The Workers' World

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When the United States entered the war to over-

When the United States entered the war to overthrow the Kaiser and his Autocracy, and incidentally, to
make the world safe for the Democratic Party, and to
prove by superior might that might was not right, it
found itself under obligation to incarcerate those who
persistently voiced the sentiments and ideals of peace,
brotherhood, and industrial freedom.

Agitation could not provide in time of war.
The unified forces of the pation had to be brought to
bear upon the work in hand. This could not be done
when the divergence of class interest was being con-

when the divergence of class interest was being continually held before the minds of the workers who had to supply the materials of war as well as do the bulk of

dustrial activity the Espionage act was passed, and those individuals whose habits of thought differed from the hought modes necessary to carry on the great conflict were herded together, tried and sent to prison for terms

ranging from a few days to twenty years and more.

Thus, to restrain the intellectual, social, and in-

This for a while stilled, or seemed to still, the in-

dustrial unrest of the country. But it proved, as all

repressive measures must prove, that it is possible to

incarcerate the body of men but it is impossible to

quench the spirit of social unrest as long as the social organism is full of elements of irritation. Thus, with the

prisons full, we find that strikes, protests, and other

manifestations of social mal-adjustments are ever on

the increase in the country. In other words all that the

men in prison did or could do was to give active voice to

the sentiments and ideals that are felt by millions of

people in the country today. The difference between

these millions and the men incarcerated is, that the

latter actively saying what the former dumbly felt, has

we are with them, in a little more than lip service. Many of these men have been admitted to bail. The government,

practically recognizing the weakness of the case against

them, has said that they are entitled to a new trial. The

trial of these men, Comrades, is a trial of your ideals

and mine. These men, believe in their ideals. The stone

and concrete walls of Leavenworth penitentiary, steel

cages, and fettered limbs, did not deter them. In many

cases they suffered slow and loathsome deaths, as in

Sacramento jail, for their ideal's sake. Others are pining

away with diseases which in the open air they might be

able to fight off, but they do not complain. Firmly con-

vinced of the justice of their cause, they see in each rising sun a mile-stone on the road to the final realization

lieve in Justice and its final triumph. They believed it

strong enough to brave abuse, conviction, and even

death. Do we believe in it? I mean, we who have prop-

erty, strong enough to say to the government: "Here is

my pledge, that these men will be present at their trial,

It will return these boys to the sunlight and to usefulness.

And the volume of the bond that will come in from the

comrades and the readiness and speed with which they

are given will be a powerful plea before the court, for it

will show that the people as a whole do not believe in the

principle that men should be incarcerated for their opin-

ions sake. Let us do our utmost and go our limit in

giving bonds as these men have gone their limit in up-

holding the principle of free speech and assembly as

Comrades who can furnish bail should communicate

guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

Clearly, if we believe what we say, this is our duty.

of their great goal-Industrial Democracy.

that they will defend themselves.'

Toward that goal we are still working.

Now is the chance for us who are out to show that

brought them into conflict with the authorities.

the actual fighting.

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CONSPIRACY TO CON-TROL PRESS EXPOSED

POWDER TRUST HEAD TO DICTATE POLICY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PAPERS

(Special Correspondence)

NEW YORK—One of the most daring attempts of plutocracy yet undertaken to control public opinion in America has come to

attempts of plutocracy yet undertaken to control public opinion in America has come to light in connection with the recent conference of the Association of Foreign Language Newspapers of which Coleman Du Pont is head, front and shoulders. Briefly, the scheme is this: the Du Pont interests, with Coleman Du Pont himself directing this particular enterprise propose to monopolize the advertising to be placed in the foreign language press, and thereby to dictate the policy of these organs.

It will be remembered that some time ago there was organized with the benediction of the Department of Interior, an Inter-Racial Council which was to devote itself to "Americanization" work. It appears that the Council scheme ended in a fiasco. Along comes Coleman Du Pont and proposes that the "Americanization" work be undertaken by the foreign language press of the country, and that there be coupled with this task the further one of fighting "Bolshevism." In order to make sure of the "loyalty" of the foreign-language press, Mr. Du Pont proposes that the national advertising agencies be requested to withdraw their patronage from any paper which does not meet the tests of "Americanism" and of "Punch" Humor Plumor Plumor

"Punch" Humor Pleases Workers.

fraternal greetings to the organized

workmen and undertake to make the

necessary propaganda to bring about

the speedy adhesion of the whole pro-

letariat engaged in administration

work to the General Confederation of Labor." Dr. Dillon comments: "This

means the coalition of state servants

with the advanced Socialists, who aim

at the subjection of the entire nation

to a revolutionary organization, neither more nor less. The French

Government not having yet spoken or

the subject, it is impossible to foretell

the vicissitudes of the movement, but

the tendency is virtually the same as

Humanite says that this action has

"That is their right place; it is the

with the industrial workers in the 'or

come-we shall be within sight of rad-

izations of the western hemispher

Chile and Peru, and the weakest in Brazil and Colombia. "La Van-

organ, is widely read all over the con-

tinent of South America. Much so-cialist literature also comes from Bar-

(Dan Hogan, member of the National Executive Committee of the So-

cialist Party of America from Arkan-

sas, was refused passports when he

attempted to go to Buenos Aires to at

tend the conference.-Ed.)

celona and other Spanish centers.

come as a great shock to the govern-

that which has triumphed in Ger

many.'

the tests of "Americanism" and of "anti-Bolshevism" as laid down by

Kaiser Du Pont.
What this will mean is obvious.
The Du Pont interests are so powerful that no advertising agency in the country can afford to ignore their requests." A hint from Wilmington States to be appointed in the United States to be investigate industrial conditions to be a state of the country bears.

"requests." A hint from Wilmington Delaware, that this or that foreign newspaper is out of tune with Big Business will be sufficient to withdraw all national advertising from it. This is not mere throry. To understand the menace of Dupontism, one must look beyond the powder trusts, powerful though it be. The Du Ponts engage in innumerable sidelines of which the average American has not even an inkling. Indeed, it is the boast of the company that there is no line of activity which does not require one or more of the immense variety of Du Pont products. These by-products include paints of every description, charcoal, inks, wood alcohol, wood pulp, nitrate of soda, potash, saltpeter, pulp, nitrate of soda, potash, saltpeter, oils, salts, metal scrap, etc.—to mention but a few. One illustration will serve to show how manifold are the articles manufactured by the Du Ponts as byproducts of their powder manufacture. Here is a list of py-ra-lin products which the company has on sale: brushes, mirrors, combs, pen holders, ink wells, blotter pads. ink erasers, stamp boxes. blotter pads, ink erasers, stamp boxes, pin cushions, manicure sets, toilet and dresser sets, pocket knife handles, baby rattles, collars and cuffs, shirt fronts, perfume bottles, dice, picture frames, glove stretchers, shoe buttoners, whisk brooms, napkin rings, etc., etc.

To keep these articles before the public (and they represent but one of an innumerable line of manufactured by products), the Du Ponts place an enormous amount of advertising. They can ruin almost any national advertis ing agency from which they decide to withdraw their patronage.

ENGLAND.

Domestic Servants Organize. MANCHESTER-While government committees are issuing official reports and White Papers on the ques- ment, and the capitalits press is intion of domestic service, and numer- dignant at the idea of the public em ous suggestions are being made for ployees joining forces with "the minrehabilitating the occupations in the ority of agitators which arrogates to estimation of young women, domestikely the right to speak on behalf of tic servants' trade unions are strug- the proletariat." Humanity, however, gling into being in various parts of the welcomes the advent of the employees country. A Domestic Workers' Union in the public services to the Bourse de was recently formed for Manchester Travail: and district. It is not attached to any existing trade union, but it will be right place for all those whom the fostered in its infancy by the Man-present system of society oppresses, chester and Salford Women's Trades and for all who wish to participate

and Labor Council. Various labor organizations are enganization of a juster and more hugged in the attempt to unionize the mane society.' When the official regaged in the attempt to unionize the servant girls. Thus the National Laundry Workers' Union is endeavor- and that day is coming; indeed, it has ing to bring domestic servants into its membership, and several weeks ago ical transformations." the Warehouse and General Workers' Union was successful in forming a Laborites and Socialists to Convene. Household Workers' Union in Liver-Household Workers' Union in Liverpool. In the programme of the Liverpool. In the programme of the Liverpool. pool Union there is an eight hour day, ence is to begin its sessions. Its pur a minimum wage of \$5 a week for pose is to promote the amalgamation women of 21 years of age, twenty-five of all the socialist and labor organcents an hour for day workers, provision of overalls by mistresses, and refinto one body. Socialism is said to be erences from mistresses as well as most strongly organized in Argentina

om maids.

