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AS WE SEE

LOCAL 38, A. C. W. BATTLE FOR TRADE COUNTING

Officials Disregard the Vote of Membership

WHAT has happened to the grand plan of William Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, which provided for the calling of a conference between rail workers and their employers for the purpose of eliminating strikes in the transportation industry and breaking down the wall of misunderstanding that separates the employees from their masters? This is the way Lee chants the dirge. The rail workers and their employers are of the same family, says this human toad, and their scraps are only family quarrels.

NOT that Lee is much worse than the rest of the labor scab who are engaged in the business of selling the railroad workers. He is a little bit more offensively frank, perhaps. The DAILY WORKER quoted from an article in the Switchmen's Magazine, in which Cashen, chief of the switchmen, said some very harsh things about Lee. In fact, he charged him with being a strikebreaker and with employing stoopigeons to spy on members of his own organization, with a view getting them fired by their employers.

LABOR fakery are the same all the world over. The American section of fakery is better paid than the capitalist lackeys in other country. The American capitalists can afford to pay their lackeys generously. But even in poverty stricken countries the scabbers are getting along nicely. Some of those birds of prey mouth revolutionary phrases while engaged in the business of betraying the workers. In Mexico Calles is using the Wall Street club on those that placed him in power. He pretends to be a socialist, Calles is highly ticked off by the house of Morgan, which uses the president of the American Federation of Labor as a liaison officer with the Mexican labor leaders.

TOM MOORE is the leading labor scab in Canada. The capitalist governments no longer has any quarrel with those fellows, who it sometimes happens that a leading laborer may criticize some particular administration. But that is by way of exercising his rights as a citizen and because some other capitalist political group can offer something better.

IN England the leading capitalist labor lieutenants are J. H. Thomas and Ramsay MacDonald. To his credit be it said, J. H. Thomas does not pretend to be a socialist but MacDonald does. There is not the slightest difference in the attitude of both lackeys towards the master class. Even Ireland has a finished specimen of this type in the person of Thomas Johnson. It is merely an accident of birth that he happens to be an Englishman, hailing either from Manchester or Liverpool. But the revolutionary Irish workers do not scorn Johnson because he was born in England. They detest him because he is one of the silliest traitors that ever rose to prominence at the expense of his class.

JOHNSON was the only labor leader in Ireland who supported the British Empire during the war. He was opposed to the Easter Week revolution which was initiated and led by James Connolly. He has been a wet blanket on the Irish working class since and the most distressing feature of the situation is, that old comrades of Connolly who occupy leading positions in the labor union and labor party which he built, support Johnson, though he was forced to confess in a recent libel case that he was opposed to all that James Connolly stood for. The Irish workers will learn to rid the labor movement of Johnson and also of those who prefer to stand with Johnson, despite his repudiation of the principles to which Connolly devoted his life and for which he died.

Whew! It Is Hot Weather! But Picnic Time Is Soon Here

WHEW! But it was hot yesterday. That's the way it is liable to be on next Saturday, May 30, when the T. U. E. L. holds its picnic at Altenheim Grove. And a picnic is the place to go on a hot day to get away from the brick blocks and hot streets. Make a note of how to get to next Saturday's picnic: Take the Forest Park "L" on the Metropolitan branch to the end of the line, or transfer from the end of the Madison car line to a suburban car. The T. U. E. L. picnic will be waiting at Altenheim Grove. Don't forget.

The rule of sluggers in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union has created such a revolt that in some locals, at least, the yellow socialist bureaucracy has had to change methods and rule by bluff, deception and trickery. This was shown Wednesday night in the Polish Local 38, of the Amalgamated, when a packed hall of members fought the officials for an hour and a half to force them to restore Brother H. Bramorski, taken off the job by Levin and "suspended indefinitely," to his rights and his job.

Two meetings back, the report of the officers of the local suspending Bramorski, was rejected by a majority vote of the local; but in spite of that, the chairman declared the motion carried. And then he hurried to adjournment. At the following meeting, the membership stormed at the officials in such a militant manner that the chairman was forced to admit that he "had made a mistake" in declaring the suspension of Bramorski carried, and begged that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted in order that the agreement could be considered.

