foreign-born parents.

There must be something wrong with capitalism's machinery of oppression when its press begins attacking this 70 per cent of the population. The shooting of Patrolman Charles Budds by Acting Chief of Police William Marquardt is not the cause but the excuse for this attack. Marquardt is said to be a protegee of the city's mayor, brought in from Gary, Ind., where the police are adepts at terrorizing the foreign-born in the steel mills. When politicians and gangsters begin shooting it out among themselves, the capitalist press is compelled to purposely pervert the truth in order to put the odium of blame on the whole population.

The fact is that the hundreds of thousands of workers in the great auto plants, including the Ford slave pens, are beginning to stir. The demand for organization and struggle is rife among them. They have seen the parasite stockholders pocket increasingly huge dividends. They demand wage increases instead of wage cuts.

It is in this crisis that the attack on the foreign-born becomes the major weapon of the employers in Detroit, where the most vicious "red raids" were conducted against labor in 1920.

Detroit labor will be warned in advance. The workers will stand together: Negro and white, foreign and native born—Polish, Russian, American. The attacks of the kept sheets, inspired by their capitalist owners, must solidify, not divide, the working class.

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openly fight the government then it appears doomed to defeat again.

Swing to the Right. The Briand government leans too far to the right to please the chamber bourgeois majority, but for the sake of securing the passage of a budget it may withhold its opposition.

Briand has chosen three men to evolve a financial project, in Raoul Peret, finance minister, Louis Malvy, minister of the interior, and Lucien Lamoureux, minister of education. Malvy was president of the finance commission of the chamber and Lamoureux was reporter of the commission.

Briand has taken on a task which he knows will be difficult, if not hopeless. He knows that his future course must be one of veering and tacking. He must steer from the right to the left and vice versa, always being cautious never to get too far to either side or the other of the course in order to hold together the hybrid government.

The opposition press today freely predicts that eventually this ministry will meet the same fate as its predecessor.

## American Debt Looms

PARIS, March 10.—The problem of France's debts to the United States and Great Britain will be taken up at the earliest possible moment, Raoul Peret, newly appointed minister of

# KING STIRS UP MEXICO CRISIS BY RESOLUTION

## Condemns Department of Justice for Acts

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The "more drastic" resolution of inquiry into the Mexican situation threatened by Senator King (R. of Utah) was introduced into the senate today in the form of two proposals, one to investigate immigration conditions along the Mexican border and the other, asking for a full and comprehensive report from Secretary Kellogg of all correspondence, etc., from the year 1910.

The latter resolution especially calls for the text of all protests "respecting outrages and damages suffered by American citizens in Mexico" and of all protests "against crimes, outrages, and spoiliations perpetrated against American citizens and property in Mexico." Correspondence over payments on claims arising from such incidents is also demanded.

"Illegal" Deportations. King castigated the department of justice and the immigration department for what he termed the "illegal" deportation of political refugees from Mexico. He particularly referred to the case of Manuel Dimitrio Torres, returned secretly by the American immigration authorities with the knowledge that he would be executed on his arrival in Mexico.

The "so-called" Mexican constitution of 1917 particularly aroused the senator's wrath. Since the 1920 report of the senatorial investigation into the relationships between the two countries King declares numerous seizures and confiscations of American property have occurred.

Petty Bourgeois Representative. Senator King in his attitude on the Mexican crisis represents the standpoint of the small business interests which want Mexico safe for their investments and trade but do not want the expenses and dangers incident to armed intervention. His resolutions, of course, merely add fuel to an already serious situation.

## Steam Shovel Bucket Kills Two Workmen

Two workers were crushed to death when a one-ton bucket of a steam shovel that was being repaired at the plant of the Federal Furnace Company, East 108th St. and the Calumet River, fell on them.

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France's Emergency Cabinet

Aristide Briand, deposed as premier last Saturday after losing a vote of confidence in the French chamber of deputies, has, for the ninth time in his career, organized a new cabinet.

