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Unorganized Workers Challenging the Official Labor Movement

The springing up of unions of formerly unorganized workers which immediately demand to be taken into the dominant American Federation of Labor unions in their occupation or industry is a new phenomenon in the American trade union movement.

Until recently such organizations were either under the influence of the Industrial Workers of the World or, actuated by distrust of the American Federation of Labor, assumed an independent status that lasted as long as the union did.

The rise of such organizations is an indication that the unorganized workers are, in the localities where these unions are formed, developing a more intelligent estimation of the American trade union movement than is to be found in official labor circles.

Conservative labor officials have so far been able to wriggle away from accusations of lack of sympathy with the struggles of workers unaffiliated to any A. F. of L. union by loud cries of "dualism."

But when 15,000 strikers, as in Passaic, not only announce their desire of becoming part of the trade union movement but insist on being taken in, evasion of duty becomes difficult and the cry of "dualism" begins to lose its punch.

In Perth Amboy, New Jersey, an organization movement beginning with a series of strikes and wage demands has occurred and, instead of independent unions being formed, the workers call for A. F. of L. organizers and demand affiliation with recognized trade unions.

Of a somewhat different character, but perhaps of more significance because it has developed without a strike, is the organization of some 1,300 electrical workers in New York City who have banded together for the purpose of securing admission to the local union of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers whose job trust character has kept these workers outside of its ranks.

The incurable believers in the theory of a revolutionary unionism, secured by the organization of unions composed only of revolutionary workers, will see in the instances cited evidence of the decay of militancy among unorganized workers.

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BRITISH ARISTOCRACY BRUTAL

WE have an aristocracy more cold, more brutal than even you experienced strikers are able to imagine. I am an old man and often want to ease up, but when I think of the 2,000,000 children of British miners starving before our eyes, I brace up and renew the struggle.

The Issues In Mexico

Wall Street's Position

THE oil and mining concessionaires in Mexico, generally referred to under the collective designation of "Wall Street," have waged a struggle for the revocation of the Mexican law which lodges title to all property in the state.

Calles' Administration

EARLY in last July Calles promulgated decrees enforcing the article of the constitution which prohibits alien clergymen from functioning in Mexico.

The Church

THE Roman Catholic church always fights for the retention of temporal power wherever the opportunity seems favorable.

LAST WORDS ON EVOLUTION

By ERNEST HAECKEL

CHAPTER II. THE STRUGGLE OVER OUR GENETICOLOGICAL TREE.

Our Ape-Relatives and the Vertebrate-STEM. IN the previous chapter I tried to give you a general idea of the present state of the controversy in regard to evolution.

the church, was forced to admit it. Hence, the open acknowledgment of the Jesuit, Father Wasmann, deserves careful attention, and we may look forward to a further development.

You will see this more clearly if we go on to consider the important special problem of the "descent of man from the ape," and its irreconcilability with the conventional belief that God made man according to his own image.

The Detroit Federation of Labor's Unhappy Marriage—The Predictions of the Poor Relation—The Illegitimate Child and Other Interesting Matters.

By C. L.

TWO short years ago the great labor family of Detroit celebrated with great gusto the political marriage between the Detroit Federation of Labor and John W. Smith, postmaster and regular republican politician.

TRUE, the charms of Smith were not so captivating in themselves. But in contrast to the ugliness of the other candidate, Joseph Martin, the acting mayor, they looked rather good to politically inexperienced workers.

ROSS Schram, the secretary of the street railway commission under Martin, cancelled the leave of absence of the officers of the union, a leave taken for the purpose of working for the union, and he attempted vigorously to organize a company union.

