

STRIKING PRODUCE TRUCKMEN WIN WAGE RAISE

Current Events

By T. J. O'Flaherty

THE Chief reason ascribed for the existence of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor by Matthew Woll, one of its most vocal vice-presidents is to aid and direct collaboration between labor, management of industry and capital.

OLD time socialist orators had the knack of exposing the fallacy of co-operation between labor and capital as a workingclass panacea. Their favorite illustration was the lamb lying down with the lion and wailing up just about the time his tail was disappearing thru the lion's mouth.

THE ex-secretary of the New Jersey Federation of Labor was purged of sin by a unanimous vote of his fellow fakers after the ex-secretary had admitted that one-half of the income of the state body for several years has been contributed by open-shop employers.

THE admission made by the ex-secretary of the New Jersey Federation of Labor, that the employers subsidized that organization to the extent of \$100,000 in his knowledge, is one of the biggest pieces of news that broke in the labor movement for many years.

JOHN H. WALKER, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor whose addiction to weeping has gained him nation-wide notoriety, in his report to the annual convention of that body, states among other things that the International Labor Defense collected \$500,000 for the defense of Sacco and Vanzetti and did not devote all the money to the purpose for which it was collected.

Old Man, Without Job Tries to Kill Himself

Robert McKittrick, 67, jobless, tried to commit suicide Tuesday by cutting his wrist and throat. Yesterday he walked into the Broad St. Hospital in a serious condition from loss of blood and collapsed. He told the hospital attendants that he was despondent over the loss of his job. He could not tell the exact place or hour when he attempted to kill himself.

NAIL ROYAL DUTCH SHELL LIE; DENY STALIN OFFERED TO PAY FOR NATIONALIZED OIL

Saul G. Bron, Chairman of the Amtorg Trading Corporation which represents the Soviet Naphtha Syndicate in the United States made yesterday the following announcement: "I am authorized to say that the statement recently attributed to Mr. Joseph Stalin in which reference is made to his alleged willingness to arbitrate the question of compensation for nationalized oil property in the Soviet Union has never been made by him."

British and "Free State" Aviators Start West in Their Dublin-U. S. Hop

New Yorkers interested in aviation were speculating late yesterday as to whether the "Princess Xenia," flown by Capt. R. H. McIntosh, of the British air corps and carrying Commandant James C. Fitzmaurice, head of the Irish Free State air service would reach this city in its flight from Dublin. The two militarists hopped off at 12:36 in the afternoon, and were seen heading for the sea. Since then, until a late hour yesterday, nothing was heard of them. They are understood to be concerned with observations and experience useful to their governments in the event of a war with the U. S.

EUGENE CHEN IN ATTACK AGAINST CHINA'S TRAITORS

Chinese Revolution Again Moves Forward

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Sept. 16.—Eugene Chen, former foreign minister of the Wuhan government, has just published a declaration branding the treason to the revolution of the reactionary Kuomintang leaders. Chen declares that following the coup of the Nanking militarists the Wuhan government ceased to exist. Aided British Imperialism. "The betrayal of the reactionary Kuomintang leaders put an end to one phase of the glorious Chinese revolution," said Chen, "and afforded British imperialism, which did not dare undertake action against the Chinese revolution during the victorious advance of the revolutionary army, a possibility to show its true face as the oppressor of the Chinese people. Nanking, Shanghai and Hankow are centers of counter-revolutionary militarists and reactionary politicians acting ruthlessly against the revolutionary movement and massacring workers, peasants and Communists."

Charge Local Meat Trust Beat Workers to Jack Up Prices

Armed thugs have been used by the poultry trust to force retail dealers to boost the prices of chicken and other fowl over the Jewish holidays, butchers testified yesterday at the hearing into the poultry trust in the attorney general's office, 51 Chambers St., yesterday. Retail dealers who preferred buying from independents rather than from members of the poultry trust, who charged as much as 12 cents a pound more for chicken, were threatened with violence, the witnesses said. David Rubin, butcher, 233 Monroe St., stated that two butchers had been dragged from his shop and beaten in the street, while Jacob Shtatz, 64 Belmont St., Brooklyn, chairman of the Brownsville and East New York Poultry Dealers' Association testified that "a gang of thugs threatened him" if he purchased poultry from independents.

DOCKERS' STRIKE SEEN AS BOSSES DENY DEMANDS

30,000 Longshoremen in New York Affected

With the official refusal yesterday on the part of the Trans-Atlantic Steamship Association to grant the pay demands asked by the union, a strike which may involve 30,000 longshoremen in New York and at least 15,000 on the Atlantic seaboard is almost a certainty. The workers demand an increase of ten cents over the present wage schedule of eighty cents an hour. Their basic work-week is 44 hours. They also demand a fifteen cent raise for overtime, the rate now being \$1.20 an hour. Organization On Coast. In the meantime south Atlantic and Gulf district longshoremen are formulating their demands which will be presented to the steamship companies in the near future. Union officials declare that organizational work is now progressing among the Pacific coast dock workers who withdrew in 1915 to join independent unions.

Big Registration at Workers School Expected Monday

In 1924-25 the Workers School consisted of some 5 or 6 classes with a total registration of 60. During the past year 50 classes were offered each term with an average registration of over 1,000; classroom space had to be doubled; a 6.45 p. m. session had to be added to the session beginning at 8 and 9.15 p. m. But more important than the physical signs of growth was the spirit shown by the students and instructors. Workers tired out from the day's work, workers engaged practically every minute of their leisure time in union activities and strikes, came one or two nights a week to the Workers School and devoted themselves to serious study courses. The small library was always filled to capacity. The students, thru the Students' Council, managed the library, forum and other activities of the school. All instructors volunteered their time and services to the school. The Workers School expects 1927-28 to witness still greater steps forward in its growth. For this reason it is offering a larger and more varied curriculum. For details see the catalog which has just been issued. You can secure a copy by writing to Bertram D. Wolfe, director of the Workers School, 108 East 14th St., New York City.

