

British Employers Try in Vain to Upset Tremendous Strike Victory

What promised to be the most significant victory of organized labor in modern times—a clear-cut, supreme triumph of the general strike, was complicated and confused by far-reaching acts of treachery on the part of the great employing interests of Great Britain as soon as the strike was called off.

Blow at General Strike The railway employers refused to take their striking employees back until the latter had agreed not to strike in the future without prior negotiations with the companies.

government suggestions by Sir Herbert Samuel, chairman of the Coal Commission, whose report played such a big part in pre-strike negotiations, the General Council this morning saw the premier and several other ministers.

A Complete Surrender The Samuel terms are very similar to those proposed by the labor side at one point of pre-strike negotiations. Terms are: 1. Subsidy to be renewed for a reasonable period to allow for negotiations.

Commission are being adopted. 4. If after all means of meeting the financial difficulties are considered, revision of wages still proves necessary, any such revision shall: (a) not adversely affect the wages of the lower paid men.

ment of the proposed drastic wage cuts which were presented as an ultimatum. Far-reaching Victory Psychological effects are likely to be even more far-reaching. Labor learned by experience its own power—the enormous power of the strike weapon.

in the history of this country. Treachery of Bosses London, May 16.—Negotiations were concluded over the weekend which permit practically all trades to start work Monday. Conditions vary but in some cases, for example the dockers union, the leaders signed an undertaking similar to that given Friday by the railway union.

Poland Swings to the Left as Pilsudski Ousts Reactionaries

When military revolt which overthrew and ousted the government of Poland within four days has been followed by indications and in the opinion of the Polish Socialist Party of Chicago resulted in the Polish left parties in Poland ousting the reactionaries, remaining an immediate danger from a military uprising and has improved the position for the workers and the Socialist movement.

The working class and the Socialist party threw itself into the struggle on the side of Pilsudski. From their headquarters in Warsaw the Socialist workers, comprising more than half the organized workers of Poland, were called out in a general strike to prevent aid being dispatched to the Witos government.

pressed confidence that he would be able to negotiate loans to save Poland Pilsudski and his Socialist ministry voluntarily retired for the good of their country. Poland now faces the prospect of a civil war between the right elements and the left elements.

How Trouble Started The troubles that led to the amazing sweep into power of Pilsudski and his army began with the resignation of the two Socialist members of the Polish cabinet—Zimnicki, Minister of Labor, and Barlicki, Minister of Works—because of the failure of the Polish government to carry out the Socialist program. It would enact the Socialist program.

Pilsudski's Program Pilsudski's immediate program, however, is very moderate; it proposes nothing more than a clean and efficient non-partisan administration that will clean out the grafters while a general national election is being held to determine the complexion of the new government. Dispatches from Warsaw state that he has refused an offer from the Socialists to form a Socialist administration.

Side by Side Side by side on the international bridge crossing the Niagara River stand two electric lamps. To the one on the north, current is supplied by the government-owned power system of the province of Ontario. It costs \$8 a year. To the one on the south, current is supplied by a private American power company. IT COSTS \$43 A YEAR.

Why Pilsudski Revolted Reasons given for Pilsudski's decision to lead such a revolt are (1) the crushing of the left wing of Poland by the reactionaries; (2) the supreme power under Witos; (3) the corruption and graft in the government; (4) the practical bankruptcy of the government; (5) an economic crisis.

Big By-Election Swing to Labor A municipal by-election during the general strike in Great Britain is of greatest significance. Municipal officials were elected in Chiswick, a non-working class suburb of London. The preceding election figures were: Conservative, 994; Labor, 522. The vote during the strike was Conservative, 37; Labor, 1,041.

Pennsylvania Labor Party Goes Foey Eric Pa. Last night the Labor party of Pennsylvania in convention assembled endorsed Gifford Pinchot for the Republican nomination for United States Senator and Lieutenant Governor E. E. Heidman for the Republican nomination for governor of Pennsylvania.

The Broadcaster

Every war is civil war, every war is a commercial war, every war is a class war.