The new cabinet has as its finance minister Raoul Peret, an unknown quantity, succeeding Paul Doumer, who, like his predecessors, failed to solve the financial problem.

The internal situation in France will force Briand to consent to any form of patchwork in the league in order to bridge over the acute crisis.

Efforts further to beat down the standard of living of the workers by heavy taxation will increase the bitter resentment against the imperialist colonial wars in Syria and Morocco.

No cabinet can last for long in this milieu. The confused economic condition has its reflex in French political life.

Capitalist Antagonisms Aid Russia

Not the least important factor enabling the Soviet Union to survive in a world of capitalist brigands is the irreconcilable conflict between the two great imperialist powers, the United States and England.

Inexorable economic forces compel these two nations to struggle for supremacy in every part of the world.

A contract signed in Paris the other day provides that the Vacuum Oil company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil, shall become the selling agent for Soviet kerosene abroad.

In this instance, as in a number of others, in the great three-cornered fight between Soviet Russia, England and the United States, we find the United States and Russia following identical policies that are a challenge to the interests of England.

When Standard Oil finds it necessary to deal with Bolshevik Russia to gain advantages over its competitors in Britain the stupid moral pretenses of Kellogg, Hoover and the rest of the Mellon-Coolidge spoils politicians fall flat.

Not Confined to Passaic

The New York City yellow tabloid sheets make much of the ferocity of the police thugs of Passaic, Clifton and other points in the New Jersey strike zone.

Hearst's Mirror, MacFadden's Graphic, and the Chicago Tribune's New York tabloid called the News carry scare heads about the Passaic mill strike, in an effort to increase their circulations.

When, the other day, on 27th street between 6th and 7th avenues, police thugs assaulted and frightfully beat some of the eight thousand fur strikers, there were no pictures on the front pages of these magazines.

Assaulted by police thugs, held prisoners in hallways for hours, afterward arraigned in the Jefferson street kangaroo court and fined for daring to picket the scab shops in New York, these workers were defended only by the working class, the Communist press.

Passaic strikers should note this and remember that even tho, for reasons of its own, the reptile press gives them favorable publicity today, tomorrow it will stab them in the back.

The "Failure" of the Mexican Claims Commission

By MANUEL GOMEZ, Secretary All-America Anti-Imperialist League.

By subtle trickery and distortion of news, thru the complete domination of Wall Street and Washington over all the avenues of publicity, one of the most flagrant acts in the recent history of American foreign policy has been allowed to go unmarked.

The commission consisted of the Mexican and U. S. representatives and a neutral chairman, Dr. Rodrigo Octavio of Brazil. It was created to settle the question of responsibility for the murder of fifteen American mining engineers by the followers of the notorious "Pancho Villa some years ago, during the regime of Carranza.

Last Saturday's newspapers came out with a mysterious report that the special claims commission had "failed," that it had "broken down."

The truth about the "failure" did not appear in a single headline. Not an editorial writer referred to it. It was buried away in an obscure paragraph at the tail end of the Associated Press dispatch.

Dr. Rodrigo Octavio, of Brazil, the neutral member of the commission, upheld the Mexican contention with the result that the body decided to disband after a violent controversy. Octavio has left for Havana and Judge Earnest D. Perry, the American member, is on his way home to report to President Coolidge.

One does not have to go deeply into the merits of the case itself. Anyone who has been following Mexican events at all closely knows that Villa was a common bandit at the time of the murders, and that, moreover, he was receiving arms and supplies from the United States in order

that he might make as much trouble for Carranza as possible. The important thing is that a special claims commission has met and rendered a decision, and that the United States government refuses to abide by that decision.

By its deliberately provocative action in the special claims case, the U. S. government has taken a stand which belies all its pretenses that it is striving to reach an amicable solution of the U. S.-Mexican crisis, that the U. S. state department is patient and reasonable but that Mexico insists upon trouble.

There is reason why such great care was used to distort the story in the reports of the capitalist press. Wall Street and Washington are moving toward a definite break with Mexico over the anti-imperialist oil and land laws which that country has adopted as a measure of self-preservation.

