

# "LEWIS, CAPPELINI MUST GO!" SAY ANTHRACITE MEN

## URGES IMMEDIATE DISARMAMENT IN LEAGUE MESSAGE

### Would Provide Jobs for Soldiers and Sailors

MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—The Soviet Union has submitted to the League of Nations another proposal for complete and immediate disarmament for consideration by the preparatory disarmament commission, it was announced this afternoon. If possible the Soviet Union will attempt to get the proposals before the security commission which began a series of meetings in Geneva today.

The suggestions are contained in a concrete covenant, based upon the proposals made by Maxim Litvinoff to the preparatory disarmament commission in Geneva last November. The convention would order complete world disarmament and demobilization of land, sea and air forces within four years, but would "limit the possibility of armed conflicts within one year" by immediate reductions of all fighting forces.

**Immediate Reduction.**  
Under the terms of the convention, the signatory powers would be bound to reduce their armed forces 50 per cent immediately. Furthermore, the nations would be compelled to destroy at once all arms and munitions; demobilize reserve troops, dismantle all warships and close all military training establishments.

The convention provides that, following the partial disarmament during the first year, complete disarmament shall be effected within the following three years.

**Work for Soldiers.**  
There was a departure from the original Litvinoff proposals in that the Soviet Union now suggest the creation of an international control commission composed of representatives of the national legislatures, the public and the working classes. It would be the duty of these commissions to enforce disarmament. The soldiers, sailors and airmen who would be "thrown out of work" by disarmament would be supported by the various nations.

## ARREST PICKET AT DRESS SHOP

### Active Cloakmakers to Meet Thursday Night

Rose Katz, a member of the Dressmakers' Local 22 of the Joint Board of the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union, was arrested yesterday morning while picketing in front of the shop of the Rose Dress Company, 260 W. 40th St. She, together with a large number of workers who turned out for picket duty, had been ordered to refrain from picketing this plant by the police. When this order was defied by the workers, the police, in an attempt to intimidate the strikers, began to make arrests. However, they held only one picket.

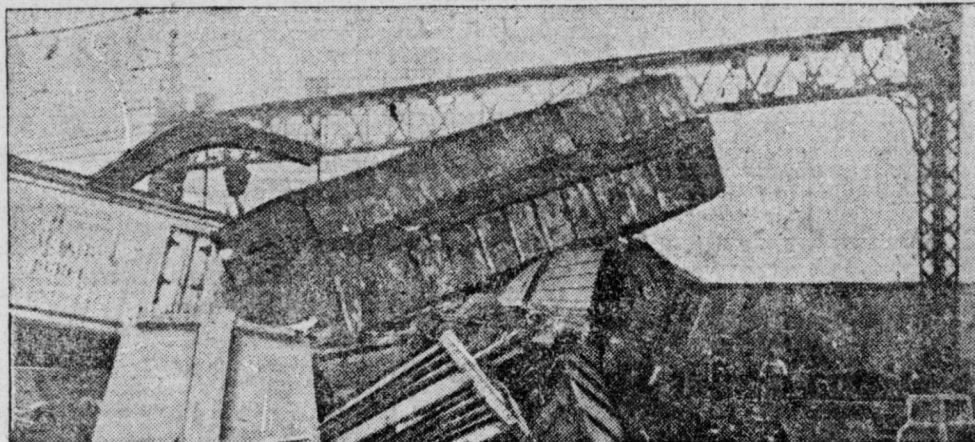
**Case Postponed.**  
At Jefferson Market Court where the case came up later a postponement was secured till Friday. The shop in question had been called on strike because the employers had made an attempt to force the workers to register in the right wing dual union. A lockout followed the refusal of the workers to comply.

**Meeting Thursday.**  
The Joint Board announced yesterday that a meeting of all the active union members will be held on Thursday evening at Webster Hall, 11th St. and Third Ave., at 8 o'clock. The leaders of the Joint Board will report on the situation in the union, it is announced, and will propose plans for future work.

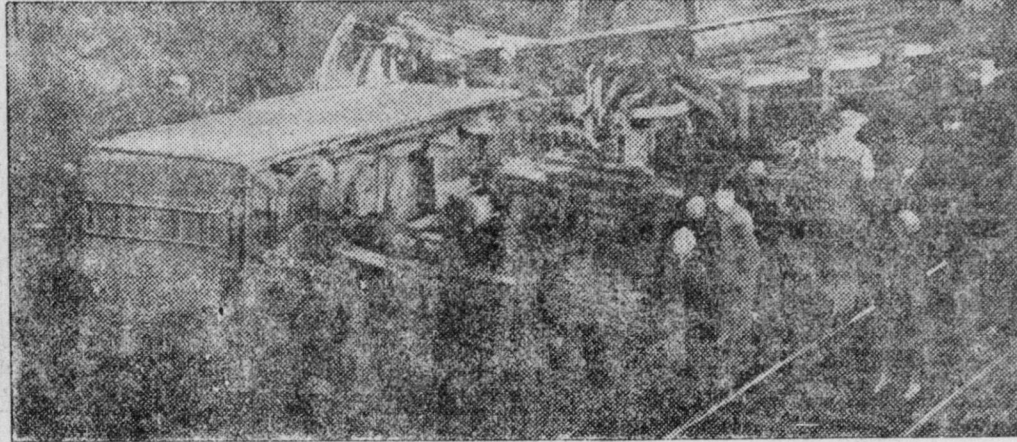
Another announcement issued by the Cloakmakers' Joint Board calls upon all cloak and dressmakers to stay away from their shops tomorrow, Washington's birthday. This day is a legal holiday and according to the agreement is to be paid for in full.

**TWO ALARM HARLEM FIRE.**  
Twenty families were driven to the street, two firemen and two tenants were injured, and damage amounting to thousands of dollars was caused early yesterday by a two-alarm fire in a five-story apartment house at 102d St. and Third Ave.

## Fireman Dies, Engineer Burned in Two Freight Train Wrecks



At the left, is the photo taken immediately after a freight train of the New Haven R. R. jumped the tracks near City Island, New York. The brakemen narrowly escaped death. The workers on the train in the second picture were not so fortunate. This photo shows the remains of the Mid-Day Limited, of the Chicago and Alton R. R., which jumped the track, resulting in the death of the fireman and serious scalding of the engineer.



## Re-Arrest of "Daily" Editors Expected Momentarily

### Socialists Offer Terms to Middle Class for Support

The creation of an "interstate action committee" for the purpose of raising funds, on the style of the capitalist parties, the preparation of an election campaign to draw in the disaffected elements from these parties and the creation of a party which hopes to secure its objectives by bargaining with the two old parties is seen in the announcement made by Julius Gerber, local secretary of the socialist party, of the plans for the coming convention of that party.

One hundred men and women socialist party leaders of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the New England states, have been named on the action committee, it was stated by Mr. Gerber. Heading the committee are Morris Hillquit, attorney and stockholder in capitalist ventures, and James O'Neal, editor of the "New Leader." Others on the committee are: Norman Thomas, Wm. Feigenbaum, Edward Karlin, August Claessens and Judge Jacob.

## MERCHANTS' PLAN FOR AID IS FIASCO

**Relief for Pennsylvania Miners Proves Fraud**  
By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 20.—Greeks bearing gifts have always been considered legitimate targets for skepticism since the classical Trojan episode, and Pittsburgh businessmen who announced they would raise funds to feed and clothe those reduced to nakedness and starvation thru big business conspiracies against their right to organize into trade unions, are now looked upon by striking miners with much the same kind of an eye that was directed on the contents of the Trojan horse by the inhabitants of the beleaguered city.

**A Real Fake.**  
Here in Pittsburgh, bankers and business men recently broke into the front page of the capitalist press with a well organized ballyhoo about what they were going to do for the destitute families of the striking miners. But the whole thing was a fake and a false alarm. So much so indeed, that Arthur E. Braun, President of the Farmer's Deposit National Bank and treasurer of the business men's fund refused to make public the amount collected.

Fifty of the most prominent business men in Pittsburgh attended the meeting at which this committee was organized. Each was urged to contribute one thousand dollars. Evidently word was passed along by the heads of the Mellon banking house and of the Pittsburgh Coal Company and the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation that any monkeying with their strikebreaking conspiracy would be a dangerous diversion for those participating. The result is that so far, the Pittsburgh business men's committee has not put a doughnut into the mouth of a single hungry striker's child.

In Ohio, governor Donahey is raising funds for relief thru the medium of the "Daily Worker."

## HAVANA CONFAB ENDS IN FIASCO

HAVANA, Feb. 20.—The sixth Pan-American conference ended today with almost nothing accomplished. At a full plenary session the delegates representing all the American nations formally ratified the "achievements" of the conference by signing its "final acts."

The signatures covered declarations, resolutions and recommendations as well as the "titles" of the treaties and conventions agreed upon by the representatives of the 21 republics during their five weeks of deliberations.

The intervention question has been shelved.

## MONEY TO HELP PAPER IS RUSHED

### Workers Thruout U. S. Respond to Appeal

The campaign to wreck The DAILY WORKER and smash the militant American labor movement is drawing to a head as the re-arrest of Wm. F. Dunne, Bert Miller and Alex Bittelmann is hourly expected. The three Communists are still out on \$1,000 bail apiece and the courts who are carrying out the instructions of the American capitalists in this drive to exterminate militancy in the United States are preparing to strike again.

The American workers who from one end of the United States to the other, have responded to the appeal to save their only militant English daily paper will be called upon to intensify the struggle against the conspiracy by which the capitalists are threatening the existence of the DAILY WORKER.

Dozens of workers who bring their contributions in person to the office of the DAILY WORKER every day, scores of donations and letters of support and confidence from workers all over the United States, are the living testimony of the determination of the militant American workers to rescue their paper and to defeat the offensive which the capitalists have begun against them.

Contributions sent by groups of workers and by individuals vary from a few cents to hundreds of dollars.

## Members of C. E. C. to Report on Plenum at Special Section Meetings

Reports of the recent plenary meeting of the Central Committee, Workers (Communist) Party, will be given at special section meetings of the Party to be held this week. Members of the Central Committee will report at the meetings.

Tonight's meetings are as follows: Section 1 at 60 St. Marks Place at 7 p. m.; Section 2 at 101 W. 27th St. at 7 p. m.; Section 5 at 2075 Clinton Ave. at 8 p. m.; Section 6 at 29 Graham Ave. at 8 p. m. and Section 7 at 764 40th St. at 8 p. m.

## CHICAGO MUSICIANS TO STRIKE

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Organized musicians here are threatening to strike against "remote control abuses" in radio broadcasting. They are determined to oppose any attempt at a spread of the Chicago practice.

## POLICE ENFORCE B.S. & A. U. EXPULSION

Police and gangsters last night enforced the expulsion order issued by officials of the Bookkeepers', Stenographers' and Accountants' Union of 24 members of the organization. These workers recently voted to support a strike to bring about the reinstatement of Harry Rubin, who had been summarily discharged from the Amalgamated Bank for union activity.

Twenty-four individual letters had been sent out by the union advising these members of the fact that they had been "disassociated" from the union. This new word for expulsion did not prevent these union officials from calling the police and their regular gangster squad who prevented the 24 members from attending the regular union meeting at 3 W. 16th St., last night.

Walter Cook, accountant for the union, former state secretary of the socialist party, led the gangster attack against the workers and himself assaulted several of the women members. Another member, not included in the "disassociation" 24, but who had spoken in their defense at a meeting held by the union officials in the Amalgamated Bank recently, was likewise prevented from entering the meeting last night. E. Steinberger, president of the union, presided at the meeting and gave the official sanction for the gangster attack. Ernest Bohm, who organized the company union in the Amalgamated Bank, was likewise present.

## For Every Job There Are 11 Unemployed Negro Workers

There are 11 Negro applicants for every job open to this section of the working class in New York City, according to figures in the official New York State unemployment report just made public by Gov. Al. Smith as a gesture for labor's political support.

The figures are based on statements by the Urban League. Unemployment among the Negro workers is increased by the general policy of segregation and discrimination followed by the organized employing interests and other property owners. Reports to The DAILY WORKER show that the condition of the Negro workers of Harlem and other New York districts under industrial depression is repeated in every industrial and agricultural region of the United States where Negroes are employed in large numbers.

Unemployment is growing more acute generally. One free social service employment agency in the Bronx, New York, reports 776 applicants for every 100 jobs.

Alexander McClellan, 21-year-old clerk, out of work for many months, hanged himself in the cellar of his home in Brooklyn Sunday.

James Mahoney, 59-year-old homeless and jobless worker, collapsed in the I. R. T. subway entrance at E. 42nd St. In his weakened condition, the starving worker was only able to say that he had eaten nothing for several days. He was removed to Bellevue Hospital, where his condition was so serious he was unable to take food.