Appeal to Fuller "Vain" Says Churchmen Organ

(By Federated Press). "An Appeal in Vain" is the heading over the leading article in the current Information Service Bulletin of the Federal Council of Churches. The appeal quoted was signed by General Secretary Charles S. MacFarland and 11 other leaders of the Federal Council of Churches, and was a telegram to Gov. Fuller, a few days before the execution, asking him to stop the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti.

"I'm Something of a Fascist Myself."—Walker



Mayor Walker, New York's jazz Prince of Wales, with a fellow-fascist in Venice.

LEGION BOOSTS MILITARISM AT PARIS MEETING

Sky Pilot Leads Yelp for Big Air Force

PARIS, Sept. 16.—The legion convention, will like other conventions held by American fascists, whoop it up for bigger and better militarism, it was learned today, when the committee on aeronautics announced that it will recommend the development of a larger air force. That the legion will go on record as favoring the development of a bigger American air force is believed to be certain. The aeronautics committee, appropriately headed by a Texas sky pilot, Rev. Gill Robb Wilson, will urge the creation of a separate department of "national aeronautics" "with Cabinet representation and co-equal with the military and naval departments."

Coolidge Ready to Bulldoze France; Threatens Embargo

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The next move in the Franco-American tariff controversy was placed squarely up to President Coolidge today. Rejection by France of Washington's proposal for a commercial treaty on a most-favored-nation basis which would have given U. S. the advantages gained by Germany, left open two courses open to the government. The negotiations could be brought to an end, thus leaving American shippers and manufacturers virtually out in the cold as far as the French market is concerned; or the president could fire the opening shot in the expected tariff war by bringing Section 317 of the tariff law into play. Section 317 gives the president the privilege of increasing by 50 per cent the duties on goods received from any country which discriminates against American goods. If the discrimination continues, the president can put down a complete embargo on the

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Mayor Walker Greeted His Fellow Fascists When the Paris Convention Starts

PARIS, Sept. 16.—James J. Walker, New York's butterfly mayor, greeted scores of fellow-fascists who poured into Paris for the Legion Convention. He spent a good part of the day shopping. Walker will be made a member of the French Legion of Honor by M. Doumergue, president of the French die-hard government Tuesday afternoon. Walker was boozed yesterday by French workers, who regard him as a "good-will" ambassador of American capitalism which murdered Sacco and Vanzetti.

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LABOR THRUOUT COUNTRY FIGHTING TO BUILD BIG MADISON SQ. BAZAAR

Reports are coming in from as far west as Seattle, indicating that cities throughout the country are working feverishly for the success of the First National Bazaar arranged by The DAILY WORKER and the Freiheit at Madison Square Garden, for October 6-7-8-9. Committees are being elected by party units and by sympathetic labor organizations. Already the articles, names for the honor roll and the advertisements for the splendid souvenir program are beginning to pour in. The committee in charge announces that the following articles will be sold at the gigantic booths which are already under way; men's, women's and children's clothing, furniture, novelties, furs, raincoats, caps, millinery, groceries, umbrellas, books, victrolas, radios, automobiles, and many other articles are already being collected and are expected to be sold at bargain prices. It is expected that delegations will be sent to the bazaar from every important city, with an appropriate collection of material. All signs point to the fact that the First National Bazaar will not only be unique insofar as it is the first national affair yet arranged, but also in the fact that it is expected to be the most elaborate affair yet arranged by the radical movement.

TWO THOUSAND WORKERS GET \$5.00 INCREASE; HAD MARKETS TIED UP

Five Hundred New Jersey Dockmen Had Joined Walkout Before Settlement

A victory for the 2,000 produce truckmen who went on strike late Thursday afternoon was achieved last night. Yesterday they were offered a \$5 a week raise by the Market Truckmen's Association—the organization of the bosses. This was accepted on behalf of the men. They demanded a flat raise of \$7 when the strike was declared. Pleading that they would have to increase their revenues in order to meet the added wages of their workers, the boss truckmen had demanded certain concessions from the produce merchants, the principal one being that trucks be unloaded by them at once and not delayed as the practice prevails at present. No Strikebreakers. It is this issue which stood in the way of the ending of the strike which had completely tied up the movement of fruits and vegetables. Organized picketing by the strikers not only prevented any attempt at official strikebreaking, but also made impossible the sale of products which were piled up in the large markets of the city and in the Wallabout market in Brooklyn. The concessions were agreed upon by the Fruit and Produce Trade Association, but two other groups of marketers, the United Fruit Dealers' Association and the Fruit and Fresh Vegetable Association refused to commit themselves to the changes in

LIBEL CASE OF SIGMAN AGAINST GOLD POSTPONED

The criminal libel suit brot against the staff of the Jewish Daily Freiheit and Ben Gold and Louis Hyman, militant needle trades leaders, by Morris Sigman, right wing president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union was postponed until next Wednesday when it came up before Magistrate Brodsky in Jefferson Market Court yesterday morning. Samuel Markewitch, former assistant district attorney, and lawyer for the right wing, attempted to have the case withdrawn from the jurisdiction of Magistrate Brodsky and have it placed before some other judge who he feels would be more favorable to him. Will Hear Case Wednesday. The right wing lawyer tried in many ways to discourage Magistrate Brodsky from hearing the case. He told the judge that it would take several days to present the evidence at the hearing. This did not influence Brodsky who ruled that he would hear the case when it comes up next Wednesday morning. Joseph R. Brodsky, attorney for the workers protested against the many adjournments in the case. They have all been made at the request of Sigman and his attorney. Attorney Brodsky told the court that frequent postponements were unfair to the defendants who had to publish a daily newspaper. The militant workers are accused by Sigman of slandering his wife in articles published in the Freiheit and Unity, organ of the Unity Committee of Cloak, Dressmakers and Furriers. The articles exposed the open shop amusement park owned by Sigman, located at Storm Lake, Iowa.

