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VIENNA POLICE JAIL BELA KUN, HUNGARIAN LEADER

Arrest Bela Kun



Bela Kun, head of the Hungarian Soviet Republic in 1919, has been arrested by the Viennese police and faces deportation to Hungary.

BIG MEETING IN DETROIT IS SET FOR MAY SIXTH

Flint and Pontiac to Hear Communist Speakers

DETROIT, April 27.—Detroit's May Day meeting will be held Sunday, May 6 at 2:30 p. m. at Arena Gardens, Woodward near Hendric.

In addition to speaking there will be a musical program. The combined South Slav and Lithuanian choruses will sing revolutionary songs.

May Day meetings with Foster and Wicks as speakers are also arranged for Flint and Pontiac.

EX-SOCIALIST PAID BY POWER TRUST

Frank Bohn Got \$1,800 For Rewriting Book

WASHINGTON, D. C. Apr. 27.—That Frank Bohn, once a star theoretician of the socialist party, received \$1,800 for rewriting a book by Richard Washburn Child attacking government operation of Boulder Dam.

Both Bohn and Child, who was paid \$7,500, were employed by the joint committee of National Utility Associations, the power trust lobby.

Testimony also showed that the joint committee had enlisted the support of Chambers of Commerce throughout the country in a drive to defeat Boulder Dam legislation.

A. F. of L. Compromises On Compensation Bills

WASHINGTON, April 27 (EP).—After seven years of deadlock between District of Columbia workmen's compensation bills favored by the private insurance companies' lobby on the other, a compromise bill has passed the senate.

Charge Cops Took Bribe

Two New York prohibition agents were indicted by federal grand jury on charges accepting bribes, yesterday.

The agents are Samuel Kufferman and Palmer Tubbs. Tubbs was formerly connected with the New Rochelle, N. Y. police department and Kufferman with the Brooklyn department.

The May Day 'Worker'

The DAILY WORKER will publish a double-sized paper for May Day (Tuesday). There will be no national edition of THE DAILY WORKER Monday.

Mass Picketing To Answer Attempt to Reopen Mills

TEXTILE BARONS MAY OPEN MILLS; FIGHT SHARPENS

Picketing to Shut Mill Gates Again, Slogan

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Apr. 27.—Despite the mill owners' announcements to the contrary, for the past few days there has been a well founded rumor that an attempt will be made Monday to reopen most of the 53 plants shut down by the unanimous walkout of 30,000 textile workers.

The Textile Mill Committees, an organization speaking for the 23,000 unorganized workers who joined the 7,000 members of the American Federation of Textile Operatives in the fight against the wage cut, announced that they have issued a call to all the strikers to report near their respective mills early Monday morning.

The demand of the mill committees for organized picket demonstrations was also made upon the officials of the Textile Council of the A. F. T. O. Although the demand for picketing has been made with increasing volume by the members of the union themselves, the union heads consistently refused to sanction mass picketing.

Another development in the strike situation here became known yesterday when it was learned that Mayor Ashley was advising those workers applying for relief to go scabbing when the mills open again.

50,000 Workers Will Wear May 1 Buttons

Fifty thousand workers throughout the United States will wear a May Day button, designed and distributed by the Workers (Communist) Party.

2 Killed, 11 Injured In Patterson Fire

PATERSON, April 27.—Two firemen were killed and eleven others and a policeman severely injured when two floors of Linn's department store collapsed during a three-alarm fire early today.

Policeman Confesses Committing 40 Thefts

Stephen Keiper, mounted policeman of the Cedar Grove section of Staten Island, has confessed that he committed the forty robberies that occurred on his beat during the last few months, according to deputy police inspector Ernst Van Wagner of Staten Island.

Strike of 30,000 Ties Up All Textile Mills in New Bedford, Mass.



All the textile mills in New Bedford, Mass., were completely shut down two hours after the workers went out on strike against a 10 per cent wage cut. Of the 30,000 strikers, 23,000 are unorganized, and they are being led by the militant Textile Mills Committee. Photo above shows a group of pickets outside the Sharpe Mill.

SLEEPY CITY AWAKES TO GIVE MINERS SUBS

Dear Comrades: We are enclosing herewith a check for \$40 from Workers Party District No. 3, which represents a collection taken at the banquet of the Freiheit Singing Society on April 20 for the purpose of sending DAILY WORKERS to striking miners.

MOONEY EXPOSES NEW FRAME-UP

Labor Defense To Take Up Case

Tom Mooney, for 12 years in San Quentin penitentiary in a frame-up that sent him and Warren K. Billings to prison for life, has brought to the attention of the International Labor Defense the case of another worker that had passed almost unnoticed by the world of labor.

The I. L. D. immediately communicated with the prisoner, Gus Madsen, a carpenter of San Francisco, who presented his case in a letter recently received from him:

"I have received the \$25 check and I want to thank you and all the militant workers of the International Labor Defense for the kind interest you have taken in me thru Tom Mooney."

