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DETECTIVE AGENCIES FEAR QUIZ

Bailin Exposure Creates Panic Among Gunmen Employers; Their Stocks Falling as Nation is Roused to Action.

By GEORGE MAURER

What effect the testimony of Albert Bailin, given in his deposition in the Michigan Criminal Syndicalism trial, will have on the trial itself which is to begin in St. Joseph, on March 12th, cannot be foreseen. There can be no doubt, however, what beneficial effects this testimony will have on the labor movement. For if there has been one arch labor baiter in America that man is William J. Burns. And if there is one thing that Bailin's testimony has accomplished it is the rousing among those who have been in the habit of employing detective agencies to disrupt the labor movement of Burns agency through which Burns has for so long been perpetrating outrages on the American labor movement. Along with the Burns Agency has gone the reputation of all the notorious labor-disrupting detective agencies.

Bailin's charges that the Burns Detective Agency and Burns himself have framed up "red plots" for the purpose of influencing employers' associations to pay for detective investigation that the Burns Agency and other detective agencies are responsible for practically all violence charged to labor during strikes, that detective agencies are responsible for the bomb "plants" have been spread in practically every daily newspaper in the country. In spite of the expected denials by Burns and his associates these charges are now too well founded to be discharged as fabrications.

The labor movement has long known that detective agencies are among its worst enemies. The world knows, if it never knew before, that the private detective business consists of arranging frame-ups for the purpose of extracting money from the employers and for "putting away" active spirits in the labor movement. It cannot be proved that manufacturers' associations and the like have knowingly incited criminal activities to destroy the labor movement. They have always been suspected of such activities, but those who are now simple enough to continue to employ detective agencies to fight their labor struggles will bear an equal responsibility with Burns and Co. for future crimes committed.

It is safe to say that the Bailin exposure has caused a panic among the owners of detective agencies. For even if they escape the just punishment which their crimes demand, they are sure to meet with an almost total curtailment of the golden harvest they have been reaping. If the Bailin expose accomplishes nothing else, it will at any rate put a crimp in the profits of the labor-baiters from which they will never recover. No one in the labor movement will mourn for the money losses incurred by the employers' associations in paying for fake investigations or for breaking up radical organizations which never existed. No one will weep over property of employers destroyed by detectives in the pay of the employers themselves. But none who have the labor movement at heart will regret seeing the labor-baiting detective agencies driven out of business.

In Bailin's testimony it was brought out that the activities of these private detectives were directed not only against the radicals and their organizations, but also against every kind of labor body. The Burns and other agencies it has been shown, have in their possession forged union cards of practically every trade union in existence. With these cards they have been sending their operatives to union meetings and into contact with union workers. No trade union, radical or conservative, has been free of their intrigues. (Continued on page two.)

MASSMEETING OF AMALGAMATIONISTS PLANS NEW WORK

William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Educational League and editor of the Labor Herald, and G. H. Kennedy, general chairman of International Committee for Amalgamation of the sixteen standard railroad labor organizations, were the principal speakers at a meeting held under the auspices of the Chicago Committee for Amalgamation on Sunday, Feb. 25, at the South Side Auditorium. Peter Jensen, chairman of the committee, opened the meeting and presided.

Foster explained the amalgamation program and called the attention of the audience to the great progress being made in convincing the workers that industrial unionism through amalgamation is their only salvation. The attacks of the reactionaries on the movement is the surest indication that it is making progress. They fear the militants who stay inside the unions rather than those who withdraw and build up dual unions in their pipe dreams on the outside.

FOSTER TRIAL ON MARCH 12

Wm. Z. Foster is to be the first defendant in the Michigan case to go to trial. This information, as released by the Labor Defense Council last week, has now been confirmed by the attorneys for the prosecution. Upon the request of the prosecution, the trial has been postponed until March 12.

The defense has gained an additional victory in the decision of Circuit Judge Chas. E. White who granted the motion of the defense for a Bill of Particulars. White ordered the prosecution to supply the defense with a complete Bill of Particulars at once.

Another exposure of the methods of private detective agencies and their under cover operatives is promised in an additional disposition which will be taken at a not far distant date. At this time Frank P. Walsh, attorney for the defense, will take the testimony of Robert Brannigan, formerly an under cover operative for the Department of Justice and also formerly employed by private detective agencies.



WM. Z. FOSTER.

HAL. WARE RETURNING AFTER SPLENDID WORK IN RUSSIA

By LOUIS LOCHNER.
(Fed. Press Staff Correspondent.)

