

# Big Hopes for Labor Party

## Progressives at Anthracite Meet Strong

By ALFRED WAGENKNECHT (Special to "The Worker")

SCRAMTON, Pa.—A speech by Bishop Michael J. Hoban, head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, and the reply of Rinaldo Cappellini, Progressive, recently elected President of District 2, filled the first day of the Anthracite District Convention here with some interesting, showing that there is a powerful progressive sentiment in the gathering.

"I am a radical Catholic," said Bishop Hoban. "The church is so Catholic. But the world cannot be changed in 24 hours. Look out for those advocating un-American, un-Christian doctrines. There is a host of good Catholics here. I speak against the bad most common from New York and Chicago, and against the radicalism rampant in the West."

During the morning session Cappellini had been denied the floor. At the afternoon session the question was raised as to why others were granted the floor, and not Cappellini. The motion to give Cappellini the floor was carried without a dissenting vote.

"I don't want to talk long," said Cappellini, "for there will be much to say later on. But I want to say to Bishop Hoban that we do not want Mussolini dictatorship here. Mussolini has ruined the organized labor movement in Italy. The labor movement in Italy has been shot to pieces after 30 years' effort to build it up. Now do we need organophages if we do our



"For God's Sake, Sam, Can't You Hold Him?"

...the delegates...

## The Communist International Greets the Workers Party

Dear Comrades: It is with great pleasure that the Communist International has learned of the progress that the Workers Party has made in the past few months. We are especially gratified at the militant spirit which has manifested itself in the Party since the Second Convention in December, 1922. The unity of spirit, the determination to work for the understanding of the path to be trodden and the general tactics to be applied, augur that, in the near future, the Workers Party will mature to one of the truly Communist mass parties of the world.

## White Terror in Kansas City

(Special to "The Worker.") KANSAS CITY, Mo.—C. R. Kall, Frederick Simmons, Elmer Peterson and George McLaughlin who were arrested early in April while attending a meeting of the Kansas City branch of the Labor Defense Council, were discharged by the Circuit Court judge.

## Bosses' Use of Government Against Labor Is Best Argument for the Labor Party

By JAY LOVESTONE George Washington once said: "Government is not reason, it is not logic, it is force." Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action. The American workers and farmers have not heeded Washington's advice. They have let the government fall into the hands of the irresponsible, unscrupulous capitalists exploiting the city and rural masses. The close unity between the Stock Exchange and the White House is known to hundreds of thousands of workers and farmers. Thru their outrage

## Delegates Going to Chicago for July 3rd Conference Urge Class Action for Exploited

(By Staff Correspondent of "The Worker.")

CHICAGO.—Delegates are now on their way to Chicago, from all sections of the nation, with hopes pinned to the belief that the July 3d Conference called by the Farmer-Labor Party will lay the foundation for a class Labor Party of America's exploited industrial workers and farmers.

This Conference is recognized as the first sincere attempt to launch a coalition, thru an independent Labor Party, of all the workers' political forces in the United States.

It was expected that the Conference for Progressive Political Action would make this effort toward a Labor Party. But the expectation was doomed to disappointment long before the meeting in Cleveland, last December. The Cleveland program, in fact, became apparent during the La Follette Conference in Washington, late in November, where the railroad unions, the National Farmers and other conservative labor elements, including the Comintern officials, the American Federation of Labor, showed their determination to stick to the old parties.

## Compers Is Silent on Need for Labor Party

(Special to "The Worker")

CHICAGO.—Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was silent on the question of the Labor Party during his recent appearance here before the Chicago Federation of Labor.

The organizers of the Chicago Conference are very much amused by the silence of Compers. They have been over the frantic efforts of the Conference for Progressive Political Action to draw attention to itself. The long statement sent forth from Washington, reiterating the post election claims of last autumn, carries nothing new, except perhaps the statement that this organization is at work "in the interests of Magnus Johnson, the Farmer-Labor candidate for senator from Minnesota to succeed the late Senator Knute Nelson."

No mention of class, is made of (Continued on Page Two)

## Strike—or Putsch?—in the Ruhr

By LUDWIG LORE

When the French took possession of the Ruhr district at the beginning of the year a rapid demoralization, both socially and politically seemed inevitable. Yet it did not occur. Instead the German bourgeoisie gave the working class of the occupied district its bitter medicine with a sugared coating.