CHEAP, STRIKE PROOF LABOR IS OFFERED BOSSES

Cheap American born labor is offered to New York clothing manufacturers in a letter now being sent to all men's clothing firms in this city by the Richmond, Va. Chamber of Commerce. The fact that the workers of Richmond never go on strike is mentioned. Also the fact that they are "equally as efficient" as the workers in the North. The letter reads in part as follows: "Information has come to us that many clothing manufacturers (and you may be among them) are interested in moving their manufacturing units to points outside of the city of New York, and we are therefore bringing to your attention the city of Richmond. In Richmond, you are far enough south to be out of the labor market troubles—our labor is native born and contented. Industrial strikes here are never heard of. Golf for the Workers. The climate here permits outdoor recreation the year round for the officer and the worker. We have seven golf courses which are never closed. In little over two hours you can be at the seashore or in the mountains. "At present we have several clothing, shirt and handkerchief manufacturers in Richmond. "You will find the cost of labor very much less here than in northern states, and, equally as efficient."

Straphangers' Protest Forces L. R. Railroad to Run Bigger Trains

A number of additional trains were run on the Rockaway division of the Long Island railroad as the result of protests to the transit commission against the action of the railroad in removing many trains after labor day with the explanation that "the summer resort season had closed." The transit commission also ordered the railroad to immediately remove the obstruction on its right of way at Beach 108th street and Beach Channel Drive which compels pedestrian and automobile traffic to take a roundabout route to reach that thoroughfare. There is a fence across the street. Installation of additional safety devices on the division was also ordered.

WANTED — MORE READERS! ARE YOU GETTING THEM?

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Are You Working With Might and Main for the RED BAZAAR

The Daily Worker and the Freiheit

October 6-7-8-9. These will be the significant days of the biggest event of the year. Madison Square Garden will be the place for this stupendous expression of proletarian effort and initiative. One hundred thousand workers in every important city in the United States will be the army which we will mobilize for this tremendous affair.

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Eugene Chen Attacks Traitors to China

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In spite of their most valuable services to the Kuomintang. The actual rulers of Nanking-Wuhan are characterized by Chen as tools of militarism and feudalism.

Sees Victory Ahead.
Chen expresses his firm conviction that the revolution will be victorious in the end and invites all those who endorse the ideas of Sun Yat-sen to rally to the defense of the revolution against the traitors.

Pravda Sees New Turn

MOSCOW, Sept. 16.—In commenting upon the latest developments in the Chinese situation, Pravda points out that the Kuomintang traitors not only usurped power in southern China but at the same time tried to create the impression that the masses and all public organizations are following them against the Communists.

Pravda, "the results prove exactly the reverse of this claim. The successes of the Communist armies, the growth of the revolutionary peasant revolt force even the counter-revolutionary observers to make valuable and significant admissions regarding the rise of the revolutionary movement. This rise is quite natural for the reason that no single problem of the Chinese revolution has yet been settled. The day to day experience teaches the Chinese masses that only the Communist Party is able to carry on a consistent revolutionary struggle for the liberation of China.

Revolutionary Armies Advance

CANTON, Sept. 15.—Over 20,000 well-armed and equipped troops under Ye-Hing have occupied the Meikiang district today. Other revolutionary troops have occupied other important parts of Kwantung. Reports received here from Shanghai state that Ho-Lung's army of several thousand well armed troops have penetrated the Pingshang-Luyang districts and are well on the way toward the occupation of all western Hunan.

Rapidly Gain Strength

Holung's troops are everywhere meeting with favorable receptions from the masses. Workers and peasants in the territory thru which they pass are joining by the thousands and the population gives willingly every aid to the armed forces. The workers and peasants military detachments give fullest support to Holung's forces and rapid amalgamation of forces is proceeding.

The Holung Army a Few Days Ago

joined the peasant detachments of the Ping-Hsiang district under command of the prominent Communist, Yu Peng-Ming and started an advance against Luyang.

Faced with a new and formidable

revolt moving toward combat with his forces the so-called "christian general" Feng Yu-Hsiang is on a mad rampage, murdering men, women and children by the thousands and leaving smoldering ruins in his trail. This desperate action only arouses to a higher degree the fury of the masses who await the coming of the revolutionary armies of liberation.

Japanese Steamer Sends S. O. S.

SEATTLE, Sept. 16.—Identity of the Japanese steamer which early today sent out an S. O. S. call remained a mystery this afternoon.

President Hesitates to Appoint Ambassador

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The word has gone out that John W. Garrett will not do as American ambassador to Mexico. The administration was behind him, but it is now believed that his record is such, while formerly in the service, as to make him useless in Mexico.

The latest plan of the administration seems to be to wait until after the Mexican elections before appointing a successor to the discredited Sheffield. That will be next July, but the issues involved are felt to be considerable. If one of Wall Street's men succeeds in winning power in Mexico any good banker will do. If Obregon is elected, some clever and apparently unbiased diplomat will be needed.

Hoover Says "Economic Vacuum" Buys Motors

The U. S. Dept. of Commerce, presided over by the same omniscient Herbert Hoover who declared a few years ago that "Russia is an economic vacuum" now has to chronicle in its publication, "The Automotive World News" (Issue of Sept. 12, 1927), the following:

"Latvian Dealer Sells American Cars (Riga, August 8). It is reported that an American car dealer in Riga has just sold the Russian authorities in Moscow one bus and six touring cars of well-known American make. It is understood that this dealer has accepted a further order for delivery of three complete busses. The total order is valued at about \$50,000, one-third of the amount payable with the order, and the balance to be paid by the Russian Government over a period of two years. It is further understood that if these cars give satisfaction to the authorities, they will buy a very large number of the same make during the coming year."

Twelve Jersey Workers Seriously Injured as Truck Falls Over Cliff

ENGLEWOOD, N. J., Sept. 16.—Twelve men were hurt, four perhaps mortally, when a truck in which they were enroute to work in the Alpine section of the Palisades Interstate Park plunged over a cliff on Hendrick Hudson Drive, dropped 60 feet, and turned over three times.

The truck, owned by the park, was being driven by M. McLaughlin of Skowhegan, Me., when the kingpin came out of the steering apparatus and caused him to lose control of the vehicle. All of the men were park employes.

