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CHARLOTTE WHITNEY FACES SUPREME COURT TRIAL FOR SUPPORTING I.W.W. DEFENSE

(By Federated Press.)

Oakland, Cal. — The appellate court having denied the appeal of Charlotte Anita Whitney for a new trial, the case will be carried by her attorney, John F. Neylan, to the state supreme court. If this court upholds the decision, nothing but a very improbable executive "clemency" can save Miss Whitney from serving one to fourteen years in San Quentin.

In 1919 a meeting of the Communist Labor party was held in Oakland. Several agents provocateurs were present, and also Fenton Thompson, later made chief of police, at that time head of the so-called "neutrality squad". It was proved in court that Thompson himself had ordered a maroon-colored piano cover, one of the regular furnishings of the hall, to be thrown over a glass case, which among other objects contained an American flag. In the trial of Miss Whitney and other Communists this act was twisted into "hanging a red flag over the American" by the Communists themselves.

Another feature of Miss Whitney's trial was testimony by the famous "Gold Dust Twins," Coutts and Diamond, of their agent provocateur work in the I. W. W., which has since that time been the staple of every I. W. W. trial in California. It was not claimed that Miss Whitney was, or ever had been, a member of that organization. Her only possible connection with Coutts and Diamond, whom she had never before beheld, was that she had contributed to the defense fund and gone bail for

I. W. W. members. Yet it is this very testimony which in large part "convicted" her, and which the appellate court now decides was "not prejudicial"—all other points of the appeal being dismissed as having been already "answered by the United States supreme court." (These concerned the constitutionality of the criminal syndicalism law.)

Even then Miss Whitney's case would probably have been allowed to drop if she had not, while out on bail, addressed a meeting of a woman's club on the Negro question. She was arrested on leaving this meeting, and sent to the city jail, where her health became so bad that the authorities were obliged to release her on bail. Miss Whitney is no longer young, and is not a person of over-robust physique.

There is perhaps no better known woman in central California than Anita Whitney. She carries in her veins the blood of New England pioneers. She is the daughter of a United States senator and niece of a supreme court judge. Her case, with those of John Taylor and Nicholas Steelink, both of whom have now served their sentences at San Quentin and are out on parole, has been used to test the constitutionality of the act. Her conviction, if upheld by the supreme court, and her consequent serving of the sentence imposed upon her two years ago by Judge Quinn, will do more to cause the repeal of the criminal syndicalism law in California than any other imaginable happening.

EUROPE IS UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND RUSSIA, SAYS TROTSKY

Moscow.—The developments at Genoa "having made it clearly evident" that the European diplomats have misunderstood "what has happened" there, said Leon Trotsky, the Soviet war minister May 4th "America's carelessness in remaining outside the conference perhaps was right, in that it gives America the opportunity better to originate itself and more correctly solve the problems which Genoa has presented."

In his statement to the Associated Press M. Trotsky broke the silence which as a matter of policy the Moscow officials have maintained while the delegates have been in Genoa.

"The leading European diplomats," Trotsky said "appear still to consider that the labor revolution in Russia is not the beginning of a new and historical world epoch, but a mere temporary change of one form of property for another."

Paralled Drawn.

"They thought by force to induce us to the old forms of property, but this failed, and now they are demanding that we pay indemnity for the revolution on the basis of the legal forms and calculation of capitalist society. This is as foolish as if we should demand at Genoa that European capitalists, on the basis of our forms of property, should hand over their factories, works, banks and mines to the collective management of the working classes."

"Two systems of property are carrying on pourparlers at Genoa. Separate agreements and separate deals between them are possible, but only on the basis of a clear understanding of the fact that discussion is possible, not about yielding principles, but on the pure practical considerations called forth by the advantages on both sides."

Policies Misunderstood.

"Notwithstanding the almost five-year lesson, the leading European diplomats misunderstood this."

"Collapse of the Genoa conference would mean not only retarded

tion of Soviet economic work, but ruination of the economies of Europe would proceed more quickly than is believed by the present directors of Europe's fate.

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

Chance for Orientation.

"America remained outside the conference. Perhaps this carelessness was right, in the sense that America perceived the possibility better to orientate itself and solve the question more correctly. Naturally this solution is impossible on the lines Secretary Hughes tried to fix, that is, dictating to us which forms of property and what methods of legislation and management we ought to inaugurate in our own country."

"For such advice and such counsel, we did not and do not intend to go to Genoa, and even less across the ocean. But we firmly count on the triumph of business common sense, first of all in America, and afterward in Europe."

Other Parleys Foreseen.

"Genoa is not the last word in pourparlers. Perhaps in the event of a break-up of the Genoa conference, there will come a certain interval, but the pourparlers would be resumed some time later, more energetically and in a much more business-like way. Soviet Russia is prepared for this. I doubt that non-success of the Genoa conference would mean the beginning of hostilities against us."

"We proposed disarmament; they refused, and, instead, proposed that we pay big sums to foreign capitalists who have made much money out of the exploitation of the labor of Russian workers. We refuse. Could it be thought that the government of any country would succeed in throwing against us its

Petition Governor to Remove "Cossacks"

Charlestown, W. Va.—Charlestown, scene of the murder and treason trials of the militant miners charged with marching in battle array on Mingo last summer, was virtually in open revolt May 8 against the West Virginia state constabulary, and was clamoring for their removal from the town.

Public feeling is running high, following the arrest of Mack B. Lilly, a lieutenant of the constabulary, for disorderly conduct. Guns were brought into play but not used in Lilly's arrest by local police officials.

Ask Governor to Act

Leading business men, headed by Mayor A. S. M. Morgan and William Stiffer, circulated a petition today asking Governor Morgan to order the state troops, "cossacks," the miners call them, from the town, on the ground that their presence here is "inciting trouble."

Citizens of the town openly declare on the streets that "trouble is coming" unless the state troopers are withdrawn.

Colonel Jackson Arnold, superintendent of the state police, has been appealed to in an effort to avoid further clashes between the state constables and the local police.

Quiet During Trials.

Comparative quiet has prevailed here since the start of the miners' trials two weeks ago.

Despite the freely expressed demands of citizens that the constabulary be "run out of town," local authorities, following a conference today, decided that an official demand would not be made for the withdrawal of the police, although Mayor Morgan said that the troopers were "not wanted."

Will Never Quit, Howat Declares

By The Federated Press.)
Pittsburgh, Kan. — "I guess I'm in from now on. I'll never bow to the slave law of Kansas or any other slave law."

This was the statement made by Alexander Howat as he entered Cherokee county. Warrants for Howat's arrest on contempt charges are in the hands of sheriffs in both Cherokee and Crawford counties.

Five Others In.

August Dorchy, Howat's companion in his fight on the Kansas industrial court law, will be put in jail in Crawford county pending the outcome of his appeal to the U. S. supreme court. Jail doors have already closed on R. B. Foster, James Melvath, Willard Titus, Earl Maxwell and John Fleming, other leaders of the miners of district No. 14, who refused to recognize the validity of the Kansas industrial court law.

With the exception of Foster, all the men are under sentence of one year. Foster is committed until he agrees to cease his "contempt" for the industrial court law and is willing to testify.

Fight Has Helped.

Howat and Dorchy, in addition to being under sentence of a year for "illegally calling strikes," have been ordered to prison until they are willing to testify. The mandates of the supreme court, overruling the appeals of the miners, had barely reached Kansas when State Attorney General Richard Hopkins asked that they be spread on the records and warrants issued.

Friends of Howat say his fight has not been in vain and point to the fact that in the present strike the industrial court has held aloof. Had Howat failed to make his early fight, his friends declare, the court would now be taking steps to compel the men to go back into the Kansas mines.

army in order to punish us for this—that we want peace and do not want to pay tribute to foreign capitalists?

"I do not believe in intervention. If, however, it comes, the Red Army will fulfill its duty."

Larkins Bail \$15,000

By HARRY GODFREY.

New York. — Following the conviction of Mrs. Minnie Kalnin and Mrs. Tina Jurson, a third woman, Mrs. Anna Leisman has been convicted under the anarchy law for distributing leaflets for a May Day demonstration here last year.

James Larkin, who at first refused to accept his liberty on \$15,000 bail, saying the excessive figure amounted to discrimination against him, has been persuaded by friends to change his mind, and has been brought from Great Meadows prison to New York City. As in the cases of Ferguson, Ruthenberg and Gilroy, he expected to be re-arrested on his arrival here on another indictment for the same alleged offense; but as the three former were paroled in the custody of their counsel on the second indictments it is believed the same action will be taken in Larkin's case.

