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REACTIONARY OFFICIALS OF I. L. G. W. U. EXPEL ACTIVE MEMBERS

Dictator Perlstain Overriding Trial Committee Uses Czarist Methods

Under the smoke a veen of an organization drive, the reactionary officials of the I. L. G. W. U. are expelling wholesale the progressive members of the union. The fight against these militants is carried out upon a national scale. In Chicago it is conducted by Vice-President Perlstain.

The charges preferred by Perlstain against those whom he has expelled are that they were guilty of advocating "amalgamation," "the shop steward system," and the "independent working class political action," which are against the policies of the G. E. B. and all those who advocate anything not in harmony with the policies of the G. E. B. If they persist in carrying on their propaganda, they will be expelled from the organization.

That the rags and files are overwhelmingly in support of the expelled members, is readily seen in the sudden change of tactics by Perlstain. At first he tried to put over his dirty scheme along constitutional lines; he preferred charges, as stated above, against two members of the Joint Board. A trial committee was elected and approved by Perlstain and by the Joint Board. Perlstain tried to bully this committee into bringing in a verdict of guilty, appearing before them, while the defendants were excluded. He was not able to get this committee to prostitute itself, and they brought in a verdict of "not guilty" by a vote of five to three. His next move was to try and win

HOWAT SPEAKS TO MINERS AT CHRISTOPHER, ILLINOIS

CHRISTOPHER, Ill.—Alma Howat, who had been lectured by the miners' local, spoke in the city park to a great gathering of miners, their wives, citizens of Christopher, and many others from the neighboring cities. Howat began his talk which dealt with the question of the Industrial Court law of Kansas. He said that he and the other officials had been in prison for sixteen months for the fight they had made for the labor movement. And while he and others were in jail, they were expelled from the organization because they refused to obey the dictation of Lewis and kneed to the Kansas operators.

All this he said was contrary to the International constitution, because no man can be removed from an official position without first having had a trial—and, to this day neither he nor others have been given a trial. He said that Lewis complained about the unfairness of the capitalists courts—his own terms around and denied members of his own organization a way that no capitalist's court would be.

Howat said that he had been given invitation by the miners to come to Pittsburgh. He attended the Pro-

A CALL TO ACTION

Chicago Workers Urged to Get Behind Drive for Daily Worker Fund

By NICK DOZENBERG, City Campaign Manager for the Daily Worker Fund.

It is apparent to any conscious participant in the class struggle that the capitalist press wields tremendous influence over the lives of the people. The daily papers mould their thought along the lines intended by those who own the press. The worker, on his way to his place of employment in the morning, buys a paper prepared for him by a representative of the master class. This paper does not tell the worker how best to serve his own interests and get more of the good things of life for himself and his dependents. On the contrary, it tells him by suggestion that he must be a loyal servant of the boss, obey him implicitly and avoid

organizations or movements that tell him anything about the class line that cuts clear across society, leaving the exploited on one side and the exploiters on the other. The capitalist daily does not tell the worker that between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers are victorious and masters of their own lives. No, only a workers' daily will do that.

Strange, is it not, that the workers, though in a great majority, should not have a daily press of their own, while the capitalists, a small minority, have several papers in each city?

T. U. E. L. Picnic on Labor Day

The T. U. E. L. will hold its second amalgamation picnic at Cheshamwood Grove on Labor Day. The advance sale of tickets shows that it is going to be the most successful picnic ever held in Chicago.

Those who come with their family for the outing, will be more than satisfied with the elaborate arrangements that have been made by the picnic committee for their comfort and enjoyment.

Those who want to hear all about the movement from every section of the country, will not go away disappointed. The National Conference of the T. U. E. L. will adjourn and attend the picnic. These delegates coming from all parts of this country, and Canada, will tell all about the movement in their respective localities. Our dancing comrades will receive a treat, as we have engaged the best jazz orchestra in the city. Tom Kennedy, the international secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor, is the leader. He promises to satisfy any marathon dancer that may wander out to the picnic.