Mathew Woll Boosts Class Collaboration

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Sept. 16.—Speaking with a number of industrial barons, Mathew Woll, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor and acting president of the National Civic Federation urged collaboration of capital and labor before the Rutgers University Extension Industrial Conference here yesterday afternoon.

Jobless Clerk Jumps in River; Could Not Get Job; Cousin Arrested

Paul Andrews, an unemployed grocery clerk committed suicide by leaping into the Hudson River, near 125th St.

Andrews pulled his cousin, James into the water when he jumped. The latter managed to pull himself on to a projecting rock. He was taken to the West 100th Street Police Station where he was booked on a charge of vagrancy. The two cousins came here from Springfield, Mass., to look for work, but were unable to find any.

Keep Up the Sustaining Fund

Needle Trade Defense

Enthusiastic Banquet for Oscar Malloff.

The recently released young furrier, who was behind prison bars for 6 months was greeted at a welcome banquet arranged in his honor last Saturday, Sept. 10th. His friends and comrades packed the place where the banquet was held and the doors had to be closed to late comers. All the leaders of the Furriers' Union were present. All those present demonstrated their joy at the release of their comrade, and their willingness to carry on the fight and go thru the same experience as Malloff and even worse if necessary.

Speeches were made by Ben Gold, manager of the Joint Board Furriers' Union; Ludwig Landy, manager, Joint Defense Committee, Michael Gold, (proletarian poet), P. Aovak, editor of Einigkeit; M. J. Olgin, Oscar Malloff, and his father and others. The most striking speech was made by Oscar's father. With glittering eyes he stated that he is glad to see his son participating in the labor movement and going to jail for it. He also related of his family's experience in their old home—Russia, in the revolutionary movement. Arriving in America they cherished the hope that their children will follow in their foot-steps—therefore when they learned of Oscar's arrest for activities in the furriers' strike they were proud of their son. "The prison bars have not killed my belief in the just cause of our fight, and now when I am out of prison I will devote my time and energy still more to the cause of the movement," were contents of Oscar's speech. Ludwig Landy pointed out that every class conscious worker must be ready to sacrifice his freedom at any time. During the time of the czar in Russia it was not uncommon to be thrown into jail for revolutionary activities. Workers of America must organize a strong Workers' Self Defense which will be the guard to defend the martyrs of the labor movement and support the families of those thrown into jail.

4,000 Present at Defense Picnic.

Over 4,000 workers were present at the Defense Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 11th at Pleasant Bay Park, Bronx, disregarding the fact that it was raining all morning. The Freiheit Singing Society produced the Sigman Follies, which made a "hit" with the guests. Alex Fox entertained the huge crowd with his extraordinary strength by bending iron bars into various shapes and designs.

Collection at House Party.

A. Brody made a collection of \$11 for the defense at a house party of Mr. and Mrs. Brodsky.

Death Brings Isadora Duncan Flowers From Innumerable Admirers

NICE, France, Sept. 16.—Hundreds of friends have brought floral offerings to the studio of Isadora Duncan, where the greatest exponent of classical dancing lies in death after a career that combined real achievement with glory, and both with strange eccentricities and unusual misfortunes.

One of the largest bunches of flowers is from a chauffeur who spent his month's income upon it.

The dancer's body will probably be cremated, and the ashes buried with those of her two children, also killed in an automobile accident.

Tammany District Head Has All Members of His Family on City Payroll

How henchmen of Tammany Hall give out political plums to all members of their immediate family is shown up in the light of day as a result of an inner-party fight for leadership of the seventh assembly district.

James J. Hagan the present leader is being fought by James A. Rafferty who has the support of the leading Tammany spokesmen.

Former State Senator Nathan Straus, Jr., is leading the fight against Hagan. In a statement he has just issued he exposes the many jobs held by the Hagan family.

Hagan is on the public payroll as deputy commissioner of public works at \$7,500 a year; James J. Hagan, Jr., clerk to Supreme Court Justice Peters, \$6,500; Walter F. Hagan, alderman, \$5,000; Eugene W. Hagan, a nephew, court attendant, \$2,800; Owen Hagan, a brother, pensioned as court attendant, \$1,250 and Eugene H. Byrne, son-in-law, secretary to the tenement house department, \$3,750.

Keep Up the Sustaining Fund

PRODUCE TEAMSTERS WIN STRIKE



Photo shows produce piled up and accumulating when teamsters demanded a raise in wages.

Coolidge Prepared to Start Bullying France

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Persons close to President Coolidge have made it known that he will not hesitate to boost the duties on imports from France, if he feels that further negotiations will prove futile. He will await, however, the reaction in Paris to the American note now being framed.

Call Off Tariff "Snooper."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Worried by the prospect of a European-American tariff war and by the increase of anti-American sentiment abroad, administration officials have decided to call a halt on the "snooping" activities of tariff commission and treasury investigators in South America and Europe, it was learned today.

The first step was taken by the tariff commission when it was decided not to send a board to Argentina for the purpose of inquiring into the cost of producing flax seed and corn. This will be followed by the withdrawal of similar boards and agents now in Europe. It is expected that congress will be asked to revise the tariff laws in order to legitimize this procedure. Hatred of America because of the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti is partly responsible.

Also these investigating activities, which are intended to produce information upon which to base American tariff duties and to prevent foreign products from entering the country illegally, have created world-wide resentment against the United States. Complaints against the practice have been pouring into the state and commerce departments daily and the grievances of European manufacturers on this score were publicly aired at the recent International Chamber of Commerce meeting in Stockholm, and at the Economic Conference in Geneva.

Argentina Forbids Investigation. The issue came to a head recently when Argentina flatly refused to assist in an investigation of flax-seed and corn production costs. The Argentine government curtly informed the state department that the investigators "would not be welcome."

The tariff commission agents were to have sailed for Buenos Aires in June but they were detained upon receipt of the Argentine protest pending a conference between the commission and President Coolidge.