Mexicans Demand Release of Political Prisoners

New York. — The people of Mexico are beginning to demand that Mexican political and industrial prisoners in the jails of America be released and allowed to return to their own country, according to Roberto Haberman, just returned from Mexico.

Haberman delivered to Harry Weinberger, attorney for various Mexican prisoners in the United States, a resolution urging that the president of Mexico request the president of the United States and the governor of Texas to pardon Ricardo Flores Magon and Librado Rivera, political prisoners now in the Leavenworth penitentiary, and Jesus M. Rangel, Pedro Parales, Abraham Cisneros, Jesus Gonzales, Leonardo, Vasques, and Charles Clune, now in Texas jails. The resolution was adopted by the officials of Merida, Yucatan, and has been forwarded to President Harding and to Gov. P. H. Neff, Texas.

The prisoners in the Texas jails have served more than eight years of 99-year sentences for alleged conspiracy to murder, though their real offense was an attempt to get into Mexico to help overthrow the Diaz tyranny; while Magon and Rivera have already served more than three years for expressing an opinion in their magazine, Regeneration, during the war, without filing a translation from the Spanish.

The Political Prisoners' Relief and Defense committee, 857 Broadway, has been handling these cases during the last two years.

Russian Children Send Message

The following cable from Moscow, was sent to "Truth" by the Friends of Soviet Russia in New York City.

"Dear Comrades, we send our love to you and our appreciation for what you have done for us who suffer here from hunger. Your help has taken us from the famine district where we were cold and without food and placed us in the city where we have comfortable homes, food and clean clothes and where we have teachers. You will never know how you have helped us and how we love you for it and we never forget that those in America who understand our sorrows. Comrades we are all the children of workers and peasants and we must all struggle on until all who are hungry and cold all over the world are fed and clothed. We wish you success for your efforts on Childrens Week, for there are thousands who still suffer along The Banks of the Great Volga. Moscow 6-5 the Russian Children International Workers Relief Committee."

Thousands in the Cess-Pool of Capitalism

(By The Federated Press.)

Chicago.—"Because parents do not teach their youngsters the facts of sex and the terrible menace of venereal disease and because the single standard of morals for the two sexes is not generally enforced three-fourths of the 800,000 American boys reaching the age of 21 each year have either gonorrhea or syphilis, or both, before the age of 30," says Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, city health commissioner of Chicago.

"Bad as this is it is made worse when, through ignorance, these diseases are passed on to women. These women become the mothers of blind, crippled and idiot children. Girls must be taught by their parents to avoid such men and no girl should ever marry a man who has consorted with prostitutes, for every prostitute is or has been diseased."

"On of the reasons why women taken in raids are detained and the men allowed to go is because the woman cannot hide the evidence of her disease, while the man who has consorted with her does not develop it until a month later."

"The United States is today spending millions of dollars on the upkeep of insane asylums, a large percentage of whose inmates are there because of syphilis; 50 percent of all major operations on women are due to gonorrhea alone, no matter what else the family doctor may call it; 90 percent of the stillbirths and much infant blindness are due to syphilis."

"Five out of the six Australian states have legislation on venereal diseases which reaches the man. One of their laws provides that any man who infects another with a venereal disease or marries within the time prescribed by the law for cure is subject to a term in prison."

Bundesen is enforcing the rule that men as well as women taken in raids shall be detained at public hospitals until cured of venereal disease. He believes that the new Chicago health policy will be adopted by other American cities.

MINE OPERATORS USE DELAY TACTICS

By The Federated Press.)

New York. — The coal operator members of the joint subcommittee which has been in session here seven weeks to make a new contract in the anthracite fields have refused to present definite proposals for a wage scale but have opposed the miners' demand for a 20 per cent flat increase for miners and \$1 a day increase for laborers.

As a result of the operators' failure to get down to business the miners' representatives are becoming convinced that the formers' tactics are practically nothing more than jockeying to protract the negotiations as long as the strike continues in the bituminous fields.

On the day after the operators' delegates for investigation of freight rates on coal and the conditions governing the handling and sale of anthracite, on the ground that it would "confuse rather than clarify the situation," and would not be to the point anyway, they put in the time of the conference, according to the miners' representatives, in talking over economic conditions throughout the country.

The members of the international executive committee of the United Mine Workers of America announced they have voluntarily decided to suspend their salaries until the bituminous and anthracite strikes are settled.

Coal Strike News

Washington.—Shortage of coal will become felt by June 10 if present conditions continue, according to the prediction of the coal bureau, chamber of commerce of the United States. The coal bureau says:

"On April 1 the stock of coal in the hands of railroads, industrial consumers, public utilities, and re-

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SHUTS DOOR AGAINST AMNESTY PILGRIMAGE

(By Federated Press.)

Washington. — President Harding refused the plea of the wives and children of the political prisoners that he see them, even for a moment, when their pitiful procession reached the White House at the culmination of the Children's Amnesty Crusade.

It was characteristic of him that he made his evasion through his secretary, George Christian, and that Christian sent the weary women and children on a new march across the city to the office of Atty. Gen. Daugherty, where again they waited on the sidewalk while Daugherty "laid down the law" to the spokesmen for the crusaders.

It was equally characteristic of the president that at the very moment when the 37 members of the families of the prisoners of conscience were arriving before his official mansion, he was cordially waving farewell to Lord and Lady Astor, just as he had greeted moving picture actresses, baseball players, prize fighters, bankers, corporation lawyers, royalist refugees from Russia and lobbyists for the coal combine.

Ordered Back by Usher.

When the party reached the White House gates in automobiles furnished by the local committee, policemen stopped them and ordered that machines and banners must be left outside. The president was not to be annoyed by the sight of such slogans as Wives and Children of Political Prisoners, or No Profiteer Went to Jail, or Is Opinion a Crime? or Only Workers Go to Prison.

When the Astor's limousine rolled away from the front door of the White House, the moving picture cameras were busy with a posed review of the crusaders, who stood on the sidewalk in front of

the grounds. A few minutes afterward, led by Kate Richards O'Hare and Don Reeder carry an American flag, the procession started up the driveway to the front door, but was stopped and turned back by the head usher.

Then it went to the White House offices, and Mrs. O'Hare, Mrs. W. R. Hough of Rockford, and Mrs. Charles Edward Russell and Miss Mary Gertrude Pandall of the local committee, went in and interviewed Christian. White House police stood guard at the door, to prevent any possible outbreak by these weary and footsore and dejected people from the back hills and the cotton patches and the factory towns.

No General Amnesty.

Atty. Gen. Daugherty, when he received the delegation, began by declaring that there would be no general amnesty. He said that he was already studying the records in the cases of men who had individually applied for clemency, and he would consider all cases in which such application was made. Except in special circumstances he would not consider the cases of men who refused to apply.

However, Daugherty agreed that he would consider all information on these cases which might be brought to him. After hearing Mrs. Hough, who told of her son Clyde's case, he patted her and reassuringly said that he would take it up at the earliest possible moment, for the vindication of the good name of the government and of the courts. Clyde Hough is serving five years as one of the I. W. W. victims, although he was in Rockford jail serving a year for refusal to register for the draft at the time the espionage act was passed, and was still in jail when convicted of its violation.

BOSSSES ATTEMPT TO SPLIT LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

(Federated Press.)

Portland, Ore. — Eight hundred longshoremen are out on strike as a result of the stevedoring companies of this city attempt to introduce the "American plan" along the water front. The shipping companies refused to consider the proposition put forth by the longshoremen as a counter measure to their ultimatum. The employers simply announced a general wage reduction approximating about 10 percent. The stevedoring companies next opened up a hall from which they are now attempting to hire men.

The longshoremen have been working under an agreement entered into last August to run to May 1. On March 31 the bosses presented the longshoremen with a new agreement giving them six days in which to accept or reject it.

The terms were so unreasonable that the union at a mass meeting rejected it without a dissenting vote. At the same meeting a new agreement was drawn up by the union to be submitted to the standing committee of representatives of employers and the union. The standing committee agreed to submit the proposed agreement to all of the parties concerned in the dispute.

