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BROKEN PROMISE AT WHITE HOUSE CALLS FOR ECONOMIC ACTION TO FREE POLITICALS

From behind the gray walls of Leavenworth where more than 70 of our members are serving from ten to twenty years, we have received the following letter — a word of appreciation — speaking for the politicals who have stood steadfast since their imprisonment:

"This campaign should continue with increased enthusiasm. No slackening of effort, not even for a breathing spell, on the part of your co-workers is in the least advisable at this time. It may be that unless you accomplish your purpose before election you will not accomplish it at all. I believe you are awake to the situation and are doing all you can. Give my best regards to all my friends and fellow workers and say to them that their efforts in our behalf are heartily appreciated by us all."

Forrest Edwards.

Inside of Leavenworth are fifty-two of our members who refuse to apply for individual clemency, taking the position that inasmuch as they were convicted together of a conspiracy then all are equally innocent. They refuse to encourage the administration in its effort to justify a judicial crime that has been characterized from one end of the world to the other as a brutal infringement of the workers' rights.

These fellow workers feel that if they were to apply for clemency and if a few would be released it would be at the expense of those that were most active in organization work. They hold high the banner "An Injury to One is An Injury to All."

Others have applied for clemency. Some of them have been released. But those that maintain their solidarity will continue to be punished because they refuse to bend to the will of those who pardoned spies, draft evaders, murderers, white slavers, crooks, Morse and what not. The administration shows where it stands when it fails to prosecute those blood-sucking war profiteers who were responsible for the imprisonment of the members of the I. W. W., for fear they would acquaint the people with their grafting and robbing.

When the petition was presented to the President for general amnesty, the committee was told that it would not be necessary for the men to apply for clemency and that all the cases would be reviewed within sixty days. But matters have changed since. Now we are told at the White House that unless the men apply for clemency their cases will not be reviewed. Why the change? Who is the actual government? Must we appeal to the United States Chamber of Commerce?

Brisbane Does Not Wish Officials to Advertise Their Own Lawlessness

(Federated Press.)

Denver. — "Quick indignation is the natural reaction of law-respecting citizens to the deportation by force of William Z. Foster," declares The Observer on page one of the Denver Express, after Colorado rangers had kidnapped him out of the state. "The attempt to palliate this unlawful proceeding by charging that Foster was a dangerous radical is too weak to hold water. Foster has been a radical for many years, but there is no

If that is the case, the General Defense Committee will act accordingly. We realize the only way to appeal to the Chamber of Commerce is through a powerful organization of workers determined to act.

A committee representing 37 large organizations which carried our amnesty petition to the President was told a certain thing apparently with the view of leaving the impression that the administration wishes to be fair to the employee and employers both. No sooner had the delegation left than the wolf shed its lamb's skin.

This is the type of politician we must contend with. Promises have been made but have proved worthless.

In the county jail at Leavenworth lies Fellow Worker Morris Levine who is held for deportation. An agreement was entered into between Attorney O. Christensen and the immigration Bureau of the Department of Labor that all aliens released from Leavenworth would immediately be conveyed to New York via Chicago in order to give his friends an opportunity to sue out a writ of habeas corpus. Having waited for more than a week the secretary of the Defense Committee went before the Board of Review, a subsidiary of the Immigration Department, setting forth the agreement entered into, and was promised that the board would recommend the release of Levine on \$1,000 bail.

Nearly a month has passed and Fellow Worker Levine still remains in jail apparently for spite because he refused to answer questions, in accordance with his constitutional right.

Fellow Worker Edwards writes that he knows we are awake to the situation. We are. We realize the hard fight before us. But we can't do it all ourselves. We must have the help of the members.

We are willing, are you?

Shall we write to the 52 that the members are behind them?

The committee will have from the press room thousands of leaflets and pamphlets to circulate among the workers everywhere. Will you help to circulate them where they will do the most good?

But unless we have funds immediately we must write to the 52 and say "NO."

Let the reply to the 52 be a large and powerful organization to meet them on their release.

In the meantime FUNDS MUST BE HAD OR WE WILL BE FORCED TO QUIT.

Write in for literature. Write in for subscription lists.

Let the new fight begin in earnest.

General Defense Committee,
Harry Feinberg, Secretary.

1001 W. Madison St., Chicago.

evidence that he ever sought to stir up physical disorder. His whole activity has been an effort to convert men to his way of thinking by reason, and so to win a majority to his beliefs."

Local labor men point to Arthur Brisbane's comment in his column which is syndicated to the entire string of Hearst papers. Quoting Pat Hamrock, the ranger chief, to the effect that "no law was consulted" in the deportation, Brisbane added, "It is not wise for an official to advertise the fact that 'no law is consulted.' Better leave that to 'dangerous radicals.' Lenin was put out of Russia by the czar, or rather driven out, in exactly the same way, and spent years in Switzerland and elsewhere. But he came back."

Pittsburgh Workers Furnish Food To Miners

Pittsburgh, Pa. — The Miners Food Relief Conference organized by workers desiring to assist the miners in their struggle against the bosses sent its first truck-load of food to the strikers last week.

The food was delivered to Montour No. 4 mine at Hills Station, the mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Co., which the operators of entire Western Pennsylvania hoped to see start the stamped back to work. This is a large mine with several hundred men still in the camp.

Large number of miners were evicted and following President Harding's proclamation the Governor Sproul sent out two troops of militia cavalry, and a troop of state constabulary to the mine. A machine gun and a whole army of thugs are also on guard.

After this small army had arrived an American flag was hoisted on the tippie and the whistle was blown loud and long. The striking miners marched to the tippie in regular file, saluted the flag and turned around and went home again. Some bosses and four strikebreakers worked two hours and then the mine was shut down.

It was tragic to see these starving workers handle the food the Miners Relief Conference sent to them. The evidence of support gave them new courage for the struggle.

Food is being donated to the Conference by many workers. The Jewish Bakers union, with eighty members in their local, have agreed to furnish eight hundred loaves of bread a week.

Other workers desiring to make contributions should notify Secretary Hamilton, Pittsburgh Miners Relief Conference.

Strikers In 7 States Will Return to Starve For A While Again

According to reports agreements have been signed between operators and state union officials in seven states where bituminous coal is mined.

In the Tribune we are told that orders for miners to return to work were sent by district union officials after operators had signed an agreement renewing the wage contracts in force when the men quit the mines last March 31.

The formal break in the strike came on Tuesday, when the scale agreement was adopted by the unanimous vote of miners and operators at their joint conference. The general agreement was then signed by T. K. Maher, of Cleveland, an operator, as chairman of the conference and William Green, a miner as its secretary. Supplemental agreements between operators and state union officials were then executed with union chiefs, wiring local unions that work might be renewed.

President John L. Lewis of the miners, said that operators controlling an annual output of approximately 60,000,000 tons had signed the agreement. Their mines, he said, were in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Oklahoma and Washington.

Under the policy laid down today by the union, operators will be required to accept the interstate agreement made at the general conference here as the basis for their contracts with the union. This agreement provides for the re-establishment of the wage contracts which include the "check-off" of union dues that were in force last March 31, with the new contract to run until March 31,

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Jurist Calls Sacco- Vanzetti Case A Crime Against Humanity

Rome, Italy. — (By Mail) — In a long letter to Umanita Nova the eminent jurist Prof. Carlo Francesco Ansaldi of the University of Rome scores the Italian Government for its failure to act more vigorously in defense of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, the Italian radicals awaiting death in the electric chair in the American State of Massachusetts.

So long as the world is split into many nations, he argues, each of these is obliged to protect its citizens wherever they may be. In standing aside while two of its sons are being legally murdered for their social opinions, he says, Italy is forfeiting its "international personality," and "confessing impotence" as a national entity.

He charges openly that the Italian Government is doing little or nothing because it, like the American Government, looks upon men who hold views such as those of Sacco and Vanzetti as not deserving the usual rights and safeguards. In view of this situation he urges the continuing of popular agitation throughout the entire world.

"We do not know," Prof. Ansaldi writes, "whether Italy, forced by public opinion, will resolve for once and seriously, to exert itself in the care of our compatriots who go to strange lands in search of work and bread. In the meantime it behooves us to be vigilant that our country do not stain itself with the grave crime of abandoning its subjects to the ferocity of other states, a crime not only against international law, but against humanity."

Prof. Ansaldi has written articles in the leading publications here, demanding a new trial for the condemned Italian workers in America.

