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## FOSTER, GITLOW IN THE FIELD

### National Biscuit Runs Sweat Shop

#### BAD CONDITIONS AND \$15 A WEEK FOR GIRL LABOR

#### Chicago Biscuit Factory Drive Begins

By BARNEY MASS

Imagine your girl and boy, slaving by red hot furnaces, yelled at, cajoled into increasing their speed of work unto an impossible pace for any human to tolerate! It is enough to make anyone revolt. Yet this is the condition of the youthful toilers in the National Biscuit Company. Heat and human sweat make biscuits.

In times of worst depression, when jobs are as scarce as hair on the head of a bald man, the National Biscuit Company is always in need of labor. Not a day in the year passes, but what this company has signs in front of it building, "GIRLS WANTED." It is not surprising in the least, to hear of this continual demand for help, when once you know the conditions prevailing in the plant.

Thousands of girls, boys and men are being driven ruthlessly, under conditions not to be described in words, in this biscuit factory. With work not to be found the National Biscuit Company serves as the last resort. But many times the street and its horrors are chosen in preference to working in the N. B. Co. because the conditions are killing with no hope for improvement. It is nearly impossible to find anyone working more than several months in this slave hop. New faces adorn the benches and machines after short periods.

Girls and boys, many under the age of 14, who are forced to lie in giving their age, receive a maximum salary of \$15.00 per week. Although they are supposed to receive a one hour rest period, they never actually get over forty-five minutes. The company is at all times willing to accept the age as given by the applicants and never anxious to verify it. If the applicants state they are 16 years, a birth certificate is not requested. The company being forced to grant two fifteen minute rest periods to the employees to relieve some of their exhausted condition, gives them nothing but the wash rooms to which they can go. Little rest is secured in such places. Even here, the peace of mind is upset by the orchestra interrupting with their anilful cold relentless shrieks, urging the girls to hurry and telling them, too much time has already been spent.

No Overtime Pay.

No pay for overtime. Averaging one hour per day overtime, yet no pay is coming to the young biscuit makers. For this unpaid labor, Mr. Fairbairn, the vice-president of the N. B. Co., is able to take an interest in horses. (He is an executive of the National Horse Show Association.) To him, horses hold more interest than the girls and boys in his damnable hot factories. Not receiving money for working overtime, has enraged the toilers who are rebelling against such outrages and barbaric treatment.

Standing Room Only!

In the packing department, not a chair is to be found and for that matter very few are to be seen in the entire plant. No longer being able to stand and toil in the suffocating rooms, the girls shift from one foot to the other. This action is greeted with yells from the foremen and lad.

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#### ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IS PROFIT OF NATIONAL BISCUIT IN ONE YEAR; YOUNG GIRLS SLAVE FOR \$15 A WEEK

By BARNEY MASS

The National Biscuit Co. robs and exploits on a national scale. It is able to monopolize the market of biscuits, thru its forty-one plants and two hundred selling agencies. Incorporated in 1898, in New Jersey, the company acquired by purchase the New York Biscuit Co., Hamilton Co., United States Baking Co., American Biscuit and Manufacturing Co., National Cracker Co., the Decatur Cracker Co. and several small companies controlled by these constituent companies. Many new plants are being erected and the business expanding considerably. With this huge machinery it continues to pile up more and more profits and simultaneously crushing the lives of thousands of young girls and boys, who toil by hot ovens making biscuits to earn a living. It is not a living, but a scant existence.

Millions in Profits.

On and on this monster of modern production goes, increasing its earnings and killing in its wake. We find the total earnings in the year of 1917 to be \$4,672,348 with net earnings on preferred stock amounting to 18 1/2 per cent.

Within five years this gigantic company multiplied to an unheard of extent. In 1922 its total earnings figured \$11,024,980 and 45 per cent earnings on its preferred stock. In five years' time it practically tripled its earnings.

Interlocking Directorates.