But on April 26 every member of the International Longshoremen's Ass'n in Portland, Ore., received a notification of a new scale from an organization called the Waterfront Employers' union, Portland. Besides a wage reduction of about 10 per cent the notice announced that hereafter all waterfront workers would be hired from the new employers' hall. If longshoremen wished to continue to work on the Portland waterfront they would have to register with the secretary of the new union. The employment blanks enclosed required the applicant to disclose his personal history for the past 15 years, besides assuring the employers' union that he was physically competent to engage in the heavy labor of longshoring.

All of the union men are out. A few scabs have been recruited. But for all that many ships in the harbor are tied up and others headed this way have been re-routed to other ports. More men are reported leaving the ships than go aboard. The picketing so far has been well disciplined. The morale of the men is good. This, combined with the large amount of shipping that has been going through this port the past year, and what is waiting for the trouble to clear away, lends hope to the longshoremen.

But the proviso in the employers' ukase which, besides the attempt to destroy the union, aroused the greatest indignation among the men, was the dividing of the truckers from the leaders and stowaways away of cargo on board ship.

The new arrangement makes a distinction of 10 cents a day between truckers and longshoremen, and designates them as such. The members of the union say this is only a trick of the bosses to split the union; that in no part in the world is any distinction made between truckers and longshoremen.

One of the excuses given by the Portland stevedoring companies for their conduct is that wages must be deducted in Portland to meet the competition of Seattle and San Francisco. As a matter of fact the same companies control shipping in each of the three ports and the wages paid in Seattle and San Francisco are the same as was paid in Portland before the lock-out.

At the Clark-Wilson sawmill in Linton, a suburb of Portland, a large lumber carrier was partially loaded when the lockout began. Loading ceased. The management of the mill ordered the mill crew to take the place of the striking longshoremen. This they refused to do, and both the day and night crew struck in sympathy with the longshoremen. The same thing occurred at the docks of the Portland Flouring Mills.

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RESULTS OF THE BERLIN CONFERENCE OF THE 3 INTERNATIONALS

By KARL RADEK.
(International Press Correspondence)

The Conference of the three Executives which was brought about to discuss the question of calling a general International Workers' Conference against the robber plans of Genoa, has disbanded without being able to decide upon the convocation of this World Congress. At a time when the representatives of the capitalistic Robber States are meeting in Genoa to confer about a new means of plundering the world, the international proletariat has not summoned up sufficient energy and resoluteness to demonstrate jointly against international capitalism. That is the first result that must be established, established with deep mourning. And since this result is brought up, we must simultaneously establish why it is that the Conference is impossible at this particular time. The accepted joint resolution of the three Executives establishes the reason for the failure of the proposal for a World Congress when it says:

"That the representatives of the Second International have reported that they consider it impossible to prepare for a general conference during the month of April, and during the time of the Genoa Conference."

Thus this statement explains in bare words that the Communist International, and the Vienna Working Union saw no obstacles in the way of the immediate convocation of the World Congress, but that the opposition of the Second International frustrated the plan.

The reason for this attitude of the Second International is easily understood if it is known that this organization, representing one section of the proletariat, refused absolutely to take up the slogans of the demonstration which was to take place instead of the World Congress and to raise the cry "Down with the Versailles Peace!"

How can this be explained? The three strongest parties of the Second International are: the English Labour Party, the Belgian Workers' Party and the German Social Democrats. Who doubts that the German Social Democrats are against the Versailles Peace? The Versailles Peace is not only a strangling rope for the German proletariat, but also a Damocles sword suspended over the Government belonging to the Social Democrats. The German Social Democrats would very willingly demonstrate against the Versailles Peace, but the Labour Party and the Belgian Workers' Party do not permit it. They do not permit it out of consideration for the Entente Governments and for the German Government. Although the latter is collapsing under the pressure of the Versailles Peace, it does not dare even to broach the question of the Versailles Peace at the Genoa Conference. Thus, considering the

vetoes of the reformist parties of the Entente Countries, the German Social Democracy does not dare of its own accord to protest against the Versailles Peace. Just as the German Government was filled with hopes by the whispered promises of the English Ambassador Lord d'Abernon, so the German Social Democracy's efforts were centered on postponing the conference as far as possible. Only it should not take place now, not during the Genoa Conference. "Perhaps in the Summer", they said. All attempts to make other reasons for the refusal of the present conference as important as this main reason, are merely an exchange of falsehoods. When the question of Versailles was presented, the representatives of the Second International declared peremptorily that they would leave the Conference at the attempt to broach this question; at no other question, only at the question of the Peace of Versailles. And that is clear enough.

The representatives of the Second International naturally had other reasons too, for their attitude. But these were not the ones which caused the postponement. Who would believe that a certain Wels was opposed to the conference because of boiling indignation at the bad treatment of the Social Revolutionaries or Georgians, although he had no fault to find with the occupation of the latter by German troops in the year 1918? But everyone knows that the German Social Democracy refused until now, in economic fights, in tax fights, to sit at the same table with the Communists, and together with them to fight for the alleviation of the burden which is almost crushing the proletariat. The fear that it would be necessary to draw a lesson from the international united front for Germany's problems was the second reason why the German Social Democracy nursed the idea of frustrating the conference. And the representatives of the Labour Party made no secret of the fact they fear the united front with the Communists, because the Communists in the English Trade Unions, in the coming large economic struggles—strengthened by the international united front—can disturb and break the policy of the trade union bureaucracy.

Consideration for international victorious capital, and consideration for its own policy of coalition with the bourgeoisie, yielding to the capitalist offensive, the fear that this policy can be disturbed by the international united front—these were the reasons for the efforts of the Second International to dissolve the Berlin Conference. The Second International succeeded—as was already said—in hindering the immediate convocation of the World Conference of the proletariat but—and this we establish as the second result of the Conference—it did not succeed in destroying the beginnings of the

united front, modest as they may be. It had to consent to the appointment of a Committee of the representatives of the three Executives, whose task it is to prepare for the calling of a World Congress and other conferences. It has to agree to call together as early as April, international demonstrations against the offensive of capital, against the Genoa robber conference, for the recognition of Soviet Russia, and against the strangling reparations policy. That is not much. But even that could only be accomplished by the spontaneously formed block of the Communists and the Vienna International, who jointly defended the idea of the united front. With a coarseness which is peculiar to it, the Berlin "Vorwärts" in its morning issue of April 6th reports that at the conference the Second International had taken up the joint declaration "In a certain measure, out of politeness to the Vienna Working Union". The Second International will undoubtedly do everything in the future, as it did at the Conference, to sabotage every concrete attempt to transform, in action the impulse given by the International Conference. But the conference of the three Executives has already shown that when the Communist International and the Vienna Working Union honorably and resolutely defend the thought of the united front, the attempts of the Second International to sabotage will run aground for a long time to come. They will run aground not because the Communist International and the Vienna Working Union can overrule by majority vote any decision of the Second International, but because by their very attitude they manifest the ardent will of the proletariat for the united front. The Communist International openly abandoned every attempt to cause the Berlin Conference to frame nice sounding and far-reaching conclusions. It knows very well that the big promises to the Second International are not worth the paper they are written on. It is not a question of the promises that the Second International could make, but of the pressure upon it of the working masses, which will express itself most emphatically in the urgent questions of the proletarian necessities of life. The Communist International intentionally did not begin an offensive at this conference against the unheard of deeds of the Second International during and after the war. Only when the Second International tried to take the offensive against the Communist International, did the Communist International delegation make a counter attack which sufficed at least to hold back the Second International so that it did not to shatter the Berlin Conference. There is no doubt that the holding back of the Delegation of the Communist International will be considered a concession by many of our comrades. The delegation knew that. But it had to say to itself

"We are the representatives of the fighting movement of the proletariat". The successful fight of the proletariat is impossible without its unity for the defence of the interests nearest to the proletariat. The proletariat will not assemble to speak sharply about the past, or to pronounce screamingly the demands of the present. It will assemble in order to express most decisively its will for a united front. It will judge the parties not by what they say but by what they do. And therefore our holding back and moderation were the sharpest form of attack on the Second International. Our moderation showed that we were forming the united front not as a parade for one day, but as a tenacious fight for the setting up and the preservation of the united front. The quieter and more prudently we show this to the working masses in the future, the more will all the attacks of the Second International against the united front of the proletariat recoil to its disadvantage; this is the slogan of the Communist International in the given historical situation. We have declared ourselves ready to participate in the united front, even with those who for eight years abandoned the interests of the proletariat. Since we maintain this idea quietly, firmly and without a waver, we shall be capable of setting up the proletarian united front, even against the Second International, if it tries to disturb this united front. That is the result of the Berlin Conference.

