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Soviet Russia Will Conquer Both Blockade by the Allies and Hunger by Crop Failure

EXTENSIVE RELIEF IS PLANNED BY SOVIET

Drought Stricken Districts Will Get Aid From More Fortunate Areas In Russia

By LAURENCE TODD.

Washington. — Formal notification by Herbert Hoover to Walter L. Brown, European director of the American Relief Administration, to proceed from London to Riga to open negotiations with the Russian government for American famine relief work in Russia, is assumed here to mark the turning of the tide of American official policy toward Russia.

Thus far the American government has attacked Russia's working class republic from without. Its attacks have resulted only in the unification of revolutionary Russia behind the Communist administration to defy all foreign invasions.

Now comes the great opportunity to undermine the Communists from within Russia, through the distribution of food and medicines to millions of famine sufferers through American agents and with a display of the superior efficiency of the American capitalist organization over the Russian communists organization in meeting this particular emergency.

It is not forgotten in Washington that Hoover's agents in Hungary undermined the Bela Kun regime, nor that they were equally active in preventing Communist revolutions in the other countries of Central Europe. Whatever the plans of Hoover, his following contains great numbers of people who count upon him to somehow spring a surprise attack on the Moscow government which will destroy the only non-capitalist regime in any considerable country on earth.

As Bela Kun is in Moscow and is in close touch with the situation, it may be assumed that Lenin and Kameneff are likewise bearing in mind the political work of Hoover's organization, and are preparing to see that Hoover's pledge to abstain from propaganda against the Russian government is faithfully observed.

Vast quantities of American foodstuffs and medicines and clothing

will now be gathered by the American Relief Association and shipped to Russia for distribution. Appeals in the name of common humanity will be issued, the effects of years of propaganda of inhumanity and hatred toward the Russians must be overcome, and gradually the whole-hearted American nation must be mobilized to give to the Russian people from a calamity which could easily have been met by not the United States and its allies blockaded the Russian people for the past four years.

The quick release of American prisoners in Russia, when the request for their release took on an official character through the visit of Senator France and the note from Hoover to Gorky, has made a favorable impression in Washington. There is a growing body of opinion that the resumption of trade relations with Russia and final recognition of the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet republic will develop from the better understanding which must follow the dealings of the relief administration with Moscow.

But there is no division of opinion on the main issue — that American capitalism will fight to the last, by force or by trick and device, to destroy the Russian experiment in the socialization of industries. It will lose no opportunity to discredit and slander the Russian system, whose success would imperil capitalism everywhere.

It may be that American capitalism will feel so encouraged by what Hoover does in this famine relief enterprise that it will consent to commercial and political dealings with the Russian government, through formal treaties, in order that capitalist propaganda may more effectively be carried to the Russian peasants. On the other hand, it may be that its decision will be to avoid any further contact with Russia, hoping in this way to force a counter-revolution. Either decision will have as its basis the hatred of industrial democracy.

AMERICAN LABOR ALLIANCE IS LAUNCHED IN NEW YORK

Independent Labor Organizations Form A United Body; Sentiment Against Reaction Is Crystallized

Progressive and radical organizations of the American Labor Movement have long felt the need for common understanding and a common base from which to attack the reactionary control of the American movement. For many years the opposition to the Gompers machine has been growing. It has resulted in the creation from time to time of various sporadic organizations of more or less stability and more or less intelligent understanding of the problems that had to be faced and the tactics that ought to be used in order to bring the great masses of workers into line behind the radical program.

With the present industrial crisis threatening the very existence of the labor movement, through its widespread unemployment and the open shop drive, it has become increasingly necessary to give to American labor a militant leadership, a scientific economic program and a class conscious rank and file. As was confidently expected the recent A. F. of L. Convention in Denver has utterly failed to do any-

thing to stem the tide of defeat after defeat that has been increasingly the lot of American labor ever since the signing of the armistice. The Denver convention was only the culmination of years of futility and weakness of the A. F. of L. More than anything else in recent years it has shown that the A. F. of L. under its present leadership with its lack of any semblance of a progressive program is utterly incapable to cope with the pressing problems facing the workers.

The growing discontent with the Gompers machine and all that it represents has at last to a large extent been crystallized. With the launching of the American Labor Alliance comprised of affiliated organizations representing every part of the United States and varied fields of working class endeavor, the radical elements in the American labor movement have at last come together. With a close working agreement as to purpose, program and tactics, twelve of the most active and widely known

AMERICAN WORKERS! SOVIET RUSSIA APPEALS

Soviet Russia, in the name of the workers and peasants, appeal to the workers of the world to assist the suffering Russian people in its acute distress.

The drought which attacked England, France, and especially Germany and Hungary, has proven to be a calamity to Soviet Russia.

The Russian people have just begun to recover from seven years of almost continuous warfare against the foe within and without. Ever since the Soviet Republic was established in November, 1917, the workers of Russia have had to defend their government against the attacks of counter-revolutionaries and against the intrigues of the Allies, who have aided every cowardly attempt on the life of the Soviet Republic and have even organized such attempts.

Nor has the American government been disinterested or innocent in these undertakings. The exposure by Senator France of the activities of brave Colonel Ryan of the American Red Cross is most significant in this regard.

Hence, whatever will be done for suffering Russia by the capitalist governments of the world must be viewed in the light of these facts.

The Soviet government has agreed to the demands of Hoover and Hughes on Russia. But only Russia's extremity has prompted the Russian Government to accept the American Government's impudent demand that the Soviet authorities do not interfere with the work of the Relief Commission. For experience in Hungary has shown too well that the Relief Commission carries on insidious propaganda in an effort to demonstrate to the suffering workers that capitalism, as operating in America, is far superior to a state of society in which the workers rule.

The American government has promised to refrain from political activities. Bela Kun is in Moscow. Undoubtedly, he will instruct the Soviet authorities on American methods, so that all relief workers had better be on their guard.

In the meantime, the Soviet Government is making every effort to relieve the famine and to exterminate cholera and typhus, which are sure accompaniments of famine. Russian workers are giving up part of their food to the stricken districts. The Russian Artists' Federation is giving benefit concerts to raise funds. The All-Russian Relief Organization has gathered a vast amount of grain and fodder for the relief of the people and live stock. 1,500,000,000 rubles has been assigned to feed the children of the Samara Province and a similar amount to the Volga German Colony. Measures are being taken to procure winter seeds. Labor is being properly distributed. Russians of all classes and of all political affiliations are volunteering for the work.

Agricultural propaganda trains are being sent out to the famine districts to instruct the farmers on the needs of the hour. It is noteworthy that the farms cultivated on the collective basis have not suffered to the same extent as the individualistic holdings.

Siberia, White Russia and the Ukraine are sending help. Armenia has delivered 55 carloads of grain. German workers have expressed their solidarity with the Russian workers and have made large donations to relieve the suffering. The French labor unions have called on the 4,000,000 members to donate a day's pay to the relief work.

Even the Allied Council will take up the question of helping the much hated Russian people who have dared to put an end to imperialist dreams in the eastern part of Europe and who are a thorn in the side of all imperialist adventurers and brigands. The Allied Councils furthermore, is apprehensive lest the so-called "humanitarian" acts of the United States Government gain the sympathy of the Russian people and thrust the Allies into the background.

