



Steelworkers Organize

Half Million Steel Workers Killed or Injured in Ten Years Under Lash of the Gary 12-Hour Day

"SAM GOMPERS AND I DO NOT SLEEP TOGETHER, BUT—
"We Are With Gompers Strong"—Burns



While the steel workers are fighting the strangling 12-Hour Day, Samuel Gompers receives the plaudits of the bosses and their agents. William J. Burns, head of the U. S. Secret Service, and of the Burns' International Detective Agency, says: "SAM GOMPERS AND I DO NOT SLEEP TOGETHER, BUT WE ARE GOING TO BE WITH GOMPERS STRONG" in referring to Gompers' attack on the Trade Union Educational League.

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH
(Written Especially for "The Worker")
LABOR LYCEUM, PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The big job has been accomplished. The militants of America's greatest union, the United Mine Workers, with its half million members, have been organized here, in the capitol city of the Gary Empire of Steel, Coal and Coke.
This militancy gets a foothold in the solid granite sub-structure of American organized labor, for the 500,000 union coal miners constitute the foundation upon which the trade union office in the United States and Canada is built.
It was of great value to have the militants working together on the railroads, in the needle and textile trades, in the marine industry, and in the building and metal trades. But it was absolutely necessary to get the mine militants into a solidly organized unit. This has now been done.
The tremendous obstacles that were thrown in the way of the International Progressive Miners' Conference, in its efforts to accomplish this, will fall like a sledge of its own weight upon the heads of the "Relief Committee."
"Well, we never knew that we would build so well," said one of the members of the Pittsburgh Miners' Relief Committee, organized for the purpose of raising funds and securing food and clothes for the Fayette Colliery, Pa., coal miners, dominated by the Cleveland, Ohio, agreement and betrayed by the international officials.
It was around this "Relief Committee" that militant sentiment crystallized, not only in Western Pennsylvania, but through the entire mine area jurisdiction. The machine of President John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, got busy and organized a Pittsburgh branch of the relief workers on their mission of mercy among the coal miners. But every attack only served to give added strength to the "Relief Committee," and soon the temporary "International Progressive Miners' Relief Conference" was organized, a program agreed on and sent out to the coal miners over the land.
Alex Howat came out of jail in Kansas, and went on tour for the "Relief Committee." The meetings that have been held under difficulties, the gatherings broken up, his being stopped at the Canadian border while Lewis' henchman, Van A. Bittner, former reactionary president of the Pittsburgh District miners, was allowed to go thru, are all history, just as more history will be made by Howat's forthcoming tour to the Pacific Coast.
Alex Howat came at the gathering of the miner militants at Pittsburgh so was August Dorczy, vice-president of the expelled Kansas District. The last effort of the standpatters in the miners' union to interfere with the Pittsburgh Conference, held over the week end, was to threaten all coal miners attending a meeting held at Franklin, Kansas, with expulsion from the Pittsburgh Conference and raise funds to send a delegate, in spite of the Lewis administration threat, several thousand miners attended the meeting, raised funds for the Pittsburgh Conference, held over the week end, and sent Dorczy on his way to Pittsburgh.
Two delegates came from Nova Scotia. Another traveled 3,500 miles from the coal fields of Alberta, in Western Canada. There were 20 delegates from Illinois, West Virginia was represented. Delegates carried whose expenses were paid by the pennies, nickels and dimes of striking and jobless miners.
These militants know not what
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Grant Appeal to Ruthenberg in Michigan

By MORITZ J. LOEB
(Special Wire to "The Worker")
ST. JOSEPH, MICH.—Judge Charles S. White has granted the permission to appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court on a bill of acceptance.
The sentencing of the secretary of the "Workers Party," recently confined here, was therefore stayed until the higher court could pass on the case. Ruthenberg remains at liberty under \$10,000 bond.
It was rumored about the court that Assistant Attorney General O. Smith had opposed the granting of the motion, but Judge White stated the exceptions were fundamental and involved the rights of the whole proceedings.
The British Consul prosecuting officials have stated that there will be no more trials until the validity of the criminal syndicalist law, as interpreted in the Ruthenberg case, is passed upon by the highest court. This kills the rumor that Robert Minor, editor of "The Liberator," would be brought to trial immediately and that other might be brought up for a second trial.
Railroaders for "Amalgamation"
(Special to "The Worker")
SUPERIOR, WIS.—That Amalgamation is our only hope was demonstrated when the Joint Protective Board consisting of the "Soer Line," Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Ry. and Mineral Range R. R. Co., at its convention endorsed the action of Grand Lodge and adopted the Chicago conference program on amalgamation as a practical method. This unit is the largest of the Maintenance of Way to adopt the program. The resolution adopted was sponsored by Delegate E. Santos representing Local 59, Calumet, Mich.
It is hoped that the Calumet will do their share as called for by this resolution.
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Collections will be made in shops, cars, trains and residential districts during the week while Saturday, Sunday and July 4th will be reserved for summer resorts, bathing beaches, parks, etc. Further information can be secured at the office of the Labor Defense Council, Room 434, 89 E. 11th St., Phone Straystreet 6616. Stations are needed in various sections of the city, at Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Rockaway Beach, and at other crowded points.