No one can deny that the episode of the claims commission epitomizes a new strain on U. S.-Mexican relations. But it also constitutes a very severe strain upon the credulity of the American workers.

Breaking the Chains of American Imperialism



The work of a noted Mexican artist, used now as a symbol of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League in its organ, El Libertador, issued in Mexico City.

Slavery in Chicago Post Office

By "OBSCURUS."

There is probably nowhere in this happy hunting ground for capitalism known as the United States of America where workers are more systematically and scientifically exploited than in the gloomy, bastille-like building in Dearborn and Adams streets in the city of Chicago.

In order to become a clerk here an incredible ordeal must be undergone. The sheep are separated from the goats in a long-drawn-out mental examination; a test that is ludicrously out of proportion to the mental requirements of a prospective clerkship.

Unless a clerk is working on weight he dare not speak to his co-worker. Under this system, he is expected to handle certain weight of mail per hour or take his money and "get."

The "observer" watches a group from a hidden position and grades them according to the one who is going at the highest speed, and the paymaster is, in all probability, waiting to accommodate the ones who appear to be conserving their energies.

Strike! No indeed. We are a disciplined force. Furthermore, a clause in our by-laws specifies such an American and sordid procedure as being the method of common overrated trash.

Going to the slimy politicians with their hats in their hands and tears in their eyes not only is their method but accounts for their plight.

Going to work or to lunch the clock is punched; returning involves the same procedure. In addition working numbers are checked going and coming from work. This does not include numerous checks-ups at work to determine if anyone is paying an arbitrary visit to the wash room.

The only humorous angle is the so-called pension arrangement. This is, of course, but deferred pay, pure and simple; although it is looked upon favorably by those who can't detect the ruse.

Wrecking and physically devastating. Ventilation is antiquated and the lighting arrangement coupled with the strain very soon develops impaired vision.

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NOTES OF AN INTERNATIONALIST. 'The Will to Action' and 'The Will to Poverty'

By JOHN PEPPER.

THE organ of the German basic industry, Bergwerkszeitung, headlines its programme article: "The Will to Action"—meaning thereby the will for the erection of the open dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

One of the most important features of the entire German situation is this constantly strengthening tendency towards the establishment of the bourgeoisie's confessed rule by force.

Our plans are made up: we know that a break is coming soon anyway. Why should we let an impartial commission decide our right to collect damages when we shall soon be in a position to collect them by forcible means?

THE attitude of the U. S. representative on the special claims commission have only that meaning. "A new strain has been thrown on the already none too firm tie that unites diplomatically the United States and Mexico," editorializes the Chicago Tribune.

INDICATIONS are multiplying that the bourgeoisie are seeking to force the Social Democracy into the coalition government, that they are ever more frequently threatening that unless the bourgeois-Social Democratic coalition is effected they will destroy all remnants of parliamentarism.

The clerical "Germania" declares that now "parliamentarism's decisive hour" has struck, and that the present parliamentary combination will forfeit its right to existence if, in the present critical situation, it shows itself incapable of serving the interests of the people.

Even the otherwise so strictly republican "Berliner Tageblatt" terrorizes that "a renewed refusal of the Social Democracy would mean in fact a severe blow for German parliamentarism and, after everything that has gone before, it would represent the final attempt of the new government to form a parliamentary regime."

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THE rapid introduction of machinery into the mines in Illinois, and its effect on the miners' employment, is something that must receive the immediate attention of the workers.

The New Orient Mine No. 2 is one of the largest in the state, and is continuously breaking its own hoisting record. Last week it hoisted 13,000 tons in eight hours.

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ELECTRIC POWER NOT FERTILIZER, GOAL OF TRUST

Senator Explodes Yarn of "Aid to Farmers"

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Waterpower is no longer an economical means of production of farm fertilizer.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," provided you know how to use it. Come down and learn how in the worker correspondent's classes.