Scottish Congress Votes For Affiliation

The Scottish Trade Union Congress voted by a majority of five to affiliate to the R. I. L. U. Again the officials were on the job. They sent a referendum out on the question. The results of the referendum were never published; so it would be an accurate guess, to say it was a sad rebuke to the adherents of the Labor Party and "Amsterdam."

The South Wales Miners Federation — a subordinate body of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain — at their recent Congress have decided to refer the question of affiliation to the branches. Two months discussion will be held when a special Congress will convene to decide. The Miners' Federation of Great Britain, covering the whole mining industry, also has a resolution on its agenda for affiliation. Strenuous officials opposition will be mustered.

1923. Further the agreement provides for the creation of an advisory fact-finding commission, a meeting being called of all soft coal operators for next October to effect the selection of the commission.

Frayne Busy Fixing A New Hand Picked Union

By HARRY GODFREY.
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent.)

New York. — The New York Office Workers' union, known as Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants' union, Local 12646, has appealed to the executive council of the A. F. of L. against the action of Hugh Frayne, national organizer, at the direction of President Gompers, suspending the union's charter on the ground of alleged "communist" control of the local. The appeal is made on three grounds:

First, that the suspension was unconstitutional and illegal. The constitution of the A. F. of L., it sets forth, contains no provision dealing with the revocation of charters of affiliated locals.

Second, that if common law be held to apply in the absence of constitutional provision, the courts would insist on orderly procedure of charges and trial.

Third, that ordinary justice and fair dealing require that any local alleged to have violated any of the laws that bind it should be given an opportunity to defend itself.

At the regular monthly meeting following, the local adopted a resolution refusing to abide by the suspension, refusing to surrender its charter, and refusing to consider its connection with the American Federation of Labor discontinued, and deciding to resist to the utmost "the unlawful usurpation of the power whereby individual officers of the A. F. of L. are attempting to deprive our union of its rights and privileges as a member in good standing of the A. F. of L."

The plan of procedure is to exhaust every avenue of redress within the A. F. of L. by first appealing to the executive council, and then, if necessary, to the next convention of the A. F. of L.

Meantime the local has moved new headquarters at 80 E. 11th St. Frayne has organized a new local of bookkeepers and office workers, the membership of which was drawn from the rolls of the old local but embracing only those persons approved by the A. F. of L. officials.

Fourth World Congress of the Communist International

On the 7th of November 1922, the fifth anniversary of the Russian Revolution, the Fourth Congress of the Communist International will take place in Moscow.

The agenda of the Fourth Congress is as follows:

1. The report of the Executive Committee of the Comintern.
2. The tactics of the Comintern.
3. The program of the Comintern and those of its most important sections (Italian, German, French, Czechoslovakian, Japanese, American, Norwegian and Bulgarian Parties.)
4. Agrarian questions.
5. Trade unions questions.
6. Educational work.
7. The Youth International.
8. Oriental matters.

The Communist Parties of the following countries are requested to send their representatives to Moscow for the 7th of November: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Baku, Bashkir, Republic, Belgium, Bokhara, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile,

FOREMAN OF JURY THAT CONVICTED TOM MOONEY EXPOSED BY HIS WIFE

San Francisco. — Another proof of the conspiracy to railroad Tom Mooney to the gallows and his co-defendants to prison has been unearthed! The foreman of the jury that convicted Tom Mooney has at last been exposed! And not by the Mooney defense — but by his wife!

Carrying the guilty secret for years of her husband's part in the framing of Mooney, Mrs. Carrie MacNevin, wife of William MacNevin, foreman of the Mooney jury, in a sensational divorce suit now pending in the local courts, on July 28th filed an affidavit charging that her husband, while foreman of the Mooney jury, held nightly meetings with Edward Cunha, one of Fickert's staff, in plain violation of his oath as a juror to hold no intercourse with either the defense or the prosecution.

Mrs. MacNevin charges that at these meetings her husband related to Cunha his progress in swinging the jury to the prosecution, informed Cunha of the effect of the testimony upon the jury and received instructions from Cunha as to how to proceed with the jury.

The affidavit was filed by Mrs. MacNevin to substantiate her charge that her husband is using his perjured position as a county grand juror to harass her in the divorce action. MacNevin has, in fact, sought to have the grand jury, of which he is a member, indict her.

Boasted of Conviction.

Mrs. MacNevin charges that her husband has often boasted to her that he was responsible for the conviction of Tom Mooney.

She further charges that he has boasted that his manipulation of the Mooney jury made him many powerful and influential friends in the business and financial world.

In addition to the meetings with Cunha the affidavit sets forth that MacNevin further violated his oath as a member of the jury by taking other members of the jury to lunch and attempting to swing them to the side of the prosecution.

The affidavit fails to state that MacNevin was expelled from the San Francisco Real Estate Board for selling the property of an old woman client, which he was holding in his own name, for less than its value, to a corporation he himself controlled.

The meat of the affidavit, so far as it relates to the Mooney case follows:

"The defendant has attempted to scare and frighten this affiant and

China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Far East Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Java, Jugoslavia, Khiva, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Norway, Persia, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tartar Republic, Turkestan, Turkey, Ukraine, United States, Uruguay, White Russia.

The Communist Parties of Germany, France, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Norway, the United States of America and Japan are requested to form commissions at once to formulate the programs of their respective parties and to get into immediate contact with the Central Program Commission appointed by the Enlarged Executive Committee. This they should do thru the Secretariat of the Executive Committee in Moscow.

With Communist greetings.

The Executive Committee of the Communist International

has frequently referred to what he accomplished for the prosecution: in the trial of Thomas Mooney, and in this connection affiant avers that it is true that the defendant was the foreman of the jury which tried and convicted Thomas Mooney.

"That Edward A. Cunha, who was at the time of the trial of said Mooney case, assistant district attorney, was actively engaged and took a leading part in the prosecution of the case.

"That during the trial and while the defendant was a foreman of said jury and in violation of his duty to the State of California as such juror, he and the said district attorney held frequent conferences at the home of affiant and the defendant.

Evidence Discussed.

"That at these conferences the evidence submitted to the jury was discussed and commented upon and Cunha was told by the defendant the effect that the evidence was having upon the jury, and MacNevin pointed out to Cunha what effect his method and manner of conducting the trial was having upon the jury. That Cunha came to the home of MacNevin at night in a closed cab and frequently remained until long into the night discussing the Mooney case with MacNevin.

"That during the trial of the Mooney case MacNevin frequently took others of the Mooney jurors to lunch and entertained them and persuaded them to the belief that Mooney was guilty, and as fast as he succeeded in winning over any of the jurors he reported the matter to Cunha.

"That MacNevin has frequently said to the affiant, that the conviction of Mooney was brought about through the action and by the instrumentality and through the influence of MacNevin upon the jury.

"That owing to the accomplishments of MacNevin in the conviction he has entrenched himself and made friends of many large interests, persons, firms and corporations who were desirous of convicting Mooney and that affiant believes that MacNevin will use and is using the said friends and the said influence in carrying out the plans and schemes herein set forth for the purpose of preventing and intimidating this plaintiff from proceeding with the trial of this case and for the further purpose of forcing her to a settlement satisfactory to MacNevin."

— Mooney Defense Committee.

Two Men Dead In Range Mines At Ely, Hibbing

Ely, Aug. 16. — Frank Mavach, age 42, was killed at the Pioneer mine late this afternoon, when he fell into an ore chute from the ninth level. Workers at the mine as soon as they became aware of the accident attempted to effect a rescue but were unable to reach Mavach as several cars of ore had fallen on him. He leaves a widow and four children.

Hibbing, Minn. Aug. 16. — The body of Frank Godessa, missing since July 15, was found late today in an unused part of the Webb open pit mine, one mile from here by members of a locomotive crew.

Godessa apparently had fallen over the edge of the pit to the bottom, about 50 feet, his body landing in a depression, where it was hidden from workers

CATHOLIC LABOR UNIONS IN 12 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES STATE THE REASON FOR THE SLAUGHTERING BY FASCISTI

(By The Federated Press)

Washington. — Why the Fascisti are slaughtering liberal Catholics in Italy, along with Socialists and Communists, is indicated by the text of the Fundamental Charter adopted at Innsbruck by the Christian (Catholic) labor unions of 12 European countries, upon which the social action department, National Catholic Welfare council, here, has issued a statement. In substance, this platform of the Catholic labor unions of Europe calls for a re-organization of the economic life of the world along guild lines. It would abolish capitalism.