When policemen broken into the door of a basement apartment at 531 W. 116th St., they found the body of a Negro woman who had hanged herself.

## COOLIDGE FUNDS TRACED TO OIL

**Walsh Traces Bonds to Harry F. Sinclair**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Definite proof that Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate involved in the Teapot Dome scandals, had helped subsidize the campaign which elected Harding and Coolidge in 1920, has been obtained by Senator Thomas J. Walsh (D) of Montana, it was learned today. Every one of the \$75,000 in Liberty Bonds used by the Republican National Committee to pay off a debt with the Empire Trust Company, in 1923, has been traced back to the coffers of the Continental Trading Company, Walsh announced.

## OPEN SHOP DRIVE ON WOLL'S UNION

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—A move in the extension of the employers' country-wide open-shop drive is seen here in the order by the Federal Trade Commission banning clause 10 of the standard wage agreement of the Photo-engravers' International of which Matthew Woll is president.

Clause 10 in effect bound union members to refuse to work for firms that cut standard prices to the public for photograving. The result was high prices and enormous profits. The trade commission found 30 firms making over 30 per cent profit. It held clause 10 of the union agreement a conspiracy in restraint of fair competition. The clause was adopted in 1917 and complaint was made in 1922.

**Woll Campaigns for Bosses.**  
Pres. Matthew Woll of the union has been active ever since 1923 in agitation against the anti-trust laws that

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## T.U.E.L. Meet Tuesday

A general membership meeting of the Trade Union Educational League, Local New York, will be held Tuesday at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., at 8 o'clock.

## COAL DIGGERS TO FIGHT FOR UNION, BLOCK FRAME-UP

### Adopt Big Program to Save U. M. W. A.

WILKES-BARRE, Feb. 20.—Sam Greco, shot by gunmen said to have been employed by coal company agents working with the Cappelini machine of District 1, United Mine Workers of America, is lingering between life and death in a hospital here.

There has been no relaxing of the tension caused by this latest outrage of reaction.

Meanwhile preparations are completed for the funeral of Frank Agati, personal bodyguard of Cappelini from whose magnificent home will proceed today a funeral organized by the Cappelini machine as a demonstration against the rank and file opposition.

Frank Bonito, rank and file president of the Pennsylvania Colliery Local union at Pittston, whose friends state he shot Agati in self defense is held in jail here without bail.

A resolution pledging support to Bonito was adopted by the "Save the Union" conference which met here yesterday attended by 123 delegates, a number of additional delegates coming in the afternoon.

In a statement issued to the press which will be circulated widely in Districts One, Seven and Nine of the United Mine Workers of America in leaflet form, and signed by I. Dziuglewski as chairman, the serious crisis in the union here is analyzed and a complete program for combatting coal company influence and building the union outlined. An executive and a defense committee was elected by the conference and it is planned to begin at once the work of organizing the progressive miners for support of the program.

Powers Hapgood, Pat Toohey, George Papcun and others spoke on the situation in the union and various points of the program. Martin Abern spoke for the International Labor Defense. The conference was enthusiastic and marked a real step toward development of the progressive movement in spite of the difficult conditions under which it was held.

Plans for conferences in Districts 7 and 9 have been made as well as for another conference in District 1. These meetings will be followed by a tri-district conference.

Support was pledged to the Pennsylvania and Ohio strike and to the

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## "DAILY" BENEFIT AT PLAYWRIGHTS

### Readers to See Gold's "Hoboken Blues"

DAILY WORKER readers will meet tomorrow night at the New Playwrights' Theatre, 40 Commerce St., near Seventh Ave., at a special benefit performance of Michael Gold's new play, "Hoboken Blues."

Tomorrow afternoon the house is being taken over by the Youth Committee for Miners' Relief, and on Friday night the students of the Jewish University, 16th St. near Irving Place, will see the play.

## Dreiser Returns from Soviet Union Tomorrow

Theodore Dreiser, noted American novelist, will return to the United States on the "Minnetonka" tomorrow morning after a three months' visit in Europe, and particularly in Soviet Union, where he went as the guest of Workers International Relief, 1 Union Square. Dreiser arrived in the U. S. S. R. in time for the Tenth Anniversary celebrations.

## Workers' Theatre Will Present One-Act Plays

The Workers' Theatre, 91 Charles St., will present three one-act plays on two successive nights, March 5 and 12, at the Triangle Theatre, 7th Ave. near 11th St. The plays are "The Renegade," by Karl Witfogel; "The Scab," by Max Galtman; "Aftermath," a Negro play presented by a Negro cast.



# SHALL WE LET THE ENEMIES OF THE WORKING CLASS DESTROY OUR DAILY WORKER?

An emphatic NO! an answer that should ring from one end of the country to the other.

This attempt to shut down our paper and put Comrades Dunne, Bittelman and Miller in jail must be met by the closing of our ranks, the strengthening of the Party, the building of The DAILY WORKER into a mass paper and the creation of a \$10,000 Defense Fund at once!

Everyone to his revolutionary task!

Mobilize every friend and sympathizer. Create DAILY WORKER Builders Clubs wherever one does not exist, put life into the already existing ones, hold affairs, debates, dances, etc. Make the Ruthenberg Sustaining Fund the life force that will be the means of making our fighting organ a more powerful weapon in the tremendous struggles immediately ahead of us.

The period ahead will be one of sharp class warfare. The American capitalist class is preparing to completely destroy every organized working class movement. The injunctions outlawing strikes, the Watson Parker Bills, the latest attempt of the Bar Association to make arbitration, instead of class struggle, a legal weapon against the working class, all are being used to crush the labor movement.

At this time, when the Imperialists are feverishly preparing for another world war, we must make greater sacrifices in order to save our "Daily."

Our enemies fear The DAILY WORKER! A real Revolutionary task lies before the militant workers. Eight thousand dollars are still needed. Make every moment count. The time is short. Our Daily is in great danger. Rush funds.

EDWARD ROYCE, Business Manager, Daily Worker.

## Chicago District Driving Ahead in Daily Worker Subscription Campaign

### SCORES OF SUBS POUR IN; MANY MORE PROMISED

Section No. 6 Tops List; Asks Where Rivals Are

The national campaign to gain 10,000 new subscriptions for the DAILY WORKER is going over with a bang in the Chicago district. Under the direction of Comrade Sam Hammersmark, the drive is developing into one of the strongest campaigns for subscriptions in the United States and scores of subs are pouring in daily while hundreds more are promised in the near future.

Max Bedacht is lending the whole force of the Party machinery to insure the success of the subscription offensive in Illinois and Section No. 6, Chicago, is already far in the lead in the big campaign.

This section, which leaped into first place at the beginning of the drive, has maintained its precedence and is beginning to ask where the other sections are and what they are doing to push the work of subscription-getting.

Chicago, the second most important city in the United States contains hundreds of thousands of workers who should be drawn into the campaign to support and spread the only militant English labor daily. This is the work which District No. 8 is accomplishing and which will be pushed with even more enthusiasm in the future.

### SOCIALISTS MAKE BID FOR SUPPORT

Announce Terms of 1928 Campaign

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Panken. James Maurer is not mentioned. The method of raising funds, it is announced, will be through contributions from benefit societies, individual socialists, and other citizens. According to a recent announcement by Morris Hillquit, who is understood to be responsible for the new policy of the party, the plan is to give up the system of maintaining a dues paying membership and to establish a system of clubs modeled on the Tammany type.

Seek Middle Class Votes. An attempt will be made to secure the middle class voters who in 1924 followed the leadership of La Follette, Gerber announced. "The party will be revived," Gerber states, and will seek to force issues on the old parties. This is seen as a move toward the A. F. of L. policy of alleged pressure on the old parties through "non-partisan" activities.

Besides the announcement of the money raising campaign, no other information is given out as to the program on which the socialist party will campaign. In the recent announcement by Hillquit, it was explained that the socialist party would provide only "a wholesome opposition" to imperialism and to other anti-working class forces in America.

Nationalization of Mines Is Urged by Committee (Federated Press).

### JOHN D. JR., PLANS PARASITE CITY

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Having swallowed up most of the once thriving town of Pocantico Hills, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has announced that he will create a colony for his family and friends. The private colony of the oil magnate will run thru North Tarrytown. Although capitalist papers have been saying that the oil king was building the colony in order to give employment to the unemployed, Rockefeller himself gave the reason as his desire to build a private village for the parasites which will be walled in and policed to keep the workers of Tarrytown away from it.

The existing unemployment has been taken advantage of by the Rockefellers to pay the workers engaged in the construction low wages. Rockefeller has obtained permission of the North Tarrytown authorities to build under the Sleepy Hollow road, property.

### Farrar's Cook Rebels



Eileen Swanson, former cook of Geraldine Farrar, is suing the wealthy opera singer, for \$10,000. She charges that she contracted an eye infection from a towel which she had to share with the pet dog of the singer. The dogs of the rich are better treated than the servants. The pet dogs of the rich receive special food and quarters.

### OPEN SHOP DRIVE ON WOLL'S UNION

New Decision Seen as Beginning Attack

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threatened the foundation of his relations with the employers. In successive American Federation of Labor conventions, and in helping to frame the report of the A. F. of L. executive council Woll has constantly thundered against these laws.

Although the complaint against the conspiracy of Woll and the employers in his industry was made in 1922 by the small bosses who had been eliminated, the issue was side-tracked, it is understood, through the instigation of powerful employers' forces which control the trade commission.

Bosses Due To Attack Soon. Due to the changing development of the industry, it is no longer profitable for the employers to work as closely as formerly with Woll. This is believed to be the reason for the decision of the Federal Trade Commission against Clause 10. The decision comes at the moment when the Wallace-Miller company in Chicago switched from union to open-shop operation as the first gun in what may be an employer drive against the good relations that have hitherto existed between the union and the boss association. Though one large customer, the American Contractor, has taken its business to a union concern, the Wallace-Miller people announce that they will continue on a 48-hour non-union basis instead of 44 hours under union conditions which they observed until Jan. 7, when they locked out their staff of 25 union workers.

It is believed that the events which have happened during the past few months point to the possibility that the nation-wide drive of the employers against the unions will extend even to Woll's organization. Woll is still agitating for "cooperation" with the bosses.

### Nationalization of Mines Is Urged by Committee

Nationalization of mines is the only cure for the coal industry, declares the Committee on Coal and Giant Power. The industry is over-expanded, is inefficient and wasteful, and unnecessarily turbulent. The facts are readily available for the senate investigation and point to nationalization, with the public, technical men and workers in control.

### 300 Chinese Drown

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Three hundred Chinese were reported drowned in a collision of the Japanese steamship Atsuta Maru and the Chinese ship Hsin Taming off Chian-Kiang on Sunday, said a news agency dispatch from Shanghai this afternoon.

### NO WORK, FOOD HIGHER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—While many thousands of workers were added to the army of the unemployed in January, the retail price of food showed an increase of 58 per cent since January, 1913, the department of labor admitted today. Further increases in the price of food for the workers are in prospect.

### RUSH FUNDS TO DAILY WORKER TO PREVENT CRASH

Contributions Urgent Need Against Attack

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Each is absolutely essential to the task of saving the DAILY WORKER from its class enemies. "Reading the articles that are published in our paper, the DAILY WORKER, the only paper that fights for the workers, it is a wonder that we did not get our quota in one day," writes a Montana miner, "All the workers who realize the need for class struggles and daily struggles should take heed and make collections and donate whatever possible to save the militant mouthpiece of the DAILY WORKER. Enclosed you will find the sum of five dollars."

"Kindly find enclosed two dollars," writes another worker from New York City. "It is the amount that I will try to send in every week. I think the duty I have undertaken to perform is very insignificant in comparison with the work being done by other comrades to bring about the freedom of the workers through the world. Yours for the growth and the building of the DAILY WORKER."

### Young Workers Respond.

"In responding to your appeal for help to save the comrades of the staff of the DAILY WORKER from years in prison, our club has decided to donate twenty-five dollars," writes another group of young workers, "We hope the reactionary movement in the United States will not be successful in their attempt to close our only English labor daily in America. We promise to help the DAILY WORKER in the struggle in every way possible."

Hundreds of contributions are still needed to defeat the campaign of the American bosses and their henchmen. Rush your contributions to the DAILY WORKER, 33 First Street, New York City.

### NAVY OFFICIALS WIN PACIFISTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Encouraged by increased support from pacifists and large church-peace organizations, Rep. Britten, ranking republican member of the House naval affairs committee, expressed the opinion last night that the committee would authorize the immediate building of 25 cruisers of the original program and set a definite time limit for the completion of 10 or 15.

