

"SMASH MURDER MACHINE!" MILITANT MINERS SAY

NICARAGUAN ARMY OF INDEPENDENCE TRAPS INVADERS

Withdraw Successfully to Jungle

MANAGUA, Feb. 29.—Panic has struck the Nicaraguan reactionaries since four United States marines were killed and many others wounded when a detachment of 36 invaders was ambushed by the troops of General Sandino armed with machine guns. The attack which occurred between Yali and Condega is reported to be the first maneuver in the newly resumed operations of the army of independence against the marine forces occupying northern Nicaragua.

Army Near Matagalpa.

The main army of independence under General Sandino is understood to be strongly posted in the jungle country beyond Matagalpa.

Special significance is attached to the battle which took place in territory not previously under the control of the army of independence. The news of the casualties took several days to penetrate to the capital disclosing the interruption of communications with the interior country.

Serf-Drivers Terrified.

The army of General Sandino which recently withdrew before immensely superior American forces operating in the district of Neuva Segovia re-emerged victoriously in the more southern territory around Matagalpa. The reactionary planters were terrified and begged the return of the marine patrols with which they had been keeping the coffee serfs in submission on their plantations.

The column of United States marines which sustained the casualties are reported to have been part of the guard of a supply train sent to provision the American troops operating around Quilali.

After the battle the Sandino troops withdrew into the wilderness where it is alleged they can withstand an American offensive for months at a time.

PITSTON SILENT AS 2 MINERS DIE

Workers Party Urges Union Defense

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 29.—Silent men walked the streets of the silent city of Pittston today—marked men, awaiting the next death move in the union struggle which today had added two more names to its rapidly growing list of victims.

Alex Campbell, 55, former international board member of the United Mine Workers and Peter Riley, 26, local union secretary, were shot down near Campbell's home while returning from a visit to Sam Bonita, held here on a murder charge for shooting Frank Agati. Bonita and his friends say he shot in self defense.

Pittston waited silently for the next move, waited knowing that other lives will be taken.

Workers Party Statement.

The executive committee of District 3, Workers (Communist Party), issued the following statement last night on the murder of Alex Campbell and Pete Reilly, progressive mine leaders:

"The death of Campbell and Reilly at the hands of the remorseless assassins who are undoubtedly in the pay of the murderous Cappelini machine marks an instance of proletarian courage seldom equalled in the history of the American labor movement.

"These two leaders of the rank and file struggle against control of the miners' union by the coal operators have known full well for a week that they were marked for assassination. They had unmistakable evidence of the murderous ruthlessness of Cappelini's gunmen when their co-worker Lillis was murdered, and when an

MINE AND R. R. DISASTERS TAKE LARGE TOLL OF WORKERS' LIVES

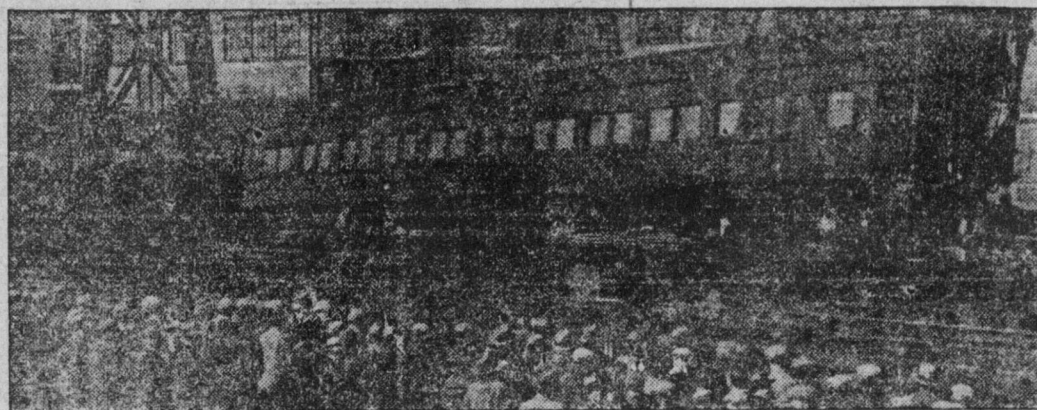
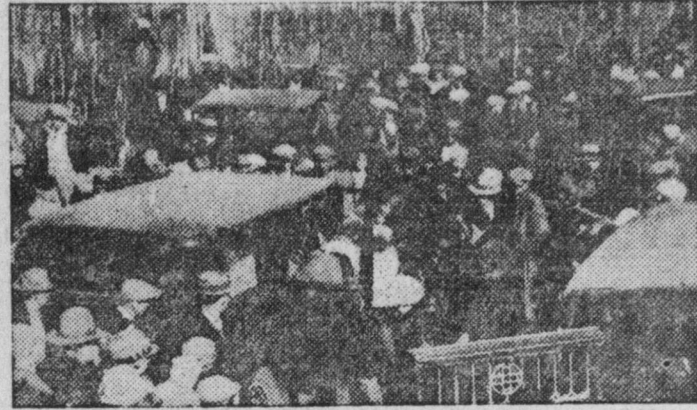


