

AS WE SEE IT

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AFTER a career replete with serv-
ices to the capitalists of America
and treason to the workingclass
movement, Samuel Gompers, president
of the American Federation of Labor,
passed away. The biggest capitalists
in the United States and their errand
boy, Calvin Coolidge, express grief
over his death. Well they might. They
have lost a valuable ally. His last
outstanding act while alive, was to
help carry the victorious banner of
Wall Street into Mexico. What the
armies of the American plunderbund
could not do, the subtle poison of
Gompers accomplished; the acceptance
of the hegemony of American
capitalism by the Mexican labor move-
ment, at least that portion of it under
the domination of Morones, the
Gompers of Mexico.

GOMPERS died with the harness
of American imperialism on his
back. And as in life he was the close
ally and loyal aid of the exploiting
class, it is only right that in death
he should follow the same policy. His
carcass will rest between two of the
leading figures in the history of Amer-
ican capitalism: William Rockefeller
and Andrew Carnegie. The latter was
one of the bloodiest scoundrels that
ever coined gold out of the flesh
and blood of the working class, but
he appreciated the services of the
head of the American Federation of
Labor and left him a pension. The
workers have no reason to mourn the
death of Gompers.

THE socialists are now busy taking
stock of the profit and loss to what
is left of their party resulting from
their immersion in the LaFollette
movement. They find nothing on the
credit side except a little publicity
for a few leaders like Hillquit and
Berger. The latter is by no means
happy as the adventure practically
wiped out his "socialist" machine in
Milwaukee. Hillquit is anxious to
form a "third party" in which he will
undoubtedly be a leading figure. He
has ability of a kind that will prove
useful in parliamentary activities.

JUDGE PANKEN, writing in a so-
cialist weekly, declares that the de-
cision of the socialist party to sup-
port LaFollette after allowing the lat-
ter to write his own program, was
almost fatal to the S. P. Socialists
were placed in the position of sup-
porting capitalist candidates, he says.
Many so-called radical unions that had
never previously voted for capitalist
candidates, threw down the bars and
picked out "friends" in the Gompers
style. Instead of voting for Thomas
as candidate for governor of New
York, many of the needle trades work-
ers voted for Al Smith. "Everybody
was doing it," so to speak.

THE policy of the socialists was
branded as opportunistic by Pan-
ken. It was worse than that he said,
it was stupidly opportunistic. LaFol-
lette got the assistance of the social-
ists while he made speeches denounc-
ing socialism. It was with great dif-
ficulty that Norman Thomas was al-
lowed to speak on the same platform
with the "progressives" at large mass
meetings. In fact the poor socialists
were sacrificed to make a Roman
holiday for Hillquit and the ambitious
S. P. leaders who expected a big vic-
tory for LaFollette and a short cut
to Washington. They were disappoint-
ed.

THE socialist press sneered at the
Workers (Communist) Party when it
ran William Z. Foster for president,
the only presidential candidate run-
ning on a platform calling for the over-
throw of the capitalist system and
the organization of society on the
basis of the rule of the workers thru
Soviets and the dictatorship of the
proletariat. They laughed at the com-
paratively small number of votes
polled by our candidates and the still
smaller number counted for us. But
the Workers Party gained in strength
thru the campaign. The circulation of
our daily jumped ahead and the morale
of our party was raised.

Y. W. L. to Celebrate Karl Liebknecht Day With Mass Meeting

International Karl Liebknecht day
will be celebrated by the Young Work-
ers' League of Chicago on January 11,
1925 at a mass meeting which will be
held in the Northwest Hall corner
North and Western avenues.
Speakers for the demonstration are
Max Shachtman of the National Exec-
utive Committee of the Y. W. L., Al-
exander Bittelman of the C. E. C. of
the Workers Party, Peter Herd and a
junior speaker. The Y. W. L. orches-
tra will play.
All Workers Party branches and
friendly organizations are requested
to give every support in rallying the
working class youth of Chicago to
the International Karl Liebknecht day.

350 TRACTION EMPLOYES GO BACK TO WORK

Win Closed Shop and Overtime Pay

(Special to The Daily Worker)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 14.—
The strike of the 350 em-
ployes of the Illinois Traction
system was reported settled al-
tho the vote on the compromise
agreement reached by union
officials and traction company
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\$1,000 PLEDGED BY YOUNGSTOWN COMRADES TO DAILY WORKER DRIVE

By ALFRED WAGENKNECHT.
(Special to The Daily Worker)
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 14.—
One thousand dollars was pledged to
be paid the DAILY WORKER with-
in thirty days by the Youngstown
branches at a meeting attended by
representatives of all Youngstown
branches and nearby towns.
The Workers Party locals in
Youngstown, East Youngstown,
Warren, Farrell, Leetonia, East Liv-
erpool, Newcastle, and Bessemer,
which total 308 members, began to-
day to make this pledge good. The
Workers Party branches here are
determined that the DAILY WORK-
ER will be an even bigger and
stronger working class daily paper
in 1925.

