

AS WE SEE IT

Fascisti Tactics.

The Next Mayor.

Control the Club.

Labor Party Necessary.

An Associated Press dispatch from Rome informs us that the Nuovo Peace, organ of the Fascisti, recently published an interview with the secretary of state at the Vatican in which he says that the Mussolini government has produced a favorable impression on the Vatican because it has restored religious teaching in the schools, ordered the crucifix to be displayed in them and has had the courage to sever all connection with Freemasonry.

Laeder may be the next mayor of Chicago. The "people" will take as much interest in him from now on as if he were a prize rooster. He will clean out vice! How all the political prostitutes threaten to suppress their most faithful supporters. But they will not because they cannot. Vice is a product of a state of society where inequality of wealth exists. As long as capitalism prevails there will be vice and prostitution.

It would teach them for instance the value of controlling the policeman's club. Now when there is a strike despite the predictions of the individual policeman it seems to be designed to tickle the cranium of the worker. If the club was controlled by the worker and it need experience there we can see no good reason why the capitalist should not be given an opportunity to enjoy the taste of polished hickory.

What do the workers know about government anyhow? they will ask. Did not Gen. Dawes say here a few days ago that if the demands made upon capital by the workers continued that it would be necessary to take stern measures in order to preserve the constitution. That means that the generals who are the servants of the capitalists would march on Washington and proclaim a dictatorship even if a labor government was threatened.

While going ahead with our plans to organize a labor party and elect as many representatives to legislative bodies and executive offices as we possibly can we must not allow ourselves to be fooled into the belief that the lawless, brutal, treacherous American capitalists will abide by their own constitutional measures when their interests are at stake. They will not. The communists offer the lesson of Europe since 1919 to the American workers. If we are wise we should profit by that lesson.

In the meantime the two most important tasks before the American workers at this movement are the organization of a federated labor party and the amalgamation of the craft unions into industrial unions as well as bringing within the fold of organized labor the twenty or more millions of unorganized American workers.

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FRANK WALSH SEEKS CHANGE OF VENUE

Communist Candidate Polls Big Vote

Despite the fusion of Democrats and Republicans in the 22nd ward against the Workers' Party candidate, Louis A. Cejka, the party standard bearer, polled 22% of the total vote cast. Cepak, the victorious candidate, though a Republican, had the support of the democratic ward boss, Lorimer.

The showing made by our comrade in the 22nd ward is an indication of what could be done throughout the city with the proper kind of organization. It showed that a good percentage of the workers are ready for our message. The Workers' Party candidate did not have the backing or endorsement of any capitalist organization, yet on a straight forward workingclass platform over twelve hundred votes were cast for Comrade Cejka.

Perhaps by the time the next election will have come around the workers in this city will have learned enough to realize the value of political unity and that they will not allow the trickery of the Socialist Party functionaries to stand in the way.

Symphony Hall was packed that tells the story of how Boston turned out to see "Russia Through the Shadows." Symphony Hall, built to accommodate exceptionally large concert crowds, had its walls lined with workers. And hundreds were turned away. But 2,500 did see a real, honest to goodness picture of Russian life, not the fake, newspaper kind, but what the workingclass audience knew instinctively was the real thing.

If anyone thought that it was the usual concert crowd on Wednesday, Feb. 14, he found out his mistake, when a thunder of applause greeted the remark of Marion L. Emerson that "The workers of Russia are carrying on the fight for the workers of the entire world." And they almost raised the roof, when there flashed on the screen a banner bearing the inscription, "Land and Peace." Trotsky, Lenin, Zinoviev, Kamenev—each was greeted in turn, when the picture revealed the events of the November revolution. How the workers chuckled, when Lenin attempted a military salute, grinning at his own attempt. And so it went on—the heroic side.

But the other side of the picture, famine and drought, hunger and starvation, saddened hearts and dimmed eyes. Down went hands into pockets, and Boston went over the top with a collection that put it definitely on the map in behalf of Soviet Russia and her tiny ones. The collection netted over \$300, which with the profit on the entertainment meant a total sum of approximately \$1,200 going to the little tots over there.

CONGRESS CALLED ON TO ACT

Statement by the Workers Party of America.

The exposure of the methods of the Burns and Thiel Detective Agencies as made in the testimony of their former stool-pigeon Bailin is a challenge to the Congress of the United States. When labor organizations have been accused of violation of law Congress has been quick to act and appoint investigating committees in answer to the hue and cry which the newspapers, controlled by the employing class, have raised.