The hours of women employed in Brazil and Colombia. "La Van-lanchester institutions average 60 per guardia," the Buenos Aires Socialist Manchester institutions average 60 per week, but in private houses the hours, not including rest periods, range from 70 to 83 1-2. Those who work the longest hours are the lowest paid.

Unemployment Grows.

MANCHESTER.—Unemployment in Lancashire and Cheshire during the closing days of March stood as follows: total number of persons receiving the government unemployment donation 223,714; men, 83,786; women, 125,063; boys, 5,773; girls, 9,092.

. In the first week of January there were 17,000 persons in Manchester area receiving the donation benefit. Nearly 10,000 of these were women and 2,000 were discharged soldiers. Since then the number of women has more than doubled, while that of discharged soldiers has trebled.

"THE REI TERROR"

FOREIGN BORN WORKERS LEAVE U.S.

BANKERS NOW QUIT SAYING: "IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, GO BACK"

New York, April 15:—
More than 1,300,000 foreign born residents of this country either have gone back, or are preparing to go back to the land of their nativity.
They will take back with them approximately \$4,000,000,000 in United States currency.

These startling statements are contained in a circular issued by the sayings Bank Section of the American Banker's Association.

The Bankers are very much alarmed and are trying to devise some scheme to keep this money at home. The foreign-born workers are withdrawing their money from the bank, selling their Liberty Bonds and their homes, and returning to Europe.

It does not seem to have occured to the officialdom that the "White Terror" may be responsible for this exodus. It is only a few weeks since the Federal Immigration Authorities had gathered here for deportation a large group of workers, whose compatriots are now preparing to leave of their own accord.

It is estimated that these emigrants will take with them about four-fifths of the total currency in circulation and in reserve in the

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certainly serious.

in Pennsylvania.

hours later were printed copies of it available to inquiring labor officials. The Pennsylvania State Federation hours later were printed copies of it available to inquiring labor officials. The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor has sent a hurry call to all unions, acquainting them with the vicious provisions of the proposed measure. As a result, a steady stream of whether it works six or eight hours, available to inquiring labor officials. Workers. By dividing up the work there will be more jobs under the six-hour day, it was pointed out. Labor must be paid wages enough to live on, regardless of whether it works six or eight hours, available to inquiring labor officials. vicious provisions of the proposeu measure. As a result, a steady stream of protests is pouring in upon the assemblymen, who will be called on early next week to vote on the bill.

The bill provides for a fine of from of the Soldiers and Sailors Council.

The unions decided to agitate for a given and sailors and sail

ditious meetings.
Sedition is defined in various ways, but the following clauses are perhaps the most significant: "To incite or arouse discontent against the government of this state or of the United Covernment, and the state of the state of the United Covernment, and the state of the contempt.

There are various other vicious measures before the legislature, including bills for the establishment of a state constabulary and of a secret service and spy system. Labor is up in arms against all of them.

Police Tyrannize Porto Rico Laborites.

FAJARDO, P. R.—Urgent appeals are being addressed to Santiago Iglesias, labor member of the Porto Rican legislature, to help put an end to the tyrannical conditions which the working people of Fajardo are facing. On March 13, their peaceful meeting was violently attacked by the chief of police and his men, who demanded that the labor orators stop explaining to the workers their constitutional right to strike for better working conditions and higher wages. The police enforced their demands by clubbing and man-handling the men, several of whom were brutally

LONDON.—In a stirring article entitled, "Is British Imperialism Gone Mad?" which appears in the Labor Mad?" which appears in the Labor Leader for March 20, J. Ramsey Mac-Donald, who was denied passports to Russia as one of the members of the investigating commission appointed by the International Socialist Conference at Berne, exhorts the British workers to protest against the continuance of gag law in India as proposed in vari-

"They continue the provisions of the Defense of the Realm Act and of the chief orders issued under it; they make war powers normal. If a man happens to have a document which the Government considers seditious, he is, without proof, to be presumed to have it for evil purposes. I have had such papers for reference purposes, to criticise them and reply to them, to instruct myself regarding certain propaganda to which I am opposed-but under these bills I should be, with such possessions absolutely at the mercy of the Indian Government were I in India.'

The Bankers are very much alarmed and

U. S. before the war.

The Journal of Commerce of April 12th, says, "No fewer than 33,000 aliens have sailed from this port since December. More than 1,000 sailed on April 1st. The situation is certainly serious"

HARRISBURG, PA.—Frantic attempts are being made in the legislature to pass an "anti-sedition" bill before the workers can protest effectively. On April 1st, the bill was introduced. It was reported favorably out of committee a few hours later, but not until thirty hours later were printed copies of it.

up to twenty years for uttering sedi-tion in writing, printing or cartooning, or for selling seditious publications, or for organizing or even joining an organization whose purposes are seditious, or for renting a building or hall for se-

States; to disturb the peace and tran-States, to disturb the peace and train-quility of the state or of the United States; to incite or encourage any person or persons to commit any overt

L. C. A. K. Martens is in charge.

Martens is an engineer. He was manaperson or persons to commit any overt

wounded.

INDIA.

Gag-Law Stifles All Discussion.

ous bills now pending. In discussing these bills, Mr. MacDonald says:

minds his readers that there has been arranged to turn over its stock to fluenza, following on insufficiency of This mine, if the arrangement is car-food, of five millions in British India ried out, will become the first in and of another million in the native Germany to be owned by the em-

BUENOS AIRES, April 16.— Tenants of Buenos Aires are organizing a strike against high rents demanded for dwellings and business buildings.

For Six Hour Day.
TACOMA, April 12.—The Metal
Trades Council at its last meeting
placed itself on record as favoring
the six-hour day for all union

shipyards each day for putting away tools. The proposal for a contract for medical attention was turned down and a committee was appointed to go into the question and try to establish a union labor hospital for members and their families.

along fine. Two floors are taken up

act of any character with a view to ger of the Demidof Steel and Ammunibringing the government of this state tion works one of the largest industrial or of the United States into hatred or plants in Russia employing 28,000

> Martens is one of the original members of the Bolshevik party. Under the direction of experts the office will purchase hundreds of millions

> of dollars worth of supplies for the Russian people. All supplies will be brought thru this one office. Part of the work of the staff is to answer the numerous lies spread

broadcast by the kept press. The better do do this, they are issuing a week-ly bulletin containing the official Soviet decrees and answering questions regarding the Russian factories and schools.

GERMANY.

Socialization of Industry Progress. BERLIN.—The German Government s taking steps to socialize the principal public services. The railways and waterways have long been state owned and controlled in Germany, and it is now proposed to socialize the coal mines and the potash industry. A bill has been prepared setting forth the principles of this policy of social-ization. The bill may be described as a new charter of the Rights of Man. he republic will guarantee to every German the possibility of earning his ivelihood by means of work suited to nis capabilities. In the event of his not being able to find suitable work he shall receive the requisite maintenance out of public funds. The dangers and difficulties of centralized administration of industry are to be avoided by placing the conduct of economic undertakings under selfgoverning bodies. Another step toward socialization in

Germany was made when on April 7th, the Government accepted a constitutional proposal equalizing workers with employers in determining wages, working conditions and productive levelopment.

The proposal further includes the creation of a national economic council and district economic councils which are to work together toward complete socialization and the settlement of other problems.

BERLIN.—The Bleichroeder Banking Company, of this city, which owns nearly all the shares of the great Incidentally Mr. MacDonald re-Oppeln mine, at Oppeln, Silesia, has a toll of lives in India, through in members of the miners' union at par.

at once with "The Workers' World," Box 697, Kansas Farmers Rebel Against Prices. City, Mo. BUENOS AIRES.—Even the farm If you cannot qualify on a bond, use your effort to interest those who can. Remember that it is a pledge of our substance against the pledge of their life and liberty. JOHN DeQUER.

ers are on strike in Argentina. are refusing to plant crops this year because they receive only 1 peso 41 centavos (60 cents) for 100 kilograms (2201b) of corn. They refuse to plant again unless they are assured 3 pesos 50 centavos (\$1.49) was their ultimatum to the Minister of Agriculture.

WITHDRAW FROM RUSSIA!

CANADIAN UNIONS VOICE LABOR'S DEMAND ONE BIG UNION READY FOR ACTION

(New York Call Correspondence.) TORONTO, Canada, April 11th—
Threats of direct action by Western
Canada's "One Big Union" if all the
Dominion's troops are not withdrawn
from Russia, including Siberia, is believed by many to be the principal reason for the announcement in the
Canadian House of Commons, the
James Simpson, managing editor of

cease their attacks on the world's freest people, and set sail for home.

Of course, other reasons also exist

for the return of all Canadians from an offensive that has proven the most unpopular of all Canada's military

had not met with success, and that it would return home. With no op-portunity for trade following Canadian press dispatches telling of dissension among the Russian bourgeoisie backing the Allied troops, it was quite natural that the first first properties of the properties of should return.