"According to the Christian idea of the world and life," says this charter, "man is the center of the social and economic organization. The laws of nature demand that the goods of this earth be at the service of man and rest subject to him. Society ought, therefore, to be organized in such a way as to guarantee to everyone the possibility of acquiring the greatest possible moral and social welfare. Such an order presupposes that everyone will perform manual and intellectual labor, and that individual interests and the interests of single groups will be subordinated to the general good."

The International Confederation of Christian Labor Unions goes on to reject the theory of unlimited individualism on the one hand, for the reason that it "drives on small groups of the economically strong to the total enslavement of the masses under modern capitalism"; on the other hand it rejects "that annihilation of the human personality which socialism and communism seek."

Its positive platform calls for industrial councils of employers and workers, to regulate conditions of labor in the industries, and to develop cooperative production. These councils or guilds would be locally and nationally federated, thus creating a guild state for the government of industrial life and material production. During the period required to bring about this revolution in the industrial world, the charter demands that a comprehensive code of labor and social legislation be enacted and enforced, including the safeguarding of the health, insurance against old age, sickness and disability, limitation of hours of work, safeguarding of civil liberties, scientific vocational guidance, with general improvement of educational opportunities for the workers' children, and a minimum wage sufficient to provide a better standard of living and human culture than is now possible to the workers.

This plan for a guild system of industrial administration contemplates no action by the political government except "where private economic action does not secure the necessary purposes, or where the general economic and cultural needs require it."

As the Fascisti in Italy are a composite of the anti-labor elements found in the chambers of commerce and many American Legion posts in this country, they make no distinction between Socialist, Communist and Catholic labor organization when revolutionary plans for social betterment like this fundamental charter come to their notice. They reply with assassination, plunder and arson.

Butte Bulletin Will Be In Fighting Trim Again

(By The Federated Press.)
Butte, Mont. — Resuming weekly publication with Federated Press wire and mail service, the Butte Bulletin announces its hopes of appearing in its former daily form within a month. William F. Dunn, formerly editor, but at present labor editor of The Worker (N. Y.), will return to the Bulletin Sept. 1, according to F. J. Glenn, temporary editor.

It's a Wender University Refused

By Defense News Service
Berkeley, Calif. — Officials of the University of California lately received from lumber companies at Klamath Falls, Oregon, a request that they recommend 500 men "for summer work in the lumber camps." The lumber employers state openly that they needed the students because they "have had trouble with the I. W. W. crowd."

This attempt to recruit strike-breakers promptly met with a turn-down by the university heads.

MY WIFE AND I—

By T-bone Slim.

Just as I was about to doze off to sleep my wife jabbed me in the ribs: "Say T," says she, "I see by the paper the miners still have money." — "Maybe they don't know any better," I growled.

"But it says here, twenty dollar bills are plentiful among them." — "What of it — what business had the government, to print them, in the first place — whose fault is it if the miners can't get rid of them — If the business men want take them?"

"Why, T-bone Slim, what are you saying — surely they could get rid of them in a company store." (My wife has confidence in human nature.)

She seemed very peaceable tonight so I thought I'd move in on a few winks sleep but hardly had I started snoring in my best vein, now and then running into sulphur when she poked me in the ribs again — "Say T, it says here, when they work they make \$8 to \$25 a day — why don't you get a job in the mines instead of depending on the capitalist system to support us?"

"For the love of Mike, Claraminta," I pleaded, "will you let me sleep, and go to sleep yourself. The operators are not handing out twenty-five dollars a day; nor eight dollars a day; nor five dollars a day. — Twenty five dollars a day makes \$7,500 per year, enough to live on, in these days, but the miners are not getting that much, nor are they getting \$3,000; nor \$1,000 — in fact the coal miners, are getting about the same as ore miners (which is little if anything) with this distinction: The coal miners are asking for more.

"Now, dear Claraminta, you want me to get a job in the mines. — Have you noticed that black stuff I'm spitting up every morning? you have? — Well that is some of the finest Pennsylvania bituminous bottom-coal —

"I collected it twelve years ago.

"You want me to go back into the mines — Claraminta, believe you want to get rid of me, quick —

"Why, even the mine mules know the dangers lurking there.

"I remember, when I was young, and the mule I was driving, in a mine, would get lazy or tired; all I had to do was to reach behind me, get a hand full of fine coal from the car I was riding . . . toss it against the roof over the mules back.

"The mule would jump, three times its length . . . thinking the roof was coming down. And they did 'use to come down."

"Many of the women you see now days, Claraminta, come from the ribs of miners injured in the mines, when the roof came down; and that, Claraminta, is the reason so many women are good fighters. Altho you understand, my dear, women as a rule, do not fight the cause of a thing, but the result of it."

Right here I must introduce my wife to the readers of this periodical —

I have every reason to say women are brave, and good fighters — my experience has taught me this and altho I, and my wife, are not on a peace basis, (we are living under a truce) she has agreed not to mar my looks, too severely.

But she wants the world to know that it is not because of any infatuation she has for said looks. — We have certain prescribed lines of deportment over which either must advance and it is my firm conviction the only reason doesn't lay hands upon me is because she fears publicity.

"Now go to sleep Claraminta," I coaxed but she was obdurate, whatever that means, and soon was at it again.

"It says here in the Tribune: — They buy the best of everything — the most expensive porthouse, (and you know, dear T, you are so fond of porthouse steak.) — "Fine clothes, and automobiles." Those that are at all thrifty are property owners."

"Now listen here, Minnie, (I always call her Minnie, (Just before a battle) in memory to the minnows I had to live on during the last coal strike I was in) listen here. The coal miners may be property owners but it is because property owners only can afford to work in mines — those who must needs pay rent, gradually starve out . . . They buy automobiles? Not on you tin-type, Minnie. — If they have automobiles, they have them when they go there — to get there with, and in some places they have to have air ships if the

CROWDING THEM INTO THE RANKS OF THE PROLETARIAT

A bank wrote one of its customers requesting money or additional collateral security on outstanding loans and wrote a characteristic letter. It is of no concern who wrote the letter or where the bank was located. The interest lies wholly in the situation described in the reply, which is couched as follows: "For the following reasons I am unable to comply with your request:"

"I have been held up, held down, sand bagged, walked on, sat on, flattened out and squeezed. First by the United States government for federal war tax, the excess profit tax, the Liberty Loan Bonds, capital stock tax, merchant's license and auto tax, and by every society and organization that the inventive mind of man can invent, to extract what I may or may not possess.

"From the Society of John the Baptist, the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief, the Navy League, the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Purple, the Double Cross, the Children's Home, the Dorcas Society, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Boy Scouts, the Jewish Relief, the Belgian Relief and every hospital in town. Then on top of it all comes the Associated Charities.

"The Government has so governed my business that I don't know who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, examined and re-examined, informed, required and commanded, so I don't know who I am, where I am, or why I am here. All I know is that I am supposed to be an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race; and because I will not sell all that I have and go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I have been cussed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, held up, hung up robbed and nearly ruined, and the reason I am clinging to this life is to see what the H— is coming next."

COAL AND SHIPPING INDUSTRIES TIED UP IN SPAIN

(Federated Press)

Washington. — Reports reaching the department of commerce indicate that labor unrest in Spain is on the increase, with both the coal and shipping industries tied up by strikes.

In Bilbao the metallurgical workers, voting on the government's proposition of compromise with the operators, decided to return to work, according to cable dispatches received from Madrid. The operators had announced a reduction of wages of 20 per cent, with the alternative of a working day of nine instead of eight hours. Twenty-eight thousand workers are said to have been on strike, paralyzing the metallurgical industry of the region. The government's proposition is a reduction of 10 per cent in wages, which has been accepted by the operators and in principle by the strike leaders.

Conditions in the coal mining strike in Oviedo have not changed. Seven thousand five hundred coal miners in the section struck because of the announcement of a 20 per cent cut in wages. The workers refused to accept the cut, while the operators refused to assent to any other proposition. Efforts of the government to effect a compromise have thus far been unavailing.

It is reported that 15,000 seamen are idle in Barcelona. This is due to the inactivity of 139 steamers comprising a total tonnage of 350,000.

company wont hire 'em . . . knowing they couldn't climb the hills. . . as to porter house steak, they raise their own 'steak' in the hollows between the hills which Jehovah donated to the operators."