The accusations against the Burns and Thiel Detective Agencies brought out in the examination of Bailin by Frank P. Walsh, former chairman of the Industrial Relations Committee and Joint Chairman of the War Labor Board, do not stand alone. The Interchurch World Movement in its report on the great steel strike of 1919 presented a mass evidence proving similar acts by these private detective agencies.

special investigating committee to uncover the crookedness, blackmail and provocation of violence by the private detective agencies. There is ample evidence to prove that other private detective agencies have followed the same methods with which Bailin has charged the Burns and Thiel Detective Agencies. The Workers Party asks of labor organizations of this country to pass resolutions supporting this demand for an investigation of the methods of the private detective agencies.

WORKERS ORGANIZING IN W. VA.

By HENRY D. LOUGH, Chairman State Executive Committee, World War Veterans of W. Va.

I am now going to try and tell you of a few of our many difficulties, also of our wonderful success in organizing the World War Veterans in the eastern part of West Va. The town of Richwood where our State office is now located is a town of from six to eight thousand population, and is almost entirely owned and controlled by the Cherry River Boom and Lumber Co., and is mostly made up of company houses and company owned places of business and the Cherry River along with a few other lumber companies owns practically everything through this part of the country with the exception of a few small farms.

with a wooden bench running around the wall on the sides, a stove in the center and a barrel of water in one corner, and from fifteen men have to use the room to wash, rest, write, talk and any other pleasure they might see fit to use it for. Now they don't have to use this room to rest in if they don't want to they can stay out in the snow if they would rather. Fourth the dining room is a much larger room than the lobby but is connected with it, both being on the ground floor, this diningroom has one large table, one small table or side table, one cook-stove, one sink to wash dishes in, one bed for the cook and a large supply of groceries. Fifth, the bad room, or better known as the bunkhouse, is in most cases over the top of the lobby and cook room. All of the men sleep in this one room and in most cases the bunks is so close together that the men just have room enough to pull their clothes off. There is

a row of bunks on both sides of the room, the full length of it, and another row just over these, about three feet higher up. In some cases the men have to sleep three in a bunk, and as to the conditions of these beds or bunks it is impossible to describe it. They should be reported to the Board of Health. In some cases they will set up a camp for a year or two years job of cutting, and they use the same covers, pillows and blankets till that job is finished without being washed, and as high as fifty to one hundred different men will sleep in some of those bunks. You can get some idea of what the woodmen here have to go through with and the wages they have got to work for. But I want the world to know that they are not going to stand for these conditions much longer, for we are having wonderful success here with our organization and we stand by the workingman first, last and always, and we have a foundation laid that can stand the jar of the lumber companies, and we have the woodsmen to thank for the material that is in that foundation, for they have the fighting spirit.

The workers through this part of the country were never successfully organized although there has been different attempts made to organize them and they are the most willing bunch of men to organize I have ever run across and they are a bunch of good hard fighters, the other organizations have made a failure because they didn't have a solid enough foundation to stand the onslaught of the organized companies and a few traders that got inside of their union. I have only been in this part of the country a very short while but I have made it my business to go on the job and see just what the workers have to go through with, in other words I had to go on the job in order to organize until they found out what my business was.

I find that the woodmen here have the worst conditions of any bunch of workers I have ever run across yet. First they are compelled to work ten and twelve hours per day for two and three dollars. Second they are deprived the right to be with their families unless the drag them back in the woods and put them in a little old shack of some sort or one of those filthy camps and deprive their children of any chance to go to school. Third, in the lumber camps the only place that the men have to rest after a hard days work is a little room they call the lobby, these lobbies are generally ten or twelve feet square

THE STOOLPIGEON-SAVIOR OF SOCIETY

By MORITZ J. LOEB.

It is infamously unfair to allow the United States to become known as the land of the lynching. Certainly our record in this respect is complete enough. But the part of our country which can claim credit for this part of our national fame is comparatively unimportant in geographical area, population and wealth. It would be fairer to say that the United States has a double claim to honor. In the South we have our little lynchings; the North and West is the home of the "frame up" artist and the provocateur.

The "frame up" is a particularly American product. While it may be that it was not invented here (no doubt, because America was not discovered early enough) it has at least in this country been developed to its present high degree of efficiency and artistry. Perhaps this is because in the undemocratic foreign countries the frame up has not been so often necessary. Autocrats can do away with their enemies in a more direct manner and with less expense. Our belittlers will attribute our superiority to the impetus democracy has given. It is just another case of richness in natural resources. We lead the world.