Trade Follows the Flag.

It was no exception to the rule,
Canada's troops went into Siberia,
and a trade mission to follow up the conquest on the battlefield quickly followed. The troops did not meet with an enthusiastic welcome, and

and a trade mission to follow up the conquest on the battlefield quickly followed. The troops did not meet with an enthusiastic welcome, and so the trade gang got ready to start for home, and then the troops prepared to do likewise.

"The One Big Union" has carried on an unceasing fight for withdrawal of Canada's troops from warfare against the Bolsheviki from the moment the first armed Canadians set sail for Russia. In fact, some of these men spoke at the mass meeting where 700 uniformed Canadian soldiers on their way to Siberia cheered for the Bolsheviki. Shortly afterward two boatloads of Canadian troops on their way to an unholy war on the Soviets revolted, according to reports published in Canadian daily newspapers opposed to the Bolsheviki.

"The One Big Union" has had its in the small hall. It, too, was packed, and a third hall was jammed to the doors. From all three platforms speakers in English, Russian, Finnish and other languages declared the time for action is almost here.

Toronto boasts that she had more men volunteer for the war against Germany than any other city of her size in the English-speaking world. More than 80,000 men residing in this city left here to fight in Europe, while those outside who "joined up" in Toronto brought the total to 100,000 men. These soldiers, filled with a desire to see a real, and not a sham, world, are coming back in their thousands almost every day.

These hundred thousand men, one for every five persons in Toronto to-day. will get their discharges from the control of the bolsheviki.

out all over eastern Canada to fight. But through its resolution in favor of Soviet administration of Canadian affairs, instead of the present unfair method, its greetings to the Bolsheviki and Spartacan movements and the publication of literature in favor of the Bolsheviki by powerful western Canada labor organizations eastern Canada labor papers which failed to back the Soviet republic have been forced to become more favorable.

The panic is still growing, and, with 100,000 men determined to have democracy on their hands, the employing class cannot blame ten or fifteen thousand "foreigners" for industrial conditions.

Eight thousand known English-speaking radicals in Toronto understand this fact. They are grounded in the philosophy of Socialism; they are learning the value of real direct

an example. A few months ago this paper refused to give space to articles in favor of the Bolsheviki, although they were submitted to it. It refused to join in the campaign in favor of the Bolsheviki. It tried to "face both ways," to "blow hot and cold," to "straddle the fence."

In one of its issues, published since the great Calgary convention, it republished three articles favoring the Bolsheviki. It looks as if its publishers see the way sentiment is likely

to go.

The same paper is doing little to oppose the great wave of anti-"for-eign" prejudice that is sweeping Ou-

Russians Starve There. them with a ferocity unequalled against Germans even in the darkest days of Canada's troops in France and Fland-

For three and four months these 3,000 Russian working men and women have tramped Toronto's streets in search of jobs. They can't get them. They receive a scowl from capitalist and English-speaking worker

They organized a \$50,000 company to take their compatriots back to Russia, but the banks then set up a howl. Heretofore the howl was general to deport these members of the working class who came to Canada because they were sought to to the "dirty," or heavy, manual work. But the banks howled-many "foreigners" had bank accounts, and this money would be lost to the bankers. So that now the starving process is being adopted.

These Russians, as well as members of other non-English nationalities, are ready to support English-speaking toilers who think the times are rotten ripe for change. They know that groups of English speaking workers, and they number thousands of toilers, are ready to struggle for their

Meanwhile, however, the "safe and sane" politicians who are called labor "leaders" in the capitalist anti-Bolshevik press, have said little in favor of the downtrodden "foreigner" who was worked to the utmost when i was necessary to make munitions and keep the home fires burning that Canada's sons might shed their blood on the gory fields of France and Flan-

Labor Mayor a Backslider.

Mayor McBride of Brantford, a solled "labor" Mayor and a member of the Independent Labor party, has declared he was out to fight the Bolsheviki in Canada. Though the Chief of Police in that city, who is an appointee and not an elective official, made bitter attacks on the "foreigner" about the Hatting of Women in Russia. At least three of these ince.

The Socialists are establishing a big string of co-operatives throughout the province. They are also conducting an identical four-page leaflet entitled, were completely at the mercy of the evening schools for the workers.

and persecuted Russian and other toilers, McBride never uttered a word

reason for the announcement in the Canadian House of Commons, the other day, that all troops in the land of the Bolsheviki will be brought back to Canada in the very near future.

Only secrecy, requested by the British government, is responsible for no announcement of the exact date on which Canada's troops will conserve their attacks on the world's an identity of interest between capital Congress, and others who preach an identity of interest between capital and labor and who are chastised by labor men and labor papers in western Canada who favor "the One Big Union."

an offensive that has proven the most unpopular of all Canada's military activities.

One is the complete failure of Canada's trade mission to Siberia. This organization left Canada amid optimism. Various trade experts were in the mission, while at least one of the largest banks in the Dominion had its officials ready to open branches and establish business. The government subsidized Canadian Press Association sent one of its best special correspondents to record the success—military and commercial—of Canada's forces.

Union."

The time will come when many of these labor "leaders" will time band wagon." The tide of public opinion in eastern Canada will turn, is turning now. Soon it will be quite popular to defend both the Bolsheviki and the so-called "foreigner." Then the band wagon." The tide of public opinion in eastern Canada will turn, is turning now. Soon it will be quite popular to defend both the Bolsheviki and the so-called "foreigner." Then the band wagon." The tide of public opinion in eastern Canada will turn, is turning now. Soon it will be quite popular to defend both the Bolsheviki and the so-called "foreigner." Then the labor "leaders" who back the so-called "Independent" Labor party of Ontario, which in noway can be considered in the same class with the Federated Labor party of British Columbia, will come out and say: "I always told you so; the Bolsheviki lumbia, will come out and say: "I always told you so; the Bolsheviki and commercial—of Canada's forces.

A week or so ago came the dismal announcement that the trade mission when are brothers and sisters.''

women are brothers and sisters."
Meanwhile, those in Toronto and Ontario who have stood clear, despite overwhelming opposition, are waiting

geoisie backing the Allied troops, it was quite natural that the troops meet that are worthy of the name. The police have barred them from large halls. Despite this fact, 700 packed a small hall to celebrate the anniversary of the Paris Commune. It was necessary to hold an overflow meeting in another small hall. It,

in Canadian daily newspapers opposed to the Bolsheviki.

"The One Big Union" has had its effect in other ways. Word has gone out all over eastern Canada to fight.

But through its resolution in favor of the papie is at its papie.

come more favorable.

The Toronto Industrial Banner is action. They are spreading the doctorine example. A few months ago this among the soldier boys, and, with street meetings and distribution of thousand of pieces of radical literal. throughout the next six months, will prepare Toronto's workers so they, too, may take their honored place among the advancing proletariat.

already won over to the extent of meeting with shop committees and negotiations pending, machinists strik-ing for compliance by ten local manpoose the great wave of anti-"for-ign" prejudice that is sweeping Ou-ario.

Russians Starve There.
In Toronto 3,000 Russians are actually on the verge of starvation because they cannot get jobs. English-speaking men and women hate Trachte Bros., and Steinle-Turret consin Foundry and Machine Co., Trachte Bros., and Steinle-Turret Lathe Co. Holding out against recog-nition of the union are the Madison-Kipp Co., the Gisholt Machine Co., the Fuller & Johnson Co., the Madison Plow Co., and the Scanlan-Morris Co

Clean Hands for Miners

COLUMBUS, OHIO. — "Clean Hands" will be the slogan of Ohio miners when the Wash-House bill just passed by both houses of the legislature passed by both nouses of the legislature becomes a law. The bill provides that washhouses with plenty of hot and cold water, lockers for clothes, and other conveniences must be established at all local mines employing ive or more men.

If we accept the old maxim that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," both good qualities ought to act and react upon miners, mine owners and the community in general.

Install Six-Hour Day.

OMAHA, NEB.—The Moving Picture Machine Operators' union has established the six-hour day and raised wages from fifty to seventy cents an hour. Practically every picture house in this city has signed the agreement, and the members of the union who returned from the war are again em-

Six years ago these workers, then unorganized, were paid from twenty to twenty-five cents an hour with no imit on the workday.

"Bolshevism Revealed"

NEW YORK-Despite the fact that President Wilson's special investigators of Russian conditions, Lincoln Steffens and William Bullitt, have emphatically branded the story as a pure fabrication, New York insurance ist. To understand the present situa-firms are publishing broadcast the myth tion properly, it is necessary to go about the "nationalization" of women

IN STARVING PETROGRAD

By ANISE, in Sea Union-Record.

