

PERU FIGHTS WALL STREET RULE

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

SAMUEL GOMPERS has again de-
ceived 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 no-
torious 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 character-
izes him, was so crooked that he
could not even die straight.

GOMPERS will at least have the
satisfaction of reading the Work-
ers 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 tena-
cious 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 be-
lieve 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 that
the German nationalists and not
the German Communists are about
to form a cabinet. A Communist cabi-
net would see the agents of the Amer-
ican bankers who are now the re-
ceivers of Germany, beating it for the
border. It would mean that a Ger-
man Soviet republic would be set up
and the war equipment of the bour-
geoisie 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 pres-
tige and get out from under the Dawes
plan. They have the ambition to re-
establish Germany as a great com-
mercial and military power. Natu-
rally this prospect does not appeal to
the French and the British. But Eng-
land 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 pow-
ers, 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 reliabil-
ity it would appear that Feng has
failed to carry out the instructions
of the capitalist powers and is ac-
tually 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
bibles!

NOW that Calvin Coolidge is safely
elected and after that gentleman
saved the taxpayers of the nation
\$1.98 more or less on his trip to the
stockyards, the time is propitious for
slipping thru a bill calling for the con-
struction of a big naval program to
the tune of \$140,000,000. We did not
notice that Senator Borah who so vig-
orously 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 employes
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 "pa-
triot," tho before he was a profes-
sional patriot his record was not so
good. Thru his relations with Hard-
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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.

THE ANGEL FALLS



"DEMOCRATIC pacifism," like
Icarus in Greek mythology,
makes himself wings and seeks to
fly as the gods. But as he ap-
proaches the sun, the heat of its
rays melts the wax with which he
had attached the wings, and the
wax 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" gov-
ernment, the LaFollette "progres-
sive" movement in America, and the
Dawes plan throwing its criminally
hypocritical pretense of "democratic
reconstruction" over Central Eu-
rope. But the creation of the "demo-
cratic pacifist" illusion is but a
maneuver of capitalist imperialism
which needs and receives the help

of the "socialist" parties to lift capi-
talism over a dangerous period. The
work is done. With the aid of the
"democratic pacifist" illusion, the
plans of the imperialists are ad-
vanced, the criminal 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 reac-
tionary 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 execu-
tive committee want to put over an-
other three-year contract, to which
the membership objects on the fur-
ther ground that it contains propos-
als 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 eve-
ning without extra pay. Why the
union should propose such a thing to
the bosses is something the mem-
bership 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 agree-
ment is something that needs explana-
tion.

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 fre-
quently by the official hecklers, espe-
cially Joe Lander, who was as success-
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FARM HAND KILLED WHEN POLICE FIRE ON MILK STRIKERS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 12.—Rich-
ard 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 Clendenning, who
fired into the line of defenseless
pickets, have been released on
bonds. The grand jury has been
called to "consider indictments."

Saunders was shot thru the ab-
domen and Charles Carlson was also
wounded. Carlson was beaten over
the head with the butt of a revolver
wielded by one of the policemen.
Nestor has been identified by by-
standers as the slayer of Saunders.
Clendenning was seen beating Carl-
son over the head with his revolver.

JOBLESS MEET RAISES SLOGAN 'WORK OR PAY!'

Another Meeting Sun- day Afternoon

The meeting of the Chicago unem-
ployment 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 unem-
ployed, 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 un-
employed was discussed and the
slogan adopted of "Work or Compensa-
tion."

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

Secure The Daily Worker for 1925

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 strik-
ers, 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 thous-
andths 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 tackling another
one the brain may be "rested" enou-
gh to again resume the almost super-
human strain. Under this strain
many of the girl assemblers have
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 ma-
chinery used to grind out a maxi-
mum of profits for the coupon clipping
capitalists. When the bankers, Kid-
der-Peabody and their group took con-
trol of the plant they were not content
with the profits earned in the past.
New piece work systems were intro-
duced and the already speeded-up
workers were forced to slave under.
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Rodriguez Fails to Escape.

MADRID.—Jose Rodriguez, revolu-
tionist, attempted to escape from
prison today. He climbed the wall of
the hospital at the prison Carcel Mo-
dejo, 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 Machi-
nist 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 confer-
ence for progressive political
action, the organization which
first endorsed the independent
presidential candidacy of Sen-
ator 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 back-
ing of the workers and farmers of the
country for concerted political action
in future national and state elections.

If the wishes of the leaders pre-
vail, 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 main-
tained and strengthened. The com-
mittee can do no more than recom-
mend. The final decision must be left
to a new convention of the progres-
sive 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 move-
ment. 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 candi-
dates 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 organ-
izing the LaFollette campaign. They
would concentrate on a few of the
more important offices, contesting
only against those candidates, regard-
less of party, whom they regarded as
"reactionary." Then when they had
gained sufficient strength, indicated
thru the election of candidates to of-
fice, they would branch out in polit-
ical 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 them-
selves will demand soon a political
realignment and that this should be
encouraged by maintaining a perma-
nent 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 La-
bor, moved to postpone indefinitely
issuance of a call for a national con-
vention.

Under a mandate from the conven-
tion last July, one of the committee's
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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 sen-
tenced 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 under-
go 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 Amer-
ican 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 Amer-
ican border in order to reach a
lower altitude on account of weak-
ness 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 alti-
tudes, General Gomez, the com-
mander of the northern army of
Mexico, announced at the telegraph
office in Mexico City that he had re-
ceived a wire from San Nicholas, a
small station in the mountains, that
Gompers was dead.

Upon arrival at Laredo this morn-
ing, a bulletin was issued by phy-
sicians saying that Gompers' tem-
perature, 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 agree-
ment which was reached by
union leaders and representa-
tives of the company in a confer-
ence here, according to re-
ports.

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 de-
cided, 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 strik-
ers, in a statement declared, "I don't
want the public to get the idea that
I am engineering this strike. I am sim-
ply 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 over-
whelming."

"We are making no threat as to
what we will do if the company at-
tempts 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 re-
vealed, 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 newspa-
pers here today, stated the Albanian
uprising was gaining strength and the
new tribes were joining the move-
ment. Government troops reported
the home of the mayor of Scutari, Al-
bania destroyed by them.

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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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
Anibae 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 govern-
ment 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 re-
sentful, especially the great group of
Peruvian Indians who are, contrary
to the North American conception,
largely peaceful, industrious and
home-building workers on great plan-
tations. They do not want insane
wars between Peru and Chile or any
other nation, and stirred by the Com-
munist call to arms against imperi-
alism which aims to divide, embroil and
weaken the southern countries, they
are opening a struggle against their
own government which sells their na-
tion into the hands of Yankee imperi-
alists.

From the northern part of Peru, it
is said the guerrilla bands are at-
tacking 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 representa-
tive of this organization attended the
recent Third Congress of the Red In-
ternational of Labor Unions at Mos-
cow this year and also was present
there during the sessions of the Fifth
Congress of the Communist Internation-
al.

This Indian organization has now
officially declared its adherence to the
Communist movement, and it is ex-
pected to participate in the revolt
which may dislodge the Leguia gov-
ernment 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 state-
ment today of Commissar Siamashke
of the Soviet bureau of public health.

Trotsky's illness, said to have been
a complication of lagrippe, was com-
plicated 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 ba-
sis Britain funded its war debts to the
U. S. discharges from Warsaw said
today. Poland is the first country to
make a settlement with England.

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."

Capitalist Solon Crazy. TOKIO, Dec. 12.—Baron Shimpel 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 Teruchi cabinet. He is an ex-president of the Japanese imperial railways. Goto is 65 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. P. A. Meeting at Washington

(Continued from page 1) 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. Johnston, 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 Poynts, 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

(Continued from page 1) 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 shut 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 Kuf, 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 boyeman 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

(Continued from page 1) 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, power and real 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 international, how many internationals 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 Yellowes of Amsterdam. Towards Amsterdam the false and hypocritical revolutionary leaders direct themselves—such a Gompers, Ebert, MacDonald, and all their followers of the American continent, 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 bind 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 ENGDAHL.

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 penciling 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, though its 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 LaFollette, 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. struggle for the better defense of its common interests, it will dedicate all its efforts possible to the construction of a national economic peasants' organization which will fight against organized international capital. 2. To affiliate with the peasants' international at Moscow which stand for the abolition of capitalism. 3. The peasants' international at Moscow, being the only organization which satisfies the aspirations of the field proletariat, this congress will work for the most prompt adhesion to that body. Land and Liberty . . . Jalapa, Vera Cruz, Dec., 1924. North Side Branch Meets. Very important business is to be transacted at the next meeting of the North Side English Branch of the Workers Party, Monday, Dec. 15, at 2409 North Halsted St. This is final meeting of the year, and William Kuperman, secretary, urges all members to be present and pay their dues so as to straighten up the books for the year. Subscribe for "Your Daily," the DAILY WORKER.

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 scanda 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 113 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 58 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. FOR CHICAGO ONLY! On all matters pertaining to the DAILY WORKER, and all party literature address all communications to THURBER LEWIS, Daily Worker City Agent, Room 307, 166 W. Washington Blvd.

CAL WAS SILENT BUT HIS DOUGH WAS ELOQUENT

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. Only fragments of information have been divulged in the two volumes of typewritten reports sent to the senate committee which was directed to investigate the financing of the presidential contest. But from the bits of confession which may be pieced together in those pages is told a story of suppression of criticism, of financing of influential persons in "traveling expenses," and of payment to Negro papers and foreign language papers for "goodwill advertising."

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. McSweeney was known as one of the most persistent and derisive critics of the old guard at the capital. Yet the record shows that on Sept. 12 he drew \$400 "salary and expenses," and that on Sept. 29 he drew another \$400; on Oct. 6 a check for \$400 was issued to "Mrs. Angus McSweeney, chairman;" on Oct. 20 two checks for \$400 each were issued to Angus McSweeney, and Oct. 25 three checks of \$400, \$500 and \$500 respectively. Two days later came another check for \$500. Men familiar with the republican headquarters situation at Chicago stated that McSweeney was supposed to be on the payroll for \$400 a week for 16 weeks, during which time he was, to all outward appearance, acting merely as the correspondent of his paper. His articles in the North American were strongly pro-Coolidge.

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. He is still on the payroll as advisor or assistant in getting out their weekly news sheet. In the Chicago office was an advisory committee of newspaper correspondents—Armstrong of the Los Angeles Times, Akerson of the Minneapolis Tribune and Harry Brown of the Anacosta Standard. They received traveling expenses from the national committee. Back in Washington were a number of "key" correspondents who received orders to prepare series of articles on various topics, at generous rates of pay—and who discovered that the committee did not publish much of this costly product. Harold Lord Varney—Stool. 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. The committee urged all branches to give not only formal compliance into effect. The D. E. C. agrees that the campaign to make the DAILY WORKER a stronger and bigger paper next year, is the most important task before the party at the moment.

Not only did the district executive committee endorse the campaign, but the individual members of the D. E. C. subscribed \$95.00 as their personal contribution to the drive to insure the DAILY WORKER for 1925.

\$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. J. R. Howard, former president of the American farm bureau federation, and Rev. Joseph Medina, got large weekly installments.

Raymond Robins got \$1,500 for traveling expenses, and Dan G. Smith, J. P. McArdie, Jos. Ryan, and Thos. B. Healy of the "labor" brigade dipped deep in the trough. They had a modest rival in Harold Lord Varney, former conspicuous I. W. W. and in T. V. O'Connor and Daniel J. Keefe. The international association of railway supervisors of mechanics got three payments, and the Illinois Labor News and the Pittsburgh Labor World marketed some goods.

The Temperance Man.

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. The Polish women's alliance, the Omaha Daily Tribune with its German editions, "Bishop A. J. Carey" and Conrad Matson, president of the Finnish temperance league, Virginia, Minn. took their turn at the pay window with Martin B. Madden, Sen. Willis Sen. Sterling, Gov. Harding of Iowa and Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson. Even Heber Votaw, brother-in-law of the late President Harding, and federal superintendent of prisons, got \$300 for "traveling expenses."

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. Chairman Albert Johnson is sponsor for the measure, which is a compromise of half a dozen introduced by various members. Among other things, the new measure removes the 5-year limitation upon the right of the immigration bureau to deport an alien who has been convicted of a crime. The committee is trying to provide for deportation of all aliens engaged in traffic in narcotic drugs, as well as those engaged in prostitution, but the language of the present draft of the bill also permits the secretary of labor to deport any alien who shall have been convicted of any crime, after the passage of this measure, for which he is sentenced to imprisonment for one year or more.

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?"

And so here we have the latest perversion of Marxism, imperialism acting as a torch bearer of socialism. The Wall street robbers bringing socialism to Germany in the form of gold and bayonets.

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.

In the election campaign, Berger substituted the issue of class struggle by an issue of "Honesty." It seems to be the case of a thief raising the cry "catch the thief."

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. And yet his erstwhile friends are now silent on the question. Vainly does Berger plead for some action and looks longingly into the eyes of his new affinity.

LaFollette maintains a cruel silence and Berger is up against it, realizing that his scalp is lost if he does not enter into some kind of an alliance in the coming elections.

Nobody Cares For Berger.