Jack the Cook, former chef to the late John Barleycorn, will deliver the eats. Nels Kjar, the champion anti-Landis award man, will spray the throats of the thirty Towarish Aromberg will extract the thin dimes from your jeans (ladies excused) at that much per cone. Genosse Krumbeln and Kamrat Swaback will debate for four hours on the right to go back to work. Comrade Kitty Harris, Anna Fox, Dora Lipshutz and others will give an exhibition of fancy pearl diving. All lost children will be found in the kitchen or at the ice cream parlor.

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Gunmen Burst in on Labor Leader as Protest Meeting Garment Unio.

By JACK J.

Gunmen attempted to assassinate Wm. Z. Foster's Auditorium on August 27, called to protest against the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Foster had just commenced speaking, when sudden was thrown open and three shots fired—all of them aimed about thirty feet away from Foster, who owns his life to cover their feet, that it interfered with their aim.

The gunmen came up the fire escape and went out to attempt to commit murder, was self evident. They climbed to the nearest point of the speaker, and they had their getaway plan not apprehended.

This dastardly outrage was the crowning act in a long series of attempts to disrupt the meeting. At the very outset a group at the rear of the hall started a small riot, but they did not succeed in breaking up the meeting. They interrupted the chairman and every speaker, except Olgin. They had played all their cards before Olgin's time to speak, and they were completely defeated. Not a single one of the audience left the hall. It was planned to adjourn the meeting at 10 P. M., but it did not adjourn until nearly midnight.

This attempt to assassinate "Bill" Foster shows to what extent the reactionaries will go to intimidate the left wing element, and how little they understand the movement when they think that by killing Foster they could kill the movement. Foster personifies the movement, but he does not make the "amalgamation," independent working class political action do not come from Foster. They come out of necessity—from the needs of the workers. This the reactionaries do not understand.

The meeting was originally planned for the small hall in the Auditorium. It had not been advertised to any extent, and it was thought that only the militants would turn out. But the small hall, which has a seating capacity of only 450, was jammed before eight o'clock, so the large hall was hired, and over two thousand of the probable thirty-five hundred organized ladies' garment workers in the city of Chicago braved a terrific rainstorm and heard for the first time the story of why the most progressive members of the union had

been expelled.

The story was told by the expelled members of how Perlstain had taken over the power of the union, denying members the right of trial. After they heard the story, the following resolution was read and adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The fundamental principle of labor unions is that the union must include workers of all opinions and be tolerant of the expressions of the same, and

WHEREAS, Vice-President Perlstain is in Chicago conducting a campaign of persecution against several members of the union because of their advocacy of amalgamation, the shop delegate system, independent working class political action, and various other policies distasteful to the administration, and has expelled several members, and

WHEREAS, The excuse he is offering for these persecutions of loyal members, some of whom have been expelled to our organization for as long as 15 years, is ridiculous, namely that the Trade Union Educational League is a dual organization, and

WHEREAS, The trial committee that heard the evidence showed its disagreement with the prosecution by voting 5 to 1 in favor of acquittal, and only 11 members out of a total of 35 on the Joint Board voted in favor of conviction—8 voting for acquittal, 4 being disqualified, 7 not voting, and 3 absent—and

Workers Party Members Urged to Attend Y. W. Demonstration Sept. 2

Complete co-operation between the units of the Young Workers' League and our party is not only desirable but dictated by the struggles of the American workers. In order to actually establish a united front of labor it becomes necessary first to secure complete unity of action in all major campaigns of the declared revolutionists. The members of the Young Workers' League have shown a splendid response whenever called upon in the activities of the party. But our party membership has been very lax in supporting the building up of a young workers' movement.

Such a condition is not satisfactory. Both these organizations have the same objects, exist for the same purpose and are pursuing the same tactics, only the joint efforts can bring real success. The members of the Young Workers' League are taking active part in the amalgamation movement as well as for independent political action of the workers. Our party members should realize the value especially helping reach the young workers as the bearers of the future movement. A good opportunity get into closer contact with our comrades and gain a better understanding of their activities is offered in the celebration of the International Youth Day on Sept. 2 at Kola's Electric Park, 6100 W. Irving Park Blvd.

