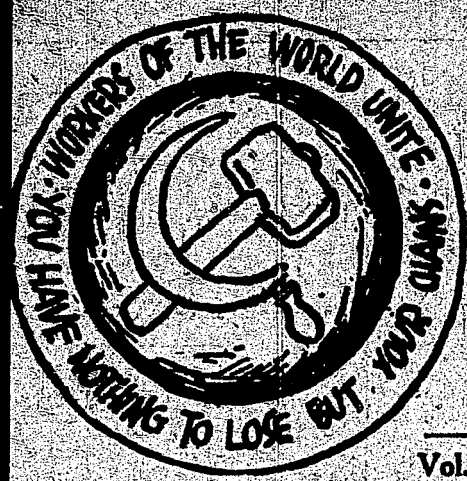




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Fight Gary's 12-Hour Day Oppose Enslaving Edict of Steel Kaiser

Farewell to Ruthenberg is Big Ovation

C. E. Ruthenberg, Secretary, Workers Party, was given a tremendous ovation, Wednesday night, in the "Farewell Demonstration" at Webster Hall, in anticipation of sentence being imposed by the Michigan court, Monday. Frequent and prolonged applause was often changed to the spirited singing of "The International" and other revolutionary songs.

Ruthenberg, himself, announced that this could not be a farewell meeting, in the sense of its being his farewell in the struggle with the capitalist system.

"I am going to tell you a little secret," he said. "The three articles that were introduced against me in the Michigan trial were all written by me while in Sing Sing prison."

"When the ruling class puts workers in prison, it does not destroy their spirits. It only makes them more determined to struggle."

"Prisons do not kill enthusiasm for the class struggle, but put iron into men's souls. If the capitalist class desires to make strong men in this struggle, let them continue to put us in prison."

Ruthenberg called for agitation to secure the release of Mooney, Billings, Sacco, Vanzetti, and other class war prisoners, including the members of the Industrial Workers of the World. He told of the imprisonment of the Communists, Joe Martinez and Israel Blankenstein at Pittsburgh, and of Jacob Dolla, also in Pennsylvania. "In all ages men have dreamed of the time when they will throw off the yoke of capitalism, and stand erect," said Ruthenberg.

"We have at last reached that era of human society when we have conquered nature, when through the genius of the ages, we have inventions and machinery, which can give us all happy lives, education and recreation. But today only the few are benefiting. But these few cannot get along without the workers."

"The very industrial processes have taught the working class that it has the power and ability to throw the masters off its back. So the struggle is waxing bitter than ever, because it is the final struggle of the workers to establish the Soviet Republic of the world."

Here the audience broke into singing the refrain from "The International," starting with "This is the final conflict."

The collection totaled \$379. Another "Farewell Rally" was held in Williamsburgh, at Royal Palace Hall, Friday night.

Paterson, N. J., Foreign-Born Meet
Workers in half a dozen nationalities, in Paterson, N. J., attended the mass meeting to protest against the anti-foreign-born legislation planned by congress. Among the speakers were Antonio Presti, editor, Alba Nova, Italian weekly of the Workers Party, and J. Louis Engdahl, editor of "The Worker." The workers of all nationalities in this great industrial center are being organized by the local United Front Conference.

One Day Late
In view of the fact that Wednesday, May 30, was Memorial Day and printers did not work, "THE WORKER" was forced to come out a day later than usual.

A Call to Action!

"The Worker" this week starts its biggest fight for labor. This fight is your fight—workers of America!

"The Worker" plans to rally all possible working-class strength to combat the hideous plot of Judge E. H. Gary, the United States Steel Corporation, and the American Iron and Steel Institute, to continue the brutalizing 12-hour day in the steel mills.

This fight does not concern the steel workers and their families alone. It touches every man, woman and child of the American working class.

Gary and his "open shop" steel trust are a direct menace to all who toil for an existence. Gary crushed the steel strike in 1919 with the huge profits won during the war—\$1,000,000 per day. Gary stood back of the "open shop" war on the miners and railroaders, 1922. Gary was behind the attack on the miners' union at Herrin, Ill. Gary, with his non-union steel products, has fought against unionism in all the building trades. Gary told the Fascist Dictator, Mussolini, while in Rome recently, that what the United States needs is a dictatorship just like Italy's anti-labor White Terror.

The Steel Trust Is Rich!

Gary's steel trust is rich and powerful. It piled up a surplus, during the war period, 1916-1920, of nearly a billion dollars—\$825,958,160.

The steel capitalists own three-fourths of the anthracite and bituminous coal mines of the nation. These same capitalists, Gary's financial allies, are the great power among the 25 financiers and industrialists who control four-fifths of the steam railroad mileage of the country.

Gary Speaks for "Open Shoppers"

When Gary speaks, his words are the words of the "open shoppers" in all industries. His plan to continue the 12-hour day in the steel industry, is a threat to establish the 12-hour day in every other industry. The continued labor crushing "open shop" in the steel industry acts as a stronghold from which to carry on the war for the "open shop" everywhere.

It is against this menacing danger that America's working class must rally every atom of strength! "The Worker" is planning to do all in its power to reveal the hypocrisy of Gary's defense of the 12-hour day, to expose the anti-labor policies of Gary's steel trust, and to point out the fact that even within the ranks of organized labor itself there are elements that work against the struggle to unionize the steel trust, that oppose the wiping out of this menace to labor.

Against the demand of the Steel Baron Profiteer, Judge E. H. Gary, for the 12-hour day and the "open shop," the workers must emblazon on their standards the slogan, "Organize the Unorganized."

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Tell Us Your Story!

Write It Down! Send It In!

"The Worker," in carrying on its campaign against the 12-Hour Day, plans to co-operate with a score of other labor publications to get the truth about conditions in the steel industry. We feel there is no one better able to tell the story of the steel worker, and his family, than the steel worker himself.

We are, therefore, calling upon the steel workers everywhere, of all languages, to write down their stories. What do you, steel workers, think of the 12-Hour Day? Do you like it, as Gary claims? Does it rob you of physical and mental development? Does it keep you away from your family? What is your answer? Write it down! Send it in!

We will not use your names, workers in the Steel Mills. But we do want your stories. Send them to "The Worker," 799 Broadway, New York City, no matter what your nationality, no matter in what language you write. We will have your letters translated. But if it is easier for you to send your message to any of the publications co-operating with "The Worker" in this campaign, here is a partial list:
Spravednost (Czecho-Slovakian), 1825 S. Loomis St., Chicago.
Eteenpain (Finnish), 54 Belmont St., Worcester, Mass.
Tyomies (Finnish), Box 553, Superior, Wisc.
Volkszeitung (German), 15 Spruce St., New York City.
Előre (Hungarian), 33 First St., New York City.
Alba Nuova (Italian), 80 E. 11th St., New York City.
The Slovenian (Jugo-Slav), 383 First Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc.
Desteptarea (Roumanian), P. O. Box 55, Detroit, Mich.
Novy Mir (Russian), 208 E. 12th St., New York City.
Rovnost Ludo (Jugo-Slav), 1510 W. 13th St., New York City.
Ukrainian Daily News (Ukrainian), 502 E. 11th St., New York City.
Laisve (Lithuanian), 455 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Glos Robotniczy (Polish), 1689 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Uus Ihm (Estonian), 1787 First Ave., New York City.
Voice of the Worker (Greek), 685 Sixth Ave., New York City.
Steel workers! This is your fight! Get into it!

The Leather Medal

is awarded Judge E. H. Gary, who was overcome by "the heat" in the electric-fanned and ice-water-cooled salon of the sumptuous Hotel Commodore, in New York City, after speaking for one hour in favor of continuing the



12-Hour Day in His Steel Mills



Solidarity of Labor Aided by Aeroplane

(By The Federated Press)

BERLIN, Germany.—May Day greetings from nation to nation by aeroplane!

To this spectacle the workers and peasants of Russia were treated, when on May 1st a German aeroplane flying from Berlin to Moscow distributed thousands of May-Day greetings from the communist party of Germany to the workers and peasants of Russia.

"Communication by air has brought together what formerly seemed distant," said the leaflets thrown down from the aeroplane. "In a few hours it is now possible to reach Moscow from the capital of Germany. Thus must solidarity and the common fight of the workers of all countries also bring us nearer to each other, and must unite our strength for the attainment of complete victory over capitalism."

London and Moscow are now but 32 hours apart from each other. That is, if one avails oneself of the regular aeroplane service now established between Germany and Russia on the one hand, and Germany and England on the other.

Tchicherin or Krassin or any of the men who have dealings with England can now take the following quick route: leave Moscow in the morning by aeroplane and arrive at Königsberg in Prussia in the evening; leave by night train (in a comfortable sleeper) for Berlin and arrive there the next morning; board the London-bound aeroplane in the morning and arrive in London before night of the second day. The actual travelling time is but thirty-two hours.

Seven Weeks' Fight on the 12-Hour Day

The campaign of "The Worker" against the 12-Hour Day will extend thru at least seven issues, taking up every phase of the black reaction in the steel industry.

The subject matter that will be treated in each succeeding issue is tentatively announced as follows:

1. Is the 12-Hour Day injurious, physically, mentally and morally to the steel workers?
 2. Does the 12-Hour Day give the steel worker an opportunity to develop his social and family life?
 3. Does the steel industry demand two 12-hour shifts because of a labor shortage?
 4. Can the steel trust afford an 8-hour, 3-shift working day?
 5. Do the steel workers want the 3-hour day?
 6. Why does the United States government, federal, state and local, support the Steel Trust in its war upon the steel workers?
 7. Why does Gompers oppose the organization of the workers in the steel industry?
- Steel workers in sending in their letters giving their views of the problems confronting them may discuss any of the above questions.

Big Reading, Pa., Throng Hears Stokes

(Special to "The Worker")

READING, Pa.—The most successful meeting ever held in this city under the auspices of the Workers Party was addressed here recently by Rose Pastor Stokes.

Comrade Stokes reviewed the history of the Communist movement in America. In simple but convincing language she told the story of the Michigan raid, and of the trials of William Z. Foster and C. E. Ruthenberg, dwelling on the issues involved in this historic court battle.

Stokes at Norfolk, Va.

NORFOLK, Va.—Following meetings at Boston, Mass., and Washington, D. C., Rose Pastor Stokes comes here for a meeting Sunday, June 3, 3 p. m., at the Arcade Theatre.

Help Spread "The Worker"

Tens of thousands of copies of this issue of "The Worker" are being rushed into the scores of Gary's "steel mills" in these United States; from Bethlehem, Pa., in the East, to Pueblo, Colo., in the West; from Duluth, Minn., on the North, to Birmingham, Ala., in the South.

These copies of "The Worker" will be distributed under difficulties. But they will be distributed. During the recent raid on the Workers Party headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., the sleuths and thugs of the Pittsburgh Steel Czar, held that the greatest crime possible for a steel worker or coal miner was the possession of a copy of "The Worker." But the truth must be told. It will be told.

Millions of copies of "The Worker" distributed wherever Gary's 12-hour day prevails should be labor's answer to the Steel Kaiser of America. You workers who have won the 10-hour day, or the 8-hour day, or the 40-hour week, or you sympathizers in the labor movement, how many copies of "The Worker" will you send into the citadels of the American steel empire? Send in your response on the blank below:

TO HELP FIGHT THE 12-HOUR DAY

Editor, "The Worker,"
799 Broadway, New York City.

Enclosed find \$_____ to send _____ copies of "The Worker," at three cents per copy, during its fight against the 12-hour day, to steel workers suffering under the brutal lash of the Steel Trust. I realize that the "open shop" in the steel industry is a threat to the organized workers in all industries. I, therefore, want to help.

Name _____
Address _____

Militants! of New York and Vicinity
Come Out En Masse to the Amalgamation Picnic! Saturday, June 2, Aft. & Eve,
Fuhrer's Elmhurst Park, 5c. Fare

27th Wall St. Bomb Suspect Released After Gompers, Burns & Co. Exploit New Hysteria

Noah Lerner, the 27th victim of the anti-Communist hysteria of William J. Burns, head of the United States Secret Service, and his benefactor, Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty, has been reluctantly released from prison, after being held ten days while Burns' men, assisted by the freaks of the New York City Bomb Squad, exhausted every trick known to them in order to manufacture a plausible story for the Wall Street explosion upon the basis of a fabrication told by Thomas Doyle and his wife, late of Kuzbas Colony, Siberia.

Burns' two noted theories connected with the explosion were petering out. He had made many vain promises to the effect that Wolfe Linde's famous ten-thousand-word confession would certainly convict Moscow and the Communist International of responsibility for the bomb. After chasing all over the United States and most of Europe and bringing "Windy" Linde, the author of the alleged "confession," to these shores, whence he was deported again without permission to enter the country, even for a brief period, Burns tried to kill by silence his bombastic promises.

Then came the arrest and confession of one "Wilson" in California. The valiant sleuth footed it to the Pacific Coast. The outcome of the revelations of Mr. Wilson are not recorded outside of the archives of the Burns' Agency. Just when everyone but the foolish detectives were forgetting the bomb incident, convinced that Mr. DuPont, of the Powder Trust, or his employees were the real murderers, Lerner, a mere youth, who happened to be an electrician in the Kuzbas Colony, was arrested because of the idle gossip of the disgruntled Doyle family.

Lerner was arrested and charged with murder in connection with the Wall Street explosion of September 16, 1920, after Mrs. Doyle had related a story to the police of alleged conversations between herself and Lerner in the Kuzbas Colony, on the other side of the earth. All enemies of Soviet Russia were anxious to have the story corroborated, so Mrs. Doyle and her husband received the felicitations of both Mr. Burns and his echo, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Appears Before Labor Body

At the personal request of Samuel Gompers, Mrs. Doyle appeared before the Central Labor Council of New York, was introduced by the reactionary president, Sullivan, and delivered a vicious attack upon Soviet Russia. On that same evening the Council went on record against the concoction of lies told by the feminine part of the Doyle perjury combination.