The interlocking directorates of this company is typical of all youth crushing machines. Sitting on this board of executioners, are men like Francis L. Hine, also president of the First National Bank of New York, not to mention some sixteen other powerful financial organizations. After examining the directors and executives of the National Biscuit Co., we find that it comes under the indirect control of the banking interests and tracing the tentacles of the octopus, none other than Rockefeller and other conspicuous financiers are to be discovered as the body and brains of it.

Head of Other Slave Plants.

Francis L. Hine, E. S. Moore and Paul Moore, directors of the National Biscuit Co., are also directors of Rockefeller's American Can Co. Only too well do the workers remember the national strike called in 1921 by the International Association of Machinists against the notorious American Can Co., known for its bitterness against its workers and ruthlessly crushed that strike. Even in labor shortages, there is always a demand for help by the American Can Co. and its subsidiaries. The plants thru-out the country are similar and the methods of production the same. It employs predominantly young people and like the National Biscuit Company, accumulates its wealth thru youth labor. Cutting, shelling, shaping and performing many other operations on the can, is not a job to be scoffed at, especially do the employees of the Can Co. feel this way about it.

Why Child Labor Continues.

It can easily be understood, why Taft ruled the child labor law unconstitutional, after seeing such predatory interests hiring the youth for its selfish gains. As long as industry under capitalism, will reap profits from the labor of children, so long will we witness the sorrowful spectacle of see-

#### EXPOSURE OF FASCIST PLOTS BRINGS INDICTMENT TO GERMAN

HEIDELBERG, Germany. — E. J. Gumbel, who for years has been a thorn in the flesh of the reactionaries by his fearless exposition of monarchist plots, has been indicted for treason. The occasion is furnished by his most recent book "Conspirators," which contains comprehensive material regarding illegal military organizations. The "treason" is supposed to consist in the fact that he brings this material to the attention of the enemies of Germany. The fact that his writings have to do merely with illegal organizations which under the

#### DAMPER PUT ON PEACE PLAN BY LEADING POWERS

#### League of Nations Idea Gets the Ha-Ha

(Special Foreign Correspondence of "The Young Worker.")

GENEVA, Switzerland.—The absurdity of asking the leading nations of the world to begin any form of disarmament or cutting of military expenses was clearly demonstrated by the action taken by the foremost powers in reply to a request from the Council of the League of Nations, which called upon all countries to adopt its general scheme for reduction of armaments not to exceed the annual military expenditures provided for in their budgets for the present fiscal year.

Viscount Ishii, representative of Japan, said that it would give him no greater pleasure to transmit the recommendation to his government, but that at the same time he stated clearly that the recommendations would immediately find a resting place in the waste basket. "All our expenditures were cut down to a minimum and Japan cannot bind herself to any agreement not to increase her present outlay."

England and France Chime In.

The same peaceful thoughts were intimated by Lord Parmoor, representing Great Britain, who declared that England was desirous of armament reduction, but could not do anything in line with the resolution. The French delegate eloquently supported the treaty that France was actually disarming, but that it also could do nothing specific about the recommendation of the Council of the League of Nations.

Who'll Bell the Cat?

The discussion at the sessions of the council indicated a distinct refusal on the part of the great powers to commit themselves to a reduction of armament before a general arrangement could be reached. This is interpreted by many as expressing a hope that the new disarmament conference proposed by President Coolidge will be called shortly, in order that the nations may "disarm"—by continuing to build their land, sea and air strength according to a new ratio.

Sessions Have Slapstick.

The comic relief of the sessions came with the urgent request on the part of Dr. L. Martins de Souza Dantas, Brazilian ambassador to France and member of the council, who spoke not only for Brazil but also for practically every other South American country, when he appealed that countries which possess no arms factories should not be discriminated against in a convention for the control of international traffic in arms. States without factories should not be placed at the mercy of arms manufacturing countries and subjected to embarrassing and non-equitable restrictions.