CAPITALISTS IN MOURNING OVER GOMPERS' GOING

Coolidge, the Breaker of Strikes, in Tribute

From the whole capitalist
world comes a cry of sorrow at
the passing of Gompers. Presi-
dent Cal Coolidge, the strike-
breaker, in a telegram to Gompers'
widow expressed his
"great regret" for Gompers be-
cause, in his position "as the
founder and head of a great

German Socialists Proud of Aid Given the Kaiser; Cite Hindenburg's Praise

SECRETARY FRANK MORRISON IS THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE TO FILL GOMPERS PLACE TEMPORARILY

(Special to The Daily Worker)
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 14.—Reports are that the temporary pres-
ident of the American Federation of Labor, who is to be chosen at a meet-
ing of the executive council in Washington in a few days, as provided by the
A. F. of L. constitution, will be Frank Morrison, now secretary. He will prob-
ably fill both positions until the next convention of the federation in Novem-
ber, 1925.

DENY THEY LED WORKERS IN WAR STRIKE OF 1918

Compete with Fascisti in Loyalty to Capitalism

(Special to The Daily Worker)
BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Ex-Chan-
cellor Philipp Scheidemann has
told how the entire executive
board of the social-democratic
party betrayed the workers by
voting against support of the
striking munitions workers in
1918, and urging the German
workers not to disobey the con-
scription laws.
Scheidemann was replying to
attacks of the German monarch-
ists and nationalists at the libel
suit trial of President Ebert,
now taking place.
Scheidemann denied that he and
Ebert led the German workers in the
1918 munitions strike, and declared
himself an upholder of the ruling class.
Ebert read a letter from Field Mar-
shal von Hindenburg, which commen-
ded Ebert for his work on behalf of
the German bourgeoisie during the
war.
The nationalists are trying to make
Gen. von Winterfeldt the next pres-
ident, and are vying with the social-
ists for control of the next German
cabinet. Ebert is trying to keep the
head of his party above water by
showing that it is as ruthless against
working class movements as the mon-
archists or nationalists.

GOMPERS AT THE GATES



MICHIGAN COURTS' RULING IN THE RUTHENBERG CASE PUNISHES IDEAS

(Special to The Daily Worker)
LANSING, Mich., Dec. 14.—The opinion of the supreme court of Mich-
igan, upholding the conviction of C. E. Ruthenberg, covers some forty-one
typewritten pages but it is only on page 39 that Judge Wiest, who wrote the
opinion, deals with the main contention of the defense and then fails to meet
the main argument of the defense against the position of the trial court.
The main contention of the defense was that irrespective of what the
Communist Party was, there had been no proof submitted that the Com-
munist Party or Ruthenberg had, within the state of Michigan, committed
any act which violated the criminal
syndicalist law, and that the mere as-
sembling of the convention and Ruth-
enberg's "assembling with" the con-
vention could not be punished as a
crime.

Evidently the Michigan court found
this a difficult question, for it was
only after thirty-eight typewritten
pages, most of which consisted of de-
nunciations of the Communist Party
and the Communist International, that
the opinion deals with this question
and then glosses it over in the fol-
lowing terms:
"It is also said there has been no
overt act by the Communist Party
committed within this state, and no
showing of intent to commit any in
the immediate future, and it is
claimed it is without the power of
the state to make it a felony to join
an assembly formed to teach or
advocate criminal syndicalism unless
it is shown that activities are car-
ried out within the state. This
statute does not make criminality
dependent upon the commission of
crime an overt act. It reaches those
who advocate or teach the commis-
sion of crime as a means to accom-
plish an end, and those who, by
choice, assemble with them. An
overt act along the lines of such
advocacy or teaching would consti-
tute a crime."
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THIRD PARTY WILL SUCCEED SAYS C. P. P. A.

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—That the
C. P. P. A., (Conference for Progres-
sive Political Action) which is the
leading factor in the LaFollette move-
ment, feel that an effort to form a new
permanent political party will meet
with success, is the expression of the
C. P. P. A. executive committee, an
expression which they are following
up with a call for a national conven-
tion of the C. P. P. A. to meet in Chi-
cago on February 21, 1925.