Photo to the left was taken after a passenger train of the Pennsylvania Railroad jumped a switch near Chester, Pa., resulting in the death of the engineer and firemen when the boiler exploded. A superintendent of the railroad hastened to blame the dead engineer for the wreck, altho the railroad workers say that a defective switch may have caused the derailment. On the extreme right is shown the victims being removed from the Mama Coal Co. mine at Jenny Lind, Ark., where 13 miners were killed by a gas explosion. This mine was non-union, and the non-union miners had no means of obtaining proper safe-guards. Thus, both accidents may be laid to the bosses' negligence. In the center a couple of senators are shown "investigating" the mine strike.



SHOP GROUPS OF TRACTION WORKERS PREPARE FOR ACTION

Murder of 2 Miners Symbol Of Fight for Militant Union

By BILL DUNNE.

PITSTON, Pa., Feb. 29.—Little Alex Campbell, brave and honest, and young Pete Reilly, militant, smiling and determined fighter against corruption in the United Mine Workers, died at their posts, killed in the most cruel and cowardly manner by machine gun and shotgun fire. Their bodies were riddled without them having a fighting chance for their lives.

Cappelini's "Peace."

MANLAPIT FACES 8 YEARS IN PRISON

Deportation Threat Is Made

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 29.—Eight more years of imprisonment and separation from his wife and children is the prospect which faces Pablo Manlapit according to word received today by the local branch of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League. Manlapit, who is touring the country for the league, speaking on Philippine independence, was recently arrested and released after five hours' grueling by the police.

"They threatened me that if I went on with my tour I would be arrested wherever I attempted to make a speech," Manlapit said. "If I insist on speaking they say they will put me on a boat and return me to prison in Honolulu to serve the balance of my term."

Manlapit's imprisonment in Hawaii was the result of his activities in leading the Filipino and Japanese laborers in the great Hawaiian sugar strike of 1924-25.

STRIKE OF IRON WORKERS BEGINS

The 45 union workers of the Packer Iron Works, 551 Rockaway Ave., Brooklyn, are out on strike today, as a result of the Packer Company's action in dismissing union workers and hiring non-union men. This was done in direct violation of the agreement of the Iron and Bronze Workers' Union with the Brooklyn Iron Association with which the Packer Iron Works is affiliated. Two weeks ago the Tucker company started to dismiss union men, after getting rid of 30 out of 45 union workers, the company demanded that the remainder accept a wage cut from \$38 and \$40 to \$27 and \$30.