The sight of these imperialist colonies yelping for their share of murder instruments as the only light spot in the entire fake affair that goes under the name of the League of Nations. Its hypocritical pretences towards promoting peace when it knows that the system it supports continues to breed inevitable wars for which all the nations are preparing feverishly, are becoming more loathsome to the awakening workers every day.

What Cannot Be Denied.

What is not denied by Anderson is that millions of dollars were gotten away with anyhow. "The government lost hundreds of millions," he admitted, "but they weren't lost thru crookedness. It was thru inefficiency and carelessness in various departments. I know of one contractor given \$3,750,000 when he hadn't built his plant at the time of the settlement."

Who Gained by the War?

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#### MILLIONAIRE'S WAR CONTRACT FRAUDS AIRED

#### DuPont Made Millions While Boys Died

(Special Foreign Correspondence of "The Young Worker.")

WASHINGTON.—Frauds committed against the government in which millions of dollars were made by the T. Coleman DuPont Old Hickory powder plant at Nashville, Tennessee, in the \$139,000,000 war contracts, were uncovered in the senate investigation committee by a statement made by George Storck, accountant of the department of justice.

Lawyers Now Glibly Deny.

Storck stated that he laid a confidential report before the department of justice which turned it over to the attorneys for DuPont in a secret conference. Anderson, head of the frauds board, and who is named by Storck as having been at the secret conference, today took the stand and denied the story point blank. Storck, however, maintains that his story is true and he has numerous witnesses who have already testified that he is substantially correct.

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To All Members of the Young Workers League of America, Comrades:

The Workers Party of America has nominated on its own ticket William Z. Foster, chairman of the party, for president of the United States, and Benjamin Gitlow, member of the central executive committee of the party, for vice-president.

These nominations were made in view of the recent developments in the movement for independent political action of the workers and poor farmers. The conventions of the Conference for Progressive Political Action and of the Socialist Party were base betrayals of the principle of the farmer-labor party. The leaders of these two organizations are attempting to place the working class of this country under the leadership of the petty-bourgeoisie which has no program for the needs of the toiling masses but a reversion to the state development of decades. The betrayal of the united front labor party has made time be a fight for the principle of the Farmer-Labor Party for the masses of the producers. The Workers Party alone raises the banner of independent class political action and calls upon the workers and exploited farmers of the country to support its candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency.

In this campaign, the entire strength of the Communist movement in America must be enlisted. It is the duty of every young Communist of the Young Workers' League to get into the campaign with all the activity and energy at our command. All efforts must be made to get the message of the Communists to as large an audience of workers as possible.

Every branch of the Young Workers' League of America must immediately elect committees to work with similar committees of the Workers Party in the coming election. Every member must get into the work and actively support the Communist candidates in every town and city.

On with the campaign for the Communist candidates!

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BLOATED RICH ARE CHOKING U. S. SCHOOLS

"Interests" Accused by N. E. A. Secretary

By CHARLES WITTER (Special to The "Young Worker.")

WASHINGTON.—Even the conservative National Education Association seems to be seeing the light. At the recent convention of that boss-controlled educators' organization, Mr. J. W. Crabtree, secretary, charged that the "big interests" were hindering the development of education in this land of the free and home of the slave.

"It is now surmised that some of the heartless interests which are opposing further development of education largely to the minimum, are making concessions of some of those who offer objections from a religious point of view," moaned Mr. Crabtree.

Trying Religion in Schools.

That this is the case is seen by the recent victory of the Ku Klux Klan in the state of Oregon where the hooded hoodlums put thru the proposition of making obligatory the teaching of the Bible in the public schools.

In other parts of the country attempts are being made both by the Ku Klux Klan and the Catholic church to inject the teaching of religious doctrine into the minds of the already poisoned children of the working class. The attempt is clearly being made to get the minds of the workers away from thoughts of any betterment of conditions on this earth, but to keep their eyes on the non-existent future, when they will get "pie in the sky when they die."