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Fight 12-Hour Day

The campaign of "The Worker" against the 12-hour Day will extend thru at least six more issues, taking up every phase of the black reaction in the steel industry.
The subject matter that will be treated in each succeeding issue is tentatively announced as follows:
June 21. Does the 12-Hour Day give the steel worker an opportunity to develop his social and family life?
June 28. Does the steel industry demand two 12-hour shifts because of a labor shortage?
July 7. Can the steel trust afford an 8-hour, 3-shift working day?
July 14. Do the steel workers want the 8-hour day?
July 21. Why does the United States government, federal, state and local, support the Steel Trust in its war upon the steel workers?
July 28. Why does Gompers oppose the organization of the workers in the steel industry?
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Cannon Stirs Audiences on Illinois Tour

(Special to "The Worker")
ST. LOUIS, MO.—James P. Cannon's tour for the Workers Party has been a series of successful and enthusiastic meetings thruout Southern Illinois. Everywhere workers assemble and listen attentively to his stirring message of "Five Years of Revolution in Russia."
In Zeigler, Ill., 4000 miners crowded the acting rink and listened for two hours to his talk. After the lecture a number of Socialist Labor Party members started to heckle the speaker. Comrade Cannon, scorned them for their reactionary postures and drew shouts of approval from the audience. At the conclusion of his meeting a number of the most prominent leaders in the local labor movement volunteered to assist in the work of building the Workers Party in this section.
Leaving the Southern Illinois territory for a lecture in St. Louis, Comrade Cannon talked to an attentive audience and the local members declared it the most successful and worthwhile meeting that has been held in this city so far.

GETTING QUICK RESULTS

Among the first results of the nation-wide campaign, launched by "The Worker" against Gary's 12-Hour Day to the steel mills, are the following:
FIRST—The International Progressive Miners' Conference, which includes the militant in the great United Mine Workers' Union, with its 500,000 members, unanimously endorsed the campaign and pledged its support.
SECOND—Prominent spokesmen of labor in the vanguard of the American working class movement, like Foster, Howat, Manley, Hardy, applauded the anti-12-Hour Day Campaign as the need of the hour.
THIRD—A score of labor papers, in as many foreign languages, pledged their aid to the campaign, offering the columns of their publications for the purpose of reaching the workers in their respective languages.
The co-operation of the militant miners, in conference over the week-end at Pittsburgh, Pa., was probably the strongest. The militant miners have endorsed the 12-Hour Day, in all their local, sub-district and district organizations. The matter will be pressed before the International Executive Board of the United Mine Workers' Union, and if satisfactory results are not achieved, it will be taken up at the next Miners' International Convention.
J. Louis Engdahl, editor of "The Worker," who attended the Pittsburgh Conference, declares, "The coal miners can be depended upon to do their best to help abolish the inhuman, brutalizing 12-Hour Day in the steel industry."
In this week's issue of "The Worker" we answer the question, "Is the 12-Hour Day injurious, physically, mentally and morally, to the steel workers?" Gary claims it is not. "The Worker" claims it is, and asks all steel workers to write up and send in their views, for publication.
Perhaps the most ghastly fact brought to light in this article is the fact that during a ten-year period, 1909-1919, nearly half a million workers in the steel mills were either killed or injured.
The case of "The Worker" has been prepared by Jay Lovestone, author of "The Government—STRIKEBREAKER," and one of the best informed students of industrial conditions in the United States. He writes as follows:

Expose of American Coolie System of Labor Shows How 12-Hour Day Degrades Workers

By JAY LOVESTONE
Author of "The Government—STRIKEBREAKER"
In the production of steel American capitalism has shown its ugliest brutality. This industry epitomizes the depths of degradation to which workers can be forced under the rule of the employing class.
"The United States has the largest, richest and most conveniently located deposits of iron, copper, lead and zinc in the world, and coal for their production." Besides, "A comparison of
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Coal Miners Endorse Campaign Waged by "The Worker" Against 12-Hour Day

(Special to "The Worker")
PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The widespread publicity campaign of "The Worker" against Gary's 12-Hour Day in the steel mills was enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed by the International Progressive Miners' Conference here. The resolutions adopted on this subject were as follows:
RESOLUTION AGAINST THE 12-HOUR DAY
WHEREAS, Our brothers, the steel workers, are being driven in their labor to the inhuman rate of twelve hours a day, which has just been endorsed by the U. S. Steel Corporation has definitely decided not to abolish the twelve-hour day at a time when workers in all other industries are resolutely conscious of the employer and
WHEREAS, The coal mining industry has become an important adjunct to the steel industry, many thousands of miners being employed by subsidiaries of the big steel companies.
Therefore, Be it resolved by the Progressive Miners' Conference, assembled in Pittsburgh, that all delegates be instructed to the attention of their respective units of the U. M. W. of A. the pressing importance of securing the abolition of the twelve-hour day in the steel industry and that an organized campaign of the steel industry, which has just been endorsed by the State Convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, be immediately launched by the American Federation of Labor, and be it further
RESOLVED, THAT THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN OF PUBLICITY BEING CARRIED ON BY "THE WORKER," OF NEW YORK CITY, THE MILITANT WEEKLY ORGAN OF THE WORKING CLASS, BE SUPPORTED IN EVERY POSSIBLE MANNER.

Help Spread "The Worker"

Millions of copies of "The Worker" distributed wherever Gary's 12-hour day prevails should be labor's answer to the Steel Trust of America. Steel workers who have won the 10-hour day, or the 8-hour day, or the 40-hour week or who sympathize in the labor movement, how many copies of "The Worker" will you donate to the struggle of the American steel worker? Send in your response on the blank below:
TO HELP FIGHT THE 12-HOUR DAY
Editor, "The Worker,"
739 Broadway, New York City.
Enclosed find \$_____ to send _____ copies of "The Worker" at three cents per copy. I pledge that the "open shop" in the steel industry is a threat to the organized workers in all industries. I, therefore, want to help.
Name _____
Address _____

Winter War in the Building Trades Looms

By BELMAR SCHOENK

Workers in all industries are taking up the cudgels against the portion of the wealth of the world. The building workers are fighting for a \$10 scale for all trades, except the bricklayers and plasterers, who are receiving \$12.

However, the "extra compensation" above the scale of 1920 was granted by the employers without serious struggle, because every able building worker is being employed at the present time. The struggle will come, when the building boom, now at its peak, has dwindled.

The Building Trades Employers' Association, presided over by Christian C. Norman, has taken proper care to face the situation which arises. All wage terms will have to be renewed by Jan. 1, conferences to begin not before Oct. 1. In other words, the issue will be settled or fought, as the case may be, not in spring, when the situation is favorable to the workers, but in winter, when the bosses have the windfall of the year, when the situation is unfavorable to the workers.

Had the building workers during the present busy season been organized into one solid union of the building industry, instead of into more than 30 different unions of the same kind, each conferring and negotiating separately with the contractors of the different trades, all the workers would have had one strong, well-organized and a competent part of the B. T. E. A. there can be no doubt but that Building Trades Employers could have forced a regular agreement with \$10 as the basis for all wages of mechanics. The workers are \$8 for helpers, a wage which would not only apply for three months, but "labor," but as the basis for the next year as well.

Molders' Union, on Verge of Collapse, to Hold Convention

By "MOON" (Written Exclusively for "The Worker")

As has the convention of the International Molders' Union, in the face of disaster confronting the organization, has decided to hold a convention in New York City, on June 24, at 42nd St., at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of reorganizing the union on a new basis. At least that is the hope of the officials.

Not since the 1911 convention at Rochester, N. Y., has there been a convention of this union. Plainly the officials did not want the membership of the union to be reduced to a mere shadow of its former self.