Hence, while the Allies are playing politics; while the greatest suffering in the world affords them opportunity to initiate and carry out vicious schemes, the workers of the world are called in to lend their help to their starving brothers and sisters and their children in Russia.

The Executive Committee of the Communist International has issued the following appeal to workers everywhere.

"Soviet Russia is stricken by a great national calamity, similar to that which occurred in 1891. The great drought, continuing from March to June, has caused famine and distress in the Volga provinces, which formerly yielded 30 per cent of the entire Russian harvest. Even seeds for the coming season are nonexistent. Twenty million people are threatened with hunger and death — not only this, but also next year. Famine is inevitably accompanied by disease, which is moving down the already weakened people.

"All these blows fall upon Soviet Russia at the moment when she is exhausted and well-nigh ruined by seven years of SUFFERING FOR THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT. Her bleeding wounds she received in fighting world capitalism, not alone for the Russian revolutionary proletariat, but also for the world's workers.

"Capitalist States and capitalist governments will now attempt to make use of the famine in Russia — after being defeated by the arms of the Red Army and the struggle of the European proletariat in their attacks upon Russia — to reorganize this attack under the mask of charity and benevolence. The French imperialist government sends troops and munitions to Poland to prepare a base for another attack on Soviet Russia, which shall start in at the moment of deepest distress. The French diplomats are endeavoring to involve Rumania, the Baltic States, and the Little Entente in these criminal designs.

"Half furtively the British and American governments promise help to Russia, provided Soviet Russia will allow her affairs to be managed by their nominees and those of the Russian counter revolutionary bourgeoisie. This means that they want the Russian workers to permit the organization of the counter-revolution on Soviet soil in return for a crust of bread.

"Do not forget the blood of Russian workers and peasants shed for your sake! Do not forget the hunger which they have suffered these three years for the cause of the working class! Do not forget that counter-revolutionary attempts against the Russian proletariat are attempts against you!

"The Communist International calls on all Communist parties Red Trade Unions, Co-operatives and all honest workers, irrespective of party, to force their governments to understand that they will not tolerate preparations for a new war against Russia, and that they will not allow their governments to make any conditions for helping Soviet Russia.

"The international proletariat must give active help to the Russian masses. We know you are poor yourselves and have no surplus bread. But we also know that wherever misfortune befalls a working family, the poorest workers help more readily than the rich, who indulge in philanthropy.

"We appeal to all Communist parties and Red Trade Unions, to all labor organizations and parties wishing to help the Russian people, to start work without delay. The time has come to show to whom international working class solidarity is a mere phrase and to whom it is truth and deed.

"Every shipload of bread sent by workers' organizations into the famine districts will stiffen the determination of Russian workers in their fight against famine. It will demonstrate to them that they are not alone in the hard struggle against the capitalist world, but that THERE IS MUTUAL AID AMONG THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS FAMILY, WHICH SHARES ITS LAST CRUST OF BREAD WITH ITS SUFFERING COMRADES."

American Workers! Heed the appeal of your brothers and sisters in Russia! They are starving! They are fighting to keep famine from their children and themselves! Their store of food is gone, still the rapacious capitalist governments hesitate to heed the call of humanity. They rather would let the Russian workers and their children perish of hunger, than surrender one iota of the advantage that plenty in their country gives them.

American Workers! Great is the need of Soviet Russia — the Russia of the workers who have bled, died and suffered for their freedom. The Russian workers appeal to you! Rather would they have one shipload of bread that comes from YOU than cargo upon cargo from the store of capitalists and philanthropists who have grown wealthy on the blood of the workers.

workers' independent organization have come together in an affiliated organization to present a united front against every enemy of the working class, from the master class government to the weak and reactionary labor leaders.

The plan for forming the American Labor Alliance was conceived at an informal conference of a few representatives of radical organizations. These called a conven-

tion of representatives from fifteen independent organizations to which ten responded with official delegates and two others with unofficial, fraternal delegates. Organizations officially represented were: Friends of Soviet Russia; The Irish American Labor League; National Defense Committee; Finnish Socialist Federation; Associated Toller Clubs; American Freedom Foundation; Ukrainian Workers Club;

American Freedom Foundation; Industrial Socialist League; Marxian Educational Society the Hungarian Workers Federation. Unofficially the Arbeiter Bildungs Vereine and the Pacific Educational Bureau were represented.

The first named ten organizations became affiliated with the newly formed American Labor Alliance when the Governing rules,

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FARMERS PAWN FARMS TO ESCAPE BANKRUPTCY

Agriculture In America On The Rocks Because Of Wall Street Robbery

By LAWRENCE TODD.

Washington. — Having killed the soldier bonus bill the Harding-Mellon-Lodge-Penrose administration has trained its machine guns upon the Norris bill, which proposes to furnish direct credit of \$100,000,000 and indirect credit of \$1,000,000,000 to American farmers to market their surplus crops abroad.

As the Norris bill is designed to save some millions of farmers from bankruptcy through a restoration of the market for the crops they have produced, it is in conflict with the deflation schemes of the present regime in the White House and treasury. It is a menace to Wall Street's possible harvest of usury. The farmer group in the senate has made a hard fight for it, but the Old Guard organization has fought against it, above board and beneath.

American farmers, robbed of a market at home by the closing down of industries and stoppage of industrial employment and payrolls see their crops rotting in the fields or worthless in the barns. Over in Europe, and especially in Russia, famine threatens many millions of people. The Russians and other peoples can furnish abundant proof of willingness and future ability to pay for the foodstuff, the cotton, the wool and other products which American farmers want to sell. The exchange of these American farm products with Europe would require temporary credit such as is provided by the Norris bill. Perhaps millions of lives would be saved abroad, and certainly millions of farm families would be saved from deep misery at home if the bill became law and its plan were carried out.

But, says Senator Lodge, obstructing the measure, "You can-

not create a market by merely buying up at artificial prices the agricultural products of this country. The market must be created by the natural and imperative laws of supply and demand."

Heflin of Alabama, whose farmer constituents have been suffering terribly, replied that. "There is great distress in the country. That is difficult for some people to understand. Some senators here do not get in touch very much, I fear, with the common mass of the people. Wall Street, lying in the eastern section of the country, like a vampire seizes upon the agricultural industry and sucking its life blood is getting all the money it wants. The federal reserve system is permitting it to get all the money it wants and that system is directly under the control of the federal government. Now, when congress by enactment seeks to set aside some of the common funds of the government to go to the rescue of millions of farmers in the south and west why cannot we, at a distressing time like this, give relief to them?"

He told of having received a letter from the northwest reciting the circumstances under which a farmer owning 360 acres of fine land, finding himself unable to extend a loan of \$20,000, killed his wife and four children and committed suicide. He said he could give a number of instances of the suicide of southern farmers recently for the same cause.

Senator Caraway of Arkansas added that "the fact that practically every farm in America today is mortgaged, is shown by government reports, is proof conclusive that every farmer in America is bankrupt, because his farm is the last of his assets that he puts in pawn."

CHILDREN'S CARE NOT FOR GOVERNMENT TO MEDDLE IN

Maternity Benefits And Saving Babies Called Bolshevism By Senators

Washington. — Seven senators voted against the Sheppard-Towner maternity and infancy bill. They were Borah of Idaho, Broussard of Louisiana, King of Utah, Moses of New Hampshire, Reed of Missouri, Warren of Wyoming and Watson of Georgia. Borah pleaded the necessity for public economy, as he did when opposing the soldier bonus bill.