Is Crabtree Getting Crabby?

"The tax doggers are choking the life out of the schools in more than one community," stated Mr. Crabtree. "The big interests are working great injury to private schools in an attempt to prejudice them against the public schools."

However, in spite of Mr. Crabtree's seemingly radical statements, no fear need be had by the plutocrats and reactionaries of this country. Nothing was done at the convention what would in any way hurt the development of American capitalist education along the lines it is being pushed by the masters of the schools. The goose step for the children of the working class will be continued. The National Education Association has already been exposed by Tpton Sinclair in various publications of his, in which he shows that it is a capitalist ridden institution which does not even permit the teachers in the schools to express their thoughts on current or historical questions to their pupils.

Capitalist Schools Rotten

The capitalist system of education in this country is thoroughly rotten, and more and more are beginning to see it as such.

## SHALL IT BE AGAIN?

GENEVA, Switzerland.—Almost ten million soldiers were wounded or disabled during the world war, according to statistics published by the International Labor Office. Arranged according to countries, the figures stand as follows:

Germany, 1,537,000; France, 1,516,000; Great Britain, 900,000; Italy, 800,000; Russia, 775,000; Poland, 300,000; The United States, among other nations, is not reckoned.

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supervisors, to stand straight and quit stalling. As the day drags, this demand becomes impossible to fulfill and many break under the strain. To be pointed out for her harsh treatment and unscrupulous attitude is the head forelady in the Kennedy Biscuit Works department, called "Lily." Being of a stool-pigeon nature, she endeavors to pry into the personal affairs of the girls. Such despicable characters are employed as supervisors. These funkeys, in order to keep their jobs, must keep production going at a top pace, thru their ruthless slave driving policies.

The cakes are of such heat when coming from the ovens, that it causes many times the blistering of hands of the girls who pack them. The cakes are transported on belts to the girls. In keeping up with this automatic feeding, the girls work at a breaking point. Stopping up for a minute to catch a breath, means the piling up of the cakes, and discharge is threatened. There are many foreladies, to see that the belts are aided in this efficiency, human-wrecking plant. During working hours none is permitted to leave the plant. In cases of the most serious emergencies, it is difficult to get permission to leave.

**No Ventilation.**

Lack of ventilation in these terribly hot rooms induces undue perspiration, necessitating the wearing of aprons. The ones furnished by the company are old and dirty. After waiting in a long line for ten or more minutes, the cafeteria is reached. Inadequate supply of chairs, rusty knives and forks, inferior food, are some of the marks in this department. The prices are standard. Everything in this slave shop is conducted on a profit making basis. To go out for lunch is not possible as no nearby accommodations exist.

**Try and Get a Raise**

Mr. Appleman, the manager, is known to hold contempt for the workers. This becomes obvious, when seeing the manner in which he handles them. A raise in salary is unheard of. When asking one girl this question, she replied, "Try and get it." You are always evaded and sidetracked. Promises are the only things given, and not one employee in a hundred ever expects to receive an increase in wages.

In the Nabisco Works, Bakery, Mixing departments, conditions are comparatively the same with the exception of the Bakery, which is undoubtedly worse. In the Bakery where the various cakes are baked, it is hotter than elsewhere. The girls and women are unable to get a drink until relieved by someone. At times it is hours, before anyone is at hand to replace them, so as they could go and get some water to quench their dry and feverish throats. The Marshmallow department has been abolished; between fifty and seventy-five girls have been thrown out of work.

**Youth Labor Toils.**

The machines are managed by men and boys. This work is too hard for the girls. Women and men labor

# WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS ON THE JOB

## LUMBER'S TOWN

Cloquet, Minn.  
Dear Comrades:-  
Cloquet, one of the few towns of Minnesota that are supported wholly by their industries is truly a slave hell. No unions exist here while the nine and ten hour day is considered indisputably correct.