Unhappily, this celebration has been crowded in between two large affairs, the Press Picnic and the T. U. E. L. picnic. This, however, is due to the fact that Sept. 2 has been set as the Youth Day throughout the world. The young workers will demonstrate on that day in every nook and corner and show that they have the will to fight for better-conditions for their class. Let us give them our wholehearted support. It is something worth while.

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY DEMONSTRATION

Sunday, Sept. 2nd at KOLZE'S ELECTRIC GROVE 6400 W. Irving Park Blvd.

Speaker, TOM TIPPETT, of the United Mine Workers of America. SINGING, ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING

THE WORLD DO MOVE

By G. McLAUGHLIN

Dependent sympathizers (true comrades never despair) are advised to turn their eyes back thirty-five years and consider public opinion as registered by the barometer of the public press.

The Nation files of 1893 and 1894 are exquisite. In the July-December, 1893, volume on the Pullman strike are fireworks, that rank with anything the factories of the world have produced.

In Donohue's Magazine, Jan. 1893 (reprinted, Irish People August, 1923) is a spicy tale of the Knights of Labor. The Sacred Congregation of Roman Catholic Bishops in Ireland declared that the Knights of Labor may for the present be tolerated.

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Alexander Howat at T. U. E. L. Picnic in Saint Louis, Mo.

By MARTIN A. DILLON. BELLEVILLE, ILL.,—About 500 persons, largely miners, attended the picnic held Aug. 12 upon the auspices local Trade Union Educational League. President Fritz, Belleville Trades and Labor Assembly, and a miner, presided and introduced Alexander Howat, former president Kansas miners, as the speaker of the day.

Howat spoke two hours and 15 minutes and was accompanied a rousing reception. Howat's remarks were largely in the nature of a statement of his side of the controversy with the national union officers. Howat says he was expelled "automatically" and illegally, without charges being preferred against him.

Experiences of a Convict Guard

By BERGT. G. W. MARSHALL

Mobile Police Department. (For the Federated Press.)

In the following articles I shall not attempt to expose the entire team-up of convicts and convict treatment of the state of Florida, but shall tell just the things that came under my personal observations as a guard.

Located on the Maypoth branch railroad a short distance from Jacksonville, Fla., is a small station known as Hagan, near which are two convict camps or workhouses engaged in the turpentine industry.

Upon my arrival I introduced myself to the officer in charge Captain John Ruedemann, a prison six foot inches and weighing in proportion.

As soon as this light was made the captain came into the guards' quarters and asked me if I wanted to see the show.

The whippersnout was a half-breed mounted upon a brace very much like a saw buck.

As the first man went to the bench the captain stepped up with a strap at least four feet long and as thick as sole leather and began to whip the man.

After the whipping was finished we went to the grade and tenets and listened to my experienced in the convict business.

The captain then leaned back in his chair to accept the admiring glances of his subordinates.

The theory of bond fixing is that the bond should be the least sum that will ensure the prisoner's re-appearance.

Our constitution-living officials now announce that they can keep the peace only by violating the federal and state provisions that "excessive bond shall not be required."

They may be merely incompetent—or they may be corrupt. In a city where the detective agencies handle stolen autos, the police do business as robbers and assassins, and the judges patronize bootleggers and lowly dens, it is quite possible for the law officers and the professional bondsmen understand each other on this to-do.

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Detroit City Yowls Prepare for Youth Day Celebration

DETROIT, Mich.—Detroit's Young Workers' League expects to pull off the largest celebration for Youth Day ever held in this city. It will be held in the House of the Masses, 2101 Gratiot Ave. Sunday, Sept. 2, and will begin at 7 P. M.

Martin A. Bern, national secretary of the Young Workers' League, will be the principal speaker of the evening, which assures a speech both interesting and instructive.