At the next meeting the Sullivan machine barred a Kuzbas representative from defending the Colony against the attack of Mrs. Doyle.

Special Article by Gompers

In the current issue of "The American Federationist," Sam Gompers utilizes the unproved story of the Doyles for another of his rabid assaults upon the First Workers' Republic. In true capitalist press style he neglects to publish the fact that the Doyles now stand branded liars before the American public because of the breakdown of the Burns' case against Lerner.

Every avenue of publicity was used to inflame sentiment against Soviet Russia and its American supporters during the time the Lerner case was under "investigation." As usual the half-witted detectives announced that they would certainly convict Lerner and that it was only a matter of hours until they would round up other conspirators in other cities in the country. Burns, himself, proclaimed that he knew the names of some of the bombers, but that others were in Russia, and that his valiant operatives would eventually "get them." Probably Burns is still laboring under the self-hypnotism of the imaginary "ten-thousand-word" confession secured from "Windy" Linde.

Echtes From Grand Rapids

Recently there has been a wave of incendiarism in Grand Rapids, Mich., near St. Joseph, where the Communist trials were held and are to be held in the future, and the entire capitalist press shrieked for vengeance against the infamous "reds" that were endeavoring to burn the entire city.

There is no disturbance so trivial of late that the so-called defenders of "civilization" do not all join the anvil chorus of denunciation against the radicals. These people seem actually disappointed when the real culprits are discovered. In the case of Grand Rapids, Mich., the origin of the incendiarism was discovered when two small urchins were apprehended and confessed they started the fires "just for the fun of it."

That portion of the public that receives its information from the yellow sheets of capitalism will now breathlessly await the next horrible "red plot" that threatens its sublime existence.

The Cry for Blood

The anti-whipping bill has been passed by the state of Florida, but "Thank God!" cry the blood-lusts, "There is no anti-lynching law!"

An Answer to "Strikebreaker" Hooper

On July 3, 1922, Ben W. Hooper, Chairman of the Railroad Labor Board issued a strike-breaking order outlawing the railway workers who were fighting against intolerable working conditions and starvation wages. Exactly one year after the issuance of this ukase against the workingmen—July 3, 1923—there will be opened the Convention called by the Farmer-Labor Party for the organization of a national independent political party of all the workers and farmers. A memorable day in the annals of American Labor and a most effective answer to the strikebreaker Hooper, menial servant of the railway barons and lickspittle of the industrial and financial monarchs of the country,

Textile Union Lukewarm on Labor Party

By SELMAR SCHOCKEN

An amalgamation resolution with teeth in it was defeated by the Fifth General Convention of the Amalgamated Textile Workers, held in New York City. Instead the delegates went on record in favor of an innocuous declaration for industrial unionism, that can bring about no results in the struggle to amalgamate the numerous textile unions.

The convention was also lukewarm on the question of the Labor Party. It rejected definite resolutions calling for the formation of a Labor Party based on the trade unions and including all working class political elements. Instead a stand was taken for the "principle" of independent political action, but the convention failed to send delegates to the Labor Party Conference in Chicago, in July.

Not content with this failure to mark progress, the delegates were forced to listen to attacks from their officials upon William Z. Foster, secretary, and Joseph Manly, Eastern Organizer of the Trade Union Educational League. The complaint seemed to be that "The League" had gone direct to the rank and file of the textile unions, without asking the permission of the officials.

A fight for the eight-hour-day and the 44-hour-week will mark the next year of activity of the organization, and the general executive board also stands instructed to work for wage increases all along the line.

One of the important decisions of the convention was the severance of relations with the "Federated Textile Unions," a loose federation of unions with a leadership, even more reactionary than the United Textile Workers, defeating all attempts of genuine co-operation and rather an organized block against industrial unionism and amalgamation of the many different craft and group unions, now existing in the Textile Industry.

The convention, however, invited the Associated Silk Workers, a locally orientated union organized on industrial lines, of Paterson, N. J., and the Tapestry Carpet Weavers of Philadelphia, Pa. The A. T. W. attempted on previous occasions to arrange for close co-operation of these three unions for the introduction of the week-work system of payments opposed to the piece rate system in the Silk Ribbon Mills.

The convention declared for an independent Labor Party "on principle," but failed to elect a delegate to the Labor Party Conference in Chicago, on July 3rd. An intensive campaign is to be started among the Silk Workers of Greater New York who at present are only partially organized.

While the Weavers and Twisters possess a 100 percent organization with a collective agreement, Trade Board and "impartial" chairman, the great mass of the less skilled workers, especially women, are almost totally unorganized. The resolution providing for the organization campaign, emphasizes the necessity of getting these workers into the union, if there is to be an active and militant organization in Greater New York.

The All-Russian Union of Textile Workers and its Moscow provincial Executive Committee had sent greetings in the following letters:

"The All-Russian Union of Textile Workers sends greetings to all comrades in the Textile Workers' Union of America, and especially to those workers who recognize the class struggle and the necessity for complete industrial organization of the masses into progressive labor unions."

"We have in Russia only one Textile Workers' Union. It includes all the workers and all employees connected with any part of the industry. We have the workers in all those industries practically 100 per cent organized, and our total membership is now 431,500, of which 35.7 per cent are women. Membership in our union is absolutely voluntary, and the spirit of the members is excellent."

"We look forward to the day, when the great American Textile Industry will be equally well organized, the day when its workers will have overcome the capitalist oppressors and abolished their rule forever; the day when the textile workers will be the makers of and control their own future. We send you cordial greetings on the international holiday of the workers. We wish you every good fortune this year and may your hearts be strengthened for your struggles."

"W. E. Lebedev, Secretary Central Executive Committee A. R. T. U."

Comrade A. T. Markoff, president of the Moscow Textile Workers, wrote:

"The Moscow Provincial Executive Committee of the All-Russian Union of Textile Workers wishes to extend its warmest greetings to the industrial union of the Textile Workers of America. Our members in the Moscow Province number 150,000 and work in 123 factories, 200 of which are government undertakings, the others are owned by the government and leased to private manufacturers."

"Our trade union structure is industrial, our tactics aggressive, our methods democratic. Our members are attending the textile trade schools and learning to manage the industry themselves. We are building toward a communist state with state capitalism as a beginning."

The convention was presided over by Thomas McDonald, of the Northampton Silk Workers' Union. Cornelius Guthrie of the Woolen Workers' Union of Burlington, R. I., acted as the secretary of the gathering.

Under the "Socialist," Ebert

BERLIN.—Thirteen suicides occurred here in one day. Of these, nine cases were those of girls and women. Economic distress was the motive in each case. To these cases that come to the observation of the police should be added the many unsuccessful attempts at suicide that are hushed up.

Burns Agency Placed Spies in U. S. Munition Plants

Nearly all agents of the department of justice confess themselves ignorant of the record of their chief, William J. Burns, head of the United States Secret Service. This is their only reply when they are confronted with the exposures now being made through these columns.

Such an instance was the interview that H. M. Wicks had with a "D. of J." agent during his recent arrest at Bellaire, Ohio, an agent that was rushed to the Steel Trust town from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Wicks tells the story in the current issue of "The Liberator." His conversation with the Daugherty-Burns agent was as follows:

"Have you been reading The Liberator and THE WORKER where we took a fall out of your chief, William J. Burns, for organizing the German spy system for the Kaiser in this country?"

"Quit your kidding!"

"I'm not kidding. I mean it. We have old 'fixer' on the run, which probably accounts for your interest in this arrest."

Then after a few more questions concerning the Trade Union Educational League, the Burns' agent left, perhaps, as the saying has it, "Sadder but wiser."

This week we publish another installment of these Burns' exposures showing how the William J. Burns International Detective Agency placed spies in American munitions plants.

Place Spies in American Munitions Plants

Detective Harry J. Connor, former member of the William J. Burns' International Detective Agency, in the proceedings to revoke the Agency's license in New York State, testified that a certain Thomas O'Brien, formerly employed as a strikebreaker, became an agent for Burns in several American munition plants, under his (Connor's) direction. Connor was asked in regard to O'Brien:

Q. What work did you assign him to do in Bridgeport?

A. Night inspector of the U.M.C. Cartridge Company?

A. Yes.

Q. And at that time you were working for the Burns agency?

A. Yes sir, and working hard for them.

At this point Attorney Hedges for Burns interjected:

Q. To your entire satisfaction?

A. To Mr. Burns' satisfaction.

The examination proceeded:

Q. Did you ever talk it over with Burns?

A. I did.

The witness Connor said that Burns' undercover man O'Brien was transferred into the plant of the

Crucible Steel Company at Harrison, N. J. O'Brien, from his post in that munitions plant, supplied information to the Burns agency which in turn was furnishing information to the German agent.

Q. Was O'Brien subsequently transferred from Bridgeport to some other work?

A. He was. O'Brien worked hard at Bridgeport and was taken out of there for no reason, just because the man up there didn't like him.

Q. Where was he transferred?

A. To the Bliss plant.

Q. Munition plant?

A. Yes sir. He worked there for several weeks and he was sent to the Crucible Steel, Harrison, New Jersey.

"Who's Loony Now?" Gives Way to "Who's Liberal Now?"

By JAY LOVESTONE

A time there was when the phrase "Who's loony now?" was on the tip of every American's tongue. Sassy street urchin and reverend grandfather, separate ways with "Who's loony now?" on their lips.

But "Who's loony now?" is dead—dead even beyond the grasp of most memories. A new bet-phrase will soon be popular on the "Main Street" Exchange. I'll bet good, 100 per cent white patriotic, reactionary American dollars against brand new pink German Socialist Marks that the new phrase, or craze, will be "Who's a liberal now?"

The Liberal League

The other day there was organized "The Liberal League of America." This League is to serve as the haven and House of Refuge for all genuine American liberals. But pray, my dear Reader, don't choke with laughter! Nor should you sneer at me when you are given further information about this bulwark against reaction now to come to save the workers!

This Liberal League will strive to create and concentrate public opinion against all descriptions of radicalism. The League invites into its membership "all who wish our American Democracy to remain true to its high calling as the builder of free institutions and the guardian of personal liberty."

We wonder how many workers who form the mass of enslaved humanity on which there has been reared that marvelous structure of steel and profits will be invited to membership in the League in order to preserve their "personal liberty!" We wonder how many of the hounded, evicted striking railway shophmen who were tenting in Utah in the bitterest cold of winter, will be allowed to join this League in order to have "American democracy remain true to its high calling as the builder of free institutions!" We wonder how many bituminous miners, who in the midst of a terrific prosperity and a shortage of labor are given the chance to work a maximum of two days a week, will be permitted to enter this new Klan of pure American Democracy.

Leaders of the Liberal League

The reader should stop wondering. He should rather hold his breath. Here are a few of the new galaxy of American liberals. Here are a few of the national leaders of this Liberal League.

L. F. Loree, of the Delaware and Hudson Railway Co., one of the leaders, is a sworn enemy of the workers. He was one of the leaders in the smashing offensive against the striking shophmen.

Then comes Bishop Manning—Patron Saint of this new Liberal Church—educated as a minister of God and serving as a menial, sycophantic messenger of Mammon. Bishop Manning is one of the most indefatigable of brazen apologists for and defenders of the most heinous crimes of the exploiting class.

The noted "progressive," Nicholas Murray Butler, titular President of Columbia University and errand boy plenipotentiary for J. P. Morgan is another one of the leaders of the Liberal League.

One abreast behind these luminaries of liberalism follow such poor men and servants of humanity as "Silk Stockings" Ogden L. Mills, Walter F. Mannard, R. Fulton Cutting, and John G. Milburn.

Finally, a royal send-off and holy benedictions were given to this Liberal League by that well-known journal of genuine American liberalism—the Financial and Commercial Chronicle published by the Wm. B. Dana Co. in the heart of the sacred

environs of Wall Street, the stable of America's Golden Calfs.

Let's All Be Liberals Now

Apparently the world is moving forward despite the fact that "Warren Gamaliel" is having an awful time of it in selling us Harding's Permanent Court of International Justice. "Nicky" Butler, Bishop Manning, and L. F. Loree have been anointed liberals by the Heavenly Fathers of Lower New York!

Who's a liberal now? Why, let's all be liberals now. Let's have a sense of humor. Let's call this new venture merely a case of monumental gaff. But let us not stop here. Let's wake up and tell these guys in the only language they understand that no amount of war paint can hide their poisoned arrows and tomahawks against the workers.

Let's tell them we are on to their game. We are no longer hobbled and hogtied. We are ready for the fray—and ready to take them on, all comers, all weights.

TEN WORKERS SHOULD READ THIS COPY OF THE WORKER; KEEP IT IN CIRCULATION

Detroit Labor Protests Persecution

(Special to "The Worker")

DETROIT, Mich.—The Detroit Federation of Labor, by unanimous vote, has filed its protest against the continued persecution of Communists in this state. The declaration it adopted is as follows:

"The Detroit Federation of Labor has learned with surprise that C. E. Ruthenberg, one of those arrested at Bridgman, charged with violation of the Criminal Syndicalist Law, has been found guilty.

Despite the protest of the Detroit Federation of Labor and of the Michigan Federation of Labor, the prosecution in Berrien County continues, with the assistant attorney general of the State in charge, aided by a whole crew of Burns' detectives. The act to repeal this infamous law, introduced by labor's representative,

Thousands at Finnish Picnic

William Martilla, the business manager, and Elis Sulkkanen, the editor of the Finnish daily, "Eteenpäin" with Tavi Heino were among the speakers at the Eastern District Picnic, of the Finnish Federation of Workers, Party, at Elmhurst, Long Island, Sunday. It was the largest gathering of Finnish Communists and sympathizers yet held.

