

# Machine rises in opposition at level and Convention of International Ladies' Garment Workers Union

## Trotsky Takes Rap at Hughes

Tells World-Soviet Union Is American Section of Bolshevism. He Cannot Dictate Form of Property or Methods of Legislation to Russia.

**RED ARMY WILL FULFILL ITS DUTY**

Dogs Not Anticipate Attack Upon Russia by Allies in Case of Failure of Conference at Genoa. But It Takes No Chances With Allied Intervention.

Leon Trotsky, Soviet War Minister of Russia, speaking in Moscow May 12, said development of Germany made it clear evidently that the diplomats assembled there have misinterpreted what has happened there. Although actual participants in the conference they are incapable of understanding what it means.

Trotsky said he did not think the failure of Genoa would lead to a war.

There is a success.

The leading European diplomat has concluded to appear still to consider that the labor revolution in Russia is not the beginning of a new and historical world epoch, but a mere temporary change in form of property for the sake of property. They thought by force to induce us to the old form of property but this failed, and now they are demanding that we pay indemnity for the revolution on the basis of legal forms and calculations of capitalist interests.

This is as foolish as it is stupid demand at Genoa that European capitalists or the banks or the lords of property should hand over their factories, works, banks and mines to the collective management of the working class.

**Emphasizes Conflicting Systems**

Two systems of property are carrying on proprietors at Genoa. Separate agreements and separate deals between them are possible, but only on the basis of a clear understanding of the fact that discussion is possible not about yielding principles, but on the pure, practical considerations called forth by the advantage on both sides. Notwithstanding the almost five-year lesson, the leading European diplomatist misunderstands this.

"Collapse of the Genoa Conference would mean not only retardation of Soviet economic work, but ruination of the economic of Europe which would proceed more quickly than is believed by the present directors of Europe's fate."

"Regarding France, it is evident to serious observers that she is approaching the greatest catastrophe in the world which will begin with finance. The present French policy is a policy of despair. One cannot suddenly turn into a victor and in any case, one could not follow it."

**Doesn't Need Hughes' Advice**

"America remained outside the conference. Perhaps this carefulness was right, in the sense that America perceived the possibility better to orientate itself and avoid the question more correctly. History and this solution is impossible on the New Secretary Hughes tried to fix that by, following in such form of property and methods of legislation and management, we ought to inaugurate in our own country."

"For such advice and such counsel we did not and do not intend to go to Genoa and even less across the sea."

**Counts on American Common Sense**

"But we firmly count on the triumph of business common sense of all in America, and afterwards in Europe. Genoa is not the last word in the proprietors. Perhaps in the event of a break-up of the Genoa Conference, there will come a certain interval, but the proprietors will be re-elected some time later, more importantly, and much more businesslike. Soviet Russia is prepared for this. I doubt that non-success of the Genoa Conference would mean the beginning of hostilities against us."

"We proposed disarmament, they refused and instead proposed that we pay big sums to foreign capitalists who have made such enormous profits from the exploitation of the labor of Russian workers. We refuse. Could it be thought that the government of any country would succeed in throwing against us arms in order to punish us for this—that we will wage war and do not want to pay tribute to foreign capitalists?"

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**in Textile Strike**

**Ejection Orders Accompany Union Action Against Agents of the United Textile Workers of America to Protect Interests of Jersey Spinning Company.**

Ducks should, acting for Packard valley mill owners, began serving eviction notices on families living in company houses in the district. The latter part of last week the eviction of the strikers was accompanied by considerable force throughout the strike area, but the presence of a large number of militia, heavily armed and equipped, was sent to the strike area to prove their worth to the mill owners by assaulting workers, made any demonstration against the actions of the deputies impossible.

Officials of the Amalgamated Textile Workers said they would fight the eviction orders in the courts, and have instructed their members to refuse to be evicted until every effort has been made to prevent it.

**Injunction Against United**

The same day the eviction notices were issued by the Superior Court enjoined the United Textile Workers in the Blackstone Valley from permitting members to congregate in the vicinity of any of the Jersey Company's plants, or in the vicinity of the houses of any persons employed at the plants. The maintaining of pickets at the mills or homes of workers "for the purpose of intimidating or annoying any employees" is forbidden.