READERS SHOW LOYALTY

Money Still Needed for "Daily" Defense

From the Workers (Communist) Party branch in Hartford, Conn., a check for \$100 came yesterday. "I hope this will be of some assistance in raising the fund needed to save THE DAILY WORKER," wrote the secretary of the organization. At the same time letters from individual Party members and sympathetic organiza-

Alex Campbell, who told me in his own house just a week ago that he thought "Cappelini wanted to make peace," but who was not swayed from the fight against coal operator and contractor control of the anthracite unions by the murder of Thomas Lillis and the shooting of Samuel Greco, two of his associates, was sent to his death by hired assassins whose bloody trail leads straight to the office of the Pennsylvania Coal Company and that of President Rinaldo Cappelini of District 1—the chief of the forces in the anthracite fields of President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

Campbell knew that his life was in danger but I think that even with his long experience in the struggle for honest unionism he did not appreciate fully the complete ruthlessness of the reactionary forces against which he was leading the rank and file miners in Pittston.

A Strange Meeting.

It is strange how things happen sometimes. A week ago, after dark, a miner drove me up the narrow and rutted street where Campbell lived. "You're lucky they haven't imported Chicago methods here yet," I said to the driver. "A machine gun would make it very nasty here." The driver stepped on the gas a little and said: "Thank God, they don't go in for machine guns here."

Six days later Campbell and Reilly were cut to pieces by machine gun fire within 100 yards of Campbell's home.

Campbell opened the door for us and his greeting was: "There are not five men in Pittston who would dare come to this house tonight." We talked of the killings, of the defense of Bonita, of the fight for cleaning the union and as I looked at the slight figure of Alex Campbell, his body

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EXPLOSIVE SHIP BURNS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 29.—The Brazilian steamship Atalya, carrying passengers and a cargo of explosives, is on fire off Maceio, according to a dispatch from Pernambuco today.

NOT DISCOURAGED BY NEW BETRAYAL

Organize for a "Union Under Own Control"

Jimmie Walker's long pose as the friend of the workers came to an end late yesterday afternoon when the "cake-eater" mayor of New York decided in favor of the reptile I. R. T. company union as against the regular union of the traction workers.

Announcing that there must be no strike of the exploited, outraged and discharged traction workers, the mayor added insult to injury by announcing that these workers had committed offenses against the company union and that they had called the company union "vile names and epithets."

Plays the Game

Playing out the prearranged game with the traction companies the mayor of New York against whom the traction workers have been warned in the past has again paved the way for their final betrayal.

There is this difference, however. The traction workers have this time already begun to take matters into their own hands by forming terminal groups and barn committees as a means of defense in what may develop.

Meeting with Frank Hedley, president of the Interborough, together with a committee of the company union, including Pat Connolly, chief henchman of the company, the mayor consented to place the future of the traction workers into the hands of the company under the guise of referring the dispute to the "legal department" of the company to see that "justice was done then."

Quackenbush

The legal department is Quackenbush: James L. Quackenbush. "Rough Stuff" Quackenbush, virtual dictator of the I. R. T., the enemy of organized labor who has been fighting

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GREEN'S PAL IN HUGE POWER CRAFT

Mike Cain Revealed on Payroll of Combine

By JOHN L. SHERMAN.

Mike Cain, president of the Columbus, O., Federation of Labor and pal of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has been exposed as the paid agent of the power trust which Green and the A. F. of L. reactionary machine have been supporting.

Cain, who has just been re-elected president of the Columbus central labor union, has admitted the truth of the statement by the local gas company that he has been on the payroll of the power trust at a salary of \$500 per month, \$6,000 per year as a "public educator."

Reid Agent

Fight to Save Esthonian Communist Editor to Start

The question of whether A. Kobel, editor of Uus Iim, Esthonian Communist weekly, is to be deported for denouncing the legal murder of Sacco and Vanzetti will be argued before the Department of Labor in Washington Thursday by Isaac Shorr, counsel for the International Labor Defense, 739 Broadway, which is fighting the deportation.

Kobel, one of the leading Esthonian Communists in this country, is charged with being an "anarchist" and favoring the overthrow of the United States government. Two articles, in the Aug. 23, 1927, issue of Uus Iim, in which he charged the entire ruling class, as well as Thayer, Taft and Coolidge, with being the murderers of Sacco and Vanzetti, resulted in his arrest Jan. 24 of this year. He was taken to Ellis Island on deportation proceedings and subsequently released on \$1,000 bail furnished by the International Labor Defense. It is thought that white guard Esthonians in this country are responsible for this frame-up in an effort to crush the organ of the militant Esthonian workers.