C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary Workers Party, was unable to attend because matters incident to his conviction in Michigan had called him to Chicago. J. Louis Engdahl spoke in his place, extending to the gathering the greetings of the party and its central executive committee and reviewing the problems now confronting the American working class. The collection for the Michigan Defense totalled \$121.60.

"Underground Radicalism"

An Open Letter to EUGENE V. DEBS

By JOHN PEPPER

We give here some of the headings, to illustrate the rich contents of this pamphlet:

IS "UNDERGROUND" UN-AMERICAN?—Underground Romance or Bitter Necessity?—Neither "Underground Radicalism" Nor Overground Opportunism.

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Battle Terror with Strike Miners' Plan

(Special to "The Worker")

SYDNEY, N. S. (Canada).—Provincial police raided the headquarters of District 26, United Mine Workers of America, at Glace Bay, New Brunswick, under Lieut. Col. W. E. MacDonald, sneaked up to the hall, raided it and confiscated documents, files and other material for the purpose of searching for "communist propaganda."

In addition to raiding the hall they searched the home of J. E. Lachlan, secretary of the District organization, and the foremost militant leader of this section of the country, confiscating private papers to be turned over to the Crown prosecutor. Boarding houses, where miners' union officials had stopped while in Glace Bay, were also raided.

This attack has been in preparation for a long time; the capitalist press the pulp and other means of publicity being turned against the so-called radical miners in this district. The government took a hand when it refused permission for Alexander Howat to enter and deliver a May Day speech, and instead admitted the notorious reactionary henchman of the Lewis machine, Van Bitne who delivered a scurrilous address against the officers of District 26.

Miners are certain that Van Bitne connived with the Canadian police in order to obtain information for both the government and the reactionary Lewis machine in Indianapolis, Indiana, U. S. A. Undoubtedly Lewis would embrace any ally in his desperate efforts to crush the voice of the rank and file of labor. Like Gompers' repetition of the anti-Bolshevik attacks of William Burns, the Lewis gangsters in Canada repeat the inspired propaganda of the Canadian police and stooge pigeons of the mine barons.

Both the officials and the rank and file of the miners in District 26 are determined to vigorously defend their right to organize efficiently for the conquest of capitalism. It is this district that drew fire from Lewis and Co. when they voted to affiliate with the Red International of Labor Unions at Moscow.

As a rebuke to both the government and the Lewis machine, the miners are voting on a three-day general strike throughout the whole district.

Thousands at Finnish Picnic

William Martilla, the business manager, and Elis Sulkkanen, the editor of the Finnish daily, "Eteenpäin" with Tavi Heino were among the speakers at the Eastern District Picnic, of the Finnish Federation of Workers, Party, at Elmhurst, Long Island, Sunday. It was the largest gathering of Finnish Communists and sympathizers yet held.

C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary Workers Party, was unable to attend because matters incident to his conviction in Michigan had called him to Chicago. J. Louis Engdahl spoke in his place, extending to the gathering the greetings of the party and its central executive committee and reviewing the problems now confronting the American working class. The collection for the Michigan Defense totalled \$121.60.

"Underground Radicalism"

An Open Letter to EUGENE V. DEBS

By JOHN PEPPER

We give here some of the headings, to illustrate the rich contents of this pamphlet:

IS "UNDERGROUND" UN-AMERICAN?—Underground Romance or Bitter Necessity?—Neither "Underground Radicalism" Nor Overground Opportunism.

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In the Gas Business

CHICAGO.—What has Gen. Charles G. Dawes, who is constantly emitting poisonous fumes against labor, to say about himself?

This organizer of the Minute Men of the Constitution, an anti-labor society, tells his story in his autobiographical sketch in Who's Who in America, Vol. 12, p. 879. Recounting his achievements in the world war in the course of which he became a brigadier general in France, and his success in swinging Illinois for McKinley and Mark Hanna in 1896, Hell in Maria Dawes sums up his real work as follows:

"Admitted to bar, 1886; in practice, Lincoln, Neb., 1887-94; SINCE THEN INTERESTED IN GAS BUSINESS at Evansville, Ill., La Crosse, Wis., Seattle, Wash., etc."

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All Labor Must Rally in Fight against Gary's 12-Hour Day Edict

(Continued from Page One)

ed Steel Workers!" the first step toward winning human conditions in the steel industry.

PLOT FOR THE 12-HOUR DAY

For the mighty monster of American Capitalism and Reaction, the Steel Trust, is again roaring defiance at the workers! In the name of "Liberty" and the American plan—"Open Shop"—it is once more throwing down the gauntlet to Labor!

It was at a meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute, May 25th, in the Hotel Commodore, New York City, that the Steel barons served notice on the workers that the sanctity of the 12-hour working day will be reserved at all costs.

Instigated by the "Soup Kitchen Statesman" Herbert Hoover and inspired by the golf-playing President, Harding, Gary appointed himself Chairman of his handpicked Committee of this Institute to investigate the problem of the retention of the 12-hour day in the steel industry. On this "impartial" committee were such notorious enemies of Labor as Dinkley, of the former Inland Steel Corporation, Block, of the Inland Steel, Burden, of the Burden Iron Co., and the President of the Bethlehem Steel Co., E. G. Grace, whose dastardly "open shop" tactics were exposed by the New York Lockwood Legislative Committee on Housing.

This Committee found that the retention against the 12-hour day was "not created or endorsed by the workers themselves," and that this day "has not of itself been an injury to the employees physically, mentally and morally." This rubber-stamp Committee of Gary also questioned, "Whether... in the large majority of cases, twelve-hour men devote less time to their families than the employees working less hours."

Besides, the Committee went on to add that because of the present "labor shortage" the Steel Trust could not abolish the 12-hour day now, even if it would. The introduction of the eight-hour shift would entail an additional employment of 60,000 workers. Of course, a gentle hint was also given about a 15 percent increase in the price of steel that would come in the wake of the abolition of the 12-hour day.

The Steel Trust Lies

To tell the unvarnished truth, the Steel Trust's investigators are just

infant mortality rate was 127.1 per thousand. Amongst the fathers earning less than \$1,050 a year the children died at the rate of 137.8 to the thousand.

Under these conditions and starvation wages the steel workers are compelled to labor to the limit in order to save their families and themselves from death. This is the workers' desire for the 12-hour day so loudly advertised by Gary, Schwab, Grace, and the other Steel magnates. Inspired by just such a love for the 12-hour day, over 300,000 steel workers rose in revolt for the eight-hour day in 1919.

Shortage of Labor—Another Hoax

Then the now-hackneyed labor shortage is called to the rescue of the 12-hour day by Gary's investigators, in order to hide their real position to giving up the intolerable working hours. When not even the Steel Lords dared speak of a labor shortage, when six million workers were walking the streets out of work and out of hope, the Steel Trust made no effort to institute the 8-hour day in the mills.

In a letter to the reactionary Henry A. Wise-Wood, the United States Department of Labor admitted that there is a substantial surplus of labor in the bituminous fields. If the Steel Corporation would offer only half decent wages and conditions it could draw from this source alone, at least 240,000 workers—four times the number needed to put into effect the 8-hour day immediately. But the munificent sum of 40 cents an hour and the "restful" 12-hour day of labor serve to keep the workers away from the steel mills.

What is more, in the Youngstown, Ohio, district, where the Independents are operating on an 8-hour basis, there is not the slightest sign of a labor shortage. What Gary wants, is an army of millions of candidates for death in the foundries so that he can exploit and crush the workers more ruthlessly than ever.

The Steel Trust's Generosity

In making this humanitarian report in behalf of the 12-hour day Gary prated that "no controversy could be settled fairly without Christian principles." This Biblical inspiration of his he called "simple, plain business sense." Waxing eloquent in defense of his generosity to the steel workers Gary went on to say that

"it pays a nation or an individual to follow a Christian course."

Of course, it easily strikes even the most dim-sighted that Gary was merely advocating that the workers accept meekly the 12-hour day as their Heavenly-ordained fate on earth.

But no one can be fooled by the Steel Shylocks, even when they persevere with love for their workers to the extent of collapsing in the middle of long-winded speeches. No worker will be fooled by Gary's "Christian" talk. As far back as 1912 the stockholders of the U. S. Steel Corporation passed a resolution condemning the 12-hour day. Yet the workers are today, more than ever before, condemned to the 12-hour day.

The Steel Trust is too poor to afford the 8-hour day! This awful poverty has given birth to a surplus of \$825,958,160 being piled up in the period of 1916-1920. This poverty-stricken lot of capitalists own 75 percent of the anthracite and bituminous mines, and are very well represented amongst the twenty-five financiers and industrialists who control 82 percent, or 211,280 miles, of the steam railroads of the country.

A glaring example of the charitable attitude of the Steel Trust is afforded by the recent wage increase ordered by Gary. With a blare of trumpets there was announced a wage increase of 11 percent—from 36 to 40 cents an hour! Not a word was said about the fact that workers were receiving a minimum of 55 cents an hour for the same kind of labor in other industries.

On the heels of this act of immeasurable magnanimity came an increase of \$1.75 per ton in the cost of steel. The raise in the pay of the 150,000 steel workers entailed an additional expense of \$25,000,000 a year. At the rate of the March output of 146,500 tons of steel per day there would be produced 45,000,000 tons of steel in the fiscal year. Applying the rules of plain simple arithmetic one learns that the Steel Corporation will, thru this last raise in price, be making an additional profit of \$79,625,000 for the year, or more than three times the expense incurred by the wage increase.

Add to this the sum of \$50,000,000 collected annually from the farmers alone thru the infamous Pittsburgh-Plus System and the Steel Trust has more than enough to offset the cost of a reduction in hours of labor

without a reduction of wages. We are not mentioning the millions of dollars falling into the lap of the Steel Trust thru the Fordney-McCumber Tariff Act. But the Steel barons are suffering from an attack of generosity. They dare not tell the truth. Their spokesman, Gary, must talk on "Christian principles" in order to hide the brutality of the exploiting interests.

Harding Disappointed!

And now our poor "Gambler the First" is somewhat disappointed and perhaps disturbed. Harding has expressed himself as being opposed in principle to the 12-hour day. It was bad strategy for Gary to make this report public on the Eve of a National Election. Now Harding must behave himself and quit kidding the public about his lofty aspirations for an eight hour day in the steel mills. Harding knows his masters. The Steel Trust doesn't believe in prophylactics. The Steel Trust believes in surgery. Harding must come up to the scratch, or his campaign funds will be cut off. This would mean sure "Back to Marjorie" for him. And Warren has lived too long in Marjorie to want to return.

The workers should not burden themselves with any illusions as to Governmental help in abolishing the degrading 12-hour day. It was the Government that broke the Steel Strike in 1919 and crushed the most promising campaign of the workers for the 8-hour day. Gary's policy

of refusing to deal with union labor leaders at any time" was then translated by the Government into the policy of ruthless repression so decisively expressed by the Sheriff of Clairton, Pa., Sept. 21, 1919, in his order "that there should be no meetings of any kind anywhere." All the workers can expect from the Government is golden promises and leaden performances—police brutality, Black-Cossackism, army terrorism, and myriads of strikebreaking injunctions.

Gompers Hand in Glove with Gary

Yet the workers owe more thanks to Gompers than even to Gary and his Government for the continuation of the 12-hour day.

Gompers is asleep at the switch. He is soldiering on the job. Gompers refuses to initiate a campaign of organization amongst the steel workers. The unionization campaign of 1919 was possible only because Gompers found it pleasant to idle his time away in Paris under the excuse of helping to frame the bloody Treaty of Versailles against the workers of the world. On his return Gompers was reluctant to permit the steel workers to strike against Steel Tyranny. Once the strike was on, Gompers and his lieutenants of the type of Teague did their best to sabotage the strike.

Today Gompers is criminally wasting the workers' money and energy hounding and persecuting the militants of the trade unions instead of organizing the great mass of the

unorganized. If Gompers were to use only a fraction of the Federations' resources for the building up, instead of working hand in glove with William J. Burns and Gary for the destruction of the Labor Movement, the workers of America would long ago have left behind them the Medieval 12-hour day. It is Gompers and his ilk who are mainly responsible for the fact that the American Steel Industry—the most highly developed in the world—is the only steel industry working on a 12-hour basis.

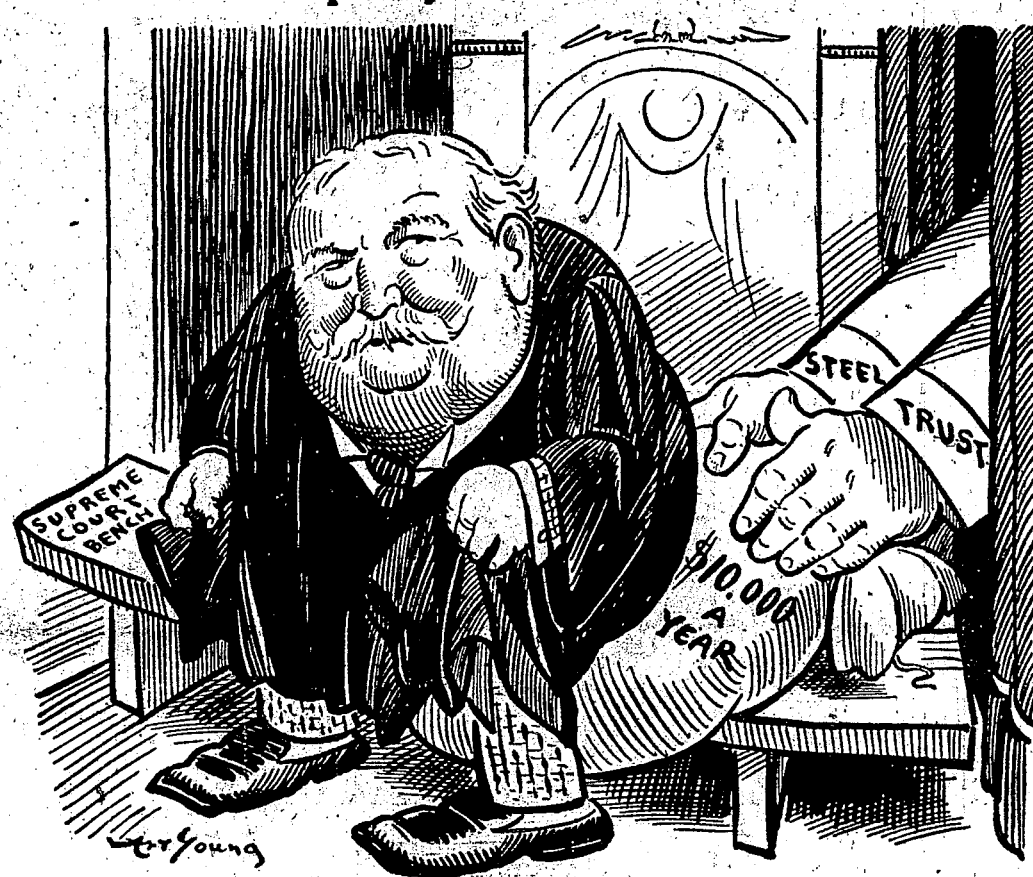
Time to Call a Halt

The 12-hour day Report of Gary's Committee is an ominous document to the working class. It must be remembered that Gary was the High Priest of the Open Shop Drive of 1920. This Report is a challenge to the workers. It is a warning of what is coming. This Report is the herald of the new fierce drive being prepared against the workers. Gary is a man of action. When Gary talks he means business. An the only business Gary knows is that of the workers coining more of their blood into profits for their employers.