The French tried desperately to pacify the Ruhr population, in order to win it away from the sabotage program of the German bourgeoisie. Their occupation thereof, at first assumed an exceptionally mild aspect. Only Prussian and French authorities were accorded a treatment similar to the German officials and manufacturers, to offset the alienation of the French, immediately granted a one hundred per cent wage increase.

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## The Important Tasks of the Workers Party at the Historical July 3rd Convention in Chicago

By JOHN PEPPER

The July 3d Farmer-Labor Party Convention is an historical event, and the Workers Party has historical tasks to accomplish there.

Two main viewpoints must motivate our Party. First, the Workers Party is going to Chicago as a PART OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT. Second, the Workers Party participates in the July 3d Convention as a PARTY INDEPENDENT in every respect.

Two tasks result therefrom. First, stepping up and deepening the relations of the Party with the general labor movement. Second, keeping intact the integrity and independence of the Workers Party.

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And we will fight against all those who, at the July 3d Convention, will attempt to solve the problems in such a way as not to sacrifice the INDEPENDENCE of the Party, and we will GO TO ISOLATE the Party completely in the July 3d Convention, in the Central Executive Committee.

# Chicago July Conference Labor Party Toward U. S. Meet July 19

(By Federated Press)  
**CHARLESTON, W. Va.**—A labor and farmer conference to begin independent political action in this state has been called by the executive committee of West Virginia State Federation of Labor to meet in Charleston, July 19. The twofold purpose of the conference is to adopt a political program and decide whether in the approaching campaign a separate independent party and national ticket shall be nominated.  
 The official work, which has been set out to "farmers, school teachers, and organized workers," follows in part:  
 "Pursuant to a resolution adopted more than 30,000 workers engaged in the industries and upon the farms of West Virginia, among them being teachers and others engaged in educational pursuits, who have sent in petitions and written demands during recent weeks, we do hereby issue a call . . . to meet, for the purpose of formulating and organizing a political movement for the advancement and protection of the interests of the producing and educational masses. . . .  
 "From one end of the nation to the other the producing and educational masses are in revolt against the political tyranny of the old parties. Year after year, and coming year after year, they have listened to their special piecemeal promises of relief in vain. To their cries of indignation, only the political hammer blows of the hands of the ruling oligarchy, riveting the chains of economic slavery ever more firmly upon the limbs of the farmers and industrial workers of the state.  
 "The farmer, with the prices he is to receive for his products in the market secreted in the hands of big business, and with the prices which he has to pay for his necessities, and other implements and necessities fixed by the same interests, is completely at the mercy of his enemies.  
 "Work as he may and strive with all the power at his command, he is still a victim of ceaseless toil and hardship, while the product of his labor ever flows in increasing volume into the coffers of Wall street.  
 "The industrial worker, whether in the mine or the factory, and even more at the mercy of the same power. His reward for a life of toil and labor is an old age of poverty and dependence. His children are driven by the same sinister forces to follow in his footsteps. They in turn become the wage slaves of the industrial masters, and out of their blood is poured the colossal fortunes of the money kings of the U. S.  
 "The workers arrayed against the workers of the farms and factories are organized. It is through organization that they are able to transmit over the wealth producers. It is only through organization that the producers are the victims. Organization of the money kings must be met with organization of the workers. The U. S. O. P. in this way can protect our lives.  
 "The basis of representation is for labor unions with 100 members or less, one delegate and one delegate for each 100 members or majority fraction thereof. Farmers, school teachers and unorganized workers may send delegates. The credentials endorsed by five or more voters of any of these groups or by a combination of five or more voters of these groups."  
**His Cleveland Conference**  
 (By Federated Press)  
**MILWAUKEE, Wis.**—General Organizer Henry Osh, Jr., of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, in a supplementary report to the convention which meets in Superior, Wis., July 17, discussing the Cleveland conference for Progressive Political Action declares the action of the conference in refusing to seat representatives of the Workers Party and in erecting a dual organization to the A. F. of L. nonpartisan political committee, instead of coming out for independent political action by united labor.