Since stocks and bonds have been issued to the full value of all the property in America, none of them are worth more than fifty cents on the dollar. Since the burden of the war debts of Italy and France has been unloaded on the American people, the banks can find further business in lending money to Italy and France that they may make new wars.

The President wonders why only a little over half the qualified voters in America vote. It is because they realize it means a thing to vote for either the Republican or Democratic ticket.

We got rid of the German Kaiser or Caesar, only to have a new Kaiser in Italy. But it is a crime for anyone anywhere in the world to speak a word against that Caesar.

The press associations are so very good servants of information that the war in Syria is not reported at all, and news of the class struggle in America is suppressed.

Henry Ford thinks that big business may expand indefinitely. But after claiming all the property in America once, through the paper issued against it, what avail will it be to double the claim?

Capitalism has destroyed the home Socialist will restore it.

Capitalism brings war. Socialism will end it.

Capitalism takes a large part of your product. Socialism will restore it to you.

Capitalism concentrates your property, which is why you have none. Socialism will guarantee your full social product.

Capitalism is the successor of slavery. Socialism will be the successor of Capitalism.

Capitalism makes the many poor. Socialism will make all rich.

Capitalism promotes hypocrisy. Socialism will make real religion possible.

Capitalism is the author of piracy and slavery. Socialism is honest, assuring each what he may socially produce.

Capitalism uses the machine to make profits. Socialism will use it to provide leisure for the workers.

Capitalism gives a few the power to keep the many from work. Socialism by giving access to the machine will make every one the master of his own job.

Capitalism confiscates the property of the many as proven by the fact that 90 per cent of the people die without property. Socialism will enable everyone to be secure in what he produces.

Capitalism makes charity necessary, yet charity does not end poverty. Socialism will end poverty unnecessary, yet it will end poverty.

So long as the exploiters can keep you from having any choice but the Republican and Democratic parties, they know that they are safe.

Sacco and Vanzetti Close to Electric Chair—Appeal Denied

By Art Shields, Federated Press. New York.—(F. P.)—Sacco and Vanzetti are very near to the electric chair. The Massachusetts Supreme Court has turned down the appeal for a new trial on the murder charges on which they were convicted in 1921. Judge Webster Thayer who presided at the trial, which the American Federation has called a "travesty of justice" will soon have the evil satisfaction of sentencing them to the death chair unless a stay is granted—for an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court or for some other reason.

The denial of the new trial motions was a terrible blow to the defense. There had been informal assurances that the new trial would be granted. It was expected that the six year prosecution of the last two prisoners from Palmer "Red Haul" days—they were arrested May 1920—would soon be ended.

the following May 5 the men were grilled as to their radical activities and ideas. The murder charge came later. The real reason for their prosecution, the defense committee has always contended, was their activity, first for the release of Andreas Salsedo, Italian printer held incommunicado 60 days, and tortured, in department of justice chambers in New York; secondly their organizing of protest after his body was found on the pavement 14 stories below. No labor murder case has aroused such international protest since the framing of Mooney and Billings.

All down the line the 67 page opinion of the Supreme Court is a white wash for Judge Thayer. Among the high lights of the opinion are: (1) Endorsement of the prosecution's grillage of Sacco and Vanzetti.

Many other vital matters of evidence are brushed aside. The trial judge had "discretionary power" is the Supreme Court's line of policy. The refusal to allow separate trials; the filing of the courtroom with armed men; the handpicking of venemous jurors for the jury after the regular list had been exhausted—all these and other pickeries of justice pass muster with the Bay State black robes.

Move Made to Save Sacco and Vanzetti Boston, Mass., May 14.—The defense in the case of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, defendants in a murder trial which has attracted worldwide attention, sprang a surprise last night with the announcement that request of the appeal of the convicted slayers had been asked before the full bench of the Supreme Court. Under the law reargument is discretionary with the court.

Fascist Plot Shows Germany Near Upheaval

The death penalty for striking. The death penalty for parliamentary political activity.