Stalling Off the Members. The membership would not accept that part of the minutes, however, and finally, the chairman stalled the members off by agreeing that the matter of considering the old minutes would be taken up at the meeting following—the one which met Wednesday night, May 20.

But when the meeting Wednesday gathered a hall full of members, the chairman and his Levin-yellow socialist clique which had caucused and deliberated for two weeks on how best to keep on stalling and fooling the membership, refused to open the meeting, giving as a reason that Bramorski was present. This, they pretended, kept them from calling the meeting to order.

Battle to Make Chairman Obey the Rules. The members insisted. The chairman continued to refuse. The members then demanded that the vice-chairman take the gavel. He, also one of the clique, also refused to take the chair. For an hour and a half the people raged at the disruption of the officials, who insisted on ruling against the plain will of the members. Even the doorman became so angry at the officials that he tried to get the gavel himself, but the chairman put it in his pocket—and the members, so far at least, have not been provoked into giving their anger physical expression.

After an hour and a half, some of the members, including many of the (Continued on page 2)

WORKERS' HEALTH BUREAU DEMANDS LEAD GAS PROBE

A Menace to Life, Tells Govt. Conference

CALLES BREAKS STRIKE AGAINST WALL STREET CAPITAL IN MEXICO AFTER TALK WITH AMBASSADOR

MEXICO CITY, May 22.—The craven servility of President Calles to American imperialism is proven only equalled by his brutal suppression of Mexican workers and peasants whose interests conflict with the greed for super-profits of these imperialist bosses of Calles. Today the policy of Calles carried him to breaking the strike of the oil union workers in the Huasteca oil field and forcing the strikers back to work (Continued on page 2)

Soviets Export 100 Carloads of Manganese a Day

MOSCOW, —(By Mail).— Fifteen million pounds (about 250,000 tons) of manganese ore are to be exported abroad thru the port of Nikolayev (Black Sea) in the current working year. One hundred carloads are arriving there daily, and the ore is being loaded on board foreign ships.

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GARY STRIKERS RESIST STEEL TRUST LOCKOUT

3,000 Builders Fight Against "Open Shop"

GARY, Indiana, May 22.—A bitter struggle between the striking building trades workers and the "open shop" contractors, who have locked out over 3,000 members of the Building Trades Unions for insisting on a closed shop, is on here.

The bankers, and the real estate board, chamber of commerce and the Commercial Club have united behind the contractors in the attempt to smash the Gary unions. These organizations have ordered the contractors to continue the lockout or immediately have their credit cut off, building material withheld, and financial backing removed.

The United States Steel corporation own the largest part of Gary, and practically all the construction in the town is being done by the steel trust, either thru contractors who are doing their work or directly thru the steel trust's own construction company.

The steel corporation is attempting to break the backbone of unionism in Gary, as the effect on the steel workers is feared.

WHITES PROVOKE RACE RIOT BY INSULT TO NEGROES AT CIRCUS

PINEBLUFF, Ark., May 22.—An automobile load of deputy sheriffs stopped a race riot ten miles south of here early today, stated, it was said, when a Negro was refused admission to a circus and insulted. Deputies said both whites and Negroes had armed themselves and a free for all fight was under way when the officers arrived. No one was killed or injured.

OLD GANG STAYS IN O. R. C. OFFICE AS RAILWAY AIDS

MINNEAPOLIS, May 22.—The revolutionizing of the railroad business in the United States through the inclusion of motor bus service on every system affected by the competition of bus transportation companies was the promise that grew out of the closing session here today of the triennial convention of the Order of Railway Conductors of America.

Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern R. R., addressed the convention this morning bringing to the meeting formal announcement that the Great Northern has entered the bus business with the organization of two \$1,000,000 corporations headed by executives of that road.

The Reds Haunt Depew. NEW YORK, May 22.—Chauncey Depew, 91 year old capitalist and ex-senator, told the international police chiefs' convention delegates at the Bankers' Club that they should hunt Reds more efficiently.