Paired against this humane measure were Dial of South Carolina, a cotton mill owner; Edge of New Jersey, financier; Dillingham of Vermont, Fernald of Maine, Smith of South Carolina and Frelinghuysen of New Jersey.

Final debate on the bill was attended by some bitterness on the part of Reed and King, in opposition, and by Kenyon, defending it. Reed, in characteristic fashion, denounced and ridiculed Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the Children's Bureau, and tried to make it appear that she was a bolshevist because one of the reports issued by the bureau, dealing with "Maternity Benefits in Foreign Countries" and compiled in the library of congress, contained mention of the shafts of the senator's venom," said Kenyon in reply to Reed, "is Miss Julia Lathrop. It is not a very

courageous thing to attack women who cannot respond, to make fun of them when they are engaged in doing good work.

"It is easy to talk about shriveled spinsters. The term was so pleasant that the senator used it at least 40 times in his speech. That is not the picture of Julia Lathrop. I say, knowing the woman and her work, that there is no woman in all the world who has done more for humanity than has Julia Lathrop. Ten years a member of the board of charities of Illinois, she is responsible for the first juvenile court law in the country. She did more than anyone else in the establishment of the juvenile court in Chicago and the Juvenile protective Association. She was employed to assist in working out plans for the betterment of insane asylums in Illinois."

"It is perhaps true that she is not as young as she once was; her life has not been an easy one; she does not figure in the society columns of the newspapers; but in every home in the country her name is honored, revered and loved, and she is known to be the guardian of the children of this country."

Chairman Warren of the appropriations committee declared that

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WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD ASKS AID FOR FAMINE- STRICKEN SUFFERERS

Moscow. (By Cable to The Federated Press). — Millions of a most wonderful people throughout the Volga region of Russia are famine stricken. These are the people who sing while they work. Their song has again been hushed by the gaunt specter of death. All papers connected with The Federated Press should immediately organize relief funds, urging all people with a sense of humanity to come to the support of these starving millions. It will be as bread upon the waters. The workers of Russia helped the striking miners of England and can be depended upon for assistance in times of future stress in America.

WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD.

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submitted by an elected subcommittee were unanimously adopted. They are as follows:

Governing Rules of the American Labor Alliance.

Art. 1. The name of the organization shall be the American Labor Alliance.

Art. 2. The purpose of the American Labor Alliance shall be to propagate to the workers the idea of the abolition of the capitalist system thru the establishment of a Workers Soviet Republic; to uphold the interests of the workers in the class struggle; to fight against reactionary policies in the labor movement and to defend class war prisoners.

Art. 3. Any organization which declares itself to be in agreement with the purpose of the A. L. A. and which agree to abide by its working rules, may be affiliated upon vote of a majority of the Executive Board.

Art. 4. The affairs of the organization shall be administered by an Executive Board of seven elected by convention. The decisions of the Executive Board shall be binding on all affiliated organizations.

Art. 5. The A. L. A. shall be financed by voluntary contributions from the affiliated organizations and from sympathizers.

Art. 6. A convention of the A. L. A. may be called at any time by the Executive Board or upon demand of a two-thirds majority vote of the affiliated organizations.

J. P. Cannon, Associated Toller Clubs; William Woodworth, Marxian Educational Society; L. E. Katterfeld and Edgar Owens, National Defense Committee; Mitchell Dardella, Ukrainian Workers' Club; Dr. Walecka, Friends of Soviet Russia and Caleb Harrison, Industrial Socialist League were elected to the Executive Board by unanimous vote of the convention. Upon Adjournment of the convention the Executive Board immediately went into session. It elected Caleb Harrison as National Secretary and decided to establish the National

SCAB DRIVERS SIT BY SCAB POLICE

New York. — Three hundred and fifty chauffeurs and drivers of wholesale grocery concerns here are on strike against a wage reduction of 12½ to 14 per cent and an increase in working hours from eight to nine, made by the League of Metropolitan Merchants of New York. The employers did not wait to see what would happen when they put men in the places of the striking drivers, but went right to the police and the newspapers and told them they were afraid the strikers would start trouble and couldn't they have police protection?

That sort of request from employers never goes unheeded here. Right quickly patrolmen blossomed out all around the plants of the wholesale firms affected and on the wagon and truck seat beside the "scab" drivers. No demonstration had been made by the strikers, and no threats.

The present wage scale of the drivers and chauffeurs is from \$20 to \$36 a week. The employers are attempting to enforce a flat cut of \$4 a week.

Headquarters in New York City.

The Executive Board proposes to embark immediately upon three main lines of endeavor, Lyceum Literature and Defense. Speakers are to be routed throughout the country to speak for the A. L. A. and for the various organizations affiliated, on propaganda, educational and defense matters. Literature in the shape of pamphlets and leaflets on subjects of immediate interest to the working class will be published and given the widest circulation. The scope and character of the different organizations will be enlarged and the various activities carried out on a national scale. Local branches of the affiliated organizations will be established in the industrial centers. All true progressive organizations will be encouraged to affiliate and the entire mass of progressive and radical workers will be united to present a common front against its enemies.

It is not only that ten organizations, totalling a joint membership of many thousands of workers, have become united to work out more thoroughly and efficiently their common problems, that constitutes the chief reason for the encouragement of the militant working class. It is true that these organizations and those which will soon join represent the best elements of the American labor movement. That they have been organized into one centralized organization is encouraging indeed; it is a great beginning. But what offers the greatest cause for encouragement is the fact that this new organization will fill a long felt and vital need. It is the organization that the working class of America has been looking for. The expressed opinion of all the delegates present was "The American Labor Alliance is the organization that our membership has been seeking. Now that it has been formed we shall not only have an increase in the number and activity of our membership, but we shall attract to our standards all the truly class-conscious workers of America."

Headquarters of the American Labor Alliance have been established at 201 W. 13th St. New York City. All communications should be sent to Caleb Harrison, Secretary, at that address.

"None But The King"

When the Royal Imbecile who sits on the throne of England went to Belfast to open the freak parliament of the religious lunatics who recently drove thousands of Catholic workers out of the shipyards, he was received with great ovations by the paid hirelings who were saturated with hooch in order to put some pep in their patriotism. The King was yellow around the gills while he was in Ireland and it is reported that Queen Mary barely dodged the undertaker. The deluded fools who work in the Belfast shipyards cheered themselves hoarse while the Imbecile with fluttering heart went through the ordeal of speaking to his subjects.

The renegade democrat Lloyd George, sent a message to the King after reading the Royal message "None but the King could have made that personal appeal; none but the King could have evoked so spontaneous a response." Of course the message was written by Lloyd George and not by King George, it being generally known that he is very weak in the top story. The British government is not functioning in Ireland. The King of England is considered as an invader, and but for the thousands of troops with which he was guarded he would now be making mud pies with old Nick. The life of the Royal Imbecile would be sorry compensation for the noble lives of the Irish martyrs who have gone the road that knows no turning for freedom's cause, but before the score between the Irish people and the British government is settled many a British assassin in high places as well as in low station will live the dust. The renegade Lloyd George who once was the foe of the aristocracy now grovels like a yellow dog before the simper of King George. The two Georges will pay for the murder campaign in Ireland when the proletariat of Europe seize the reins of power. — The Irish People.