After four months the operators' servants in the courts have finally taken action against the strikers. While the courts are issuing injunctions the hirings of the mill owners are planting bombs adjacent plants in order to create a favorable case for terrorizing the strikers in the entire district. It looks as if the fight will just begin now in earnest at this time.

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## Textile Workers to Hold Convention in Rhode Island

The Fourth Annual Convention of the United Textile Workers of America will be held in Providence, R. I., on May 28, 29 and 30. President is near the great textile strike that has been on since January, and the convention will be held in the hall of Providence Local No. 1 at 1753 Westminster St. It is anticipated that the strike will be on and the holding of the convention in the strike region will be a distinct advantage from a strategic standpoint.

The Amalgamated Textile Workers is just three years old, having been founded at a convention held in New York City in 1919. Its second convention was held in Patterson, N. J., October, 1919, and the third October, 1921.

In the May issue of the New Textile Workers, the official publication of the organization, there is a review of the development of the organization, and among other things it says: "Ever since it was founded the Amalgamated has been the fighting organization of the textile workers. We have never sought struggle for the sake of struggle; but the Amalgamated was the group of which the workers turned toward to revolt against the aggression of the employers. We have in our three years of life fought many big strikes, and have won notable victories which have benefited all textile workers to an incalculable extent. Due credit for aiding in our

**Victory in Lawrence**

Shortly after the launching of the Amalgamated, the big strike in Lawrence, Mass., was settled with victory, the workers, under the banner of the Amalgamated, gaining the 48-hour week with the old 54-hour week. Thousands of wooden workers in Passaic, N. J., also won the 48-hour week through the Amalgamated.

The Amalgamated Local in Hudson County, New Jersey, was the first group of silk workers to get the 44-hour week in 1919, and were followed by the silk ribbon workers of Greater New York, also members of the Amalgamated.

In August of the same year the Amalgamated put up a big fight for the 44-hour week in Paterson, and won it for the whole city. In order to make the strike possible we had to wage a fight with the authorities for free speech and finally, due to the employers and the police, we had to leave at a high price a half of our own work, the strikers and members could gather.

Later on the Amalgamated led a strike of dyers in Paterson, the most exploited of all silk workers—and lifted them up out of

## Amalgamated Convention Opened in Chicago

The Fifth Biennial Convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America opened last Monday in Chicago and Rochester in a session with an address by Sidney Hillman, president of the organization, in which he made a plea for unity "which has characterized the organization since its founding nine years ago."

After betrayal of the membership in Chicago and Rochester in accepting wage reductions on the specimen plea that the reductions were really victories. Hillman, like the other labor leaders of the country, feels that he must cooperate to avoid the attacks of those who speak for the rank and file of the present that he is the enemy in the organization. He, like

## Most Unscrupulous Methods in History of American Trade Unionism Used by Reaction in International Ladies' Garment Workers Union to Destroy Political Opponents.

**GOMPERS AND CAHAN AID TRAITORS TO MEMBERSHIP**

**Every Day Sees Expulsions of Members of the "Left" on The Filmmost Pretexts and When There is No Evidence to Base Charges Upon The Frame-Up Artists Get Busy for Machine.**

On May 1st the Sixteenth Convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers opened in Cleveland, Ohio, and at a very outset it was apparent that the machine had prepared to eliminate any opposition to its policy by adopting the most criminal and autocratic methods that had ever been employed in a convention of American labor. Certain individuals, elected to represent part of the rank and file of the membership, were ruthlessly expelled from the convention in a high-handed manner, evidently for the purpose of intimidating others who might have practical ideas and desire to express them on the floor of the convention. Every day has seen new expulsions. A gang of agents of the Schlesinger administration machine are constantly busy with spying and trickery and their tactics are said to put to shame the spy system established by A. Mitchell Palmer during the war.

This gang of hangers-on of the machine are busy looking to the record of every individual attending the convention that disagrees with the policy and tactics of the reactionary machine, and the action on their small. Within a short time charges are

**LENIN WANTS UNITED FRONT IN ORDER TO**

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Won in Union

"We conducted a hard-fought strike of cotton mill workers in United N. Y. all through the winter of 1919-1920, and won a 20 per cent increase of wages, thus clinching the gains of other cotton mill operators. There were many long and hard strikes in New York, Philadelphia, Allentown, and in cotton and woollen centers of New England. These strikes cost the organization thousands and thousands of dollars, and the time and energies of many organizers. Nearly all resulted in victory, and all of them provided valuable training for the workers in solidarity and organization, and taught the employers a much-needed lesson as to the establishment of permanent collective bargaining machinery for the adjustment of wages and conditions of work, and the settlement of disputes."