The frame-up of Kobel is only one of the deportation cases in which the International Labor Defense is protecting the interests of workers guilty of the "crime" of being in opposition to the American capitalist class. The funds for the defense of these cases are expected to be provided by the annual bazaar of the I. L. D. which will be held from March 7 to 11, inclusive, at New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave., it is announced by Rose Baron, secretary of the New York Section of the I. L. D.

N. Y. BOX WORKERS ARE ON STRIKE

By ESTHER LOWELL, (Federated Press).

So sudden was the strike of paper box workers in New York City that employers, caught short, hastened to settle with the union. Nearly 1,000 workers walked out the first day and before nightfall almost a dozen independent shops had granted the union's demands. The two employers' associations held out. Other independents begged the union offices to remain open at night so that they could settle up and lose no more than one day's work.

Demands were sent the employers six days before the walkout. They

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WOMEN HAVE LABOR DAY

They Organize for Better Conditions

Today marks the opening of a week's intensive campaign for bringing the message of organization to the unorganized masses of working women throughout the country and rallying them around the standard of the labor struggle.

This drive is being carried on by a number of labor and working women's organizations including trade unions, working women's clubs and house-

PIATAKOV ADMITS TROTSKY ERRORS

Asks for Admission to Communist Party

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 29.—Piatakov, who was expelled with other opposition leaders from the Communist Party by a decision of the Fifteenth Congress has made application to the Central Controlling Commission requesting that he be restored to Party membership.

"What Next?"

In his declaration Piatakov points out that the Party is facing new difficulties which it is working untiringly to overcome with a hard and stubborn struggle still ahead. This circumstance makes it vital for every opposition member expelled from the Party to question the necessity of returning to the Party. The question facing every opposition member is "What next?"

Three answers can be given to this question: Either the opposition can remain outside the Party and carry on a further political struggle or they can remain outside the Party and cease struggling, or they can return to the Party and participate in the common political struggle and Party work.

"If I believed the Thermidor actually exists," says Piatakov, "I should give the following reply to this question: 'Remain outside the Party and pursue the political struggle against the All-Union Communist Party.' I

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New Scholarship Plan Attracts Many Workers

Many of the units of the Workers (Communist) Party are showing great interest in the scholarship arrangement being offered by the Workers' School regarding the course in "Organization Problems," to be given every Wednesday evening at 8:30 p. m. by Bert Miller, New York district organization secretary of the Party.

SAVE - THE - UNION COMMITTEE URGES DECISIVE ACTION

Must Defend Framed-Up Coal Diggers

(Special to The Daily Worker.)

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 29.—The Tri-District Save-the-Union Committee of the United Mine Workers, over the signatures of Stanley Dziengelewsky, chairman and George Papcun, secretary, in a statement issued to the press, characterized the murder of Alex Campbell and Peter Riley as the brutal act of the agents of the operators and contractors in the union supported by the Lewis-Cappelini machine.

Prepare for Struggle.

The statement calls for the organization of rank and file committees throughout the anthracite field to "smash the murder machine" and to build a powerful defense organization to free Sam Bonita, Steve Mendola and Adam Moleski, who, the Save-the-Union Committee charges, are being framed up and railroaded to the electric chair because Bonita shot Frank Agati, known as one of the chief gunmen in the Cappelini machine, in self defense.

Accuse Authorities.

The Save-the-Union Committee charges that the murder of Campbell and Riley in broad daylight on one of the principal streets of Pittston by machine gun and shotgun fire leads to the conclusion that the authorities must have had knowledge of the murder conspiracy, which has taken the lives of the three principal leaders of the opposition to coal company and contractor control of the union, put another in the hospital at the point of death and is trying to send three more rank and file miners to their deaths.

Organize Mass Meetings.

The purpose of what the Save-the-Union Committee's statement characterizes as fascist terror is to exterminate all union men who fight the open corruption of union officialdom. The statement calls upon all miners to come to the series of mass meetings arranged by the committee and to organize to rescue the union from the agents of the coal operators and contractors.