DIN Y BAKERY WANTS DAMAGES

Sacramento, Cal. — A bakery of this city is suing the Bakers' union for \$40,000 because the union made known the fact that the bakery was conducted in a filthy manner, and thereby lost its custom.

CENSORSHIP NOT SAFE FOR COUNTRY

BALTIMORE, Md.—The Baltimore Evening Sun, known as an independent Democratic newspaper, in a two-column editorial offers \$500 toward paying the expenses of the New York Call in The Call's appeal from the decision of the District of Columbia appellate court upholding the action of ex-Postmaster General Burleson in denying second class mailing privileges to The Call. "Because we believe that the issues in this case strike at the very fundamentals of free speech and the freedom of the press," the editorial says, "and thereby at the very foundation of our American system of democracy, we earnestly invite not only our regular readers, but the editors and publishers of other newspapers to examine the questions involved in the implications to be drawn from the decision of the District of Columbia court. "The Evening Sun has no sympathy with the political program of The Call, but the respectability, or that newspaper's doctrine has little to do with the case. What is very much involved, however, is the question of censorship; and we sincerely believe, with all due deference to the federal bench, that if the decision of the district court of appeals is allowed to stand unchallenged there will have been set up by judicial precept a doctrine of law utterly at variance with the principles upon which the republic was founded.

"Under this decision every newspaper or other periodical is put in the position of existing only by the grace of the postmaster general. By virtue of it, we respectfully submit, that official is given a power of censorship more arbitrary than any conceived of since the middle ages. To say, as the court undertakes to say, that the grant of such powers 'does not constitute a censorship of the press' is to ignore the obvious.

"If the majority of the people of the United States decided tomorrow that the existing government of the republic had become a despotism and should be altered or abolished, that soviets be set up in Washington, and federal judges exiled to the Philippines, then it would be their clear right, under the compact which lies at the bottom of all their rights, to put that decision into effect, and, if resistance were offered, to put it into effect by force.

"To take away from them the right of free discussion and set up an irresponsible authority to determine what ideas they may freely hear and what ideas they may not hear, is to commit an invasion

of their fundamental rights more dangerous than any threatened by the vapors of Socialist doctrines."

THAT COURAGEOUS MAN

By Anise

When the King of England Went over to Belfast To open the Parliament Of Ulster 11,000 troops Guarded him And hundreds of detectives. For eight long hours Not a single ship Was allowed to MOVE In the Harbor, And all along The line of march Thick-timbered barricades Were lined with soldiers A flourish of trumpets Welcomed the King, And he rose In the Ulster Parliament And told of his AFFECTION For the Irish people.

That same night In the Bandon WORKHOUSE In the South of Ireland Where the poor and infirm Are cared for, A party of ARMED MEN Entered at midnight And ordered everyone To leave the buildings. So the poor And the ailing and aged Arose from their beds And hurried out Into the cold darkness And watched While their last scant shelter Went up in red flames And the same morning Early before dawning The Skibbereen Workhouse Was burned down also.

The following day A London paper Had a leading editorial Praising the KING For his COURAGE And KINDLINESS In going to Ireland. It said that courage was A KINGLY VIRTUE And once again King George Had shown himself WORTHY Of the high traditions Of kingship.

And I thought of the barricades And 11,000 troops That guarded That courageous man And of the workhouse poor Turned out With only the black midnight To guard them— And I wondered if COURAGE Is a virtue of KINGS Or of BEGGARDS

EVERYWHERE, THERE IS EVIDENCE

Special to Truth.

It has been said that truth is stranger than fiction. The present day seems to prove it. I believe there are momentous happenings lurking just around the corner. Their ominousness diminishes in proportion as we are informed, or, as we inform ourselves.

The individual sphere of action is so limited that I believe no one person has the knowledge or skill to properly portray the momentousness of the sinister forces at work this present day. Thousands of us together, acting on some pre-arranged plan or even instinct, could without doubt, unearth startling revelations. It strikes one that wide-spread alertness should be vigorously encouraged.

Working class protective and welfare demands a close scrutiny of the whole field. That, certainly includes watching the enemy. Now, who constitute the workers' enemy?

Let us say, 10 per cent of what is commonly termed the master class, make up the leaders of that class. The great bulk of the balance are their leaders like beasts without reason — blindly. The 10 per cent then, is the actual planning enemy of the working class. Political, financial and industrial kings are, roughly, the 10 per cent who act as one on all matters growing out of, or in any way related to the class line. They have a sufficient control of the master-class press and other instrumentalities to whip the blind bulk into action in putting across whatever fiendishly sinister theory they may originate. The 10 per cent, if capitalism is to evolve further, are to arrange what one writer terms "A Benevolent Feudalism."

Benevolent hell. Fiendish is the word. They are creatures of their competitive environment. Consciously or unconsciously, they become fiends incarnate. They, together with those who ape them or do their bidding, are many. Their inclinations must be better understood, in advance of their acts, by us workers generally. Handshakes, palls and promises from the enemy are lies of camouflage nature. They mean to annihilate all working class powers and initiative. They mean murder and slaughter when they think it necessary.

The recent inventions, sinister and otherwise are many and cover wide fields. Many are kept as secret as possible. They have to do with human slaughter, without training workers to do the shooting for them, which, to them, is dangerous now-a-days. The old fashion method of murder is out of date, but not murder. Not with the enemy of labor.

Recent history should convince all workers that this article does not contain the element of exaggeration, nor extravagant language. Look at the Peace Conference. (Peace hell!) There are we all know, a portion of the 10 per cent traded and dickered peoples back and forth as fiendishly as a cat plays with a helpless mouse and with no more intelligence.

It is fiendish hilarity impelling the enemy to keep political prisoners in jail at this time; fiendishly flaunting them in the faces of the workers. It is fiendish to promote the sale of substitute bread, from which there comes an epidemic, killing hundreds of thousands of workers. (The "best" people don't eat substitutes) Then tell us the epidemic came from Europe. If the Europeans suffered epidemics they came of their substitutes. Europe had dollar patriots also.

There is plenty of evidence that a fiendish plot is under way. Our 5,000,000, jobless are the beginning of it. What with their locked warehouses, substitute food for the poor, (workers are the poor) poison gas, new killing inventions of which we hear little, inventions which are fitting to the psychology of the 10 per cent who are obviously underground, organizing the plot, workers must be alert. Remember, the real workings of capitalism were always underground; hence, the term invisible government.

With fiendishness in the saddle, with no semblance of intelligence, the race is heading straight for a repetition of the Dark Ages. We will land there if these underground plans of the enemy of the working class are at all successful. The working class must preserve civilization. Unless the working class organizes industrially for the protection of its life, and for the production of food for its millions, we are in for many years of working class suffering of hunger and sly insidious methods of murder; organized by the 10 per cent and promoted with the aid of the blind bulk.

That, I believe to be the American plan of our master-degenerates for the re-entrenchment of capitalism. The minds of high financiers know aught but murder when their plans are interfered with. Theirs, are minds astray and their plans must be thwarted.

D. S. Dietz.

"HIS OWN BOSS" (?)

"What kind of a button is that, kid?"

"Thus spoke a small thin man to a waitress in a busy Minneapolis Cafe.

On her waist was pinned a green R. A. H. E. I. A. button.

"Surely you ought to know that", replied the young girl much surprised

"N-no I don't, what is it?"

"That button stands for the waitresses Union, Local 593."