Such a program, which will include recommendations for five plane carriers, would in no way mean a slowing up of the war preparations but rather the actual carrying out of the huge program proposed by Secretary Wilbur, also only part would be announced at a time. President Coolidge is behind such a program, with the insistence that at least 10 or 15 cruisers be laid down this year and the entire 25 completed within three years. This new plan would produce the entire 75 cruisers proposed by Wilbur for an eight-year period and at the same time has the advantage of gaining support from elements who have been offering a "smoke-screen opposition" to the \$4,000,000,000 program during recent months.

### TRAINING SCHOOL COURSES OPEN

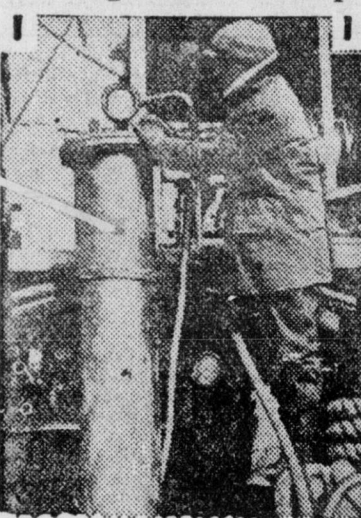
Picked Workers Will Be Prepared for Labor Leadership

With yesterday's session, the national training course of the Workers' School went into full swing. All preliminary arrangements were completed, and the intensive course of study begun by 24 leading members of the Workers' (Communist) Party and four outstanding members of the Young Workers League from all parts of the country as well as three from Canada.

The complete curriculum of the course was announced by D. Benjamin, assistant director of the Workers' School, as follows: Bertram D. Wolfe, of the National Agitprop Department and Director of the Workers' School, is conducting two sessions each week on Marxism-Leninism; H. M. Wicks of the DAILY WORKER, conducts two sessions a week on Marxian Economics and one session a week on the History of the United States. A. Markoff conducts a class on the Principles of Marxism.

William W. Weinstein, District Organizer of New York is conducting one session each week on Economic and the Political Aspects of Imperialism. William Z. Foster of the Trade Union Educational League instructs the group in Trade Union Theory and Practice once

### Salvage Death Trap

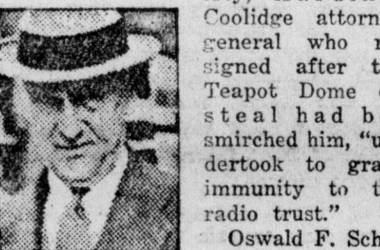


The Government has been busily salvaging the S-4, death trap of dozens of sailors. The government showed more concern in saving the submarine than it did in saving the lives of the sailors, for while inadequate warning protection was given the sailors on the submarine, work on the salvaging proceeded post haste once the sailors were given up as dead.

### DAUGHERTY IN RADIO SCANDAL

Oil Grafter Accused of Protecting Trust

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Charges have been made that Harry M. Daugherty, Harding-Coolidge attorney general who resigned after the Teapot Dome oil scandal, had been smirched him, "undertook to grant immunity to the radio trust."



H. M. Daugherty, secretary of the Radio Protective Association, representing the smaller radio manufacturers, made the charge. To prove his charge, Schuette showed a letter which he said was written by Daugherty to James R. Sheffield, recently ambassador to Mexico. The letter deals with agreements between the Radio Corporation of America, called the "radio trust," and other large radio concerns. Sheffield was then one of the attorneys for the radio trust, stated Schuette. "The letter," said Schuette, "reveals the solicited protection promised the corporations in the radio trust. Not only did Daugherty fail to act on the violations of the Clayton act but he made sweeping promises of future friendliness," said Schuette.

### Tar Brings Cancer

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The use of tar roads for motoring is responsible for the large increase in deaths from cancer in the United States, according to a statement of Sir Arbuthnot Lane, the famous physician.

### COURT UPHOLDS BUS TAX.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The Connecticut law placing a mileage tax upon interstate bus lines was declared constitutional by the U. S. supreme court today.

### "CAPPELINI AND LEWIS MUST GO," MINERS DEMAND

Coal Diggers Fight for Their Union

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program of the Save the Union Committee for winning the strike. The "Coal Digger" was made the official organ of the progressive movement in the anthracite coal fields. The statement issued by the conference committee follows:

"To all members of districts No. 1, No. 7 and No. 9 of the United Mine Workers of America:

"Dear Sirs and Brothers: "This statement is issued to call the attention of members of the Tri-District to certain glaring evils and dangerous recent developments which threaten the very life of our union, the wages and working conditions of its members and to a considerable extent even their lives and liberties, and to put forward a program which, supported by the rank and file, will end the chaos and reaction in our union, make for enforcement of the contract, and strengthen and build the United Mine Workers.

"We urge all rank and file members of District 1, 7 and 9 to support the Save the Union program and to organize to defeat the Lewis-Cappellini machine which is leading the U. M. W. A. to destruction in the bituminous fields, and which in the anthracite has set up what can be described as a united front with the coal operators and contractors maintained by murder of all who fight for honest and militant unionism. We call for the organization throughout the tri district of rank and file committees to fight for the freedom of Frank Bonito who is being framed up by the coal companies, contractors and the Cappellini machine.

"The Lewis-Cappellini machine must go!

"This machine has allowed the operators to violate the agreement in the anthracite until little is left of it.

"The contractor evil is breaking down wages and working conditions and disrupting the union. Honest union men are murdered because they resist the coal operator-contractor-Cappellini rule. The Lewis-Cappellini machine must be held responsible for the shootings that have taken place recently. It is a matter of common knowledge that Brothers Lillis and Greco were shot down by hired gunmen because they fought against the contractors evil and to abolish coal company corruption in our union.

### Must Organize to Stop Murder.

"Rank and file miners must organize to end this murder regime, to connect up our fight with the struggle led by the Save the Union committees in other districts, to support, spread and win the strike in Pennsylvania and Ohio, to defeat the attack of the coal operators and their government, to rescue the United Mine Workers from the control of Lewis-Cappellini machine, to elect honest and militant officials, to organize the non-union fields and make the United Mine Workers a union which every coal miner trusts, belongs to and fights for. Quick and concerted action based on a militant program is needed. A few facts will prove the serious nature of the crisis our union faces.

"1. In Pennsylvania and Ohio our brothers, with their wives and fam-

### Jail-Bird Governor



Warren T. McCray, former governor of Indiana, did not complete a jail term to which he was sentenced in Atlanta penitentiary for fraudulent use of the mails, for he was a prominent republican politician in Indiana, and the only reason he went to jail at all was because of a feud within the Indiana republican party. Many a worker has entered a government penitentiary, but not so many have come out alive. Those who did had to serve their full terms.

illies, totalling 600,000 men, women and children, are fighting against the company union, the open shop and the yellow dog contract and have been on strike since April 1.

"For five and a half months the Lewis machine did nothing to organize a relief campaign for a strike involving the life of the two unions.

"Today relief is handed out in such small amounts that thousands of miners with their dependents are on the verge of starvation. Local unions have organized the Pennsylvania and Ohio Relief Committee to collect relief on a national scale and this committee is sabotaged by the Lewis machine.

"2. The Lewis machine signed a separate agreement for District 12 (Illinois) and ordered its members back to work, ordered them to desert the strike and leave the Pennsylvania and Ohio miners to fight alone. This Illinois agreement is an arbitration and efficiency agreement and allows the operators to put in machines which throw 35,000 miners out of work without any provision being made for them.

"3. The Lewis machine has refused to organize the non-union fields. The coal from these non-union field mines is flooding the markets and strangling what is left of our union. Organization of West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee and a fight for the six-hour day and five-day week will defeat the coal operators and win the strike.

"4. Injunctions have been issued by state and federal courts which legalize the yellow dog contract, make picketing illegal and prohibit organization. The Lewis machine refuses to mobilize our membership for mass defiance of these coal operators' injunctions and to work for a labor party to carry the fight against them into every part of the political field.

"Lewis supported the strike-breaker Coolidge for president and carries on a war against militant union men who stand for a labor party.

"5. In the anthracite there are 50 per cent of our membership out of work. The speed-up system and the contractor system, the open violations of the contract which Cappellini permits, add to the unemployment and weaken the union.

"It is a matter of common knowledge that grievances are never adjusted by the district officials. It is also common knowledge that miners who take up a case are discriminated against by the Cappellini machine, the contractors and the bosses. Lillis was killed and Bonito badly wounded because they fought against company and contractor control.

"Under the Lewis-Cappellini machine the union does not protect the membership but is used against it.

"We must take control of our union. We must make the state and the coal operators bear the burden of unemployment. We must fight for state relief for unemployed miners.

"6.—The thousands of contract violations, the refusal to settle grievances, the under-payment of miners, the murder of militant members and local union officials—all show that the coal operators, aided by the Cappellini machine, are weakening the union in order to put over a wage cut. The installation of loading machines without a wage differential is another step to a wage cut.

"7.—The district officials have joined with the coal operators and businessmen in the anthracite boosters association to 'reduce the anthracite costs.' This means wage cut in plain English and a loading of labor costs by forcing miners to do more work for less money.

"8.—The district officials have joined, with the coal operators, to re-

### DETROIT WORKERS DEFY POLICE WHO PROTECT FASCISTI

Clubbing, Slugging Fail to Stop Demonstration

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of the crowd, they were unable at first to rout the demonstrators and could not drown the cries of "Down with Fascism."

The demonstrators, finally driven from the street, gained the steps of the Fort Street Presbyterian Church and continued the protest there.

### Signs Torn Up.

Besides clubbing and beating the workers present, the police tore up signs carried by the demonstrators, and arrested William Reynolds, secretary of the International Labor Defense; John Zunger, Salvatore Derraymond and Albert Martin. After the police had partly broken up the demonstration, Baron Giacomo was escorted under heavy guard to the Book-Cadillac Hotel, where he was visited by Mayor Lodge.

### Protection Increased.

The authorities were so afraid of further demonstrations that some 200 policemen were stationed at the entrance to the hotel during the visit, in addition to police up and down Washington Blvd. and Michigan Ave. Later the ambassador was escorted under still heavier guard to reply the mayor's call at the City Hall, where the guard waited patiently to escort him to Dearborn for lunch with Edsel Ford and William B. Moyo.

peal the state tax on anthracite. This is nothing but a scheme to save the coal companies money by making miners and other workers who own homes pay the taxes for the coal operators.

"9.—The district officials support the candidates of the two capitalist parties—the parties of the enemies of unions—the coal companies. The whole district machine is tied up with, corrupted with and subservient to the leaders of the parties of Wall Street just as is the Lewis machine nationally. Our union is in the greatest danger. If we do not organize the rank and file as a powerful force, fight and defeat the corruption which is eating at the heart of the United Mine Workers, clean out the company influence in our union from top to bottom and adopt a militant program for the United Mine Workers, we will lose what gains we have made and go back to the conditions which prevailed before the United Mine Workers was organized.

"Lewis and Cappellini must go! In every local union the fight against corruption has to be made and officials elected who are responsible to the rank and file and not to the operators.

"We ask support for the following program and urge the formation of local committees throughout the tri-district to put it into effect:

### Program Adopted.

"1.—Freedom for Frank Bonito. Stop the murders and frame-ups of militants in the anthracite. The organization of a rank and file union defense movement to carry on the fight for Bonito and any other miner attacked by the Lewis-Cappellini machine.

"2.—Win the Pennsylvania-Ohio strike. Spread the strike.

"3.—Organize the unorganized fields.

"4.—The 6-hour day and the 5-day week.

"5.—One national agreement—anthracite and bituminous miners to strike together—no division of forces.

"6.—No arbitration agreements.

"7.—Abolish the contractor evil.

"8.—Wipe out coal company corruption in the union.

"9.—State support of the unemployed—work for union wages—the cost to be borne by the coal capitalists.

"10.—No shifting of taxation from the coal companies to workers.

"11.—Alliance with the railroad unions to fight the coal company railroad combination against our union.

"12.—A labor party.

"13.—Support of the 'Coal Digger'—the official paper of the Save the Union Committee.

"Organization of the rank and file on the basis of this program and militant struggle against the coal companies and their corruptionists in the United Mine Workers will save our union, defeat the attack upon it, overcome the present crisis and make it the weapon of the 800,000 coal miners of this continent."



# Soviet Union Again Proposes Complete and Immediate World Disarmament

## WOULD ABOLISH ALL LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES

Proposal Provides Work for Soldiers, Sailors

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ous governments until peaceful occupations could be found for all. Boris Stein is attending the present session of the security commission as an observer for the Soviet Union.