Fake Old Age Pension Bill Passed in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, (By Mail).—An old age and disability pension for port and railway workers of Brazil has been promulgated, according to which these workers will have a right to retirement on a pension at the age of 55 years after completing 20 to 30 years of service.

It is not reported how much the pension of the workers will be. The wording of this decree gives sufficient room for endless litigation with the result of depriving the workers of all the awards either in favor of the employer or the lawyers.

MUSSOLINI PLANS NEW VANZETTI CASE

Protest Arrest of Communists After Framed Milan Bombing

Communists to be held before a special tribunal of fascist militia officers has been officially announced and will take place within a few days.

The innocent accused have been permitted no defense lawyers. The International Red Aid has issued an appeal demanding that all forces be mobilized in all countries for the immediate release of the victims of the fascist terror. Mass protest meetings in all countries are urged to demand the postponement of the trial and the admission of foreign lawyers.

MAY DEPORT HIM TO HUNGARY AND PROBABLE DEATH

Believe British Tories Ordered Move

VIENNA, April 27.—Bela Kun, Hungarian Communist leader, who headed the Hungarian Soviet Republic in 1919, was arrested by the Viennese police yesterday.

It is feared that the Seipel Government, which has steadily swung to the right and which has maintained the most friendly relations with the Horthy regime, may deport Bela Kun to Hungary.

Bela Kun's arrest is believed to have been dictated by the British Government, which has exercised a good deal of influence on the Austrian Government since its stabilization.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., April 27.—To hell with the constitution, if you have the power. Free speech and civil guarantees so far as the miners are concerned are things which school children may prate about but which no grown person need believe in.

This was the frank announcement of Paul V. Waddel, prosecutor of Belmont County, in connection with the arrest of 75 women, 51 of whom were kept in a vile-smelling, overcrowded jail without charges and without bail.

When it was pointed out that these methods were "unconstitutional," Waddel declared: "We have had to forget what we learned in school about the constitution, but in the last two days by so doing we have nipped in the bud the most menacing movement in the whole year of the mine strike, the Save-the-Union movement."

Sheriff Clark Hardesty, working with Waddel, stated that he thought it regular and necessary to use "bombs to disperse the crowd."

Miners' Movement Going Strong (Special to The Daily Worker)

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, April 27.—That the progressive miners movement has not been "nipped in the bud," as Prosecutor Waddel declared, but is now going stronger than before the arrests and persecutions of militant miners and their wives, is evident here in the spirit and determination with which the miners are continuing their strike activities.

Three mine leaders, Joe Webber, Andy Plechaty and Frank Sepich are still in jail and efforts are being made by the International Labor Defense to secure their release.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—"We have machine guns, riot guns, rifles, tear bombs, and pistols which fire gas shells. We have all those things which we will use in case a mob leaves the public highway and comes on our property."

The producers named in the suits are Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corp.; Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Distribution Corp.; First National Pictures; Universal Film Exchange; United Artists Corp.; Fox Film Corp.; Pathe Exchange; F. B. O. Pictures Corp.; Vitagraph, Inc., and Educational Film Exchanges.

Fireman Sets Own Fires

LONG BEACH, L. I., April 27.—Joseph Archmede, a member of the volunteer fire department, has admitted setting 3 fires in the Hotel President, Long Beach, because he liked to see the fire engines in action. He is in the Mineola jail today charged with arson.

"TO HELL WITH CONSTITUTION"

St. Clairsville Terror Increases

Believe British Tories Ordered Move

DISEASE, HUNGER STALK MINE AREA

Relief Body Pleads For Assistance

PITTSBURGH, April 27.—A steadily mounting toll of victims of pneumonia, grippe and other diseases resulting from exposure and inadequate clothing is rising as a result of the dangerous spring weather throughout the strike territory.

In every mail the National Miners' Relief Committee, formerly the Penn-Ohio Relief Committee, receives new appeals for shelter.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Equity suits have been filed by the government in Federal Court in New York against ten of the largest motion picture producers of America, and 32 film boards of trade in various parts of the country.

The producers named in the suits are Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corp.; Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Distribution Corp.; First National Pictures; Universal Film Exchange; United Artists Corp.; Fox Film Corp.; Pathe Exchange; F. B. O. Pictures Corp.; Vitagraph, Inc., and Educational Film Exchanges.

Will Sue Movie Trust

The producers named in the suits are Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corp.; Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Distribution Corp.; First National Pictures; Universal Film Exchange; United Artists Corp.; Fox Film Corp.; Pathe Exchange; F. B. O. Pictures Corp.; Vitagraph, Inc., and Educational Film Exchanges. The government's investigation of the "movie trust," began several years ago.

Girl Correspondent Tells Conditions in Big New York Mail Order House

BELLAS HESS CO. DRIVES GIRLS AT \$12 A WEEK WAGE

\$15 Is High Pay At Speed-Up Plant

(By a Worker Correspondent)
I notice that you are again waging a campaign to organize the employees of the National Bellas mail order house. The distribution of The DAILY WORKER Friday containing an item about National Bellas on its front page made an impression on its workers. It has set many workers thinking. They are wondering what is going to happen next. Some of them no doubt realize what The DAILY Worker is about, but many haven't the least conception.