When I mentioned Jehovah, something happened (my wife, like myself, is very religious) — I thought the roof had come down.

When I came to, it was broad daylight — my wife was bathing my fevered brow with vinegar — my 59 ct shirt was wet with the tears of repentance of my wife.

I forgave her and altho I will recover never will I be the same. P. S. I will venture to say that not one man in all United States will go on strike if given food, clothing and shelter in abundance — Those are the things for which men strike and to which they are entitled.

American Capital in Mexican Oil Fields

(Federated Press.)

Mexico City. — American capital is flooding into the rich oil fields of Mexico. With continually increasing skill it is grouped into a few powerful combines.

From Oklahoma one of the biggest Mexican deals yet contracted by independent operators is reported by J. C. Crosby, president, Mexia-Crosby Syndicate of Forth Worth. He, with several others, closed a contract covering the drilling of a 20,000-acre block on the Slaughter ranch in Sonora, Mex.

The Marland Oil Co. of Mexico, with E. W. Marland, Oklahoma oil magnate, at its head, has begun drilling the first wells on the 15,345,000-acre leases obtained by Marland in 1920. The company announced some time ago that its leases and concessions in Mexico equal in area that of the state of West Virginia.

In April five large oil companies combined in Mexico forming a super-company "for the purpose of exploiting and developing several millions of acres of land not now considered as in proven territory."

In May the Standard Oil Co. bought, for the sum of 500,000,000 pesos, the Mexican Gulf Co.

From a San Francisco syndicate \$20,000,000 has been offered as a loan to the Mexican government for the important railroad branch which will connect by rail the city of Durango with the port of Mazatlan. They would like the government to include in the project the construction of a large wharf at Mazatlan to be given as a concession to an American steamship company.

Does all this mean that the story of the Diaz regime is to be repeated under a new government? The answer can be felt in a quotation from President Obregon, published in an interview in the Mexico Times:

"The rich have a psychological advantage over the poor. Not only have they power by which their riches may be increased, but they have been accustomed to think in a big way — in a predatory way. The rich have their place in society. But the poor must be given their chance for development, too. I am trying to maintain the equilibrium between these contending forces. The man engaged in the fight sees only his own side. I must see all sides, and be fair to all sides."

Communist Sunday School Are Attacked By N. S. W. Government

By W. FRANCIS AHERN.

(Federated Press Staff Correspondent.)

Sydney, N. S. Wales. — Communists and Socialists are being singled out for special attack by the newly-elected anti-labor government in New South Wales.

The latest attack is made against the Communist Sunday schools attended by children of Communist parents, which the government claims are centers for the dissemination of disloyal and revolutionary propaganda. A special bill is to be rushed through parliament to suppress the schools. This bill will be known as the seditious teachings bill, and will have as its object "the prevention of the perversion of the minds of children under the age of 16 years by means of seditious teachings and revolutionary propaganda."

Says the government in announcing this bill: "In these schools children are taught that God is a capitalist bogey, that patriotism is equivalent to treachery to the working class, that loyalty is a sin, that the empire is the symbol of slavery, and that the salvation of the working class lies in revolution. The government is determined to put a stop to these teachings which are white-anting the very foundations of our civilization and destroying the morals of innocent children.

The government adds that it intends to approach other state governments in Australia and suggest that they pass similar legislation in order that Communist schools might be abolished throughout the continent.

Asked by the labor council of N. S. W. where it got its authority for saying that sedition and disloyalty were taught in the Communist schools the government said it had secured a copy of the ten commandments taught in the schools. On being forced to produce the "ten commandments" it was found that the document was a clumsy forgery, unknown in the Communist Sunday schools.

FED. OF P. O. CLERKS, MPLS. TRADES AND LABOR ASSEMBLY PROTEST AGAINST DISMISSAL OF GEORGE MEYERS, P. O. CLERK

A Bit of Working-Class Solidarity in Seattle

(By The Federated Press)

Seattle. — New Zealand seamen recently won a unique victory here when they were freed of charges of mutiny in a strike distinctive of the growing International Brotherhood of Deck and Sea Workers.

When the crew of the Britain tramp Waltemate put into Anacortes, a small port near here, they found union longshoremen engaged in a struggle for the existence of their union with the Waterfront Employers' union and the Associated Industries. With the port completely tied up, the ship's master ordered the seamen to begin loading the cargo waiting on the Anacortes dock.

To a man the crew refused to scab on their American brother workmen. A tug was then ordered down from Vancouver, B. C., to tow the Waltemate into that harbor and bring the seamen before an admiralty court on charge of mutiny. The crew of the Canadian tug refused to tow the New Zealand vessel when told of the situation and the tug was forced to return to its home port.

Attorney George F. Vanderveer of the legal bureau, Central Labor council, was appealed to by the striking Anacortes longshoremen to help the crew, which was to be brought before federal shipping authorities for disciplining. Vanderveer obtained a settlement for the seamen which provided that all charges were to be erased from the ship's log, the crew to be given full pay for the time lost and a subsistence allowance for the days they were ashore in protest.

The New Zealander were given a hearty send off when the Waltemate put out to sea—without the Anacortes cargo.

MOTHER BLOOR IN MINNEAPOLIS

Special to the Truth.

By Stella Campbell Georgian.

Minneapolis, Aug. 12. — That the Workers' Party is energetically supporting the strike of railroad shopmen was made plain to the strikers of the Twin Cities last week when Ella Reeves Bloor, affectionately known as Mother Bloor, addressed eight large meetings of strikers in four days. In her talks to the strikers Mother Bloor drove home the need for closer affiliation between the crafts, such as is provided in the amalgamation plan, which would not leave the shopmen to fight the railroad executive alone—but would bring out the four big brotherhoods and every other railroad worker at the same time. Such an organization could soon bring the railroad owners to their knees, she declared, but as it is at present the bosses are trying to break up the railroad unions piecemeal. If they succeed in crushing the shopmen, the brotherhoods will be next, she prophesied. She pointed out that in this, as in all other industrial conflicts, the forces of the state and federal governments were to be found squarely lined up in support of the bosses and that it would therefore be futile for the railroad workers to submit their grievances again to the railroad Labor Board. She urged the strikers to stand firm until they had won a complete victory.

In addition to the strike meetings, Mother Bloor held street meetings in the evenings which were attended by large and attentive audiences. Saturday evening she held a large crowd for two hours, in spite of a drizzling rain, when she spoke on the Russian Revolution.

Mother Bloor also addressed the Trades and Labor Assembly and received an ovation when she declared that the unions must get rid of their reactionary leaders and close up their ranks in preparation for a life and death struggle with the employers who were solidly organized in a campaign to destroy the unions.

DINNER PAIL EPICS

By BILL LLOYD.

A No More War Week comes our way—at least that's what the papers say. But in Chicago's "great" Tribune, they seem to sing another tune. The Trib it raves and shakes its fist at every passing pacifist. It claims our army is too small, our navy not much good a-tall, and

(By The Federated Press)

Washington. — President Harding's nomination of Arch Coleman, acting postmaster at Minneapolis, to be postmaster, following upon Coleman's dismissal of George Meyers, former president of the local union of postoffice clerks and former head of the central labor body of that city, has been challenged by the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, as well as by the Minneapolis Trades and Labor assembly.

A battle over Coleman's confirmation will be waged before the senate committee on postoffices and post roads, and if necessary, it will be carried to the floor of the senate. The issue is one of the constitutional and legal rights of postoffice employees, on the one hand, and political graft and incompetency on the other.

President Hyatt and Secretary-Treasurer Flaherty, National Federation of Postoffice clerks who were familiar with the fact that Coleman was nominated as an "open shopper," to destroy cordial relations between the department and its employees in Minneapolis appealed at once to Sen. Sterling, chairman of the subcommittee having the nomination in charge, for a public hearing on the case Sterling reserved his answer.

Meanwhile the Trades and Labor assembly of Minneapolis telegraphed to Sen. Ladd, North Dakota, asking him to intervene against the confirmation of Coleman. Ladd was reported to be ready to consider making the fight, at least indirectly. Senate precedent, it appears, is opposed to the intervention of any senator in a patronage affair in another state than his own, quite regardless of the public significance of the appointment involved.

But in this instance the nomination of Coleman is in effect a reward for a gross violation of the rights of the postal employees in Minneapolis, and if the senate confirms his appointment it approves a direct blow at the postal workers' unions, a blow at free speech, and a blow at efficiency in the service of the government. Six other clerks, charged with the same offense as Meyers, may yet be dismissed if Coleman becomes postmaster.

