

SOAP KING TO THE DEFENSE OF LEONARD WOOD

Tries to Deny 1920 "Oil Deal."

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streamed down his face and he shook his head in sorrow.

Wood's Worker Called.
T. A. Harmon, tax expert of Indianapolis, was then called to testify regarding an alleged conversation with James L. Himrod who was connected with Wood headquarters.

Harmon said he met Himrod at Sycamore, Ill., last February, who is an electrician connected with the Moose Lodge at Moose Heart, Ill.

"Himrod told me he was a confidential worker to General Wood," Harmon said. "He said somewhere between 9 and 10 p. m., the night before Mr. Harding was nominated, Penrose called Wood headquarters on the phone. Wood refused to talk, but authorized Himrod to take the message.

"Penrose asked Wood, he said, if he was elected, if he would give 'us' three cabinet members.

Didn't Know How Sick.
"General Glenn was in the room. They were the only three. Glenn told Wood 'now is your chance, General—now you will make my president.' Himrod said Wood told him to tell Penrose that he had made no promises and was making none now. Himrod said he told Penrose that."

"Don't you know Senator Penrose was so sick at the time he is supposed to have talked with Himrod that he could not talk over the phone?" Spencer, Missouri, republican, asked.

"I knew he was sick, but I don't know how sick he was. I am merely telling you something that Mr. Himrod said to me. I don't undertake to stand for the veracity of the statement."

Harmon was then excused and William B. Nichols was called to the stand.

Nichols described how he assisted Hamon in the first campaign to defeat Jim McGraw, as republican national committee man and then to carry the state for the republican national ticket.

"I never knew of Jake Hamon having any ambition except for the best interests of the republican party."

Proctor said he had seen Harry F. Sinclair in New York in April before the convention and that Sinclair was "nominally favorable" to the Wood candidacy.

"Did Sinclair contribute to the Wood campaign?" Senator Walsh asked.

"Not to my knowledge."

The witness said he had heard the decision to nominate Warren G. Harding was made at a conference the night before Mr. Harding was chosen as republican presidential candidate. He said he understood Will Hays, Harry Daugherty and Colonel George Harvey were at that conference.

"What do you know about the influences that brought about the nomination of Harding?" Walsh asked.

"I know nothing."

Proctor was then excused and L. W. Dixon, Western Union telegrapher of Chicago, was called. He "worked" a private wire from Senator Penrose's headquarters at the Chicago convention to the Penrose house in Philadelphia.

Most of the messages sent over the wire were in cipher and names of men mentioned in the convention were discussed, Dixon said.

John T. King, former national com-

Who Is This Foell?

Judge Charles M. Foell doesn't like the DAILY WORKER. We are proud of the fact. If Judge Foell should find anything to his liking in the columns of the DAILY WORKER we would become suspicious of our loyalty to the working class.

Judge Foell is a bosses' judge. Today he is the garment bosses' judge. Tomorrow he will be the judge of some other group of bosses. The fact that the Chicago Federation of Labor mistakenly endorsed him for re-election last fall, doesn't change the fact.

That Judge Foell is a bosses' judge has been clearly shown in his whole attitude toward the striking garment workers brought before him. Judge Foell, the so-called "friend of labor," has shown himself just as bitter toward the strikers as Judge Denis Sullivan, whom the officials of the Chicago Federation of Labor tried to defeat thru "punishing its enemies."

Judge Foell has taken just as drastic action as "Denise" Sullivan, in his efforts to wipe out the picket line of the striking garment workers. But his super-efforts at intimidation have had no more effect than those of his co-partner in trying to keep the workers cowed in submission.

The DAILY WORKER intends to continue telling the truth about Judge Foell, and all the rest of the lickspittles of the big employers on the judicial benches of Chicago.

If Judge Foell cannot endure to have the truth told about himself, then so much the worse for him. The republican or democratic judge who parades as a "friend" of labor before election day, is always unmasked, and quickly, when he gets into action on the bench, after election, especially during a strike.