Many of the girls are under 16 years of age and attend continuation schools. When it is very busy the section heads advise them not to go to school. Comrades, the conditions are much worse than you have been informed. Girls commence at the rate of \$12 a week. Boys probably get a dollar more. Advancement is very slow and painful. It does not in fact exist at all for the average worker, as workers are taken on and fired continuously, for no reason at all save the fact that the rush is over, or that the individual is not fast enough, or has not entirely pleased the department or section head. It is called by the term familiar to workers "reduction of working forces."

Unbelievable Conditions.
Some of the conditions existing there are unbelievable. In the departments where many girls are employed a matron supervises the wash room. She is paid to hurry and push the girls while they wash up and attend to their wants. The matron generally scolds the girls in the crudest and severest language for the least thing. Girls must not have any communication with each other at all in the washroom, nor linger a minute over the time the matron chooses to allot to them. The washrooms are not nearly as large as they should be and each department is permitted in only during a prescribed hour. Many workers are afraid to enter the washroom behind the time set down by rule even in time of necessity to avoid the angry voice of the matron and her interrogations.

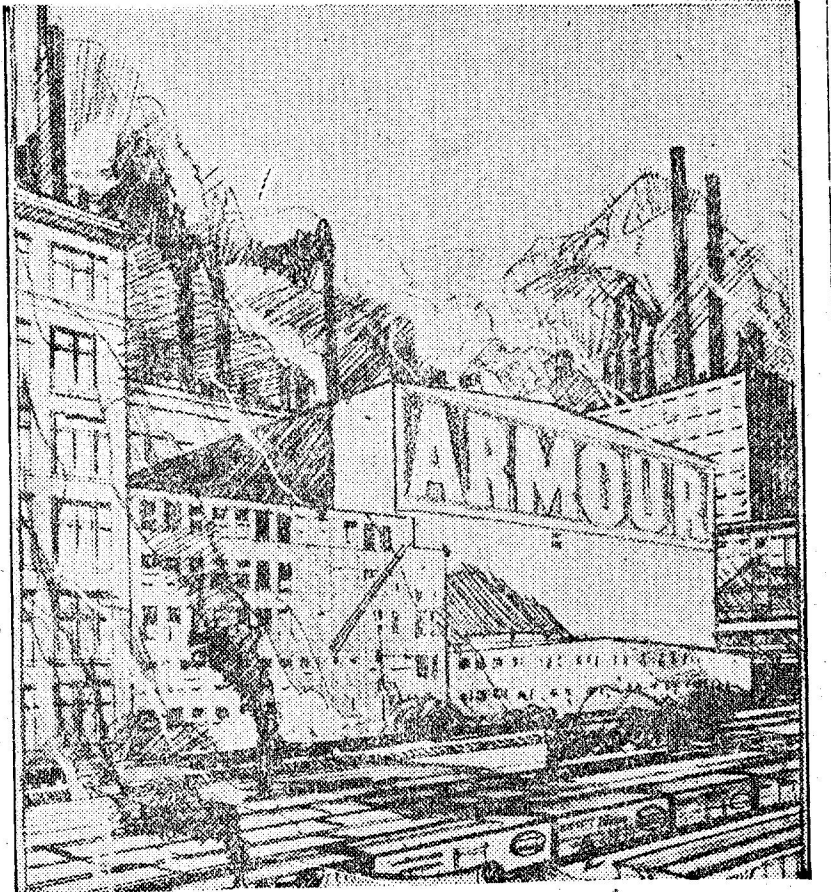
A radio has just been installed in the lunchroom, but simultaneously hundreds of workers have been laid off and many employees have not received an increase in wages in years. New and cheaper workers are continuously displacing the old hands. There are girls who after working for five years have not advanced to more than \$15 a week.

Speed-Up
New methods of efficiency are introduced constantly making the work harder. Nothing is paid for overtime recently; and Sunday work does not receive more than the usual day's pay as was demonstrated last Christmas. There is absolutely no fighting spirit among the employees. They grumble continuously but make no attempt to improve their condition by mass co-operation or by protest to the management. It is absolutely unknown to most of them to strike or to organize. Many of them have never worked before and they know nothing of unionism or of class solidarity. Yet I am positive that much progress can be made if the methods pursued heretofore are persistently continued. Otherwise the little spirit and interest aroused will die. Constant propaganda is bound to cause some interest on the part of the workers. But propaganda with these workers must be carried on differently than with other workers. I do not believe that The DAILY WORKER is intelligible to the majority of them, save an article directly concerning them. Propaganda here must be especially made to suit their requirements and intelligence.

I sincerely hope to see the day when The National Bellas Hess will be properly organized. The energy already expended must not be for naught nor in vain. Every effort must be made to continue the work more effectively, and more suitable to the requirements of this type of workers.

Yours for a Bellas Hess Union.
—WORKER.