"Oh! so you belong to the waitresses Union, do you?"

"Don't you belong to some labor organization? Don't you have some kind of a button to wear?"

"No, I don't need to belong to a Union."

"Yes, Sir, you do."

"How's that, kid?"

"You're not a capitalist, are you?"

"Me? No!"

"Then you should belong to a labor organization. What are you anyway?"

"I'm a book agent, I buy all the books I like see, I'm my own boss." "Where do you get those books? You don't make them yourself?"

"No! I ship them from big firms in Chicago and New York."

"Well, don't they set the price on those books? Don't they determine for you how much you're going to make?"

"Why — Well — Yes."

"Don't you know that they are the ones who are running this country?"

"Oh — I — Yes." (Silence)

A. S. — Kid.

ROME CROWDED WITH IDLE MEN

Rome. — Industrial conditions here show no sign of improvement. Practically all of the boot and shoe factories are closed. Fifty per cent of the metal workers are unemployed, 40 per cent of the builders, and, in the textile trade there are only 14,000 workers employed, of which 11,000 do a 24-hour week whereas at the end of 1920 24,000 workers were occupied.

HELD ON RED CHARGE FOR STATE DECISION

The delayed decision of the State Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the criminal syndicalism law was responsible for the continuance of the cases of five men whose names were called in the court of Superior Judge L. S. Church in Oakland yesterday on charges of conspiring against the government.

The men were Max Bedacht now serving a jail sentence in Chicago for his radical activities; J. E. Snyder, formerly editor of the Oakland "World"; J. H. Dolson, C. A. Toby and John Ragdale.

Their cases were continued to August 15.

"We are merely waiting for the decision of the Supreme Court in this matter", said District Attorney Ezra Decoto. "If it is decided that the law is constitutional we will proceed with the trials and endeavor to secure convictions."

SENTENCES UPON NINE YOUNG PEOPLE

Budapesth. — It is officially reported: To-day in the forenoon the sentences in the processes against Elizabeth Andics and comrades who were charged with disorder were announced. She and two others were sentenced to fifteen year imprisonment. Three others received twelve years and three others ten years. This makes a total of 111 years. All the accused are students or workers not go. Outside of the evidence of one of the accused which was obtained by torture there was no proof against them. When sentence was passed one of the accused shouted "Long live the revolution" and the call was repeated managed to escape before the police by comrades in court. The latter could get hold of them.

CHILDREN'S CARE NOT FOR GOVERNMENT TO MEDDLE IN

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"This matter ought not to be meddled with by the United States government, in my opinion. It is a species of paternalism into which we are drifting that will exhaust our treasury and will have bad effect rather than good effect upon the common welfare even if it were not a drain upon the treasury."

The purpose of the bill is to save the lives of 65,000 babies each year, through federal aid to state work for maternity and infant hygiene. The work to be done for mothers and babies is purely permissive; it is planned to give adequate instruction to expectant mothers as to the methods of care of their own babies before and immediately after birth, where the circumstances of the family forbid hospital care or sufficient medical service.

All of the women's organizations of any standing in the entire country have joined in support of the bill, which has also the endorsement of the American Federation of Labor, medical association and civit bodica. The fight is now transferred to the house, where its opponents will seek to prevent its coming to a vote through the help of the rules committee.

Back To Bandit Interest Normalcy

MINNEAPOLIS. — Farmers in some Minnesota counties are being charged 8 to 10 per cent for either long or short loans, and in many cases are being charged a "bonus" taken by the banker for "securing" the loan of from \$10 to \$75 per \$1,000 of the loan.

In other words, besides paying \$100 for interest for a year on his \$1,000, the farmer in some counties pays an additional \$50 or \$75 for the privilege. Thus the use of \$1,000 for one year may cost him as high as \$175.

These figures were released today by the Minnesota Farm Bureau federation "without comment." As a report on the general credit situation they will be part of a document showing the condition of farmers in the northwest and the need of remedial legislation, soon to be sent to the house committee on agriculture by the bureau. The reports were received from various sources in 49 counties of the state.

FESTIVAL IN HONOR OF KLARA ZETKIN

MOSCOW, July 7th. — In the sitting of July 5th, the 65th birthday of Klara Zetkin was celebrated. Heckert made an address in the name of the United Communist Party of Germany in which he said: "In her earliest years Klara Zetkin united herself with her young, warm heart to the labour movement and until to-day she has been a true unselfish fighter of the revolution. The whole time she fought on the Left wing of the Social Democrats. During the war she took up her stand against the German Chauvinists and Social patriots. After the war she took part in the Spartacus movement and after the formation of the United Communist Party of Germany she was a member of the Executive of this party. Klara Zetkin is one of the most courageous fighters of the Communist International and a true Red leader of the great army of the proletariat."

After Heckert had finished his speech Klara Zetkin received a long stormy ovation from the assembly. She was deeply moved when she spoke and said: "All that I have been able to give to the Revolution is thanks to the theory and practice of the German movement as well as to the history and example of our French and English comrades. But for my revolutionary morale I am eternally in the debt to the Russian revolutionary Social Democracy, the Bolsheviks. I have only one single deep wish in my heart, — to work and struggle so that before my death I shall live through the victory of the revolution in Germany and other lands. Only the revolution of the proletariat and the victory of the revolutionary proletariat can be my reward." Lortot who spoke in the name of the congress turned to Klara Zetkin with the following words. "The whole Russian revolution and the development of the Communist movement in Germany are the pledge that you will reach the goal of your long work. The world revolution is on the way and it will be granted to you to see the reward of your labours and to witness the final liberation of the proletariat of all lands."

NO QUESTIONS ASKED

Pensions Paid Without Reference to Means Limit.

The other day a pertinent — but unanswered — question was put to the Treasury Bench by Mr. Walter Halls, the new Member for Radcliffe and Heywood. The pension of the Irish Lord Chancellor was under discussion, and Mr. Halls asked whether the recipient had been questioned about his means.

A recent issue of "The Bulletin," of the Labor Party, gives some very interesting information about pensions that are paid without any inquisition.

"We pay annually," says "The Bulletin," \$10,000 to Lord Nelson because of the Battle of Trafalgar, and \$10,000 a year to the heirs of Lord Rodney because he beat de Grasse; also \$10,000 a year to Lord Raglan for the Crimean War, and \$10,000 to Lord Napier because his father killed the Abyssinians.

"We pay, also, for the Battle of Hastings! And perhaps it is because of the Lords who got Magna Charta that we paid in 1919-20 to Lord George Hamilton \$10,000, and to Lord Balfour of Burleigh \$6,000.

"The heirs of the Duke of Schomberg receive \$1,800 a year; all that if left after commencing their original pension of \$14,400 a year.

"Queen Alexandra gets \$350,000 a year from the taxes, and other relatives of Edward VII. get \$445,000 a year. The King's household and upkeep of palaces cost \$2,350,000 a year."

In this connection it is worth recalling that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, opposing Mr. Arthur Henderson's motion to abolish the means limit for old-age pensioners, argued that if this were done the poor would complain that rich people who did not need it were receiving pensions!

RENT HOGS PLAY SAFE WITH TENANTS

New York. — The United Real Estate Owners' Association of this city has issued a booklet to its members. Following are some of the gems contained in the document:

"In increasing rents or suing for increased rent or rental value in holdover cases, always ask more than you expect and you have something to trade with. — Never give a tenant, big or little, possession until after he has signed the lease and paid three successive monthly installments of rent. — The lease should be dated and its term begun three days before the tenant enters possession. Never guarantee possession. — Avoid leaving copies of the lease with the tenant until after he has signed."