It has come to us that Judge Foell, in resting the criticism and truth-telling of the DAILY WORKER, might try to take it out of the strikers brought before him. It is stated that he might impose heavier fines or jail sentences upon the strike pickets struggling to protect their union, to carry its standards to victory in this fight, and thus secure some more of the scant necessities of life, of which they are now being deprived.

Judge Foell showed himself a turncoat when he betrayed his election promises made to secure the support of the officialdom of labor. On top of this he will show himself heavily tainted with cowardice if he tries to punish strikers for what he dislikes to read in the DAILY WORKER. The workers are learning the answer to the question, "Who is Judge Foell?"

Committee man of Connecticut, was manager of Penrose headquarters, he said. "Who did Penrose favor for the nomination?" asked Walsh.

"I don't know."

"To what end was he working?"

"He was trying to eliminate General Wood, Senator Johnson and Governor Lowden."

Dixon said it was generally known at the conference which decided upon the nomination of Harding was held at the Congress Hotel Annex and broke up about 4 a. m.

Dixon was then excused and John B. Alcorn, telegrapher of Terre Haute, Ind., called.

Alcorn said he went to Penrose headquarters the night before Harding was nominated. He said he was sent there to listen to the Penrose private wire.

"A city editor of a newspaper told me Penrose would name the republican nominee that night and that Mr. Harding would be the nominee," Alcorn said. "A reporter took me to Penrose headquarters where I stayed until about 4 a. m. I could not hear all that went over the leased wire. I could only pick up words now and then and they didn't make sense.

Hears Harding's Name.

"I heard the word 'Harding' once or twice, but I couldn't get the connection in any way so I could be sure he was the man who was to be nominated.

"The reporter, named Brown, told me it had been decided at a conference that night that Harding was to be nominated on the third ballot next day."

The name of the newspaper was not mentioned by Alcorn. He said he got into the headquarters with an introduction from Judge Barasa of Chicago, obtained for him by the city editor of the newspaper.

DAILY WORKER IS BIG ISSUE IN STRIKE COURT

All Pickets Are Grilled About Their Paper.

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merely punched so as to keep track of the strikers, he said and to find out who is and who is not working.

Getting The Strike News.
"Do you read the DAILY WORKER," asked Hyde of Fabian Tipshus.

"Yes" was the answer.
"Do you read it every day?"

"Yes, I read it every day to get the strike news," Tipshus answered.

Hyde again was aroused by the fact that the DAILY WORKER is exposing the farce on justice being enacted in Foell's court where workers striving for a decent wage are browbeaten like criminals.

Ask Funds For Strike.
The Committee of Fifteen yesterday sent a letter to all unions in Chicago asking them to aid the strikers financially. Members of the Committee of 15 today said they doubted if a float to advertise the cause of the strikers. They declared the idea may be abandoned because of the expense.

A recent report says that Gompers, serenely oblivious of the gallant struggle of the garment strikers against the injunction, is in Harrisburg pulling some of his political strings on a matter more important to him, personally than a labor struggle.

Put Off Cases Till Tuesday.
The thirteen cases before Judge Foell were postponed yesterday until the coming Tuesday. One of the lawyers was informed by Judge Foell that possibly on Tuesday the cases will be laid over until at least another week.

One interpretation of the postponements is that Judge Foell has a busy calendar and postponed the cases for lack of time.

Daily Worker Forces Judge's Hand.
But many are pointing out that the exposure by the DAILY WORKER of the class antagonism in which Judge Foell continually sides with the employers, is making itself felt. These people point out that the publicity has injured Foell's prestige as a fair Judge.

The DAILY WORKER is showing up the Judge who was indorsed by so many labor leaders in the last election, and the cases are being postponed by Judge Foell, it is believed, in order to save his face.

They Read The Daily Worker.
The DAILY WORKER was constantly being brought up in yesterday's testimony by Charles Hyde, lawyer for the ladies' garment bosses.

"Do you read the DAILY WORKER?" asked Hyde of Morris Sher.

"Of course I read the DAILY WORKER," was the answer.
"Do you read it every day?"

"Yes, I read it every day."