Where Packing Workers Are Driven Like Beasts



Above is a picture of the Armour plant in Chicago. Here thousands of workers are driven like beasts for long hours at the lowest wages. In front of the employment gates of the giant factory, other thousands of workers gather daily, driven by hunger to seek slavery within. The Armour company is a key unit in the huge packing trust.

UNION PICKET IS FACING ARREST

Milwaukee Strike is Reply to Lockout

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 27.—The men's clothing company, David Adler and Sons, who recently locked out their workers in an effort to establish the open-shop, has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of one of the most active union members. Attempt to frame him up is to be made because his leading of the picket line prevented the reopening of the plant with scabs.

The membership of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union, whose agreement the company broke, are determined to compel the capitulation of this boss, knowing that his success means an immediate attack by the other union firms in the city.

They also criticize the union administration for neglecting to carry on any organization campaigns in the city. They point out that this employer would not have dared to challenge the union if it had pursued a militant organization policy.

Show Lawyer's Presents

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Cancelled checks, records and testimony were produced in the investigation by the trade commission to show that Merritt C. Mechem, the lawyer who as representative of the state of New Mexico signed the demand for the delay of the consideration of the boulder dam project now in congress, in an attempt to defeat the bill, has received payments totaling \$5,299.66 from the Joint Committee of National Utility Associations, propaganda and lobby organization of the electric power interests.

POSTMISTRESS ON TRIAL.
Mrs. Felah L. Quinlin, former postmistress and republican party appointee of East Northport, L. I., is on trial before Judge Campbell in the federal court in Brooklyn charged with stealing United States mail.

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ANTI-INJUNCTION BILL IS FOUGHT BY POWER TRUST

Lobby Would Strangle Unions

WASHINGTON, April 27 (FP).—That the joint committee of the National Utility Associations, commonly known as the power lobby, included the Shipstead anti-injunction bill as one of the chief measures in congress in which it was "deeply interested" was disclosed by Josiah Newcomb, its \$35,000-a-year Washington counsel in testimony before the Federal Trade Commission. Newcomb admitted that the Walsh resolution for investigation of the power and utility industry was the first object of their anxiety and that the danger of competition from the federal government, at Muscle Shoals and Boulder Canyon, in the generation and distribution of electricity, was next in importance.

Fight Injunction Bill.
This was the first time that the lobby of the federated electric, gas and street railway corporations of the United States had been shown to be among the big business interests that are preventing action by the present congress on the labor injunction issue. Already it is clear that the Shipstead bill is to be reported to the senate and it is likely to come to a vote there in accordance with a pledge made by republican leaders early in the session. But the power trust forces in senate and house are able to prevent its enactment.

PAPER BOX SHOPS CONDITIONS B A D

Workers Forced to Toil in Cellars

ALBANY, April 27.—The deplorable conditions under which the paper box workers of New York City are compelled to toil are described in a report made public by Nelle Swartz, director of the state bureau of women in industry.

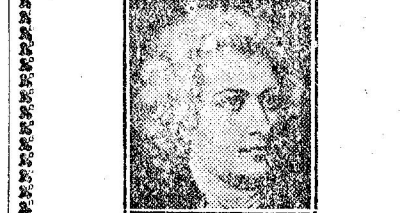
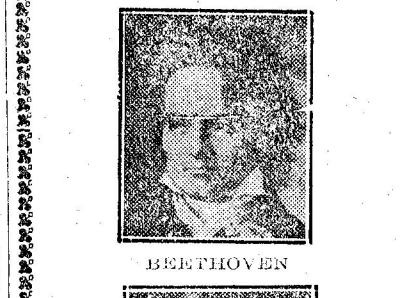
The report points out that a majority of the paper box factories are located in old buildings. Cellars are used for cutting rooms, exposing workers to extreme heat in winter and cold in the spring and fall.

Physical working conditions in many factories were below the general standard, the report indicates. About two-thirds of the workers are women. An average of 350 persons a year are injured in the industry throughout the state.

The investigation was made by a committee appointed by Acting Mayor McKee of New York after the 19-weeks' paper box makers strike of 1927.

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MUST FIGHT FOR HUGE MAY 1 DEMONSTRATION

(By a Worker Correspondent)

I see the May Day meeting this year is in Madison Square Garden. It is different from what it was before in the country when we marched up Fifth Ave.—all the workers. I wish it could come again that way.

In Italy it is different now too. It was in Trieste in 1920 before the fascisti came into power. The Communist movement then was very strong and we had a wonderful May Day celebration.

70,000 Workers.
Nobody is working on that day. All the workers were marching and listening to speakers. Early in the morning music wakes up everybody and they know it is time to get together for May Day. We gather in the square in the city, the Piazza Donadoni, 60,000 or 70,000 workers, and there we hear many good speakers telling about May Day and why we celebrate and how we have to fight and how we have to have a workers' government. And then we march.

We march through the whole city in long columns. We march past the Communist Party office, where is a beautiful red flag hung out and the whole parade marches under it and cheers and sings. We have bands that play revolutionary music. We carry red flags and we have red flowers and red ribbons in our button holes.