"I worked in the Minneapolis postoffice for 12 years, in intimate daily contact with the accused men," said Gilbert E. Hyatt, president of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks. "During that time the utmost harmony and good will prevailed between the postmaster and these employees. The postoffice was one of the best in the United States in point of service — so much so that Postmaster General Hays pronounced Postmaster Hurdy 'a bird of a postmaster, and the head of the most progressive office in the country.' Hays called Purdy for expert consultation on personnel matters."

Will Hays was driven from the cabinet because he refused to remove such men as Postmaster Purdy of Minneapolis, Elmer Dover, a few months later, was defeated in a similar attempt to turn the treasury department over to political spoils-men. The National Civil Service Reform Ass'n., dormant for many years, has come back to life and is conducting an active campaign to prevent such raids on efficient government service.

wags' its jingoistic tongue and ventilates its rabid lung.

The papers that with great delight sent off our boys to France to fight, to put all wars upon the skirts now seem right anxious to make bids for licking Japs or Mexico and sending fleets where dollars go.

This No More War craze sure suits me; I'm pacifistic as can be. But folks who rant in time of peace and then shut up and quickly cease as soon as war becomes a fact ain't very apt to ever act to get our congress by the tail or land us pacifists in jail. These pre-war pacifists are mild and congress knows 'em like a child. They're like Bill Bryan who once said we must not into war be led, but if our congress led us to it, all loyal folks would go and do it. That suited congress just first rate; they led the people to their fate. The pacifists had shot their wad, then fought for liberty and Cawd.

These pre-war pacifists won't do. The working folks must see things through. They gotta take a stand 'gainst fighting and then dare thunder and hell-fighting. They must join hands with alien folks and help to break the world's old yokes. The cause of peace is in their hands, in this as in all other lands.

A PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

Dear God, I humbly thank you for
The tyrant kings, their ev'ry war;
I thank you for the profiteers
That made their best of recent years;
And, oh! I'm glad because each day
Our lords take human rights away.

I know that all my sufferings
Will give to me a pair of wings,
And with their aid I'll always fly
In bye and bye thru heaven's sky.
And if I meekly pass thru all,
I know I'll reach the angels' hall.

I'll murmur not when leaders say
That I must hide my thots away,
And I'll not care, tho hunger bites,
To aid the class that speaks of "rights".
So, God, accept my boundless love
And make a place for me above.

And may I add? God, save me from
The changes which seem bound to come;
Prevent great Labor's rise in might,
That I may see your holy light;
I fear the day shall quickly be
When Faith remains in none but me.

—Hal Brömmels.

Workers Party Convention Minutes

By J. B. WIRKKULA.

(Lack of space prevented using the complete report)

The first District Convention of the Workers Party of America, District No. 9, held in the Workers Hall, Superior, Wis., on August 13, 1922.

1. The Convention was called to order by District Organizer H. E. Keas at 10:45 A. M. — Comrade H. E. Keas was elected chairman and J. B. Wirkkula as recording secretary for the meeting.

The committee on agenda submitted the following agenda which was adopted as presented.

AGENDA.

1. Call to order by District Organizer.
2. Election of Chairman and Secretary for the convention.
3. Election of Credentials Committee.
4. Appointment of committee to draw an agenda for the convention.
5. Report of committee on agenda.
6. Report of Credentials Committee and seating of Delegates.
7. Report of District Organizer.
8. Report of City Central Committees and Branches.
9. Party Program.
10. Language Federations.
11. Young Workers League.
12. Election of District Executive Committee.
13. Election of delegates to National Convention.
14. Instructions to delegate to National Convention.
15. New business.
16. Adjournment.

District Organizer Keas reported verbally, stating that he was unable to make much of a report on account of acting as a District Organizer only about two weeks, therefore not being well enough posted on the situation in this district to be able to make a report in detail. In his very brief verbal report he urged the comrades to become more active in the work of the party and thereby forget the factional controversies now existing.

10.—Reports of City Central Committees and Branches. Comrade A. E. Georgian reported quite lengthily on the activities of the City Central Committee of Minneapolis, stating that it has been a hard task to make much headway in the past but things are expected to change in the near future. Comrade Dubetz also reported on the conditions in Minneapolis, stating in his report that they had succeeded in organizing an Ukrainian branch of the W. P. of A. and some enthusiasm has been shown among the Ukrainian comrades in the work of the party. He looked to the future as being bright in regard to Party activities.

Comrades Unger, Claire Strong-Broms and Ferngold reported broadly as to condition of the Party in St. Paul. Comrade Unger reported on condition of the German branch and conditions in the City Central Committee in general. Comrade Strong-Broms reported mostly on activities of the English Branch. Comrade I. Ferngold reported mostly on activities of the Jewish Branch. Among the reports it was most urgently requested that the new District Executive Committee begin strenuous work in carrying our message mainly to the English speaking workers of the District.

Comrade Wirkkula presented a written report of activities and condition of the City Central Committee of Superior. In the report

it was revealed that the committee has been quite active since its formation.

Matt Markkula reported on activities of the City Central Committee of Chisholm stating that the committee as yet on account of its short period of existence had not achieved very much, but that it is hoped that when the organizing work in the iron industry begins the activities will pick up considerably.

After hearing these reports it was M & S that the rest of the reports of the various branches be dispensed with because time will not permit to hear them. Motion carried unanimously.

14.—Party's stand toward Soviet Russia. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS the conference of Genoa and the Hague have proven that the capitalist governments of the world will not aid in the reconstruction of Russia unless Russia abandons her revolutionary aims and restore capitalism, and

WHEREAS Russia is not fighting for herself alone, but for the liberation of the working class of the world, and her defeat would mean the retardation of the revolutionary movement throughout the world,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the duty of the Workers Party to support in every way possible the Russian Soviet Republic and especially to aid with all its might in the economic reconstruction of Russia and to support such organizations as the Friends of Soviet Russia and such enterprises as the Kuzbas, and The Russian-American Industrial Corporation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all relief work by the members of the Party be done only through relief and other organizations approved by the C. E. C. of the Party, motion carried unanimously.

19.—Party Press. M&S that the convention go on record instructing the delegates to the National Convention to take the stand that a daily English newspaper for the party be at once established and that other papers be eliminated, and that they insist on having same printed in Superior at the Party's newspaper plant (Työmies), any way in the start, thereby overcoming much financial hardships in the start; and that the resolutions committee be instructed to draw a resolution on the matter to the National Convention. Carried unanimously.

20.—Language Federations. Due to the fact that a sentiment which is working to abolish the language federations is in existence it was M&S that the delegates to the National Convention be instructed to oppose elimination of necessary and strong federations, providing a proposal to do so is presented to the National Convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved and carried that the number of membership in considering a language federation be increased noticeably from present basis. Carried unanimously.

M&S that all language groups of 400 or less be formed into a language bureau under direct direction of the Central Executive Committee.

As to expression of our stand on the prevailing industrial struggles the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, there are on strike today in the United States six

hundred thousand railroad workers, four hundred thousand coal miners and one hundred thousand textile workers, who are fighting against wage cuts to maintain the standard of living for the entire working class, and

WHEREAS, the government has through its decisions and statements of the Railroad Labor Board, court injunctions, and the use of Federal and State troops, definitely place itself on the side of the employers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Workers Party in District Convention assembled pledges its support to the men on strike and calls upon the entire American working class to rally to the support of the strikers and to show in an unmistakable manner by mass meetings and demonstrations throughout the country their opposition to government interference on the side of the employers.

KUZBAS NEWS FROM THE URALS

By E. Muukkonen, Nadejdenki Zavod.

Greetings from the slopes of the Ural Mountains. I have been here about two weeks. There is something doing all the time. First we were putting houses in shape, and then some us have been taking an inventory of what there is in the factories, which is now almost complete. Engineer Van Hoffen, who designed the River Rouge Plant for Ford, is in charge of the work. This factory is up-to-date but needs much repairs before it can run full blast.

I have seen machinery here that I never imagined existed. For example: a 10,000 h. p. steam engine which turns the heavy railroad rail rolling mills, a 8,000 gas motor which turns the largest generator I have ever seen. Here is machinery from America, Germany, England and Russia, in fact, from all parts of the world. At present there is only one blast furnace and two open hearth ovens in operation.