"I read the DAILY WORKER to get the strike news," Morris Sher said to a DAILY WORKER reporter a little later. "None of the other Chicago papers tells the truth about the strike of the garment workers."

Judge Foell said in court yesterday: "The right to strike is as sacred as the right to work." If Judge Foell believes that then the least he could do would be to declare the injunction against picketing unconstitutional.

As long as Judge Foell sentences strikers and keeps them off the picket line he is acting in the interests of the garment bosses and helping them break the strike.

But Judge Foell should not allow Attorney Hyde to browbeat the girl defendants, get up close to them and wave injunction writs and strike cards in their faces as he has been doing.

The present hearing in Room 807, in the County Building, is a perfect example of the use of the courts in the battle of organized labor against the employers, showing how the courts are used to break strikes in the interests of the employers.

That use of police, detectives and judges to enforce injunctions against picketing is a part of the employers' plan to crush labor. The American Federation of Labor and every organized union has recognized the use of the bench as an instrument in the hands of the employers.

No worker can respect a judge or vote for him on election day when he allows himself to be used as such a tool. This case is not an ordinary criminal case and the defendants are not criminals. The right to picket is as sacred as the right to strike, because one cannot be carried on without the other.

AMALGAMATED HALTS BOSSES' WAGE CUT PLAN

Agreement Continues Until 1925.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers has come successfully thru protracted negotiations with the men's clothing manufacturers of the Chicago district, it was learned yesterday from Samuel Levine, manager of the Chicago Joint Board.

Wages and working conditions will remain unchanged until the termination of the agreement in 1925. Employers finally agreed to give up their demands for wage reductions.

Union Rejected Wage Cut.
The agreement was made in 1922 to last until 1925. Under its terms either side had the option of opening negotiations for a change in terms at the end of each year. The employers this year took advantage of this and asked for a wage cut. However, the union refused to consider a reduction in wages and after prolonged discussion the employers yielded the point rather than face the stoppage of production that would have followed a wage cut.

25,000 Workers Affected.
Twenty-five thousand clothing workers are included in the Amalgamated's ranks in this district and there is general satisfaction that the union has maintained its position. The fact that the Amalgamated had enough surplus strength to contribute .0,000 to its sister needle trades union, the International Ladies' Garment Workers, for the dressmakers' strike, is believed to have been a factor in convincing the bosses of the folly of starting trouble.

The Chicago market has been almost completely organized since the long and hard 1919 strike when injunctions and thousands of arrests failed to halt the victorious clothing workers. Hart, Schaffner & Marx and several other firms came in number of years before.

CHAMPION Y. W. L. SOCCER FOOTBALL TEAM BATTLE WITH DANES THIS SUNDAY.

The champion soccer football team of the Y. W. L. of Chicago will play the Danes for leadership in the Chicago Soccer Football League. The Young Workers League team, which was very successful last season, promises to do even better this spring. The team has been materially strengthened.

At this game, which will be played on Sunday, April 20, at 10:30 A. M., at Humboldt Park, the Y. W. L. team will make its appearance in a brand new uniform, a red jersey which bears the emblem of the Young Communist International, the hammer and sickle.

This game is expected to be a lively one, as many of the young workers will be on the lines cheering and singing for their players. All young workers should be out at Humboldt Park this Sunday morning and bring their song books along with them.

Contempt Fight on Mal. WASHINGTON, April 18.—Contempt proceedings against Mal Daugherty probably will be started today in the Senate.

A draft of the resolution citing the brother of the former attorney general for defying the authority of the Senate investigating committee will be considered in executive session. Prompt action is expected to follow its approval by the committee.

If the contempt resolution is adopted by the Senate, Daugherty will be haled before the bar of the Senate. His continual refusal would subject him to imprisonment until he consents to testify. A long legal battle will probably result before the reluctant witness is heard.

The committee has all but abandoned its effort to compel Howard Mannington, once resident of the "little green house on K street," to appear.

Pay Boosted in Seattle. SEATTLE, April 18.—Asbestos workers in Seattle have increased their scale from \$8 to \$9 a day.