Paul Crouch Speaks in Cleveland Tomorrow

CLEVELAND, Sept. 16.—Paul Crouch, recently released from Alcatraz prison, California, where he served three years for organizing a Communist League in the American army in Hawaii, will speak Sunday, 7:30 p. m. at the Insurance Center Building, 1783 East 11th St. under the auspices of the Cleveland Anti-Militarist Committee.

Detroit I. L. D. Holding Important Meet Tuesday

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 16.—A conference of the Detroit section of International Labor Defense will be held Tuesday, 8 p. m. at 1967 Grand River. Plans for sending a delegation to the national conference in November will be discussed, and the problem of bringing new elements into the work will be taken up.

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they are not believed by the intelligent workers or respected by the capitalists whose boots they are licking.

THE federal government is backing the right wing labor leaders in the campaign against the radicals in the trade unions, according to an article by W. G. Gavin, Washington correspondent of the Boston Herald in the September 14, issue of that paper. The department of labor is the government agency that bosses the united campaign of the labor fakery, socialists and government stool-pigeons. Then there is the auxiliary of the department of labor, called the conciliation service. While this service, officially, takes no sides in the struggle between right and left it is conducting a persistent underground drive against the radicals.

GAVIN declares that the conciliation bureau has played an important part in fighting Communism in the trade unions. He says: "The department has had its part, an important one, in turning back the Communists in the garment and textile industry in Massachusetts and is now engaged in reducing their influence among the boot and shoe workers." No doubt this testimony will endear the reactionary labor leaders to the exploited garment and shoe workers!

THE department of labor also seeks to reduce the friction in the relations between the employers and the labor fakery. Where one or both sides lose their self-control and engage in battle, the department steps in and points out to the belligerents that they are playing into the hands of the wily Communists who are waiting for just such an opportunity to strike at the Gold Dust industrial twins. "The conservative employer may regard a socialist with deep distrust; but the department will back a socialist against a red any day. . . ." This is rather interesting and instructive. It proves that James J. Davis, head of the department of labor knows his socialists and serves a useful purpose to the capitalist system in advising dumbbell employers that the socialists are their friends from whom they have nothing to fear and that their real foe is the Communist movement.

ADMITTING his ignorance without a whimper, James "Jimmie" Walker, itinerant mayor of New York delivered a speech in Paris before the American Club, which would cause the residents of any European city to hang out the crepe of disgrace should their chief executive confess before an audience and newspaper reporters that he knew nothing of "international law and international complications." This is not surprising coming from the song and dance mayor who says that Mussolini is a humanitarian, but why the "greatest city in the world" should have the most ignorant mayor is not as clear as it might be.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Sept. 16.—Dissolution of the "House of David" for the name of the morals, decency and good order of the people of our state," was demanded today in a brief filed by W. W. Potter, attorney general in the state's case against the cult.

VICTORY SECURED FOR TWO THOUSAND STRIKING PRODUCE TEAMSTERS OUT FOR RAISE IN WAGES

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Joseph Hanwright, president of the striking local, said that the strike was 100 per cent effective, and this was not denied by the truckmen bosses and marketing houses involved.

The union has been making year-to-year agreements with the bosses, and the present agreement expired last May. Last year a \$2 raise was obtained by the men without resorting to a strike.

Machinists' Bank Will Increase Its Capital

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (FP).—The board of directors of the Mount Vernon Savings bank, owned by the International Association of Machinists and the first trade union bank to be established in America, has recommended that the capital stock be increased to \$500,000. A stockholders meeting will pass on the recommendation. The board has recommended a stock dividend of 25 per cent on the \$160,000 outstanding of the present \$200,000 capital stock. This action would dispose of the present uncollected capital stock. Deposits in the machinists bank were \$4,200,000 at the end of 1926 as compared with \$3,500,000 at the end of 1925.

Oxonian On His Way.

Bertram Forsyth, playwright and actor, committed suicide yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas in his apartment.

He left a note, presumably for his wife, who is in Westley, R. I., with their son, Peter. The note said, in part:

"This time tomorrow, I wonder where I'll be?" Forsyth was about 40 years old, and a graduate of Oxford University in England.

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The resignation of Wan Ching Wei and the calling off of the conference between the Hankow and Wuhan governments that was to have brought about the amalgamation of the two, is probably to be attributed to the rapid succession of victories of the worker and peasant armies in the south and their unchecked advance on Canton.

The resignation of Wan Ching Wei indicates a new split in the ranks of the intelligentsia and middle class elements who turned upon the labor movement and the mass national liberation movement to make peace with Chiang Kai-shek and the other generals who aligned themselves with the purely capitalist section of the Chinese nationalist forces.

As the Communist International constantly pointed out to the Communist Party of China, the best method of furthering the interests of the mass liberation movement is the consolidation of the worker and peasant organizations, the arming of the workers, peasants and city poor and resolute struggle against all vacillating and treacherous leaders.

The advance of the revolutionary armies under Yeh Ting and Ho Lung into Kwangtung province and the wide and militant support they are receiving from the peasant and worker masses, together with the increasing conflicts among the "moderate" tools of imperialism in the right wing of the Kuomintang, evidenced by the resignation of Wan Ching Wei and the failure to amalgamate Nanking and Wuhan, show that the energetic application of this policy is meeting with success.

Under these circumstances we could expect renewed activity of a military character on the part of the imperialist forces. This is already visible.

British naval and military units are in motion around Hong-kong and recent dispatches tell of the launching of a new American gunboat at Shanghai, one of the six being built there especially for use on Chinese rivers.

The reports that General Feng, the so-called Christian general whose defection to Chiang Kai-shek preceded the open capitulation of the Wuhan government to the counter-revolution, has massacred from 30,000 to 80,000 peasants in Honan province is a further indication that Chinese capitalists and the imperialists are determined to drown the mass movement in its own blood since the series of wholesale betrayals has failed to destroy it by demoralization.

More than ever ever is it necessary to rally the labor movements of the imperialist countries for relief for the hundreds of thousands of victims of the counter-revolutionary forces, for pressure upon the imperialist governments, for the withdrawal of all armed forces and for active assistance in every possible way of the heroic workers and peasants of China who fight in the first line trenches of the struggle against imperialism.