There is but one language Gary and the capitalists can understand. This is the language of power—organizational power.

Will the workers accept the challenge hurled at them? Or will they bend their backs beneath the yoke of a Dictatorship of Steel and Profits?

"Equality" Before the Law



Dear Readers! Do not laugh at the above cartoon by Art Young, and then read the words of the Memorial Day Address of "Bill the Fat" Taft, at Cincinnati, Ohio, when he said, "The only court in which all stand on an equality" * * * is the Supreme Court of the United States."

Burns and Harding Praise "Friend" Gompers

At no time in all the history of American labor have the bosses and their paid agents been as open as they are now in praising Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor. Almost on the same day, this past week, not only President Harding, strikebreaker in the struggle of the coal, railroad and textile workers last year, but "De-tek-tive" William J. Burns, head of the government secret service, and hounder of radicals, joined in fulsome eulogy of labor's misleader.

In approving of Gompers' attacks on the militants in the labor movement, Burns told the 100-percenters of the Shore Kiwanis Club, at Atlantic City, that: "Sam Gompers and I do not sleep together, but we are going to be for Gompers strong."

"Golf Ball" Harding gave Gompers a boost while attending the First Presbyterian Church in Washington. The pastor, Rev. Dr. John Brittan Clark, had devoted most of the sermon to attacking radicalism in the labor movement. He eulogized

Gompers for his attack on the militants in Seattle, Minneapolis and elsewhere.

After the sermon, President Harding went down to the pulpit and, in the words of the Associated Press, "expressed his appreciation of the minister's declarations."

Workers of America! That is the picture presented by the head of your national organization in the hour when Gary calls for the continuation of the 12-hour day and a new "open shop" war on all labor. How do you like it?

Labor United for 1924, the Chicago Plan

(By Federated Press)

CHICAGO.—What may be expected in results from the forthcoming coalition convention of all labor parties and labor and farmer organizations is outlined by Jay G. Brown, Brown is national secretary, Farmer-Labor party, which issued the invitations to all the other groups to assemble in Chicago July 3, to agree, if possible, upon united working class political action independent of the Republican and Democratic parties.

"A federation of organizations, a coalition of parties is possible," says Brown. "The general affiliation of labor, farm and political groups with a central organization committed to such general principles as can be agreed upon should be effected at the coming convention. This should not interfere with the autonomy of any of the affiliated bodies. Each should be free after the convention to continue its work of propaganda and education in its own way and along lines acceptable to itself."

"If this can be done the next logical step may be to arrange for the holding either of joint or simultaneous conventions early in 1924 for the naming of joint national candi-

dates upon a platform to which all will subscribe and a ticket for the success of which each of the affiliated groups will take off its coat and earnestly work.

"Questions of finance, affiliation costs, how to meet the widely differing election laws of the separate states and the problems concerning party names and standing in states where already established will arise. Difficulties in plenty may be imagined."

Political Action in Japan
By TANI GOMPEI
(Federated Press Correspondent)
TOKIO.—Prospects of a Japanese Labor party for independent political action by the organized workers and farmers are becoming somewhat more definite. Japanese organized labor is rapidly abandoning the old time syndicalism and beginning to swing into the freer field of political movement.

An immediate incentive has been the interest felt by the workers as the result of the recent victory in the fight against the so-called dangerous thoughts bill. They are finding that to conduct such struggles more effectively they have to have a political party of their own.

The difficulties are many. The reactionary government of Japan will probably not tolerate such an attempt on the part of its enemy. The Japanese proletariat, with little political education, might lose the support of many of the veteran workers of conservative type. There is a danger of fake labor leaders, petty politicians and the kind creeping in and, there is no money.

Pittsburgh Labor Unites for Defense

(Special to "The Worker")

PITTSBURGH, PA.—The provisional Labor Defense and Free Speech Committee of Western Pennsylvania, which was organized immediately following the raid on the headquarters of the Workers Party of Dist. 5, when 23 workers were arrested, thrown into jail and held there at exorbitant bail for 12 days, has now been reorganized into a permanent Defense Conference.

Labor in Western Pennsylvania was antagonized by this outrageous raid and arrest of workers who fought side by side with the striking miners. The workers in Western Pennsylvania realize the importance of a united front of all labor on this immediate problem. This defense organization was established to help the workers arrested in this raid and to defend all workers who may fall under the iron heel of the industrial magnates.

There were 73 delegates at the Defense Conference representing organizations of different shades of opinion such as labor unions, educational and fraternal organizations, also the Workers Party and the Socialist Party.

War Vets in War on KKK in West Va.

By H. E. KEAS

(By Wire to "The Worker")

RICHMOND, WEST VA.—The World War Veterans, the fighting organization of ex-service men, which is organized labor's staunchest support in this country, have uncovered a nest of reaction in Nicholas County, a nest of thugs and plug-uglies who are at all times the beck and call of the "open shop" employers in this boss-ridden state.

Learning of the attempts made by the Klan to run Lawson McMillan, president of the W. W. V. out of the town of Richmond, where the late organization of the veterans as its headquarters, Emil E. Holmes, national secretary of the W. W. V., made a special trip from Washington to come to McMillan's assistance. Several meetings were arranged for him among the lumbermen and miners of the vicinity. As soon as Holmes arrived, he held a meeting at Richmond, the first time a labor meeting of this nature has ever been held in that vicinity.

Laying special stress upon the eight-hour day, sanitary living conditions for the workers and better schools, his talk was enthusiastically received by the assembled workers. Apparently the K. K. K. became alarmed at the enthusiastic reception given to Holmes and the following day when the main meeting in "Moose Hall" was to be held, the building was found locked up, two blind musicians who were hired to play at the meeting were advised by the Klan to leave the vicinity or incur the consequences, logging trains were stopped from coming into town to keep the thousands of lumberjacks from entering the town and coming to the assistance of the veterans.

Knowing the sympathy of the lumbermen for the organization which they consider to be the fighting labor vanguard in this little Sierrita of America, the mine and lumber barons of Eastern West Virginia are apparently determined to vigorously oppose all attempts of the workers to organize their forces for better living conditions.

But their efforts will be without avail, for the lumbermen in the hills, and the miners of the valleys are not only determined to solidly support this fighting organization of the workers, but are working with the purpose to abolish the vicious "yellow dog" system now the rule in most of the mines and camps in that vicinity.

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Car Strikers to Organize Unorganized

(Special to "The Worker")

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—The street car strike, which has been in progress here for two weeks, has inaugurated a new form of strike, at least for this part of the country, since the address delivered here by H. M. Wicks, labor editor of "The Workers."

Wicks came here on the invitation of the Central Labor Council, to address its regular meeting on the problems of the day. On that same evening the street car strikers were meeting to hear the final offer of the company. The negotiations fell thru and the strikers determined to continue the fight. One of the street car men's delegates brought Wicks to their meeting after he finished speaking before the Central Council.

He told them that since they were on strike they had a fine opportunity to do some organization work that was badly needed in Schenectady in the way of organizing the unorganized workers of the large industries there, especially the General Electric works. Instead of continuing a "folded arms" strike, the "vacation" should be used for the purpose of strengthening organized labor in Schenectady. A few days of that sort of work and the employing class would begin to bring pressure to bear upon the company to take the strikers back in order to stop the activity of intensive organization.

Many of the leading members of the Central Labor Council are co-operating with the strikers in the work of organizing the unorganized as they are convinced the entire local labor movement will gain thru the application of this tactic.

"Bolcoms" Is Back

The editorial staff of the BOLCOMS is back from its vacation. Don't fail to read the Confessions of Luke McLuke, a new serial which will appear in the BOLCOMS next week. Order your copy now!

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Cannon Stirs 1,500 in His Chicago Talk

(Special to "The Worker")

CHICAGO, Ill.—Fifteen hundred workers crowded Wicker Park Hall here when James P. Cannon, chairman of the Workers Party, told the story of "The Fifth Year of the Russian Revolution." His brilliant illustrations of the severe difficulties of the Russian workers, in the past and the method with which they were overcome, drew volleys of applause from the audience.

Seldom has the story of the Russian Revolution been told in such frank terms. Cannon dealt with the present industrial conditions and showed by facts and figures the tremendous advances made, and how the real wages of the workers would increase in proportion to the improvement of industry. But he also fearlessly pointed to the many shortcomings which still exist.

How the period of war Communism had forced the whole attention of the Workers' Republic upon the building of a strong army to meet the counter-revolutionary bandits and the centralization of all activities in the political state without being able to give due consideration to economic expediency and the upbuilding of industry, was illustrated by Cannon.

"Now peace has come to Russia," he declared and it is now possible to center all efforts on the rehabilitation of economic life.

Whenever the capitalist papers speak of the new Economic Policy as a retreat, remember that the Russian workers are using the available capitalist methods of production in order to create the new methods which have not as yet come into being, and they are making no bones about it, Cannon said.

He made a strong revolutionary note by showing how the Russian workers were using the best of their energies to further the world revolution and establish a Soviet Republic throughout the world. How effective his lecture was can best be judged by the fact that 300 copies of the pamphlet written by Cannon were brought to the hall and sold, with a large demand for more.

The meeting was held under the auspices and for the benefit of "The Voice of Labor." It will mean a lot of new readers and new supporters.

James P. Cannon speaks at:

West Frankfurt, Ill., Sunday, June 3, 7:30 p. m., Majestic Theatre.
Chicago City Hall, Wednesday, June 6, 8 p. m., Fraternal Hall, 1725 Walnut St.
Following the Kansas City meeting, Cannon will continue his work in the territory surrounding Kansas City and in the Kansas Coal fields from June 7th to June 11th.

SPOILED IN TRANSIT

SAN PEDRO, Cal.—Two hundred strike breakers brought into the harbor on the steamship Dorothy Alexandria were not allowed to land and will be taken back to San Francisco. They were hired to break the waterfront strike in this port of Los Angeles but came into the harbor singing the strike song: "Hold the fort, for we are coming; Union men be strong." The shipping interests are looking for the agitators who spoiled a fine consignment of scabs in transit.

N. Y. T. U. E. L. Has Picnic on June 2nd

Tickets are spreading like wild-fire for the Trade Union Educational League Picnic which will be held Saturday, June 2, at Fuhrer's Elmhurst Park, Elmhurst, Long Island—within easy reach from every point of the city and fare only five cents.

Militants of every trade are coming in daily for more and more tickets. Among those who have taken tickets so far are: the Metal Workers, Automobile Workers, Cloak Makers, Waist and Dressmakers, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Knit Goods Workers, Cap Makers, Building Trades, Food Workers, as well as fraternal organizations and friends.

With eagerness the militant forces are lining up behind the first affair of the New York League: 1st, because they are anxious to celebrate the achievements of the TUEL; 2nd, because they feel duty bound to help spread the campaign for Amalgamation and a Labor Party which necessarily implies the raising of finances for the purpose; 3rd, by no means least, they took the trouble to investigate and found an absolute guarantee for a corking good time in the following basic facts:—an excellent band of music, athletic games, a grand march of all militants carrying banners of their respective trades, and a buffet with the best of refreshments served by truly revolutionary food workers.

Tickets, posters, and throwaways can be obtained at office of Trade Union Educational League, 208 East 42nd St., Room 8.

Greek Workers in Drive for \$10,000 Press Fund

Greek workers in New York City plan to launch a campaign to raise \$10,000 for the enlargement of their printing plant. As a result of this improvement, the "Voice of the Worker," official organ of the Greek Federation, Workers Party, will be doubled in size as a weekly, and plans are launched for starting a daily.

Detroit Says Cannon Talk Aided Party

By EDGAR OWENS
(Special to "The Worker")

DETROIT, Mich.—The James P. Cannon meeting was very gratifying to the local comrades and sympathizers. It is felt here that meetings of this kind are of supreme importance because a subscription to the Party organ was given with each admission. Comrade Cannon's lecture on "Russia Today" was a welcome corrective and relief after the studied propaganda stories now being carried in the capitalist press.

The pity is that more workers do not take advantage of meetings of this sort to get a few of the facts regarding Russia.

Busy at Debs Meeting

The literature agent of the Workers Party was very much in evidence and many copies of the masterful pamphlet "Underground Radicalism—An Open Letter to Debs" were disposed of to people entering and leaving the meeting addressed here by Eugene V. Debs.