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Trachtenberg Meet

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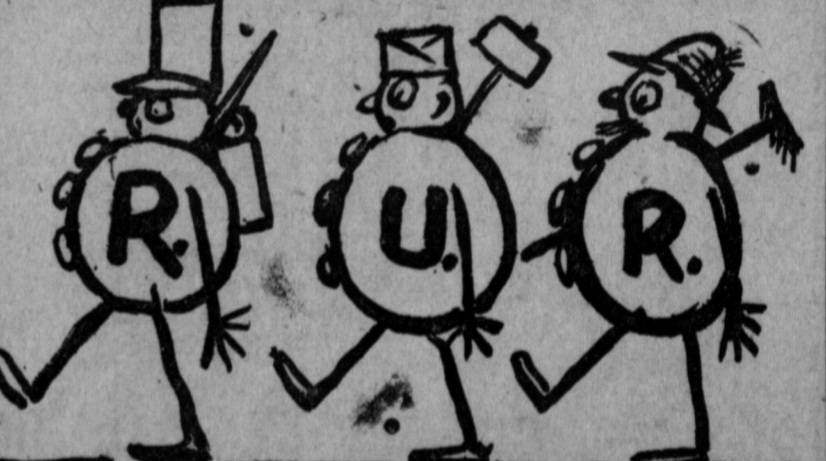
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Witness Says Stock Rose That Much.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—How Harry Sinclair made his money out of the suckers on the stock market rather than out of the ground was brought out in the testimony of W. W. Tarbell, geologist, called before the Teapot Committee by Senator Spence, republican, of Missouri.

Tarbell said how the Teapot Dome lease did not result in much oil production, but it led to a tremendous boom of Sinclair's oil stock on the New York Exchange.

Beginning with a story of the "marvelous manipulation" of the stock of the Mammoth Oil Company, the concern which operates Teapot Dome, Tarbell went on to give figures.

Stock Advances \$57,000,000. The stock was put on the market at \$40 and run up to \$140, he claimed.

Sinclair's stock advanced \$57,000,000 on the strength of rumors about the Teapot lease shortly after it was made, Tarbell added.

Walsh declared as a result of Tarbell's testimony he intended to summon E. C. Finney of the secretary of the interior office to give additional information concerning lease of naval reserve No. 2 in California.

Wood's Buyer Coming. William Cooper Procter of Cincinnati, who contributed lavishly to the presidential campaign of General Leonard Wood in 1920, told Senator Walsh he will arrive in Washington tomorrow in answer to the oil committee's subpoena.

The late Jake Hamon, who handled the boodle bag at the convention, was brought into the hearings today by Phil H. Baer, United States marshal for the eastern district of Texas.

Gas Blast Fatal. JOHNSTON, Pa., April 18.—One person was killed outright today and seven others possibly fatally injured by an explosion of accumulated gas in a residence here.

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Civil Liberties Union And Workers Party In Free Speech Test

(By The Federated Press) NEW YORK.—Whether peaceful meetings held on private property may be prohibited by interference of police or municipal authorities is the issue in the test case which the American Civil Liberties Union here has brought before the Pennsylvania Superior Court in Pittsburgh.

This particular appeal is brought before the court on behalf of Robert W. Dunn, associate director, American Civil Liberties Union and Patrick Toohy, member of the Workers Party. Dunn and Toohy were two of five speakers arrested in McKeesport last September for holding a free speech test meeting forbidden by Mayor Lysle. The meeting was held deliberately by the union and the Workers Party to test the workers' constitutional rights in Pennsylvania, and they say the case will be carried to the United States Supreme Court if the present appeal is lost.

No similar test case has ever been before the high courts of Pennsylvania. Other cases have affected only the right to meet in public places or streets, the court ruling that such places were completely under control of the authorities.

Canuck Lumber Barons Decide To Tighten Screws On Farmers

(By The Federated Press) WINNIPEG, April 18.—A profiteering activity of the Canadian lumber interests is the statement of the president of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association of Winnipeg, who urged that the prairie lumber men force the prairie farmers to change from grain growing to mixed farming. As long as the prairie farmer simply grows grain there is little chance of the lumber dealers' squeezing much out of his hide.