An interesting program of singing, dancing and entertainment has been arranged. Two good and well known speakers have been procured for this occasion.

Y. W. L. Will Hold Demonstration on September 2

On Sunday, Sept. 2, the big Youth Day Demonstration, arranged by the Young Workers' League of Chicago, will be held at Kolski Electric Park, 6400 W. Irving Park Blvd.

Negro Convention will Hear Bourgeois

KANSAS CITY, Kans.—The National Association for Advancement of Colored People will hold its annual convention here Aug. 25-Sept. 6.

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Worker of Painters Union Arrested, Robbed by Finks

NSAS CITY, Mo.—Brother Peter, of the Painters' union, received a delegation of finks last week they had a hemorrhage apiece, they saw a pile of "Liberators" actually—"State and Revolutionary Lenin." They held him four, threatened him over and over with a clubbing and finally, in view of all laws, suggested and "urged him for the Rogues' Club."

When a man accepts benefits he does nothing to earn he is as such a thief as if he had deliberately taken a million dollars. Any non-unionist who by his refusal to join a union of his craft, pays nothing maintain it, yet takes advantage at the union inaugurates, is that of a thief.

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Russian Orchestra "Tira" Will

Also be There nce commences at 3 P. M., until 12 midnight. Everybody is welcome

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Though the earth is upheaving in thunder And the mad flaming heavens fall And the cities are cleft wide asunder And the cannon roars over all;

Though the sun is darkened with murk; And the people's heart quakes in fear, Yet war, lead the comrades still sing, The red, red dawn is near.

(At the conclusion of the song, Trentini turns and walks slowly and silently out, the Dubs singing a path for him. The singing of the last verse is repeated softly, slowly he is leaving. Peter, beckoning to some of the group, makes as if to follow, running to the center of the stage, but Ernestine runs out and catches him by the arm, looks at him, finally he turns back with her to his old place at left front. All in the play have their eyes on this last part, and as Peter turns back, Pierpont laughs profusely, shouting out to his fellow capitalists.)

Pierpont: What did I

Journal of the Voice of Labor



For an English Daily!

Communist International Urges Necessity of Starting Publication by November 7, This Year.
Gregory Zinoviev, chairman of the Communist International, in a stirring appeal to the Workers Party and all its Language Federations, urges the necessity of an English language Communist daily in the United States. He says:
TO THE WORKERS PARTY OF AMERICA AND ALL ITS LANGUAGE FEDERATIONS

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 that has manifested itself in the Party since the Convention in December, 1922. The unity spirit, the determination to work and the understanding of the path to be trodden and the general tactics to be applied, auger that in the near future, the Workers Party will mature into one of the truly Communist masses parties of the world.

The composition of the Workers Party with its 18 Language Federations is unique among the parties of the Communist International. Although these Federations might act as a hindrance to revolutionary work, they, on the other hand, side the Workers Party to come into direct contact with the great mass of foreign-born workers, who are the most exploited in the United States. The Workers Party has, we think, solved the question of Language Federations in a satisfactory way, in that it regards the Federations merely as propaganda sections of the Party. The comrades of the Language Federations appear also to grasp their task in the right spirit, and to understand that the Party should concentrate its efforts on the most important Communist International calls on the members of the Federations to regard **THIS UNITY WITH THE PARTY AS ONE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT DUTIES**, and strive for ever closer unity.

The Communist International notes with satisfaction also that several of the Language Federations have good, militant organs in their languages whereby they are able to reach wide masses of workers.

At this point, however, we must say a word about the nature of your press. It is the duty of the foreign-language press to lead the foreign-born workers in the United States to an UNDERSTANDING OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM AND THE WORKERS MOVEMENT IN AMERICA. It is a mistake when foreign-language papers in America deal too much with the conditions in Europe only. Even though foreign-born workers naturally are interested in the affairs of the country from which they emigrated, it is the duty and task of the Communist foreign-language press in the United States to awaken these workers to class-consciousness and to struggle against the capitalist under which they are exploited, viz. the capitalism in the United States.