If anywhere, it is here where you can see what the lack of industrial management and sabotage has done. Machinery is rusting out in the open without cover. Machinery has been smashed, windows broken, and in general everything has been upset. And over all of it is the lack of bread.

Now listen, Detroit comrades! Send us all the working tools you have, that you can spare, if you cannot come yourself. We need all kinds of tools in factories, carpenters tools, electric supplies, and all tools in general use. If you are not in Detroit and desire to know where to send them, write to the Kuzbas office Room 301, 110 West 40th Street, New York City, N. Y.

You may have heard of Russian iron and sheet iron. This is the place where they make it. It is very unusual iron. It does not rust easily, here, for instance, you can see iron on the roofs, which is not painted, and which hardly shows a sign of rusting. This is not galvanized tin, but ordinary black sheet iron. According to Van Hoffen, this plant can be put to work full force with 3—4000 workers, in place of the 6000 used during the war.

We need all kinds of workers here from lumberjacks to engineers. Men that are in the woods and away from the town have housing accommodation. Anyone that wants to take life easy and pick out soft jobs should stay away. But this place, otherwise, offers what they call a "chance" in America. There is nothing to prevent men here from putting their ideas across and doing big jobs. Everyone is encouraged to educate themselves to the limit in doing jobs. All the time we are being moved on to more difficult jobs by our engineer.

Nature is about the same here in Finland, the weather has been very pleasant. We are at present living in a house once occupied by Baron Tauben, who was chief of the factory in the old days. I am sending a few photographs to show what the plant is like. We have a few noted men here, including the ex-president of Red Latvia. He is my ideal of a man. He is a big physical man who is ready and fit for anything. He can do almost everything. He has commanded armies, run a country, and for all that he can use a shovel when duty calls him. You can lift your hat to men like him. Wish the best to you all in Detroit, where you are working on over — production for the boss. We boys are sweating for Soviet Russia, and it does not seem like work to us, in this bright air so unlike your gloomy shop.

"Law and Order" Forces Commit Outrages

By Defense News Service.

Aberdeen, S. D. — Two organizers for the Industrial Workers of the World, who were badly beaten here on Sunday, July 30, after being let out of jail by the police under peculiar circumstances, at night, have retained legal counsel and will sue the City of Aberdeen for heavy damages.

The two organizers are Harry Arthurs and Mike Webster, who have been recruiting members for the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union in the harvest fields. Webster is an ex-service man. He was 16 in the bloody battles of St. Michel, Voges Mountain and the Argonne, months in France, and participated in the latter drive he was gassed. Possession of honorable discharge papers however, did not save him from being mobbed in Aberdeen.

Both men were arrested on Friday, July 28, and were put into the city jail without any charge being entered against them. On Sunday night, after darkness had fallen, Arthurs was told he could go and was instructed to leave the jail by the rear door. When he emerged into the street, two men ordered him into a waiting automobile. After driving four miles into the country with another car following, the party stopped and Arthurs was ordered out of the car. One of the men then knocked him down, jumped on him and held him to earth while the other beat Arthurs ferociously over the back with a club, crippling him.

The assailants warned the organizer not to come back to Aberdeen, declaring that the law and order forces would "get" every I. W. W. who poked his nose inside the city limits.

Leaving Arthurs bleeding on the ground, the attackers sped back toward Aberdeen. Later in the night, Webster was a victim of an identical experience. Webster declares that the two men who put him in an automobile and beat him with a club were plain clothes members of the city police force. They robbed him of all literature and other organization supplies and left him penniless on a lonely road in the dark.

16 R. R. Unions Vote For Amalgamation

Everett, Wash. — Amalgamation of the 16 standard railroad unions into a composite organization was the plan voted recently here by a delegate meeting of the Big Four brotherhoods and the striking shop crafts. The meeting was the third and largest of its kind since the walkout of the shopmen. Between 125 and 150 railwaymen of Seattle, Everett, Auburn and Tacoma were present.

As the result of the action taken the delegates returned to their locals and called for the ratification of the amalgamation plan. Pressure will be brought to bear on the various internationals to agree to a new form of organization.

Under the plan as adopted, known as the Minnesota plan, the railroad workers would be divided into six subdivisions, as follows: Engineers and firemen; conductors, trainmen and switchmen; telegraphers, signalmen and dispatchers; clerks, station agents, freight handlers and expressmen; blacksmiths, boiler-makers, carmen, electricians, machinists, sheet metal workers and stationary firemen; and maintenance of way men.

Another batch of 37 workers brought here from the east to break the shopmen's strike have quit their posts and gone over to the "enemy." Men are being hired indiscriminately in the east for mechanical work here. The 37 were all who remained of a shipment of 205 men who left St. Paul for the coast. The others dropped off at various points for harvest work.

Cotton Mill Workers' Strike 80 Percent Solid

New York.—In its 30th week, the strike of cotton mill workers in the Pawtuxet valley of Rhode Island is more than 80 percent solid, according to Russel Palmer, general secretary, Amalgamated Textile Workers of America, at the organization's headquarters here. The textile workers are striking against a 20 percent cut in their already meager wages and against a 54-hour work week.

The statements of the mill owners that there is a steady influx

of workers back to the mills, Palmer declared, is propaganda.

"We know that less than 20 percent have returned," he said, "and these include sub-bosses and a lot of older hands more than 50 years old who are dubbed 'pensioners' by the strikers."

"No cloth is being produced in the Pawtuxet valley mills, and there is no general desire to return to work because the strikers feel they might as well live on bread and beans and the other simple fare provided by the Amalgamated strike restaurants as to slave away their lives in the mills 54 hours a week for a miserable pittance of \$14 a week."

"The manufacturers and their political supporters in county and state have used every weapon in their arsenal against the strikers. Militia companies override civil rights, injunctions restrain all kinds of picketing at the mills, and there has been for three months a steady campaign of slander against the organizers of the Amalgamated, the girls who go out to surrounding cities to collect funds, and against all the leaders of the strike. About 60 families have been evicted from company homes, and an additional group of 25 families probably will be turned out within a few days."

"Nevertheless, our victory is certain if the friends of the workers continue to furnish them with plain food and shelter," Palmer said.

DINNER PAIL EPICS

With locomotives falling down, while strikers walk about the town, with our coal-piles a-getting small, while summer runs into the fall, I wonder if the people know just who it is that makes things go.

'Taint folks what owns the railroad stocks who stand and take the world's hard knocks, and the mine

owners aint the ones who stand behind and fire the guns. It's when the workers lay down tools that owners look somewhat like fools, and clipping coupons with some shears don't somehow serve to ease our fears that our coal-bin may get right low or trains won't run where we would go.

It is the man who works each day, and don't get very much for pay, who keeps the world from running down and builds the city and the town, who feeds our stomach, clothes our back, and satisfies our every lack, who hews our timber, shoes our feet, who builds our houses, cuts our wheat, who makes our hats and coats and dresses, who runs our dies and cranes and presses, who paves our streets and mines our ore, and sails our ships from shore to shore.

And Capital, the writers say, is labor stored for future day. If so, why don't the workers get it, instead of sitting still and let it be grabbed and held in idle hands in this and European lands? Why do they kick for just more wages, instead of throwing down the gages to the very small percent who lives on interest, profits, rent?

We gotta look beyond our nose and go right after our big foes. We gotta read and study right to fit ourselves for one big fight. We'll fight to win, and then perhaps we'll ditch these yearly petty scraps.

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SOME DAY IT WILL BE DIFFERENT

If it is true that the miners in seven states are returning to work it means that they have either been deceived by their union heads or else that they have decided to continue the strike on the job and to organize to win.

When the workers are so well organized that they can really win in a strike against the thoroughly organized owing class, then they are strong enough to take over the industry and run it themselves. That time is not yet but it is coming. The solidarity of the miners for twenty weeks in their strike justifies the faith that that day is coming. The coal strikers have out done themselves. For twenty weeks even Lewis and Farrington have been helpless in trying to sell them out. Now they have signed the agreements to have the miners in seven states return. To divide the miners along state lines is almost as good for the bosses as getting them back to craft basis or even better. It means some will mine while others prolong the strike. It means more hardships for the miners. It will be easier to get them to accept wage reductions.

But let the miners go back and starve : while longer. They will not always endure. It is contrary to human nature to endure forever. While there is life there is the will to live. And to deprive people of the means to live will make beasts of them. Eventually they will turn and rend the vitals out of the damnable system that robs them of life. They will run the industries themselves.