The Molders' Union the past few years has become almost all but a name. This condition is due to the craft basis of organization and to the reactions against it in the industry in general. At the time the union was dwindling in membership the officials continued to print and circulate attacks on amalgamation, a Labor Party and all other progressive measures. The American labor movement is sadly in need of amalgamating. The Molders' Union is a fair example of the result of the "craft" basis of organization. Articles by the millionaire parrot, William English Walling, Mr. Walling, of the Photo-Engravers and crown prince of the Compters dynasty and the astute John P. Fry, who is the chief of the official, are being distributed to keep them from understanding the fundamental changes that are being made in the industry. The union is in a state of complete anarchy in this country.

With the approach of the convention, the officials are trying to bring about a reconciliation with the contractors of the different trades, all the workers would have had one strong, well-organized and a competent part of the B. T. E. A. there can be no doubt but that Building Trades Employers could have forced a regular agreement with \$10 as the basis for all wages of mechanics. The workers are \$8 for helpers, a wage which would not only apply for three months, but "labor," but as the basis for the next year as well.

Rail Rebels on Coast to Meet June 7

TACOMA, Wash., June 15.—The North Pacific Railway employees on the coast are planning to meet on June 7 to discuss their grievances. The meeting is being held at the Tacoma Hotel. The employees are planning to elect a new union and to demand a 10 percent increase in wages. The meeting is being held at the Tacoma Hotel. The employees are planning to elect a new union and to demand a 10 percent increase in wages.

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Communists in Land of Russia Evicted by Police of the Socialist

By LOUIS F. LOCHNER

European Director, Federated Press

The police in the land of Russia have evicted the Communists. The police in the land of Russia have evicted the Communists. The police in the land of Russia have evicted the Communists.

Notice to Readers!

Because of the great aversion of our members, who after suffering bitter defeats for the past two years have allowed their impatience to drive them out of craft unions. Each local affiliated with the 10 handcraft unions within the jurisdiction of this district, is entitled to two delegates. Each local federation is also entitled to two delegates. All delegates must bear credentials from their union organizations. No dual membership will be allowed.

"THE WORKER"

and anti-climax the men were ordered to work and to take any thing you can get." This savage order to work and to take any thing you can get. This savage order to work and to take any thing you can get.

Rose Pastor Stokes Has Good Meeting at Norfolk

NORFOLK, VA.—Rose Pastor Stokes had a large gathering here for the purpose of discussing the defense in Michigan. The chairman was the attorney for the local Central Labor Union. During the period of the hearing for questions a 52-per-week laundry workers' strike was discussed. The speech that was applauded by one of the "dicks" present.

Smith's Hat Is in "The Ring"

Governor Smith has signed the repeal of the Mullin-Gage Dry Law. The repeal of the Mullin-Gage Dry Law. The repeal of the Mullin-Gage Dry Law. The repeal of the Mullin-Gage Dry Law.

The Mines

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Who dug the mines? The workers. Who elected the machinery about the mines? The workers. Who installed the electrical apparatus in the mines? The workers. Who go down the mines, to dig and shovel and operate machinery? The workers. Who transport the coal and iron and other minerals from the pit below to the surface? The workers. Who perform every essential service in and about the mines? The workers. Who reap the great benefits and live a life of useless ease and luxury from the wealth of the mines? The Mine Owners. Who live a life of poverty and degradation who suffer from the intermittency of work and its ally, starvation? The workers. Then isn't it time the workers owned and controlled the mines and made the Mine Owners do some useful work? Yes. What about you?

Next Season's Theatre Guild Plays

The Theatre Guild has announced its program for next season. The selection of plays will be made from a list including "The Guardsmen" by Franz Molnar, author of "The Old Town is Aisy" and "The title role; 'Masse Mensch' a drama by Ernst Toller, translated by Louis Untermeyer; 'The Failure,' by H. R. Lenormand, with Jacob Ben-Ami in the principal role; 'King Lear' by Shakespeare, with Rudolph Schildkraut in the title role; 'Iva' by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart; 'The Goat Song' by Franz Werfel, as well as the work of native playwrights.

"THE AMERICAN FOREIGN-BORN WORKERS"

By C. S. WARE

Who are the Americans? From what countries have they come? What percentage take an active part in American politics? What relation do they hold to the native-born American workers? What part have they played in the development of American industries and the advancement of their country? These questions and many others are answered in this pamphlet. Facts are interestingly supplemented with statistics and colored charts.