It should not be forgotten, either, that a language paper is able to serve the workers of that special language only. This is a most serious hindrance to really revolutionary propaganda among the great masses of the American workers. It is a most deplorable fact, that **AGAINST SOME TEN FOREIGN-LANGUAGE COMMUNIST DAILIES THERE IS NOT A SINGLE ENGLISH COMMUNIST DAILY IN AMERICA**. Every comrade whose heart beats for the sake of Communism must and certainly does deplore this fact and realizes that **UNTIL THE WORKERS PARTY HAS AT LEAST ONE ENGLISH DAILY WITH A WIDE CIRCULATION IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REACH SUFFICIENTLY WIDE MASSES OF THE AMERICAN PROLETARIAT**.

Comrades of the Language Federations!
The question of an English daily in the United States is as much YOUR question as that of the English-speaking comrades. In fact it is more your problem since you represent by far the major part of the Workers Party. **NOW, THIS IS THE TIME AND THIS IS THE OCCASION WHEN YOU CAN BEST DEMONSTRATE WHETHER THE WORKERS PARTY IS A PARTY OF OUR MOST URGENT NEEDS.** The Communist International asks you to consider—as a UNIT—and the support of all sympathizers to the cause of Communism and, together with the English-speaking comrades—yes, the Party as a whole to start **A NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENGLISH DAILY**.

A fitting slogan for this campaign would be: **An English daily for the Workers Party BY NOVEMBER 7, 1923**—an English daily for the Communist movement in the United States by the day of the next anniversary of the establishment of the first Workers Soviet Government in the world. And realizing that the Communist movement in America, this organ will have the gigantic task of fighting the tremendous power of capitalism and the reactionary bureaucracy of the old labor movement. The paper will be the center of many battles, but these battles will help you to mobilize sufficient masses of militant workers and to secure the victory of the Communist revolution.

COMRADES, TO THE TASK!
THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL WISHES YOU THE FULLEST SUCCESS IN THE CAMPAIGN.
S.E.A.J.

G. ZINOVIEV.

First Response for the Daily

The Bulgarian Branch, of Madison, Ill., holds the honor of being the first to contribute to the \$100,000 fund for the establishment of the Worker as a daily. Immediately upon the announcement of the opening of the campaign, these comrades sent in a check for \$30.00, with the assurance that this is only the first step in their co-operation to make the Daily possible.

Other contributions during the week have been received from the South Slavic Branch of Illinois, \$25.00; and John Szlak, \$10.00.

These contributions are thus far from comrades who are members of the language federations, and promises every assurance that our federation will do their part in the campaign.

Members of the English branches: What do you say to this example of the foreign comrades?

Application for shares have been sent to your branches. Take up the drive for the Daily at the next branch meeting. Buy your share!
Sell a share to a fellow worker!
Make the paper a living fact!

Birthdays of Political Prisoners

Birthdays in September of political prisoners confined in American prisons are announced by the Workers' National Prison Confederation, 2225 Chestnut St., Milwaukee, Wis., as follows:
At Leavenworth, Kans., Box No. 71: Sept. 5, Harry Lloyd, Reg. No. 13164; Sept. 6, Roy C. Bernard, No. 13565.
Sept. 13, Pete DeBernard, No. 13565.
At San Quentin Prison San Quentin, Cal.: Sept. 14, Mickey J. Dunn, No. 25564; Sept. 15, Frank Bailey, No. 27547.
At Kern County Jail, Bakersfield, Cal.: Sept. 8, Felix Thornton.

They Persist in Saving I

Capital and labor, represented at the National Civic Federation, at Samuel Gompers, have united to provide the public mind with the truth about strange economic ideas. The gentlemen find that there is still too much favorable publicity at Soviet Russia published in this country. There are several old C. G. generals and Black Hundred Fascists in the waiting rooms at immigration stations who may allow entry into this much polluted land, provided there is possibility that they do not become public charges. So Sam Gompers, John Hays Hammond, Warren E. Stone, Nicholas Murray Butler, the Fascist booster, Matthew Wolf, the Crown Prince of the A. F. of L., J. P. Shoyard, of the New York Times, William G. Lee, of the train men, and August Belmont, the traitor magnate, have joined together to provide employment for those who are parasites by peddling tales of horror about Soviet Russia.