The death penalty for many other activities tending toward democratic government. This is the pleasant little program the German reactionaries prepared for the workers of Germany and for their political opponents in case their far-reaching armed conspiracy to overthrow the German Republic met with success. Fortunately for democracy, Socialism and civilization this bloody plot involving leading aristocrats and members of the Nationalist party was discovered in time, some of the leaders arrested, others scattered and very incriminating documents seized.

German Socialists In Supreme Fight Berlin, May 17.—A national referendum on expatriation of the property of the German princes will be held on June 20, according to a decision today by the new Marx government in its first cabinet session. The referendum will settle not only the financial fate of the princes but the trend of Germany's general policy. Victory for expatriation would mean a tremendous increase in the prestige of the Socialists. This is considered important in view of the big issues pending in Germany as well as in view of the general socialistic struggle from England to Poland.

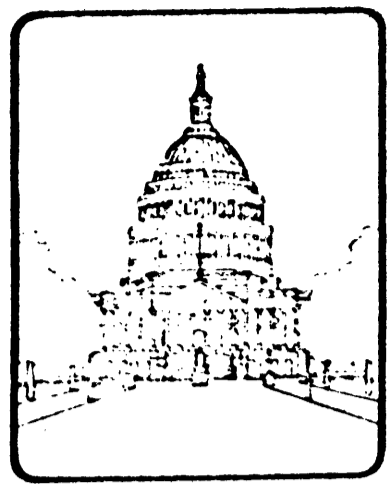
This Is the Issue

Let this burn into your consciousness—and into your conscience: Up to May 1, this year, able bodied British miners were receiving from \$8 to \$17, depending on the district, AND WERE AT WORK ABOUT HALF THE TIME. The mine owners proposed to slash these wages to a maximum of \$13 AND A MINIMUM OF JUST UNDER \$5 A WEEK!

Amalgamated Opens in Montreal Montreal.—The seventh biennial convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers opened in Montreal May 10. Instructions to work at the convention for resolutions for a 40 hour week, freedom for political prisoners all over the world and an American Labor party have been given to some of the delegates by their local unions. It is unofficially stated that the question of affiliation with the American Federation of Labor may be raised at the convention in the form of proposals that will take into account the United Garment Workers, the union holding the A. F. of L. charter for the men's clothing industry.

Miners Oppose Military Drill Superior, Wyo.—Opposition to the compulsory military training in force at the State University of Wyoming is local in a resolution adopted by Local 2328, United Mine Workers of Superior. Since plutocracy has put the world in bondage, no man can say his life is his own.

Farm Bills Before Congress Are Explained by Our Correspondent



By Marx Lewis

Congressional friendship for the farmer, which begins to develop every two years, starts about six months before the elections...

The Haugen Bill The bill demanded mainly by the farmers is the so-called Haugen bill, which seeks to adjust the demand to the supply of agricultural products...

The difference seems to be that protection and subsidy for the powerful groups that control the old political parties is Americanism and Republicanism and the same protection and subsidy for the hard-working farmer is Socialism.

While an extended analysis of these measures might disclose some hope for immediate relief, it is safe to assume that no legislation can cure a situation which depends upon the restoration of our foreign markets.

Jim Maurer Again Heads Pennsylvania Federation of Labor

James H. Maurer, for many years an outstanding leader of the Socialist movement of America, was re-elected president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor without opposition at its annual convention in Erie this week.

Listening in on the World

30 Billions Thrown Away One of the most colossal failures of the present regime in the United States is the impending failure of the government insurance of the veterans of the world war.

Labor's New Law

The Watson-Parker bill, which abolishes the present Railroad Labor Board and sets up new arbitration and wage fixing machinery composed of employers and employees and aims to abolish the necessity of strikes on the railroads and other public carriers, passed the Senate this week by a vote of 69 to 13.

Coolidge Prosperity Bunk

The real wages of the railroad workers—the wages measured in purchasing power—have fallen on the whole since December, 1915. This statement is from a report by A. O. Wharton, labor member of the Railroad Labor Board.