One of the factories, the Berst Forster Dixfield Co., manufacturers of tooth picks, clothes pins and physical rest is a good jump ahead of the rest as a slave driving sweat shop. It employs mostly girls and pretends to set an age limit of 18 years, but girls of 13 can get in if they merely forget their age. The girls toil 9 hours daily.

The wages are nothing to boast about. When a girl enters she gets 19 cents an hour, and after 3 months she gets 25 cents per hour. Piecework is done wherever possible so as to get the girls to work themselves to the last ounce there is in them. The machines are old and nearly unfit for service, causing them often to break down.

If the girls doing piecework should sometimes do less work than it would take to sum that day's wages to \$1.71 (which is the wages of those not paid on the piecework basis), the deficit is taken out of their next day's pay. Also they have a system of keeping visible a list of the names of girls doing piecework and the product on rate of each. Naturally each girl strives to head the list. They have the punchboard system of keeping the time, and several of the girls are forced to work as much as ten minutes overtime.

The superintendent or some other high bug preaches to them on why they should never converse with one another during work hours or take their eyes away from their work, but to speed up production as much as possible.

The Berst Forster Dixfield Co. is a good example of the curse of capitalism. Indeed, it is hard to find words

by the ovens. Not being as speedy to perform the other phases of work, the wage-slaves are classified in accordance with their qualifications. Mr. Fairbairn, thru his knowledge of horses, is able to utilize it, helping him to drive the girls, boys, men and women in the most effective manner.

**Hell on Earth.**

Nerve busting noise, sweating to death, being driven at an inhuman pace, abused, is the daily experience for eight and one-half hours of these biscuit makers. Who can picture a worse hell than this? These young workers feel it and do not have to be told of another to come.

**Fight For These Demands.**

Unemployment comes and goes, but does not effect the National Biscuit Company. "GIRLS WANTED" will continue to be the demand of this crowd of vultures of human prey. They are killing the child of the worker. To this the Young Workers' League is making reply by asking and appealing to the youthful toilers to join them in the fight for the following demands:

1. Abolition of overtime.
2. A minimum wage in proportion to the living conditions and ranging upwards.
3. A six hour day and five day week.
4. Equal pay for equal work done by young and old workers, no discrimination in age over wages.
5. A four weeks' vacation annually, with pay.
6. Abolition of piece work and speed up system.

strong enough to give a good picture of the conditions there.

Fraternally yours,  
A. H. S.

SWEAT SHOP ORNANCE PLANT  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Comrades:-  
On my machine there is a little tab, which reads: Property of U. S. Army Ord. Contract No. .... Serial No. .... The plant in which this is, was producing gun carriages and shells during the war. At the end of the war the machinery that was installed by the government for this purpose was left in its place. It is still there ready to start at the shortest notice the production of implements of death and violence.

The company also has a practice of employing ex-army officers and men as officers, foremen and clerks. This is in line with the provisions of the Defense Act passed by the government at the close of the war. Mobilization of Industry is what it is called. The scheme is to organize the management of industry in a military manner; commissioned and non-commissioned; captains, lieutenants and subordinates with common slaves as the buck privates.

This tab on my machine is but an expression of another reactionary tendency that infests the shop. The large number of farmers and youths employed along with the low wages and the speed-up system are but symptoms of the open shop. The weekly prayer meetings and the sales office in China also spell reaction.

Fraternally yours,  
G. SANTA.

FROM A YOUNG MINER  
Dowell, Ill.

Dear Comrades:-  
After expelling me from school, refusing me a liberal education as the constitution provides for all children, they are continuously trying to indicate and oppress us until it is impossible for one to look on silently and let them push us to the extreme. It would be a great day for the ignorant rulers of this vicinity; if they could get rid of the comrades. They consider us a bunch of "bomb throwers." I wonder if they think we are \$270 a motor, that is, divided equally

The greatest intellect ever produced on this civilized earth would waste his time trying to lead the working class into worse conditions than those we have here. Any body with common sense can see that conditions for the "muscle-sellers" could not be worse, therefore, why fear a better road?