"Aside from the economic advantages won for the workers by its numerous campaigns and strikes, the Amalgamated Textile Workers has done a constructive piece of work of lasting value in the New York with its permanent machinery for the adjustment of wages and conditions of work, and the settlement of disputes."

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**Tactics on Concessions**

A world-wide war rages between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. The bourgeoisie is the enemy of the proletariat. The proletariat is the enemy of the bourgeoisie. The proletariat is the enemy of the bourgeoisie. The proletariat is the enemy of the bourgeoisie.

"By the Berlin agreement we made two concessions to the bourgeoisie, which relieving none. The concessions forced by the Vienna and London International proletarian attachments engaged directly or indirectly.

"I consider, therefore, that Radak and Ehrlich acted incorrectly, but the agreement must not be torn up. We must only draw the conclusion that the bourgeois diplomats proved themselves to be traitors, and that next time we must negotiate and maneuver more cleverly.

"We must stop a rule never to make political concessions to the bourgeoisie without obtaining equivalent concessions for Soviet Russia or other proletarian attachments engaged in the struggle against capitalism."

**Concessions United Front**

To refuse to accept any conditions whatever would be an infinitely greater harm than the action of Radak and Ehrlich. Some breach has already been made in the Second International and a Half International. Radak succeeded in demonstrating to part of the proletariat that the Second International rejected renunciation of the Versailles Treaty.

The Berlin peace treaties of the following: The Vienna and London International want a united front because they hope to weaken us through our excessive desire for conciliation, and to use the united front to make

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## Threat To Sell Strikers Goods at Public Auction

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Such are the privileges of free American citizens in this land of liberty.

**300 Longshoremen in Montreal Arrested on Conspiracy Charge**

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The men were locked up, charged with conspiracy in connection with the killing of a constable Tuesday night, when union sympathizers are alleged to have attacked a gang of strikebreakers and their guards at the C. P. R. warehouse.

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World Inaction on the part of the reformist socialist...

After fulsome flattery of the delinquent... the organization Chairman pulled the string...

Machine Process Issue... The reactionary Socialist Party politician Abraham Cahán...

As to Schlegler's unanimous vote for re-election as president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union...

Four thousand shoe workers in Rochester, N. Y. members of the United Shoe Workers' Union...

LARKIN FREED REARRESTED AND THEN SENT TO ELLIS ISLAND... James Larkin, the Irish agitator...

DID THEY "STAB US" IN THE BACK? To make the world a better place to live in...

On opening the second day's proceedings... the able stenographer read letters...

Fourth Day Expositions... At the morning session on the Fourth Day of the convention...

Cahán Tries to Harmonize Factions... The reactionary Socialist Party politician Abraham Cahán...

The real militant elements have been displaced by the contemptible methods of a machine that would not be so ready to dispose of both sets of officers...

The Rochester shoe workers are known all over the country for their progressive tendencies...

James Larkin, the Irish agitator, was being served a sentence in Great Meadows Prison, Conn.

Thinking in terms of the past, as it was in the past, and especially while under the censorship of news in various services...

They did not have long to wait. At the afternoon session the Credentials Committee reported...

The defense of Miss Robinson was one of the highlights of the convention...

Richard Wainwright Child, the American Ambassador to Italy, applauded the speech...

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Third Day See Machine Running in Good Order... The report of the Credentials Committee was continued on the third day...

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EXAGGERATED EGOS OF LABOR LEADERS

Labor leaders when attacked by progressives, always raise the hue and cry that an attempt is being made to discredit the organization...

The experience of the American worker is destroying the blind faith in the leaders of labor, as a number of the reactionaries...

The professional labor leader is a distinct menace to the progress of the labor movement...

It is the duty of the membership of all unions to eliminate reactionary leadership...