Night Flying Not So Good. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 18.—Lieut. W. A. Fredericks and flying cadet R. H. McCully were burned to death when an airplane in which they were practicing night flying, at Kelly Field, crashed. Fredericks' home was at George White, Texas. McCully lived at Columbia, N. C.

The Long and Short of It. NEW YORK, April 18.—Business stopped in court here when traffic cop Andrew Geyer, six feet six, appeared as a witness against Jacob Starr, four feet tall, accused of delaying traffic. Geyer has been on the department twelve years and it was his first arrest.

BRITISH RULERS ARE RAILROADING 8 INDIAN RADICALS

Communists Put Issue Up To MacDonald.

BOMBAY, India, April 18.—"A trial is proceeding in India upon the outcome of which hangs for the time being, the right of political action and association for economic ends of the three hundred million members of the Indian working class," says a manifesto issued by the Communist Party of India to Ramsay MacDonald and his fellow cabinet members in London.

A charge has been lodged in an Indian Court by the Chief of the Secret Service Department, on behalf of the Indian Government, against eight persons for alleged "conspiracy against the sovereignty of the King Emperor," on the grounds that political agitation has been made among the Indian workingclass for the organization of the Indian workingclass into a political party of their own.

"The most arbitrary allegations have been made, without foundation of proof, and the trial is proceeding to its close without any chance being given to show its true purpose nor the real issues at stake.

Conspiracy Trial at Cawnpore. "Gentlemen of the labor Government and Fellow-Workers of Great Britain, it is not we eight accused who are on trial in Cawnpore. It is the entire Indian workingclass and the idea of political agitation and organization of the workingclass which awaits the verdict of the august Court.

"Such a struggle is proceeding in India, not only on political but on economic and social lines as well. The movement is all-embracing and is revolutionary in the truest sense of the word, for in its course, the entire outlook and condition of the people are destined to be changed. * * *

Labor Party's Responsibility. "Were another party in power in England now, we could expect it to sit idly by, while the weapons of the bomb and the Star-chamber proceed unchecked in India. But you are a Government of the working class, pledged to support the interest and welfare of your class wherever these are jeopardized.

"Under cover of a trial of a few individuals charged with 'conspiracy' for the crime of having preached the Indian workers and peasants into a political party of their own, a whole creed, an entire principle and the long history of the working class struggle for betterment is at stake,—the creed and principle and tradition upon which you yourselves, as a Party and as a Government, stand.

"The toiling masses of India will record the verdict or the British Labor Government upon this chapter in the history of their struggle for emancipation.

"On behalf of the Communist Party of India, (Signed) "Manabendra Nash Roy.

LENINGRAD.—According to the latest statistics there are now 128,931 women members in the trade unions of Leningrad.

Irish Free State Finds The Divorce Problem Hot Spud

DUBLIN, April 18.—Since the treaty between the British government and the Irish Free State was signed, at the close of the year 1921, the imperial lackeys who function as a government in Dublin have had many problems on their hands, many of them quite knotty.

It is the problem of finding a convenient method for separating a couple once bound in the holy trammels of wedlock, without giving his holiness the Pope an apoplectic fit. The Catholic church has rung the changes on the evils of divorce until Catholic Ireland is almost as prejudiced against it as bootleggers are against straight-laced prohibition agents.

When Ireland was more nominally inside the British Empire, an Irishman finding the bonds of conjugal infelicity could take his troubles to the British House of Lords, and behind the Pope's back, so to speak, regain the right of self-determination. But small nations are vigilant, particularly when they are Catholic nations, and the question of divorce is at stake.

The world will watch Ireland on the divorce question.

American Agriculture Pioneers In Russia Hold Conference

CHARKOFF, Soviet Russia, April 18.—A conference of representatives of American agricultural communes of Russia was held here from the 6th to 8th of March. Comrade Smolininoff, representing the Council of Labor and Defense, acquainted the delegates with the problems that confront the immigrants. It is expected of the immigrants that they will help to rebuild and develop the agriculture of Russia by using the knowledge and methods acquired by them in the United States.