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 The fact that the St. Joseph-Knoxling Cleveland Conference was to have the workers and farmers of the U. S. as its constituency was an old party ticket. This advice was rejected and Hendrickson was elected U. S. Senator from Minnesota on the Farmer-Labor Party ticket, the first United States Senator chosen independent of the old parties.  
 The St. Joseph-Knoxling Conference also holds out the usual glowing promises for the 1924 presidential campaign. If the workers will follow its Gomper's policy of "rewarding friends and punishing enemies" in the Wall Street democratic and republican parties.  
 William H. Johnson, president of the International Association of Machinists, and chairman of the Cleveland Conference, who has resigned as a member of the Farmer-Labor Party executive, has also seized upon the present occasion to attack the organization of a Labor Party. He did this in a speech at the closing session of the League for Industrial Democracy.  
 It is felt here that these utterances, which are a confession of the fear aroused among the reactionaries by the growing sentiment in support of a Labor Party.  
**Credentials from 30 States**  
 Credentials have already been sent in from 20 different states, according to Jay G. Brown, National Secretary of the Farmer-Labor Party. He is confidently expected that there will be a heavy attendance of delegates in attendance upon this conference. Intention to send delegates has already been made by the following: International labor organizations, with approximate membership as follows:  
 Amalgamated Clothing Workers, 20,000; Railroad Maintenance of Way, 25,000; International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 75,000; Brick and Masons, 10,000; Iron Workers, 1,000.  
 Three district organizations of the United Mine Workers, with combined membership of 75,000, and District Nos. 2, 10 and 25, are also on record. Mr. Harding, the biggest majority in the history of political elections, and they got injunction Bill passed by the Supreme Court, and an administration openly opposing the employers' program to smash the unions, and a Daugherty injunction. Bitter experience should have taught us to expect nothing but political disaster if organized and financed by Big Business. Both defensive and offensive purposes. Labor must form its own political party.  
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 By EVELYN SHARP.  
 (Special to "The Worker")  
**LONDON.**—The present tendency of British labor to rely on political, rather than industrial action, has been demonstrated by the minority action in waiting for the debate on the Labor Party's bill to amend the Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) act, which comes up before parliament. Conscious of their strength, for they are the biggest and best organized union in Britain, they will not stir up industrial action until parliamentary power has been tried to the utmost.  
 The industrial action of the various trade unions of the U. S. is the Amalgamated Clothing Workers will give its full support to the drive for the organization of a real Labor Party. It is shown in the action to go to the Chicago Conference.  
**Debate on Labor Party**  
 By an unanimous vote of the delegates to the Detroit Federation of Labor at its regular meeting, June 13, a decision was made to send two delegates to the convention called by the Farmer-Labor Party to be held in Chicago, July 3, for the purpose of uniting Labor forces in a political party.  
 John Taylor and Frank Marlet, president and secretary, respectively, of the Detroit Federation of Labor, the Detroit central body to represent them at the convention.  
 The delegates took the floor and voiced their opinion that the time had passed to look to the financial and political interests for political gain.  
 Workers' votes elected M. Wilson president in 1916, and Delegate Mulhearn in making the motion for the removal of Chicago was given and Mitchell Palmer. They reversed themselves in 1920 and elected Mr. Harding by the biggest majority in the history of political elections, and they got injunction Bill passed by the Supreme Court, and an administration openly opposing the employers' program to smash the unions, and a Daugherty injunction. Bitter experience should have taught us to expect nothing but political disaster if organized and financed by Big Business. Both defensive and offensive purposes. Labor must form its own political party.  
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# Coal Miners Plan Illinois Drive

By J. W. JOHNSTONE  
(Special to The Worker.)

**EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., July 12.**—Twenty delegates, representing all of the largest local unions of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, District 12, have met in East St. Louis and have voted to smash the Farrington-Lewis strike machine and put in its place capable, militant officials, who will lead the miners to victory instead of to compromise and defeat.

The spirit of the conference was fully apparent when one of the delegates announced, "I did not come here to waste time in fooling around. I am here to get the job done. I am here to get the job done. I am here to get the job done."

And the work of the conference showed that cleaning house, from top to bottom, meant not only removal of the reactionary officials, but also the adoption of a real, class-conscious program.

Twenty-four resolutions were endorsed, dealing with all phases of the class struggle, as well as with the internal affairs of the union. No one in the conference was deceived by the pretended antagonism that appeared in the conference.

The delegates returned to their homes with a new sense of unity and purpose. They will be back in East St. Louis in a few days to begin the work of organizing the miners of this district.

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# Reaction Forgets Personal Wars and Unites to Fight Militants Growing Power

By LOUIS BREGALINI  
(Special to The Worker.)

**ST. LOUIS, Ill., July 12.**—The American labor movement is today in a state of confusion. The reactionaries are trying to divide the workers into two camps: one for the reactionaries and one for the progressives.