The imperialist powers shelved the Soviet Union's proposal for complete disarmament at the "disarmament" conference last December. The proposals submitted by Maxim Litvinoff, assistant commissar of Foreign Affairs, urged complete disarmament. The chief points of the program put forward by the delegation of the Soviet Union follows:

1. Immediate universal disarmament by land and sea, beginning next year.
2. An international convention pledging the signatory nations to destroy all war materials and reduce the armies to mere police forces over a period of four years, unless the powers are willing to disarm at once.
3. Complete Disarmament.
4. Demobilization of all land, sea and air forces.
5. Destruction of all heavy and light artillery, machine guns, army munitions stores, all warships of all classes and all airplanes except those used for strictly commercial purposes.
6. Cessation of all military training.
7. Demolition of all forts by land and sea and the reduction of all naval bases.
8. Strict control of all chemical works and chemists to prevent the manufacture of war materials.
9. Abolition of poison gas apparatus such as could be used in warfare.
10. Abolition by all governments of war offices and ministries of marine and aviation posts except those used in peaceful, commercial air traffic.
11. Forbidding all military propaganda.
12. Refusal by governments of patents of war making inventions.

## SUSPECT WHITES OF ARSON PLOTS

Moscow Soviet Warns Against Fires

MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—A series of disastrous factory fires is believed to have been started by monarchist groups. Constantin Uchanov, president of the Moscow Soviets, urged all economic organizations in Moscow to take all precautions against further outbreaks.

Among the fires which occurred here in the last four days was one at the large Krasniykhimik factory. The factory building was nearly destroyed.

Fourteen persons in Leningrad were injured in a fire at the Max Holz machine shops at Leningrad.

Kellogg Goes to Rescue Of Standard Oil Barons

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—In response to the demands of United States oil investors, the state department is planning to protest to the Colombian government against its new oil laws, it was unofficially stated today.

Holders of the Standard Oil Company of California and the Gulf Oil Company are affected by the Colombian laws.

KLAN WANTS WHIPPING.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 20.—The national organization of the Ku Klux Klan urged that whipping and tar and feather parties be used to revive interest in the dying St. Joseph County Klan it was alleged here today by Pat Emmons, former exalter cyclops of South Bend, Ind.

## Labor Leader Tortured by Chinese War Lords



Photo shows mutilated body of Chinese working class leader, tortured and then shot by the Chinese war lords. Hundreds of workers and peasants are being arrested and tortured daily by the war lords, kept by the imperialist powers in both north and south China.

## GERMAN LOCKOUT IS STILL LIKELY LABOR GAINS IN JAPAN ELECTION

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—Altho the Ministry of Labor is expected to make its decision in the metal trades dispute binding, a lockout of 800,000 workers appears almost certain. That either the industrialists or the workers will agree to the five pfennig an hour increase is regarded as extremely unlikely. The workers are demanding a fifteen pfennig an hour increase in addition to the eight hour day, while the industrialists are fighting against any wage increase and against the eight hour day.

## New Cabinet Crisis Looms in Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Feb. 20.—Yugoslavia was plunged into a new cabinet crisis today after the ministry of Premier Vukitchevich had been in power only 18 hours. Premier Vukitchevich handed his resignation to King Alexander after he had quarrelled with members of the coalition cabinet over questions of policy.

TOKIO, Feb. 20.—The Tenant Farmers and the Urban Labor Party are expected to secure a large vote in the general election which will take place today. In spite of the wholesale arrest of workers and the break-up of meetings of working class candidates, the discontent in urban and rural districts will swell the votes of the new opposition parties.

Both the Seiyukai, or government party, and the Minseitō, or official opposition party, have been severely criticized not merely for their domestic policy but for their policies in Manchuria.

The new election law, which will raise the number of voters from three to nine million, is expected to add to the strength of the new parties.

GREEN APPOINTED TO BENCH. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Rep. R. Green of Iowa, chairman of the powerful ways and means committee of the House, was appointed to the federal bench today by President Coolidge.

## BRITISH TROOPS BOMB REBELLIOUS TRIBES IN SUDAN

Murder Hundreds in New Imperialist Attack

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 20.—With the avowed object of avenging the death of Captain Ferguson, a British officer killed in a revolt in the Sudan on December 16 by tribesmen of the Nuer region, British and Sudanese military forces with airplanes are operating on two fronts in the Sudan in a new little war for England.

Although official versions insist that the punitive expeditionary forces of British planes and a number of units of the Sudan defense force are "of a police nature rather than of a military character," details coming in from Khartoum and other sources plainly indicate that the process of "restoring confidence" has led to a series of operations which have driven diffident elements among the Nuer tribe to retreat into the islands with their cattle and effects.

**Murder Natives.** While the British airplanes are hunting down the fugitive native leaders, another series of operations is proceeding in the Lau area, on the Sobat River, where trouble has arisen according to British sources, from a conspiracy among the witch doctors against "the progressive methods of the administration."

Three columns of troops are at work in three separate directions having drawn a cordon around the islands surrounded by big swamps into which the terrorized natives have withdrawn following the surrender of the Nuer chieftain.

An official report states that the forces engaged are a fleet of the Royal Air Force, a company of mounted rifles, one Sudanese machine gun battery, five companies of the Equatorial Corps, two companies of camel corps and a detachment of engineer troops.

**Bomb Natives.** Laconic messages say that the troops are advancing "preceded by air operation which is inflicting casualties, dispersing concentrations of men and cattle, and bombing the pyramid of Dangkur, the center and symbol of the influence of the chiefs as witch doctors."

The British troops are evidently having some trouble with the Sudanese levies over the question of who is to advance first into the difficult country. It was reported that a British officer ordered a Sudanese detachment to advance. The Sudanese officer having refused to obey, the British senior fired at him, drawing the native officer's fire in return, and causing a battle between the British and Sudanese troops supposed to be pursuing the enemy jointly. Several casualties were inflicted on both sides. The quarrel was patched up by both advancing at the same time.

TRAIN KILLS JERSEY WORKER.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 20.—T. P. Walsh, a 40 year old worker, of Spring Valley, N. Y., was struck by an Erie Railroad train when his left foot became caught in an automatic switch as he was crossing tracks after leaving a train in the Erie terminal at the foot of Pavonia Ave., Jersey City today.

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Egypt is rapidly becoming industrialized. Photo shows the new White Nile bridge across the river at Khartoum, Egypt, thru Khartoum South, over the Blue Nile bridge to Khartoum, a total distance of nearly 15 miles.

## CZECH WIVES BEAT SCABS

Strikebreakers Whipped by Miners' Wives

BRUX, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 20.—Wives of striking coalminers in this region have organized a movement to drive scabs out of the district. Armed with horsewhips and sticks battalions of miners' wives are patrolling the district and beating up scab miners.

A number of strikebreakers were beaten insensible yesterday when women marched up to the gates of a mine and severely belabored them. The women attempted to prevent strikebreakers from manning the pumps of the mines.

A number of women were disarmed and manhandled by the police of the district yesterday. There are about 25,000 striking miners in this region.

## DESTROY FASCIST REWARD MONCADA ARMS SHIPMENTS FOR SELLING OUT

Munitions Shipped to Is "Liberal" Nominee for Presidency

VIENNA, Feb. 20.—Five carloads of Italian-made machine guns and munitions, consigned to Hungary, that were held up on the Austro-Hungarian frontier, have been destroyed under supervision of an international committee, including a representative of the League of Nations, according to a dispatch received today from Graz quoting a Graz newspaper. The discovery of the arms caused temporary friction between Austria and Hungary.

The "mystery shipment" of 591 cases of Italian machine guns to Hungary came to light four weeks ago, causing a sensation throughout Central Europe.

The Little Entente—Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Poland—sent a formal note to the League of Nations asking that the council make an official investigation when it meets next month. Owing to the possibility of exposures which might "cause international friction," the bigger powers were said to oppose a league inquiry.

## FASCISTS MURDER 100 IN TRIPOLI

TRIPOLI, Feb. 20.—More than two hundred native tribesmen have been killed by the Italian colonial forces commanded by the Duke of Apulia, it was announced yesterday. Tribesmen in the Gioria region are in open revolt against Italian rule.

The offensive of the Italian troops began on February 9th. Several hundred tribesmen have been killed in the offensive. According to the statement issued yesterday, Abd-el-Djellil, head of the revolting tribesmen, in flight with his family.

## COMMUNIST INT'L EXECUTIVE RAPS THE OPPOSITION

Tasks of British Party Are Outlined

(Special Cable To DAILY WORKER.) MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—A resolution regarding the tasks of the British Communist Party was unanimously adopted by the Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International Saturday. The resolution was introduced by the British Communist.

The plenum also adopted Thaelmann's resolution on the question of the Trotskyist opposition. The Plenum entirely agreed with the measures taken by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union against the Trotskyist opposition, emphasizing the fact that the latter was rallying itself around the worst opportunist elements and renegades in the Communist movement.

In view of the counter-revolutionary attitude of the Trotskyist opposition and its hostility to the Soviet Union, the Plenum entirely approved of the measures taken by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

The Plenum declared that the Trotskyist opposition must also be strongly fought in other countries.

DRY ENFORCEMENT HIT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The federal dry enforcement program suffered a setback today when the supreme court ruled that an automobile cannot be confiscated under the customs act when the driver is to the latter in violation of the possession of liquor and pleads guilty to the latter violation of the prohibition law.

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# Worker Correspondents Call N. J. Dockers to Unite; Describe Inter-Racial Meet

## PIER LABORERS BLEED BY EASTERN STEAMSHIP CO.

### Show Up Lead Poison Conditions

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
We would ask you as a public benefactor to send a representative to the Eastern Steamship Docks, Nos. 18, 19, 25, 26 and 31, North River and learn how the workers are treated there.

#### Steal Workers' Time.

The men are checked in from ten to fifteen minutes before the time they are paid for and told to quit twenty minutes before the hour they are getting paid to. So each man works over thirty minutes for nothing or, as the saying goes, "working for the church."

The majority of the men only get one hour's work, (as you know work is very slack), but they have to work one and one half hours for the one hour's pay at seventy-five cents day-work, and eight cents night work. So in reality the men get only fifty-four cents per hour.

The men have to truck in alone bales and cases of 1,500 lbs. weight. Very often the plank is so steep it's at right angles to the dock. The same conditions apply to unloading—trucking 1,500 cases of paper, etc., with trucks that are never oiled. This state of affairs has been going on nearly eighteen months since the Eastern Steamship Company amalgamated those piers. Of course, they do what they feel like now as work is slack all over.

#### Rob Laborers of Thousands.

Just think, each man gives over three hours' work to the company each week for no pay. So each man loses \$2 per week, equal to \$150 a year. And as the company employs over 500 men every day and more in the busy season, the total robbed from these poor laborers amounts to more than \$86,000 each year.

You have no idea how these men are treated. The Uncle Tom's Cabin atrocities are paradise in comparison. We wrote the president of the company. He took action for a few days only and then let things slide back. I guess he is more interested in the slave-holding sharks.

Of course it is easy to say why do the men work there. No worker would if he could get work elsewhere but everything is slack and so they are treating the men worse than they ever did.

The superintendent is one great cause of trouble as it seems that all under him are afraid of their jobs, and are greater slaves than the rest.

#### Old Parties Enslave Workers.

It is grand to talk of a "democratic" president, but I for one won't vote democratic or republican. What help do they give the workers? I guess our state is "democratic," is it any help to the working man? A lot of wind, especially when you have a wife and family to support. The workers should try to unite and stop the flag waving.

#### —A DOCK WORKER.

Ed.: The correspondent who sends us the above report asks us to publish it on behalf of the men whom he represents.

## Say Trade Commission Helped Bread Trust

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Abram E. Meyers, federal trade commissioner, must appear on Tuesday before the senate judiciary sub-committee to explain his handling of the bread merger case as assistant attorney general in Federal District Court at Baltimore two years ago, when a consent decree for the bread trust was entered. Senator Borah, on the sub-committee, stated that Meyers will be called on to explain the fact that he had acquainted Federal Judge Soper of Baltimore with all the facts relating to the bread merger case when the decree was granted.