State Housing Wins

Governor Smith's housing bill, explained in previous issues of the American Appeal, has passed in a considerably emasculated form, and has been signed by the governor.

Labor Banks for England

Inspired by the success of the labor cooperative banks in America, British trade unions are bringing increasing pressure to bear on the Trade Union Congress for the establishment of labor banks.

Socialists May Be Decisive Factors in Polish Overturn

How strong are the Socialists in Poland? Are they strong enough to count as a decisive factor in the present revolt of all the left parties against the attempted dictatorship of the right? In the last election the Socialists cast approximately 1,000,000 votes.

Socialist Party News

Pennsylvania

From Pittsburgh comes the following news: "At the regular meeting of the Debs Branch on Sunday afternoon we added seven new members. Each of ten members guaranteed to have one new member at our next meeting—Tuesday—and already three have signed up for membership."

Buffalo

Organizer Emil Herman is now in Buffalo, New York, determined to build one of the most powerful locals in this country. The election returns for years have regularly indicated that there are really many thousands of Socialists in Buffalo.

Up from Oklahoma

Now there's Comrade Goodman, a farmer of Broken, Oklahoma. He wanted a local. He got it. It was the result of a long and arduous struggle. A charter has been sent to the new organization; the comrades have their sleeves rolled up for more members and for cooperation to the end that other locals may be organized in the nearby communities.

Mississippi

Comrade Evans of Mississippi writes: "I wish there were some way in which we might cooperate with the National Office in again organizing the party in this and other states."

New Jersey

Atlantic City is on the map with a new local of ten members, and the comrades are every one on the job for more members.

Seattle, Washington

Max Dorn, as secretary of local Seattle, regularly addresses his local membership and friends with an unusually attractive mimeographed-serial bulletin. Recently he sent them a "warm one" on letting George do it. Our movement is improving in Seattle—because Max doesn't "let George do it."

Tennessee

The old time ring is in this letter from Comrades Hall and Smied of Knoxville, Tennessee: "Enclosed find \$2.00 and application for my subscription, also for Alex Smied. We will reorganize the local party here. Please put us in touch with National Headquarters Socialist Party so we can have information as to procedure, dues, etc. We will have a meeting very soon."

Lincoln, Nebraska, Too

Comrade Emil Herman recently visited for a few hours in Lincoln and organized a local with our "necred" comrade, C. R. Oyer as secretary. The local's first move is its preparation for new members—chiefly through the use of the American Appeal.

New England

Alfred Baker Lewis, Esther Friedman and Lena Morrow Lewis will soon be on the warpath in New England. A state ticket will be prepared for the campaign in Massachusetts. Comrade Levenberg, District Secretary, on the alert and active as a delegate in the recent National Convention, is watchful, eager and determined to have things doing in his District.

called a general strike in support of Pilsudski. In addition the so-called Independent trade unions support the Socialists and their program. The Christian Socialist trade unions were organized by the reactionaries through the use of religious influence against the Socialists. These unions have a membership of about 100,000. The Christian Socialist party, which merely uses the name "Socialist" to fool the workers, has about a dozen members in parliament.

Illinois Socialists Announce Convention

The organized Socialists of Illinois will hold their State Convention in Chicago, Sunday, 8:30 p. m., May 24, at the Labor Lyceum, 2733 North Ogden Avenue. The delegates will elect a state ticket, officers for the state organization, draft a state platform, and lay plans for an active statewide Socialist campaign.

New Mexico

Comrade Lena Morrow Lewis is on her way to Pittsburgh as a delegate to the National Convention, making several speeches in Pecos Valley, New Mexico. The best result was a large local organized at Roswell by Comrade W. F. Richardson last week with appreciation of Comrade Lewis' work. His gratitude for her splendid service is very great indeed. It seems as if it would be a while as if the audience would join the local at Roswell.

Members-at-Large

From all parts of the country we are lining up as members-at-large for the present, and our plans are to extend the circulation of the Appeal to all local organizations.