Great Workers Will 3,000

Hotel activity is present noticeable among the Hotel Workers of New York City. The campaign inaugurated by the Hotel Workers' Branch of the Hotel Workers' Union, has metted 3,000 members within a period of three months, and the result of this drive is making itself felt in the sporadic strikes among the petty trades still in use in the hotel industry. The strike at the Hotel Plaza was followed by stoppages at some of the smaller houses, such as Henry's Restaurant, 40 W. 46th St., St. James Restaurant, W. 44th St., and several other eating places.

Local New York Plans Picnic and Excursion for Hot Weather Months

The summer festival and picnic of Local Greater New York will be held Sunday, June 24, at Fortunate Park, 3530 Buxtehude Rd. It is hardly necessary to say you, comrades, that the Local is in great need of funds for carrying on the work of the organization. The receipts in the summer months are much smaller, for the Local has practically no regular income except from meetings and affairs. We depend on the two affairs, the picnic and the excursion, to carry us through the summer period, also for preparing our work in the election campaign and for all other activities of our party.

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"The Government-STRIKEBREAKER"

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- How the Railroad Strikers are Being Crushed by the Government.
- How the Coal Miners Were Swindled.
- How the Workers are Tricked with the Fraud of "Government Impartiality" and the Government Entirely in the Hands of Wall Street.
- How the Labor Unions are Hemmed in by Government Power and Slowly Stripped to Death.
- How the Army is Now Openly Considered as a Weapon of Wall Street Against the "Open Shop" Movement.
- How the Workers Are Betrayed by the Courts.
- How the Government is Now Being Used by ANY Employer to Destroy ANY Union.
- How the Right to Organize is Rapidly Being Lost.

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25,000 Shoe Workers Out at Brockton

(Special to "The Worker")
BROCKTON, MASS.—The general strike of shoe workers in the country, embracing 2,000 men and women, is now in its third week and the rank and file of the strikers are growing more determined in spite of the combined opposition of the officials of the United Boot and Shoe Workers' Union and the millinery manufacturers.

The whole struggle is the result of long series of crimes perpetrated against the Brockton shoe workers by the reactionary officialdom of the old union.

Manufacturers and the officials of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union are working together to keep the strikers, both proclaiming that this is an "outlaw" strike. It is the spontaneous revolt of the rank and file against intolerable oppression. The years of teachers' and nurses' strikes has disgusted the majority of the Brockton workers with unionism in general, and many of them are drifting out of the union, declaring it was to no advantage to them to continue paying dues to a gang of thieves and the employers, posing as labor leaders.

But the terrific oppression and steady efforts toward brutalizing the workers forced them to go out spontaneously.

The drive of the manufacturers against the workers, and the tactics resorted to by the Boot and Shoe Workers' general officers against the membership have been the cause, except that the workers wanted to resist the wage reductions of the employers, they are not revoking the charters of four local unions, including the dressers and packers, the trustees, the arbitration board, the compulsory arbitration clause agreed to by the general officers of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union and the manufacturer, and the outlaws strikes and placed the workers under the jurisdiction of the corporation controlled by the manufacturer's board, whose chairman, one Fisher, publicly announced that there should be a vote on the reduction through New England. This objectionable practice by the general officers, of forcing the rank and file to accept arbitration that is always favorable to the manufacturer has been the subject of controversy in the organization for a long time, but all efforts to eliminate this reactionary official domination in favor of control by the rank and file have been blocked by the reactionary officials. Every convention of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union is packed with the gang of small time agents who resist the vote to the machine for the privilege of having their expenses paid to the convention. There are numerous clothing shops through the United States whose reactionary members of the union. Seven of these members can be represented by one delegate and the union pays his convention expenses. On the other hand, in the real shoe industry, such as the Massachusetts district, one delegate represents one delegate to 100 members or major fraction thereof. Thus a delegate representing seven petty cobblers can outvote the delegate representing 100 members of the union. In addition to this there are thousands of abuses to which the rank and file have been subjected by the domineering officialdom.

Now that the 25,000 workers in this section, including Brockton, Hingham, Brook, Brockland, Braintree, Avon, Whitman and Abington are on strike independently of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, the officials of the union have combined with the manufacturers against the strikers, and are publishing newspaper advertisements in order to help crush the strike.