## Free Capmakers; New Rift in Bosses' Ranks

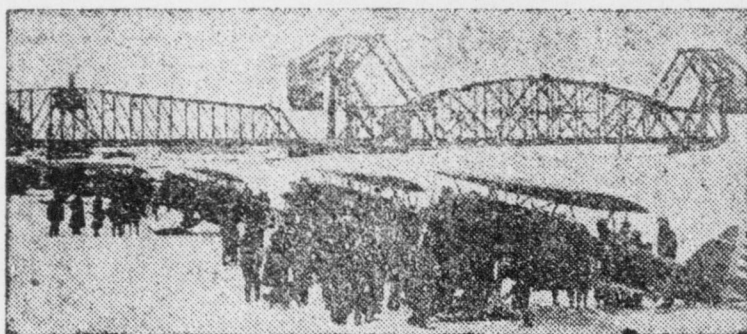
The locked-out Chicago capmakers' union reports a double-headed victory week. Two members of the Cap Manufacturers' Association, the Reliable Cap Co. and the Star Hat & Cap Co., have broken away from the boss line-up and signed with the union under the original contract which still has over a year to run.

At the same time 16 unionists, arrested for disorderly conduct, were freed by the court. About 20 still face contempt charges before Judge Denis Sullivan.

#### ON TOUR TO TRAP YOUTH.

WELDON, N. C., Feb. 20.—Clarence Chamberlin, after being forced down near here, took off today on his flight across the country. Chamberlin will stop off at various points to lecture on aviation and attempt to capture the interest of American youth in military aviation.

## War Planes in Training to Kill Workers



Above is a photo of winter maneuvers of U. S. army planes at Mt. Clemens, Mich. Constant practice will result in perfection in the technique of killing the workers for the capitalist class. Then, too, these planes may be called upon any day to rain bombs down upon the workers of some Latin American country who do not like the idea of being enslaved by some Wall St. banker.

## FUN ON COMMERCE ST.

### A Review of Gold's "Hoboken Blues"

By JAMES CANNON.

"HOBOKEN BLUES" by Mike Gold, which is now on at the New Playwrights' Theatre, has to do with a community of Negroes in Harlem who have a social background of southern cotton-fields and one-man truck patches. The varying changes wrought in them by 25 years of progressive development of civilization along the lines of machinery and jazz provide the theme.

Sam Pickens has the languor of southern fields in his blood and cannot adjust himself to the pace of the machines and factories. He gets "the working blues." Loafing, dreaming, banjo-playing, drinking beer in the cool Harlem saloons—and "looking for a job." These pleasant occupations fill his lazy days, clouded over only by the ever-harsher demands of his wife (who washes "white-folks' laundry for a living) that he gets a job and keep it or else "leave home and rustle his own pork chops." His friend, Chill McGregor, the horse-car driver, rationalizes Sam's ways of life for him and elaborates, with many-syllabled words of his own coinage, an easy-going and indulgent "Horse-Car Philosophy" that fits smoothly and lightly on the souls of Sam and his beer-drinking, work-dodging cronies. Around these two central figures the play and all its characters revolve.

#### Humor and Burlesque.

The play opens on a scene in Harlem in 1903—the time of horse-cars, rag-time, beer-saloons and the tearful ballad about the dead wife in the baggage car ahead. The high point of the first act is the "revelation meeting." Here Sam's wife, Sally, brings him by threats and main force to be "preached at and prayed at" until he gets the love of Jesus and work in his heart. In the midst of a riot of religious excitement, between the preacher's threats of hell-fire, the "testimony" of an undertaker slyly advertising his business, and a heavily-built woman penitent, endeavoring to "leap up to Jesus," Sam cuts and runs, badly scared, but with his soul and sins intact.

The lush humor and rollicking burlesque of this revival meeting scene invest the whole act. Special reference belongs to the renditions of a ragtime song of the 1903 period and of a sentimental ballad which in those days was a sure-fire tear puller. Listening to the take-off last night, we wondered if an interpretation of our own jazz-shouters and "mammy-singers" will sound less grotesque 25 years hence.

Chill McGregor, out of his own imagination, evolved a utopian land called Hoboken, just across the river, where Sam was to get a job in the circus. According to Chill's account everything was free in this great and wonderful land of Hoboken, very little work to do and lots of food and beer and fun and play—the prospect appealed to Sam immensely. But when he arrived at the real Hoboken—Hoboken, N. J.—he couldn't find the circus and while he was looking around the cops encountered him. Being black, broke and a stranger, he aroused the suspicions and hostility of the coppers.

They slugged the "Nigger bastard" with clubs and blackjacks, on general principles; and in the hospital, in delirium, Sam finds the lost "Hoboken" and the circus, too, Abe Lincoln, who "founded the town," is there, and Sam is elected president just like Chill had said. In fact, the place is Heaven and like the Heavens of all men, Sam fashions it out of his own heart's desire. This is a scene of such whimsical humor and poignant beauty as to lift "Hoboken Blues" far above the common run.

#### The Machine Age.

The moving picture of Sam's happiness as president has an undertone of sadness from the start. It is so obvious that it cannot endure, that it is not founded on any realities of life in the machine age. Even at the height of Sam's power and happiness as "President of Hoboken" one feels the impending disillusionment and tragic end. In the third act the adventure in Utopia winds up in the gutter of money-craze and jazz. The phantasy fades, the humor withers, the laughter dies—and the machine grinds on.

I think the play has too much "propaganda" of the obvious kind. Inference, hint and suggestion could be substituted with better effect in many places. The explanation in rhyme of the policemen as they beat up the helpless Sam, to the effect that the bosses have ordered it, and

the law sanctions it, is a case in point. The slugging of the "black bastard" who has no money and no job explains itself better. Likewise we could express the opinion that the play is crowded with material and spreads out more than is necessary, which gives the effect of a little too much diffusion; as though the author's mind was packed full of incident and satiric comment which he could not save for another play and another day. It seems to me also that the cries of Sam's mother, with her lynchmania, recur somewhat too often for the proper balance.

#### A Proletarian Playwright.

But all this is by the way. The main impression left with me is that here is emerging a playwright with richer humor and sharper wit than the Broadway wise-crackers and without their rotten and standardized cynicism. He wants to see people happy, living in "Hoboken," where folks don't work too hard, where there's plenty of food and beer and music, where both white and black are free and equal and all men are brothers.

That's what he wants to see. And if it appears in his own play only as a fantasy it is because the vehicle of Chill McGregor's horse-car philosophy is at best only a dream-escape from the stern realities of the existing capitalist order. The failure of Chill and Sam and the collapse of their utopia is implicit from the very beginning. Sam Pickens and his friends belong to a by-gone age that cannot return. They cannot cope with the complex problems and difficulties of the present or blaze the trail toward a higher future. Booze is the only answer Chill McGregor can make to the automobiles and electric trains which have replaced his horse-car; and even "Little Joe" grows up to seek refuge from the strident clang of capitalist civilization in "library books" and poetry. The note of struggle for the conquest of the machine is entirely lacking. There is no social understanding or fighting faith in any of the characters of "Hoboken Blues" and consequently their degeneration and defeat was inevitable.

Underneath its laughing humor the play rages at the excrecences of the

## UNEMPLOYMENT IS SUBJECT AT BIG MILWAUKEE RALLY

### Negro Worker Runs for Alderman

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., (By Mail).—Growing unemployment was the principle subject discussed at an inter-racial labor mass meeting at the Labor Temple, Saturday evening Feb. 11, 1928. The meeting was arranged by the Labor Council for United Political Action as a part of the Municipal Election campaign to place a Negro worker in the aldermanic campaign. Several women and children with their parents were present.

#### Unemployment Grows.

B. Sklar of the Labor Council, J. Ford, organizer of the American Negro Labor Congress and Carlos C. Del Roy, an aldermanic candidate, were the speakers.

"The upward trend of unemployment is growing more serious every day, the total reaching over 4,000,000 throughout the U. S.," said Ford. "Unemployment is taking on a permanent character as a result of speed-up systems and the like," the speaker pointed out. "This situation affects the colored worker more seriously since he is the 'first fired,' and because of his low economic position and condition he becomes a potential element to further reduce the working standards of all workers," continued Ford. "The leaders of industry admit this trend in American industries but offer no solution insofar as the workers are concerned." "Therefore," concluded the speaker, "the workers of all races must unify their power in the coming elections in order to place a worker in the Council halls of Milwaukee to represent the interests of workers."

—J. W. F.

machine age; the "noise and stink of the leather factory," the speed-up, the dollar-fever, the persecution and exploitation of the poor man and the black man. But the philosophy of Chill McGregor which sets up against this, the slow-moving soul, the horse-car and the one-man truck-patch can lead only to the escape from reality to a mythical "Hoboken" and from that back to disillusionment and defeat. "There ain't no Hoboken"—in this despairing cry at the end Sam expresses the failure of all those who fear to face the machine and struggle for its mastery.

#### A Labor Theatre.

All who try to turn the wheel of history backward come to the same climax of futility. This was noticeable in "The Belt." The machine breakers are all reactionary and therefore hopeless. It is only with and through the machines that humanity will win its way at last to a "Hoboken" that is not an imaginary

## DRAMA

VIVIAN MARTIN

### "The Clutching Claw" At the Forrest Theatre

ANOTHER mystery melodrama entitled "The Clutching Claw" is in town; this time at the Forrest Theatre. The play, in a prologue and three acts is by Ralph Thomas Kettering, Ralph Morgan in the principal role.

The plot of the play itself is best described by its title, for if one goes to see "The Clutching Claw," one sees exactly what the title indicates. At midnight in the midst of a thunder and lightning storm an elderly gentleman is murdered on a darkened stage in the study of his home outside New York. This brief episode occurs in the prologue.

The play actually begins next morning, when the usual stupid police inspector has arrived to clear up the mystery in the usual stupid ways that stage police inspectors have, until the noted reporter-criminologist, Gordon, played by Ralph Morgan, appears and immediately sets at naught all the deductions of the inspector with the usual comedy relief.

Again as usual until the villain is unmasked at the end of the play with every character acting as mysteriously and guiltily as possible. Suffice it to say that in the end the arch-fiend is unmasked after doors have opened and shut mysteriously, various characters have crept in and out of the dark room on secret errands and strong suspicion has been directed first on the heroine and a few other assorted characters.

Ralph Morgan does everything possible with a fat pat. Robert Middlemass plays one of his famous police inspectors. The heroine is prettily played by Dulce Cooper, while Minnie Dupree contributes an excellent character study as the old housekeeper. Of course, there is a big underly-

paradise but a real and free order of society.

The people's artists will play a great role in illuminating and making more bearable the workers' path of struggle that leads to this goal. We have a right to expect that our friends of the New Playwrights' Theatre will travel in this direction, and that genuine labor plays, grappling competently with the problems of the machine age, will follow those devoted merely to social criticism and negative conclusions. The workers can and should help this transition by loyal and brotherly support of the young playwrights as well as by open and straight-forward criticism.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Now, after reading this you must see "Hoboken Blues." Why not make it tomorrow? The DAILY WORKER has secured Wednesday evening as its particular benefit evening. Get your tickets now at 108 East 14th Street.

## MERCHANTS' PLAN FOR AID TO COAL MINERS IS FRAUD

### Revealed as Scheme to Help the Bosses

(Continued.)

of his national guard. The governor is getting a lot of publicity and much public sentiment of a favorable character is being created for his state militia. This will come in handy later on, in case the governor is called on by the coal operators to order his national guard to shoot down the striking miners as was done by governor Adams in Colorado.

The object of the fake capitalist relief movements is to create the impression among the workers that big business is friendly to the striking miners and to create confusion in their ranks. They know that their spurious relief action will interfere with the work of a bonafide working-class relief organization like the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, which furnishes relief not as charity or merely to feed the hungry, but to help win the strike and save the miners' union from destruction.

#### Boss Propaganda.

The business relief committees, wherever they exist, insidiously spread strikebreaking propaganda among the strikers. They advise men to go back to work and in thousands of ways attempt to undermine the solidarity of the union coal diggers.

And the strikers can fight until the victory is won, if relief is adequate and immediate. If their wives and children are provided with the means of existence they will bravely face the coal and iron police and the operators' deputy sheriffs on the picket line. The Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief is giving food and clothing to over one hundred mining camps. Fresh applications from other local unions come in every day. More money, more food, more warm clothing are needed. Be generous and be quick about it. The fate of the miners' union and of the American trade union movement hangs in the balance. Strike a blow for the working class by contributing some money immediately to strike relief thru the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Avenue, Room 314, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### Broadway Briefs

The Vardi-Yoalit Theatre Studio, a laboratory theatre, will give the first of a series of intimate performances Saturday evening, February 25, when it will present the "Golden Peacock," a lyric drama of primitive people by S. Anochi, and is at 425 Lafayette Street.

"Maya," a play that has been playing in Paris and London for the past three years, will be put on at the Comedy Theatre this evening by the Actors-Managers. Simon Gantillon is the author. Ernest Boyd made the translation.

Another opening scheduled for this evening is "Sh! The Octopus," a mystery play, at the Royale Theatre.

"The Five O'clock Girl" has just celebrated the 150th performance at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre.