The extreme reactionaries are enraged because visitors to Russia are returning with favorable reports of the progress made by the Russian workers in building up the Workers' Republic. This may have a detrimental effect on the fortunes of the American plutocrats, as the American workers whose conditions are daily getting worse, will be impressed by the fact that in Russia, where workers and peasants' government exist the conditions of the producing masses are daily getting better. All the efforts of the capitalist labor factors against the capitalist lockouts will not avail against the spread of the communist idea, which is the only hope for mankind and its only salvation from the oppression of capitalism.

Echoes of the Brockton Strike

There is a paper published in Brockton, Mass., called the Searchlight. It is owned and edited by William Dwyer. It is not an official organ of the United Showworkers of America but is considered as such by membership, and for very good reasons, too. The union exercises control over its policy, but it pays Dwyer \$50.00 per week for space in local unions, who cannot afford pay, with free copies of the Searchlight.

The Searchlight is waging war against the American Federation of Labor and the United Showworkers' Union. For doing this—regardless of its motive, which we assume to be \$30.00 per week—it deserves what ever credit comes its way. It is fighting the Amalgamated Showworkers of America, an organization recently formed for the purpose of joining together the several independent shoe organizations in that industry.

William Dwyer's paper is fighting this movement because he fears likely that the new organization would be able to raise his hands with a subsidy of eighty dollars a week. He is not alone in fighting the Amalgamated Showworkers, because it means the end of his paper.
Dwyer is now attacking the Amalgamated Showworkers' Union, which is a branch of the shoe industry.

These are interesting developments. We have seen how the industry has been divided into two camps. There is a bitter struggle between the two camps. The industry is divided into two camps. There is a bitter struggle between the two camps. The industry is divided into two camps.

Where will the Great Event be Held?

We learn that the Proletarian Party of America will hold a convention early in September. The time or place of meeting is not given, but perhaps that is not so very important to the P. P. So far as numbers is concerned, the event could take place in a telephone booth and still have plenty of room for the Farmer-Labor Party to sit in and look at the show. But the public is interested. Indeed, we would like to have a look at "the only Communist party in America" even though the Communist International cannot see it that way. The convention is expected to be peaceful. The P. P. will not have any trouble with its membership—it hasn't any to speak of. But we will be interested to hear this vanguard of the revolutionary masses explain why it opposes the Labor Party and amalgamation, and lines up or throws fundamental propositions with Sammy Gompers and the Socialist Party.

The Citizen's Committee is Cracking

The Citizens Committee to enforce the Landis Award is breaking up. Three important contracting firms have already withdrawn from it. Their reason for doing so is because the Committee was not able to fulfill its promise of supplying the contractors with skilled labor. The scabs were not able to measure up to the standard set by union labor. Another reason for the action of these contractors may be found in the fact that union men in other cities where these contractors do business might punish them for their association with the notorious Landis committee. The Committee claims that it will go ahead despite the defection of the three firms. But it is only whistling to keep up its courage. The power of the Committee to enforce the Landis Award is badly bent, if not broken.

Possibilities of a Coal Strike

Much speculation is indulged by the newspapers as to the action of President Coolidge in the event of a coal strike. If he follows the precedent set by him in the Boston police strike, he will wait until the crisis is over and then call out the military. It is reported that he will urge the use of bituminous instead of anthracite.

Suppose the soft coal diggers strike? What then? I presume the old, reliable injunction will be brought into play. Daugherty can be relied on to hang around until he has another opportunity to show his mettle in breaking-strikes. The President will have an opportunity of clinching the title of "Strikebreaker President" given to him by the Voice of Labor. Jay Lovestone can add a few more paragraphs to his famous book, "The Government—Strikebreaker."