Detroit and Moscow.

The renegade socialist who is assigned to writing anti-Soviet editorials for the New York Times, under the above caption, tries to compare the Ford system in Detroit and the system in vogue in Russia in a manner unfavorable to Soviet economy. In the most inane fashion he raises the old hoax of individual initiative, declaring that even though the Ford system should be introduced in Russia that mystical force called personal initiative is lacking.

This sort of palaver only proves that the editorial writer is as ignorant of the Detroit system as he is vindictive about what he imagines to be the "Moscow system."

Certainly recent events in Detroit during the reconstruction of the Ford plants in preparation for the new model that Ford hopes will enable him to compete with General Motors have inflicted untold suffering upon former Ford workers who have faced months of unemployment and thousands of whom have, according to Ford's own estimates, been compelled to leave town and sacrifice their homes that were partially paid for to the mercies of the real estate speculators who manipulate with Ford capital.

Individual initiative is an empty jest in the Ford plant where the army of workers has been reduced to mere appendages of the machine.

In the Soviet industries the workers always have a voice in the management and are always alert to defend their interests. This attitude is encouraged by the workers' and peasants' government. The welfare of the workers is the first consideration. In Detroit the worker who dares to suggest that he be considered as anything other than a cog in the machine is instantly eliminated if the widespread spy system maintained to prevent organization of labor is able to ferret him out and denounce him to the bosses. The autocracy of the Ford system is notorious; it even extends to the dictation by Ford spies of the family expenditures of the Ford slaves.

When next the "Soviet expert" of the Times wants to indulge in comparisons of American wage-slavery with Russian workers' control he will have to choose a less despotic and tyrannical example than the Ford auto plants, because the known facts about Detroit make his arguments especially ridiculous.

The fact that thousands upon thousands of Ford workers eagerly read the factory papers urging them to organize proves that Detroit is not the industrial paradise the Times would have us believe. And the crisis in the automobile industry will be a spur to labor organization and labor struggles that will, in the not distant future, make Detroit a center of great labor struggles for some of the elementary demands of workers as human beings.

Trends in the American Labor Movement as Shown by Recent Developments

Injunctions, Unemployment and Other American Institutions

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE, III.

CALLOUS judges who seem to be unaware that the official labor leadership is trying to place the feet of the workers firmly upon the well-paved primrose path of efficiency unionism and worker-employer cooperation continually place obstacles in the way of their earnest efforts to arrive at a friendly understanding with the bosses.

It seems to us that the Greens, Wolls and Lewises have just cause for complaint of the manner in which state courts and the supreme court of the United States ignore their overtures to employers and constantly give excuse to revolutionists like ourselves to raise the question of the class struggle.

THERE is for instance the Bedford Cut Stone Company decision handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court which practically outlaws ordinary defensive activities of the unions.

The United Mine Workers of America are enjoined from carrying on organizing work in the decisive fields of West Virginia by a blanket injunction.

IN southern Ohio the same union is met with a federal injunction of so sweeping a character, including the authorization to federal armed forces to place themselves at the disposal of the coal barons, that unless it is broken by mass violation the strike itself will be broken.

IN Indianapolis an injunction was issued prohibiting organization work by the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and two-organizers for this union were sent to prison for two months under its provisions.

Painters, plumbers, needle trades workers, paper boxmakers, shoe workers, food workers, textile workers—all have been met with injunctions in their strikes of the last year. "No strike too small and no strike too big for an injunction" seems to be the slogan of the judges.

NATURALLY this does not fit in with the theory of the impartial character of American government preached with such holy ardor by the official labor leaders. Manifestly it is much more difficult to arouse undiluted and ardent support for the entire fabric of American institutions among the organized workers when the courts throw an injunction into the mouths of workers every time they are opened wide to emit a few hurrahs for this glorious land of the free. Under these conditions a certain doubt is bound to develop.

DOUBT grows into certainty when, as in the eastern Ohio coal fields a federal judge issues an injunction prohibiting any but American citizens from picketing and who promises

to "see that any man who cannot talk English or is not an American citizen who dares to take part in picketing shall be immediately deported." There is now a veritable stampede on the part of the coal operators to secure similar injunctions.

UPON whom is the blame for this sinister court ruling to be placed? Nowhere else but upon the shoulders of President Lewis of the United Mine Workers and his henchmen who, at the Indianapolis convention last January anticipated and invited such a ruling by themselves prohibiting all but American citizens from holding office in the union.

Composed of a majority of foreign-born workers the United Mine Workers of America can have its strike broken by this one injunction alone.

SATURATED the American workers may be with the anti-foreign propaganda of the capitalist publicity agencies, jealous that they may be of their "privileges" as American citizens, they nevertheless are able in the light of such developments to understand that here is no mere "Americanization" scheme but a deadly blow at the most important union in the American labor movement which will be followed by others directed at all unions which have foreign born membership in large numbers, as have all the mass unions.

There can be no purely "American" unions for at least another decade.

AMERICAN labor officialdom faces another problem for which its efficiency unionism policy not only provides no solution but which actually adds to its seriousness—the problem of growing unemployment.

In the boom period which is passing it was not necessary for labor officialdom to waste time on this question since its golden schemes for "peace in industry" and trade union capitalism effectively stilled the few discontented ones. Officialdom could even join with the bosses at chamber of commerce and rotary club meetings and, clad in the smug glory of frock coats and Ascot ties, make eloquent speeches lauding the splendid progress of American industry and the wonderful productivity of the contented American worker harnessed to the shining machines which are the marvel of the world.

BUT now all signs point to a decrease in industrial activity and a period of depression whose length cannot be predicted at present. The question of unemployment is placed on the order of business by no less a person than James J. Davis, secretary of labor. Stoppage of immigration, that panacea of the Gompers statesmanship, has failed to solve the problem. As a matter of fact the relative scarcity of labor resulting from stoppage of immigration has stimulated the invention of labor-saving devices and a vicious circle has been created.