## AMUSEMENTS

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THE MERRY MALONES  
with GEORGE M. COHAN  
Today & Tomorrow  
National Theatre, 41 St. W. of B'way  
Evs. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30

"The Trial of Mary Dugan"  
By Bayard Veiller,  
with Ann Harding-Rex Cherryman

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Michael Gold's New Play

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# Traction Workers at Meeting Will Demand Real Union Drive; No Fare Steal

## CONDEMN UNION OFFICIALS FOR I. R. T. SUPPORT

### Will Urge United Labor Organization Drive

(Continued from Page One)

urday, William B. Fitzgerald, vice president of the International, extended the "olive branch of friendship" to the company. "We are willing to let bygones be bygones," he said.

It is felt that the "tip" about the deal was given out by officials of the Interborough themselves at the eleventh hour in order to discredit the move for recognition of the union. In other words, the open-shop Morgan interests which have charge of traction in the city have never intended to fulfill their part of the bargain with the Tammany Hall labor officials. They have been double-crossed but the Interborough will of course deny that it has been responsible and will through its "diplomatic" third parties be able to continue the deal.

#### Workers Will Fight.

The fare steal which the Interborough, together with its loyal Tammany politicians and labor officials is seeking to put over, has met with the city-wide resistance of the whole working class. Demonstrations and even riots have already been staged against the move even though it is now only in the stage of preparation. That it will result in the greatest kind of opposition and will, if put thru, lead to the defeat of any city administration supporting it and to the fatal injury of any union which sponsors it, is most certain.

It is equally certain that the traction workers have nothing to gain from permitting their officials to go along with such a move. The traction companies, as has already been indicated, will not recognize the union as their payment for the support of the union officials. These companies will find some way to defeat the workers and will in the end turn the tables against the labor officials who have betrayed the workers.

The workers can win recognition of their union only by fighting for this right. They must not be deceived by the notion that they have anything to gain by refusing to join in the fight against the fare steal. The move to increase the fare will operate against them as much as against the rest of the workers because their fight for organization, it is now clear, cannot be won without the support of the whole labor movement. The traction workers should not permit their officials to lead them into any trap which will lose for them the support of these other workers. This is the move of the traction companies and which the officials of the union are willing to even though it is fatal to the interests of the traction workers.

The workers at this critical moment should come in large numbers to the union meeting tonight. They should demand of their officials that they begin a real drive for the organization of the traction workers. They should demand that the mass support of the labor movement be mustered as the first necessity of this drive. They should notify their officials that they will fight to the last against the fare steal which is a move against the interest of the whole working class and therefore against themselves.

### Middle Village Will Aid Miners Tonight

The story of the striking miners of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Colorado will be told at a benefit performance tonight at the Arion Theatre, Middle Village, Long Island.

The program will include motion pictures, dancing and singing. John Marshall of the Pennsylvania-Ohio-Colorado Miners Relief Committee, 799 Broadway, will talk.

The performance is arranged by the Middle Village Miners' Relief Committee.

### Poems of Henry Reich, Jr., Will Be Broadcast

The poems of Henry Reich, Jr., will be broadcast from Station WEVD tonight at 10:30 by his wife, Mollie Reich, as part of the weekly "Rebel Poets' Night" program. Reich is a frequent contributor to THE DAILY WORKER. His poems have recently been collected in a volume, "Minor Music."

#### Concert for "Daily"

A concert and dance to be held at the Hungarian Workers' Home, 350 E. 81st St., Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, is being arranged by Sub-section 3-B of the Workers (Communist) Party. Mike Gold, co-director of the New Playwrights Theatre will speak. Proceeds will go to THE DAILY WORKER.

## WORKERS PARTY ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

**Secretaries Attention!**  
All announcements for this column must reach THE DAILY WORKER office before 6 p. m. on the day before publication.

**Night Workers Meet Tonight.**  
A regular meeting of the Night Workers International Branch will take place this afternoon at 8 o'clock at 60 St. Marks Place. Important business to be transacted.

**Affair For Daily Worker.**  
Section 5 will hold a concert and ball Saturday, March 3, at 2075 Clinton Ave. Proceeds will go to THE DAILY WORKER.

**3-E FD 3.**  
Sub-section 3-D, FD 3 will meet tonight at 6 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

**To Report on Plenum.**  
Reports on the recent plenum of the Party will be given this week at special sections meetings at which members of the Central Committee will speak.

**Harlem Fundamentals.**  
The Harlem Fundamentals of Communism class and the English class will start Thursday at 7 p. m. at 143 E. 103rd St.

**Coney Island Meeting.**  
The Coney Island Branch 5 will meet Wednesday at 2901 Mermaid Ave. at 8:30 p. m.

**Branch 5, Section 5.**  
Branch 5, Section 5, will meet tomorrow at 2075 Clinton Ave.

**Unit 3-E 1F.**  
Unit 3-E 1F will meet tomorrow at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

**Bronx Meet Called Off.**  
Branch 1, Section 5, will not meet tonight due to the section membership meeting.

**SS 3-E FD 2.**  
SS 3-E FD 2 will meet tomorrow at 6:15 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St.

**Section 2 Functionaries Meet.**  
A meeting of the functionaries of Section 2 will be held Thursday at 6:30 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St. All unit and subsection organizers must be present.

**Y. W. L. Hike.**  
The Young Workers League of Bath Beach will hike to Silver Lake on Saturday, Feb. 24. Starting point will be 1940 Benson Ave., Brooklyn.

**Paris Commune Celebration.**  
Sections 2 and 3 will celebrate the Paris Commune at an entertainment and dance, Saturday evening, March 17, at New Star Casino, 11th St. and Lenox Ave.

**Downtown Dance.**  
The Downtown Section of the Young Workers League will hold a dance to welcome the 20 Pioneers who were graduated from the Pioneer to the League on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 60 St. Marks Place.

## CLEANERS, DYERS FORCE STOPPAGE

### Competition, Not Wages Cause of "Strike"

A stoppage affecting nearly all the cleaning and dyeing establishments in New York City and northern New Jersey is now in effect. It began Monday morning. The stoppage, which was called by the Allied Council of Cleaners and Dyers, is initiated in order to "reorganize" the industry rather than to improve the wages and hours of the workers, according to the union officials.

The council, which is composed of three separate unions, has called the strike for the benefit of the largest "union" of the three, whose membership consists entirely of the owners of the small retail cleaning and dyeing shops. These small shops were losing more and more trade to a new developing chain of "dollar cleaners." Although the militants in the remaining two workers' unions had demanded that the union put out demands on the wages and hours question, their protests have gone entirely unheeded. The A. F. of L. officialdom, who is maintaining control of the Allied Council, even went so far as to expel four workers from the executive board, and three members of the conference committee who were progressive.

The council at present has an agreement with several large cleaning and dyeing plants which do work for the retail cleaners. The agreement prohibits the workers' organizations in the Allied Council from signing contracts with the large cleaning plants that cater to the trade of the "dollar" cleaning stores. Workers in the trade point out that the plants handling chain store work are very easily organized but because of the fact that the retail owners' "union" is in control of the Allied Council, the union officials refuse to sign up with these plants because of the strong competition they offer.

**Longer Hours, Less Pay.**  
Due to the refusal to organize the "dollar" chain dyeing houses, these firms are compelling their workers to work longer hours at less pay. The membership of the bona-fide workers' unions, however, all intend to remain out till the stoppage is declared off.

Hugh Frayne, for the A. F. of L., insisted on the granting of a charter affiliating them with the Allied Council thus giving them control over the workers' union. Of 22,000 claimed to be out on the stoppage, it is definitely known that only about 1,800 are wage workers.

## LOCAL I. L. D. WILL APPEAL SENTENCE

### Will Raise Funds at Annual Bazaar

The four workers, Emil Makvarta, Thomas Thorsen, N. Knith and Eric Heimonen, who in the Special Sessions Court last Thursday were found guilty of disorderly conduct for distributing anti-injunction leaflets at the Morse Dry Dock Co., Brooklyn, on Dec. 6th, and who are now out on \$500 bail each, will be sentenced on Friday, at which time the International Labor Defense, through its attorney, will make an appeal for a new trial.

**Appeal Workhouse Sentence.**  
The decision handed down Saturday, sentencing Konstantin Pilliris, the 23-year-old member of the staff of Empress, Greek Communist daily, to 30 days in the workhouse for demonstrating against Greek fascism, will also be appealed by the International Labor Defense, according to an announcement by Rose Baron, secretary of the New York section.

"These appeals against the vicious sentences of the capitalist courts, together with the defense of the editors of THE DAILY WORKER, who are facing federal indictment on a trumped-up charge," declared Miss Baron, "will involve thousands of dollars. We will be unable to fight these working class battles successfully unless all militant workers and working class organizations rally to the support of our annual bazaar, which will be held March 7-8-9-10-11, at New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave.

**Urge Bazaar Support.**  
"Our daily faces possible extinction. Workers in this city and in other parts of the country are in danger of being thrown into the capitalist jails, establishing precedents that will be used against the working class in the future. Time is short. The bazaar, which is our chief source of income, must be supported in every possible way if we are to continue with the work of saving our comrades from jail and our fighting daily from being completely crushed."

### Daily Worker Agents Report on Activities

A meeting of section, sub-section and unit DAILY WORKER agents was held last night at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St., at which the latest steps in the campaign to secure 10,000 new readers and 5,000 new members for the Workers (Communist) Party was taken up.

A detailed report was given by Harry Fox, local agent.

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## Concert and Dance

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## Labor and Fraternal Organizations

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**Ragoczin Lectures Tonight.**  
Ray Ragoczin will lecture tonight evening on "International Women's Day" at 29 Graham Ave. under the auspices of the United Council of Working Class Women.

**L. L. D. Bazaar.**  
The annual bazaar of the International Labor Defense will be held for five days beginning March 7, at New Star Casino, Park Ave. and 107th St. All articles and contributions should be sent to 799 Broadway, Room 422.

**Freiheit Singers' Dance.**  
The Bronx Section, Freiheit Singing Society, will hold a concert and ball Saturday, Feb. 25 at Rose Garden, 1347 Boston Road.

**Downtown I. L. D.**  
The Downtown I. L. D. will meet tomorrow at 35 E. Second St. at 7:30 p. m.

**Lecture on Lindbergh.**  
Carl Weisberg will lecture on "Lindbergh: Wall Street and 107th St." at the Harlem Forum, 143 E. 103rd St. at 8 p. m. Friday.

**Freeman Lectures Sunday.**  
Joseph Freeman will lecture on "The Russian Theatre" Sunday evening at the Bronx Open Forum, 2075 Clinton Ave.

**Women's Council Meeting.**  
The United Council of Working Class Women will hold a membership meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St.

**Leon Samsen** will lecture on "Art in the Ancient World" next Friday evening, Feb. 24, at the International Center, 149 E. 23rd St.

**Workers' School Classes.**  
The following classes are beginning at the Workers' School, 108 E. 14th St., this week:  
"Public Speaking" tonight at 8 o'clock, H. Blake, instructor.  
"Elements of Marxian Economics," with Ray Ragoczin, instructor, starts Wednesday, at 7 p. m.  
"Present Tactics of Employers," with Robert W. Dunn, instructor, starts Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.  
"Intermediate English 'A'" (Mondays and Wednesdays), Kenya Ryder, starts on Wednesday, at 8:30 p. m.  
"Fundamentals of Communism," Ella G. Wolfe, instructor, starts Thursday at 7 p. m.  
"History of the United States," Jim Cork, instructor, starts Thursday at 8:30 p. m.  
"Historic Struggles of American Labor," David J. Saposs, instructor, starts Friday at 7 p. m.

**Brownsville Workers' School.**  
The Brownsville and East New York Branch of the Workers' School, 1344 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn, is conducting classes in English, elementary and intermediate; history of the United States and fundamentals of Communism.

**Bronx Concert and Ball.**  
The International Labor Defense of the Bronx will give a concert and ball, Wednesday, Feb. 22, Washington's

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## REPORT MERGER OF LAUNDRIES

### Wall Street Takes Over the Industry

A huge laundry merger is reported to be in formation in the financial district, following the election of seven bankers to the board of the Consolidated Laundries Corporation, which itself is the result of a merger.

A \$500,000,000 merger may take place on Wall Street, it is reported.

Laundry drivers in Brooklyn are still on strike for a living wage and union recognition.

Laundry workers, most of them women, are among the lowest paid and most exploited in the country. Wages as low as \$8 are paid the girls, and the maximum is usually about \$15.

The majority of the laundry workers are not protected by labor organizations.