When we conceived this idea of the united front, it was very clear to us that the idea could not be victorious in one hour, one day or even one month.

When we conceived the idea of the International Congress, the road to the international united front was shown us. This road proves to be impossible at the present time, but the idea of the united front has shown itself so strong, that the Second International, which in the year 1921 gave it a serious setback, when it was first expressed in Germany through the "Open Letter" of the Communist Party of Germany, can now only sabotage it in an underhand way. The idea of the united front is beginning to go into effect, and it will go through. This assurance strengthened the conference for all the Communist participants, in spite of the slight practical results of the first attempt. And we should not in the least undervalue the fact that since the idea of the united front was substantiated at the conference, it convinced the representatives of all shades of opinion in the Communist International of the justness of the idea of the united front much more than theoretic discussion could have done. It can be stated that the delegation of the Communist International gave its unanimous endorsement to the joint resolution, which is undersigned by its representatives.

GENTLE CENSURE

T-bone Slim.

Come to think of it, the heroes I read about have no visible means of support—in other words, every hero, in our best sellers, is a vagrant. . . . Ever read of a hero who worked for a living?—No? Neither have I.

Work, therefore, is not a heroic role, even when you work to support "a hero" of a novel—

Not only that, but work is become so unprofitable that men no longer feel justified in unlimbering their powers—Thus too, it was that a married gentleman complained to me this morning that his wife's alarm clock went on the bum and she got fired for coming in late.

So many of our best people are living off "interest" instead of work—there for it behooves me to analyze that institution, briefly.—Thus for instance: If a man robs a bank and makes his "getaway" with \$40,000—and isn't caught, he can put the money in another bank and draw interest to the tune of \$1,000 every year the rest of his life—That is interest.

The only stipulation the capitalist system makes, in a case of this kind is, don't get caught stealing anything.

The system no doubt reasons that if you have not been caught stealing you have superior brains—and ability of a very high order.

Sixteen hundred dollars (income per year, by the simple performance of the act of moving \$40,000) from one bank to another!—And when he dies, the \$40,000 is still as good as the first day he got it—His son can live off it (\$40,000 a year) and his son and his son's son etc., thence forth and forever, without doing a tap of work—That is interest. Interesting isn't it?

But, robbery is not the solution for our ills. Instead of robbing banks we must organize as a working class and denature interest—do away with it entirely.

SOCIETY NEWS

In the upper-social-layer the ladies have taken up the practice of handball, as an exercise, to develop their muscles—Dishwashing, for this laudable purpose, has become unstylish. — Can't wash dishes with kid gloves on.

It is my non-partisan opinion that if the society belles would develop their muscles by earning a living, there would be no need of an army of unemployed . . . to drive those (men and women) who support the belles and their fathers.

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Coal Strike News

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tailers was approximately 63,000,000 net tons. Adding to this 4,250,000 tons estimated at the upper lake docks and the unbilled coal on hand April 1 there was a total of 68,550,000 net tons above ground April 1.

"Stock cannot drop below 20,000,000 tons without danger of a coal panic. The quantity of coal which apparently can be drawn from stocks before a serious situation develops is 48,650,000 tons. To this supply there will be continuously added the output from the nonunion fields which up to date has averaged about 3,500,000 tons per week. At the present time the average weekly consumption is estimated to be 8,100,000 tons.

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AGAINST THE RULES.

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RESULTS OF THE BERLIN CONFERENCE OF THE 3 INTERNATIONALS

By KARL RADEK.
(International Press Correspondence)

The Conference of the three Executives which was brought about to discuss the question of calling a general International Workers' Conference against the robber plans of Genoa, has disbanded without being able to decide upon the convocation of this World Congress. At a time when the representatives of the capitalist Robber States are meeting in Genoa to confer about a new means of plundering the world, the international proletariat has not summoned up sufficient energy and resoluteness to demonstrate jointly against international capitalism. That is the first result that must be established, established with deep mourning. And since this result is brought up, we must simultaneously establish why it is that the Conference is impossible at this particular time. The accepted joint resolution of the three Executives establishes the reason for the failure of the proposal for a World Congress when it says:

"That the representatives of the Second International have reported that they consider it impossible to prepare for a general conference during the month of April, and during the time of the Genoa Conference."

Thus this statement explains in bare words that the Communist International, and the Vienna Working Union saw no obstacles in the way of the immediate convocation of the World Congress, but that the opposition of the Second International frustrated the plan.

The reason for this attitude of the Second International is easily understood if it is known that this organization, representing one section of the proletariat, refused absolutely to take up the slogans of the demonstration which was to take place instead of the World Congress and to raise the cry "Down with the Versailles Peace!"

How can this be explained? The three strongest parties of the Second International are: the English Labour Party, the Belgian Workers' Party and the German Social Democrats. Who doubts that the German Social Democrats are against the Versailles Peace? The Versailles Peace is not only a strangling rope for the German proletariat, but also a Damocles sword suspended over the Government belonging to the Social Democrats. The German Social Democrats would very willingly demonstrate against the Versailles Peace, but the Labour Party and the Belgian Workers' Party do not permit it. They do not permit it out of consideration for the Entente Governments and for the German Government. Although the latter is collapsing under the pressure of the Versailles Peace, it does not dare even to broach the question of the Versailles Peace at the Genoa Conference. Thus, considering the

vetoes of the reformist parties of the Entente Countries, the German Social Democracy does not dare of its own accord to protest against the Versailles Peace. Just as the German Government was filled with hopes by the whispered promises of the English Ambassador Lord d'Abernon, so the German Social Democracy's efforts were centered on postponing the conference as far as possible. Only it should not take place now, not during the Genoa Conference. "Perhaps in the Summer", they said. All attempts to make other reasons for the refusal of the present conference as important as this main reason, are merely an exchange of falsehoods. When the question of Versailles was presented, the representatives of the Second International declared peremptorily that they would leave the Conference at the attempt to broach this question; at no other question, only at the question of the Peace of Versailles. And that is clear enough.

The representatives of the Second International naturally had other reasons too, for their attitude. But these were not the ones which caused the postponement. Who would believe that a certain Wells was opposed to the conference because of boiling indignation at the bad treatment of the Social Revolutionaries or Georgians, although he had no fault to find with the occupation of the latter by German troops in the year 1918? But everyone knows that the German Social Democracy refused until now, in economic fights, in tax fights, to sit at the same table with the Communists, and together with them to fight for the alleviation of the burden which is almost crushing the proletariat. The fear that it would be necessary to draw a lesson from the international united front for Germany's problems was the second reason why the German Social Democracy nursed the idea of frustrating the conference. And the representatives of the Labour Party made no secret of the fact they fear the united front with the Communists, because the Communists in the English Trade Unions, in the coming large economic struggles—strengthened by the international united front—can disturb and break the policy of the trade union bureaucracy.

Consideration for international victorious capital, and consideration for its own policy of coalition with the bourgeoisie, yielding to the capitalist offensive, the fear that this policy can be disturbed by the international united front—these were the reasons for the efforts of the Second International to dissolve the Berlin Conference.

The Second International succeeded—as was already said—in hindering the immediate convocation of the World Conference of the proletariat but—and this we establish as the second result of the Conference—it did not succeed in destroying the beginnings of the

united front, modest as they may be. It had to consent to the appointment of a Committee of the representatives of the three Executives, whose task it is to prepare for the calling of a World Congress and other conferences. It has to agree to call together as early as April, international demonstrations against the offensive of capital, against the Genoa robber conference, for the recognition of Soviet Russia, and against the strangling reparations policy. That is not much. But even that could only be accomplished by the spontaneously formed block of the Communists and the Vienna International, who jointly defended the idea of the united front. With a coarseness which is peculiar to it, the Berlin "Vorwärts" in its morning issue of April 6th reports that at the conference the Second International had taken up the joint declaration "In a certain measure, out of politeness to the Vienna Working Union". The Second International will undoubtedly do everything in the future, as it did at the Conference, to sabotage every concrete attempt to transform, in action the impulse given by the International Conference. But the conference of the three Executives has already shown that when the Communist International and the Vienna Working Union honorably and resolutely defend the thought of the united front, the attempts of the Second International to sabotage will run aground for a long time to come. They will run aground not because the Communist International and the Vienna Working Union can overrule by majority vote any decision of the Second International, but because by their very attitude they manifest the ardent will of the proletariat for the united front.