The Party's Shortcomings, Mistakes and Problems

NOTE: This is the sixth installment of the report for the Political Committee made by Jay Lovestone, at the recent Fifth National Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party held in New York City. This installment deals with "The Party's Shortcomings, Mistakes and Problems."

Now a few words about America's relations to Europe. Here we must consider at this moment, primarily the relations between America and Great Britain. For some time there has been substantial collaboration between Great Britain and the United States despite increasing antagonisms. This has led the superficial bourgeois observers to advocate an alliance between England and America as a guarantor of world peace. This is an illusion. No alliance between imperialist powers can be an alliance for peace, whether it be an alliance of France and Germany, France and England, or America and England. An alliance between America and Great Britain today, if it were real and existed, would not be an alliance making for peace in the world, but on the contrary, making for a new world war—because it would be a war alliance against the Soviet Union and all oppressed nationalities and colonial peoples.

What are the basic facts in reference to Anglo-American relations? Recent months have been a sharpening of these relationships. Take the results of the Geneva Conference. Against whom does England need this large navy? Not against Italy. Not against Germany. Not even against the Soviet Union. It needs a big navy against the imperialist power which can have a navy as big or bigger than its own, the United States. Against whom does the United States need a big navy? The only imperialist power against which it can have real use for and of a big navy is the British imperialist power. The conflict here is a conflict for the domination of the world market today. British imperialism still has a greater annual total trade than American imperialism. But British imperialism's trend is declining, while America is expanding and they are bound to clash. They are clashing.

DESPITE this increasing conflict between America and England, de-

spite the fact that the antagonisms of America and England today in the international field play the role of the antagonisms between German and English imperialism before the war, yet the key to the international situation today is to be found in the danger of a united front of the imperialist powers against the Soviet Union and the Chinese revolution.

In speaking of the role of American imperialism, we must not overlook the increasing export of American capital and its effect on the standard of living of our working class. When American imperialism exports capital to China, to Italy, India, or to any country which is less developed industrially, it is in a position to dominate the industries of those countries and to manufacture there commodities at a lower cost, at lower wages than in America. This very prowess of American imperialism which temporarily allows the bourgeoisie to have such superprofits as to give away a few crumbs to the labor aristocracy, this feature has a contradictory element in it. This contradictory element is the danger of lowering the standard of living of the great masses of American workers, because of the very increase in the export of capital.

Take the textile industry in the North and South in the United States—The textile owners in the North are moving South where they can get production at lower costs. The reduction of the standard of living and the standard of wages of the working class or of any section of the working class is always determined not by the highest but by the lowest point of wages which the bourgeoisie can force the workers to accept. Thus if the American capitalists, through their export of capital to lesser industrially developed countries, will be able to secure cheaper labor power in European or Asiatic countries, they will either reduce their American working forces or slash the wages of these working forces at home.

Our tasks at present in this field are the following: We must not fight imperialism abstractly. There is no use of fighting American imperialism in general. We must adapt our tactics to the changing concrete conditions day by day if necessary, always keeping in mind the fundamental role, the basic characteristics

of American imperialism. We must adjust our tactics to the various changes. This applies to the Chinese campaign. This applies to our tasks in the Anglo-American alliance which may be formed. This applies to our need for mobilizing the masses for demonstrating against such a possible alliance. The need for organizing anti-war campaigns and demonstrations against American imperialism and British imperialism has been correctly met by our Party only on this basis.

4. The labor party problem. The central task of our Party today is still to develop the working class as a class politically. This means that the unifying slogan, the one unifying movement under which we can have an approach to the workers of California who strike for a 5 cent increase in wages, or to the Passaic textile workers who strike for the right to organize into a union, is in a Labor Party. We have seen the decrease in the effectiveness and the slackening of the labor party movement first, because of the objective conditions, secondly because of the change in the trend of the composition of the working class.

Let no one belittle the fact that the bureaucracy and the labor aristocracy have been corrupted to so large an extent. This is one of the basic factors for the weakening of the labor party movement. More and more the great mass of unorganized, unskilled workers have become discouraged because of the swing to the right by the labor aristocracy. The importance of the status of the organized, skilled workers thus becomes apparent. The immediate outlook for a labor party is small. The immediate outlook for a united labor ticket is not good. If the economic recession deepens into a depression, the chances for the development of a mass labor party movement will be much improved. Everywhere our labor party campaign must be organizational and not merely agitational.

(To Be Continued.)

First Negro Fire Officer.
The first Negro officer of the New York Fire Department was appointed yesterday. He is Wesley Williams, a member of Engine Company 55, Broome St.

Mr. Philip Snowden's Vulgar Economics

By H. M. WICKS.

RAMSEY MACDONALD'S chancellor of the exchequer in the labor government, Mr. Philip Snowden, must labor under the illusion that his term as chief of the treasury department of the British government fitted him to comment with authority upon any subject pertaining to finance capital and the world's gold supply. In a recent article in the London "Financial Times" the former British secretary of the treasury charges that the United States is hoarding far more gold than "is required for monetary use or legitimate credit." He suggests that if this policy is continued "Europe may defend itself by further economy in the monetary use of gold, which would enable central banks to dispose of a large part of the gold reserve."

In the entire article of Snowden there is scarcely one statement that accords with the facts. His argument is pure fiction, a figment of his reformist imagination, a vulgarization of economics that has no parallel in the last quarter of a century.

Instead of hoarding gold the chief problem of the Federal Reserve system is to devise some means whereby the flood of gold pouring upon these shores may be diverted to other channels. Already the enormous surplus of gold in this country has resulted in drastic steps being taken to overcome its paralyzing effect. One of these measures has been what is called in banking parlance the "sterilization" of the enormous sum of \$1,400,000,000 in gold imports. This amount has been set aside and prevented from performing its normal economic function in order to maintain money rates at a high level. Even this measure works in the opposite direction from that desired by the bankers. The high rates thus artificially maintained have caused additional gold to flow to this country. Furthermore it has stimulated the mining of gold and has even caused gold buried in the arts to be melted and thrown upon the market. So involved in contradictions is the capitalist system that some of the most elaborate plans turn into their opposite and make even worse a condition they strive to remedy.