**NEW MASSES SPRING BALL.**  
The New Masses "Artists and Writers' Spring Frolic" will be held at Webster Hall, 11th St. and Third Ave., Friday night, March 9, it has just been announced.

Birthdays at the Rose Garden, 1347 Boston Road.

**Coney Island Concert.**  
The Coney Island Section, Freiheit Singing Society, will hold a concert and dance Saturday, March 3, at 2854 W. 21st St., Coney Island.

**Lower Bronx Concert.**  
The United Council of Working Class Women, Council 3, will hold a concert and package party, Saturday, Feb. 25 at 542 E. 145th St. to raise funds for the striking miners' children.

**For Miners' Relief.**  
A benefit performance of Michael Gold's "Hoboken Blues" will be held at the New Playwrights Theatre on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, matinee under the auspices of the Youth Conference for Miners' Relief.

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## 11 Unemployed Negro Workers for Every Job

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E. 144th St. they found Peter Schiefly, 46, an unemployed painter, weak and emaciated, on a cot. Schiefly said he had been out of work for a long time and unable to buy food.

Two policemen, evidently sent for by the owners of the State Employment Agency on 25th St., entered the agency when about 100 workers were waiting for jobs Monday at 8:30 a. m. and began to shove the jobless workers out of the agency with their clubs. The workers had begun to gather about 8 a. m. When the crowd became large police were called. One of the workers told the DAILY WORKER that a police officer spoke to the man in charge of the agency before clearing the office.

The International Seamen's Club will hold a meeting of unemployed today at 2 o'clock at 26 South St.

Tomorrow a meeting will be held at 60 St. Marks Place at 2 p. m. Both meetings are arranged by the New York Council of the Unemployed.

### Workers Party Women

A general membership meeting of all women members of the Workers (Communist) Party will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m. at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St. Arrangements for the celebration of International Women's Day on March 4 will be taken up.

Two Chicago tire companies have locked out members of the Tire & Rubber Workers' Union, an A. F. of L. federal organization.

## NEW YORK DISTRICT COMMITTEE calling Special Section Meetings

to take up Plenum Decisions

SECTION ONE will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21st, at 7 P. M., at 60 St. Marks Place.  
SECTION TWO will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21st, 7 P. M., at 101 West 27th Street.  
SECTION THREE will meet Thursday, Feb. 23rd, at 7 P. M., at 101 West 27th Street.  
SECTION FOUR will meet Thursday, Feb. 23rd, at 8 P. M., at 143 East 103rd Street.  
SECTION FIVE will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21st, at 8 P. M., at 2075 Clinton Ave., Bronx.  
SECTION SIX will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21st, at 8 P. M., at 29 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn.  
Section Seven will meet Tuesday, Feb. 21st, at 8 P. M., at 764 — 40th Street, Brooklyn.

A MEMBER OF THE C. E. C. WILL REPORT ON THE PLENUM.

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## Lewis Gang Resorts to Murder

John L. Lewis and Rinaldo Cappellini evidently think, as many have thought before them, that if their gunmen shoot down, one by one, all whom the miners select to represent them, they can win in the desperate effort to hold the Miners' Union for the coal operators. The murders of Lillis, Joe Cicero and "Big Sam" Grecio, the attempt to murder Frank Benito, which resulted in the shooting of the gunman, Agati, and the threat to murder Alex Campbell are part of a consistent policy of the Lewis machine in the anthracite.

Murder as a method is nothing new, and it is a typical method of reactionary forces thruout the world. There have been and still are fools and liars who say that the method of assassination is a method of revolutionary workers. On the contrary, it is not and cannot be. Historically and in the every-day practice of all forms of reaction, monarchist fascist, bourgeois (and on down to Gompersism in struggle against the militant workers), assassination is the typical weapon of reactionaries where the arm of the capitalists' legal means of murder is not sufficient for their purpose.

But the coal miners of the Anthracite fields are no cowards and the methods of assassination will not cow them, will not bend them one inch from the struggle for their Union, but will only steel them for a sharper and more determined fight. They have faced the gunmen of the operators many times in the past score of years, and will face the gunmen of Cappellini, the operators' agent, just as readily. At the worst, the coal miners can be depended upon to defend themselves and their chosen representatives against the Cappellini gang of killers.

The dastardly charge of "murder" against Benito whose only offense was that he prevented his own assassination by shooting the gunman first, is another hideous example of the methods of the reaction. The frame-up system is no less dangerous than the bullets of Cappellini's gang. It is to be hoped and expected that the coal miners of District 1, will adequately defend themselves from the bullets of the assassins, and will not let their leaders be shot down. But they must not lose sight of the prime necessity and fail to seize the present opportunity to weld the courage of the miners into a big and strong defense organization. The hangmen will try, by perjured testimony and the trappings of the "frame-up," to finish what Cappellini's gunman failed to do to Frank Benito. Therefore organize all the militant workers in the Anthracite into a powerful arm to save him—organize the International Labor Defense.

The "Save the Union" conference is the biggest means by which the miners can mobilize their forces to put an end to the methods of murder, pillage, bribery, selling out and strike-breaking, which are the methods of Lewis, Cappellini & Co. The reign of terror must be answered by sweeping this gang of murderers headed by Cappellini into oblivion as far as the Union is concerned. If Cappellini must continue to curse the coal miners with his presence in Eastern Pennsylvania, let it be as an open member of a coal company detective agency, where he belongs.

"Cappellini must go!"—the miners say. Right. And the miners must see to it that his assassins are put out of business. Frank Benito must be saved from the clutches of the frame-up. The "Save the Union" movement in the Anthracite must be swelled to a flood by the blood of Lillis, of "Big Sam" Grecio, and of Joe Cicero.

The Miners' Union must be saved.

## Mr. Hillquit "Revivified"

The announcement yesterday from the law-offices of the socialist party leaders to the effect that that party will be "revivified and once again become a factor in American politics" is interesting even tho it is only about 90 per cent untrue.

Altho the "revivifying" fluid in the form of money is formally requested of workers and workers' organizations, the statement itself shows that the yellow leaders have little else to say about the working class, and absolutely nothing to say for the working class. The present class character of the socialist party is further indicated by the conditions on which they hope to "inherit the mighty protest vote of the LaFollette campaign." The socialist party hopes to be revivified by means of drawing into its own composition the lower strata of small-town capitalists to take the place of the working-class elements which it has lost. This is clearer when we recall the Hillquit plan for the new form of organization—a non-dues-paying form modelled after the Tammany hall type. A vote cast for the party, and not the holding of a card, payment of dues, and party discipline and activity, is to make one a member of the party.

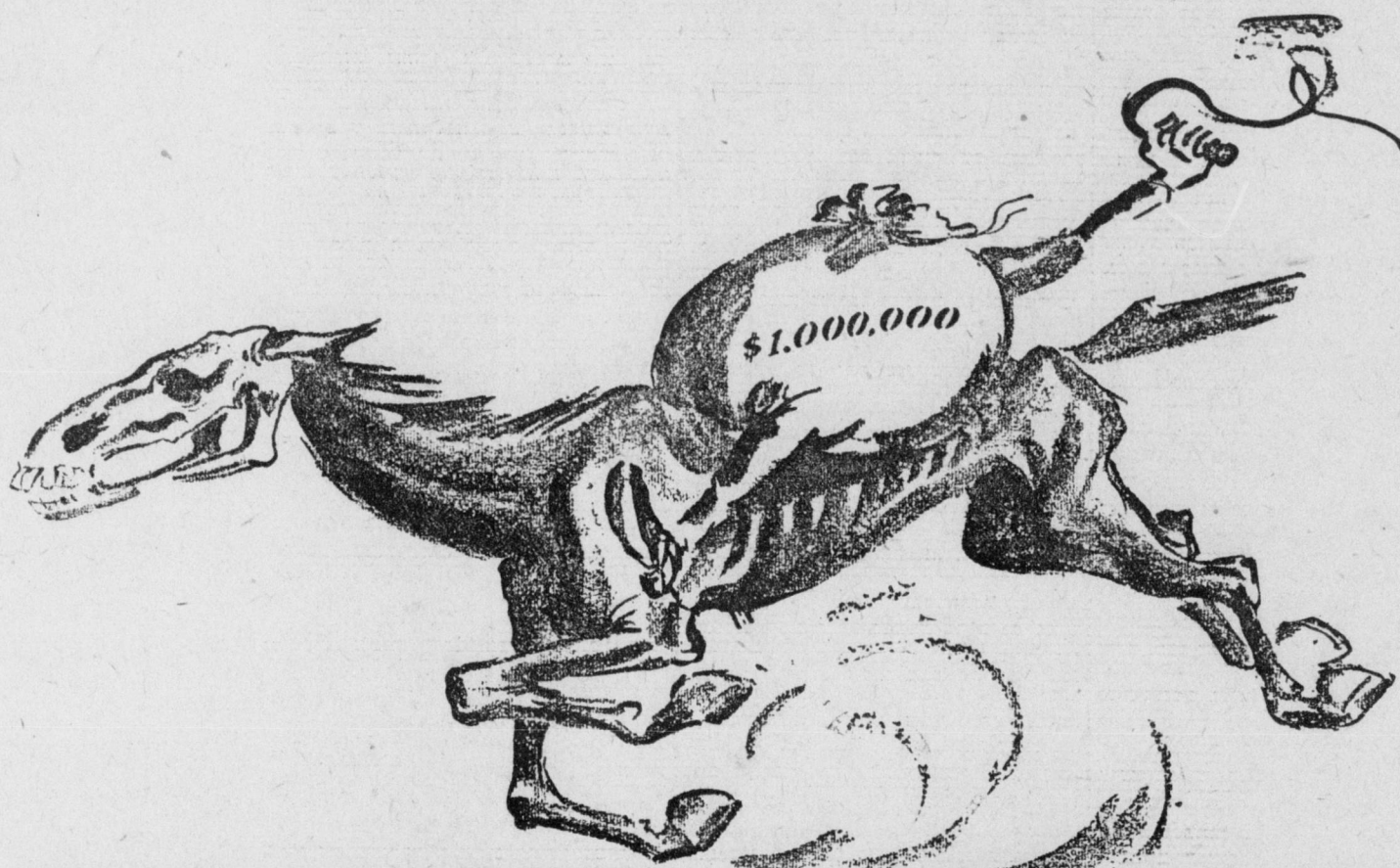
The "mighty protest vote" is not to be drawn after the socialist party, according to the plan of its leaders, but the socialist party as a shell of a formerly working-class organization is to be dismantled and its fragments swallowed by a new leadership composed of the Hillquit-Oneals together with the homeless democratic and republican politicians of the LaFollette movement.

And already the petty-bourgeois policies of the socialist party begin to look more and more like the typical "non-partisan" policies of trying to get results out of the democratic and republican parties by means of "pressure." For the newest declaration of the socialist party says that "it will do its best to make the old party candidates face at least some of the issues without straddling them."

The "most successful" campaign which these pseudo-socialists foresee will be a house-cleaning in which all working-class furniture is to be left behind while the "socialist" lawyers, store-keepers and superintendents move into a new flat with the democratic and republican lawyers, etc., a flat which will be steam-heated from the plant of the small capitalists. At any rate it will not be necessary for "workers and workers' organizations" to supply the steam heat.

The "successful campaign" should be one in which all straggling working-class elements that may remain in the socialist party get out of it for good and fight against it as the most dangerous trap with which the bourgeoisie can ensnare our class.

## THE HEADLESS HORSMAN



John D. Rockefeller Jr. spends a million dollars on the cheap labor of unemployed workers at his Sleepy Hollow estate. He calls it charity.

## The Philosophy of Decadence

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—This is a continuation from yesterday's issue of THE DAILY WORKER of a discussion of a letter written by A. Joffe before his suicide in Moscow a few weeks ago. In yesterday's issue the author of this commentary, Comrade J. Yaroslavsky, quoted the report of a member of the Medical Commission of the Central Committee of the All Union Communist Party showing that the condition of Joffe was beyond all possibility of cure.

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It is very sad that the Party should be obliged to answer such charges. But what else can be done when the Party is accused of not even agreeing to spend 1,000 roubles on the treatment of the sick comrade, whereas in reality, if we consider only the treatment abroad during a period of three years, 36,000 roubles were spent on Comrade Joffe's health. Let the proletariat judge whether this is a case of stinginess or whether we were not rather as generous as this country can afford to be only in very exceptional cases.