CABINET CRISIS OVER RIFF WAR IS DUE MONDAY

Communists in Chamber to Demand Accounting

PARIS, France, May 22.—The opening of the chamber of deputies on Monday will mark the beginning of the end of the Painleve cabinet, it is generally felt here. The government can no longer deny that the Moroccan have inflicted heavy losses on the French army which invaded north Africa on the order of the Painleve government.

The Communist campaign against the imperialistic slaughter, in which France's young workers are being sent to their death in order to subdue the Rifians on their native territory has stirred the workers throughout the country.

Borah Leads Fight to Abolish Federal Trade Commission

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The congressional "independent bloc" has started a move to abolish the federal trade commission on the ground that its membership is defying congress, it was learned today.

'BILL' LEE OF TRAINMEN HAUNTED BY LEFT WING AT CONVENTION; FOSTER TO EXPOSE LEE SUNDAY

CLEVELAND, May 22.—"Bill" Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, needs a breathing spell. This charming leader of the grand march at a ball recently held jointly with his ladies' auxiliary, has been given several hard chases down the reactionary pike. To get back his wind he has hypnotized a large wing of the one thousand delegates upon the question of constitutional amendments, and at Gray's Armory, where the convention is being held, one hears constitutional buncombe mouthed in sickening volume. This red herring is to hold the attention of the delegates for eight or nine days, it is reported. But William Z. Foster, the leader of the left wing in the American labor movement, is due to speak here Sunday and the railroaders are invited to attend as he will deal with "Bill" Lee and his tricks.

New Delegates Give Bill Lee Augue. The convention is attended by a bloc of delegates that has made Lee look cross-eyed and feel uneasy. More than half of the delegates are known to the reactionary machine as "new," by which is meant that they can not be definitely placed.

A progressive caucus is meeting at some unknown place and the spectre of amalgamation is looming up so large and formidable, that Lee and his ring are really pale of face. The T. U. E. L. is making an active campaign for its program.

Amalgamation Haunts the Fakers. A resolution for amalgamation was handed in and referred to the resolutions committee. As a preliminary to the amalgamation of the sixteen railroad unions, this resolution calls for the immediate amalgamation of a department of the service by bringing into closer touch with each other the order of railway conductors, the switchmen's union and the railway trainmen.

Reject Officers' Report at First. But what winded Lee as much as anything, was the rejection of the officers' report. In this report, what is known as the "five and a half percent" Chicago wage increase was the sugar with which the bureaucracy expected to induce the delegates to swallow the report. The delegates gulped here and there, but a majority refused to swallow.

Instead, some tall talking was indulged in, which proved that Lee and his ring had compromised hard gained working conditions far in excess in value to the five and a half wages increase. After the officers' report was defeated, Lee sweated for three hours trying to secure a reconsideration, and this he finally put over.

"Anybody—Anybody But Lee." The slogan of a very large portion (Continued on page 2)

ALL PICKETING FORBIDDEN BY COURT ORDER

Federal Judge Makes New Air-Tight Rule

WHEELING, W. Va., May 22.—There is no particular rejoicing among the striking miners that the infamous "reactionary," former Secretary of State Charley Hughes, has "volunteered" to defend the officials of the U. M. W. of A. against an injunction issued by Federal Judge William E. Baker here this week. The West Virginia miners are sufficiently well aware that strikes are won on the picket line and not in capitalist courts, hence they are in no hurry over the Hughes offer, tho their pacifist district and international officials are.

The present injunction against the union must be clearly understood as forbidding "peaceful persuasion" in picketing, in fact it forbids all picketing. As Van Bittner, international organizer in charge of the strike for the union, had not only discouraged, but forbid all militant picketing, in order to "obey the law" by "peaceful picketing," the injunction takes another wallop at the miners by forbidding even peaceful picketing as unlawful.

FARM SLAVERY CLAIMS ORPHANS FROM NEW YORK

Thousands of Children Slave in Texas Fields

By ESTHER LOWELL (Federated Press Staff Correspondent.) NEW YORK, May 22.—The child slavery in Texas farms to which thousands of children are sent each year from New York and other eastern founding institutions is indicated in charges that thousands of children of six and over are sent in wholesale batches during the year to Northwest fruit and vegetable growers as well as to Texas cotton growers, which were made at the Child Welfare Conference in New York by Mrs. Bennet Smith of Temple, Texas, and by Mrs. B. F. Wetmore of Spokane, Wash.