Refusing me employment in the mines in order to wreck my weak muscles and put me in the shape of a physical wreck as are many of the slaves here, was the answer of the coal mines' boss. They refused to employ me so that I could help my father lift the heavy burden of supporting my mother and little babies at home. Then—what do they expect the thousands they torture to be—angels? No! If we have sense enough we will fight to give our mothers and the little tots a crumb of bread so that the body can be preserved in order to accumulate enough strength to live. Then, if something is not done, we are feeding our boys so that they can later be slaughtered and pile up profits for the parasitical capitalists.

It is when we open our eyes and realize our conditions that we see revolution to be inevitable!

I am yours for the revolution,  
H. Allard.

THE OPEN SHOP CITY.

Dear Comrades:  
Let us go over to the open shop city and see the working conditions. I will deal with some of the places I have worked in, first: the Paige Motor Car Company.

The place where one slave drives the other slave; they have what is called the gang work system. The automobile industry is so highly developed that they hire any man whether he ever saw a factory in his life before or not. And these are the slaves the masters like best because he knows he can drive hell out of him for a few months at least until he finds out what's wrong. Now to explain the gang work system.

On the motor assembling line they hire anybody there so long as he looks like a good worker. They pay about \$270 a motor, that is, divided equally

between 75 men. Now, in order to make about \$7 a day they assemble 200 motors a day. And they must get that many out if they have to work overtime to do it, that is when the boss has many orders. That means work every minute of the day while you are there and if you are a little bit slow in your work, why, the men holler at you, besides the foreman, because if one man lays down the other men are held up. So you see one slave drives the other slave.

Then the machine department. They have the gang work system also working the same way as the motor line. They get paid from every motor that is turned out; in the machine department a man doesn't have to know much either because there is one machine setter for every ten or fifteen machines. All the slaves has to do is feed his machine. The machinists average about 65 cents an hour.

Then we have yet the non-production men, the inspectors, clerks, and truckers. They get what they call a bonus. The inspectors get from 45 cents to 60 cents an hour and bonus. The truckers get 45 cents and bonus and clerks 50 cents.

Here is the way this bonus works. They get paid twice a month regardless of what may happen to you whether you are sick or get hurt, you are not allowed more than 4 hours off in two weeks or your bonus is shot to hell. They get one-half a cent on every motor that is turned out and this amounts to about \$8 to \$12 in two weeks. Besides driving you to work every day, it also makes the men speed up. Just to show how much they speeded up last year in the inspection department, they had 70 men employed and turned out 150 motors a day. This year they have 40 men in the same department and turn out 200 motors a day.

The boss will come up to the truckers and inspectors and say, "Come on boys, if you don't get this work out you won't make much of a bonus." So nine times out of ten the men will work like hell.

Now, outside of this factory the men get more day rate. Now for an

example, a man got sick and went home from the factory at noon. He lost 4 1/2 hours, and also his bonus. That is what they call the efficiency system for the boss.

There is another place I might mention and that is the Detroit Screw Works. There they have the best piece work system I have ever seen. In the first place for a human being to work there, you can walk all over the factory without finding a dry spot; all the floors are full of oil. They have no oil guards on their machines to protect the workers. Some places you walk along, the oil will splash in your face.

Here is the wonderful piece work system. The men get 45 cents and the girls get 35 cents, day rate. This factory is located on the Detroit River. Many Canadians work there. They come from Windsor. Now if they make more than 45 cents, they get piece rates. One day they may make \$5, and the next day they shove them on some other kind of work where they will make only \$3.50. In order to make this rate the company does them a favor and takes 55 cents from the \$5 so that they can make their day rate. When pay day comes around they usually find out that they have been working for 45 cents an hour.

If times are not hard, they generally quit. But these days they stick like glue.