No doubt the Wobblies will learn that in a strike it does matter who owns the government, but we cannot afford to be over-optimistic. Gompers may have a chance to visit John L. Lewis in jail and he may not. There are plenty of possibilities latent in a coal strike. For instance if the railroad unions refused to haul coal during the strike or refused to transport scabs! As it is, if the strike comes, the workers must show a united front, and they will win.

When Crooks Fall Out

When thieves fall out many things come to light hitherto hidden from public knowledge. This is true of that pretentiously patriotic organization known as the Ku Klux Klan. Its alleged object is to purify American life and make it 100 per cent Anglo-Saxon, anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, anti-Negro, and, anti-labor. How men, standing for these exalted (?) principles, should descend so low as to fight over graft, is unthinkable. But that is just what they are doing.

Former Imperial Wizard Simmons, who now carries the grand title of Emperor, not satisfied with a life pension of \$1,000 a month, is increasing the family nest egg by organizing a ladies' auxiliary, called the Kamelias. This appears to have a demoralizing effect on the gentlemen under the rulership of Imperial Wizard Evans, successor to Simmons. Evans has secured an injunction, prohibiting "Klons" on his meal ticket from favoring his rival's bug house.

So a big fight is raging throughout Klandom. It's all over money. Simmons is using the female bait to entice Evans' knights away from the gentle duty of burning negroes, tarring and feathering, and frightening old women. And because this means a diminution of the flow of cash to the treasury, Evans has asked for an Injuncton.

Social Democratic Hypocrisy

While the yellow socialists in England favor a strong army and for the defense of England and her possessions abroad they are an awful howl over the military strength of the Soviet Union. The average person, who has followed the course of this in Russia since the Bolsheviks seized power, know that Russians were compelled to build up that powerful military line owing to the united front of capitalism, which tried to use them by military force. The ring leader in this attempt in England, and while British troops were in Archangel kept a firing squad busy day and night shooting down Russian workers, the British Social Democratic Federation never raised fingers to have these murderers withdrawn. The Bolsheviks armed the workers and kicked them out, and with the aid of this wonderful military machine, they have cleared Russia of every Red flag now waves from the Red Army is maintained to protect the workers and peasants Russia from the hordes of hungry capitalist robbers who would use on them tomorrow but for the protection of the armed forces.

John Sharp, London staff correspondent of the Federated Press, reporting the annual meeting of the Social Democratic Federation, writes:
"A resolution condemning military dictatorship in Russia was adopted despite opposition led by Duncan Carmichael, who asked some point whether British labor would have done under similar conditions, and rightly argued that by the efforts of Lenin and Trotsky Russia had been converted into one of the most advanced countries in the world. The S. D. F. was not actuated by motives in the matter, for the conference later passed a resolution, with only two dissentients, advocating the establishment of a 'democratic force for national defensive purposes' in the present professional army—whatever that may mean. It would have thought that the cataclysm of 1914 would have given a socialist a belief in the distinction between defensive and offensive wars."

The Golden Wedding

Farrington, president of the Illinois Miners' Union, and Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America made peace. Formerly they were bitter enemies. They each other of treason to the miners' union and of acceptance from the operators. Lewis charged Farrington with giving him permission to the strip mine in Marion. Farrington came back with the gold that Lewis received a large sum of money from the coal magnates for expelling Alex. Howat from the union;

and Lewis, after covering each other with dung, to lie in the same bed, but "The Progressive" published by the Progressive International Committee of A. promises to give these sleeping beauties a good thrashing about. The scurrilous letters that passed between Farrington and Lewis are now published in their organ among the members of the miners' union. This is a fine thing for the crooked officials at the next convention. Farrington favored the reinstatement of Howat, while the Lewis was fighting Lewis. Now he turns around, and by the subterfuge, disassociates himself from the Howat fight. "Progressive Miner," after publishing the Farrington-Lewis correspondence, asks the pertinent query: "Are these men crooked grafters?" It is up to the next convention to give the answer.