The booklet contains several lease forms, which release the landlord from all repairs and from liability for heating and for hot water, lighting, telephones and other forms of service and liability formerly covered by the rent. The leases also make the landlord the sole judge of whether the tenant is objectionable and give him the right to retake the premises without legal proceedings.

I W. W. ACQUITTED OF FA E CHA GE

St. Paul, Minn. — The United States circuit court of appeals in session here has reversed the conviction of Pietro Pieri, I. W. W. member sentenced two years ago for alleged threats to kill President Wilson, and he will be released shortly. Pieri was convicted on the testimony of two white slavers serving five years in Leavenworth, who were released shortly after his conviction.

Pieri, a miner on the Mesaba iron range, was active during the great strike of 1916. Shortly after the war was declared he was convicted under the espionage act and sentenced to 18 months in Leavenworth. Just before his release in October, 1918, the Chicago I. W. W. prisoners, among them R. J. Bobba, came to Leavenworth.

In February, 1919, Pieri was arrested and confronted with the charge that he had threatened to kill the president. Bobba, whom Pieri scarcely knew and who was still in prison, was charged with the same offense and with having made his threats in practically the same words as Pieri. The charges were made by two self-confessed white slavers named Lovullo and Sembrivo doing five years in Leavenworth.

Bobba was acquitted on the same evidence on which Pieri was convicted and sentenced to three and a half years.

THINKS VOTING WILL HELP SOME

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 1. — To the "Truth" Editor:—

I hate to take up your valuable space as I know you can more than fill it with better stuff, but a typical I. W. W. took advantage of the opportunity at the Truth picnic to tell us that "to win, (subdue the capitalist) to establish a workingman's government we must organize on the job. That politics is a waste of time and money, that politicians are fakery and Congress is only a working committee for big business", etc.

Now, there is some ground for this perhaps, but suppose the working class? It has not yet been shown that it is easier to organize the workers on the job than at the ballot box. Nor has it been shown that big business is more afraid of a strike than of a loss of a political office. Nor is it shown that to sacrifice a man's life in prison is arousing either sympathy or indignation or injecting any spirit in the movement whatever.

Are the workers' conditions any better now than a thousand years ago? If so, we must give the politician credit for it. Economic organizations have been a factor all right, but only an indirect factor.

It appears foolish to me to spend money in the courts before an unfriendly judge when we can by making an X on a piece of paper elect a friendly judge.

Why should I support the I. W. W. with my money when they will not even support me with a lead pencil mark on election day? Especially when it can do no harm but possibly do much good?

Let us not forget that a large vote is often better than a winning vote, and we do not have to win an election to win a principle or an improvement in working conditions.

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RUSSIA FEEDS HER HUNGRY

The Chicago Daily News slips a cog and tells us that two relief trains have already left Moscow for the Volga drought districts, and that the All-Russian emergency committee is on the job feeding about 6,000,000 children among the unfortunates that had been hit by the failure of crops.

Following in the next paragraph is the encouraging announcement that the American relief administration will end its child-feeding in Czechoslovakia and go to Russia in about sixty days.

Sixty days seem quite a while for a child to go without food. Only sturdy Russian children would be able to keep up such a fast. But maybe the All-Russian relief trains that started out at once will help some.

It will be interesting to watch the finish of these sixty days. Maybe the American mercy crowd will start an investigation and add another sixty days to the delay in giving aid. It may be that Congress will have to have a session to decide whether the relief shall be sent or let the children starve. It may be that Congress will not feel hungry enough to inspire sympathy for the little children.

Fact is the children will be dead long before the American relief administration is thru in Czechoslovakia and buried before the "investigation" has been made, unless the horrible Bolsheviks feed them. There is some hope that very few, if any, will need to starve, for the Bolsheviks have a habit of doing things when it is necessary that they be done. Which is so unlike the "investigating" Americans, who never seem in a hurry unless there is a lot of graft in it for the profiteers.

When this plot of endeavoring to discredit the Soviet government has fallen flat, as it is already falling, we will have another proof of the utter rottenness of the American press in its intrigue and vilification. We will also have another proof of the unlimited incompetency of our capitalist bluffers in offering relief but never rendering it. There is little or no intention on the part of the bluffers to do so concrete a thing as to help feed needy children. Big and empty promises and a lot of "investigations" are about all we may expect of the blustering reactionaries who cry against the workers' government of Russia.

In Russia they have the Red Flag. In America we have red tape.

THE LAWLESSNESS OF THE COURTS

George Hardy, General Secretary-Treasurer of the I. W. W., spoke here on Monday night. In dealing with the class war prisoners he urged that we take steps to get them out. The time has passed for pleading and asking for justice. We have done that long enough.

Hardy suggested what Wilson unwittingly proposed about the war crew — pitiless publicity — only he did not use those words. He suggested that the workers go out and simply tell the truth about the courts.

This would seem a weak weapon. Can truth about the courts have anything to do with the forcing of the release of our imprisoned fellow workers?

Hardy reasons this way:

If the people are informed about the facts relating to the courts and the flagrant lawlessness of these courts they will so thoroughly lose their respect for them that there will be a popular uprising thruout the whole country for the abolition of the courts and the instituting of a new system whereby justice can actually be obtained.

Case after case is recorded where the courts have so violated the law that no criminal could more effectively have done so. Hardly an instance in the persecution of the I. W. W. can be cited where the court has been impartial and fair. In such cases the defendant has always been acquitted.

Before Judge Landis came a fellow worker from Rockford, Ill. He had been in jail for some time on a charge of disloyalty. During his term in jail the espionage act had been enacted. He was taken from jail in Rockford and brought into the big I. W. W. case as a violator of a law which was a physical impossibility for him to have violated while he was in jail. There was no indictment, no attempt to show that he had violated the law. He was simply considered a member of the organization which had irritated the capitalists. Judge Landis would list to no argument as to the lawless procedure in this case. The fellow worker was found guilty with the rest for a crime that neither they nor he had committed.

The lower courts could go thru with this and still leave the country in its undisturbed faith in the courts. But the supreme court refused to hear the case, for if it had upheld the lower courts there would have been a chance for the people to get next and the whole system of jurisprudence would have received its deathblow.

So the supreme court refused to review the I. W. W. case and the boys are in prison. Some of them will be there for twenty years.

There is little or no hope for amnesty. It seems to be useless to hope for that. If the workers who are unjustly in prison are to be gotten out they must be gotten out by force of public opinion. If the people find out about the lawlessness of the courts they will make it so hot for the ruling class that it will be impossible to long retain the workers in prison who have been railroaded there.

In coming issues of TRUTH we shall give examples of flagrant violations of law by the courts and show to what extent the workers are given justice.

The danger of this condition is not alone to the incarcerated fellowworkers but to the whole people.

NEW WARS?

There are reports that large quantities of munitions are being shipped from France to Poland by way of Danzig. One shipment consisted of 20 tons of dynamite and 18 tons of powder. France is threatening to send reinforcements into Upper Silesia to help the Poles against the Germans. There have been rumors of a new offensive against Soviet Russia. Are these preparations the prelude to either adventure?