The Pioneer Youth

It will cost you only a postcard to request to have sent to you full information relating to one of the most interesting and promising organizations in this country. The Pioneer Youth of America (address 3 West 10th St., New York City). This organization is a wholesome inspiration to all youngsters who find its literature. Write to day.

Come Right In; Get in Touch

The National Office would be glad to have a letter from you—right away, especially if.....

Connecticut

Do you ever see copies of The Commonwealth, a very attractive monthly news-and-propaganda paper published by the Socialist Party of Connecticut? This paper is always welcome at the National Office—as evidence of loyalty, common sense and determination.

Kansas

The State Secretary writes: "I am going to have a State ticket in the field all right." Comrade Bridwell, a desperately busy man, never complains and seizes every opportunity to promote our movement in Kansas where, he believes, there is a great field for our propaganda among the farmers who have been so shamelessly betrayed.

Arizona

Comrade Lawrence McGivern of Kingman, is on the trail of the vote-getting, side-stepping politicians of Arizona; he is determined to "give the goods" on the politically ambitious betrayers of labor in that state. He

Appeal Army Column

All over the world the most important events are taking place, events which are making history in the revolution. Everywhere there is the struggle which marks the dying of the old order and the birth of the new. There was never a time when it was more important to the cause of labor that truthful news and correct interpretations of the efforts of our comrades in America and in foreign lands should be placed before the people.

Some of the Army captains who did such noble work on the recent Debs' citizenship drive were right on the job the minute the drive was over, checking up their subscription and membership lists. From the letters we receive we are sure they are getting results. A Zornick ordered a bundle of 50 and an order for 25 a week to follow it up. With the bundle order he sent five new subs. Frank J. Marzoli, Harrisburg, sent two subs with an order for literature.

The Socialist Local of Yuma, Arizona, C. L. Johnson, sent a bundle of 50 and two new subs from Max Hunsman, Bobbe Comrade Carnahan, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, distributed 27. Highland, California, took 50 on an order from L. L. Stowe, and Comrade Tolby of Kennett ordered 25. Ten yearly sub cards were sent in by Channing Sweet, Denver, Colo. A contribution of five dollars came from Comrade Li Pin of Missoula, Mont.

And still they keep coming in from Ohio. The more they got the more they want. In addition to the big bundles already sent to Cleveland, G. Persl needed 400 more of the May day edition. Nick Woltnick, Massillon, ordered 100, 5 a week, and caught three new readers. Comrade Mochnick, Harborton, also sent three, and the following sent two each: W. C. Bloyd, Canon City; Chas. Levingood, Canton, and W. B. Beckerman, Cleveland.

Gascade, Mo., is keeping up the good work. A bundle of 100 was sent to Emmet Miller. T. M. Polk of Patterson caught three yearlings. Twenty-five went to Comrade Charlston of Osage, Kans. Geo. W. Snyder caught four subs in Columbus; H. J. Andrews of St. Francis caught two. John J. Thobe, Covington, Ky.; B. J. Conway, Antlers, Okla.; E. R. Noldin, El Paso, Tex.; and A. W. Clements, Duchone, Utah, sent two each.

S. Pollo, Clinton, Iowa, took a bundle

LET OSCAR DO IT!

Really, just as we told you before, Oscar is the funniest man in the American Socialist movement, and he is abundantly well-informed. His little book, "Life and Deeds of Uncle Sam," is delightfully amusing and it is a genuine eye-opener on American history. If the boys and girls in the American public schools could read this book all of them would read every page; and believe me, the old-party politician's job of roping in the voters would be ten times harder. Now here's a tip: A lecture would cost you from \$10 to \$25, but for only \$2 we will send you 100 of these books, prepaid. Lend each of them five times. Your total audience will be 500. Think of it—500 people thinking along new lines and wanting more of our literature! Cost: \$2.00. You can't beat it. Warning: Our supply can't last long.

Russian Co-ops.