They may bungle, they may blunder but no mistakes they may make can surpass the atrocities of those who are now the captains of industry in the capitalist system.

BROTHERHOODS BEGIN TO COME TO THE FRONT

The sixth week of the railroad shopmen's strike is here. The only inspiring thing about the stress and strain and hardship attending this class war is the beginning of solidarity. The big four brotherhoods are practically standing with the shopmen.

The gospel of the L. W. W. solidarity has taken root far deeper than one had dreamed. Even the engineers and firemen have become permeated with it and now under pressure they act.

The wobs have done a wonderful piece of work in propaganda. What they have sown in weakness, in persecution in jails, in prisons is being reaped by the larger masses of workers whom we at times despaired of. The hounded whipped and murdered propagandists of the principle of industrial solidarity may yet live to see that principle win. Not perhaps by using quite the same methods they advocated but win nevertheless.

Harding's one big blunder in the railroad situation (as capitalist watchdog) was to include the seniority rights for the strikers. It is on this that the strikers stand and the capitalists will never forgive him for being so loose mouthed as to accede this right for the workers.

What the outcome of the struggle will be depends upon the brotherhoods and they are beginning to come to the front.

WORKING CLASS STUPIDITY

Seth Brown, president of the California State Federation of Labor, a miniature Sammy Gompers traitor to labor, has issued a statement saying that labor there is solidly backing Governor Stephens' re-election as governor of California.

For six long years Mooney and Billings have lain in prison although the world knows that they are innocent. Not one thing has been done by Governor Stephens to end this atrocity. And in the face of this, the man who stands at the head of the groups of organized labor dares to say that labor indorses this governor.

And the bitter truth is that there will be workers who will vote for Governor Stephens whatever action may be taken at the coming convention. Seth Brown is not the only traitor in the labor groups there. There are others who carry a card to hold a job in a union shop but they are planning to have a shop of their own soon to exploit in. They think in terms of chronic capitalism. They vote for capitalism. They fight those who would end capitalism.

Some few workers are busy building up strong industrial organizations free from Seth Browns and their kind and some day these few will grow to many and will become strong. But before many people wake up, more bull pens with have to be filled with many Mooneys and Billings. The working class will have to be deprived of its gum and its movies before it will be stirred to break its chains. A breed that has degenerated until it is satisfied with jails and crumbs and gum and movies will not free itself very soon. More hardships will have to come.

Now is the time when all workers should be studying to get a few economic facts into their heads. Now is the time when the workers should be organizing. It takes more than a day to build an organization that has intelligent class conscious members. It takes years. But most of the heads are not even interested as long

as they have gum to chew and tobacco to spit and movies for their brains they are satisfied. They shout for their oppressors, vote for those who jail them and support the capitalist system.

Oh, working class where is your manhood, where are your brains, where are your ideals?

SUBS ARE COMING FASTER BUT MORE ARE NEEDED

Last week the mail brot considerable money. It helped local comrades to pay off a big sum on past expenses. If the work is kept up we will soon be on our feet financially. It is possible to get subs now. We know from personal experience that all that is needed is workers who will take a little time to go out after them. The list of subscribers grows daily but it is not growing fast enough. Get the man who works next to you on the job. Get the fellow who takes the car at the same time you do every morning. Get the fellow who sits near your dinner pail at noon. Get the man who hangs over your back fence on Sunday mornings. Get his neighbor. Get his neighbor's neighbor.

It is not the easiest work in the world. We are not trying to deceive you into thinking that the dollars will rain into your lap. What we do say is that if you who read TRUTH think that it hits the nail right on the head, as you have so often said, then pass it along and let some one else get a bit of your intelligence. Spread the message and make it possible for TRUTH to grow. One by one the politicals are coming out. It is not ideal to have them come this way. General amnesty would be just, but we are, nevertheless, looking forward to the day that Comrade Bentall will be let out. We trust it will be soon. Then all who have helped so faithfully to keep the hold on TRUTH will rejoice and feel repaid for their sacrifices. A reliable intelligent man like Bentall with a paper will be a much bigger force than Bentall without a paper. Let us not sit on our haunches now. Let us be up and doing.

FIGURING ON THE STARVATION LINE

E. H. H. Holman, secretary of the Minneapolis Workers College wrote to Dr. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota in an open letter and said:

"I shall be glad if you are able to take the wage established by the railroad labor board in its recent decision and work out a budget showing how it would be possible for the section hand getting this wage 23 cents per hour, to lay aside sufficient funds to send his children in the university."

The reply came from Miss Mildred Weigley, head of the division of home economics of the University and she reported that bread and butter and meat — bare necessities for a family of five costs in Minneapolis \$9.73 a week or \$505.96 a year.

A section hand working on the railroads in Minnesota at 23 cents an hour, the minimum fixed by the railroad labor board, earns about \$563.00 a year.

Miss Weigley said that the \$505 does not permit a family to have enough of the necessities and that no family should be obliged to exist on that even though it would not actually make them die of starvation. She thinks that the minimum American standard of living for a family of five should be between \$1692.50 and \$1,733.38 a year.

In future years when those now living have died and their influence is reduced to zero our grandchildren's children will live and think in entirely different economic surroundings. They will marvel as they read that in 1922 the people under the capitalist system of production estimated in dollars and cents the least possible amount that could be given to workers and not have them starve to death.

The figuring on how near a family can be forced to the starving line and still live will seem as cruel and uncivilized to them as it does to us to read about the Romans feeding slaves to the wild beasts in the arena. The lions and tigers licked their chops in those days and in these days the industrial pirates are the lions and tigers who lick their chops while the workers crawl on their bellies and take slops.

The industrial pirates are more subtle but just as cruel. They sap the life out of the workers by degrees, they undermine their health, they fill them with false ideals and destroy their spirit. They kill them but leave them spineless unburied to stalk around without backbone and intelligence enough to break their own chains.

NO MORE WAR AS DUNN PICTURES IT

We wish all readers of TRUTH could see how Dunn, in the British Communist shows what are the reservations in the minds of the various groups who say "No more war."

He pictures the holy clergymen with sweet God given grace saying, "No more war — except for Christianity." Then come the sleek financiers pushing their fatness forward saying, "No more war — except for the rights of bond holders." After them come the smooth and dapper politicians saying, "No more war — except as required in Egypt, India, Ireland, and of course in Russia." The Labor Party, he represents as a mixed bunch of fats and slims, some dolled to match the rich, some wearing baggy knees, saying, "No more war — only stern measures against the Communists." Then come the exservicemen, all thin, some bent, some lame saying, "No more war — except to get the country we fought for." Finally the workers come, men women and children, lean, strong and firm saying, "No more war except — to end the system that makes war inevitable."

100,000 SLAVES FOR SALE AT \$1.84 PER DAY

The following statement of E. F. Grable, president of the Maintenance of Way Union, gives the lie to the R. R. Labor Board's statements that only a few workers are affected by the new 23c an hour scale:

"The 23-cent wage applies to all common labor classes of maintenance of way men in the Northern States as well as in the South. When the wage is inaugurated on July 1 it may effect more than 100,000 of our men. Moreover, the principle is the same, North or South, whether it applies to 6,000 or 100,000, a 23-cent wage can not be defended before the American people upon any basis of human standards."

FUN SATURDAY NIGHT

Those who dance will rejoice. There will be an usually good time in store for them out Workers Hall Saturday night Aug. 19th. Admission 75 cents a couple. Extra ladies 25 cents.

THE NEW GOSPEL

The robbers of the earth ride forth,
East, west, north and south,
The sword of Satan in their hand,
And God's word in their mouth.
And woe to those whom they shall meet!
And woe to those they seek!
The earth shall drink deep of their blood.
To heaven shall rise their shriek.

They take a people by the throat;
"Stand and deliver!" say:
"We want your land, we want your wealth,
We want your freedom aye;
And would ye, ingrates, dare deny
These things we want to us,
Since we have come to 'Christianize'
And 'civilize' ye thus?"

"Lo, ye are weak and ignorant,
While we are strong and great;
And so, in Christian charity,
We've come to rule your State.
We've come to civilize ye, and
We've come to teach ye pray.
Bow down, bow down, ye savages,
Or else we needs must slay!"

And ever around the earth they ride,
To see what they may gain;
And ever the road they ride runs red
With the blood of martyrs slain;
And ever God's name is on their lips,
Whate'er the deed to be done;
And ever the psalm of the sabre rings
With the gospel of the gun.

Liao Tung Chang.