BERLIN.—Harold Ware, one of the directing heads in the Technical Aid unit of the Friends of Soviet Russia, who took trucks and an aggregation of North Dakota farmer lands into the Russian Urals to work a strip of land owned by the Kiesel miners, is on his way to the United States.

He hopes to interest American manufacturers of agriculture machinery to take part in an international exposition in Moscow from August till October of this year. The commissariat of foreign affairs, is extending invitations to manufacturers of agricultural machinery in every part of the world.

A feature of the exposition is to be a six weeks' competitive demonstration on Russian soil of the brands of machinery exhibited. This international competition promises to be entered by manufacturers of standing in every country.

"Our American pioneers who went over there with the Technical Aid have rendered a great service to the Friends of Soviet Russia and to Russia," said Ware, "in finding out exactly and practically what are the needs of Russia and in what concrete manner Americans can help to supply these needs. We have had to disabuse ourselves of many fantastic notions that some individuals held, and now we return with a clear idea both of the needs and of the manner in which we may fit into these needs. One great need is that of farming machinery for the miners in the Kiesel mines region. I am going to America in the hope of making the American miners see that, in order to let these miners in Russia continue to own and operate their mines, it is necessary that they be fed properly. This can be done if we have enough agricultural machinery. We have taught the Russian peasant of that region how to operate the tractor, but at the same time you will find the peasant women mowing down the grain with the primitive sickle."

Ware speaks with warm enthusiasm of the work done by the North Dakota boys. "They went on beyond the time for which they had agreed to come," he said, "and worked for six weeks without pay, never uttering a word of objection. On the contrary, they said they were willing to stick there longer if they could be useful. They are sure there."

Ware hopes to interest American farmers and colonizers in applying for farm concessions in the Urals. Splendid tracts of land are there, he says, waiting for somebody to develop them.

DEBS USED AS FIG LEAF TO COVER S. P. NAKEDNESS

The old veteran of the American labor movement, who has devoted his life to fighting the battles of the workers and who served a prison term for his opposition to the war, was the principal drawing card at a meeting in the Ashland Auditorium, Chicago, on Sunday Eve., Feb. 25, held to boost the Socialist Party municipal campaign.

Before Debs' arrival, several speakers had something to say but it was all so very old. The chairman, Rev. Irwin Saint John Tucker, sounded the keynote of the campaign, which appeared to be King "Tut" and his resurrection. Perhaps there was some analogy between the famous Egyptian and the S. P. It is generally agreed that they are both dead. It is true that "Tut" was dug up but merely to satisfy human curiosity. The excavators are now busy on the S. P.

I said King "Tut" appeared to be the theme of the evening. At least they all talked about him, Tucker, who claimed to be an Egyptologist, said he knew all about him and his relatives. They were "revolutionists," he said, but they made the same mistake that the American communists made of issuing manifestoes calling on the people to rebel, with the result that they became very unpopular. Take heed, communists, and change your evil ways. Take the advice of the Tutologist Tucker and preserve your popularity at all costs.

Space being at a premium on Monday morning, I will pass on to the candidate for mayor, Wm. A. Cunneen. He was after rising from a sick bed (applause). He carried his red card on his hip instead of a flask of moonshine (not so much applause). He threatened to drive all the prostitutes out of Chicago in ten days. He would enforce the civil service regulations (groans from applicants for post office jobs). He would punish the five per cent of the police force that is not O. K. He would regulate the detective agencies and give the citizens and taxpayers an honest administration.

He was over in Europe, but passed by Russia with a remark that it was "progressing." He found strong socialist parties in Holland, Germany and England. He has a good voice and could deliver a good revolutionary speech if he was a revolutionist. He is a "good fellow."

The next performer to do his act (Continued on page two.)

GIVES HANDOUT TO RUSSIAN ARISTOCRATS.

Governor-General Wood of the Philippines announced that the American Relief Administration for Russia and the Russian Red Cross gave \$40,000 to the Russian refugees headed by Admiral Stark. This outfit complained of the lack of courtesy displayed by Japan when they arrived there. The Japs gave them to understand that their room was preferable to their company. Not so the lumber-pated head of the Philippines. An aristocrat even in rags looks good to the newly rich American republican imperialists.

PAINTERS RAISE WAGES.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Organized painters have re-established their 1921 scale by raising wages to \$1 an hour.

Case Against Keensy Dismissed.