BOSTON UNIONS PICK DELEGATES FOR FAMINE MEET

Joseph Manley Will Address Meeting

BOSTON, May 22.—A generous response from all labor unions is looked for in Boston next Wednesday May 27 for the formation of the Boston branch of the Irish Workers and Peasants Relief Committee. Joseph Manley member of the National Committee will address the conference. A lively meeting is expected, and definite plans to raise funds for the Irish Workers and Peasants, will be worked out, and so at last Boston will be put on the map, securing the much needed relief for the Irish sufferers.

More than 150 labor, fraternal and political organizations have been invited to this conference, which will be held at 8 p. m. in Paine Hall, 9 Appleton St. Boston.

House To House Collection. The labor unions in Boston are almost all in the control of Irish-Americans, and Boston being a special center of the Irish population, gives great promise for successful work, that this committee will undertake. The entire section called South Boston is inhabited by Irish workers and should prove fertile ground for the work of raising funds for the Irish famine sufferers.

Plans for a house to house collection will be made at this conference to be concentrated in South Boston. Also a mass meeting with John P. McCarthy who recently returned from the famine district in Ireland as speaker, will be planned in the near future.

Favorable sentiment from some union members who have already acted on the call and elected delegates to this conference has already been announced in labor circles.

State Pamphlets Useless. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 22.—A resolution was introduced in the senate by Rodney Swift, demanding an investigation of the printing of public documents and pamphlets at state expense. Swift charged that many of the pamphlets were useless.

RENEGADE CZECH EDITOR RECEIVES SEVERE DEFEAT

All Traitors Cannot Be Rewarded

Frank Kozumplik, editor of Spravednost, a Czech-Slovakian paper formerly an official organ of the Czech federation of the Workers Party, learned to his cost that the path of a renegade is not always strewn with roses...

Kozumplik's defeat was not caused by his devotion to the working class, but the sheet he now edits lives by the grace and generosity of the Hillman-Levin machine in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers...

The Political Chameleon Spravednost secured the services of Kozumplik as editor when the Workers Party severed relations with it. Politically he is like the chameleon...

Air Tank Goes on Rampage. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., May 22.—The giant air pressure tank of the city water supply system at San Jose, near here, exploded today...

"Bill" Lee Haunted by Left Wing

(Continued from page 1) of the delegates is "anybody but Lee." This makes Lee feel badly, and so applause (anti-Lee applause, of course) from the gallery has been prohibited...

A move is on foot to abolish the board of appeals, an extra disciplinary body for grievances and appeals. This board consists of seven members and is elected by the convention...

However, the abolition of this board is a moot question. There are many arguments for its retention for it may yet be the means of saving the organization against the disruptive tactics of the reactionary leaders...

Altogether Too Much Bunco! While the convention is on, nothing is left undone to amuse the delegates. "Keep them entertained so that they will keep their minds off of deep organizational problems," this is the strategy of the Lee cohorts...

Calles Breaks Strike in Mexico

(Continued from page 1) on his terms after sending federal troops to take up the "protection" of the property last week.

The Gomper of Mexico. In conformity with its class collaboration policy officially made effective in the Mexican Federation of Labor (C. R. O. M.) since Calles was elected and Luis N. Morones, the "Gomper of Mexico" was appointed as cabinet member...

The strike originally was for union scale, but the company threatened to close down. The men replied they would seize the oil fields. Then a union worker, Miguel Padron, was murdered by a gunman of the Huasteca company named Villacana...

Lee leading it, was enough of a bunco party for him. And the New York Central believed enough in Lee to do something to tickle the convention, so it gave several trains to Lee last Sunday so that the convention could have a squint at Niagara Falls.

Last night Lee received quite a measure of criticism at the Cleveland Federation of Labor meeting for refusing to allow Wm. Dawson, the floor at the convention to talk against prison-made goods...

Foster Speaks in Cleveland. "Bill" