

ROOSEVELT GUILTY AS DENBY

225,000 Workers Defy McDonald Regime

DOCK STRIKE SHUTS EVERY BRITISH PORT

225,000 Workers Quit Jobs, Want 50 Cent Raise

(Special to The Daily Worker)
LONDON, Feb. 19.—Premier Ramsay MacDonald's reply to a question concerning the attitude of the government to the dockers' strike that has closed the ports of Great Britain is taken here to mean that the Labor Party government is no more sympathetic towards the strike weapon than governments that have preceded it.

Amid hearty cheers from the opposition benches the premier stated:

"The government will not fail to take such steps as are required to secure the transport necessary, and has already set up the nucleus of an organization. May I add an expression of hope that nothing be said or asked here to make difficult the only thing that really matters—a settlement of the dispute."

The skyrocket ascent of food prices has also brought action from the government in the form of an official cabinet communication which says:

"The cabinet has had information from various parts of the country that meat and other prices are being raised from 33 1-3 to 50 per cent. There is no reason for this increase except the power of profiteers to extract from the public unjust prices. The cabinet hopes this notice will have the effect of stopping these increases, but in the meantime it has asked that law officers consider the powers of the government in this matter and draft such emergency measures as may be necessary to prevent exploitation of the consumers owing to the present strike."

Despite this threat prices continue to rise and the Meat Traders Association has announced that "the retailers are compelled to charge the public more owing to the increase in wholesale prices."

Full force of the strike began to be felt today. Hundreds of ships from all quarters of the earth docked and lay idle, facing the prospects of seeing cargoes rot in their holds, unless the strike is settled. Outbound ships were unable to load cargoes and take on coal.

Labor Minister Shaw and his committee were to meet again today to consider the situation.

The stevedoring companies are recruiting blacklegs for the docks which the strikers are picketing. It is an almost foregone conclusion that the attempt to move cargo will result in violence as the population of the seaport cities is overwhelmingly in favor of the strike.

The government, nevertheless, is completing its preparations for co-operation with the stevedoring companies.

The tieup of shipping is complete and only about fifty per cent of the warehousemen's union reported for work yesterday. Their officers stated that a strike will be called Wednesday.

Reports from many ports are to the effect that the strike is growing and that workers in all trades are quitting in large numbers in support of the dockers. In Liverpool the tugboat men have struck.

It is estimated that more than 225,000 men are already on strike.

The dockworkers in Belfast are still at work but have refused to handle any freight for Great Britain and shippers in the other Irish ports have been compelled to refuse to accept consignments for British destinations.

Strike Extends to Ulster.

BELFAST, Feb. 19.—The Ulster dock workers received orders today not to handle any more cargoes arriving from Great Britain, where the dockers are on strike.

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MEXICAN TEXTILE WORKERS DECIDE TO TAKE INDUSTRY

Give Bosses 20 Days to Yield Demands

(Special to The Daily Worker)
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19.—Mexican textile workers have resolved to seize the textile industry of this country within 20 days if their demands are not met by the present owners.

This revolutionary program was decided upon by representatives of the textile workers in convention here, when the owners continued to refuse to obey the Mexican labor statute requiring three months' notice before the discharge of an employee.

Committee Works Out Plans.
Plans for occupation and management of the factories are being worked out by a committee appointed by the union.

Complaint is made by the union men and women that the Mexican government fails to enforce the labor law. Other unions having headquarters here are considering action similar to that of the textile workers. Labor has supported Obregon against de la Huerta and demands that its just demands be supported by the government.

Recently the Tampico street railway strikers took over the operation of municipal transportation without consulting their employers. The Tampico traction system is British owned.

Mayas Win Battle.

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Feb. 19.—Maya Indians, fighting on Obregon's side, are responsible for President Obregon's victory over the Fascist forces in western Mexico. The Mayas braved heavy machine gun fire in laying a pontoon bridge across the Lerma River, which enabled the troops to make a triumphant attack.