City Convention June 17th

The City Central Committee of Local Detroit has issued a call for a city convention June 17, at which time delegates will be elected for the July 3rd convention, called by the Farmer-Labor Party.

The comrades are enthusiastic about the formation of a Labor Party, and the city convention will inspire an interesting discussion.

Challenge Proletarian Party

At its last meeting the City Central Committee decided to issue a challenge to the Proletarian Party to debate the question of a Labor Party, and certain other points of policy and tactics upon which the two parties differ.

This debate, if the challenge is accepted, should prove of more than passing interest and should serve to allay much confusion as to the pressing need of bona fide independent working class political action.

International Picnic June 3rd

Arrangements have been completed for the Grand International Picnic, Sunday, June 3d, at Redford Park. The picnic will be under the joint auspices of the Friends of Soviet Russia, Defense Committee, and the Workers Party.

Hamburg Conference Unites Center and Right Against Working Class Revolution

(Special Cablegram to "The Worker")

HAMBURG, GERMANY.—The spiritual unity that has long existed between the renegades and traitors to the international working class in the Second International and the Centrist leaders of the Vienna (2 1/2) International has been cemented by organic unity in the course of the week. Since the very name of the "Second International" is a synonym of treachery to the working class, it had to be abandoned.

The Vienna International, under the leadership of the half-witted anarchist propagandist of the deed, Frederick Adler, was totally discredited among the workers of Europe because of its typical centrist vacillations covering the entire period of its existence.

So both Internationals agreed to commit suicide and join their forces in the creation of a new one. The new monstrosity is to be known as the "Socialist Workers International."

That its career will be equally as infamous as that of its inglorious predecessor was guaranteed by the adoption of an ambiguous program and its official blessing by Emil Vandervelde, assassin of the Belgian working class and Minister of Justice to the King of the Belgians during the Imperialist Orgy. This blood-streaked monster climbed upon a chair and led the conference in howling "Long Live the International." (Until the next war breaks out.)

It will be remembered that Vandervelde, in his official position as defender of the King of the Belgians and lackey of British Imperialism, signed the covenant of the League of Nations, the Black International of Capitalism. That the newly created Socialist Workers' International will follow closely in the footsteps of the League of Nations was evident when much time was devoted to rabid attacks upon Soviet Russia led by the Menshevik hirling of Allied Imperialism, Abramovich, who openly advocated that the new International take the lead in organizing guerilla bands for counter-revolutionary purposes in Soviet Russia.

Still Social Patriots

Adoption of a program that left loopholes for Millerandism, or Socialist participation in capitalist cabinets, in its worst form proved that the participants in the congress are still social patriots and that the only reason they have patched up the so-called International that was wrecked by their own betrayal of the working class in 1914 is because their respective governments have patched up their own differences.

When their governments are at peace, the Social Patriots pay lip service to Internationalism. When war is declared they fly to the de-

fense of their capitalist fatherland and abandon their International pretenses.

American Delegates Present

Four American Delegates were present, but made no impression upon the congress. This delegation included the Germanophile editor of the Milwaukee Leader, Victor L. Berger, and the pro-German, Morris Hillquit, who wrote articles for the American Metropolitan Magazine praising the treachery of Scheidemann & Co. for supporting the Kaiser during the war. Jacob Panken, a Jewish lawyer and part of the Hillquit machine in New York, gave an interview to the capitalist press that conveyed the general pessimism that pervaded the entire congress. Panken said:

"The congress has shown us what the situation in Europe is and the hopelessness of the delegates, their lack of energy. The spirit of defeatism among the delegates made a big impression on us."

Fear Spectre of Communism

The spectre of Communism haunts the renegades of the Socialist Workers' International, no less than it haunts their capitalist masters in Europe. The deep pessimism of the delegates was due to the fact that they see all around them the growing influence of the Communist International.

While their twin in infamy, Amsterdam, solemnly declared at its Hague conference it would resist with all its might another capitalist war and then failed to act in the invasion of the Ruhr, the Communists stepped into the breach and are challenging capitalism on all fronts, thereby gaining tremendous influence among the masses of all Europe. This is why we hear the deep and lugubrious wail emanating from the camp of the social patriots at Hamburg.

Communist Member of British Parliament Talks on New Premier

LONDON.—Stanley Baldwin, appointed British premier to succeed Bonar Law, resigned, stands out among the conservative party leaders as of more than ordinary ability in the opinion of J. T. Walton Newbold, Communist member of parliament and the best informed man in the house of commons on financial and business ramifications.

"Baldwin belongs," says Newbold, "to a family of Midland and South Wales iron and steel masters, who have made a huge fortune in the industry, but who have sold their business concerns to a syndicate of bankers, belonging to the same group of international credit houses as stands behind Krupp, the German iron-master. The Baldwins are now sleeping partners in the concern, drawing a regular income from bonds and similar holdings when they have not transferred their holdings entirely. They have joined the ranks of the rentier (unearned income) class. They have become members of the class from which are recruited the men particularly versed in the arts of government."

"Mr. Baldwin was formerly a director of the family steel works and of the largest railway company in the country."

Picnic for Buksa Defense

YORKVILLE, O.—Yorkville Roumanian branch, Workers Party, with the assistance of the comrades from the other two Yorkville branches of the party, held a picnic in Dieph Run, which resulted in a collection for the defense of Comrade John Buksa, recently convicted in a Wheeling, W. Va., court of "distributing seditious literature," which totalled \$62.63.

The speakers of the day were Comrade G. Barbat, from the Roumanian branch of Canton, O., and District Organizer H. E. Keas, from Cleveland, O.

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Equity Gives The Antigone of Sophocles

A Review by H. M. WICKS

A wit once said, the main theme of all Greek tragedy is: "If you do not kill mother, I will!"

In the "Antigone" of Sophocles, presented by the Equity Players at three special matinees, the matricide had occurred previous to the opening of the sombre tragedy.

Oedipus, king of Thebes, according to the Odyssey, married his mother after murdering his father, without knowing the facts in the case. Four children were born to this union, before Oedipus caused the self-inflicted death of his wife and mother.

His two sons, Polyneices and Etocles fight for the throne of Thebes after his death. In mortal combat they mutually slay each other. Then Creon, brother-in-law of Oedipus, succeeding to the throne, forbade the burial of Polyneices, as he had stigmatized this brother as the aggressor against the state.

It is at this point that the tragedy of Antigone, as produced by the Equity players, begins.

Antigone, daughter of Oedipus and sister of Polyneices, protests to her sister, Ismene, that their brother should have decent burial, instead of lying a prey to carrion fowl. Ismene shrinks from the contemplation of violating the mandate of the King. With her own hands Antigone performs the burial rights, at the sacrifice of her life. Creon, in his mad course, lost his own son, Haemon, and his wife Eurydice, both by suicide, and received their curses on his head.

Edith Wynne Matthison, as Antigone, brought to the part a lofty dignity befitting this imposing character, while the Creon of Charles Rann Kennedy reached dramatic heights that have seldom been surpassed on the American stage the past quarter century. An occasional incoherent rant prevented his making a masterpiece of the character. The Ismene of Margaret Gage was far from convincing, but we forgave her for its defects because the program tells us that it was she who devised and directed the excellent Choral dances.

Nearly all the cast were amateurs, many of whom had never appeared on the professional stage before. The production is the result of the combined work of the Drama, Music and Art Departments of the Bennett School of Liberal and Applied Arts, Millbrook, New York.

The incompetents, who pose as dramatic critics on the capitalist dailies of New York, imagine Antigone to have been one of the earliest feminists. Being totally ignorant of historical materialism, they are utterly incapable of reviewing the great tragedies of the ancient Greeks.

The reason that these ancient tragedies reek with tales of matricide and various forms of parricide is because they were all written about the first class-struggle in all the history of the world: the struggle between the dying patriarchy and the rising patriarchy. In the Antigone of Sophocles, we find the patriarchy already established as the dominant system, but the spirit of the patriarchy still persists and has sufficient vitality to revolt against the property rights of the patriarchy.

Sophocles departed from the spirit of the old legend to dramatize the misdeeds of Oedipus, but in spite of this the class struggle between man and woman, taking the form of a sex struggle is evident. The tragic poet, Aeschylus, a contemporary of Sophocles, is far more intelligible when we read the myth in the light of Marxism.

We could not avoid the thought that the understanding of historical materialism by the producers and actors in the great tragedies written in this transition period from primitive communism and the patriarchy to private property and the patriarchy is essential to a competent presentation. This was woefully lacking in the Antigone as presented in New York. Instead of reading the lines in the sense of the period in which they were written, the cast tried to impart bourgeois ethics to a situation where such ethics are unknown.

Release New Russian Film Soon

Following the tremendous success of "Russia Through the Shadows" in all parts of the United States, interest is keen in the new F. S. R. release, "The Fifth Year," which is a nine-reel portrayal of a year's life and development in the Workers' Republic.

"THE FIFTH YEAR" will be released July 1st. The proceeds of the picture will be used for the maintenance of orphan homes in Russia. Organizations desiring to get a date should write at once to the Friends of Soviet Russia, Pictorial Department, 201 W. 13th St., New York.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The Minneapolis Trades and Labor Assembly has called a special meeting for June 13, 8 p. m., at Richmond Hall, to discuss the Labor Party Conference to be held in Chicago, July 3, and to select delegates. The call for the meeting is signed by the Assembly's organizers, Dan W. Stevens and George N. Meyers.

BANDITS . . . By H. M. WICKS

CHINESE AND AMERICAN BANDITS

Bandits in China have captured American citizens, according to frenzied stories in the yellow press of the nation. Family with the economic situation of China in relation to the great Powers causes us to seriously question whether the capture of the bandits is to be discovered in the United States of China. Being a Communist, holding in contempt all the expected institutions of capitalism, we refuse to believe events leading to international squabbles occur simply because some individuals possess an uncontrollable desire to kidnap citizens of other countries.

China is one of the few territories on the face of the earth with unlimited opportunities for capitalist exploitation. Its seething millions of potential wage slaves and its vast store of raw material are incentives to investment capital. Being fortunate in raw material predetermines it to misfortune at the hands of the rapacious hordes of capitalist imperialism. Most of the great Powers have their individual spheres of influence in China, and evidently the United States exploiters feel that they are being cheated, so they dicker with some Chinaman who agrees to enter upon a career of banditry, as an excuse for our patriots to get hysterical about protecting Americans in foreign lands.

No matter what complications may arise, the worker should understand that the whole thing is a carefully rehearsed show for the purpose of preparing for another imperialist venture on the part of the financial and industrial banditry of the United States, and that no matter how hysterical the capitalist press gets over Chinese bandits, our job is to deal a mortal blow at the earliest opportunity to our home-grown variety.

The Chinese question means war eventually and now is the time to begin agitation against the working class of this country again being sacrificed in order to make the world safe for imperialism.

One of the most effective blows against capitalism is to refuse to fight its battles.

Force A. F. of L. to Give Aid to Big Organization Campaign

By JOSEPH MANLEY

Organizer, Eastern District, T. U. E. L.

The American Federation of Labor has been asked by the Farmers' National Council to organize two million farmers who have been driven by bankruptcy from the farms to wage earning occupations.

The A. F. of L. is also announced, will organize women workers, 18,000 or 20,000 of them, in Washington, D. C.

Rumors are also going the rounds about the possibility of the Committee that has charge of the funds, some \$70,000 left over from the steel campaign, starting a new drive to organize the steel workers.

These three items would indicate that the American Federation of Labor is bestirring itself, and will soon launch a tremendous drive to organize the unorganized.

We are sure that little alarm will be felt in the ranks of the Manufacturers' Association. Ben Hooper, in speaking before this convention, struck the typical official note when he said that Gompers was standing like a lion against the introduction of socialist or bolshevist ideas into the trade union movement.

Gompers is so busy killing bolsheviks in the trade union movement that he has little time to devote to such a minor problem as organizing the unorganized.

The attack upon the Seattle Central Labor Council is an indication of the calibre of leadership of this great "democrat." How much wages and railroad fare did it cost to launch this attack? How many millions of unorganized workers did the agent of Gompers fly by as he rode to Seattle, the latest scene of "scotching the serpent of bolshevism."

This poor old man said on his recovery from his recent illness, that he would "buckle on his armor." The next thing we heard of him was, that he was basking in the sunshine of Atlantic City. Is it any wonder, in view of this, that the workers of America refuse to follow the leadership of this man. He seems to be blind to the fact that the unorganized condition of the workers in America, is a world disgrace.

The rank and file everywhere are moving discontentedly. The present period of prosperity, altho rapidly waning, should result in monster additions to all our unions. However, the rank and file have no confidence in the old outworn and threadbare phrases about "the benefits of organization." How often have they seen these benefits degenerate into organized scabbery, as in the case of the recent railroad strike. The rank and file will have no more of this bunk.

Those that are organized are demanding that their unions everywhere be amalgamated. One after another, the state federations and international unions, are declaring for this policy.

The unorganized are saying, "What have you to offer?" They will have nothing less than a program that appeals to their imagination and idealism; that will move them en masse.

The Trade Union Educational League issues: Amalgamation and a Labor Party, are moving the rank and file of the organized. The new slogan of the T. U. E. L., "Organize the Unorganized," by appealing to the militants, to become active on the job that the officials have either neglected, prevented, or fallen down on, will go a long way to organize such a proportion of the unorganized that will result in a militant labor movement with a leadership that really represents it.

Dockers in Hard Fight on Reaction

(Special to "The Worker")

BOSTON, MASS.—So well was the official machine working at the convention of the International Longshoremen's Association, closed here, that President Anthy Clopek, 12 vice-presidents and secretary-treasurer, were re-elected to their respective offices in less than fifteen minutes.