Leading Cases.

In America the frame up has not been confined to labor cases. Often law enforcement officials have been forced to use it in order to secure a victim to pay for a crime committed so that justice might be done. But it is in the field of labor that the frame up has gained its highest use and widest notice. Money... Sacco and Vanzetti... Jacob Dolla... these are only a few. They are mentioned because they are known to millions and are fresh in our memory. They are only the symbols, examples of thousands of labor frame ups which have filled American jails with the best blood of the American

LURID TALES OF PROSECUTOR THREATENING "REVELATIONS"

Change of venue for Wm. Z. Foster and twenty-one other labor men, accused of criminal syndicalism, is asked on the ground that opinion in Berrien county has been inflamed against the men and that Judge Charles E. White has been indorsed for reelection by some of the hostile groups. The motion will be argued March 7. The Republican county convention denounced the defendants as Reds and at the same time indorsed White, who is to be trial judge. The local American legion adopted resolutions demanding a fair trial, but also denouncing "conspirators" against American institutions.

In filing a bill of particulars against the defendants, as directed by the court, the prosecution has listed 192 pamphlets and documents, seized at the place where the alleged communist convention was held. These are relied on as evidence that the Michigan criminal syndicalism law was violated. The usefulness of the bill to the defense is impaired by the assertion of the prosecution that it is incomplete.

NEW YORK TRADES COUNCIL DEMANDS BURNS INQUIRY

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the New York Central Trades Council representing 250,000 organized workers and copies of it ordered sent to the New York representatives in Congress: "Whereas, the public press has printed broadcast statements to the effect that William J. Burns, head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Federal Department of Justice, has been accused of misusing his public office in the interest of his own private detective agency; and

ing framed in order to justify their charges of increasing radical activities; and "Whereas, this campaign of Burns against alleged "reds" is only a part of his campaign undertaken at the instance of great employing interests against organized labor throughout the country, therefore, be it "Resolved, That the executive committee of the Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York and Vicinity do hereby condemn these activities alleged on the part of Burns; and be it further "Resolved, that we call upon the Congress of the United States to immediately appoint a committee to investigate the activities of Burns and his associates, and to have that investigation of such a sweeping character as to take in all detective agencies operating throughout the country; and be it further "Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the New York representatives in Congress."

Four Brotherhoods Represented

CLINTON, Ind.—All four train service brotherhoods are represented on the local committee for the amalgamation of the 16 standard railroad unions. O. P. Middleton of the conductors is chairman. The engineers, firemen, trainmen, telegraphers, clerks and maintenance of way men also have representation on the committee, which is working in conjunction with the international rail amalgamation committee with offices in St. Paul, Minn.

Limit Right to Vote

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The right to vote should be limited by "intelligence tests," according to Supreme Court Justice Alphonse J. Clearwater in an address before the state bar association. Justice Clearwater admonished his audience of lawyers and judges against extending citizenship rights to immigrants unless they can come up to certain intelligence tests elaborated by the judicial mind. He referred to immigrants from southeastern Europe as "a mongrel proletariat that has shunted America from its former ideals." The judge sees "anarchy" in universal suffrage.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE'S RADICALISM.

Senator La Follette does not want to abolish the Wisconsin National Guard. The senator is listed as a progressive though such papers as the New York Times have pointed out that his bark was much worse than his bite. The Chicago Tribune is of the same opinion. We have always pointed out that a "progressive" is only a reactionary pointed up to deceive the people. Lloyd George for a long time was the La Follette of England. But when the empire faced the greatest crisis in her career he was the man called upon to carry her through. La Follette showed his progressivism when he opposed the abolition of the Wisconsin State Militia. What else was the militia ever used against except labor?

U. M. W. Have Over 500,000 Members

INDIANAPOLIS.—A gain of 8,343 dues paying members of the month of January is announced by the United Mine Workers of America. The January figure, not including miners on strike or working less than five days during the month, was 484,434. The December, 1922, figure was 476,091. The gross membership total is over 500,000.

BIG TYPEWRITER PROFITS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Underwood typewriter company reports a profit of \$15.92 a share on its \$9,000,000 common stock, as compared with \$10.14 per share the previous year. These profits are after funds have been set aside for depreciation, taxes and preferred dividends.