Many of the smaller concerns would capitulate to the strikers, were it not for the pressure brought to bear upon them by the George J. Keith concern, manufacturing "Wells Over" shoes and the W. Douglas concern, who control the district financially and who can dictate to the smaller fry. Since the Boot and Shoe Workers' officials always favor these concerns in imposing rotten restrictions upon the workers, these manufacturers will naturally support their "labor lieutenants."

About 100,000 men, women and children are affected. The strikers are active and since they are cut off from funds and strike benefits by the union officialdom they are being financially. Headquarters have been established at Eagle Hall, Brockton, under the name of the "Central Committee of Shoe Workers' Union," where contributions are being received and measures taken to relieve the suffering of the families affected.

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German Workers, at Berlin, in Tribute to Yermov, Martyred by International Fascist

Speakers at the Berlin Memorial Demonstration to the Murdered Soviet Ambassador to the League of Nations, P. M. Yermov.



Speakers at the Berlin Memorial Demonstration to the Murdered Soviet Ambassador to the League of Nations, P. M. Yermov. In the foreground, Kerevinsky (XX), Berlin, speaking. Karl Radok (XX).

Censor Board "S. L. P." Defies the Field in Drive for the Labor Party

(By F. B. R. Press Service)
The Executive Committee of the Farmer-Labor Party, striving to bring about a conference as a step in the direction of unity of labor's forces on the political field, addressed an invitation to the Socialist Labor Party.

At the Farmer-Labor Party did not endeavor to anticipate any actions of the Conference, the invitation "turned the S. L. P." an excuse to indulge in one of its customary brain storms which it reminded the working class of the United States that, also the "S. L. P." was rather hazy on the precise form and tempo of the proletarian revolution in this country, it was firmly convinced that "somehow, somewhere, and soon, something will break, which will cause the working class to perceive in the Socialist Labor Party the only true party of labor in this country."

Someone said that hope springs eternal in the human breast, and the "S. L. P." has been expressing the same hope for a number of years that the working class would find its standard. "It is a rather bold or bold hope. Since the Bolshevik revolution in Russia the leaders of the "S. L. P." and leaders are all that is left of it has been rapidly drifting away from reality. Unwittingly to the Marxist, they denied the fundamental tactic of the dictatorship of the proletariat, proving that they were mere slaves in the realm of historical materialism.

But even their enemies conceded that Daniel De Leon, who was and who prophesied, really did know something about Marxism, economics, the party tactic, the party tactic, the party tactic. So long as the Secretary of the Board, M. W. A. Barrett, who personally reviewed the picture, declared that the new film was immeasurably better in technique than the first picture, "Russia Through the Shadows," also put out by the "S. L. P." and the propaganda, art, and animated maps and charts dress up the picture in the latest film style.

The Motion Picture Commission of the State of New York considered the picture and approved it with only one elimination, involving about 10 feet out of a total almost 9,000 feet. The National Committee for Better Films in its weekly bulletin recommended the picture for the family group and described it as a historical news film dealing largely with the Russian Revolution and its development of agriculture.

Only a few showings of the film will be made during the Summer, but any organization or theatre manager desiring to book it should contact the Secretary of the Board, M. W. A. Barrett, who personally reviewed the picture, declared that the new film was immeasurably better in technique than the first picture, "Russia Through the Shadows," also put out by the "S. L. P." and the propaganda, art, and animated maps and charts dress up the picture in the latest film style.

He is going After Others
Put your name on your books for another year. I will try to get some more "buds" for our paper, "The Worker"—L. L. Burgettston, Pa.

Miners' Annual Anthracite Coal Mines Face Big Crisis at June 14th Elections

By ALFRED WAGENBRIGHT (Special to "The Worker")

WILKESBARRE.—The miners' annual elections now facing the anthracite coal miners are the most important in the history of the industry. The miners are now facing a crisis of their own making. For when a labor leader is elected, then "normalcy" is restored.

It is the local elections about to occur. They will champion the progressive cause. If elected, they will elect progressives to the tri-district convention.

If all happened in the month of May, the first week of the month, a statement was issued by the Progressive Party. The next week—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, returned from Europe. The week following John L. Lewis traveled to Washington, D. C., to see the President. The week following John L. Lewis traveled to Washington, D. C., to see the President.

Those in the lead in the Free-Trade-Russia contest, consisting of the Friends of Soviet Russia travel drive, it appears from a study of reports to date, are rank and file union workers. The names of persons prominent in the labor movement appear in the tally, but they are not at the head of the list.