We never could tell the difference between Pittsburgh Plus and Patriotic Plus.

COUNTER-REVOLUTION AGAINST RUSSIA

One would think that sensible capitalist diplomats would at last realize that Soviet Russia, which has withstood nearly four years of brutal blockade and incessant counter-revolution, cannot be defeated. But some of our "statesmen" and politicians are too dense to see that. And as long as such men exist who cannot, or, because of interests that they represent, dare not recognize this fact, Soviet Russia will continue to be in danger of invasion and counter-revolutionary interference. This should be a warning to would be revolutionists, anarchists and democrats who demand "freedom" in place of the Proletarian Dictatorship.

Thus again, Georgian counter-revolutionaries at present in Warsaw and enjoying the full support of the Polish government, have started a press campaign against Soviet Russia. The whole reactionary press is participating in the hope that it will result in political and military action against Russia.

"Save Socialist Georgia" is to be the slogan of the reactionaries! Daszynski, the renegade socialist, complains that the workers overthrow the reactionary socialist government of Georgia and established a Soviet Government. Self-determination for Georgian "socialists" (of the fake variety) is to be the bait to lure the workers into a new offensive against Soviet Russia and its neighbor, Soviet Georgia, both true workers' governments.

JAMES H. FISHER

This valiant champion of the working class is coming to Duluth and will speak in Workers Hall on Sunday night. The only thing that worries us is the capacity of the hall. But we have gotten by at other times by arranging for the speaker to stand on an improvised platform on the level with the window sill where both those inside and outside can hear and see the speaker.

The reputation of Fisher goes far beyond the confines of this country. His work in Seattle and all along the western coast as well as in Canada has placed him with the big men of our day. He has the voice of a Trotsky and the brain of a Lenin, and is reputed to be one of the most interesting and instructive orators in the labor movement.

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A SPASM OF LIES.

Probably the most frantic effort since the revolution is now made to destroy the Soviet government of Russia.

On account of crop failure in the northern portion of that country and as a result a call for help by some who have only humanitarian instincts, the capitalist press of the whole world in concerted action wages a campaign of lies that has hardly ever been equaled. That there is system in the campaign and that the plan is worked up with much care is easily seen in the development of the whole scheme.

First came the report of crop failure.

Then came the appeal for aid.

Next was the demand for the freedom of American prisoners as condition for giving aid.

Now comes the strange and final lash that if aid is to be given the allies must have a hand in it. That the allies will not be so generous as America and let the Bolsheviks off with merely setting free the its prisoners, but the demand must go forth that the Soviet government be destroyed and the capitalist gang be allowed to rule.

Says the Duluth Tribune, and with it the whole capitalist press of the world:

The Supreme Council of the Allies will take up the affairs of Russia Monday with a view to co-operating with the United States in feeding its starving hordes. However, there will be no bread for the dupes of the Soviet government unless the regime of Lenin and Trotsky comes to an end at once. The United States made its efforts contingent upon the release of its nationals; the Supreme Council intends to make its engagements contingent upon the abandonment of the rule of the Reds.

Wiston Churchill, colonial secretary of Great Britain, desires that Sakinof, considered the most powerful of the anti-Bolshevik leaders, be allowed to return to Moscow, and indications are that Lenin and Trotsky will consent. Great Britain would like to have him help to organize a more conservative government. The consideration would be that Sakinof abandon his present plans for a counter-revolution which have been giving concern to Lenin and Trotsky.

There you have it. The Allies are not anxious about the hungry and the needy. What they are after is the destruction of "the rule of the Reds."

Their lies are twofold: First, the famine is greatly exaggerated. Secondly, the blame cannot be laid to "the rule of the Reds."

From all reports that come that have any semblance of reliability, the distress in Russia is not nearly as acute as that of England or France, the two most prominent among the allies. There is more hunger in all the other European countries than in Russia. Not one of these countries are as well fed as Russia. Russia is better fed than America. There is nothing to brag about here. We have very little for export, and if we have any to spare let Russia pay for it in gold. She has plenty of it and we seem to want it.

Now, do not let the nasty capitalist press fool you about Russia. There is not one chance in a million that the people of Russia will give up their workers' government for another czar. They will all die first in a fight to defend themselves. Don't mistake that. There is no march by the Russian people on the capital at Moscow. It remains for America to have her Coxey Armies and hunger mobs and bread lines. It ill behooves us to knock as long as these persist with us.

We got into the world war by a cry about the suffering of Belgium and played that up till the profiteers had their hand in the pie. Then Belgium was forgotten and is today forgotten.

All the howls by the capitalists are simply excuses and bluffs to make it possible to loot the workers and kill off the leaders so as to make the robbery more safe and successful.

We knew once of a big brute who knocked a wee baby down and then went around bragging about his Christianity and tried to make people believe that he was the last word in morality. We also saw big nations snatch the food out of the mouths of the people of Russia and then blame the bolsheviks for the famine.

THE RAWEST OF THE RAW

The capitalist press is now full of boasting of the promised aid that America is about to give to Russia.

It appears that some of the good people of Russia, among them Maxim Gorky, have suggested that supplies in the form of food and medicines would be welcome. There is plenty of gold in Russia to pay for all this and the Soviet Government is more than willing to buy. It is much more willing to buy than to receive this material as charity. But the capitalist nations are not willing to sell. They want to give charity. They want to place Russia in the position of a beggar, a down and out, a starving nation. And they want to lay the blame for food shortage on the Soviet Government.

In other words, our fine Samaritans are not willing to help alleviate suffering unless at the same time they can show that the Soviet is a failure. How they harp on the "autocracy of Lenin and Trotsky." How they put into every mouthful of food that is sent to Russia the nasty propaganda of hate against the workers and their new government.

That is the raw part of it. It is so raw that only the lowest form of hypocrites would condescend to use such methods.

It is true that there is a shortage of food in Russia. But there is a greater shortage in Germany and England and in France and Italy. The famine in China is notorious. Millions have died of starvation there. Millions are dying there now. But China has no Soviet form of government. The workers are not in charge in England or France or Italy. The capitalists are still in control in those countries. King George and Lloyd George are the rulers of England. Why not blame them for the starvation in that whole empire? Why not blame the capitalist dictators for the famine in the capitalist countries?

But do our capitalist sheets do that? Are they that fair? Could we expect it?

No, no. The workers have had control of Russia only three and a half years. During that time the whole capitalist world set its face against them. There was — and still is — the inhuman blockade. No machinery could be shipped in. No medical supplies could be bought from the outside. No foodstuffs were allowed to be brot into Russia. The attacking armies of the Allies compelled a big force of defense to be kept up by Russia. Most of the strong men had been slaughtered before the czar was dethroned. All the resources were used up by the czar in war. The factories were turned into munition plants. The railroad system was destroyed. The peasants had been robbed of all that they produced, and had become discouraged. The country was in as bad a shape as any country could possibly get into.

Then came the revolution. It meant that the workers had to begin at the bottom. They had to start with nothing. They had to work without machinery. They had to feed the people with the husks that the capitalist government of the czar had abandoned — and fight the world besides.

In addition to that large territories have been subject to drought. The peasants have worked and put in the crops. They have done all that could be done by human efforts. The rain failed to come. The hot sun burned the crops to the ground. There was no grain to be gathered. The peasants have labored in vain.