The Communist International openly abandoned every attempt to cause the Berlin Conference to frame nice sounding and far-reaching conclusions. It knows very well that the big promises to the Second International are not worth the paper they are written on. It is not a question of the promises that the Second International could make, but of the pressure upon it of the working masses, which will express itself most emphatically in the urgent questions of the proletarian necessities of life. The Communist International intentionally did not begin an offensive at this conference against the unheard of deeds of the Second International during and after the war. Only when the Second International tried to take the offensive against the Communist International, did the Communist International delegation make a counter attack which sufficed at least to hold back the Second International so that it did not to shatter the Berlin Conference. There is no doubt that the holding back of the Delegation of the Communist International will be considered a concession by many of our comrades. The delegation knew that. But it had to say to itself

"We are the representatives of the fighting movement of the proletariat". The successful fight of the proletariat is impossible without its unity for the defence of the interests nearest to the proletariat. The proletariat will not assemble to speak sharply about the past, or to pronounce screamingly the demands of the present. It will assemble in order to express most decisively its will for a united front. It will judge the parties not by what they say but by what they do. And therefore our holding back and moderation were the sharpest form of attack on the Second International. Our moderation showed that we were forming the united front not as a parade for one day, but as a tenacious fight for the setting up and the preservation of the united front. The quieter and more prudently we show this to the working masses in the future, the more will all the attacks of the Second International against the united front of the proletariat recoil to its disadvantage; this is the slogan of the Communist International in the given historical situation. We have declared ourselves ready to participate in the united front, even with those who for eight years abandoned the interests of the proletariat. Since we maintain this idea quietly, firmly and without a waver, we shall be capable of setting up the proletarian united front, even against the Second International, if it tries to disturb this united front. That is the result of the Berlin Conference.

When we conceived this idea of the united front, it was very clear to us that the idea could not be victorious in one hour, one day or even one month.

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GENTLE CENSURE

T-bone Slim.
Come to think of it, the heroes I read about have no visible means of support—in other words, every hero, in our best sellers, is a vagrant . . . Ever read of a hero who worked for a living?—No? Neither have I.

Work, therefore, is not a heroic role, even when you work to support "a hero" of a novel—

Not only that, but work is becoming so unprofitable that men no longer feel justified in unlimbering their powers—Thus too, it was that a married gentleman complained to me this morning that his wife's alarm clock went on the bum and she got fired for coming in late.

So many of our best people are living off "interest" instead of work—there for it behooves me to analyze that institution, briefly.—Thus for instance: If a man robs a bank and makes his "getaway" with \$40,000—and isn't caught, he can put the money in another bank and draw interest to the tune of \$1,000 every year the rest of his life.—That's interest.

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Some folks will not forget right soon what Hoover did to Bela Kun, how his lieutenant made his boast he overthrew the whole Red host. Hoover's afraid the Yanks will give and really let the soviet live, so that he cannot well repeat the great Hungarian defeat. In feeding folks in Russia town, he wants to put the Red rule down, and so he takes the printed page, in which to ventilate his rage.

Coal Strike News

(Continued from page 1)

Tallers was approximately 63,000,000 net tons. Adding to this 4,250,000 tons estimated at the upper lake docks and the unbilled coal on hand April 1 there was a total of 68,550,000 net tons above ground April 1.

"Stock cannot drop below 20,000,000 tons without danger of a coal panic. The quantity of coal which apparently can be drawn from stocks before a serious situation develops is 48,650,000 tons. To this supply there will be continuously added the output from the nonunion fields which up to date has averaged about 3,500,000 tons per week. At the present time the average weekly consumption is estimated to be 8,100,000 tons.

"Therefore, supply from the non-union fields is falling short of meeting the consumption of 4,600,000 tons per week. To cover this deficit, we have the 48,650,000 tons in storage. If the consumer continues to draw from this storage at the rate of 6,600,000 tons per week, unless there is an increase in production from the nonunion fields, a shortage will be felt in approximately seven weeks from April 22, in other words, June 10."

Rise like Idms after slumber In unvanquishable number, Shake your chains to earth like dew Which in sleep hath fallen on you. —Shelly.

AGAINST THE RULES.
"No spooning in the park."
"Spooning? This is my wife."
"No fighting then."

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I'd like to tear this old world down
And burn its history;
Or, better still, unmake it all
To never come to be;
Uncrown the kings, unseat the brutes
Who posed as human men:
So that I'd be a human God
I'd start life out again.

I would not let a tyrant mind
Be in the man I made;
Nor should a Cain then come to life
And spoil the plays I'd laid.
No priest would I let talk for me
Or claim to be my friend,
And neither would I let my folks
A knee before me bend.

No folks would bow or pray to me
Nor wait in mad despair,
For never would I spread th' fear
That burning hells were there.
But they should tramp in verdant fields
And have a love for good;
Instead of evil lust and greed
There'd be one Brotherhood.

A Brotherhood of light and life
With all made true and pure;
A one where lovely things were there
Whose beauty would endure.
No chance there'd be for wrong or sin,
No need to come repent;
For all that I would make on earth
For people would be meant.

—HAL BROMMELS

JAILED MOTHERS AND BABIES, IN FOR CONTEMPT, ARE FREED

Chicago. — (Special)—Six women, four of them with babies and two about to become mothers, were liberated from the Cook county jail today on pardons granted by Governor Len Small. The governor's action solves the problem which has been puzzling officials, judges and lawyers who have been seeking a loophole which would open the prison doors to mothers imprisoned for contempt of court.

Sentences were imposed more than two years ago and the women were released on bond, awaiting a decision of the appellate court. They had been members of the cigar makers' union and were alleged to have violated a strike anti-picketing injunction.

A few days ago, the contempt sentences were affirmed by the appellate court.

Cling to Children

The six women were dragged from their homes by deputies. Refusing to be separated from their children, Eva Glutting hugged her seven-week-old babe to her breast and Frances Hadle carried her son, six months old. Of the others, Dora Liss, Sophie Bletcher, Annie Buchara and Josephine Francel, two carried infants in their arms, and two were approaching confinement.

"Why did they imprison my baby? He hasn't done anything," sobbed Mrs. Glutting.

"Why didn't you get some one to take care of him?" asked Warden Wesley Westbrook of the county jail.

"How can I? He is nursing," replied the young mother.

Judge Expresses 'Sorrow'

The day and night in jail were hours of torment for mothers and babies. Jail are not built to house infants or expectant mothers and efforts of Warden Westbrook and his assistants to ameliorate the situation didn't help much.

"I am sorry about these children," said Judge Denis E. Sullivan, who imposed the sentence.

Protests poured in on the judge and the prosecuting lawyers at the imprisonment of the mothers and babies. Attorneys agreed that there was no possible escape for sentence for the women, while the judge declared that he had no power to suspend sentence. But the governor's action, by one stroke, cut the legal knot and the mothers and babies were freed.

Strikebreakers Threw Pepper

The six girls, employees of the American Cigar company, struck in December, 1918, against weekly

wages of \$8 to \$14 for a 10-hour day. Their leader, Jacob Billow, is alleged to have been a company agent and the employee of private detectives agencies.

Evidence in the case was confusing. It was alleged that the girls, in their violation of the anti-picketing injunction, threw red pepper on strikebreakers. Prosecuting Attorney Frederic Burnham, however, later declared that the pepper had been thrown by the strikebreakers.

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WHAT IS BEHIND GENOA?

A study of the real motives and powers of the chief actors, especially written for the English Communist by J. T. Walton Newbold.

Before so very long the miners will again have to resist an attack made upon them by the employers. It may not be a direct attack upon the base rates. It may be an endeavour—I think it will be an endeavour—to force a return to the eight-hour day and, maybe, not from bank to bank, but eight hours at the job.

This I do know — that there is no likelihood of there being any marked recovery in the coal export trade in the near or even the more distant future. It may be that the German costs of production may continue to rise in the coalfields of the Ruhr and the Rhineland, but they will need to rise very high indeed (the rate of exchange remaining as it is, and it will do for some time to come), before it will be possible to sell Durham or Yorkshire coal at competitive rates with Ruhr coal and yet make both good profits and decent wages possible. A little while ago the price of bunker coal — German bunker coal — at the port of Hamburg was 12s. 6d. a ton. Now the price of Tyneside, Fife, or Humber export coal, normally sent to Hamburg has not fallen below 21s. a ton at the very lowest — that is to say for good coal.