In yesterday's paper The tale of Frazier Hunt Of STARVING Petrograd. Nine-tenths of all the people Are UNDERFED, he said, For Russia is RINGED-IN by armies-Shut off from her grain. The government enforces An IRON law of RATIONS, That gives to every man, According to the NEEDS Of his DAILY TOIL. All heavy workers and CHILDREN And MOTHERS of children Are given HALF a POUND Of BREAD each day, While the indoor workers-Office and professional folks-Get a quarter of a pound; And a small number of people (About one person in forty) Who do not work at all, But live on their money, Get only an eighth of a pound From the government And have to get the rest From high-priced speculators.

But the government gives,

ONE MEAL A DAY TO ALL the population,

And tries to take

With free school meals

And all NECESSITIES-

And text-books free,

Besides the general rations,

SPECIAL care of CHILDREN

"Because," they say. "The whole of Russia Is like a besieged city; The little that we have Must go as far as it can." It was a pitiful And most heroic picture-A war-exhausted people Pleading for PEACE, Not once, but many times, Attacked by its old friends, Who give NO REASON, No ANSWER even, To its many cries, Yet even in despair, PATIENT and ORDERLY Dividing its last CRUSTS As a FAMILY divides— By NEED, and not by MONEY-And keeping still the BEST To SAVE the CHILDREN! And then I turned and saw An editorial in that paper That mocked at starving RUSSIA Crying to crush her further, Jeering: "She feeds her CHILDREN Only to corrupt their minds And rear them up For CANNON FODDER"!

Clothes, and shoes, and rubbers-

Each man must PROVE his need

Are rationed much like food.

To a committee,

In any kind of TERROR Have so DISEASED a MIND And LEPROUS heart as THAT?"

And I shrank back SICK,

Thinking: Could any Bolshevik

Bolshevists are at heart good people who are endeavoring to help humanity and are saying that the violence and bloodshed in Russia is merely an unfortunate incident in the progress of a noble cause to be attributed to the natural reaction of an oppressed and ignorant people after centuries of de-

purported to be verbatim translations of the decrees of the Soviets of Vladimir and Saratov which provide for the nationalization of women between the ages of 19 and 50. These decrees Machinists Confident of Victory.

MADISON, WIS.—With five plants already won over to the extent of

revolution' and the overthrow of the present 'capitalistic society,' what is neant is not merely a return to barbarism; they want to return to the lowest form of savagery."

This statement is in direct contrast to the Steffens-Bullitt report, which states, "As a matter of fact, conditions in Russia approach the puritanical." Great Britain the magazine, "The New Europe," which first published the canard, had the decency to retract it when its untruth was proven, while the canard that the street one.

The peons of Yucatan are not or ganized. Their employers cleverly singled out those who were especially the street one.

Curious Angle to School Board Election.

MILWAUKEE.—One of the interesting facts brought out in connection with the recent election of members of the Milwaukee School Board is the folone had any children. In addition, two of the candidates have been educated in private institutions or paro-chial schools. Of the Socialist can-didate all of them had direct connection with the school force either by sending their children to public school or having been in the teaching

MEXICO.

Workers Ground Between Rival Groups of Capitalists.

MERIDA, YUCATAN.—Ground beback a bit in the history of this prov-

"Bolshevism Revealed," and are directional City Bank, which financed tributing it among the women of the concerns, both Mexican and city. The pamphlet opens with this declaration:

"There are too many people who are each other in ruinous competition, the book many good to purchase ion. "There are too many people who are trying to convince themselves that the Bolshevists are at heart good people up at such low rates as in turn to

> reformist rather than a communist. Under his influence a bill was passed by the terms of which the sale of jeniquen was henceforth to be conducted solely through a "Reguladora," or regulating commission. In other words, the local capitalists and employers of peons virtually became associated in a government-organized protective association. This "Reguladora" com-pelled the National City Bank to pay a much better price for jenequen than it had paid before. This fact in turn resulted in the peons' being paid higher wages than before.

Now the National City Bank proposes to wreck the "Reguladora." Word has gone out not to purchase any jenequen from Yucatan. Radicals to whom the leaflet has per cent of the workers are therefore been shown point to the fact that in out of employment, and their lot is a

here in America the story goes on unchecked. The fact that it is the and then gave them good positions rich insurance corporations that are spreading it, has given rise to the question, "Are these companies really class consciousness, and would leave the class consciousness, and would leave the class consciousness." concerned about the nationalization of women, or do they fear more the nationalization of dividends?"

the disconstitutions, and would leave the ignorant wage slave, who had a heritage of 300 years of bondage to overcome, to work out his own salvaovercome, to work out his own salva-

Though there is little real Socialism in Yucatan, the government, reformist in character thorn in the flesh of the central government at Mexico City. Federal troops are garrisoned in Yucatan whose commanders often usurp the functions of the local authorities. The lowing: Of the candidates running in functions of the local authorities. The opposition to the candidates put up by the Socialist Party, not a single clashes. A strong separatist movement is gaining headway, and the chances are not unlikely that the United States may soon be appealed to to sanction the establishment of an independent republic in Yucatan. Citizens of Yucatan fail to see why out of some \$90,000,000 worth of jenequen \$20.000,000 to a federal government side light on what the Call describes prison. which answers by sending troops into as "this queer aberration."

the state. The Socialist Party is easily in control politically. And, though Felipe Carillo is not governor, he is virtually the head of the state, rather than Gov. Castro. He, more than any other intween the National City bank of New dividual, is trusted by the working York on the one hand, and the local class. When any official does not suit jenequin magnates on the other, the the Socialist Party, the party merely workers of Yucatan are having a hard votes to request his resignation. From time of it, despite the fact that the that moment he ceases in effect to be time of it, despite the fact that the state government is nominally socialist. To understand the present situation by the proper governmental state government is nominally socialist. To understand the present situation by the proper governmental state governmental state government is nominally socialism. The acceptance of his resignation by the proper governmental state government is nominally socialism. To understand the present situation by the proper governmental state government is nominally socialism. To understand the present situation by the proper government is nominally socialism. agencies is a mere formality.

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REPUDIATES TRAITORS

The New Appeal is throwing of the comrades, I want you to strike fits about the political prisoners. It is my name from your list. I loath to be difficult for the ordinary mind to understand why these "Wilson Social-ists" should be so exercised over this against the Socialist party and you part of the program of Wilsonism. willfully and maliciously lied about The following open letter of Adolph the national executive committee Germer, national secretary of the when it refused to follow a course that sold annually, they should turn over Socialist Party, throws an interesting would put more of our members in

Kansas. Reason, March 15, 1919, you publish amnesty.

On appeal for \$30,000 cash, for an al-

legitimate, you use such names as Eugene V. Debs, Kate Richards O'Hare, The Socialists are establishing a big string of co-operatives throughout the string of co-operatives throughout the and if you have included me in "many

"In other words, you and your paper

must bear a part of the responsibility "Editor, Appeal to Reason, Girard, for the prosecution and persecution of the Socialists and it is rank hypocrisy "Sir: In the issue of The Appeal to for you to prate about your fight for

'amnesty and construction but I scorn any effort that you make in my behalf. A thousand times would "You give yourself credit for having I rather spend the rest of my life bewon' the first skirmish in the amnesty hind prison bars, than to have one fight and on the basis of this unfound- word from you whom I hold responsi-

"You have lied to us and about us and betrayed us in the past and I re-

ADOLPH GERMER.

"IN BAD" By John DeQuer

The sun is the center of the Solar system, and according to the nebular hypothesis the planets were thrown from his bosom as incandescent rings, that whirled for a time in the infinite womb of space until they were fashioned into worlds more or less like our own. Thus in a very real sense the sun is the father of our world. For not only was this world formed from his substance but it is also sustained thru his energy. Life itself would be impossible were it not for his influence.

Thus we see, that the poetic concepthe sun is their father and the earth

In a very literal sense the sun is our father in the skies. Father, not only of our physical beings, but of our

primitive ancestors. Unheard and unseen they came and from them there | Woman may be less logical, but she | symbols as did their ancestors for the was no escape, except to other and not

There are people who maintain that the falling and flying dreams of our eastern hills. childhood, are a sort of race memory that we have inherited from those our spring-time woods to re-echo with proto-human times. Those that leapthe song of birds at sun rise; also set ed, or fell, when they caught them up the nervous and emotional reflexes selves received a shock which jarred their brain, this, together with the ex- giving rise to such physical and mencessive fear formed alterations of tal phenomena as brain structure that eventually affected the hereditary mneme, and to this very day. It even gives us were thus transmitted to the offspring much of our religious terminology. as a sort of memory belonging to the Sun worship is at the basis of all respecies. The reason that we never ligious systems. Religious emotion dream of hitting the ground, is for the itself finds it's root in the pleasant rereason that those who did hit the actions that took place in the brain of ground in those primitive times were our primitive ancestors when nature generally devoured and hence did not unfurled the red banner of the morn- is law. It must be enforced!" transmit the memory of their exper-

in a measure, the terrors of the night; relations. Those were the between man and beast

I sometimes think that from the a measure of warmth and safety. It memories deep laid in our sub-cona lake of fire. I realize that there is a banner of revolt. All I aim to accomplish is to make it tyranny and oppression, while deliverclear that a houseless, fireless night in a carnivore-infested wilderness was a substantial Hell for the primitive mother and her child.