The police and the soldiers march with the workers. We know why they are there, but no trouble comes.

cut rates for electricity, following the example of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, was shown in much correspondence as well as in Newcomb's testimony. The lawyer stated that his organization was wholly hostile to anything like the Ontario system, since private corporations would have their financial arrangements disturbed by it. He said they had to plan years in advance for development of their own sources of power and would be injured by the sale of power by the government to anyone except the operating companies.

Conspiracy Shown.
O. C. Merrill, executive secretary of the federal power commission, was shown to have suggested, at Newcomb's request, the draft of a paragraph for a letter which the joint committee was to send to Chairman Smith of the house committee dealing with the Boulder Canyon dam bill. Merrill's suggestions were not used, but Newcomb's ideas were used in the letter, which protested against federal entry into the power business in the southwest.

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FEDERATION HEAD IS ACCUSED IN SHAKEDOWN DEAL

Martel is Candidate For A. F. L. Delegate

By H. M. WICKS.
DETROIT, April 27.—Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit Federation of Labor, was for six or seven weeks on the payroll of the cleaners and dyers employers association, according to testimony in an extortion trial taking place in court here.

Nathan Shogan, treasurer of the associated cleaners and dyers, testified that Charles C. Jacoby, head of a big dry cleaning concern, paid Martel \$100 a week when Martel straightened out "some trouble we were having with our inside help. They wanted shorter hours and more money."

Martel is one of the worst reactionaries in the Labor Movement and it has long been an open secret that he was destined to follow the footsteps of the notorious Brindell. For weeks the shakedown scandal has threatened to break over his head and now it is here.

Martel is a prominent member of the Typo union, and is at present a candidate for delegate to the American Federation of Labor Convention on the so-called "Progressive" ticket, dominated by Frank Morrison and Charles P. Howard, president of the international.

The trial now going on involves a group of gangsters charged with extorting money from employers in a cleaners and dyers war that has been marked by bombings, incendiarism and other forms of terrorism. No bonafide union is involved in any way.

GIVE ANTI-IMPERIALIST ENTERTAINMENT MAY 4

"A Night in Nicaragua and the Philippines"

A Night in Nicaragua and the Philippines, a supper, dance and entertainment, will be given under the auspices of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League at the Oriental Restaurant, 4 Pell St., on Friday, May 4. Organizations of Latin America, Philippine, and Chinese workers will cooperate with the Anti-Imperialist League. Tickets at \$1.50 are on sale at the office of the Anti-Imperialist League, 39 Union Square, DAILY WORKER local office, 108 E. 14th St., and the Civic Club, 18 E. 10th St.

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"Like European Countries"

Some Mexican politicians who are very naive and some others very much worse than naive are stumbling over their own feet to get in line with the idea that the United States bankers and their bank-runner, Coolidge, will go easy with Mexico in the matter of "debts" of Mexico to these bankers. Thomas W. Lamont, the Morgan partner who has the United States army and navy and also the state department behind him and an "ex"-Morgan partner as United States ambassador to Mexico under his orders, is propagandizing the Mexican upper classes with the subtle illusion that the international committee of bankers on Mexico will not "press" the Calles administration "to an undue extent."

"Like the European countries after the world war"—is the slogan now in circulation, and this is supposed to describe the manner in which Wall Street and the Wall Street government will treat Mexico in this golden age of Morrow and Lindbergh.

"As the Kaiser treated Belgium" is closer to the truth.

Mexicans who are not so naive and not worse than naive should not be fooled by this monstrous trap that the Morgan-led bankers' committee and the Coolidge government have laid.

This is the period of Imperialism, and the United States is not the least but the most imperialistic state on earth. Wall Street bankers would like to quiet and also to complete the corruption of the upper layers of the Mexican ruling classes, and this soft talk is intended only to gain a better footing for the open conquest of Mexico with blood and iron.

Not the few millions of interest on "debts," but the whole of Mexico as its own colony, is the aim of finance-capital of the United States. Mexico is, in the minds of the Wall Street bankers, only the first bite in the big imperialist cake of Latin America. Not only the slow corrupting process and the partial subjection which the United States applies to weakened European debtor states, but the sharp and violent military invasion of Mexico is the Wall Street program.

Mexico should today be the fighting front of a bloc of all Latin-American republics to resist the encroachments of the Wall Street government. Every possible sacrifice should be made to build up the resistance to the conquest of these Southern republics. Otherwise all lose their independence. Certainly this is also the cause of the workers and exploited farmers of the United States no less than that of their brothers of Mexico.

The more the upper layers of the Mexican petty-bourgeoisie become corrupted by the Lamont-Morrow machine, the more the Mexican Communist Party must and will work to rouse the workers and peasants of Mexico to make themselves the active force of resistance to United States imperialism and to its Mexican agents.

Coal Capitalism on the Constitution

Those who are capable of learning from developing events—a section of the population very nearly limited to the working class—will derive considerable profit from the lesson in history which has emanated from St. Clairsville, Ohio.

In order to carry out its purposes, coal capitalism of that section has resorted to the regular and necessary methods now familiar in industrial communities. Only those who deal in abstractions—and fools—would have believed that these necessary methods of capitalism would or could be modified in dealing with women and children when they too joined actively in the class struggle.