UNITED FRONT OF LABOR SKATES

While the agitation for the United Front of the masses of the working class is being conducted, the reactionaries of the capitalist class are practicing this tactic...

As a prelude to the opening of the convention of the International of the United States Workers in Cleveland, May 1st, Ben Schlesinger, president of that organization...

The trend toward the left in the labor movement in the United States has formed all the reactionaries into one group for defensive purposes...

dent of the union made a silly gesture in an endeavor to convey the idea to the convention...

The New York Call has been running articles purporting to be reports of the convention, but which are merely propaganda for the reactionary machine...

The crime of the "leftists" in the convention consisted in desiring to substitute rank and file control, for the present official domination through providing in the union laws...

The Cleveland convention is certainly a splendid illustration of the United Front among the masses of labor in an attempt to maintain their positions as servants of the capitalist class...

Schlesinger will be rejected, the "leftists" are being organized out of the convention on palpable frame-ups, the triumph of the reaction is assured...

There is a strong tendency in this union for affiliation with the Red International with headquarters at Moscow...

MORALITY IN CAPITALIST POLITICS

In political circles the defeat of the Harding administration candidate, Senator New of Indiana, by Albert J. Beveridge, is considered a great event...

according to the panegyrics of bourgeois sycophants.

A further illustration of morality in politics is the righteous indignation expressed by certain Republican Senators when they learned that a few days ago President Harding had appointed one Nat Goldstein...

Now Mr. Harding, who obtained the nomination Mr. Lowden tried to give, appointed one of the agents of corruption to a position where he can handle the government finances...

As far as we are concerned, as revolutionists, it is of no concern to us whether Beveridge or New is Senator from Indiana...

A RELIGIOUS AFTERMATH OF THE ARMS CONFERENCE

The United States Senate has had a new topic of conversation during the past month as a result of the discovery of the fact that President Harding's pastor, the Rev. W. S. Abernathy of the Calvary Baptist Church, did not mention the name of Jesus Christ when he invoked an impromptu supreme being to guide and protect the deliberations of the delegates attending the Washington Conference for Limitation of Armaments...

Rev. Abernathy replied that had he been left to his own initiative he would have offered the prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, but that he was reminded that the conference was not a Christian body...

While we do not see any use of prayer to any God and have managed to dispense with all religion as something worse than useless, it is interesting to observe the antics of the "United States Senate" with the realities of life...

When society was divided into small isolated groups, each tribe had its own particular tribal deity. As the tribes merged into nations the gods were also merged and one deity embodying the attributes of all the tribal deities was created...

other social institutions are the reflex of economic conditions and that when material conditions change the spiritual life of mankind changes to conform with them.

The American Synagogue did not pray as a Christian, but as a worshipped of a universal God that defends the interests alike of the Christian, the Mohammedan, the Buddhist, the Confucian and all other religions that thrive today...

In order to eliminate such disputes in the future we suggest that they offer invocations to the one God they all worship—CAPITAL.

LABOR AND PATRIOTISM

By A. J. M. Chicago

On April 29th a demonstration was staged by the Chicago Building Trades Council protesting against the activities of the "Citizens Committee to Enforce the Landis Award."

Some humorist in ordering judges for the Typographical Union had them printed in the national colors, including a flag, and the legend "Victory Parade."

It is just such silliness as this that has put the American labor movement where it now stands—the most backward in the world. In no other country, not even in China, Japan, India, or other supposedly backward nations, do the reactionaries so rapidly dominate the labor movement.

At the Pier, ten thousand workers listen to speeches by Emmet T. Flood, general organizer of the union, Frank Walsh, and Uncle Sammy "Himself."

The speech of Gompers, as reported in the labor-trading Tribune, consisted of an attack on the "Citizens Committee," but had little criticism to make of Judge "Baseball" Landis but chided the Building Trades for having selected a federal judge to arbitrate their wages and working conditions...

The position in which not only the Chicago Building Council but the entire A. F. of L. finds itself today is directly chargeable to Gompers and his policy of arbitration and conciliation.

and that any differences that arise can be amicably adjusted. Experience has shown that whenever the employees have been in a poor position to resist wage demands...

Following Gompers and his arbitration policy, the workers have suffered defeat after defeat, their standard of living has been materially reduced, their powers of resistance weakened and the right is placed at the service of imperialism.

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