Obregon's entrance into Guadalajara was greeted with cheers by the people, who have found the de la Huerta forces particularly tyrannical.

Ladies' Garment Workers Renting Halls for Strike

The strike committee of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union is busy renting halls and making final arrangements to call the strike of 10,000 dress makers and cloak makers which has been decided on. The strike committee has not made the date of the strike public yet, but from the preparations being made it will probably be called some time this week.

While awaiting the strike order the rank and file members of the union are demanding that the union take back the members who were expelled for opposing the official bureaucrats of the union. They demand that the expelled members be brought back before any strike order is issued because the expelled workers were in the past the hardest fighters for the union and can be depended on to put spirit into the rank and file.

The strike committee is meeting every night at the union headquarters. So far there has been no statement from the union officials on the question of asking the expelled members of the union to return.

Plan to Use Radio to Establish Contact of Schools with Public

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Radio to establish contact between the public and the public school system was introduced for the first time yesterday by William L. Ettinger, superintendent of schools. A broadcasting program included intimate bits of school policy and the work and aims of the pupils themselves.

"It is the woman in the house and the man in the street," said Ettinger, "who determine our fundamental educational policies. We believe that these radio lectures and entertainments will communicate innumerable more to the parents of the actual school situation than any method devised in the past."

BELGRADE, Feb. 19.—Parliament today ratified the Italo-Yugo Slav treaties, re-establishing an accord on disputed points between the two countries and settling the long drawn out problem of the status of Fiume.

100 PER CENTERS CLAMORING FOR JOB DENBY HAD

Nice Long List for Coolidge's Consideration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19th.—If President Coolidge takes the advice of "insiders" in the navy department, he will appoint an "iron man" to succeed Edwin Denby as Secretary of the Navy.

A man who will brutally wield a big stick inside the department and take effective measures to check a waning morale is the crying need of the navy today, these well-informed persons declare.

An enormous number of deserters, steady resignation of officers and an unprecedented run of disasters—at La Honda, Cal., where seven destroyers were lost; at Vera Cruz, where the Tacoma was wrecked and minor accidents elsewhere—are the fruits of conditions within the navy that require harsh measures for a cure, navy men say.

Discussion today of a successor to Denby brought out several names.

President Coolidge has blasted the hopes of some with an unofficial announcement from the White House that no naval officer will be named and nobody from Michigan.

This apparently eliminated Charles B. Warren of Detroit, who was at first believed to have the "inside track" for the position. Warren is now mentioned for Attorney General Daugherty's job should Daugherty quit.

Claim Sun Yat Sen for Soviet China, Just Like Russia

HONGKONG, Feb. 19.—The whole Chinese press today emphasized reports that Sun Yat Sen, South China dictator, has decided to adopt a Soviet form of government for Kwang-Tung province, nationalizing lands and big business.

OILY SECRETS IN BOOK OF N. Y. BROKERS

On the Trail of Big Game, the Experts Claim

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Seeking evidence involving a cabinet member and a senator, the Teapot Dome Committee today opened the books of New York brokers.

Information which caused this step is a written report of "a responsible New York special investigator," a member of the committee said.

This information has already been partially told to President Coolidge and is expected to be placed fully before the cabinet today. The cabinet member himself has been apprised of some of the evidence.

Whitney Is Called.
Those involved in this new trend of the case are supposed to have dealt extensively in stocks since they took office.

If the books of the Benard brokerage firm, which were subpoenaed for secret inspection at an executive meeting of the senate oil committee, do not corroborate the investigators' report, the inquirers will start upon a new task.

Those subpoenaed were Harry P. Whitney, closely associated with Harry F. Sinclair and officials of J. P. Benard & Co., New York brokerage firm.

Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, is under subpoena but was not expected to attend.