Accordingly seventy-five women were jammed into a vile-smelling, stuffy, overcrowded pen when they persisted in marching in the picket line. No charges were made against them and they were held without bail. That they were tricked into jail merely lends atmosphere to the picture.

All this is "unconstitutional," of course,

So believe the honest dealers in abstractions—the fools who still insist that the constitution is something by which to gauge the class struggle. The prosecutor of Belmont County has no such illusions. He understands that these acts are perfectly constitutional, as capitalism understands its constitution.

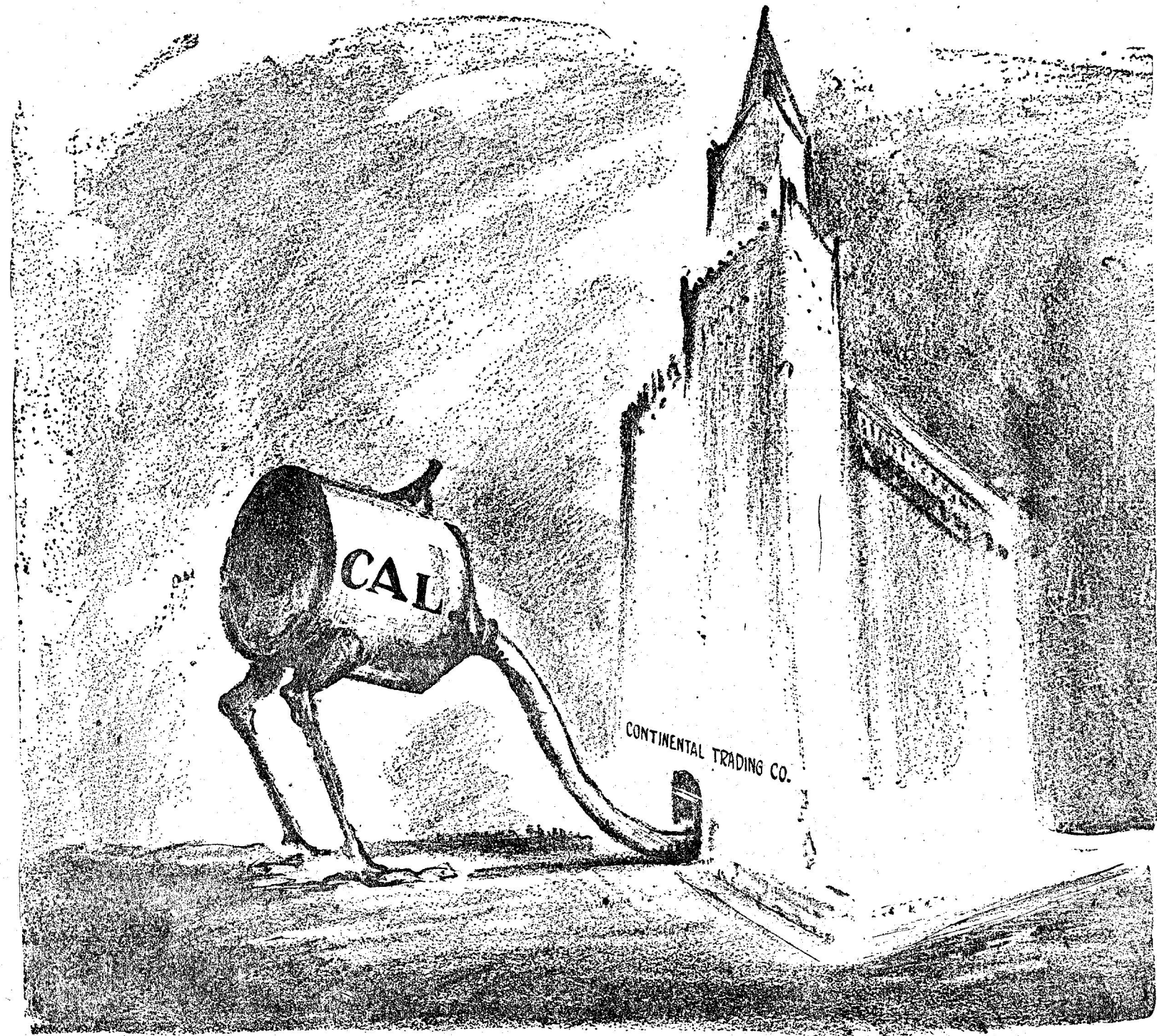
He expresses his philosophy in somewhat disguised language, to be sure:

"We have had to forget what we learned in school about the constitution," he declares with an engaging honesty that is a comfortable relief from the language of idealistic searchers after speech and constitutional guarantees. Then Paul V. Waddell, the "legal" representative for the state, that is, of coal capitalism in Ohio, tells us why his acts are "constitutional":

"By so doing we have nipped in the bud the most menacing movement in our whole year of the mine strike, the movement of the so-called 'Save-the-Union Committee.'"