Need for Russian Rate.

Durham, Yorkshire, Northumberland and the Forth ports have done an enormous trade in coal in the past not only with Scandinavia, but also and to some considerable extent, with Russia. This trade is not going to revive until trade relations are fully restored with the Soviet Republic.

Even if Russia's transport system, Russia's railway system, was restored, it would still—as water transport is always much cheaper than railway transport—be much easier and cheaper to send coal from Dunston, Pelaw, Gateshead, Tyne Dock, Leith, Grangemouth, Burntisland, Hull, Goole, and Immingham straight to Petrograd and to the ports of the Baltic and the White Sea, than to bring it overland from South Russia where the great Donetz coalfields are situated.

In exchange for the coal it would be possible almost immediately to bring payments in pit props, which are the main export of Riga and of Archangel. There is also a considerable amount of flax waiting to be brought over to this country, and pulp for paper as well as wood for house doors, window frames, roofing, and for house furniture.

The North Eastern Railway Co., and the Furnesses used to have a very big export trade in coal from Yorkshire, Northumberland and Durham to Holland. The N. E. R. Co. ran a special line of steamers to Holland to carry coal to that country. The Furnesses had and have a whole chain of coal selling agencies in Holland, Belgium, and even North France, and in Switzerland.

I happen to know for a positive fact that the coal owners of Durham and Yorkshire are demanding

that Lloyd George shall at Genoa make France accept terms that will enable them to export coal to Northern Europe and to France and Belgium on more favourable terms than they can do now when German coal — reparations coal — is being sold by French and Belgians in competition with coal from Northumberland, Durham, and Yorkshire.

They make iron and steel — in good times—at Consett, Middlesbrough, Rotherham, Sheffield, Staveley, etc. They erected works to make iron and steel at Consett and elsewhere in Durham because there is extremely good coking coal near at hand.

The Consett and other companies in Durham and Cleveland have a great advantage in having about a dozen collieries on what is one of the best coking coalfields in Europe. The other good coking coalfields is the Ruhr Coalfields of Germany.

At one of the numerous picnic parties attended by Lloyd George, at one of the halts of his travelling troupe, the Conference at Spa, the French got from the Germans an agreement whereby the latter were to deliver, on the average, 2,000,000 tons of coal a month to France — from the Ruhr for the most part. At first, the French had to take it and pay for it at the price of the same kind of coal from the English market, but before many months had elapsed, they found means to secure its delivery at prices less than the price of English coal.

The Crash Comes.

Then the fun began. France and Belgium were getting coking coal and coke from Germany at prices less than the English coal masters could supply it at.

These countries used to get a great part the greater part of their coke from Durham.

Now they were getting it—and getting it more cheaply—from Germany.

Then Belgium began to send into the Tees, the Tyne, and to the Clyde pig iron made with German coke at prices ranging down to 4 pounds a ton less than the Durham iron masters could supply it from their own works.

So Consett had to close down. Unemployment and low wages have, therefore, struck us like a stone from a catapult.

This is the result of the Peace Treaty of Versailles and the subsequent policy of the French Government acting as the tools of the French banks.

The Slave Remedy.

There are people, there are even members of Trade Unions, who believe that if their organisations would only consent to the bosses' demands for:—

1. An extension of hours of labour.
2. Drastic "cuts" in wages.
3. Abandonment of accepted customs and agreement to the manning of machines—whether

automatic lathes in engineering shops, pneumatic riveters in shipyards or electric cutters in coal mines, by unskilled men.

that there would be an instant or, at any rate, an early increase of employment.

Miners should not think because they have had fairly steady work in getting coal to export to the Scandinavian countries during the icy weather of winter that this temporary revival will continue. The German mark, after falling, is again falling in value, and this means that German competition may again grow more acute. The hoped for improvement in American industry has not materialised, and this will compel American steel masters, who are also coal owners, to seek to recapture the Scandinavian markets which they gained in 1920 and lost in 1921.

There is no probability of a real improvement in mining conditions, because there is no likelihood of a revival in the export trade, in the bunkering trade, or in the iron and steel trades.

Turning to shipbuilding, there is at present lying idle in the harbours of the world a tonnage of merchant ships totalling more than

10,000,000 Tons

or more than 20 times as much as was launched on the Tyne last year. A great part of this shipping is quite new and will not need replacing for years to come.

All down the Tyne from Dunston to the mouth of the river, as on all other rivers and in all ports, ships are "tied up" because there are no cargoes to fill them and no one knows when there will be.

During the last five months there have not been seven merchant ships ordered from

All

the shipbuilding yards of Great Britain and Ireland. For the first time in more than a century there is no warship, however small, building on any shipway in Great Britain and Ireland.

There is going to be no immediate or early revival in shipbuilding because no one—except Soviet Russia—wants any more ships than they have already got. The shipbuilders know this very well. They know that in another six months there will be scarcely a ship on which work is being done on the whole stretch of the Tyneside and the Wear.

They know that this is the result of their "ability," their genius, their "capacity for management and conduct of industry and commerce" and the policy of their kept Government. They know that the workers are likely to find them out. So what are they doing? They are deliberately and with malice aforethought cutting the men's wages

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They are saying that this will mean that with lower costs of production they will get more ships to build.

They are lying and they know that they are lying.

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TO PERSECUTE THE REDS

By J. O. BENTALL.

Attorney General Daugherty seems to be very anxious that no red roses or anything else that is red may flourish in this yellow country.

In a long report on his masterful work of the past season he reminds the people of the earth that he has been very patriotic and that he has successfully kept all red stuff down except the blood of the workers that has flowed quite freely from bodies of workers as his horsemen have driven bullet and bayonet thru their hearts.

In every instance where a red has been persecuted there has been downright violation of every law that has the semblance of decency. Never in the history of all the czars of Russia was there any brutality that has exceeded it.

For the old czars had at least one small spark of decency left in them. They felt that a revolutionist was not a criminal in the ordinary sense. They knew that the greatest idealists of the age were revolutionists. That all progress had come thru revolutionists.

So when they took the prisoners to their confinement the keepers were told to be a little lenient with them. These political prisoners were treated with much consideration and looked to as having strange ideas, but not as having criminal intent. When they were taken to Siberia they were placed in better trains than the ordinary criminals and given more comforts. There was a little decency left in the brutal hearts of the old czars after all.

Not so in this country. Here the idealists are held in contempt and spat upon and treated like low dogs and vicious criminals. The president and the attorney general and the courts and the press are in agreement on the treatment of political prisoners. They are not given even the chance that the bank robbers and murderers are given. Among the I. W. W. over a dozen have died from exposure and ill treatment while in jails and prisons. War objectors have been placed in the black hole and kept there for months.

And the sentences! They scream!

Up to twenty years for claiming the rights given the people of the land under the constitution.

Debs broke no law that was in harmony with the constitution. The I. W. W. have broken no law that could stand any constitutional test. The Communists have broken no law that the people would tolerate on the statute books.

And still the comrades are in prison and others are taken there right along. For breaking laws? These men and women broke no laws. They broke the silence of the masses in face of the horrible wrongs heaped upon the nation and upon the workers of the country. They lifted up their voices and cried for justice.

Persecution!

The attorney general has promised to do the job and do it right. The workers who dare to protest against the horrible wrongs are to meet the fate of the thieves and the murderers.

Keep on old man. You are not hurting the cause of freedom. You have not done so yet. For revolution grows best under the iron heel of the oppressor and you are pushing us along to the point where we will be compelled to get rid of you and all other tyrants.

PARENTS BLAMED FOR SEX FILTH

Dr. Herman Bundesen, city health commissioner of Chicago, has been looking into the cesspool of American capitalism. He finds 800,000 young men with syphilis or gonorrhea; as many or more women with the same diseases; blind, crippled, diseased, and idiot children. He says hospitals, jails and asylums are full of human wrecks.

This means working people. The sex diseases of the wealthy are not tabulated. They are hushed up and cared for tenderly in private hospitals and sanatoriums. These pitiful objects mentioned by Dr. Bundesen are toilers and their offspring.

He says these conditions come about because the parents do not teach their youngsters the facts of sex. The fault lies with the parents.

Those who will not face the fact that our industrial system is the cause of abnormalities which show themselves in the sex life as well as in the mental life of individuals, are ever ready to blame all social ills on the parents.