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W. Va., Feb. 23.—The case against C. Frank Keensy, president of the W. Virginia United Mine Workers, who was brought to trial here as an accessory to murder in the Logan county industrial disturbances, ended abruptly today when Judge J. M. Woods threw out the indictment on motion of the prosecution. It alleged there had been tampering with witnesses.

WANTS A NATION OF INFORMERS.

WASHINGTON.—The war-time practice of reporting to the Department of Justice "all conversations they may overhear derogatory of existing American institutions" has been revived and officially urged upon its members by the Robert E. Perry branch of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In doing this the organization states that it is acting "on information received from the Department of Justice."

PROFITS IN WOOLENS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Hamilton Woolen Company announces a stock dividend of 10 per cent. Last year the company's profits amounted to \$600,000, as compared with \$230,000 the previous year.

WANT TO COMPROMISE.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 17.—Organized labor's agitation for higher award under the state workmen's compensation act alarms employers, who now offer small increases in the rates.

SWABECK TO SPEAK ON WORLD LABOR MOVEMENT

Comrade Arne Swabek will deliver a series of four lectures on The World Labor Movement and the Decline of Capitalism in 1923. After a stay in Russia and Europe extending over several months, during which time he had an opportunity of closely studying the manner in which the Soviet government of Russia operates and also came into close contact with the leaders of the Red International of Labor Unions, Swabek is back in Chicago and will give a series of four Sunday evening lectures, starting March 4 at Ashland Auditorium, under the auspices of Local Chicago Workers' Party of America.

THIRTY MINERS PLEAD GUILTY.

WELLSBURGH, W. Va., Feb. 23.—Thirty miners, indicted for conspiracy in the Cliftonville strike riot, which cost the lives of Sheriff H. H. Duval and six of the attacking party last July, today entered pleas of guilty and were each sentenced to serve three years in the Moundsville penitentiary, by Judge Sommerville in Circuit court here.

The Reds Worry Sam

By WM. F. DUNNE.

The Minneapolis Trades and Labor Assembly is being watched very closely these days by Organizer Paul Smith of the A. F. of L., who for fifteen months has been detailed on this job by the "grand old man" of the labor movement. Paul has been watching the "reds" not organizing—as one might think from his title. It is beneath the dignity of the Gompers' henchmen to take application blanks out to the unorganized workers and ask them to join up. This is a job reserved for the rank and file; the "organizers" merely ride herd on the local labor bodies to see that no one with unorthodox tendencies infects the movement.

It is for this reason that at a time like the present when the labor movement of the United States is almost flat on its back, slowly recovering from the deadly effects of the open shop offensive, Organizer Smith appeared before the executive board of the local assembly last Wednesday evening with a resolution accompanied by a demand for its adoption. The resolution, as submitted, denounced "boring from within" and pledged the assembly to do or say nothing to which the executive council of the A. F. of L. could take exception. Inasmuch as this would have resulted in the complete stagnation of the mental processes of all delegates to the assembly, the executive board inserted amendments in certain places where the text was particularly objectionable and referred the amended resolution to the delegate body.

Organizer Smith, during the heated discussion that ensued, lasting until after 11 P. M., stated the position of officialdom quite frankly. To the executive board he had already said that having elected a considerable number of sympathetic congressmen and senators, the executive council of the A. F. of L. now felt its position to be somewhat safer and could devote more time to purging the organization of the "reds." On the floor of the assembly he referred specifically to the Workers' Party and communism as an organization and doctrine which were under the ban. To the pertinent question asked by Frank Miner: "Is the Socialist Party exempted because it has made its peace with the Gompers' machine?" Smith made no reply.

It is believed here that the resolution as adopted will not be satisfactory to the A. F. of L. machine and that further demands will be made upon the Minneapolis assembly, which is one of the most progressive labor councils in the country, having long been looked upon by Gompers with a disapproving eye.

From Smith's utterances it is quite evident that the amalgamation movement is causing the bureaucrats a great deal of worry and that they sense the difference between this organized move of the radicals for industrial unionism and a labor party in the existing unions and other movements, which have merely resulted in removing their opponents from posts of vantage. The local labor paper, The Minneapolis Labor Review, is one of the targets of the attack now being made by Smith and the few reactionary unions in this city. It is a well-edited, progressive paper, supporting the workers against every attack of the part of the capitalists and always stresses the class nature of the struggle. It has given the amalgamation movement much publicity and has also taken up the cudgels for the defendants in the Michigan case. It carries the Federated Press service, and this completes the list of its crimes against the labor movement as viewed by the Gompers' group. The threat made by Smith—to revoke the charter of the assembly—has resulted so far in rallying the progressives around the Labor Review.