Coal capitalism has been a valuable teacher for the American working class during the past thirteen months. None of its instructors has been more definite and valuable than Prosecutor Waddell. And, finally, his testimony as to the strength, and for his class the "menace," of the Save-the-Union Committee, is the best evidence of the growing power and approaching victory of the great mine struggle.

ONLY HIDING? OR TAKING NOURISHMENT?



By Fred Ellis

Union Scores Brutality To Ill Teachers

Through their union, teachers are crying halt to the medical board's tyrannical hounding of sick fellow workers. Naming names and challenging the school authorities to an open hearing, the union has submitted complaints from 17 teachers, nine physicians and five teachers' relatives that the medical tyrants order sick teachers back into school rooms.

A wide and deep investigation of medical board abuses is demanded, with doors open to the public and a stenographer and representative of the union present. Teachers, fearing loss of jobs and prejudice against obtaining work elsewhere, will not attend star chamber inquiries, President Henry Linville warns.

The signed protests of 17 teachers, 5 relatives of teachers and 9 physicians, charging brutality on the part of Dr. Emil Altman, chief medical examiner of the Board of Education, have been forwarded by the Teachers' Union to the special board of inquiry, composed of City Commissioner McKee and School Superintendent William J. O'Shea. A public hearing of the charges against Altman, before the committee, was urged by Dr. Henry Linville, president of the Teachers' Union.

N. Y. Cop Said to Be A Thorough Burglar

Stephen Keiper, Staten Island patrolman arrested early in the week charged with more than 40 robberies on the post where he was stationed, will be arraigned in the Richmond County Court in St. George Monday. He has been indicted on four counts charging him with first degree burglary.

It is charged that he even stole the furnace in his home, removing it in sections from a partly completed building. He is said also to have acquired building material, all stored in his basement, to construct a duplicate of the house in which he lived.

An Appeal By Lenin Against the War

The archives of the Lenin Institute contain a manuscript on war by V. I. Lenin, written, to judge by the opening sentence, in August 1915.

All signs go to show that this appeal was intended for one of the leaflets of the Central Committee of the Social Democratic Labor Party (Bolsheviki), published during the war by the "Social Democrat." The document is written in legible handwriting, in black ink, on three half sheets of paper. A few corrections have been made in the text.

—The Lenin Institute.

Workers! Comrades!

The European war has already been raging for over a year. To all appearances it is going to continue for a long time; for although Germany is best prepared and is at the present time the strongest, the Entente (Russia, England, France, and Italy) has more men and money, and is besides able to obtain unrestricted war supplies from the richest State in the world, the United States of America.

Why is this war, which plunges humanity into unheard of misery and suffering, being waged? The governments and bourgeoisies of the belligerent countries are one and all expending enormous sums on books and newspapers, throwing the blame on the enemy, fanning among their peoples the most violent hatred against the enemy and shrinking from no lie in the effort to lay claim to be merely "defending" themselves against an unjust attack. In reality the war is one between two groups of predatory

great Powers for the division of the colonies, for the enslavement of other nations, for the seizure of advantages and privileges in the world's markets. This war is the most reactionary of wars, a war waged by the slaveholders of today for the maintenance and strengthening of capitalist slavery. England and France lie when they assert that they are waging this war for Belgium's freedom. In reality they have been preparing for this war for a long time, and are waging it for the purpose of robbing Germany and depriving it of its colonies; they have made an agreement with Italy and Russia on the dismemberment and division of Turkey and Austria. The Tsarist monarchy in Russia is waging a war of robbery; it aims at occupying Galicia, annexing Turkish territory, enslaving Persia and Mongolia, etc. Germany is carrying on the war for the purpose of stealing the colonies of England, Belgium, and France. Whether Germany or Russia is victorious, or whether the game is drawn, in any case the war will bring fresh oppression for humanity, fresh suffering for hundreds and hundreds of millions of the population in the colonies, in Persia, in Turkey, in China, fresh enslavement for the nations, fresh chains for the working class of all countries.

What are the tasks of the working class in face of this war? The reply was already given to this question by the resolution passed unanimously by the socialists of the whole world at the Basle International Socialist Congress in 1912. This resolution was passed in anticipation of precisely such a war as broke out in 1914. In this resolution we read that the war is reactionary, prepared in

the interests of "capitalist profit," that the workers "consider it a crime to shoot each other," that the war will "lead to proletarian revolution," that the example of the tactics to be followed by the workers is the Paris Commune of 1871 and the period between October and December in Russia in 1905, that is, revolution.

All the class conscious workers of Russia are on the side of the Russian Social Democratic Labor fraction in the State Duma (Petrovsky, Badayev,



Muranov, Samoilov, and Schagov), banished by Tsarism to Siberia for revolutionary propaganda against the war and against the government. Such revolutionary propaganda as this, and such revolutionary activity, awakening the masses, are the sole salvation of humanity from the horrors of the present war and of the wars threatening in the future. Nothing but the revolutionary overthrow of the bourgeois governments, and above all of that most reactionary, cruel, and barbaric of governments, the government of the Tsar, can clear the path to Socialism and to peace among the peoples.