Parents are required by law to send their children to public schools at least until the children are fourteen years of age. In the kindergarten selling sex is taught to little prattling babes who are asked to lisp to each other to entertain visitors on show days. Here is a sample.

"Will you marry me?"

"What will you give me if I marry you?"

"A nice house."

"No."

A nice house and garden with roses red."

"No."

"I will give you a house and garden and jewels fine, if you marry me."

"No. I will not marry thee."

"I will give you a house and garden and jewels fine and a fairy castle if you marry me. Will you marry me?"

"Oh! A house and garden and jewels fine and a fairy castle! Yes, I'll marry thee."

Even if the parents had sense enough to wish to eradicate such stuff from the children's minds how much home teaching would it take?

Babies are taught to drive a bargain when they mate. Get—Get. What will you give?

The millions who mate with the toilers whose wage is somewhere between ten and fifteen dollars a week do not "get"—"get" much but a chance to live in poverty, in conditions where understanding and affection are not likely to thrive very long. Love is often killed and roaming for sex satisfaction take place.

But children come and grow up like neglected animals. Where shall they get wholesome conditions? The parents didn't have wholesome conditions. They have

nothing in their heads except what they get at the movies and from the daily capitalist papers. With nothing in their heads and little in their stomachs, they are forced to sell their hands and brains and often sex to the highest bidder in order to obtain bread.

Parents cannot teach their children what they do not know. Besides knowledge does not stop hunger. Teaching starving people that eating clay will kill them does not keep them from eating clay when the hunger pains are fierce enough. So with sex. If it cannot be satisfied in a normal healthy way, it will eventually satisfy itself with filth.

Besides the roaming married people there are millions of single men and women who are unemployed but who do not cease to have stomachs and sex organs just because the owning class closes the factory doors. And the millions of men with jobs paying from ten to fifteen dollars a week, who will not undertake to feed wives and children on that pittance; even with the help of Jung and Freud they have not all attained the sublimation of the sex instinct.

So with capitalism in full swing, sex life for millions of people is like the rest of life for them—a sort of garbage can existence. Their bodies and brains are being destroyed now or were destroyed before birth. There is buying and selling of sex in homes and brothels and there is also affectionless promiscuous giving like cats and dogs in alleys. Garbage can eating is not conducive to cleanliness or health, either of body or mind. Then Dr. Bundesen finds the unclean things and blames the parents.

INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION A CRIME

Paul Miller, the editor of the Finnish Socialist daily newspaper of this city, was arrested last week charged with advocating unlawful destruction of property. He was released on a \$1,000 bond.

It is the same old gag and the same old lies which sent many of the capable and courageous workers to prison during the war. Miller's crime consists of advocating industrial organization. It is really the activities of the I. W. W. that are being investigated. Miller is only the scapegoat.

The department of justice ought to be aware of the activities of the I. W. W. without further investigation. They make no secret of their program.

Is the department of justice vexed by the many demands for general amnesty? Does it wish to say, "Jail doors may swing open for war-time class prisoners, but look out or we will send some others to take their places?"

CAPITALISM IS MY SHEPHERD

Congressman Thomas of Kentucky has given a new version to the twenty-third psalm by saying:

Harding is my shepherd and I am in want.

He maketh me to lie down on park benches.

He leadeth me beside the free soup house.

He restoreth my doubt in the Republican party.

He leadeth me in the path of destruction for his party's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of starvation I do fear evil for thou art against me.

Thy policies and profiteers they frighten me.

Thou preparest a reduction of wages before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest me with taxes; my expenses runneth over my income.

Surely, poverty and unemployment shall follow me all the days of this normalcy administration.

And I shall dwell in a rented house forever.

We wish to amend that version somewhat, inspired by a beautiful view of garbage cans, ash heaps, rock piles, discarded dray wagons and dung heaps.

Capitalism is my shepherd; I am in want.

It maketh me to lie down on hard park benches: it leadeth to free soup houses.

But it restoreth my backbone: it leadeth me in the paths of revolution for the toilers' sake.

Yea, though I walk thru the valley of hunger and of death, I will fear no hardship; for thou art hell; thy harshness and thy cruelty, thy torture me.

Thou preparest an army before me to help bring about thy doom, thou anointest their heads with lies, their stomachs with hunger.

Surely goodness and wisdom shall guide them all the days of the battle and thou shalt be made to dwell in the land of Nowhere forever.

NEW YORK POLICE DISTURB LIBERATOR PARTY

The Liberator gave a dance on May Day. Claude McKay, the gifted negro poet, who is on the Liberator staff was present. So were some Hindu, Chinese, and Cuban workers. It was a cosmopolitan group such as one would find in any International Club at any big university or at any settlement like Hull House or the Chicago Commons.

At this Liberator party when Claude McKay was dancing with Christal Eastman, the police came in to stop the dance. It was not respectable. Can you beat it!

When did the police ever go to a settlement and stop a dance because a white girl was dancing with a colored man? Or when did the police ever interfere with the dances given by the university international clubs where all races and all nationalities dance together?

Never. It would never occur to them. These institutions are fostered by the rich. It is different with the Liberator. It is in a different class. It is supported by the workers. So the policemen, poor tools of the owning class, saw a chance to get themselves in right with their meal-tickets, by treating the Liberator bunch as if it were the underworld. They herded the workers out with clubs and arrested one Chinese radical who protested.

And fine sensitive spirited Claud McKay, who recently felt the fangs of race hatred when he attended the theater with Gropper and was asked to leave the good seat he had selected, was made to feel these fangs again. We hope his agony was short lived and that he said again. "Damn it all! Good-night. The prison is vast, there is plenty of space and a little time to sing and dance and laugh and love. There is a little time to dream of the jungle, to revel in rare scents and riotous colors, to dream a plantation melody, be a real original Negro. Cherish your strength, my strong black brother. Be not dismayed because the struggle is

hard and long. O, my warm, wonderful race. The fight is longer than a span of life; The test is great."

We say, "Oh strong white brothers, and yellow and black and brown and red brothers gird up your loins. 'Time is on your side.' Race as well as class hatreds must go. This world must be made into a great commonwealth of workers were all races mingle and live joyously and abundantly.

WHAT COMMUNISM MEANS

(English Communist)

T. A. JACKSON.

If Capitalism goes what would we put in its place? There is a big supposition hidden behind those words "put in its place" with which I shall have reason to quarrel, but putting that aside for the moment let me give a rough outline of the sort of social arrangement that the Communist wishes to bring into being.

The essential weakness of the Capitalist system is that it constantly increases and magnifies the means of wealth production by a process which as surely and rapidly decreases the legal right and power of the mass to consume what is produced. Thus we arrive at the eternal paradox of increasing starvation in face of increasing plenty. More wealth faced by more want. Greater and greater possibility of human satisfaction and with it greater and greater actuality of human misery. Such is the logical end of the Capitalist period in social development.

Common Ownership

The obvious cure is to make what is produced available for the enjoyment of the mass who produce it. This involves giving the workers a far greater "effective" demand upon production than they have had hitherto. It means, in fact, that all the land, factories, ships, docks, mines railways and other things shall be used as an organized whole to produce on a pre-determined plan things required by the workers as a community instead of things profitable to a few bosses. This in turn means that the ownership of all these things must be transferred from the bosses as individuals to the community as an organized whole.

Let me at this point clear away an ancient stupidity that still does duty on anti-Communist platforms. We do not propose to "share out."

We do not propose to take all the money out of all the banks and share it out. We do not propose to pull the factories to pieces and share out the bricks, nor to tear up the railways and give a length of rail to Jim Jones and a dozen sleepers to Jim Robinson. No. We propose to keep all these things and conserve them for the use of the whole working community.

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TO PERSECUTE THE REDS

By J. O. BENTALL.

Attorney General Daugherty seems to be very anxious that no red roses or anything else that is red may flourish in this yellow country.

In a long report on his masterful work of the past season he reminds the people of the earth that he has been very patriotic and that he has successfully kept all red stuff down except the blood of the workers that has flowed quite freely from bodies of workers as his horsemen have driven bullet and bayonet thru their hearts.

In every instance where a red has been persecuted there has been downright violation of every law that has the semblance of decency. Never in the history of all the czars of Russia was there any brutality that has exceeded it.

For the old czars had at least one small spark of decency left in them. They felt that a revolutionist was not a criminal in the ordinary sense. They knew that the greatest idealists of the age were revolutionists. That all progress had come thru revolutionists.