Right here in Minnesota the same thing has happened. Large areas of wheat and oats have never seen the selfsunder this season. The fields were burned white and not a kernel will be thrashed from thousands of acres on farms in Minnesota.

Who can help this? Would we be so foolish and raw as to blame the capitalists for that? We would deserve a decent spanking if we had no better sense than that.

But the capitalist press does not feel it beneath its dignity to blame Lenin and Trotsky for the crop failures in Russia.

It is raw! It is the rawest of the raw.

And it is raw to take advantage of famine to preach against a form of government that has been instituted by the workers. Would the sun have been less hot and would there have been more rain in the parched regions if the czar had been in power in Russia?

Let us finish this by stressing the fact that the capitalists are not half as anxious to feed the needy in Russia as to get in the rotten work of misleading the people and getting them to side in with the robber class again. Let us also remind the workers of the breadlines and the starvation here in capitalist America. Do not forget that we have millions of hungry men and women in this country at this very moment. That millions of children will never see maturity because they are underfed and starved.

Remember that ye howling hypocrites.

Remember that the sufferings in capitalist countries are far greater than in Russia. Russia is mending and building up. She will soon be on her feet and in fine shape. The capitalist countries are gradually and swiftly going down. They are rushing toward the doom of destruction and death. They brag in the midst of the most critical period in their miserable career. They still hold out hope that they can blind the people.

But there is only one hope left to the people: the destruction of the whole capitalist system and the inauguration of a workers' Soviet Republic that shall encircle the earth.

THE RIOT IN TULSA

The outbreak in Tulsa between the whites and the blacks seems to have been of a more severe nature than was at first supposed.

Nine hundred negroes were slain and property to the amount of over \$4,000,000 was destroyed. According to the law firm now in charge of the prosecutions against those responsible for the murders there were many negroes burned so that no definite knowledge might be gotten of the extent of the outrage.

There is an attempt to hold the negroes responsible and charges of murder have been made against fifty two of them.

When capitalism gets into a tight place it always tries to shift the responsibility. It cannot face the music. It has gotten into a fearful muss in this country and to shield itself it puts the workers into prison.

There is a lot of feeling in the south. The negroes are not ready to submit to the outrageous treatment accorded them by the exploiters — who after all are at the bottom of all class divisions. The negroes are getting ugly and will soon strike back. The rest of the slaves will join them this time and the whole slave driving crew will be annihilated.

Nero promised the martyrs that they would be spared if they went back on their faith in Jesus. Hoover promises bread to the starving people of Russia if they betray their faith in their workers' government.

WHO IS TALKED

Of course in the long run it makes no difference where the taxes are collected. The worker pays them anyhow.

But it is significant to note the brazenness of the ruling class in dealing with this subject. There seems to be no shame left in the miserable carcasses of the masters.

There was a so-called excess-profits tax which simply meant that when the profiteers got to a certain point in pilling up profits they would be taxed on what was agreed to be excessive profits. This tax has, of course, never been collected. No one has had the heart to take some of these profits from the dear profiteers.

Then there was the income surtax. On large incomes running into several millions it was thought that a portion of that also might be used for the public good. But it too was never collected.

This seems to afford the excuse for the repeal of the law providing for the collection of such taxes. Congress reasoned thus: If the tax cannot be collected what is the use of having the law? It didn't look good. Taxes are always collected from the poor who have merely a few rags and some broken chairs and old furniture. If they do not pay their tax the stuff is sold and the family is thrown out on the street.

The farmer, too, is sure to pay his taxes. There is no way for him to get away from it.

But big business does not have to pay taxes unless it wants to. If the law irritates the profiteers the best thing to do is to have it repealed.

So now the rich sail along without paying their taxes while the poor have had a double burden placed upon them.

There is hardly to be found a more clear cut example of class legislation than this. Hardly have we been shown such class rule in the past. There is pep in the present style of brigandage. The robbery of the people is done with dispatch and in a businesslike manner. Congress seems to have lost its shame if ever it had any. From now on there will be no burden on the profiteers. They have been served in a most courteous manner by the fellows in power and are now ready for the golf links and the joyrides with their movie stars without the annoyance of old excess profit or surtaxes bothering them.

For the workers there is a little heavier burden. For fathers and mothers there is a little harder task. For the children there is a little less bread. For all of us there is greater hardship.

We must crush capitalism. It is not worthy of our age. The workers must establish a new order where such outrages cannot find a place.

A FAKE MAGAZINE

Many rotten things have been perpetrated in the name of Eugene V. Debs, who is helpless in the Atlanta prison. All since his arrest and incarceration there have been schemes to get money thru his popularity and the situation his imprisonment afforded.

First was the old Socialist party exploitation of this man. Thousands of dollars went into the rat hole of that graft gang and has never been accounted for. Appeals in the name of Debs have always brot big returns and since the degeneration of the old party nothing is known about the money thus collected.

Now comes three arch grafters and start a magazine that they call "Debs." It is sponsored by Oliver C. Wilson, Irwin St. John Tucker, Charles L. Drake.

The record of Drake and Tucker in connection with their Russian relief schemes would condemn them forever in the eyes of decent people. The Medical Relief Association promptly fired Drake when it found that less than fifteen percent of the collections went to the needy. Drake then put up a society of his own with stationery so similar to hat he used before that only by close scrutiny could one see that there had been a change. He called this the Red Star Relief. With him went Tucker and the graft was so good that the thing had to be abandoned for fear of consequences.

Now these same grafters come out with a magazine in the name of Debs. We do not know whether Comrade Debs has given his consent to it or not. He cannot refuse any of those who come in the name of the workers, because he does not know the inside of the matter.

Schemes like this is one of the sores on the body of struggling labor. It smells bad and hurts the cause. This vermin that infests our ranks is hard to get rid of and so we have to endure and fight on in spite of it.

But there are few moves more evidently graft schemes than this latest one of issuing a magazine in the name of Debs. We hope our comrade resents this and lets the word go out so the world may know that he does not lend his fine personality and his great prestige to a group of grafters like those trying to exploit the workers by their magazine.

PLAGUE INTERFERES WITH BUSINESS

Business men in the southern states resent the report sent out from Washington regarding the famine and plague in the south. They assert that such reports "tend to prove disastrous to business interests".

Washington should have known better. Washington, the seat of business must not knock business! Bankers in the north must remain willing to extend credit to the south. They may not if they learn that business is bad. As if they did not know!

But, appearances of prosperity must be maintained. As for the 100,000 prospective victims of famine and plague — well — Business comes first.

And again, it is certainly bad tactics for Washington to acquaint the white and black trash of the south that they suffer famine and the plague!

SID HATFIELD

The killing of Sid Hatfield, ex-chief of police of Matewan, West Virginia, shows in a peculiar way the power of the capitalists in the eastern states. There has been no arrest and there is no prosecution in sight.

On a trumped up charge to get Hatfield into a county where the Baldwin-Felts detective agency has full sway Hatfield was called to answer. When he came to the steps of the court house a line of Felts men on each side shot him dead without a word of warning.

Hatfield had defended the workers of his city and county and was not a desirable citizen in the eyes of the mining barons. They had planned to get rid of him by law for shooting gunmen who invaded the territory he had in charge. The jury acquitted him, but the company did not.

Hatfield paid the penalty for being true to the workers. His name will live in the hearts of the workers for all time, while the lords who caused the gunmen to murder him will rot forgotten and unmourned.