The continual nerve strain under which they lived, the merciless extertion of some of our Indian tribes, that mination of the unwary, and the sluggish, thru the action of a hostile envirtheir mother, is more than just a onment, developed in the human race nal light;"and "the light of the world;' fancy. It has, indeed, elements of and especially in the female portion of all these but prove that even the reli t, many of their peculiar character-

The mother is always more handicapped than her mate in the physical mental and moral beings, as well. A struggle for existence. She not only joy at the first glimpse of the blood- to the first of a number of barred windows and slid his check under the last two propositions quite evident.

Ages before we drowned of the last two propositions quite evident. last two propositions quite evident.

Ages before we dreamed of the April 1981 Ages before we dreamed of the at her heart. Her free movement is religion; it is also true of Mohamedan his customer was a black man he heart. "new freedom", or of the "league of notions;" ages before we conceived of gestation, and after that, she must see church or state; ages before we to the safety of herself and her child. thought of ourselves as men or wom. In the hour of sudden danger, she had en, even before we had learned to no time to reason or reflect. Instan- the Aztecs of Mexico. The race mem- on some previous occasion. He went to form sound into speech, away back in taneous action was necessary. The primeral forest, Old Sol cast a woman who failed in that failed in mould for our thoughts and predeter motherhood. The race was preserved mould for our individual and lead by those who acted negative or close to religious individual and lead by those who acted negative or close to religious individual and lead by those who acted negative or close to religious individual and lead by those who acted negative or close to religious individual and lead to the religious to the religious individual and lead to the religious to the r mined many of our individual and ed by those who acted accurately on cians as the religious instinct. social ways.

the instant. Thus we find that in The political and industrial When our forebears swung from many cases a woman's intuition is suwhen our forebears swung from many cases a woman's intuition is su-tree to tree in the pre-adamite wilder—perior to man's judgment. Physically deeply the idea of associating the ness the hours of darkness were hours handicapped, her chances of survival color of the dawn with our struggles of those smooth propositions that one ness the hours of darkness were hours handicapped, her chances of survival of terror. Not the fancied terrors of lay in her quick and accurate selection for greater freedom is rooted in the hu- always finds in banking institutions. our childhood, but the real terrors of of the proper course. But all this may man breast. From the time that The negro explained what had hap-the untamed jungle. In these hours, be considered a digression. What I Spartacus raised the red vexilum above pened. "Yes," said the manager his rebel slaves, and led them against sauvely, "We can't cash any checks." Great snakes glided noiselessly and the mother's careful vigilance over her the steel of their Patrician Masters, unseen thru the branches, and many young thruout the primitive ages de to the days of the Red Guards, of Firother poisonous and nocturnal enimies veloped in her the devotional spirit land, and other lands, where the poor of life sought the arborial nest of our that causes her modern daughter to be are seeking to attain their own, the

is at the same time far more intense In order that than man. By nature, she will not erty is born of the sun.

It goes broke. It busts. Can you under that be a partisan. She This, of course, does not apply to derstand that?" "Yes sah, I can under that than man. By nature, she will not erty is born of the sun. less deadly dangers. In order that than man. By nature, she will not they might escape they had to climb judge; she must be a partisan. She out into the branches, leap into other defends her own. Her child does not they might escape they had to climb out into the branches, leap into other tees, or to the ground where they often landed with broken bones, an easy teel landed with broken bones, an easy teel landed with broken bones, and according to later report she it, and hoped and warred for it so are free! So free indeed that in several defends her own. Her child does not to the people of the United States. We defends her own. Her child does not apply to defends her own. Her child does not apply to defends her own. Her child does not apply to defends her own. Her child does not apply to defends her own. Her child does not apply to defends her own. Her child does not apply to defends her own. Her child does not apply to defends her own. Her child does not apply to defends her own. The last speaker may not see it, and much experience with banks. I the people of the United States. We had much experience with banks. I the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States and the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States and the people of the United States. We have been constant that the people of the United States and prey to the lion, the tiger, the wolf or in her during her double vigils of the primitive nights, as she watched for the red flame of day break over the

The manifestations of joy that cause in the brain centers of our forebears, practiced by certain tribes of savages, ing in the eastern skies.

ience to their posterity.

Such was the childhood of our race, re-action that took place in the prim-C. O. Ward maintains that in this in the days before fire came to banish, itive brains of our forebears is to be found the explanation of the fact that before we learned the art of articu- savages, children, and the poor generlate speech, and formed conscious ally love bright colors. These colors suggest the beauties of the dawn, and

brought deliverance from the oppresscious being, we wove the mythical sive jungle night. Herein is to be

ance and freedom are symbolized as vantage. Art Young, that genial carlight and day.

that sit in darkness;" "The light of the world;" "There shall be no more night there;" "He that dwells in eter-ing yarn, as told by Young one e all these but prove that even the religion of civilized races is based upon

There was a certain negro laborer

coming of the day. The idea of lib-

passed ordinances restraining the poor from the use or exhibition of that same ensign with which our Fathers marched against the forces of George the Third. We no longer need the banner of slaves in the land of the Free. We have a flag. The one and Free. We have a flag. The one and only flag. Like the Mohamedan, has for himself a one and only God. It is not the simple dawn-colored emblem of the poor; it embodies in it's capacious folds the Blue of the Aristocrat, the white of the Priest, and the Red of the Slave. A three in one ensign that must endure. No other flag shall wave. That is, if some of our city well to the league of nations matter. It goes something like this: There was once a little boy whose erty in Russia than in the United States! I simply can't understand it. States! I simply can't understand it is philosophy is sum-ternoon and buy you a new suit of clothes. And I want you to take care of them. No climbing fences, or sliding off roofs or anything like that, wave. That is, if some of our city well to the league of nations mether was more happiness and lib me there was more happiness and lib. States! I simply can't understand it. States! I simply can't understand it. Now, that Grandmother of the Revolution, as they call her, well ing off roofs or anything like that. Menshevik. Why, she isn't a Menshevik. Why, she isn't a Menshevik that's what she is! And they're all ing fun? of the rising labor and Socouncils have their way. One Mayor purchase of a new suit was nothing that's what she is! And they're all ing fun" of the rising labor and Sois quoted as saying, "We have one that the clerk had put like that. I don't know what this cialist movement. The time has come when the tables are turning. It will is law. It must be enforced!" "Be ye suits that afternoon, the boy began to subject to the Powers that be." These get tired. Mother was still looking are my sentiments. But the Sun either for something in the line of a bargain which she will probably be pretty well dodo. er has not heard of the edict of these and Willie knew it. He thought the contented. We hope so.

city fathers or does not care. Day after day, he sails aloft from his no behind the eastern hills, preceded by the flaming red banner of the dawn! Unmindful, or in willful violation, of social relations. Those were the suggest the beauties of the dawn, and days when we lived in the borderland the dawn, to the primitive mind, was laws and ordinances restraining such between man and beast.

PAGES FROM THE NOTE BOOK OF A FABIAN

By JAMES WALDO FAWCETT

Written for The Workers' World. There is a humorous side to almost every question. This explains why it is so easy-and so futile-for certain concept of hell. Christ refers to it as a place of thick darkness, and also, as the red ensign has always been the situation with an epigram. We have situation with an epigram. We have always insisted that / there are two contradiction in these statements but | In literature we find that the word | weapons ready for our use, namely can not help it, I did not write them. night is often used as a synonym for song and laughter, and that we can employ these weapons to deadly adtoon-artist of the old Masses and the Our modern religion is teeming with new Liberator, seems to be in agreesuch expressions as, "The sun of ment with us; hence his new weekly righteousness," "God is Light;" "They magazine, Good Morning, which is

As an example, consider the following yarn, as told by Young one evening last week. It may not be new, but

the nervous relaxation experienced by in a Southern city who had a check our ancestors, who, bound by the ter to cash. He went to a bank and asked rors of the jungle night shouted for to see the cashier. He was directed the same answer. And a fourth. A The political and industrial history few minutes later the more or less of the race shows time and again how flabergasted laborer reached the man-This bank failed yesterday." asked the man with the check. failed." "What is dis yar fa "What is dis yar failed? "Failed!" exclaimed the manager. 'Don't you now what failed means?" No, sah; can't recolleck that I do." "Well, when a bank fails, it fails, see. It goes broke. It busts. Can you un-

> lots of real propaganda value. pretty well to the league of nations Why, Y. M. C. A. secretaries even told

matter over. Then, he said very There was a meeting in a certain gravely to the salesman, "Look here, New York church recently, to discuss suit that will wear."

what we call the International a Socialist league of nations.