The convention was consistent reactionary from the day the gates on its opening session until close. It was opened with all patriotic trappings which disgraced American labor conventions. May Curley of Boston and the governor of the state attended a banquet given for the delegates at the luxurious Hotel Westminister. T. flirting with these capitalist politicians may have had something to do with the defeat of the resolution favor of the creation of an Independent Political Party of Labor, which was ruthlessly steam-rolled by machine.

On Tuesday of convention week the delegates were taken through government penitentiary on D. Island, under the personal direction of the deputy commissioner of prisons, just like bourgeois tourist sight-seeing.

Smashes "Amalgamation"

In his report to the convention the delegates suggested something be done for closer affiliation in the marine industry. The radical group, small in number, introduced the Amalgamation resolution. Immediately henchmen of the machine began talking about closer affiliation, and one delegate, Madison, from Portland, Ore., organizer and vice-president, assured the delegates that he had recently talked to Andrew Furuseth of Seamen and that the old man was in favor of a Marine Trades Council similar to the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor.

All the labor fakirs and henchmen on the floor tried to be the fundamental question of amalgamation with eulogy of the glories of marine federation.

The resolution was defeated, only after the discussion had gotten so heated that many unpleasant truths about various craft organizations in the marine industry, scabbing on each other, had come to light. So convincing were the arguments in favor of amalgamation that the machine was afraid to send a report of the debate out to the membership, so another henchman moved to strike the whole discussion from the record, which was done.

The crowning infamy of the convention came with the vote to affiliate with the International Transport Workers, a part of the yellow International of Amsterdam, the by making the Longshoremen Union of this country an adjunct of the hiring blackguards of the League of Nations, who use this organization for the purpose of betraying the workers of the whole world. It is a fit affiliation Clopek and his machine.

Clopek is certainly the spirit descendant of T. V. O'Connor, former president of the Longshoremen's union, who was rewarded by appointment to a job as United States Shipping Board Commissioner at \$15,000 per.

The militants in this organization are rapidly gaining power and are diligently working toward the destruction of the reactionary Clopek machine in order to a real union can be created among the marine transport workers, instead of the miserable caricature unionism that now exists.

Brookwood College Graduation

From Workshop to college, a back to the workshop is the motto of the first graduating class of trade unionists who have just completed their two-year course at Brookwood, the first resident workers' college. Katonah, N. Y. The fifteen graduates are members of such leading labor organizations as the mine workers, cooperatives and hotel workers. They represent seven nationalities and come from eight different States, one of them an exchange student from England.

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Ignore Labor at LaFollette Rail "Con" fab

BY THOMAS O'FLAHERTY
Editor of "The Voice of Labor"

CHICAGO—The barrage of eloquence and denunciation directed against the first gathering here of the newly organized National Conference on Valuation of American Railroads, by the representatives of heavy industry would lead a visitor from Mars to believe that what was taking place in Chicago was not a conference of manicured and polished gentlemen, on whose shoulders the inequalities of capitalism rested like a feather, but a convention of determined revolutionaries, who felt the time was ripe to put an end to capitalism with all its works and pomps.

The business leaders of Chicago attacked the parley and hurled the names of Lenin and Trotsky at the respectable heads of U. S. Senator Robert Marion LaFollette and the "Great Reformer," William Jennings Bryan. This was an insidious attempt, declared John M. Glenn, secretary of the Manufacturers' Association of Illinois and the press agent of big business, "to deprive property owners of their holdings."

The following "labor leaders" graced the conference with their presence: W. G. Lee, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; Timothy Healy, of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers; E. H. Fitzgerald, of the Brotherhood of Railroad and Steamship Clerks; T. C. Caghen, of the Switchmen's Union; and Warren S. Stone, of the Engineers.

The conference does not believe in "open covenants openly arrived at." The important business was transacted in private. The public got its ears tickled at two open sessions.

LaFollette was the leader of the conference. Smiling like an insurance agent he introduced the speakers with well selected phrases that pleased the speakers and hurt nobody. One would imagine from hearing the flattering introductions that the comfortable looking functionaries who rallied at the railroads were veterans in the class struggle who had spent half their lives in jail. LaFollette explained his uncompromising position with regard to the railroads. They must be valued not at what they could be re-produced for today but at what was actually put into them. Whose money was put into these railroads? Whose sweat and blood was put into them? Was the money that was loaned by the banks to the railroad financiers the savings of the so-called railroad builders? Very likely not. It was the money of the people who deposit their savings in the banks on which they receive three or four per cent and this money is loaned to the railroad builders which they hire labor power which lays the tracks, builds the rolling stock and then operates it. There was very little consideration shown the workers during the speech-making. Once or twice he was referred to apologetically by the most daring of the speakers.

The star performer of the conference was "Colonel" William Jennings Bryan. He arrived at the conference with the scalps of several mythical Darwinian monkeys hanging at his belt. After laying the ghost of evolution in the South he felt in good condition for a tilt with the demon of Wall Street. This dragon has furnished the "Colonel" with a meal ticket for many years. So he keeps his silver tongue polished and ready for use in case the LaFollette enterprise may develop serious proportions. The "Colonel" should scotch any ambitions he may cherish of trying to get ahead of the Senator. Reformers are dangerous to each other.

The "Colonel" was given a full-some introduction by the Senator. While they were members of different parties that did not mean anything. Both parties were full of good men, and the opposite.

The general opinion here is that LaFollette is nursing his presidential boom and that the labor fakery are supplying the funds to nurse the child along. The coming labor party convention is looked on with concern by LaFollette and his gang of bourgeois reformers who do not want to abolish the existing system but hope to eliminate the inequalities by passing laws to curb the great monopolies.

LaFollette is trying to capture the growing discontent of labor and the farmers with the two capitalist prostitutes, the Democratic and Republican parties, and he hopes with the aid of the labor fakery to hitch this tremendous force to his political chariot and ride into the White House victoriously in the next presidential election. These men have no solution for the problems that affect the workers today. A Labor Party representing the interests of the workers and working farmers is the need of the hour.

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UP! YOUNG WORKERS!



Hungry Germany Fights

By LUDWIG LORE

The situation in Germany is daily assuming a more catastrophic aspect. The disturbances in the Ruhr district are rapidly developing into a general strike. Already trouble is brewing in Central Germany. In Dresden, the capital of Saxony, there have been bloody clashes between the unemployed and the police. In other Saxon industrial towns similar disturbances have been reported. In Berlin, too—according to the Associated Press—uprisings are feared, and everywhere these disturbances are laid at the door of the communist movement in Germany.

And yet it is quite obvious that—in the Ruhr valley as well as in Dresden—the upheaval is purely economic in its nature. The misery of the people has reached such dimensions, their lot has become so desperate, so unbearable, their want is so terrible and the impossibility of solving the situation that confronts them by normal means so remote and so hopeless, that these starving masses are forced to seek—and find—some outlet for their desperation.

In the Ruhr district there is work to be had. Workmen can find employment in its mines and steel mills if their tired, starved bodies could stand the strain of the double-shift system. But why labor, when the pay is so miserable that it permits only the satisfaction of one's most primitive wants? In the past years even the quickest and most skilled worker has not been able to earn enough to feed his family and to restore his own exhausted labor power. Then came, in the last few weeks, the epochal decline in the value of the Mark, reducing its purchasing power, almost overnight, by 100 percent. Four weeks ago a million Mark was worth \$50.00. Today a million paper Mark equals \$16.25. This sudden devaluation means enormous profits into the pockets of capital, on account of the resulting sky-rocketing prices. The worker as usual is footing the bill.

Not only the capitalist, the authorities and the capitalist press are arrayed against the workers. Their own leaders, their labor union officials and the social-democratic press are preaching submission to the long suffering proletariat, are demanding that it make no difficulties—in this time of "public need"! The national united front, the after-war civil peace, must be upheld under all circumstances. If the capitalist refuses to increase wages, there is nothing left for the despised wage slave but, to starve—to the everlasting honor of the noble harmony between the labor union bureaucracy and the bosses.

And the strike came, nevertheless, for in the Ruhr district the Communists are strong, and the cringing servility demanded by the well-fed labor union leaders is foreign to their nature. Communist and syndicalist workmen supported the strike and began it. Fifty-five percent increase in wages was the first effect of this spontaneous example of real mass-action, that was dictated neither by the Communist Party nor by "Moscow." But Stinnes, Thyssen & Co. will have to pay more before they calm the storm that they have raised by their bold starvation policy. In the meantime the revolutionary elements have taken the preservation of order into their own hands. From the various labor elements and labor organizations—even the "Christian Trade Union"—miners received their representatives—patrols and local security committees have been organized to prevent plunder, to police the localities in question. If these up-

risings were really communistic in their nature, our comrades would, of course, never have thought of giving such important political functions into the hands of their bitterest opponents when there was not the slightest necessity for it.

In Saxony, too, purely economic causes precipitated the present difficulties. During the last month unemployment there increased in leaps and bounds. In March 220,808 persons drew unemployment benefit, in April their number had increased to 670,350, and at the beginning of May this number had risen to 900,000. For every 100 proffered positions there were 340 men looking for work. On the 17th of April there were 860,000 requests for work that could not be filled, as compared to 590,493 on the 15th of March. The statistics of Sick Benefit Funds show that on the 1st of March 13,123,682 persons were recorded as employed, but on the 1st of April only 12,470,159. In March every 17th worker in Germany was unemployed, in the beginning of April every 4th worker was working parttime, usually three or four days a week. One half of all of these parttimers work for one half the usual pay.

Saxony, the German industrial state par excellence, was most critically affected by this crisis. Therefore it is only natural that the inherently radical Saxon labor movement should rebel against this impossible situation, when prices soar dizzyly on the one hand and unemployment became general on the other. Surely, the Communists have no cause to protect the holy alliance between capital and its social-democratic underlings. But there is no intention on their part, so much seems absolute certain, to exploit the present situation for the purpose of a general proletarian revolution—revolution in the sense of an ultimate overthrow of capitalism. It would be utter madness to provoke the final struggle at a time when the French and the Belgians are in the country with several hundred thousand troops, when the railroads and all other means of transportation are in the hands of the foreign enemy, when German and French capitalism stand ready to drown the revolution in blood.

A VISIT FROM JACOB TASK

"The Worker" office had a visit this week from Jacob Task, of Allston, Mass., an ardent booster. Comrade Task will soon celebrate his 80th birthday, and is proud of the fact that he has been a Communist for the last fifty years. He wants us to extend his greetings to all readers of "The Worker," and to urge them all to increase the circulation of our weekly thru ordering and distributing weekly bundles. What do you say?

Convention of Youth Is Spur for Real Work

By JAY LOVESTONE
(Special to "The Worker")

CHICAGO—The Second Annual Convention of the Young Workers League stands out as one of the most practical and successful of all the Communist gatherings I have attended.

The delegation knew and felt that there was work to be done and that it had to be done in the immediate present. It was this spirit and approach that characterized the proceedings.

Get Right Down to Business

"What are our pressing problems? How can we meet them best?" These were the questions dealt with and answered by the Convention.

As members of a revolutionary organization of the youth the delegates realized that they had no problems other than those of the young workers. It was most encouraging to see the 28 delegates give themselves over to a consideration of such living issues as Child Labor, Education of the Youth, an immediate campaign against the numerous militarist bodies and a re-organization of the League on industrial lines.

The Child Labor Question

The Convention was presented with a most comprehensive survey of the conditions of the millions of minors in industry. A realistic program to alleviate the terrible conditions imposed upon employed children was adopted. This program was a thoroughgoing Communist document aiming to draw in the greatest number of workers into the struggle against the organized power of the employing class.

First of all, the incoming National Committee was instructed to address Gompers and the Presidents of the International Unions involved in a resolution, calling for an intensive nation-wide campaign of organization amongst the young wage workers. Thru the various unions in question a campaign for equal organizational right and privileges to minors will be waged. Of course the dynamic force of this whole movement for opposing the use of children as a source of cheaper labor-power will be the members of the Young Workers League.

The delegates also accepted a plan whereby country-wide agitation will be carried on to unmask the fraud of the sanctity of State rights as an excuse for the Federal Government's aiding and abetting the exploiters of children. It was pointed out that this high regard for "State rights" and the inviolability of State integrity did not matter a straw when the Federal Government rushed troops into strike zones to crush the workers and maintain the uninterrupted flow of dividends.

Concrete, positive demands on the Government for alleviating the degrading conditions of the young workers were also formulated.

Anti-Militarism and Education

Another indication of the practical, revolutionary character of the Convention was afforded by the action of the delegates on the questions of anti-militarism and education.

Plans were laid for counteracting the militarist campaign waged by the official and unofficial patriotic societies such as the various Daughters and Grand-Daughters of the Revolution, National Defense Society, Boy Scouts ad nauseum.

In the program for education, the delegates did not cater to dogma. Simplicity characterized the plan. The delegates freed themselves from the old pseudo-Marxist notions advertised as the incarnation and essence of Scientific Socialism. The educational program adopted aims to train the Young Workers into organizers of the Youth rather than into self-satisfied apostles of knowledge for the sake of knowledge.

A Source of Strength

This Convention has clearly established the fact that the Young Workers League can and will play in the immediate present a most important role in the revolutionizing of the American working class and the building of a virile Communist movement in the United States. The Second Convention has laid a sound foundation for a year of intense activity. The achievements of the Workers Party will, to a no small extent, be determined by the success of the Young Workers League.

Shoe Factories Tied Up by Strike at Brockton

By WILLIAM SIMONS
(Special by Wire to "The Worker")

BOSTON, MASS.—Just returned from Brockton, center of the big shoe strike. The attempt of the manufacturers to open their factories big failure. This was acknowledged by them in their press, stating that the opening was intended for next Monday. The Brockton shoe industry is practically tied up. The movement is extending rapidly thru-out the lake shore district. The rank and file spirit is splendid.