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# Miners Stop Work in Ohio Meetings

By H. H. WICKS  
(Special to The Worker.)

**BELLARE, O.—A great crowd of Ohio miners, many of whom had been broken up by the May Day celebration in Belmont, the owner of the grounds withdrew permission for the meeting.**

An evening meeting, arranged at the urgent request of the miners of Yorkville, where Howat spoke during his short visit here early last year, was likewise stopped, the burgess of the town refusing the miners permission to hold the meeting in their own union hall.

Preceding these outrageous actions on the part of the authorities, the Lewis and Howat campaign had carried on a campaign aimed at the complete discrediting of Howat in this region.

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# Convention of Technical Aid Sees New Era

By ABRAM JAKIRA  
(Special to The Worker.)

**The Second National Convention of the Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia just held in New York City marks the beginning of a new era in the history of that organization.**

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# Progressives Win Big Victory over Reaction at Charleroi, Pa., Poll

By WILLIAM A. GUILER  
Chairman, International Progressive Miners' Conference  
(Special to The Worker.)

**CHARLEROI, Pa.—The Progressive Miners' Conference (P.M.C.), United Mine Workers of America (U.M.W.A.), Pennsylvania, are beginning to reap the fruits of their organized action and sound working class principles.**

At a meeting of the League, No. 59, one of the first battles was fought in Charleroi, Pa., where the place where Alexander Howat was prevented from speaking at the "United Miners' League" meeting.

The regular election for checkweighman and other officers was unanimously carried by the Progressives, fighting for election on the principles of the Progressive Movement. The lines were tightly drawn between the candidates favorable to the District officials and those standing firmly behind the Progressive Miners.

One of the most important features of the election was the fact that the Progressive Miners' Conference was able to secure the support of the miners of the district. This was a great victory for the Progressives.

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By C. S. WARE  
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### The Federated Farmer-Labor Party

The July 3rd Conference called for Chicago by the Farmer-Labor Party is hailed, in an article by John Pepper in this issue, as "an historic event." But it has yet to make real history thru the creation of a Federated Farmer-Labor Party to voice the aspirations politically of all American workers on the land.

The Chicago Conference will gather in the midst of fitting surroundings to perform this historic task. The Ashland Auditorium, the home of the Chicago Street Car men's Union, has been the scene of many struggles upward on the part of labor. Here the Farmer-Labor Party itself was born and here it held its first national convention. Great masses of workers in this hall have listened to all the returned travelers of note from Soviet Russia, to John Reed, Sidney Hillman, Albert Kuzs Williams, Robert Minor and Isaac McBride. Here the Americanized Clothing Workers in convention launched their Russian-American Industrial Corporation. Here Ludwig Martens, Soviet Representative to this country, spoke for the first time. Many other unions, including the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, have been inspired here to intelligent working-class action. In this hall the great membership of the Chicago Street Car men's Union has planned its revolutionary struggle against capitalist traction interests. Here the campaign for medical relief for Soviet Russia was launched in the days before the famine. Here the newly organized forces of the Communist movement in 1919 held their first great mass meetings, and here the first voice of protest was raised against the Palmer Red Raids, in 1920. Conventions of the cooperative movement have also been held here, as well as noted debates of the most important contrasting theories.

There is no doubt that the July 3rd Conference will add to the traditions of this noted working-class center. It can bring joy on the pages of a Federal Farmer-Labor Party history by launching "Federal Farmer-Labor Party" across the skies illumined by the dawn of new struggles, and calling all who toil to rally to the standards of this effort toward real labor unity.

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### Some Thoughts on July Fourth

In the Revolutionary War of 1776 against the tyranny of the British ruling class, it was the working masses that suffered most. How valiantly the American working masses fought against oppression is thus pictured by the noted historian John P. Finkle describing the plight of the army at Valley Forge. "As the soldiers marched, Dec. 17, to their winter quarters, their route could be traced on the snow by the blood that oozed from bare, frost-bitten feet.

This dreadful suffering of the working masses was largely due to the sabotage against their revolutionary activities of the loyalists consisting of commercial capitalists and the bourgeoisie. Despite all their heroism and unimpaired sacrifices, the working masses were cleared out of most of what they fought for in the Revolutionary War.

Then, in the Civil War, in the struggle against chattel slavery, the workers again bore the brunt of the suffering.