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PROSPECTS FOR BUILDING PARTY ARE SPLENDID

The reports that our representatives are bringing back to the headquarters are all of the same character. Everywhere the workers are in a mood for a fight against the exploiters and oppressors of labor...

THE MOVEMENT IN BRITAIN

By LIAM O'FLAHERTY

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Black Friday, when the labor fakirs sold the miners, marked the beginning of a period of stunning defeats for the workers in this country. Unions were decimated. Funds shrank to a fraction of their former bulk...

The Irish Labor Party, the only party in Ireland that has the power to do anything, is doing nothing—except drawing their salaries—so there you are. Wal Hannington, the leader of the unemployed, was arrested in Rugby a few days ago for breaking up a workhouse. He was fined five pounds...

Senator Borah Going to Russia to See Conditions

By PAUL HANNA. (Fed. Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON.—Senator William E. Borah is going to Russia. The Idaho critic of America's foreign policy and advocate of Russian recognition is determined to see what conditions are like in the great Slav republic which has emerged from war and revolution and maintained itself in power for more than five years...

C.F. of L. DELEGATE REFUTES LIE

By A. OVERGAARD

In their frantic attempts to place themselves upon the plane of bourgeois respectability the social patriots represented in the doddering Socialist Party of Chicago never miss an attempt to either deliberately lie or misconstrue every word uttered by a communist.

see the resolution sent to Mr. Gompers to show him that the rank and file of the workers were in favor of international solidarity. He showed how the government took the side of the employers against the workers in West Virginia and in the Coronado decision as well as the Daugherty injunction. He also referred to the Amsterdam International which is too radical for Sam Gompers but which Kjar said was "too damned yellow."

GEO. WASHINGTON'S HEIR SEEKS A UNITED FRONT

Kitchener, Canada, Feb. 19, 1923. Editor Voice of Labor. In your next number you promise an article on Freemasonry by Comrade Trotsky. I am glad that you are turning the light on this vice on the body of humanity, this synagogue of Satan, this conspiracy against church and state!

BIRTHDAYS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Birthdays in March of political prisoners still confined in American prisons, are announced by the Workers' National Prison Comfort Club, 723 Chestnut Street, Milwaukee, as follows: At Walla Walla, Box 520, March 4, Britt Smith, No. 9408; March 4, Ray Becker, 9413; March 16, O. C. Bland, 9409.

AMALGAMATION NEEDED TO PUT NEW LIFE IN UNION MOVEMENT

Conditions in Several Industrial Centres in Illinois

By CHAS. KRUMBEIN.

Rockford, with a population of about 72,000, has several large industries, the largest being furniture in which about 5,000 workers are employed. There was a strike in this industry three years ago the principal issues being a reduction of hours and the abolition of piece work both of which were partially achieved as a result of the strike.

A large washing machinery plant here employs about 1,200, who work a 9 hour day shift and a 12 hour night shift. Here also no organization of the workers exists. Distilling was the predominant industry here in the days before the 18th amendment but only a few workers are engaged in it now.

FARMER LABOR PARTY LEAVES "PROGRESSIVE CONFERENCE"

CHICAGO.—The National Farmer-Labor Party is through with the National Conference for Progressive Political Action. Writing to Chairman Wm. H. Johnston of the conference, Secretary Jay G. Brown of the Farmer-Labor party says: "I have to advise you that, by vote of the National Committee of the Farmer-Labor Party, it has been decided to discontinue the connection of our party with the Conference for Progressive Political Action."

SEND PACKAGES TO RUSSIA THROUGH F. S. R. ONLY

(By F. S. R. Press Service.) The Friends of Soviet Russia is now the only American organization which is permitted to send packages to Russia duty-free. A cablegram just received from the representatives of the relief group in Europe conveys this information. Tentative arrangements for such a centralization had been made by the Soviet authorities a little earlier, but the F. S. R. waited with this announcement until definite word arrived.

PROTECT WORKERS FROM DRUG SHARKS

NEW YORK.—To protect workers against profiteering by drug stores, the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union has completed arrangements to establish a drug department of its union health center. It will fill prescriptions, whether from its own physicians or others, at the uniform rate of 25 cents and 35 cents—such service being limited, however, members of the I. L. G. W. U. Besides the prescription service, the drug department will sell drugs, rubbers, goods and other articles ordered by doctors, or which are classified as medical necessities, at 25% to 50% of the prices charged by privately owned drug stores.

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