Impeachment Proceedings Halted.
Senator Lenroot, chairman of the committee, declared he would make no attempt to conduct a hearing behind closed doors today. He said the committee desires only to devise ways and means of getting at the evidence.

Congressional leaders today showed no disposition to take advantage of Denby's challenge to begin impeachment proceedings.

The reaction in congress to his resignation was one of satisfaction and now that he has removed himself from the situation, nothing is to be gained by seeking impeachment, leaders of the fight against him said.

Upholsterers on Trial Today Before a Non-Union Jury

The state will begin the presentation of evidence this morning before Judge Wells in the case of the five union men who are on trial, charged with conspiracy to boycott, for their part in the strike of upholstery workers.

After two days of examination of talesmen a jury satisfactory to both sides was completed yesterday and because the prosecutor was not willing to begin at once Judge Wells adjourned court till 10 o'clock this morning when the prosecution will open.

The state refused to accept as a juror any man who is now or ever was a union member. There is not a single union man on the jury. They are mostly clerical workers and small business men.

Bar Firearms, Too.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—President Coolidge will insist on stricter enforcement of District of Columbia regulations regarding use of firearms, as a result of the wounding of Senator Greene, of Vermont, by a stray bullet fired in a battle between officers and bootleggers, a White House spokesman said today.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Resignation of Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, was demanded in the Senate by Senator Harrison, Mississippi, during a bitter debate on the oil scandals.

"Roosevelt is just as guilty as Secretary Deby," declared Harrison. "Yet he aspires to be governor of New York. He has let his friends believe that he is now the Secretary of the Navy in fact."

"If Denby gets out, Roosevelt should get out, too. Everyone connected with this damnable episode should be driven from the public service."

Harrison said he had read a statement in the newspapers yesterday quoting Roosevelt as saying "I am not resigning," as he left the White House following a conference with the President.

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Daugherty Next To Go

LOOKS AS THO DAUGHERTY IS AFRAID TO GO
DAUGHERTY MUST QUIT SAY SOLONS

Public Demand, President's Hint, No Avail
Borah Demands Coolidge Bounce Harry M.

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—

In the face of an open demand that he resign and what was regarded here as a broad hint from President Coolidge to the same effect, Attorney-General Daugherty today was clinging to his post in the cabinet.

A three hour conference last night, a cabinet discussion today and a brief conference with President Coolidge resulted in Daugherty deciding not to quit until he had been given a hearing and a chance to reply to his critics.

Daugherty remained with President Coolidge after the cabinet meeting broke up. When he came out again he refused to say anything. "The only thing you can quote me on," said Daugherty, "is that I have nothing to say."

Other members of the cabinet were equally reticent, but indicated in a roundabout manner that they did not expect any development today in Daugherty's case.

It was stated on Daugherty's behalf that when he had anything to say, he would say it in a general public statement. No intimation was given as to when such a statement might be expected.

Sore at Borah.

Daugherty regards the demand of Senator Borah, Idaho, that he resign because he has lost the public confidence as unwarranted.

Borah, summoned to the White House by President Coolidge, made his demand to Daugherty's face and the president, who knew Borah would make it and summoned Daugherty to hear it, said nothing.

This was taken here to mean that Mr. Coolidge hoped Daugherty would accept the White House conference as a hint that his withdrawal would be expected.

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"America Due For House Cleaning," Says London Press

(Special to The Daily Worker)
LONDON, Feb. 19.—The resignation of Edwin Denby as secretary of the navy was treated by English newspapers as the biggest story of the day.

Giving most of the front page to the story, the London Daily Express in an editorial, said "if only half of the charges against the Republican administration are proved to be true, the repercussion on the candidacy of President Coolidge in the approaching presidential election will be serious enough to defeat him."

"The Democrats are in no better shape. Every one who had hopes has seen them dashed to the ground and his chances of election drowned in oil. America is out for a house cleaning and the innocent as well as the guilty may be swept in the dust bin."