The statement in full is as follows:

Honest Leaders Killed.

"The murder of Alex Campbell and Peter Riley, honest and militant leaders of the rank and file opposition to the Pennsylvania Coal Co., contractors, Cappelini machine, shows the utter ruthlessness of the reactionary forces whose grip on the Pennsylvania colliery local unions of the United Mine Workers was broken by rank and file miners led by Campbell, Riley, Lillis, Greco, Bonita and other courageous union men," the statement of the Save-the-Union Committee of the tri-district, 33 West Union St., Wilkes-Barre, said.

Courage Respected.

"The brutal murder of Campbell and Riley in broad daylight by machine guns posted to cover a populous Pittston street is a great shock to the hundreds of miners who knew and respected their courage and ability.

Conspiracy Charged.

"No one now will deny that there exists a conspiracy to murder all leaders of the opposition to the contractor-Cappelini machine, to exterminate all miners who dare to challenge the bloody rule of the operators and contractors, supported by the Cappelini machine.

"The murder of Brothers Campbell and Riley is a challenge to every miner who is opposed to company and contractor control of the United Mine Workers.

"The murder of Campbell and Riley, following the murder of Thomas Lillis, the shooting of Samuel Greco and the attempt to frame-up Sam Bonita for defending himself from the attack of Cappelini's chief gunman, are all part of the conspiracy to break down working conditions, cut

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MILITANT MINERS CALL FOR ACTION IN SELF-DEFENSE

'Smash Lewis Machine,' Is Slogan Raised

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wages and finally to smash our union.

"The murder of Alex Campbell, a miner of Scotch descent and Peter Riley, of Irish descent, destroys completely the false theory, spread deliberately by the agents of the murder machine, that the previous killings were merely the result of Italian feuds.

"The brutal murder of Campbell and Riley in broad daylight shows that the terrorist agents are striking straight and openly at the rank and file opposition to the coal company control of the United Mine Workers. We must choose now and for all time between honest unionism and the bloody rule of the Lewis-Cappelini-Operator machine.

Aimed Against Defense.

"The coal companies, the contractors and their agents in our union are trying to make the defense of Sam Bonita impossible. The murder of Campbell and Riley was intended to terrorize the rank and file, to prevent the organization of a mass union defense movement to free Bonita and to make it easier to railroad him to his death.

"The agents of the coal companies are using both assassination and legal murder. Lillis, Campbell and Riley were murdered in the most cowardly manner, Greco, they almost succeeded in killing. Bonita, Mendola and Moleski they intend to railroad to the electric chair.

Organization Urged.

"The Save-the-Union Committee calls upon the members of the United Mine Workers of District 1 to organize and take the control of our union from the bloody hands of the operators, contractors and their official agents.

"We call upon all miners in District 7 and 9 likewise to take control of their local unions and support the rank and file of District 1 and the program of the Save-the-Union Committee by all available means.

"The Save-the-Union Committee calls for the organization of powerful rank and file defense to free Bonita, Mendola and Moleski.

"Rescue the United Mine Workers from the murder machine of the operators, the contractors and their agents.

Meetings Are Called.

"Avenge Campbell, Riley, Lillis and Greco by defeating bloody reaction freeing Bonita and building the United Mine Workers into an unbeatable weapon of the 800,000 coal miners of North America.

"Come to the protest mass meetings in Luzerne, March 1st, at Italian Hall, 206 Oliver St.; Pittston, Sunday, March 4th, at 2 p. m.; Wilkes Barre, Monday, March 5th, 7 p. m.

"Meetings are also being arranged in the following places: Old Forge, Jessup, Oliphant, Simpson, Carbon-dale. Dates and hours will be announced later.

"Smash the murder machine!

"Free Bonita, Mendola and Moleski!

"Save the union! Organize the fight!

"Support the program of the Save-the-Union Committee!

"Signed, S. Dziengelewsky, chairman; George Papcun, secretary; Tri-District Save-the-Union Committee."