A third story we have heard con-

cerns a preacher and a radical who were having an argument about the Soviet attitude toward the churches. Soviet attitude toward the churches. The preacher was a regular preacher; he hated everything different. "Now, look here," he said. "The Bolsheviki have confiscated the churches. Don't tell me you think that's right." "Why not?" the radical replied, "The facts are these: the czar was the head and front of the church in Bussia. The front of the church in Russia. The czar was kicked out and tried and executed. The people of Russia had flopped right into the ditch. 'It depends on who the thief is!" he said, had it long ago. It won't ever come in The radical, thereupon, my time, I know that." proceeded to give him something to think about that is too hot to print. "That's the way with you preachers—" sit and listen to it.

from a big capitalist newspaper came to interview us on a certain matter. pretty freely. Our wife was present Young tells it, it is a great story, with sent out pretty often to interview these people that have come back from Russia. And, would you believe There is another story that applies it, everyone of them is a Bolshevik!

Mister, we might as well be perfectly the league of nations and a certain frank with you. What we want is a young radical was present and made some appropriate remarks in answer Everybody is agreed that a league to the "speaker of the evening". When of nations is a fairly good idea, but the young man sat down, at the coneverybody wants a league "that will clusion of his little speech, an old wear". And we know that the only banker on the other side of the hall thing of that kind that will stand is got up to reply to him. He began in the following manner: "Gentlemen, league of nations free from capitalism, I'm an old man, and I've seen a lot in Ohio, and when I was a lad there was a man in our neighborhood who was always telling me just what my friend over there has been telling us tonight. He was always saying that a big shake-up was coming ,and he really believed it, too. And all his life he was nothing but a poor farmer and he died so poor the county had to bury him. And his son took after him, and never amounted to anything of consequence. He spent most of his time Socialist meetings and getting up preaching a lot of nonsense about equality and all that stuff that everyrich. When the czar was gone the people became his natural heirs and took back what they had became and body knows isn't so. And I want to took back what they had been robbed but I'll bet he don't earn much more. of. You don't mean you want me to that's the way with these hot heads, believe that you don't approve of taking back from a thief the goods he has don't count for anything. I've heard stolen do you?" The preacher was in talk about Socialism ever since I was a pretty tight place but he might have two foot high and I tell you it's all hot scrambled out somehow. Instead, he air. It won't come to anything in the

The Socialist listened to all this and much more of the same sort. When the banker finished, he got up and he began. And the sky-pilot had to said, "My stout friend across the hall is a disillusioned person who has lost faith in humanity. He says Socialism One day recently a lady-reporter will never come was wise enough to tell him it must come forty or fifty years ago. And She had no idea that we were any-thing very unusual, and she talked will come. Because people everywhere have looked for it and waited for Perhaps, after all we haven't told us sympathetic. She told us all about much longer. But 1 am a young man the story very well. But, as Art her troubles. "Now," she said, "I'm and I may see it. Of course, as a matmuch longer. But I am a young man ter of fact, it is here now. Read any capitalist newspaper and you'll see that I am right.'

The banker had nothing more to say. After a time he picked up his

not be long until capitalism and all its

JAMES WALDO FAWCETT.

Men cannot benefit those that are

A WEEKLY SURVEY

By Scott Nearing

Rand School of Social Science, New York

The ruling class in the United States is redoubling its efforts to protect its privileges and to safeguard what it calls "Americanism." The American Defense Society has just launched a campaign to kill "Bolshevism." The National Security League is busy with the same task. The Carnegie Foundation is making a nation-wide investigation to determine the best method of the control and they are still so powerful that the American Federation of Labor officials are unable to secure halls for their meetings.

The plight of returning soldiers is pitiful. The famous 27th Division which took a prominent part in breaking the Hindenburg Line received a welcome that cost the city of New York \$430,000. tion to determine the best method of cultivating "Americanism." Many of the papers published in foreign languages are very radical and, therefore, unde-sirable. Repeated efforts have been made to drive these papers out of existence. A committee has just brought in a report suggesting that all advertising for foreign language papers be handled through a central agency. The result would be a complete control of the editorial and news column. The school board of Schnectady, N. Y., has dismissed B. H. Mattingly from his position as teacher because he is a Societies and has Argeided at two or Socialist and has presided at two or three Socialist meetings. In Toledo, O., the Socialists had planned a farewell meeting for Eugene V. Debs, who goes to the Penitentiary in a few days to serve a ten year sentence. The hall in which the meeting was to be held was closed by the police. A riot ensued among the five thousand people who among the five thousand people who had assembled for the purpose of attending the meeting. About 75 persons were arrested. The mayor, in a public statement, said that "Hereafter no meeting will be permitted anywhere in the city where it is suspected that a man of radical tendencies will speak."

has been conducting a campaign for the past seven months to organize the iron and steel workers in the look with interest, enthusiasm and Pittsburg district. Since the great Homestead strike in 1892 there has been no considerable organization of iron and steel workers in this region. The corporations have been in complete

Hindenburg Line received a welcome that cost the city of New York \$430,000. The next day the head of the state employment service announced that do not rule in this country—that we 8,000 men from this division were out do not live in a democracy. It follows of work. One soldier who was working also that when the people become in a factory before he joined the army received his old job upon his return to rule. In short, the people must be New York. Before he left for the war his pay was \$14 a week. The first pay envelope which he received after his return contained \$10. He protested but was told that \$10 was to be his wage hereafter. The situation has led to the formation of The Soldiers, Spilors and Marines Protective Asserts Sailors and Marines Protective Association. Branches have sprung up in various parts of the country and a movement is now under way to constitute a national body. The leaders in this movement are receiving the active support of labor, Socialist and farmers' organizations.

I have just returned from a trip to Cincinnati, O., Dayton, O., and Pitts-burg, Pa. In all of these cities the burg, Pa. In all of these cities the building business is at a standstill. Manufacturing has slowed down. There are from 10 to 25 thousand unemployed men and women in each of the cities. Prices and rents remain very high. The workers are using up their savings of radical tendencies will speak."

The American Federation of Labor has been conducting a campaign for sight.

The workers are using up their savings and there is no prospect of relief in sight.

CO-OPOGRAMS

By Alec Watkins.

from home that President Wilson gets, the freer he feels to tell the truth. In one of his Italian speeches he said: "A country is owned and dominated by the capital that is invested in it" Had he said that in Chicago instead of in Turin, a certain department of our who are to profit thereby. The same government would undoubtedly have will be as deceptive, meaningless and had him listed as a dangerous Bolshevist propagandist.

If the President spoke the truthand he did-it follows that the people do not rule in this country—that we

The supporters of the Russian co-operative movement were largely nonsocialists; it is certain that few of them belonged to the Bolsheviki. Yet. the uncompromising Bolsheviki extended them privileges denied to their competitors. Why did they do it?

delivered the goods. Americans who were on the inside of the Bolshevik revolution tell us that had it not to the purpose of reducing the general level of wages and the standard of living.

"That we demand the constitution to the purpose of reducing the general level of wages and the standard of living. for the consumers' co-operatives, the Russian Socialist Republic would have

And the co-operatives delivered the goods, not because they were Bolshevik—for, generally speaking, they were not-but because they were of the people, for the people and by the people, while their competitors were sim ply exploiters.

And Lenine, being a man of sense, determines his attitude towards an institution not so much by the political professions of its members as by the way it functions in society. It was enough for Lenine that the co-operative movement stood as a bulwark against economic chaos and against starvation and remained true to the people—as indeed it was bound to do in remaining true to itself.

The future trend of events in this country may be in one of three directions: towards reaction, toward slow it is probably the least likely.

will find a strong co-operative move-ment a very present help in time of back at the Bowery Mission, where trouble—and its always a time of they received thick, hot soup and trouble for the workers.

| they received thick, hot soup and three slices of bread instead of the Evening Post. ALEC WATKINS,

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the further away The League of Nations As the Same is Being Framed.

In my opinion, it is to be a commercialized flexible encyclopedia of capitalistic justice, to be understood only by those who are able to define and explain it for the justification of those misleading as the 13 A. M. to the C. of the U.S. A., as the Blind Man sees it. Written by L. J. Smith, carpenter, address, 668 South 18th St, Kansas City, Kansas.

Pittsburg Soldiers Unite.

PITTSBURG, PA.—Declaring that their own capitalists, then shall they it organized for justice and not for rule. In short, the people must become co-operators.