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Massachusetts Party Branch Shows How To Boost Membership

To the DAILY WORKER: Here is a bit of good news. The month of March witnessed a phenomenal growth of our branch of the Workers Party, Revue Jewish. It was indeed a red letter month for us.

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Trachtenberg's Chicago Speech In Monday's Paper

Full reports on Alexander Trachtenberg's speech on "What I Saw in Russia and Germany" will be given in the next issue of the DAILY WORKER. Our early press time made it impossible to carry the story this morning.

Trachtenberg in Gary Sunday. Gary, Ind., will be the scene of Trachtenberg's Sunday speech. He speaks there at 2:30 P. M. at party headquarters, 215 West Eighteenth avenue.

BIG RAILROADS RUIN SERVICE IN GREED FOR PROFIT

Lay Off Thousands Of Men.

By LELAND OLDS. (Federated Press Industrial Editor.)

The extent to which private operation of the railroads tends to enshrine profits above the interests of shippers and employees is revealed in the reports of two leading carriers to the interstate commerce commission. During the first two months of 1924 the New York Central and the Pennsylvania have reduced the proportion of the shipper's dollar used to provide for adequate service and have laid off thousands of men in order to squeeze out a larger net income for stockholders.

Compared with the first two months of 1923 the Pennsylvania has increased the proportion of the shipper's dollar going to profits from 12.9 per cent to 17.1 per cent. This means a decrease of nearly 5 per cent in proportion of the shipper's dollar used to provide for safe and expeditious handling of shipments.

All For Profit. The New York Central increased the proportion of the shipper's dollar going to profits from 18.1 per cent to 21.2 per cent. The extra profit was made largely at the expense of equipment. The proportion of the dollar going to maintenance fell from 35.8 per cent to 33 per cent and the reduction in expenditure on the repair of cars and locomotives amounted to \$3,370,646.

The Pennsylvania shows the most rapid deterioration of equipment as a result of this policy. Between December and February the proportion in unserviceable condition has increased as follows: Freight locomotives from 17.5 per cent to 21.1 per cent, passenger locomotives from 18.5 per cent to 19.7 per cent and freight cars from 5.9 per cent to 7.4 per cent.

During the same period the following changes in the proportion of New York Central equipment in bad order were reported: Freight locomotives from 22.5 per cent to 25.4 per cent, passenger locomotives from 21.9 per cent to 23.7 per cent and freight cars from 5.9 per cent to 4.7 per cent. When it is recalled that railroad executives proclaimed 15 per cent of locomotives and 4 per cent of cars as bad order ratios which should not be exceeded the recent reduction in expenditures involving the laying off of thousands of repair men appears without excuse.

Pennsylvania Profits Grow. The results will win the praise of stockholders. Pennsylvania profits for the first two months of 1924 amounted to \$11,311,071 as compared with only \$8,413,381 for the same period in 1923. But last year's total profits reached \$88,065,252, exceeded only once in the railroad's history and gave common stockholders a return of more than 10 per cent.

New York Central profits for the first two months amounted to \$5,222,246 as compared with \$7,734,645 a year ago. But last year's profits when complete amounted to \$45,339,427, giving common stockholders nearly 17 per cent on their money, so here again squeezing necessary expenditures is not justified.

There is, perhaps, another explanation of this effort to wring all the profits possible out of the early months of the year. Financiers back of the management may see a business slump ahead and want to pile up profits early in order to pay dividends as usual even the traffic decreases. By laying off men and decreasing expenditure on equipment they increase the probability of such a slump. And they are well aware of this.

Who'll Resurrect Their Coin? DALLAS, Tex. April 18.—Rev. John Quincy Adams' little flock of fervent worshippers waited faithfully today for the joint return of their pastor and Jesus Christ.

The "holy roller" parson left town Monday in a slyer after collecting enough funds from his devoted congregation to "finance" the return of the Lord on Easter Sunday.