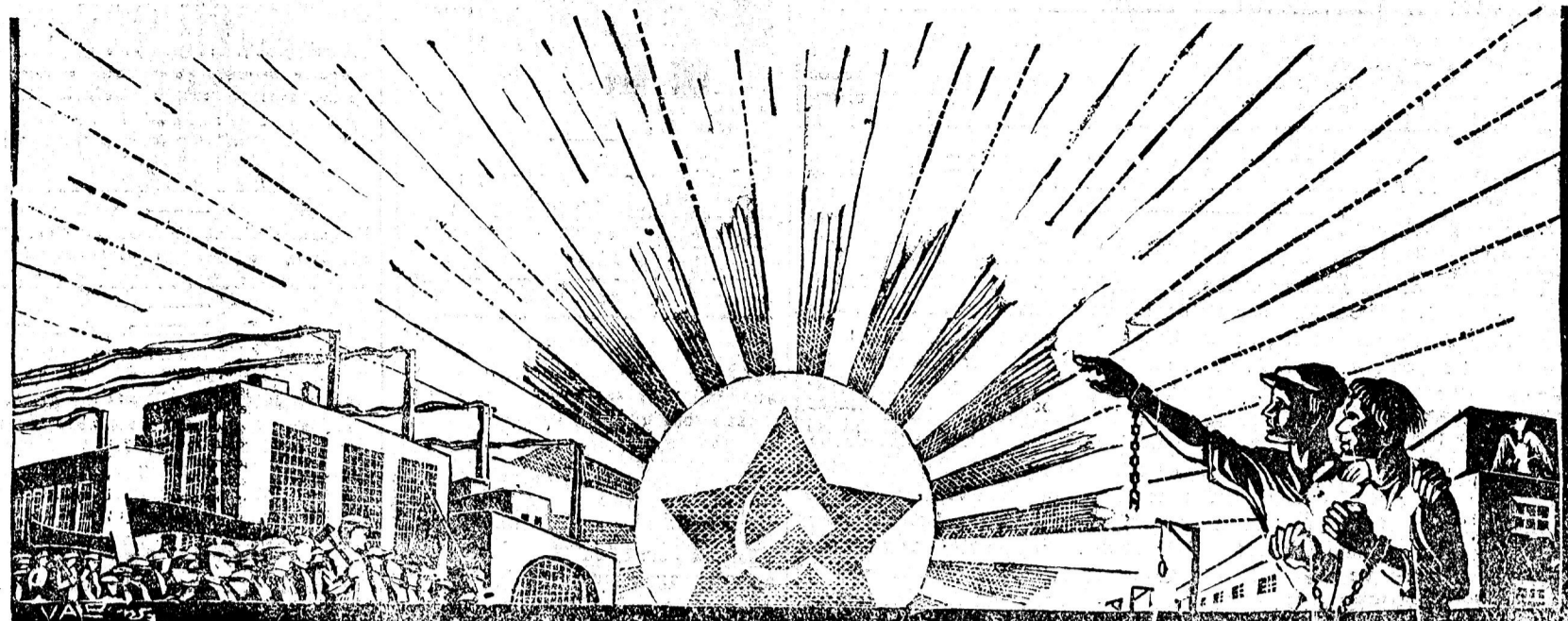
EVERYBODY in the labor family approved the match, except one poor relation, the Workers' Party. In

vain did the Workers Party point out flaws in the charms of the bride. It was of no avail to show that the bride was not innocent, that as a matter of fact she was the mistress of labor's enemy.

AS has been stated the street car system is owned by the city. The city purchased it several years ago from a private company at a fancy price.

THE jitney men from the beginning had clever men among them. These men recognized at once that the situation required political allies.

WHERE the Detroit Federation far-sighted politically it should have understood that such an organization was not a legitimate union.



Life and Work in the Soviet Union

By Anise.

JULY 20, Nijni Novgorod.—As soon as I reached the dock in Nijni Novgorod from which my steamer was to take me down the Volga, I was taken in charge by a smiling blond giant of a porter, in linen trousers and jacket.

Disentangling myself from the warehouses that always front on docks and steamers, I found myself on a long cobblestoned street with a store on the corner selling ikons and religious emblems.

Soviet Books Plenty and Cheap.

I ENTERED the book shop intent on reading material for my journey. Again those gay little Soviet primers, telling all details about government and the industry and agriculture of the land in simple language for the peasants.