The supporters of the Russian co-operators and the supporters of the Russian co-operators. men need jobs and cannot get them. As its principles, the union de-

clares:
"That every man discharged from the service of the United States is entitled to honorable work at decent That we resent any attempt to use

to secure employment, so that we can provide food, clothing and shelter for ourselves and those dependent upon us. If privately owned industry fails to give us work, we then demand that governmental action in our behalf be

The union has its headquarters at the Labor Temple, and says it is indorsed by the Pittsburg Federation of Labor.—(New York Call, April 7.)

Soldier Breadliners Fill Fashionable

NEW YORK .- To demonstrate to the idle rich who frequent the fashionable Trinity Church at the end of Wall Street, that those who went abroad to make the world safe for democracy are not all enjoying equal opportunity at home, Urbain J. Ledoux, head of the Bowery Mission, on Sunday last marched some 450 soldiers, coming from twenty-five states, into the pews as proof that the breadline of soldiers is an actuality. According to newspaper reports, "the Rev. Dr. newspaper reports, "the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, Trinity's rector, as he afterwards said, was so struck to stay after the rest of the congregation had departed and delivered a short The stubbornness of our capitalists address of welcome and encouragement." It appears that the limousine The stubbornness of our capitalists ment." It appears that the limousine and the pig-headedness of our politions of Trinity parish departed cians are apparently driving us into a rapidly after this "contamination" with period of reaction to be followed by something akin to Bolshevism.

But whatever happens, the workers for the soldiers were entertained, not many people, but it use in this way is one of the signs of loose thinking, and hence a practice to be discouraged customary two for having behaved

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 12.— with them as they can benefit those AS IT IS SEEN BY THE BLIND

MAN.

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Recognition of the Russian Soviet republic, independence for Ireland and self-determination for India were demands today of the new labor party of which it reaches so far as from the grave—Ruskin

The party was to adopt a platform A new trial for Mooney and Billings

The other day in a group of pro fessors somebody asked, "How do you define bolshevism?" and one of the group answered: "Bolshevism is any thing that the user of the word regards as disturbing to the condition of things he prefers.

That was a smart answer; the term bolshevism is so employed by a good

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The Condemnation of Eugene V. Debs. (From Le Populaire, Paris, March 13, United States to the service of the 1919.)

Our Comrade, Eugene Victor Debs, leader of the American Socialist Party,

The ferocity of the courts of the will hear more of this later.

Bourgeoisie, who tremble before the spectre of Bolshevism, is preparing for a terrible tomorrow. We know that, recently, leading American Soprison under a barbarous law called Kruse and Tucker—were condemned the Espionage Act, which allows arbitot twenty years in prison by the trary commitments of all the enemies Chicago court. This verdict coming it is probably the large in prison in prison by the trary commitments of all the enemies Chicago court. the Espionage Act, which allows arbitous to twenty years in prison by the trary commitments of all the enemies of the Bourgeois.

to twenty years in prison by the Chicago court. This verdict coming after the multitude of sentences of the Bourgeois.

Having made an appeal from this which have been hurled against the iniquity before the Supreme Court at industrial workers (I. W. W.) cannot Washington, Debs has had his verdict fail to quicken the current of revolt

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OPEN THE PRISONS!

Russia, under the Czar, was for generations the classic example of tyranny and despotism. She had the unenviable reputation killing and imprisoning all her finest children.

Today Russia is free. Her Tolstoys, her Gorkys and her Dostievskys, are moulding the eager and plastic minds of the new generation into forms of beauty, and into efficient instruments for social achievement. Russia is the light of the world.

But the United States has taken up the role which Russia has abandoned. This week the most beloved man in America was shut behind stone and iron, away from the sunshine, away from his family, and away from all of us who

What hideous crime did Debs commit, that he should render up ten years of his life in prison? Had he wrecked a bank? Had he stolen the pennies of widows and orphans? Had he corrupted a national legislature? Had he committed some atrocious murder? No. Those are respectable crimes, for which one need not always go to prison.

Debs' crime was that he loved us so much that he would speak the truth to us and to the world. And at his voice the masters trembled, because Debs spoke the words that burned in the heart of each of us, and which we dared not speak; because at his words we each went red with shame because we had kept silent.

Jefferson City Penitentiary. And all up and down the United States thousands of our comrades fill the jails and prisons. How long are we to be silent?

OPEN UP THE PRISONS! Open up, you lickspittles of Capitalism, you pettyservants of Mammon, you parasites upon parasites, you degenerate offspring of a once noble race, you district-attorneys and judges, you governors and presidents! Before the workers forget their patience and brush you aside, OPEN UP THE PRISONS!

The New Appeal is asking pardon for Debs. It would better be asking pardon from Debs.

GIVE THE SOLDIER A JOB.

Returned soldiers are forming bread lines in the larger cities; it is impossible to walk the streets at night without being approached by one to ten men in uniform with a request for assistance. The unemployment situation is growing serious, and a crisis may be reached strikes in South America. Fighting is reported before many months have passed. Not only from some points where the strikers are preare the returning soldiers unemployed, but venting the planting of crops. This news, taken factories and foundries, shops and packing with the general industrial and political conhouses are laying off men who have been work-condition of South America, is significant. ing at top speed for two years and more, and South America is a seething volcano of social every time a soldier gets back into industry he potentialities, and no one can tell what a day pushes out some other worker.

There is no remedy for this social disease Capitalist production. But while we are pre-paring for Socialism which will forever make farmers are striking. In North Dakota the unemployment a bad memory of the past, we farmers take over the government. When the can still point out emergency treatments which farmers of Kansas and Iowa begin to revolt, can really relieve the situation and not aggravate it.

Emergency employment by the government at non-productive labor is a poor makeshift. It may keep many from starving, but it helps to keep prices up.

Employment bureaus are jokes, and poor ones at that, when industry is slowing up, factories and packing houses running halftime, with ten applicants for every job before

the job is open. The shorter work-day is the only immediate measure that will help the situation. A six-hour-day, for example, would enable wages to keep up by reducing the supply of scabs, and while raising the standard of living of those at work, would put the unemployed to work. It would make a place in industry for the returning soldier.

short of the Socialist Industrial Republic which sian Gold. Next the two together corrupted will help the workers in this situation.

get jobs for soldiers. Do they fear that if they don't put the soldiers to work, the soldiers will put them to work?

Persecution is the anvil upon which all the organizations of the working class is being leaflet distributed during the Seattle strike. cially dwelling on how they have achieved their hammered into one.

All doubts about the ability of the workers to success." Good idea! Courses on "The Fine Art

The man who will organize a society to prohibit prohibitionists can have our application any time he wants it.

THE IMMIGRANT HITS BACK.

Foreign-born workers in the United States have leen terrorized and harassed for the past two years in a manner without precedent, without any chance of striking back or helping themselves, and with no alternative but sub-

Ignorant and arrogant petty-officials, of the type of Fred Robertson of Kansas, have put the old Black Hundred of Russia to shame, will greet it as a sign that they shall be freed. displaying an unexampled ferocity and indiscriminate cruelty in dealing with the foreign-

But every dog has his day. In Kansas actions, we will stop all work and meet in pro-City, Kansas, after having meetings broken up test and jubilation, protest at our miserable and groups of thirty and more arrested, after suffering for two years the petty persecution of the city officials and the U. S. as represented by Robertson, the Russian workers of the K. C. K. fight against Capitalism and for the Free colony sent word to the bankers that they were all going to withdraw their money, sell their May Day is the anniversary day of the centen-Robertson, the Russian workers of the K. C. K property, and move to Missouri or out of the

Today they hold their meeting uninter-Today they hold their meeting uninter-rupted. But the concessions come too late, and in places the rulers do not seem to have let up well worth it) surveys the whole field of conhat much. The foreign-born worker of Kansas City and of the whole U. S. is feverishly turning his property into cash and applying for passports to Europe.

What a terrible revelation it is of the depths of our shame, that hundreds of thousands of workingmen and women are clamoring to leave this continent, untouched by actual warfare, to go back to ravaged Europe which we think of as the house of death. The immigrant knows, if we do not, that there, where Socialism is emerging from the ruins of war, there will be more freedom and joy for him and his children than here in America where Capitalism sucks the blood of Labor, and crushes men like Debs.

We can tell our bankers how to keep the foreign-born worker from going back to Europe. Just establish a Soviet government here.

Seattle! Lawrence! Butte!—Birds of the His slavery was not in his chains, coming storm!

The deportation mania has cooled somewhat since the foreign born workers have And there is no need of that. started a wholesale emigration of their own accord. They are taking their savings with them and the American business man hates to Debs is in Cell 51, West Virginia Peniten-tiary. Kate O'Hare is convict No. 21669, at his pocket.

> For the kind of a fight it doesn't pay to win, Playing ugly Yahoo tricks. our old friend "Pyhrric Victory" has nothing on a "peace of Brest-Litovsk.'

The press reports from Archangel would indicate that the Bolsheviki have moved up The bitter, snarling, derisive stone. their big printing presses in preparation for a Spring Drive.