So when they took the prisoners to their confinement the keepers were told to be a little lenient with them. These political prisoners were treated with much consideration and looked to as having strange ideas, but not as having criminal intent. When they were taken to Siberia they were placed in better trains than the ordinary criminals and given more comforts. There was a little decency left in the brutal hearts of the old czars after all.

Not so in this country. Here the idealists are held in contempt and spat upon and treated like low dogs and vicious criminals. The president and the attorney general and the courts and the press are in agreement on the treatment of political prisoners. They are not given even the chance that the bank robbers and murderers are given. Among the I. W. W. over a dozen have died from exposure and ill treatment while in jails and prisons. War objectors have been placed in the black hole and kept there for months.

And the sentences! They scream!
Up to twenty years for claiming the rights given the people of the land under the constitution.

Debs broke no law that was in harmony with the constitution. The I. W. W. have broken no law that could stand any constitutional test. The Communists have broken no law that the people would tolerate on the statute books.

And still the comrades are in prison and others are taken there right along. For breaking laws? These men and women broke no laws. They broke the silence of the masses in face of the horrible wrongs heaped upon the nation and upon the workers of the country. They lifted up their voices and cried for justice.

Persecution!
The attorney general has promised to do the job and do it right. The workers who dare to protest against the horrible wrongs are to meet the fate of the thieves and the murderers.

Keep on old man. You are not hurting the cause of freedom. You have not done so yet. For revolution grows best under the iron heel of the oppressor and you are pushing us along to the point where we will be compelled to get rid of you and all other tyrants.

PARENTS BLAMED FOR SEX FILTH

Dr. Herman Bundesen, city health commissioner of Chicago, has been looking into the cesspool of American capitalism. He finds 800,000 young men with syphilis or gonorrhea; as many or more women with the same diseases; blind, crippled, diseased, and idiot children. He says hospitals, jails and asylums are full of human wrecks.

This means working people. The sex diseases of the wealthy are not tabulated. They are hushed up and cared for tenderly in private hospitals and sanatoriums. These pitiful objects mentioned by Dr. Bundesen are toilers and their offspring.

He says these conditions come about because the parents do not teach their youngsters the facts of sex. The fault lies with the parents.

Those who will not face the fact that our industrial system is the cause of abnormalities which show themselves in the sex life as well as in the mental life of individuals, are ever ready to blame all social ills on the parents.

Parents are required by law to send their children to public schools at least until the children are fourteen years of age. In the kindergarten selling sex is taught to little prattling babes who are asked to lip to each other to entertain visitors on show days. Here is a sample.

"Will you marry me?"

"What will you give me if I marry you?"

"A nice house."

"No."

A nice house and garden with roses red."

"No."

"I will give you a house and garden and jewels fine, if you marry me."

"No. I will not marry thee."

"I will give you a house and garden and jewels fine and a fairy castle if you marry me. Will you marry me?"

"Oh! A house and garden and jewels fine and a fairy castle! Yes, I'll marry thee."

Even if the parents had sense enough to wish to eradicate such stuff from the children's minds how much home teaching would it take?

Babies are taught to drive a bargain when they mate. Get—Get. What will you give?

The millions who mate with the toilers whose wage is somewhere between ten and fifteen dollars a week do not "get"—"get" much but a chance to live in poverty, in conditions where understanding and affection are not likely to thrive very long. Love is often killed and roaming for sex satisfaction take place.

But children come and grow up like neglected animals. Where shall they get wholesome conditions? The parents didn't have wholesome conditions. They have

nothing in their heads except what they get at the movies and from the daily capitalist papers. With nothing in their heads and little in their stomachs, they are forced to sell their hands and brains and often sex to the highest bidder in order to obtain bread.

Parents cannot teach their children what they do not know. Besides knowledge does not stop hunger. Teaching starving people that eating clay will kill them does not keep them from eating clay when the hunger pains are fierce enough. So with sex. If it cannot be satisfied in a normal healthy way, it will eventually satisfy itself with filth.

Besides the roaming married people there are millions of single men and women who are unemployed but who do not cease to have stomachs and sex organs just because the owning class closes the factory doors. And the millions of men with jobs paying from ten to fifteen dollars a week, who will not undertake to feed wives and children on that pittance; even with the help of Jung and Freud they have not all attained the sublimation of the sex instinct.

So with capitalism in full swing, sex life for millions of people is like the rest of life for them—a sort of garbage can existence. Their bodies and brains are being destroyed now or were destroyed before birth. There is buying and selling of sex in homes and brothels and there is also affectionless promiscuous giving like cats and dogs in alleys. Garbage can eating is not conducive to cleanliness or health, either of body or mind. Then Dr. Bundesen finds the unclean things and blames the parents.

INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION A CRIME

Paul Miller, the editor of the Finnish Socialist daily newspaper of this city, was arrested last week charged with advocating unlawful destruction of property. He was released on a \$1,000 bond.

It is the same old gag and the same old lies which sent many of the capable and courageous workers to prison during the war. Miller's crime consists of advocating industrial organization. It is really the activities of the I. W. W. that are being investigated. Miller is only the scapegoat.

The department of justice ought to be aware of the activities of the I. W. W. without further investigation. They make no secret of their program.

Is the department of justice vexed by the many demands for general amnesty? Does it wish to say, "Jail doors may swing open for war-time class prisoners, but look out or we will send some others to take their places?"

CAPITALISM IS MY SHEPHERD

Congressman Thomas of Kentucky has given a new version to the twenty-third psalm by saying:

Harding is my shepherd; I am in want.

He maketh me to lie down on park benches.

He leadeth me beside the free soup house.

He restoreth my doubt in the Republican party.

He leadeth me in the path of destruction for his party's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of starvation I do fear evil for thou art against me.

Thy policies and profiteers they frighten me.

Thou preparest a reduction of wages before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest me with taxes; my expenses runneth over my income.

Surely, poverty and unemployment shall follow me all the days of this normalcy administration.

And I shall dwell in a rented house forever.

We wish to amend that version somewhat, inspired by a beautiful view of garbage cans, ash heaps, rock piles, discarded dray wagons and dung heaps.

Capitalism is my shepherd; I am in want.

It maketh me to lie down on hard park benches: it leadeth to free soup houses.

But it restoreth my backbone: it leadeth me in the paths of revolution for the toilers' sake.

Yea, tho I walk thru the valley of hunger and of death, I will fear no hardship; for thou art hell; thy harshness and thy cruelty, they torture me.

Thou preparest an army before me to help bring about thy doom, thou anointest their heads with lies, their stomachs with hunger.

Surely goodness and wisdom shall guide them all the days of the battle and thou shalt be made to dwell in the land of Nowhere forever.

NEW YORK POLICE DISTURB LIBERATOR PARTY

The Liberator gave a dance on May Day. Claude McKay, the gifted negro poet, who is on the Liberator staff was present. So were some Hindu, Chinese, and Cuban workers. It was a cosmopolitan group such as one would find in any International Club at any big university or at any settlement like Hull House or the Chicago Commons.

At this Liberator party when Claude McKay was dancing with Christal Eastman, the police came in to stop the dance. It was not respectable. Can you beat it!

When did the police ever go to a settlement and stop a dance because a white girl was dancing with a colored man? Or when did the police ever interfere with the dances given by the university international clubs where all races and all nationalities dance together?

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And fine sensitive spirited Claud McKay, who recently felt the fangs of race hatred when he attended the theater with Gropper and was asked to leave the good seat he had selected, was made to feel these fangs again. We hope his agony was short lived and that he said again, "Damn it all! Good-night. The prison is vast, there is plenty of space and a little time to sing and dance and laugh and love. There is a little time to dream of the jungle, to revel in rare scents and riotous colors, to hear a plantation melody, be a real original Negro. Cherish your strength, my strong black brother. Be not dismayed because the struggle is

hard and long, O, my warm, wonderful race. The fight is longer than a span of life; The test is great."

We say, "Oh strong white brothers, and yellow and black and brown and red brothers gird up your loins "Time is on your side." Race as well as class hatreds must go. This world must be made into a great commonwealth of workers were all races mingle and live joyously and abundantly.

WHAT COMMUNISM MEANS

(English Communist)

T. A. JACKSON.

If Capitalism goes what would we put in its place? There is a big supposition hidden behind those words "put in its place" with which I shall have reason to quarrel, but putting that aside for the moment let me give a rough outline of the sort of social arrangement that the Communist wishes to bring into being.

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