NO MORE WAR—EXCEPT

This forthcoming week-end there will be held throughout Britain a number of demonstrations organized by the "No More War" International Council. The demonstrations are arranged to take place on the eve of the anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, and their object is the highly laudable one of neutralizing, so far as may be, whatever remains of the national and radical hatreds that were inflamed to the limit during that time of horror.

The Communist Party cannot but agree with the organizers of this meeting in declaring a hatred of war, and in expressing a desire for the day when it will be no longer possible. The Communist Party will co-operate in these demonstrations (wherever it is not blackballed by the hostility of the I. L. P. members who figure prominently in its committees).

But at the same time the Communist Party will make it plain through its speakers—wherever these are allowed on the platform—and through its Press, that it by no means shares the illusions of the promoters of these demonstrations.

To these the whole questions appears to be one of purely personal psychology. If you "believe in" war you will do nothing to prevent it. If also you hate certain peoples or nations you will be ready at any moment to fly to arms in order to chastise the hated enemy. If on the other hand you hate war and think it wrong and abominable, you will never do anything to help it forward. You will take the pledge—"not a man, not a boot, not a son." Then, if everybody does this, lo! there will be no more war. Such seems to be the reasoning of the promoters of the demonstration.

Happily we can demonstrate our hatred of war without committing ourselves to the endorsement of this Pacifist Utopianism. He or she who could say that they personally would never give aid to war—"not a man, not a boot, not a son"—must be either colossal humbugs or innocents destitute of the remotest knowledge of the workings of human society.

One cannot so much as buy a dozen eggs at the grocers without assisting that gentleman possibly to equip his son for the Territorials, certainly to pay his taxes, part of which will be spent not only in boots, but ammunition, explosives and other materials for mass-murder.

The promoters of the "No More War" movement cannot get their literature printed without thereby perpetuating the mechanical devices for propagating warlike ideals, and the propaganda of Imperialist hate.

In a word — one cannot simultaneously make use of the machinery of society and its material and mental inter-relations and preserve the moral immunity of a hermit in the desert.

One does not cease to be responsible for war because one refuses to fight or to buy shares in a munition factory. The same cotton that it used for shirts is used for making high explosives. The same oil that is used to lubricate the wheels of an ambulance will serve for the lubrication of an aerial torpedo. The same ambulance that removes to the hospital an elderly lady suffering from cramp through over-indulgence in prayer, will do a similar service for a man maimed with shrapnel. . . .

And the worker who, after weeks of hunger gets a job planing breech-locks turning trigger-guards, stitching gun-slings, or packing Mills' bombs, is he to go back to intensified hunger and bring aggravated destitution, because he has taken a pledge—"not a man, not a boot, not a son"?

We see no hope for the end of war by an agreement among capitalist governments. When at the Genoa Conference the Russian delegates made the offer to disarm if the other nations would do likewise — what response did they get?

Every capitalist government admitted in the face of that blunt offer—admitted in deeds, in anger and in loquacious evasions, that it needs an army to preserve the existing system from the possible angry uprising of the working-mass.

So long as there is private property and a property owning class in power, ruling an exploit property-less class, there will be armies and armaments created and assembled by the ruling property-owners to preserve their class-position at the expense of the disinherited. And as long as they have armies the temptation to raid the possessions of their fellow property-owners will prove irresistible.

The League of Nations was formed to remove the needs for armies and armaments. It has resulted in bigger armies, bigger navies, bigger air forces, and bigger budgets than were ever known in any previous time of alleged peace. That is the last word of bourgeois pacifism.

We do not question the sincerity of the hundreds of men and women who have been enthusiastic in the

organization of this demonstration. We do not suggest that the workers who participate will be fools for their pains.

We affirm the exact opposite. We shall take part in the demonstration, whole-hearted in our hatred for war and all that it implies. And because we are whole-hearted in our hatred, we shall do all that we can to rescue these sincere men and women from the political and social illusions which render their fine qualities and self-sacrificing work so much waste effort.

For our part, seeing the bourgeois of the world organized everywhere for war, we put out our slogan: No More War—except such as is or may be forced on the Workers by the need to end the system that makes war inevitable.

—British Communist.

PRIVATE PROPERTY IN RUSSIA

By J. Brandenburgsky (Moscow)

The eleventh session of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviets, which took place in Moscow at the end of May, laid down the principles of Soviet legislation on private property.

The right to own private property and the granting thereof by the Soviet State, as provided in the resolution of the Central Executive Committee, are not bestowed indiscriminately on all citizens, but only on those who by their work contribute to the development of the production of the country.

The new law does not provide under any circumstances for the restitution of the expropriated holdings to their former owners. Its application holds also for the territory of all other Soviet republics.

The right of private property is recognized as to all persons, for all parcels which up to the present have not yet been declared communal property, as well as for all newly built houses. But it is limited by law in these cases also. The duration of private ownership of the newly built houses must not exceed 49 years.

The right of private property is further recognized for the industrial establishments which are operated by private initiative. Further, there is recognized the right of mortgage, inheritance and inventions.

The right of inheritance is limited in two directions: first, it is limited to the husband and wife and direct descendants, and secondly, as to the amount of the inheritance, which under no circumstances may exceed ten thousand gold rubles. All amounts exceeding this limit become the property of the state. The right to make a will is admitted. Exceptions from these general rules will be provided for in a special law.

Many rules are concerned with the conditions which are necessary to establish the validity of contracts of all kinds, such as purchase and sale, barter, loans, etc. This legislation aims at the protection of the interests of the state against fraud by private persons. If, in the conclusion of an agreement, one of the contracting parties takes advantage of the precarious position of the other contracting party for the purpose of exploiting him, such contracts may be declared null and void upon the request of the injured party, or even without such a request, by order of the state.

The text drafted by the Central Executive Committee is to serve as the basis of the Civil Code, decision upon which is to be taken in the next session of the legislative organ of the Soviets.

Soviet Russia.

SLOWLY BUT SURELY

By HENRY SARA.

Life as we live it is so stupid, that one really has grounds for doubting the worth of what is called "common sense". Take the mass of the people who live in London for example. A great city loaded with wealth, the population mostly trying to "get by". Two days ago (as this is written) there was a call made by a number of organizations for the population to demonstrate its desire for no more war. Did it manifest any interest in it? Well there were a few hundred bannerettes, half a dozen bands, some brake loads of women and children, and a few Trade Union banners carried by an equally few advanced trade unionists. But the population of London according to the last Census is estimated at 4,483,249!

Was the demonstration worthwhile? Was it effective?

No one who was present could say that it was, and be honest with himself. A demonstration to be effective must certainly register by its mass appearance an intelligent understanding of things as they are. One could only assume that these people were either very stupid or very dishonest. Perhaps it would be generous to say that there was probably a mixture of both.

No more war! You know one can be very pious and bring out a phrase like that. And by the way it is very safe just at the moment. Further many of these people not so very long ago were as busy as bees stirring up as much hate as they knew how and using any story, no matter how despicable (in fact sometimes it seemed they choose the worst) to foment racial antagonism.

What guarantee have we that in the event of another outbreak they will not find the same excuses for workers fighting in the cause of capitalism that they found before?

That is just the trouble with piety it always means well, but where it is not sincere it is muddleheaded, and where it is sincere it is treacherous.

For example, most of the speakers stated that so long as capitalism existed there would be war.

Granted. Moral, in order to abolish war abolish capitalism. Simple. But the gathering was called by the League of Nations chiefly. The League of Nations does not advocate nor believe in advocating the abolition of capitalist society. Ergo the League of Nations does not aim at no more war. It believes in the pious expression!

One of the speakers on the League's platform was a lady. I know she was a lady because she pointed to the skies and talked about God. For years she has masqueraded as a Socialist. Then she went to Russia, came back, wrote a sensational book, and immediately leaped into fame as a convinced Socialist who did not agree with Bolshevism. Here was the stuff! The anti-bolsheviks were delighted, and many a poor struggler against capitalism and worker in favour of world peace found himself flooded by the "personal experiences of Mrs. Philip Snowden."

Mrs. Snowden is no peace maker. She said she was sorry to see that Russia was so contemptuous of the League of Nations. Russia knows what's what and puts the pious resolution at its true value — which is nil — and pins its faith in the revolutionary consciousness of the masses. Slowly but surely the workers must dominate and then and not till then will there be no more war. In the meantime the pious resolutions for peace will be snowed on, when world revolution is here they will be snowed under.