The girls have it harder. They get 35 cents and piece work. Most generally they work on hand milling, tapping or threading machines, where they get a free shower bath. Sometimes I wonder that they don't change these girls for the free oil bath.

Now that I have dealt with some of the automobile industry plants, I will also take in one of the largest bakeries in Detroit, the Gordon Pagal, the scabiest place I have ever seen. The factory has beat the attempts to organize it about three times.

The first rule in the bakery is this: you must be in your working clothes before you are allowed to ring in; second, you must be in your factory clothes before you ring out; third, any employee eating cakes will be discharged; fourth, no bread allowed to be taken out of the factory; fifth, no relations shall work in this place at the same time. In this bakery 90 per cent of the foreigners of different tongues and one slave can't talk to the next slave. All you hear all day is the boss, "Come on, boys, let's go!" The reasons they won't hire relations is because they may organize themselves.

The working conditions in Detroit are going downward fast. Most of the factories have laid off 25 per cent of their men and lots of factories are entirely down. Some of them are working 4 and 5 days a week, among them is Ford's. I judge there are about 15,000 unemployed in Detroit. Fraternally yours, Louis Steigerwald.

# COME ALONG TO RIVERVIEW FOR A GREAT PICNIC

Riverview! That El Dorado of twentieth century Chicago where even the most hopelessly rheumatic of us spend our way at least once a year to seek a few hours of merry childhood.

The Workers Party press picnic will be held at Riverview on Sunday, Aug. 10, with the annual round of dancing and entertainment, sports, games, refreshments, and a few good working class speakers.

The picnic will be international as only a press picnic can be: the proceeds will go to build up not only the Daily Worker, but also the Young Worker and the various language papers of the party.

As an added attraction, it is rumored on good authority that either Sam Hammersmark or Max Shachtman has offered to wrestle with Franklin R. Buckley (nee, Buzzie).

Beautiful yellow tickets, twenty inches long, looking like railroad tickets to Yellowstone Park or Cicero, are already on hand at the office of the Young Workers' League, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., and can be purchased for 35 cents each. The ticket not only admits one to the party picnic, but also gives one the benefit of reduced rates on many of the famous Riverview specialties, including the Big House, Chutes, Big Dipper and the much suspected but somehow still respectable Mill on the Plover. Between dances or games you can go out into the park and listen to the famous Riverview Brass band or break your neck riding the Bobs or amuse yourself in one of the most quiet pastimes.

Of course the entire Young Workers' League will turn out and it is expected to raise its usual amount of healthy noise. Rumor is rife that a special boxing match will be put on between Barney "Kid" Mass, Illinois miners' champ and "Young" Sam Darcy, late of New York, a terror in his line and said to be an intellectual giant. Can you afford to miss it? We answer, of course not!

## Will "Doctor of War" Be the New Degree of Capitalist College?

(By The Federated Press)  
BERKELEY, Cal.—The proud name of the University of California is vindicated. For the tenth successive time it has been designated as a "distinguished college" for the efficiency with which it has trained—guess what?—first class officers in the department of military science!

Between the government which does evil and the people who accept it there is a certain shameful solidarity.—Victor Hugo.

## For International Youth Day!

THE revolutionary day of demonstration for the working class youth of the entire world approaches quickly in this country.

On September 7 of this year, meetings will be held all over the land under the auspices of the Young Workers League, fraternally affiliated to the Young Communist International. On that day, the young workers of this country and the rest of the world, will gather to demonstrate their strength and protest against their capitalist oppressors, their bosses in the factories, armies and schools.

All branches of the Young Workers League must immediately begin preparations for the successful carrying out of the demonstration. This year, the tenth annual International Youth Day, must be made the most magnificent demonstration of the revolutionary youth that America has ever witnessed. As wide a circle of young workers and proletarian students must be drawn into these meetings as possible. No efforts must be spared to make these celebrations successful.

