

SOUTH, CENTRAL AMERICAN EVENTS TOLD BY WOLFE

Columbia Boycotts U. S. Anti-Labor Movies

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Haiti.

W. W. Cumberland has been named by the department of state as the financial adviser on Haitian customs and taxes. By the department of state of Haiti? G'wan! By THE department of state—the state department of the American Empire.

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Honduras.

The manipulated revolution that has come as an aftermath of American umpiring of a deadlocked election in Honduras has caused the U. S. to send down another battleship on the Pacific coast. The battleship Milwaukee has just entered the port of Amapala to keep company with the Rochester of the Atlantic fleet. With modern big guns the two ships between them can fire clear across this little country, can start or stop revolutions and make or unmake presidents according to the oil-lection umpire's decisions.

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Argentina.

All interest in the most powerful labor organization of Argentina, the U. S. A. (Union Sindical Argentina) is centered in the question, Amsterdam, Berlin or Moscow? The next congress will decide the question of affiliation and the papers are full of the pros and cons. Amsterdammers almost do not exist. I have yet to see a single article in any Argentinian labor paper in favor of Amsterdam. The tendencies of the U. S. A. are anarcho-syndicalist and the majority of the papers of the country are in Anarchist hands. But the drift toward the Red International is so strong, that they are not advocating affiliation with Berlin, but merely attacking Moscow. Moreover, they are prejudiced against Berlin on account of its splitting tactics, being all united-fronters and bitterly attacking their own "divisionista" Anarchists at home.

The Berliners have formed a little labor federation of their own called the F. O. R. A. (Federation Obrera Regional Argentina). The press of the majority unions distinguishes its anarchism from that of the F. O. R. A. by calling itself the New Anarchism (which term is much heard in South America now that the younger anarchist unionists are revising their concepts of organization and struggle in terms of a united front and class organization rather than individualism). To what is left of the F. O. R. A. they apply the term Quintista, Divisionista or Purista—the last being the equivalent of the English term "purist."

Consequently, the Anarchists in the U. S. A. in place of advocating Berlin, either attack Moscow or confine themselves to advocating a Pan-American relationship in place of an international one. This the Red-Internationalists characterize as "Gompersism."

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Colombia.

When the Colombian Tenants' league boycotted the Theater Colombia because it refused to permit them to hold meetings and began picketing the place the management offered anti-labor propaganda films made in the United States. The picket lines increased. Then the government, consisting of men of wealth, used its position against the Tenants league.

The day that the boycott was extended to all the branches of the theatrical company in the entire republic and big demonstrations were planned, the police and military fired on the workers and then invaded the labor headquarters. The women's committee in Barranquilla went to the governor's palace to protest. While Maria del Mulato was appealing to the governor to lift the decree against it the Tenants' union, the military, in the presence of the governor, attacked the committee of women, driving them out at the end of the bayonet.

Maria del Mulato, with a suckling child, is in prison, as is another woman, who headed the committee. Mere membership in the Tenants' league is now sufficient to merit a jail sentence. For Nicolas Gutarra, one of the league leaders, the order was issued: "Capture N. Gutarra in any form."

A vigorous protest on the part of the Cuban labor movement is the prelude to a storm of Latin-American protest against this brutality.