Ten books—and the total cost was 55 cents. No wonder these booklets are put out in editions of 10,000 at

a time and that you find them everywhere in the Soviet Union. Then I went further down street, hunting a place to eat lunch and discovered "The Restaurant of the Bourgeoisie."

Ah, yes, the chamber of commerce of Nijni, I thought. So I asked, "Private businessmen?" "Oh, no," came the answer in shocked tones.

Steep from the water's edge rises the height on which Nijni was founded in those old days when a fortified hill was the only safe place for a town.

AT last I came down to the dock and No. Twelve welcomed me smiling. "I thought you were lost!" he said.

"Wait till we get to your room; then I'll have time to tell you all about it," he answered pleasantly.

ensconced himself on the foot of the bed and began to talk chattily, while I reflected that only in the Soviet Union do baggage porters so unconsciously sit on your bed for a talk about social affairs.

"Unemployment is very bad in Nijni. There are thousands out of work. We are all registered at the Labor Exchange. They try many ways to help us.

"The Collective I belong to has 300 members and has secured from the government river boats the right to handle passengers and baggage.

"What happens to the money you get?" I ask. "Does each man keep his own?"

"NO," answered Number Twelve. "It goes into a common pot. Twenty per cent of all goes to the general collective and the rest is divided equally among all who are porters for the month."

"Then you have no advantage?" I asked him, "from your extra ability?" "Why, yes, I have an advantage. Because now they are letting me work the second month, contrary to custom."

That is because I learn so much for the collective. So I have almost a steady job, which is good for me and for the others also."

He went on to talk of Nijni. "A dirty city" he said. "Only the nature around it is beautiful. Such a little city with such a lovely river, it ought to be a little jewel of beauty and cleanliness.

Spreading Education.

THE whistle blew, and Number Twelve left me, considering how intelligently this casual specimen of the city's unemployed "discussed" on public matters, how little bitterness he felt, except towards laziness, and how unconsciously he identified his own interests with that of the government.

On the back cover was an advertisement, telling plainly how to subscribe for more books. Inside was another advertisement asking all citizens to please write in "without even the need of putting a stamp on the envelope," and tell the Government Publishing House "what books you like and why, what books you don't like and why, what new subjects you would like to have books written on."

Tomorrow "Communist work" on a river boat.)



WITH THE STAFF

Being Things From Here and There Which Have Inspired Us to Folly or Frenzy

MAKE IT SNAPPY!

"A seven-word prayer, Jesus called a good one. A sixty-eight word prayer, he said, contained all that men needed to say or God to hear."

"THE TRIUMPH OF THE ECC."

The speakers were not only struck by eggs, but were even stoned. —From a description of the experiences of some members of the Fellowship for Peace while Peace Walk trying to propagandize the warlike citizenry of Massachusetts.

The writer of the above seems to be of the opinion that stoning is worse than egging. We disagree with him.

A stone is an honest enemy. When he strikes you he considers that his work is done and falls to the ground, there to rest until called for duty again. A stone is strong, knows that he is capable of striking more than one blow and a strong enemy is never cruel.

But consider an egg. His very weakness conspires to make him a slimy foe. As another wit has well said: "An egg hits and runs." An egg knows that with one blow he has exhausted his possibilities as a missile and immediately has recourse to other methods of warfare.

We call upon all who have been oozed upon by eggs and struck by stones—the whole army of soap-boxers and actors—to rise in defense of stoning as against egging.

THEY'LL BE LOOKED AFTER.

"I believe that if sufficient probation is not furnished in this world to infants, idiots, antediluvians, heathens and some children who have no moral chance, God will provide some probation in hades."

—Rev. Newman Smythe, Hartford, Conn.



RECENTLY another element of discord entered the situation. Smith supports for governor the candidacy of Fred Green, a manufacturer, who is the candidate of the regulars, against the present governor, Groesbeck, who has his personal machine. Largely, perhaps, because Green was a prison labor contractor, but not least because the federation expects Groesbeck to be elected it has endorsed Groesbeck's candidacy. Thus the prediction of the poor relation, the Workers' Party, came true.