The league branches should not only get the complete support of the local organizations of the Workers Party, but wherever possible sympathetic trades unions should be got to lend their aid. Youth organizations of workers should also be approached.

The leagues should also begin sending in their orders for the special issue of The Young Worker which will be printed for I. Y. D. Our aim is to get out an edition of at least 10,000.

Prepare for the tenth International Day of Youth! Up with our slogans! Line up the youth this year for:

- The six hour day and five day week for youth labor.
- The maintenance of the unemployed young workers at the expense of the capitalist government and the industries.
- The struggle against the preparation for imperialist wars!
- The campaign for the communist candidates, Foster and Gitlow!

## CLIQUE PLUCKS BEST PLUMS IN THE U. S. NAVY

### Congressman Charges Favoritism

(Special to "The Young Worker")  
WASHINGTON.—The young worker who joins the navy under the illusion that by being efficient and meritorious he can become advanced in rank will be doomed to sad disappointment, according to a letter sent by Congressman Fred Britten to President Coolidge protesting against a naval ring which controls the appointment in rank and which picks 'em out by tossing coins in the air.

"On last Saturday six new rear admirals were recommended in the report of the Naval Selection Board and immediately approved by you," writes the notorious imperialist, Britten.

"With the exception of two captains, who had been previously passed, the six promotions are taken from the first ten captains on the list, and by a peculiar circumstance the four captains passed over are graduates of the War College, while the six captains selected for rear admirals have never been to the War College.

He Ran It To Ground.

"Within forty-eight hours after his approval for the rank of rear admiral, one of the six lucky officers ran his battleship, the West Virginia, aground."

This is enough to convince anybody of the great efficiency of these modern John Paul Joneses. But our good friend Britten has not yet spoken his piece. He goes on to say:

The Naval Tweed Ring.

"For the past five years it has been quite evident to me that a select ring of Washington line officers have thoroughly dominated the navy and have assigned to themselves (and their friends) all of the military and social plums."

"The Naval Academy, London and Paris Embassies, command of the fleets, special European assignments, Mediterranean cruises and top-side Washington appointments have been jealously parcelled out to those in the butterfly set and to none others, and I might say that this condition is not too happily received by the officer aboard ship who is on the outside looking in."

What About the Gobs?

That Mr. Britten is not in the slightest manner concerned about the ordinary leatherneck or gob, can be seen by his next paragraph.

"If merit and capacity are not to be rewarded by promotion then Congress should repeal the 'selection up' provisions of the law so that young officers may not longer be deceived by the delusion that their personal advancement rests largely with themselves."

Not a word about the rank and file sailor who is bossed around by big and little whippersnappers whose only ambition in life is to lick the boots of their superiors in the hope of being raised a notch higher in the naval hierarchy. The plain sailor is used only for fighting and swabbing the decks.

## One Million German Workers CHAINED TO THE ROCKS



600,000 Miners Locked Out  
400,000 Workers on Strike  
7,000 In German Prisons

## WIVES AND CHILDREN STARVING

The German workers are fighting for the preservation of their rights and the eight hour day.

Their fight is our fight.  
If they lose, we lose. If they win, we win.

Capitalists are quick to learn from each other.

Today it is Germany. Tomorrow it may be America.

## HELP HAMMER AWAY THE CHAINS 5c A BLOW 5c

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Listen to what one comrade writes in sending in his subscription:  
"It is undoubtedly the best, first and foremost in its expose of capitalism and all the horrors that descend from that system. I am a slave of the mines and can see the evils at first hand. Speaking of your paper I could write a lot more that is commendable but this short note will suffice."

W. SKINNER,  
Spokane, Wash.

This letter is but one of the many. The branches that already show signs that they are going to go 'way over the top are Los Angeles, Dillonvale, Chicago, Youngstown, and numerous others. New York is still to be heard from since they intend to send in the subs in a big lot.

There is only a short time left for the campaign. Get behind it with all energy in the last weeks. Put your branch at the head of the list of those who achieve their quota.

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