The "Jimmy Hagen" of the labor world, the men and women who work hardest and get comparatively little pay, are the ones who are in the lead in this contest. The voting arrangement is such that the tally is almost an exact measure of the amount of work done by the participants. Those who have made it their business to canvass the labor world, the men and women who work hardest and get comparatively little pay, are the ones who are in the lead in this contest.

Rank and file workers all of them. Which of them will go to Russia as the "living message" with the American workers in Chicago, Lena Chernova, a clerk, Celia Samarin, a dress worker in New York, and a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers of America.

Among the Magazines
"The Liberator" for June
From the first cover page illustrations by Frank Waits to the address of the Friends of Soviet Russia on the back cover, the June issue of "The Liberator" will be the most interesting of the year.

Radicals and progressives throughout districts 1, 2 and 9 of the United Mine Workers dare not sleep a wink these few weeks to come. They must assume leadership in their local unions. They must act as tellers to assure an honest count of ballots. They must capture the local offices.

"Novy Mir" Excursion

Sunday, June 10th
on the Boat "MOBLAK"
up Hudson River to Bear Mountain Park

Refreshments - Drinks - Dancing - Music
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Capturing the Leaders

There can be no doubt that the biggest news that broke in the American labor world, Sunday, June 3, was the organization at Pittsburgh, Pa., of the International Progressive Miners' Conference, the "left bloc" within the United Mine Workers of America. Yet one is compelled to look in vain thru the columns of the "Socialist" daily, The New York Call, Monday, June 4, for any mention of this historic event. The same is no doubt true of the entire "Socialist" press.

This can be easily explained. The whole history of the industrial activities of the "Socialist" Party shows a continued effort, not to reach the rank and file of America's militant workers, but to "capture the leaders." This policy has been emphasized more than ever in recent years, until now the Socialist Party and its press, as has often been shown in these columns, are directing its wives even upon Mr. Samuel Gompers, the little "white terror" at the head of the American Federation of Labor.

Russian Soviet Diplomacy

The replies of the Russian Soviet Government to the British, also a holder, Lord Curzon, prove conclusively that there is no existence of a government that is a genuine upholder of peace between nations. They said as much to Great Britain. We are for peace, but not at any price. Also you may humiliate other and smaller nations, you cannot humiliate us. In our desire for peace we will make concessions, but those concessions do not go the absurd length of permitting you to clutch our throats with your greedy fists.

Jim Larkin Returns to Dublin, Ireland, and is Received by Thousands after Eight Years' Absence

Exhibiting a clearer understanding and coming to grips with the realities of the situation. He urged them to lay down their arms and to accept the Dail (Irish Parliament). "It is no disgrace to give up your arms," declared Larkin, "when the force opposed to you are overwhelming. Come to me and give up your arms, and then reform the law and make it toward to victory."

The Peace Court Committee

On the day of the Peace Court Committee, it opposed to all this the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, they and have joined it seriously. It will circulate 12,000,000 congregations and the approval of the United States except Harding's Permanent Court of International Justice.

Another group, represented by Mr. Adams, who is still Chairman of the Republican National Committee, is opposed to all this talk of World Courts, permanent or otherwise. This school clings to the idea that all such talk will turn Republican failure into disaster.

The oldest daily passes. The New York Call, Commercial Advertiser, the oldest daily paper published in this country, has been published up by Frank A. Munsey and consolidated with his Evening "Sun".

A Millionaire's Will

In a New Jersey Court the \$30,000,000 will of George Jay Gould has recently been filed, and now his offspring, legitimate and illegitimate, are squabbling over the spoils.

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Even the churches have taken a position opposing the 12-Hour Day. But this opposition never was very strong. So we do not suppose they are working very hard.

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Does the man like to jump like a dog for his food, shelter and clothing?

Does the man like to jump like a dog for his food, shelter and clothing? No. But the boss pulling the string tells him it develops his character—and proves that he has "brains."

"Americanizing" Slaves Wholesale in Detroit, Mich., to Stop "Red" Inroads

DETROIT, Mich.—A new departure in the methods of molding the "Irish Dubbin" and "Babbins" from the raw material of our immigrant has been inaugurated by our 100 per cent. Chamber of Commerce.

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The Poor Fish Says: Money doesn't bring happiness, but he always feels better when he has secured a repulsive, old public that costs a WHOLE LOT OF REPUBLIC!