**Not Communist Attitude.**

But physical suffering is one thing and the complaint of having been deprived of a fortune by the revolution is another. Before the war, Joffe really was a rich man. But is it a proletarian characteristic to complain that the revolution has deprived a member of the Party of his fortune? The proletariat takes part in the revolution and knows that by the revolution it can but "lose its chains and gain the whole world." No, the complaints of Joffe do not spring from proletarian soil. They represent the philosophy of the petty-bourgeois revolutionary, who before his death wrote accounts in his note-book and reckons that he has spent so-and-so much more on the Party than the Party has spent on him. That is a rotten sort of "philosophy." That is not a Communist attitude towards the Party and the working class.

Just as inadequately founded is that the Party would not permit Joffe to write memoirs to the order of the Anglo-American bourgeoisie without the least control, and that the Party demanded the right of previously revising all that might be published by a member of the Party holding a diplomatic position. It is not only the right but also the duty of the Party, to demand such a revision by the Political Bureau of the Central Committee or by the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs. And it is a direct shame to have to read this complaint that in this way Joffe lost \$20,000, and that it is a still greater shame that such considerations should serve to conceal the fact that Joffe was interested in reporting characteristics of the "real leaders of the revolution." And that at the order of Anglo-American publishers! Such a rotten philosophy must be eradicated root and branch wherever its seed has fallen. It must be destroyed as anti-proletarian.

"The Party has offended me." He complained that the Party, actuated by the principle of "not giving the members of the Opposition any work," had not accorded him (Joffe) any work, "either in the Party or the Soviets, of such a character and extent as would enable me to exploit my abilities to their maximum degree of utility."

**Accusation Untrue.**

We all know that this is not true. The Party entrusted the Opposition with responsible positions, even

with government positions (two People's Commissaries, I. N. Smirnov and Byeloborodov) until the time of the XV. Party Congress, until a time when Opposition openly committed actions hostile to the Soviets (illegal, anti-Party printing, street demonstrations, organizations of the illegal Red Cross with the participation of A. Joffe, even for the support of anti-Soviet and anti-Party activity). Whoever reads through Joffe's letter attentively must say that the Party had no right to repose further confidence in people that could act in such a way towards the Party.

In one of the illegal publications ("Material for Discussion" of November 24th, 1927), the Trotskyites attempt to "explain Joffe's complaint that even the Opposition had not given him any occupation in keeping with his importance. Joffe's friends kept him away from open (but not from secret? J. Y.) and active oppositional work, fearing that as a penalty, he would be prevented from going abroad for a longer cure, without which his work would necessarily be short-lived."

A curious explanation. Usually the Opposition complained, both in the Executive Committee of the Communist International and in the Party, of the contrary fact, they complained that they were sent abroad. It is easy to see how miserable, how hypocritical this "explanation" is. As a matter of fact, Joffe was so ill from the effects of morphinism, that neither the Party nor the Opposition could entrust him with any important tasks.

"In the face of death men do not lie." What "truths" Joffe proclaimed in regard to himself and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, we have seen. For such "truths" we can find a justification only if we disregard the fact that the letter was expressly written to be exploited against the Party. The entire morale of Joffe was so undermined by the illegal existence of the Trotsky group that he was even capable of proclaiming "I heard with my own ears how Lenin admitted that you and not he was right in 1905." In the face of death men do not tell lies. "I have never doubted," writes Joffe to L. Trotsky, "that the way pointed out by you was the right way, and you know that I have been going the same way as you for more than 20 years, since the beginning of the permanent revolution."

When and where did Joffe hear Lenin say that even in 1905 not he, Lenin, and the Bolshevik Party, but Trotsky with his theory of the "permanent revolution" was right, a theory which Lenin was wont to call "disgustingly left"? Was this not a hallucination of a morphinist suffering from nightmare? If in 1905 not Lenin but Trotsky was in the right, then Trotsky was also right in the following years, and the Bolshevik Party were wrong. Joffe "never doubted the correctness of the way pointed out by L. Trotsky," not even when Trotsky formed the August bloc, not when at the time of the imperialist war he wavered between the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks, nor yet at the time of Brest, nor in the trade union discussions. The Bolshevik Party, however, not only doubted, and Lenin not only doubted, that this way was right; but in a whole series of literary productions they most emphatically condemned Trotskyism, both in 1905 and in the following years.

**The Real Purpose.**

What purpose was this calumny of Lenin intended to serve? Why he represented as having affirm-

ed several times that the Party had erred and that Joffe and Trotsky were right, if not with a view to proving the relations between the Trotsky fraction and the name of Lenin, which they have so unpardonably misused? Nor is this a chance, morbid attack on the part of Joffe; it is part of the same philosophy of decadence which invents facts ("I heard with my own ears") for the purpose of justifying the mistaken paths of Trotskyism. If the actual, non-invented facts, if all the things that Lenin said and did, contradict Trotskyism and the assertions of the Trotskyites, then all the worse for those facts, say Trotsky's adherents.

In keeping with what Joffe's teacher, L. Trotsky, was wont to say, Joffe could not but estimate the exclusion from the Party of Zinoviev and Trotsky as "a historical event of great significance," which was "bound to be the beginning of the Thermidorian period of our revolution."

And just as the heroes of the petty-bourgeois Social-revolutionary Party imagined that they were giving an incentive to the movement of the masses by a provocative terrorism, Joffe also tried to impart a heroic motive to his suicide. He describes it as occurring with that "event of tremendous historical importance," the exclusion of Zinoviev and Trotsky from the Party, to give "that impulse which is required to hold it back from the path of Thermidorian error."

The XV. Party Congress showed who it was that failed to stop on a downward path, when it became obvious to all that the Party is sounder and stronger than ever before, and that, more closely than ever allied with the masses, it is full of strength and energy for the work of Socialist construction and embraces more of the proletariat than it ever did. This miserable Menshevik whine about a Thermidor is altogether ridiculous. But it is the essence of that foul philosophy which sees nothing save political decline in a country in which the Socialist movement is developing with unprecedented power a philosophy which sees in the downfall of its own plans the downfall and end of the revolution, mistaking its own deterioration and decay for the deterioration and decay of the Party. If this was not apparent enough hitherto, it must be patent to every one that reads Joffe's letter. This epistle is also remarkable for the fact that

in it the entire incompatibility of Trotsky's philosophy with the fight for Socialism is fully apparent, as is also its incompatibility with the proletarian class, a class that believes in its own strength and in the justification of the Bolshevik Party of Lenin.

We know that for many who have chosen the path of fight against the Party, who have allowed themselves to be led astray by the names of some of the Opposition leaders and by their seemingly convincing criticism of the Party's shortcomings, the time through which our Party is now passing is a real tragedy. For two years—as a matter of fact for much longer still—the Opposition has been collecting its forces. Prominent leaders and famous orators and writers have arrayed themselves against the Party and armed some thousands of Party members for the fight against the Party of Lenin under the pretext that the Party was deteriorating, had already deteriorated, was becoming Thermidorian, and the like. All possible means were adopted. But the result was a tremendous defeat, an ideological and organizational breakdown, the recognition of being in the wrong, and a frantic search for a way out of the blind alley into which they had been led by those that marched "under the flag of Joffe."

**Party is Sound.**

For many comrades, who have been brought by this fight against the Party to feel themselves morally or actually outside the Party, the way back to the Bolshevik Party will be the more difficult, the deeper this philosophy of decadence has eaten its way into their beings, this philosophy which is to be discerned in every line of Joffe's letter. Therefore we consider it our duty to point out most decidedly the anti-Leninist and anti-proletarian direction of this philosophy of decadence and disintegration, which has developed as a result of the defeatist mood of the Opposition, a body more and more inclining towards Menshevism.

This funeral philosophy can fortunately seize no more than an unimportant portion of our Party. The Party itself is so sound that it is in a position to instill the sap of life into any that are honest enough to recognize and unconditionally to condemn their faults; it can imbue such comrades anew with the joy of life, with joy of the victory of the Proletarian party which is building up Socialism.

**THE END.**

## HERBERT HOOVER

### The Salesman for the American Empire

(Continued from yesterday.) American imperialism needs a more skillful spokesman—a spokesman who can give a greater glamor to the sordid and bloody struggle for cheap materials, markets and military advantage—one who can idealize it and arouse millions to a knowledge of the great duty they owe to the American empire, a spokesman who can make the empire concept a part of the daily lives of all right-thinking Americans and whose call to them to work out their manifest destiny will have far more weight than Coolidge could ever give it.

**Here Comes Hoover.**

What is the matter with Hoover? In baseball parlance "he has everything." An engineer of high standing, he personifies the gospel of American

efficiency. His policy of placing the department of commerce at the complete disposal of businessmen has won him high regard in middle class and capitalist circles. His war record is excellent by none. Did he not coin the slogan that "food will win the war" and give to millions of deluded Americans the warm feeling of self-satisfaction and well-being which is the greatest beauty of charity, made immortal by the biblical phrase: "it is more blessed to give than to receive?"

**Proved Foe of Bolshevism.** Hoover himself is a millionaire and therefore has that respect for the inviolable sanctity of private property which is the foundation qualification for a president of the United States. Finally, Hoover is sound on the

By Fred Ellis

## Miner Children With Fathers

Evidence of the militancy of the striking miners' children, and the fact that they are fighting side by side with their parents in the struggle in Pennsylvania is found in the following letter, written on the stationery of Local Union No. 5071 of the United Mine Workers of America and signed by the strikers' children of Cokesburg and Ontario, Pa.

"We, the undersigned children of striking coal miners of Western Pennsylvania, are sending to you, the Young Pioneers of America, our thanks for your cooperation. . . . We together with our fathers and mothers, believe that with such a splendid work our union will live. We are sending you our slogan: We don't want our fathers to be scabs!"

The letter was received here at the national office of the Young Pioneers of America, 43 E. 125th St. New York.

question of Bolshevism. It was Hoover who used the allied relief supplies to finance the counter-revolution in Hungary and it was his personal assistant who carried out the policy that was consummated by the invasion by the Rumanian army and the slaughter of thousands of workers and peasants.

No capitalist statesman speaks more firmly against Communism than Hoover and none is regarded higher by the official labor leaders who hate and fear revolutionary workingclass theory and practice to the exclusion of all hatred of capitalism.

**"Peace" Conferences.**

Hoover's industrial and commercial conferences have been the meeting ground where bankers, businessmen, labor bureaucrats and fake farmer leaders gathered on a basis of common support of American capitalist "democracy" and their fear of militant mass movements. Hoover's campaign for efficiency in industry—more and cheaper production—meets with the approval of the bankers, the business men, the wealthy farmers and the Greens, Wolls and Lewises. Herbert Hoover is the finest type of imperialist leader in this field—he typifies the united front between outright imperialists and imperialist-minded official leaders of mass organizations on a class peace basis.

**Union Officials—The Labor Party.** Here arises the question of a labor party. It is obvious that with Hoover bearing the stamp of approval of officialdom as a republican party candidate and Smith endorsed by the same element as the democrat party candidate, the masses of workers and exploited farmers, lacking a mass party of their own, are caught between the pincers of the two parties of imperialism. The betrayal by labor officialdom is the worst in American Labor History.

**Popularizing Imperialism.**

Wall Street ownership of both democrat and republican parties and the lack of a labor party assures an imperialist as the next president in a period when it is driving for world conquest. These two men are the choice of the Morgans and Rockefellers, but Hoover has first preference. The smaller fry—"the Ohio gang"—who were mobilized for the 1924 campaign have been put in their places. Their brief activity produced a Harding and a Coolidge—mediocrities both—but today imperialism demands a higher standard. It wants imperialism glorified and popularized, it wants the empire concept to be dominant in the minds of the masses, it wants not grudging but enthusiastic support for its program of conquest from all sections of the population.

**Hoover—Imperialism Salesman.**

To take the lead in a campaign to popularize the American empire and to break down resistance to such imperialist adventures as the invasion of Nicaragua, to "sell" imperialism to the American masses a far more skillful and romantic figure than the drab Coolidge is needed.

Hoover fills the bill. He has been annotated with refined oil but not smeared with the crude seepage from Teapot Dome and the publicity agents of finance capital are now busy gilding a halo for him.

Standard Oil and the house of Morgan have dumped the "Ohio gang" and have picked a republican candidate who will not embarrass the major imperialist program by stealing the White House ornaments, who will follow efficiently the main line toward world conquest and who represents the primary interests of big capital.

**Not Liberalism But Reaction.**

The swing from Coolidge toward Hoover is not a "liberal" manifestation. It is an important indication of a desire for a better organized and better led movement of reaction on the part of the most powerful section of the ruling class.

**Prepare For Attack**

The working class can expect a far more vicious attack on its organizations and living standards and must prepare to meet it.

The slogans of our party—organization of the unorganized, a labor party, work or relief based on union wages for the unemployed, struggle against the imperialist war danger, etc.—will have a far wider application and appeal as the real meaning of the Hoover candidacy becomes clear to the masses.