The cooperative turn-over in Russia increased 17 per cent in the past six months, says the All American Co-operative Commission. At the same time with improving efficiency and organization, the Russian cooperative system has been bringing prices down. More than half the total retail trade of Russia is now in the hands of the cooperatives and the government.

Explodes Myth That Stock Buying Will Bring Industrial Democracy

Significant corroboration of the stand taken by Lincoln Phifer in his series of American Appeal articles, that the ownership of industry by the American people through the purchase of corporation stocks is a hoax, comes from a New Republic article by Lewis Corey.

Mr. Phifer showed in his articles in the Appeal that in pursuit of this idea, the great corporations had put on a special campaign of frenzied stock selling to corporation employees and the general public which had amounted to a looting of the American people unparalleled in American history.

While 2,000,000 stockholders or \$2.3 per cent own 4 per cent. "Treating all incomes over \$3,000 as belonging predominantly to other than wage-earners, he finds the proportion of dividends going to this non-wage group to have been in 1913, 94.4 per cent; 1919, 94.5 per cent; 1920, 94.5 per cent; 1921, 84.5 per cent; 1922, 90.1 per cent; 1923, 91.6 per cent; and 1924, 92.3 per cent.

This Is Why Wall Street Wants War Against Mexicans

Cleveland.—I have just returned from a land where labor day and independence day are the two national holidays, where every worker is entitled to vacation with pay, and is guaranteed by the constitution an 8-hour day, 6-day week, and 3 months full pay in case of unjust discharge, where child labor is prohibited, as well as industrial night work for women and for youths under 16; in brief, where labor controls the government and uses the law to secure social justice.

Orgy of Speculation May Force Socialization of Banking System

Strangely enough, dividends have often been paid on these artificial over the nominal values. This explains why prices in general have been maintained equal to and often above war time prices. The post-war conditions have been harder on the American people than was the war itself.

Within the last few months the huge inflation has created apprehension among those who understand the situation. This fear—almost a panic—has been intensified because a few papers have intimated something of the real situation. If the facts are told to only a few thousand people it creates absolute consternation in the minds of those holding considerable responsibility.

As much as business depends on circulation of money, the banks have issued in excess of all the property in the United States, it follows that not only the worker and the farmer are made propertyless, but the merchant, the manufacturer, and the transportation industry stand to lose much of their investment.

If This Be Socialism

(From Collier's Magazine, May 1.) When "Al" Smith, New York's favorite son, advocated the public development of his state's waterways, opponents denounced his plan as socialist.

The very heart of American institutions is State-developed water power, state housing, have admittedly been advocated by Socialists. State regulation of public utilities was also once held to be socialistic.

Sweet Land of Liberty

Professors G. S. Dow and C. M. Hillbrand have been dismissed from the Denver University "for expressions of opinions harmful to the University and its administration," and for alleged inefficiency.

Famous Speeches

Lucy E. Parsons, surviving widow of Albert R. Parsons, martyr of the Haymarket at Chicago in 1886, has just published new editions of two books which contain a large variety of matter of great interest and importance to students of the labor movement.

Not a Revolution

The uneasy crowd of heads of industry and politics called the general strike a revolution. They denounced it as an attempt to set up a government in opposition to the established one of Great Britain.

The Only Alternative

The general strike is only a method. What it seeks to accomplish depends upon circumstances. With making such circumstances the owners of industry have most to do.

Up to Rulers

The next move is to control the industry and control of Britain and the Continent will be their to do better than the unemployed, the overworked, the derelict, the destitute.

Labor to Have Radio Despite U. S. Refusal

A bitter fight by the present capitalist monopoly to prevent the workers from using the great new organ of propaganda and education—the radio—is overshadowed by the developments to date connected with the efforts of the Chicago Federation of Labor to own and operate a broadcasting station.

State Troops Ordered to Madisonville, Ky.

State troops were ordered to Madisonville, Ky., during a trial of three Negroes charged with attacking a white girl, to prevent mob violence.

The Ku Klux Klan Riots in Herrin, Ill.

The Ku Klux Klan riots in Herrin, Ill., resulted in the death of six persons.

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