Yet today, July 4, 1922, the masses are again in the grip of a far more tyrannical ruling class than they were in the Revolutionary days. The Declaration of Independence is dead. Civil liberties for the workers are buried. American democracy, as the working class knows it and lives it, is a thing of the past. Slavery, strikes are broken, strikers are jailed, arrested, class divisions, detectives, soldiers, and deputy marshals are hurled against the workers struggling for the most elementary rights and bare necessities of life.

The mass of farmers are worse off than ever. They are in the throes of bankruptcy.

The American masses are today in the grip of a brutal tyranny.

### Lore Interprets Developments in "The Ruhr" from Communist Viewpoint and Answers "Socialist" Attack

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and unemployment compensation equivalent to two-thirds of the regular wage, and encouraged the men to reduce production to the lowest possible minimum.

These studied advances to the Ruhr workers did not augment, but rather released the tension. Certainly there was nothing remotely resembling a fighting mood in the Ruhr at that time.

Partly this was due, as well, to the fact that the German from an coal barons had no desire to see military resources used against them. France, and was being to secure better terms for itself by striking a bargain with the French bourgeoisie at the expense of the German people.

Undoubtedly the German bourgeoisie is preparing to capitulate. It cannot hold out and live it. There is only one other possibility—to capitulate and the burden of a new constitution to entice capitulation on top of the fulfillment expenditures and sabotage costs upon the production of the Ruhr. Furthermore, German capital has earned enough to satisfy even its caprice. It has plundered the treasury of the nation to exhaustion. In the last few months the national debt of Germany was increased from 15,000 to 20,000 billion, the gold reserves of the Reichsbank, however, decreased from 900 to 600 million goldmark. Furthermore the French have managed to solve the difficulties of coal and transportation, despite the statements of the German press to the contrary, and are already preparing to carry off the reparations coil that has been the

source of contention during all these forty months.

In view of these facts the German bourgeoisie has lost interest in passive resistance. The means by which the change of trend is being accomplished is characteristically capitalist. The Mark is falling from hour to hour, until it has become practically valueless. Prices have risen almost 250 percent but wage increases are hardly noticed. The workers of the Ruhr, however, do not care. They have no money, and they have no work. They have no money, and they have no work. They have no money, and they have no work.

"All lines of communication were in the hands of the occupiers," says the regular organizations and the Catholic unions, while the most powerful movement of the Ruhr, the Socialist party, withheld its approval, warning well that all the so-called revolutionaries could do would be to prepare a butchery for a Franco-German capitalist holiday. This made the Communist party the only party capable of directing the generalization of the labor movement. It is the only party which when they get partial control in one place they were compelled to organize a policy of resistance to put down the French and to put down the French and to put down the French.

"Certain leaders are now declining all responsibility for the mad movement of the Ruhr," says the Communist party. "They are already less slaughter. Yet by a further step the enterprise only for a day's success. There could be no further attempt at the brilliant tactics of the proletarian battalions" and the "proletarian dictators."

the most powerful capitalist class in the world. The American workers and farmers, thru their exploiters in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, have shown how valiantly they can fight against oppression. For far less than that, they have shown how they can overthrow the tyrannical British ruling class.

It is high time that our working masses get together, industrially and politically, to rid themselves of their capitalist exploiters and oppressors.

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### Harding Is Poor Salesman

President Harding, despite all his protestations, is on the road trying to sell the Republican Party to the masses. As a salesman, Harding is a poor salesman.

When Harding got to the Kansas wheat fields he stepped on the gas, ran a binder, shocked the wheat, and was "just stuck" on the farm.

Speaking on the international situation in St. Louis, the President said: "The issue of the League of Nations is as dead as a doornail." He is making this statement and advocating a self-perpetuating court, for setting merely at the feet of the President and the Republican National Chairman, Adams, have come to an understanding on the International Court of Justice. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, the financiers and industrial magnates, are already agreed to commit the country to some form of the International Court. In so far as the people are concerned, then, it is all over but the whistling.

Then turning to the more pressing question of the railroad problem, the President advocated the consolidation of American railroads. The President was talking the big capitalists into accepting his plan. The President's proposal was forthwith endorsed by the Association of Railway Security Owners. President Rea of the Pennsylvania also applauded Harding's railroad plan. And the Interstate Commerce Commission sanctioned the Van Swearingen interests absorbing four more railroads.

Harding is also appealing to the workers by pretending opposition to anti-strike legislation.