Party Activities Of Local Chicago

Party Policy—Membership Meeting. THE LABOR PARTY POLICY of the Workers Party and the present developments will be discussed at the membership meeting of the party next Tuesday evening, April 22, 8 P. M. sharp, at 2409 North Halsted street, Imperial Hall. C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary of the Workers Party, will make a statement on the question and then there will be full discussion. It is imperative that every member get to this meeting and so better acquaint himself with the important campaigns of the Workers Party for the formation of a class Farmer-Labor Party. Members of the Young Workers League and any others interested in the question are cordially invited to attend.

Branch Literature Agents. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH, 8 P. M., 3322 Douglas boulevard, there will be a meeting of the Branch Literature Agents, or Propaganda Directors, as they are called. This meeting will be held regularly hereafter in order to take up ways and means of spreading Communist literature more widely and effectively among the non-Communist workers.

UNITED FRONT MAY DAY CONFERENCE, to which unions and other working class organizations have been invited, will be held April 23rd, at 8 P. M., at 180 West Washington street, in Room 200. All delegates must get to this meeting without fail.

THE MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION and celebration will be held Friday, May 1st, 1924, 8 P. M., at North Side Turner Hall, 820 North Clark street. Among the speakers thus far listed are W. F. Dunne, editor of the DAILY WORKER, Alexander Bittleman, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party and former secretary of the Jewish Federation; John Williamson, N. E. C. of the Young Workers League; Joseph Kowalski, secretary Polish Section, Workers Party, and Arthur Pressi, editor Italian weekly, "Alba Nuovo."

In addition there will be a concert. THE COMING THURSDAY, April 24th, 8 P. M., J. Edwards will speak at the Maplewood Branch of the Young Workers League on the subject of the Labor Party and the Young Workers.

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH, at 8 P. M., William F. Dunne, editor of DAILY WORKER, will speak before the open meeting of the Englewood Young Workers League on "Youth in Industry."

ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH, at 8 P. M., at North West Hall, North avenue and Western, James P. Cannon, assistant executive secretary of the Workers Party, will speak at the regular meeting of the Trade Union Educational League on "The History of May Day."

All local members should watch this column for news of all routine and special Party meetings.—Martin Abern, City Secretary.

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The White House Outburst

The protest of Coolidge against the appointment of Francis J. Heney to conduct the investigation of Mellon's Bureau of Internal Revenue is part of the general, national capitalist conspiracy to stifle the damaging investigations that have broken the clay feet and heads of many employing class political idols.

Our exploiters have had an overdose of these investigations. The order has gone out from the "G. H. Q." of the powers that be who dominate all must discontinue immediately. Each group, in its own way, it is true, is falling in line.

But immediate exigencies of a two-fold character compelled Coolidge to demand so openly and arrogantly that the lid be put on the governmental disclosures and that the Senate keep its hands off Mellon.

The nature of the investigator, Mr. Heney, as well the importance of the person to be investigated, has inspired "Silent Cal" to a fit of eloquence. Heney's past record appears to be one of fearlessness in conducting such investigations.

More than that, the fact that the reactionary labor-hating Los Angeles Times denounces Heney is sufficient reason for the capitalist watchdog in the White House to get on his hind legs and bark and bite.

Apologetic Leadership

We remarked the other day, following the defeat of the MacDonald government on the Wheatley housing bill, that the leadership of the British Labor Party had shown but little disposition to put up a real fight for the measure.

An editorial in a recent issue of the London Daily Herald, official organ of the Labor Party, confirms our statement.

Speaking of the manner in which the fight for the housing bill was conducted, the Daily Herald says:

That the government handled the matter skillfully we do not claim. . . . But as Mr. Clynes proceeded his courage appeared, like that of Bob Acres, to ooze away out of the tips of his fingers. The bold front was dropped. A conciliatory, almost an apologetic tone was taken.

The Daily Herald adopts a careful tone but it is not hard to see that even the official organ of the Labor Party considers it a disgrace to the labor movement that the Wheatley bill—the first real working class measure to be sponsored by the Labor Party—was defeated without a struggle.

It may be necessary for Premier MacDonald to attend a National Gallery dinner when a measure of such vital importance to the working class is up for consideration but it is indicative of the attitude of the right wing leadership of the party that this should be so.