Pave the Way for the Better Day

By ALEXANDER HOWAT

The National Committee of the Farmer-Labor Party has issued a call for a national convention to be held in the city of Chicago, beginning July 3. This is a step in the right direction. It holds out a new hope for the men and women who toil. It presents an opportunity for the workers to assert themselves.

The importance of this convention can not be overlooked. It is a call to the workers of the entire country; the men who work on the farms and all other classes of labor are urged to participate in this great gathering of the wealth producers of the nation.

Let us no longer be hoodwinked and deceived by the professional politicians. Let us no longer depend on the promises of the corporation tools who have kept the working class in subjection and poverty and destitution for these many years. Let us rely on our own power, our own strength, and our own intelligence to right the wrongs that we have lived and suffered under for many years gone by.

Every section of the nation should be represented at this convention, so that the lawmakers of the country and the large employers of labor may understand once and for all that we mean business.

This is a working class country and we should make of it a real working class government. Let those who perform the labor of the nation rule the nation. This can be brought about if the workers will rally to the cause. If they will take the proper interest in their own welfare. The way to do this is for the workers of the entire country to be represented at the Chicago Convention. Let us have a real Labor Party. Let our forces be solidified. Let us all join hands in the fight for a better day. Let us all do our share to make this convention a glorious success, so that July 3, 1923, may mark the beginning of a new day in the history of the labor movement. Let us unite on the political field as well as on the industrial field, and in this way let the workers become their own rulers and make of this a nation

Braddock, Pa., Steel Toilers Oppose Raids

(Special to "The Worker")

BRADDOCK, PA.—The outrageous conduct of the political agents of the Steel Corporation in the recent raids in Pittsburgh has produced an unprecedented reaction. One of the most notable results was the successful staging of a mass protest meeting in Braddock in the very heart of the steel industry.

Due to the support of Father A. Kasinczy, a Roman Catholic priest of Braddock, arrangements were made to hold the meeting in St. Michael's School Hall. A large audience gathered. Father Kasinczy having been called out of the city was unable to be present but sent a letter which was read to the audience registering his vigorous protest against the outrages perpetrated in the recent raids. This announcement brought rounds of applause from the audience.

A number of well known speakers addressed the audience in various languages under the auspices of the LABOR DEFENSE AND FREE SPEECH COUNCIL OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA. They dealt with the fundamental questions of free speech and assemblage. In addition to this discussion, declarations on the United Front of Labor in the Pittsburgh District were greeted with tremendous applause which was especially significant in view of the present offensive in this section for Amalgamation and the Labor Party.

Workers from the steel slave camps of Rankin, Homestead, McKeesport and elsewhere came in large and determined numbers. A picturesque group that also came was a truckload of 25 miners who drove 40 miles from Russellton, Pa. to be present and participate in the first public meeting held here in protest against the "White Terror."

This was the first labor meeting held in Braddock for many years and has left a deep impression upon the minds of the oppressed workers.

Mass Meeting, June 3rd

The LABOR DEFENSE AND FREE SPEECH COUNCIL OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA has arranged for a great mass protest meeting Sunday night, June 3rd, at one of the largest theatres in Pittsburgh at which Professor Harry Ward of the American Civil Liberties Union and Alexander Howat will be the principal speakers. Enthusiasm is running high among the workers at the splendid organization of defense and labor unions not previously identified with the progressive elements in Pittsburgh are daily joining hands in this work.

Women Organize for Defense
(Special to "The Worker")

BRADDOCK, PA.—As the result of the raid and infringement on human rights in Western Pennsylvania, the women are realizing that it is their fight as well as that of the victims in the raid, because it takes away bread from their children and milk from their babies.

Therefore the women have organized the Women's Defense Committee of Turtle Creek Valley.

Labor Getting Up Speed in Tractor Drive

The drive for tractors for Soviet Russia is gathering speed as it goes along. Every day things are happening which emphasize the need for immediate help in the country's giant effort to rebuild its agriculture. With the British lion sharpening his claws for an attack on Russia, with Comrade Vaslav Vorogovsky, murdered by a Swiss reactionary, with a new anti-Russian campaign of lies well launched, it behooves all friends of the Workers' Republic to rally to its defense.

A Russia which is really the rest of the world for its supply of bread can withstand all its enemies. Even more—it can become the storehouse and food center for oppressed workers in other lands. That independence can be attained with tractors.

The slogan "Cannons or Tractors" is therefore not a mere phrase. The warlike attitude of the rest of the world towards Russia makes it a reality which calls for action. We call upon the friends of Russia to exert themselves to their utmost in the tractor campaign. The Voting Contest in connection with it is an additional stimulus. The tractors will be a message to the workers and the peasants of Russia which will hearten them in their fight. "The living message" will make it even more impressive, more actual.

For the rebuilding of Russia, and the solidarity of labor thruout the world, let us make the tractor drive successful!

John T. Taylor, president of the Detroit Federation of Labor, has been put up as a candidate in the Free Trip to Russia contest by those working in the tractor drive in that city. Detroit has given so many tangible signs of its energy and effectiveness in all undertakings that there can be no doubt Brother Taylor will win one of the trips. Good luck to Taylor—and to all his competitors.

Among the Magazines

"Soviet Russia Pictorial" for June
Reviewed by NANCY MARKOFF

There is no other person in America who can speak with greater authority on the methods employed by Motion Picture producers, to give the American public what is safe for capitalism, than the author of "The Brass Check," and "The Goose Step," Upton Sinclair. The Soviet Russia Pictorial for June contains an extremely interesting letter by Sinclair to Lebedev, head of "Proletkino," a labor film enterprise in Moscow. This letter is an enlightening account of Sinclair's experiences with American motion picture producers who have offered to put his novels into motion picture plays. As a result of these experiences he makes the following offer to Proletkino: "You make pictures of any of my books that you wish. . . you may use all my books without compensation to me; some day in the future. . . if the Russians have money, they may pay me some of it, and I will use it to make a picture for the American workers."

What Russia is accomplishing in the way of reconstruction and education for her youth always arouses our enthusiastic interest. There are two articles treating these important subjects. One tells us that Russia is to have an agricultural exhibition this summer. The purpose of this exhibition is to acquaint the Russian peasant with the up-to-date farming machinery and implements of the western world, and to acquaint the western world with the tremendous possibilities of Russia's unlimited agricultural and mineral wealth. The other, an article by Robert W. Dunn, tells us what Russia is doing to educate her five million children in the Public Schools of Russia today.

There are many other valuable accounts of Russian activities which space does not permit us to dwell upon.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Central Labor Council for Labor Party Convention

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Voicing its approval in response to a communication from the Farmer-Labor Party inviting attendance to its national convention to be held in Chicago on July 3, Augusta's Central Labor Union has heartily endorsed the objects of the proposed convention and while not to be actively represented at this gathering is in complete accord with the avowed objects of the proposed national conference.

Under instructions from the local Central Labor Union, Secretary L. B. Furtick will convey to the officers of the Farmer-Labor Party, the best wishes for the success of the convention.

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To make up complete files of THE WORKER we need the following numbers—212-219-222-241-244-271.

We will appreciate it if comrades will send us copies of these missing issues.—Business Manager.

America's White Terror

Is vividly depicted by Don Brown and H. M. Wicks in the June LIBERATOR. Both write from first-hand experiences had in Pittsburgh and Ohio. HOWAT, the Coal-digger, and his growing strength in the United Mine Workers' Union is told of by J. Louis Engdahl. THE LAP OF LUXURY gets a keen analysis from the pen of Scott Nearing. BON VOYAGE, HILLQUIT, is the title of an analytical article by Comrade John Pepper on the marriage of the Second and Second-and-a-half Internationals at Hamburg. RUTENBERG CONVICTED, is the title of Jay Lovestone's story of the trial of C. E. Ruthenberg at St. Joseph, Mich. Frank Walts draws the cover, Don Brown, the frontispiece, while Bob Minor gives a splendid double-page cartoon on the exodus of the Negro from the South. There are also timely editorials, reviews, poetry and other drawings.

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We Greet the Militant Miners!

The militants of the coal mines will gather in Pittsburgh, June 2-3, fully aware of the tremendous duty that devolves upon them as a mighty factor in the American labor movement. They will not discuss the question of amalgamation. They have an industrial union. They will have up before them the greater problems of the nationalization of the coal industry, and of securing co-operative action between the workers of the great affiliated basic industries—mining, steel, transportation.

President John L. Lewis, of the Coal Miners' Union, like Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, may be depended upon these days, thru their repeated reactionary attacks, to show the militants the necessity of a disciplined left wing within the Miners' Union, inspired by the principles of the Trade Union Educational League.

Mr. Lewis has just been basking once more in the warm and inviting atmosphere of the United States Coal Commission at Washington, D. C. The correspondents of the nation's kept press hover about, with little to do since congress is not in session. They gladly seize upon the anti-radical propaganda of the reactionary head of the Miners' Union as first page "news".

Thus the campaign in Districts No. 1 and 2, in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields, takes on a national significance. The militants must be defeated or Pres. Lewis will not be able to put over an agreement in August, satisfactory to the profit-hungry anthracite coal barons. The militant, Rinaldo Cappellini, who is a candidate for president of District No. 1, against Mr. Lewis' henchman, "Billy" Brennan, becomes a figure of country-wide importance.

Militancy in the miners' union must be prepared to stand its ground. It must be ready to see the president of the union call to his aid, not only the kept press, but also the Daugherty-Burns Department of Justice, even as it is charged Mr. Lewis did, thru his agent, Van Bitner, in the king's raids on the Nova Scotia, Canada, coal miners at Glace Bay.

But we do not fear for the militancy of the coal miners. It has stood the test in the past. It has survived in many a hard fought battle against the coal barons. It will grow, instead of succumb, before the joint attacks of Lewis, Gompers, Burns, Daugherty & Co. The conference of the miner militants at Pittsburgh, Pa., this week end, will be an inspiration to the militants in all industries, in whose name we greet them.

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There is tragedy in this joke on the working class. Larry Semon, movie slapstick comedian, has signed up a three-year contract for \$3,000,000. Judge Elbert H. Gary, doddering 76-year-old head of the profit-fat Steel Trust, has won the unanimous vote of the American Iron and Steel Institute for the continuance of the 12-hour day in the steel mills.

Thus Larry Semon gets his high price for tickling the ribs of the workers, who make up the cinema audiences, while Gary and his gold hunters, thru their kept propaganda, persuade them that it is "not necessarily injurious, physically, mentally or morally," to toil the long day in the steel mills.

Every investigation made has shown that the 12-hour day throws human wreckage upon the scrap heap along with the slag from the steel furnaces. The 12-hour day breaks men physically, gives their minds no opportunity to develop, destroys all moral fibre, thus debasing these sorts of the steel mills to the level of brute animals. Of course, that is all that "Steel King" Gary, and his money lusting crew, ask for, brute men to keep running the molten flow that solidifies into the finished steel products needed by modern civilization.

Gary fell exhausted before finishing his plea with the steel magnates. If we believed in omens, we might venture the declaration that that spell of weakness that came over Gary, was a prophecy heralding the crumbling, not only of Gary 12-hour day rule, but of all private ownership in the steel industry.

The social system is doomed that gives \$1,000,000 a year to a dispenser of cheap comedy, and only a few hundred dollars for the same period to men who do the world's useful labor, toiling the long day at life-sapping toil.

Gary declares the 12-hour day is necessary because of the shortage of labor. And on the same day John Moore, of the Ohio miners, speaks of the hundreds of thousands of idle coal diggers, with others working only one and three days per week. These jobless miners, under any sane social system, could easily be diverted to the steel industry, making not only a 10-hour, or an 8-hour, but even a 6-hour day possible, the six-hour day that the coal miners are fighting for, even under capitalism, as the next goal of their mighty organization.

Under the lash of Gary's whips, discontent is again organizing in the steel industry. The inspiring appeal of "Amalgamation, a Labor Party, a Workers' Government," is reaching down into the

steel hells of Pittsburgh, Bethlehem, South Chicago, Gary, Hammond, Birmingham and other great industrial centers where pig iron and human muscle unite to produce great riches for the few.

Steel labor will some day forget to laugh at the jokes of the million-dollar Larry Semon. It will realize the tragedy of its own condition. It will unite. It will rise. It will make more rapid progress toward its goal—its emancipation. That will be the day for turning the joke on Gary and his fellow-steel magnates. This labor tragedy will then become in turn the tragedy of capitalism. Gary has tried to crush labor in the steel industry. But all labor will succeed in crushing all profit-rule in all industries.

These Christian Gentlemen

John D. Rockefeller has been wrapping himself in the cloak of religion all these years, while John D., Jr., has been teaching a Baptist Sunday School Class on Fifth Ave., New York City. They must have something to appease their conscience, driving wage slaves under the profiteers' knout for seven days each week, and twelve hours each day.

There evidently have been some among our great capitalists, however, who have not needed this resort to religion. The mine barons, the steel czars and the railroad kaisers have waged their murderous anti-labor wars, in two-fisted manner to be sure, but with gun and club, not a hand to spare to carry a Bible.

But Judge Elbert H. Gary, head of the Steel Trust, has returned home from his tour on the other side of the Atlantic, during which he visited the Holy Land. In addressing the meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the other day, he declared:

"Gentlemen, it is in accordance with our instincts and judgment, as frequently proclaimed, to say that it pays a nation or an individual to follow a Christian course."

That goes for our industrial overlords. Gary has decided that he likes religion. It pays. Then there is Joseph Tumulty, an overseer of the democratic party, the man behind Woodrow Wilson, when he was president, and before. This modern Joseph proclaims, in reply to "Bill" Burns, before the Shore Kiwanis Club, at Atlantic City:

"The real antidote for Bolshevism is a recognition of the ills of mankind. There must be a return to the principles of Jesus Christ and a renewal of faith in the Ten Commandments—Love thy neighbor as thyself—if the world is to be lifted up from the slough of despond that gives rise to misunderstanding and radicalism."