This paper is no fly-by-night, shoe-string affair, but has adequate backing and is soundly END OF THE FACTORY-WINDOW SONG. financed. The appearance of the first issue was preceded by a six-months' campaign of extensive organization work which united all the Billy Sunday—reverent, religious, real; radical organizations of greater Kansas City behind the enterprise. The Workers' World is as firmly established in Kansas City as the main street of the town.

THE FARMERS ARE STRIKING.

Newspapers carry accounts of farmers' may bring forth.

A contented agricultural population is the which does not reach right down to the roots of only thing which can carry Capitalism through perhaps we in the United States may also take a few halting steps along the path our Russian whiskers they think its a bolshevik "red guard" with a "work or fight" order in his pocket. comrades tread so fearlessly.

David R. Francis, the St. Louis capitalist, does nothing to bring larger supplies of ne-cessities within reach of the masses, and even issued a statement upon his arrival in London. who was American embassador to Russia, readers that if they will establish telepathic con-Stripped of the sentences used for "padding," the statement reads as follows: "The Soviet Government aims to create a condition which will prevent the exploitation of man by man. Workers World has been favorably received at mended that the Soviet Government be recog-

Louis Fraina, in The Class Struggle takes a

The shorter work-day is the only measure Gold; then the Germans were bought by Rus-Hungary. Bessarabia and Galicia sold out so quickly and quietly that it hasn't been figured The masters are making frantic efforts to out yet who handled the boodle. The whole jobs for soldiers. Do they fear that if they business is becoming very complex, but two facts stand out clearly: There has been a lot of money spent and quite a few Kaisers fired.

"Russia did it!" This was the title of a

RALPH CHENEY'S COLUMNS

VIEWS, REVIEWS, AND INTERVIEWS.

May First, International Labor Day, the day on which we celebrate the coming birth of the Co-operative Commonwealth, will have a significance this year such as it has never had before. Our two thousand political prisoners Conscious of our indomitable, ever-growing strength and well aware that every event comspires with us and that Fate herself directs our present, jubilation at out splendid future. Solemnly and yet joyfully, we will re-dedicate ourselves to the Solidarity of Labor in the nial of America's greatest poet and prophet. Walt Whitman.

temporary poetry with keen comments and copious quotations and shows how, precipitated by Whitman, a poetry indigenous, mature, prophetic, revolutionary, possessed of guts, has grown up. Untermeyer is a revolutionary Socialist; and among the poets to whom he devotes most attention are our comrades or allies, James Oppenheim, Vachel Lindsay, Carl Sandburg, Arturo Giovanniti and Charles Erskine Scott Wood. Among the poems he quotes,

Oppenheim's "The Slave."

They set the slave free, striking off his chains. Then he was as much of a slave as ever. He was still chained to servility. He was still manacled to indolence and sloth, He was still bound by fear and superstition, By ignorance, suspicion, and savagery . . . But in himself.

They can only set free men free . . . Free men set themselves free.

Vachel Lindsay's "Factory Windows."

Factory windows are always broken. Somebody's always throwing bricks; Somebody's always heaving cinders,

Factory windows are always broken.

actory windows are always broken. Other windows are let alone. No one throws through the chapel-window

Something or other is going wrong.

about Jesus.

Where do you get that stuff?

straight off and you know all about it.

ve read Jesus' words. I know what he said. You don't throw any scare into me. I've got human happiness.

your number. I know how much you know

He never came near clean people or dirty people but they felt cleaner because he came along. It was your crowd of bankers and business men and lawyers hired the sluggers and murderers who put Jesus out of the running. say the same bunch backing you nailed the nails into the hands of this Jesus of Nazareth. He had lined up against him the same crooks and strong-arm men now lined up with you paying your way.

And this from Wood's "Poet in the Desert":

What have I to do with the beauty of the morning and the evening Or the enchantment of the seasons,

Until the songs of those who possess their own souls be heard? How shall I declare the singing of birds Until everywhere there is laughter of children?

Shall I stand with young lovers in the enfolding

darkness. Or listen to the songs of lovers who beget new

know that the wings of their love are broken. know that their love is defiled by priests. Shall I shrill like the feeble voice of the katydid, Or chirp a querelous tune, Like a black-bird clinging to a cat-tail above a

While children are begotten of poverty On the dry breasts of mothers?

I shall not give you any of Untermeyer's quotations from Whitman's greatest successor, Arturo Giovanniti—a marvellously dynamic and profoundly moving poet and rebel. Whether you are interested in poetry or not, you simply must read his smashing, throbbing, ecstatic "Arrows in the Gale." These are five of the eleven poets studied in greatest detail by Untermeyer; but the work of many others of our number, among them Mary Carolyn Davies, Margaret Widdemer, Clement Wood, Sara Cleghorn, and Orrick Johns, is suggestively reviewed. The "good, grey poet" would have felt proud of his literary progeny; all have "strong roots in the clay and worms." The work of all fulfills Robert Frost's insurgent, vivid definition of poetry, "Words that have become deeds." There is but one gap in the book; a complete survey of the 'New Era' would have included one American poet whose colorful, lyric work should have been dealt with in detail and was not. (No, not Ralph Cheyney, his day is yet to dawn). By having a review of American Poetry by Louis Untermeyer we miss a review of Louis Untermeyer, the American

One other vital book I have read this week. No one who is married, or has been married, or expects to be married can afford to miss it. Any one else need not read it. It is entitled "Married Love," (can be secured from Birth Control Review, 104 Fifth Ave., N. Y., \$2.00) This section from Sandburg's attack on and is written-most simply, straightforwardly, scientifically, and delightfully, by Marie C. Stopes. It is poles apart from the usual wordy, You come along . . . tearing your shirt . . . yelling prurient, worthless books on sex; and is more terse, unargumentative, practical, to the point, and helpful than the excellent works by Ellen Key, Edward Carpenter, Havelock Ellis, Wil-What do you know about Jesus?

liam Robinson, Auguste Forel, and Grete
esus had a way of talking soft and outside Meisel-Hess. The two most important and piof a few bankers and highers-up among the oneering points it makes are the imperative con men of Jerusalem everybody liked to need for women to have complete satisfaction in have this Jesus around because he never made all points of love life, if they are to be happy and any fake passes and everything he said went healthy, and the fortnightly cycle of women's and he helped the sick and gave people hope. love desire, one crest of the wave coming just you come along squirting words at us, shaking before women's moon-month "period." Buy your fist and calling us all damn fools so it co-operatively, if you cannot get if otherwise. Figure 1. Your public library will not have it, I'm afraid. fierce the froth slobbers over your lips . . . Your public library will not have it, I'm afraid. always blabbing we're all going to hell The author of "Children of Adam," would have been well pleased with it; it, too, is prophetic of and helpful toward a new era of social sanity and

These are nervous days for the owners of America. Every time they see a man with

The Workers' World medium advises our nection with Austria, they will "hear something" any day now.

We are gratified by the news that The I have never, at any time, recom- Leavenworth. To a working class paper, the endorsement of convicts is a certificate of merit.

The Peace Table poker players have a hard

Propaganda is the one weapon against

Notice that a noted educator suggests that successful present-day leaders be substituted for those of the past" in public-school studies, "especially dwelling on how they have achieved their All doubts about the ability of the workers to successfully administer the functions of in of Adulteration," "The Science of Strike-Break-dustrial and governmental control are set-ling," "The Language of Lies," and "Physical find a very cold welcome for himself in the teled and all arguments against it are answered training in Licking the Boots of the Rich" might ranks of Socialism. by this one tremendous fact: "Russia did it"! lindeed teach our children a valuable lesson or two.

THE PRISON POETS

I hear the poets singing in the jail, Never do their songs of courage fail. Songs of human aspiration ring-Though the scaffolds rise, the poets sing!

Standing with their backs against the wall, While guns crackle, while their comrades fall, Strong in courage—never do they fail—Singing songs of freedom in the fail! -Mary O'Reilly (in the Liberator).

CAN THE RENEGADES COME BACK?

The 'New Appeal' is making a desperate effort to come-back into the good graces of the What has become of the preacher who rank and file of the Socialist movement. In First the Russians were bought by German served as chaplain in the training camps and this endeavor they have hooked up with then the Germans were bought by Rusthus acquired the title of "the fighting parson"? Upton Sinclair, the only one in the group of near-socialists in whom has ever been placed any deep confidence; and now they are going to which the sword is ultimately powerless—John 'free Debs' by means of thirty thousand dollars and a special edition of the Appeal.

Debs was on the Appeal staff for many years; but if he had to gain his freedom or his life at the hands of a sheet which, while claiming to be Socialist, stabbed the party in the back—a sheet which apologizes every time it says a timid word for Russia—Debs would rather rot in jail. And if Upton Sinclair persists in trying to drag