HAVING seen the futility of the "sterilization" of gold in the vaults of the reserve banks of the United States, the manipulators of the gold market are now striving to prevent gold intended for this country leaving Europe and other parts of the world, by a process of "earmarking." Efforts are now being made by American bankers to secure concerted action on the part of European central banks to prevent gold flowing into the United States. On a number has the same effect upon the gold purchased by American banks has been held in reserve abroad and efforts were made to resell it without its entering this country at all. But even that is futile for the simple reason that the holding of it abroad has the same effect upon the gold supply of the United States that its importation into this country would have. When it is resold it takes the place of gold that is lying fallow here and that would otherwise have taken its place.

All these maneuvers on the part of American imperialism to divert the flow of gold from this country escape the astute eye of the former chancellor of the exchequer of MacDonald's government. Instead of hoarding gold the life and death problem for the maintenance of the gold standard is involved in devising a means of disposing of the tremendous surplus already on hand.

At the identical moment Mr. Snowden was writing his profound observations revealing how little he really knows of the workings of the system under which he lives and how utterly incompetent he was to hold his job as secretary of the British treasury Wall Street was placing at the disposal of the Commonwealth of Australia, under the flag of Britain, the sum of \$40,000,000, and striving to induce municipalities of that country to take another \$30,000,000. In the past year (1926) the total of foreign securities bought by this country was \$1,318,554,850. A considerable proportion of these were purchased with gold. In addition to the selling of securities, enormous private loans have been made to foreign bankers. The position of the United States as the most powerful imperialist power on earth, and its position as the banker of the world,

sanity of the hypocrites who say that the interests of capital and labor are identical, the mental prostitutes who rave about everyone being born free and with equal opportunity, of the sky pilots who sanction the present system and say that such is the will of the Almighty, the yellow labor leaders who imagine they can carry water on both shoulders by trying to serve the masters and at the same time the workers and all the other flunkies and lickspittles of the master class.

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Fraternally,—John Lyons, Brooklyn, N. Y.

has its disadvantages as well as its advantages. While its investments enable it to dispose for the time being of part of its surplus, it at the same time guarantees returns of dividends upon the investments, which makes the problem still more acute in the long run.

THE main characteristic of the United States in relation to the world's gold supply is not that of a hoarding nation, but that of a nation frantically striving, by every conceivable means, to dispose of the greater part of its gold supply. It is this that impels the government to ever more aggressive imperialist policies in relation to other countries. It is this imperative necessity that determines American governmental policy in China, in the Philippines, in South and Central America and in Europe. It fights for places in which to invest its tremendous surplus.

No one but the most inept amateur in the realm of economics would for a moment imagine that any great capitalist nation on earth would hoard gold, except temporarily as a means of payment of international obligations or cancelling internal debts. The first, most fundamental and simple proposition learned by the novice in economics is that gold that lies fallow is useless and that it is never "sterilized" except in extraordinary circumstances and then only in order to endeavor to avoid collapse of the money rates, as is the present case in the United States. If Mr. Snowden and his associates, loyal and valiant servants of his Britannic majesty and the bourgeoisie of England, can devise a means whereby this "sterilized" gold can safely be released into British hands we are sure it will meet with instant approval of Wall Street.

"Taking \$1,400,000,000 in gold out of the world's monetary stocks and depriving it of all power to serve as a basis for credit is not a matter to be considered lightly," asserts the September number of the American Bankers Association Journal. "Nothing of the kind has ever happened before as regards gold, and no one can say positively what the effects will be."

The economic "experts" for the bankers association may not be able to perceive the outcome of such a policy, but it is plain to Marxists that this "sterilization" has gone as far as it can go. With 15 per cent of the world's gold supply inactive the gold standard itself is endangered and to continue further such a policy will result in stagnation and eventually collapse.

The next step will be protective measures devised for the purpose of releasing this supply, which would be accompanied by a fall in the money rate. But even that would not permanently remove the basic inexorable economic forces that brought about the present situation and will inevitably reproduce on a still greater scale the contradictions of this stage of capitalism. If Mr. Snowden were a real representative of the working class instead of a miserable and vulgar apologist for the English capitalist class he would analyze, the economics of imperialism and point out the danger to the working class of the world of the great imperialist rivalries that have developed since the war and that are paving the way for new world wars and which today manifest themselves in the efforts of the powers to crush the Chinese revolution that threatens to wipe out past investments in that country and prevent future imperialist domination. He would devote his talents to a defense of the Soviet Union which is being attacked on all sides by the mercenaries of the predatory powers in an effort to remove the most formidable obstacle to domination of the whole world by the capitalist nations.

And finally he would urge the workers of England to take steps that would enable them to challenge the power of British imperialism on its own soil.

But to demand that is to demand that Snowden cease to be Snowden.

Instead of fighting against his own ruling class this ornament of British social pacifism will be found where he is today, in the camp of the enemies of labor, indulging in filthy sophistry to justify his own treachery.

And those who will successfully fight American imperialism are not those lackeys of Britain who complain of the cornering of the world's gold supply but the working class of the United States, under the leadership of the Communists.

Letters From Our Readers

Editor, THE DAILY WORKER:

I read in the capitalist papers recently that during the recent Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrations in Boston, Powers Hapgood after being arrested several times was finally turned over to a hospital for a mental examination or what may be termed a sanity test.

It is laughable to what methods capitalist lackeys resort to in suppressing the militant spokesmen of labor's cause.

Instead of testing the sanity of workers who are trying to establish a better world to live in, they ought to test the sanity of the perpetrators of the present damnable insane system of society that exploits the earth, everything, and everyone thereon for the benefit of the capitalist class. They ought to further test the

sanity of the hypocrites who say that the interests of capital and labor are identical, the mental prostitutes who rave about everyone being born free and with equal opportunity, of the sky pilots who sanction the present system and say that such is the will of the Almighty, the yellow labor leaders who imagine they can carry water on both shoulders by trying to serve the masters and at the same time the workers and all the other flunkies and lickspittles of the master class.

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