American Finance Imperialism in Action

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Dollar Diplomacy Exposed

The DAILY WORKER begins today the publication of a series of eight articles on the development of American imperialism and the problems arising there for the working and farming classes.

These articles are the result of an extensive study and are the report on imperialism adopted by the last convention of the Workers Party. The whole subject has been brought up-to-date.

In view of the rapid strides now being made by the American capitalists towards world financial, industrial, and commercial domination, this investigation is of especial importance today. The articles will prove particularly interesting and instructive and gather added importance just now because of the serious turn that the relations between Japan and America are taking.

Begin today! Follow up the series regularly. Recommend them to your friends. The dangers of American imperialism menace you and all your brothers in the factory, in the coal pit, and on the farm. If you want to know how the workers and farmers of this country can avoid the grave consequences of the new campaigns of aggression the American employing class is preparing, if you want to know what the Communists propose to do to meet this challenge flung at the working class by the bosses and their government, then read and consider carefully the whole series of articles written especially for the DAILY WORKER by Jay Lovestone, Director of the Research Department of the Workers Party of America.

Article One.

The United States entered the arena of capitalist imperialism as a world power after the Spanish American war in 1898.

After having routed Spain the United States secured undisputed control of the American Mediterranean—the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean—Porto Rico was annexed. A protectorate was established over Cuba.

In Cuba there is invested about $1,000,000,000 of American capital in the sugar industry alone. This is 60 per cent of the total capitalization of the sugar industry. Fully 85 per cent of the capital invested in the Cuban railways is American. One third of Cuba's imports is edible and more than half of that third comes from the United States. According to the last reports of the Department of Commerce, Cuba has outstripped Japan as our second best customer in steel.

Turning to the Pacific the Yankee imperialists annexed in quick order the Philippines, Guam and Hawaii.

In the Philippines the American imperialists have a territory the size of the kingdom of Italy and with a population greater than that of Canada and Hungary. Sixty-five per cent of the foreign commerce of the Philippines is done with this country. Close to $300,000,000 of American capital is now invested in these islands which are teeming with natural resources and are only three days away from China, the richest and cheapest labor mine in the world. They are the gateway of American capital to the prize market of the Far East where 800,000,000 people live.

Then followed the complete domination by the United States of the successful engineering of the revolt of Panama against the Republic of Colombia. Having secured "general supervision" of the new government and unrestricted control of the Canal Zone, the American capitalists proceeded to establish their hegemony over Nicaragua and mastery of the alternative canal route. Scarcely had the ink dried on Wilson's democratic notes when American troops dissolved the Haitian parliament. Today the United States is the political master of over 150,000 square miles and almost 10,000,000 people in Central America and the Caribbean, which has become an American lake. In the Pacific, the United States has an island of an area of more than 125,000 square miles and a population of close to 13,000,000.

Peaceful Penetration.

Our imperialists are also engaged in the peaceful penetration of other countries. In recent years particular attention has been paid by our capitalists to Canada, Mexico, Central and South America. Because of of the collapse of the European market American investors and merchants have been making especially strong efforts to develop these markets. In the Latin American countries the United States has today invested $610,000,000 in public securities and $3,150,000,000 in industries.

IN CANADA.

The last annual report of the Canadian Commissioner of Trade shows the rapidity and extent of the hold the Yankee exploiters have on Canadian resources. The total amount of American capital invested in Canada is more than $2,500,000,000 and is today more than the entire British interest. American investors now hold 18½ per cent or $701,000,000 of Canadian government, provincial and municipal securities as against only 12.8 per cent or $511,000,000 held by British investors. Almost 25 per cent (24.1) of the Canadian Pacific Railway shares are in the hands of American capitalists. American interests are rapidly assuming control of Canada's mines, railways, motor car and accessories industries, meat packing, rubber, paint, metals, pulp and paper, and refined petroleum industries.

In the manufacturing and associated water power industries the American investments are now placed at well over one billion dollars. British investments in similar enterprises are only 350 million dollars. In Canadian public utilities forest, and mining industries American investments are estimated as considerably in excess of British investments.

Sixty-one per cent of the capital invested in the motor car industry was found to be American in 1919. More than 40 per cent of the electrical apparatus, meat packing, rubber, paint, varnish, brass, copper, condensed milk, and refined petroleum are United States owned. In 1920 approximately $250,000,000 of the United States money was invested in the Canadian pulp and paper industry. This was about 80 per cent of the total capital invested in that industry. Approximately one-eighth of the total American trade with the world is with Canada,—$979,079,003.00.

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