To-date the President's trip has been a political failure. His speeches have evoked little enthusiasm. His smiles have not helped the farmers an iota. The President has not been in the field from day to day. What is more, they know it and are grumbling about it. How well Harding is not doing on his Alaskan expedition, the "Minnesota" situation. It is reported from reliable sources that the American reactionary Press, running for the United States Senate, has wired the President that help from his quarters would today turn Republican failure into disaster in Minnesota.

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### Slipping Toward Communism

There are indications that Sam Gompers has adopted a slogan of "Let no day pass without attacking Communism." So the head of the American Federation of Labor has found new cause for keeping the labor movement of this country solidly in the European labor of the International Front established by the Transport Workers at Berlin. He charges that European labor is "slipping toward Communism."

Yet this does not prevent American "Socialists" from getting some degree of comfort out of the fact that the British Labor Party is for the third time, after their affiliation to the British Communist Party. In the best style of the kept press, the New York Call proclaims, "British Laborites reject Communism."

The whole truth is that the first time 50,000 votes were cast for Communist affiliation, in 1921, 200,000 in 1922, and 360,000 votes this year. Communist affiliation is accepted by local Labor Party organizations, and the Communist, Saklatvala, was elected to Parliament on the Labor Party ticket from one of the London districts. This is making good progress toward the fact that silk-stocking, knee breeches "Socialists" in control of the British Government, and therefore fear for their respectability, thru direct association with Communism.

We would suggest a consolation party at which Gompers and the "Socialists" could get together to jointly lament the drift toward Communism on the other side of the Atlantic, contrary to the reports of Hillquit and Cahane.

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### Wisdom of the Poor Fish

By ART YOUNG

The Poor Fish says that strikes would be all right, if the boss would keep on paying your wages.

Do you agree with us? Then join the Workers Party!

Help "Organize the Unorganized."

By THE OBLIVIOUS

"Barnes' desire to see a candidate for president. But the farther, that the New York government, manifested as a presidential candidate, would be in the state, do not even get passing mention."

Getting Hot in Minnesota

In addition to the hot weather, the special electoral campaign in Minnesota is warming up in great shape. The battle between the republican standard bearer, Trues, and the Farmer-Labor Party, candidate Magnus Johnson. It is hoped that out of this fight there will come greater sentiment than ever for class political party of the industrial workers and farmers.

Ford and Publicity

Ford declares he is too busy to be a candidate for president. But the kept press will not get giving him a space just the same. No doubt the capitalist sheets have their eye on the advertising contract. It's no money that puts over the publicity.

The Race Toward War

Premier Baldwin, of England, promises 34 new squadrons of ships for the British war force. This is an answer to the growing strength of French militarism, and ranks first in the world today. France is building a new fleet, and in the last war, aranc stronger than ever for the next war.

Why?

Will Elmer Larrick, governor of the "Socialist" State of Yucatan tell us in the liberal "Daily Worker" that he is offering a divorcee for remarriage immediately after divorcing a white and a colored woman. Is not permitted to marry for 300 days except in the case of the husband. We are curious to know.

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The following brief excerpts from various sources underscore the above statement from the Rote Fabrik:

On May 27th the representative of the Russian government declared at the press conference in Berlin:

"It must be said in the interest of truth, that the Communists are not implicated in the securities in the Ruhr. It is simply a strike movement born of better need and low wages."

Concerning the alleged treaty of "Frankfurter Zeitung" on May 27th:

"It must be reiterated that the opinion of experienced labor leaders, the sentiment among German workers has become extraordinarily grave during the last few weeks. The opinion of manufacturers to a wage increase commensurate to the depreciation of German currency has aroused extreme dissatisfaction."

On the 26th of May the "Vorwaerter" (Berlin), the spiritual brother of the U.S.A. Call, published concerning the "communist" uprising:

"This will, we hope, put an end to the sensational headlines in French imperialist papers which 'communist' rebellions and 'red rule,' that have been char-

ing black shivers up and down the back of our fellow-workers.

In reality the Ruhr is a communist strike, but an explosion of the Ruhr workers.

"This constant harping on the part of other elements, much more closely related to the German Socialists, have played a significant role in the up-rise, and that what all is said and done, the root of the evil lies in the character of exploitation of the masses and in the unpopularity and social isolation of such our government and our industrial class."

No one can forget the outcome of the present time. The lack of a handle on the Ruhr has created conditions that force even the most conservative labor leaders to favor a general strike of all workers as the only possible protection against the "bourgeois" capitalist bourgeoisie.

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