These are not so much the vapors of conscience-stricken industrialists and politicians. It is rather a dying social order seeking the comforts of religion. This is the same religion that failed to save the masters of all previous social eras. The human slave and the feudal serf, in spite of the appeals of the masters, have been freed. In this day the wage workers will win their emancipation in spite of hypocritical master class appeals "to the principles of Jesus Christ." These are merely efforts to blind the issue. They will fail.

These 20th century rich men can no more stay the coming of the new social order than a camel can climb thru the eye of a needle, to borrow a phrase from the book for which Gary and Tumulty and other "Christian Gentlemen" suddenly profess their love and admiration.

The Black Days Ahead

The United States is rapidly plunging into another industrial crisis. The present so-called "prosperity" will soon end. A new army of jobless will again form out of the millions thrown out of employment.

This is the meaning of the news that the trade balance has turned against the United States. The nation imported during March \$60,000,000 worth of goods more than it exported. This is the first time the trade balance had gone against the United States since the end of the war. Our exports had been declining for six months. Now they have been outstripped by the imports, in the largest adverse trade balance ever shown by any month in America's commercial history.

That means that foreign countries cannot buy our goods. They owe the United States government at Washington, and the international bankers in Wall Street, too much. They have no more gold. So we cannot sell abroad. Therefore the great American industrial machine inevitably slows up.

If the countries of Europe do try, as in the case of England, even to pay interest on the war debts now totalling \$20,000,000, 000, then they must send their goods to this country. That means that foreign goods take the place of American products in the local markets. Thus the machinery of production stops completely, for having no one to buy our products, and with the goods of foreign lands glutting our markets, there is no work for the American toiler to perform.

That should be a good thing. It ought to give the millions of workers an opportunity to enjoy a long summer vacation. But that doesn't happen under capitalism.

The millions will walk the streets, fighting each other for jobs, making it possible for the bosses to cut wages, lengthen the work-day, destroy hard-won conditions if labor does not stand together. The bosses will demand "cheap goods," thru low wages, to compete with the "cheap goods" of the sweated toilers of crushed Europe, whose bosses also want to sell to South America and to the "market" in Asia.

This iswing in the foreign trade balance is only one development showing that there are dark days ahead for American labor. The workers of the United States must prepare for this time of crisis. They must develop their solidarity with the workers of other countries thru the Communist International and the Red International of Labor Unions. They must strengthen their position at home thru amalgamation of their craft unions, thru a Labor Party to fight their political battles. The time to prepare is now. Demand amalgamation in all the gatherings of your city central bodies, and in the conventions of your state and international organizations. Send your delegates to the July Labor Party Conference in Chicago. Prepare now against the black days ahead.

Do you agree with us? Then join the Workers Party!

This Week!

By THE ONLOOKER

Lloyd George Wakes Up

Lloyd George, former British premier, now claims that the capitalist war he helped fight, has not taught the world "a single syllable." He refers, of course, to the capitalist world. We could have told him that years ago. It taught the workers of Soviet Russia a great deal. The workers of other countries, in large numbers, have learned and are still learning. That must be the thing that is troubling Lloyd George.

The Ku Klux Klan Revealed

The jingo, anti-labor character of the Ku Klux Klan has been well revealed in West Virginia, where these hooded and gowned champions of capitalism have ordered the World War Veterans "to vacate West Virginia or take the consequences." This ultimatum was delivered to Lawson McMillon, state president of these rank and file veterans, who replies that the W. V. V. will stay right in West Virginia, "alive and kicking." Which means, if we guess right, that the Koo-Koo ghosts will have to take to the woods.

They Are Disappointed

Mildred Morris, the Washington correspondent of the Federated Press, writes that, "The Progressives are disappointed over the appointment of Alva Adams as successor of the late Senator Nicholson of Colorado." Disappointment, however, will never do the La Follette-Borah outfit any good. The only way to teach them that the world is progressing is to elect real, red workers in their places. Then they can carry their disappointment into retirement, along with their betraying "progressivism." There it can do no harm.

No "Justice" for the Poor

John S. Bradway, secretary, National Alliance of Legal Aid Societies, told the National Conference of Social Work, at Washington, D. C., that more than a half million workers in the United States each year are unable to obtain legal justice because of poverty. We think his figures are very conservative. Bradway urges his legal aid societies as a remedy, and points out that they handle 200,000 cases annually. He does not say what becomes of the other 300,000 cases, according to this own figures. There will be no real change until the social order that provides one kind of "justice" for the rich and another for the poor has been abolished. That means an end to the capitalist system that Mr. Bradway is trying to patch up with his aid societies. And, of course, Mr. Bradway will not urge that the system that gives him a job be swept away.

The Graveyard of Action

During the big strikes last summer the American Federation of Labor did not think it necessary to help bring about concerted action on the part of the workers. As a result these great struggles plunged into chaos, especially those of the railroad and textile workers. Now the A. F. of L. announces that the present activities in this country of the Fascists are not important enough to be noticed. It, therefore, refuses to act on the request of the New York Central Labor Union, asking an investigation of the American branch of Mussolini's labor baiting movement.

To be sure, Sam Gompers appeared on the program of the last New Orleans convention of the American Legion, which conducts the most harmonious relations with the American Fascist. An investigation of these White Terrorists might, therefore, reveal the head of the A. F. of L. in a very bad light, in fact as an ally of this anti-labor organization that has already broken up numerous workers' meetings in various sections of the country. Then, again, the A. F. of L. executive council is the graveyard of action, with the result that any war on the Fascists must be carried on, if at all, by the state and local central bodies. This is another job for the rank and file.

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Human Progress Is Always Misunderstood and Criticised by Those Who Are Satisfied With Things as They Are

The Omnipresent Bolshevik

Out on the broad Pacific Ocean, in the stokehold of the United States Army Transport, "Merritt," there has been a new outbreak of Bolshevism, and the kept press is much troubled.

The "Merritt" started from Olongapo, the Philippine Islands, with the 529 White Guard refugees from Red Vladivostok, of whom we have said much. Their numbers had been lessened by desertions. One officer of high rank had committed suicide, conscience-stricken over the terrorist crimes committed against Soviet Rule in Siberia.

But the cream of the anti-Communist refugees were supposed to be on the Transport "Merritt" bound for San Francisco. They were forced to work their way across by performing the various ship's tasks. But the trip was not destined to be a peaceful one.

It would seem that many of these anti-Sovietists are being forced into exile, since it is reported that many were immediately thrown into "the hole" as mutineers. The voyage was terminated with the strike of the refugee stokers, with a cable to the Chicago Tribune charging that, "One Russian officer is reported to be a Bolshevik agent." Latest bulletins are that the "Merritt" has been forced to put in at Iba, Zambales, less than 50 miles from the port of its departure, thus innocently touched by the waves of the world social revolution.

American reaction tried to war on Soviet Rule by sending troops into Siberia. These were quickly withdrawn, however, as the United States soldiers became "tainted with Bolshevism." The rank-and-file soldiers of Japan were returned home for the same reason.

Mutinies and strikes among the first consignment of refugee immigrants on the Transport "Merritt" would indicate that the befriending of unthankful counter-revolutionaries, who got home sick for the motherland, even if it is under Soviet Rule, is not going to be a paying business. President Harding, Secretary of War Weeks and Secretary of Commerce Hoover, who sponsored this venture, are no doubt holding hurry-up conferences at Washington, to decide what they are going to do in the face of the threat of the omnipresent Bolshevik, who spoils their best laid plans.

The Cry of the Oppressed

I am in the hearts of harlots walking the streets
In quest of a guest for the day
And I stand in the line where charity gives a crust,
I am with the sailors swinging on yardarms
In the gale, in the cold of Cape Horn;
And with the stokers bathed in sweat,
Deep down in the hold of steamers,
I am in the bowels of Mother Earth with miners
Digging necessities, luxuries for others;
And I am with the objectors dragged into wars
To kill, to pillage, and rape,
To satiate the greed of parasites
Bedecked with tinsels and gold;
And fatten the belly of Mars.

To-day I am scorned, rejected by cultured, the famed,
Who in turn, are gloried by kings and prelates.
I am starved of the thought, torn apart,
Dragged thru dirt and slandered in the press,
Trampled by fools, and jested by clowns,
Who live only for present day.
But I shall survive! The dead and the wars,
The Pyramids and Sphinxes in the desert;
The crooked pens of false historians
And their dreary volumns of lies.

For I was born when might first crushed just into dust,
And was nursed by sorrow and tears.
I carry the ideals of the sufferers, the despised,
The conceptions of their thoughts for love and truth.
And thru me they shall cause
The change of the tide for common good,
And thru me they shall see the dawn—
The resurrection day for the low—
For I am the onrushing, foaming crest of a mighty wave,
And in the distance you can hear my cry of the oppressed.

LEE LAND.

Capitalists Are Chagrined Because Soviet Locomotive Has Been Shunted Away from Capitalism

D. IVON JONES

(Special to "The Worker")

MOSCOW:—Just at the time when the Archbishop of Canterbury and the capitalists are raising a fury about the persecution of the church in Russia, the All Russian Synod of the Russian Church meets and declares that Tikhon is no longer Patriarch, deposes him of his priestly cassock for allying the church with counter-revolution, and says that he shall henceforth be known as plain "Mr. Bellavina".

The Synod further declares the office of Patriarch abolished, as a relic of czarism.

I saw a church on May Day flying the red flag!

The Church in Russia is grouping itself on the side of the Soviet Power as its only hope of survival.

Just as the Protestants of England sought salvation from defeat by seeking to reconcile "religion and science," so the All Russian Synod declares the task of the church to be "reconciliation of religion with re-

volution," preserving the dogmas of the orthodox Russian Church and at the same time sincerely accepting the great Russian revolution with its world consequences.

What about religious persecution in Soviet Russia? Here is the Synod's declaration:

"According to the Soviet Constitution freedom of thought in religion is the right of all citizens. The decree on the separation of church and state guarantees this right. Freedom for religious propaganda (side by side with the right to propagate anti-religious ideas), gives a possibility to believers to defend their religious conviction. For that reason it is not possible for the church to regard the Soviet Power as anti-Christian; on the contrary, the Synod draws attention to the fact that the Soviet Power by its methods, is the only State power in the world which is able to realize on earth the ideal rule of God."

The Synod was attended by 350 delegates and in its varied composi-

tion reflected the enormous change that has come over the Russian Church precisely because of the freedom of religious discussion. Under the czar there was no such thing as freedom of religious thought. Now the church is moving away from orthodoxy; in fact there is far more freedom of discussion now than would please the Archbishop of Canterbury—he will soon be excommunicating the Russian Church for heresy.

The Church is dividing into various groups of thought. Of these 350 delegates composing the Synod, there were 150 from the group which calls itself the "Living Church," and about an equal number from the "Apostolic Church"; six representing the group "Resurrection" of which the Metropolitan Antonin, honorary president of the Synod, is member. The question now is: can the old bottles hold the new wine?

The Synod traced the history of Tikhon's counter-revolutionary ac-

ivities for the past five years. It accuses him of deceiving the faithful in the interests of the White Guards. "Tikhon is not the leader of the Church, but a leader of the counter-revolution," says the resolution. "The Patriarchate was established for counter-revolutionary purposes. The primitive Church had no Patriarch but administered the church by Synods. It is therefore abolished." And so the Pope is a thing of the past. Patriarch Tikhon committed a crime against the Russian church in making the church an ally of the counter-revolution; and therefore should stand trial before the revolutionary tribunal. At this moment the Russian Church must declare before the Revolutionary Tribunal on which side it is: in the dock with Tikhon or with the accusation on the seal of judgement. We say—on the seat of judgement."

So say the group "Resurrection" in their meeting held before the Synod. And what is the attitude of the

Synod towards the proletarian revolution? Here is the resolution: What does "my lord of Canterbury" say to it?

"The All-Russian delegated Synod bears witness before the whole church and humanity that the world is divided into two classes: capitalist exploiters and the proletariat, on whose blood the capitalist world builds its well-being. In all the world only the Soviet Power of Russia has entered upon a struggle with this great social evil. Christians cannot be indifferent in this struggle. The Synod denounces capitalism as a deadly sin, and the struggle against it as a holy duty for Christians. In the Soviet Power the Synod perceives a world leader for fraternity, equality and peace among the nations. The Synod denounces the international and national counter-revolution with all its religious and moral authority. The Synod calls upon every true

Christian citizen of Russia to a united front under the leadership of the Soviet Government, to enter into the struggle against the world evil of social injustice."

Bishop "Blake," representing the American Methodist Episcopal Church, was a specially invited guest at the Synod and greeted it in language that would make Rockefeller strike him off his subscription list. "Does all this mean that the attacks of the Communists upon religious superstition are going to cease? The 'Pravda' points out that the church, like other social groups, is arranging itself on the side of the proletariat in order to save its existence. In the arena of full freedom of religious discussion the sale of the 'anti-religious' papers of the Party is being pushed with greater vigor than ever. The Church has capitulated to the Revolution. The proletarian revolution has forced it to declare for some of the early ideas of social justice for which the Christian Church was supposed to be founded. It has fol-

lowed; it has not led. The 'Pravda' concludes an article on the "Regrouping of Social Forces" thus:

"It goes without saying that our Party will not give its blessing to religion even when it tries to bless the Party. But the inevitable conflict is carried up into a higher plane and changes its form. For with us there is a fundamentally new social equilibrium, under the direction and hegemony of the victorious proletariat. The fury in England at the execution of a counter-revolutionary priest has left Russia quite cold. Trotsky in a speech said that the Capitalists have seized this incident to give vent to their chagrin at the cardinal fact of the present situation in Russia: which is, that Lenin and the Communist Party have definitely shunted the Soviet locomotive away from capitalism and are driving it straight head toward socialism. That is why they are frothing about the priests."