Calling Convention in February

Bosses Express Their Sorrow.
John J. Mitchell, president of the
Illinois Trust company, director of the
Chicago and Alton railroad, the Pitts-
burgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago rail-
way, the Pullman company, the Kan-
sas City, Southern railway, the Chase
National Bank of New York, the New
York Trust company, the Illinois Trust
company, the Illinois Bell Telephone
company, and the Commonwealth Edi-
son company, said, "Gompers was as
conservative as a man could be to
hold his position. Most of the time
he exercised diplomacy. I am sorry to
hear he is dead."
"The death of Mr. Gompers is a
keen loss to the nation because he
represented a conservative element,"
said David R. Forgan, president of the
great open shop financial backer, the
National City Bank of Chicago. And
Fogman added, "It may be difficult
to find some one as good and there is
always the danger of getting some
one more radical."
Samuel M. Felton, who is interested
in a dozen railway corporations, who
is now president of the western rail-
road association, one of the "dollar a
year heroes" who received from the
secretary of war the distinguished
service medal "for especially meritor-
ious and conspicuous service" as di-
rector general of the military rail-
ways, remarked that "Gompers' death
is a great loss."
At San Antonio, Texas, appeared Col-
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THIEVES' FIGHT OVER Muscle Shoals Booty Reveals New Scandal

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—An
editorial in a local paper charges that
the Underwood bill for disposing of
Muscle Shoals is a "steal," and a
"greater scandal than Teapot Dome."
Senator Underwood has declared
that the editorial is a "libel" and a
"deliberate falsehood." In language
seldom heard on the senate floor
Underwood demanded an investigation
and the senate judiciary committee
will investigate the charges contained
in the editorial, as well as Under-
wood's charge that, "the editorial was
purchased by interests which are now
trying to grab the power at Muscle
Shoals."

Spanish Troops Withdrawn.

MADRID, Dec. 14.—With the with-
drawal of the Spanish troops from
Chechouan to Ben Karrich yesterday
Primo de Rivera prepared to set per-
manent lines along the Tetuan front
in Morocco.

ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST KRASSIN FAILS

Woman Arrested Says She Planned Murder

(Special to The Daily Worker)
PARIS, Dec. 14.—An attempt
to assassinate Leonid Krassin,
Soviet Ambassador to France,
was frustrated when a Mrs.
Marie Dickson, a journalist in
the employ of the counter-revo-
lutionary emigres in Paris, was
arrested by the Paris police de-
tailed to watch the Russian
embassy.
The woman walked past the em-
bassy door a dozen times and when
challenged by a policeman, she at-
tempted to get away. When searched,
a loaded revolver was found up her
sleeve and she confessed that her in-
tention was to murder Krassin.
Suppress Plot Story.
The assassin would not admit that
she was acting under instructions from
the czarists.
This plot was partially suppressed
by the French capitalist press which
so luridly portrayed the imaginary
"red" plots which existed in the
imaginings of the bourgeoisie who
are scared to death over Communism
and the recognition of Soviet Russia
by France.
Russian monarchists hoped that
Krassin's credentials would not be
accepted by the French government
owing to the red scare. They were
disappointed, however, and Krassin
was received cordially by the pres-
ident of the French republic.

COOLIDGE RULE SEEKS HEAVIER GERMAN CLAIMS

Big Battle Is on with the British Government

(Special to The Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—
The Coolidge government insists that
America receives a larger share in
the German reparations payments than
England wants to allow, in a
note sent by Secretary of State
Hughes to England.
It was said here that the notes ex-
changed by America and Britain "ad-
mit of detailed discussion of the issue
involved." No doubt much future
wrangling will take place as to how
far the United States is to share in
the money extracted from the life
blood of the German workers.
The United States also claims one
billion gold marks (\$250,000,000) as
the cost of the army of occupation in
Coblenz. The German workers are
expected to pay the upkeep of their
oppressors.
England is now concerned over its
debt payments, and will, it is announ-
ced, pay its debts to those countries
which "offer the London government
advantages in other directions." Eng-
land will drive the hardest bargain
possible, both in debts due the coun-
try, and debts owed other foreign na-
tions. America, however, holds the
whip hand thru its domination of the
European governments' finances.

SOVIET RUSSIA DOES RECORD FOR BUSINESS IN AMERICA THIS YEAR

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Over six
million dollars worth of furs have
been imported from Russia during
the current year by the Amtorg trad-
ing company. A record deal in furs
was effected yesterday when the
Amtorg company sold \$1,000,000
worth of Russian furs to the Eiting-
on Schild company.
The Amtorg Trading company was
organized last April as a merger of
the Arcos-America and the Products
Exchange Corporation.

League Council Adjourns.

ROME, Dec. 14.—The council of the league of nations has adjourned. Spain's request that the next coun- cil meeting be held in Madrid was denied because of the objection of the Swed- ish delegation. A plan for "intellec- tual co-operation" with a world cen- ter in Paris was adopted. It was not announced what the "intellectual co- operation" would consist of.

Plan One Big Transport Union.

SYDNEY, New South Wales—Street-
car men, carters' and drivers' unions
in the Australian states are proceed-
ing with a plan to form one big union
of transport workers of Australia.