They—the conscious or unconscious lackeys of the bourgeoisie—lie who declare to the people that the revolutionary overthrow of the Tsarist monarchy would only lead to the victory and strengthening of the reactionary German monarchy and the German bourgeois. Although the leaders of the German Socialists, like many of the best known Socialists and of Russia, have gone over to the side of "their" bourgeoisie, and help the bourgeoisie to deceive the people with legends of a "defensive" war, still there is among the working masses of Germany an ever rising wave of protest and indignation against the government. Those German Socialists who have not gone over to the bourgeoisie have declared in the press that they regard the tactics of the Russian Social Democratic Labor fraction as heroic. In Germany legal appeals against the war and against the government are being published. Dozens and hundreds of the best German Socialists, including Clara Zetkin, the well known leader of the women workers' movement, have been thrown into prison by the

German government for their revolutionary propaganda. In all the warring countries, without exception, the indignation of the working masses is maturing, and the example given by the revolutionary activity of the social democrats of Russia, and still more by every success won by the revolution in Russia, advances the great cause of Socialism, of the victory of the proletariat over the exploiting and bloody bourgeoisie.

The war is filling the pockets of the capitalists, and a stream of gold is flowing to them from the state treasuries of the great Powers. The war arouses blind hate against the enemy, and the bourgeoisie guides the hostility of the people with the utmost skill into this channel of national hate, thereby diverting the people's attention from the chief enemy: The government and ruling classes in their own country. But the war, which brings immeasurable misery and horror to the working masses, at the same time clarifies and steels the best elements of the workers. If we are to perish, then let us perish for our own cause, for the cause of the workers, for the socialist revolution, and not for the interests of the capitalists, landowners, and Tsar—this is what every class-conscious worker feels and realizes. And however difficult revolutionary socialist action may be at the present time, still it is possible, it is being carried on all over the world, and it is our sole hope of salvation.

Down with the Tsarist monarchy, which has drawn Russia into this criminal war, and which oppresses the peoples. Long live the fraternity of the workers of the whole world and the international revolution of the proletariat!

The Reverend Norman Thomas Apostolic Successor of Debs

By BERTRAM D. WOLFE.

The socialist party has nominated the one-time pastor of the fashionable "Brick Presbyterian Church on Fifth Avenue" as its candidate for president. He is a fitting symbol of what the socialist party has become.

"There were no sudden movements in my life," he told a reporter. "I became a socialist gradually."

He believes there are no sudden movements in society, either. If there are, he's against them.

No Revolution for Thomps.

"Today we cannot risk world convulsions," he told the convention when nominated. "Our kids would cry for milk if there is a general upheaval and we would be apt to hear their cries. Our task is to bring a better world into being without revolutionary and catastrophic woe. It is just as easy to reach our goal walking as in a jump."

No revolutions for Norman Thomas. And if imperialist war should come and make "our kids cry for milk?" The good reverend doesn't want to see that either.

But if it should come, would he lead the masses in a revolutionary struggle against it? Or even follow them? Not he. If he cannot end imperialist war without a revolutionary struggle against imperialism, that's bad news to him. "That would be the counsel of despair," says Norman Thomas.

"When the world looks black with the menace of war, and the militarists itch for 'glory' in carnage and desolation, Norman Thomas counsels peace!" writes the New Leader. When the need of the working class is to arm itself for war against imperialist war and capitalism, "peace" is the counsel to labor offered by Norman Thomas.

No Class Struggle for Him.

The socialist party has cut out

the recognition of the class struggle from its membership application. No class struggle, either, for Norman Thomas.

The Brick Church pastor with a summer home on Shinnecock Bay on Long Island, who abhors struggle

and violence and revolution, who wants peace and socialism in the world without fighting for them, the clean, nice, gentle philistine who is in no hurry and believes "it is just as easy for us to reach our goal by walking as in a jump," the pacifist

who 'strengthens capitalism by telling the workers not to prepare for open struggle against imperialist war, the smug hypocrite who takes up the soiled standard of Abe Cahan, Morris Hillquit and Victor Berger, of Sigman, Schlesinger and Kaufman, of Beckerman and Shiplacoff, of class collaboration and union-smashing and betrayal—is, to use his own words, the "apostolic successor" of Gene Debs. A fitting symbol of the degeneration of the socialist party into a party of petty-bourgeois pacifism and labor betrayal.

Al Smith is the symbol of the "New Tammany" with the high hat and respectability. Louis Waldman in nominating Norman Thomas for president, declared: "I don't know of any man who will be better able to match the 'New Tammany' with the 'new socialism.'" For the first time since 1917, I am compelled to agree with Louis Waldman.

Money Masters, Hear!

My cell is filled with emptiness;
No air; no sun; no friend; no book.
The hours tightly entwine their ghoulish hands
With horrible deliberation
About the neck of my mind.
My mouth burns—
Hot sands of a foul stench rubbed mercilessly on it.
My mind roars to the four corners of the globe
A hymn of hate to you.

Tombs Prison, Cell 611, April 6, 1928.