The socialist party today is demoralized and politically dead with its leaders waiting for the first opportunity to desert their party and to perfect any kind of an alliance. The farmer-labor party having been destroyed by the LaFollette swoop, there remains only one group with which the S. P. party can unite and that is the left wing of the republican party represented by the christian gentleman Cummings, who, in his christian spirit of tolerance is willing to unite even with the socialist sinners, following the biblical tradition that only the people without sin can throw the first stone. It is apparent that even this alliance if perfected, will be very weak and will not be able to withstand the attack of the all-powerful Governor Blaine, who has the endorsement of LaFollette.

The 5,000,000 Votes Myth.

The socialists make a proud boast that the 5,000,000 votes cast for LaFollette are essentially socialist or sympathetic to the socialist party. It is natural for the servant to have a pride for the achievement of his master. Especially if this happens to be Berger, the humble servant and "handkerchief head" of the progressive movement, however, their idle claim is shattered when one examines the results of the Wisconsin campaign. Of the 350,000 votes cast for LaFollette in the state of Wisconsin, the S. P. received only 45,000. A very small percentage indeed and coming mostly from Milwaukee. And with Wisconsin making such a poor showing, surely it is a height of arrogance to make a claim of 5,000,000 for the socialist party.

S. P. Wreck on Sale.

The leaders of the socialist party having led the organization on the rocks are now ready to desert the party and perfect any kind of unholy alliance. The latest flirtation of Mayor Hoan with LaFollette indicates that they are willing to go the full way, not even stopping before the alliance with the republican party machine. There is no difference today between the republican Governor Blaine and the "socialist" Congressman Berger. There is no depth of betrayal to which the socialist party will not stoop, and its treason is only limited by lack of desire on the part of any group to accept and pay for its prostituted services.

The party of the Second International helping to fasten the yoke of imperialism upon the German people is making an unholy alliance with parties of imperialism in this country. The banner of revolutionary class struggle is raised by the Workers' Communist Party.

Scientists Study Jimson Weed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Standardized superman and maybe even standardized robots instead of ordinary variable humans are quite conceivable says Albert F. Blasleskie 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.

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. Friends have now paid a portion of the fine and Hickey has returned to his home.

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 Le 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 ruin him. There is a big miners' strike going on 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. Both were ex-service men. Both had been forced to work in the cotton mills since early childhood. Both were uneducated and without friends or money.

They died realizing that Clarence Darrow had spoken truly when he said, "No murderer need die if he has the money to hire a good lawyer."

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 Marce' 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.

Oposes Judges' Salary Grab.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 12.—A 30 percent wage boost for Milwaukee's civil judges got a unanimous turnout 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 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." A cigarmaker delegate said those judges would have a hard time making \$5,000 a year in private law practice. The pay boost dropped with a dull thud.

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 a "navy for the United States equal to any in the world," and "an army capable of quick expansion."

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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. The Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party considers this attempt by Comrade Trotsky extremely harmful to the Russian Party and to the Comintern. We again express our solidarity with the Central Committee of the Russian Communist Party and expect the entire Comintern to stand behind the old Bolshevik guard in its valiant leadership to ward the final victory of the working class.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman.
C. E. RUTENBERG, Executive Secretary.

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. He has occupied space and position in the metropolitan dailies given usually only to presidents and plutocrats. Seven column headlines have been handed out freely to the man upon whom the Morgan-Rockefeller clique depended to play the same role in Mexico that Dawes played in Germany.

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. On the contrary, there was a note of gladness and relief in the most dispassionate utterances of the capitalist press on the death of Lenin while the most rabid sheets went into ecstasies over the blow the world's working class had received.

Says the Chicago Daily News:

The importance attached to the outcome of Mr. Gompers' illness is due to the fact that his combination with Secretary Morones and with other Mexican labor leaders was expected to greatly assist President Calles in solving the government's labor problems.

What the solution of the (Mexican) government's labor problems has been told in the columns of the DAILY WORKER by our special correspondent. That solution was the delivery of the Mexican labor movement to the Wall Street bondholders.

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. The Yankee imperialists must bring their hell-belching armadas beyond the prowess of the British fleet. Their world interests now demand a world fleet.

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. At best these "progressives" are only fig leaves for the imperialist ruling class. The struggle against American imperialism, Yankee militarism and navalism is not a matter of talk any more. It is a vital struggle that all workers must prepare to participate in most effectively and at all costs.

Debts and Danger

The parlous days when the horried 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. It seems then that the next step lies with the United States.

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 erst-while 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 we 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 him self 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 Workers (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 mill has 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 "moonlite 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 Bittelman, 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. Tho 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 thoroly 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. E. 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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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 rainbow. 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 that he had produced a symphony which, while not actually using the melodies of Negro folk lore 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. If 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.

Bouliat 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 effectionate, 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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