Furthermore, we differ with the Daily Herald as to the value that the presence of Ramsay MacDonald would have had and it is our humble Communist opinion that he deliberately ducked a fight and that the Daily Herald is of the same opinion.

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There is only one Japanese threat that the bosses really fear and that is the threat of the Japanese workers to establish their own Soviet Republic.

Since people are to receive communion by radio, perhaps some way will be found of enjoying all the privileges of heaven while still on earth. They say the day of miracles has not passed.

Harry Kendall Thaw's "rabbit kiss" may have been hard on the rabbit, but the "oil kiss" that Doheny, Sinclair and the rest bestowed upon the republican and democratic parties has certainly proved itself more deadly.

The Case of Jacob Dolla

By WALLACE T. METCALFE.

Behind the walls in a Pennsylvania prison, Jacob Dolla, militant member of the working class, waits daily for word that will return him to his wife and family, giving him the freedom that he was so unjustly deprived of. No word of complaint has come from the lips of this man. Even tho his cup of sorrow has been overflowing at times and the prison walls have engulfed him deeper and deeper into the clutches of their shadows, the world has yet to hear one word of complaint from Jake Dolla.

Compared with the splendid loyalty of this man, who as a member of the Lebanon lodge of the A. A. of I. S. and T. W. of N. A., was jailed after one of the most contemptible frame-ups ever recorded in the history of the American labor movement, we have the cringing knave-like conduct of M. F. Tighe, president of Dolla's union, the union he fought for, in whose cause he was cast into prison.

In submitting his report to the forty-ninth annual convention of the A. A., recently held in Pittsburgh, Pa., Tighe had the brazen effrontery to assert that everything possible has been done for Dolla and that nothing more could be done. Tighe charged the "agitators," or those active in Dolla's behalf, with being "falsifiers" when they stated that he was doing nothing for Dolla.

The following letter was received by Tighe from the Department of Justice, Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 2, 1923:

"M. F. Tighe, 510 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Dear Mr. Tighe—The Pardon Board is still holding under advisement the case of Jacob Dolla, mentioned in your letter of Oct. 29.

"I believe the case will be disposed of at our November meeting. In the meantime we are looking with great care into the evidence and argument presented.

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Two months ago, the Englewood Branch, dissatisfied with the work it was doing instituted a new policy. Since it is a small branch and has very, very few industrial workers among its ranks and could not reach the masses thru the shop nuclei, decided upon other methods of reaching the masses.

As above intimated, the first part of this policy has more than succeeded. With free dancing as the attraction, the young workers have fairly flocked in. At the first meeting they came in goodly numbers. They came for a good time and for a while they had it. That was the first part of the new policy. Then came the second part. The dancing was stopped, the dancers were seated and a high-powered propagandist took the floor.

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In American industry where boys and girls in their "teens" are not so brutally treated that they feel after working hours the need for nothing but food and sleep, the vicious "welfare" systems sodden and numb their brains until they register like phonograph records the stereotyped and conventional slogans of American capitalism.

In no country in the world is the rising generation of workers so uninterested in the welfare of their class; any culture other than the Bill Hart school is banned; their music is jazz, their literature is the comic section of the Sunday capitalist sheets, their ideal of the drama that in which the virtuous hero is rewarded by the hand of the daughter of the factory owner.

Yet these thoughtless youths are caught in the gigantic machine of American capitalism; all their lives they will be workers, and the fathers and mothers of workers, for the days of pioneer enterprise are past. They will have to choose some day between the working class of which they are part and the boss class to whom they are now loyal with an unthinking loyalty.

Unemployment, low wages, the speed-up system and the increasing discipline of the factory and workshop will awaken America's youth just as these conditions have produced a young rebel movement in other nations; this is the economic background of the student pacifist movement.

The Young Workers League has the task of guiding the young workers whose shoulders the capitalist yoke galls; it is truly the vanguard of the young workers and it has the field all to itself. Its work, the work it is doing, is to turn the exuberant energy of young workers like those in Englewood to the service of the working class movement.

It is work that requires patience, knowledge and courage.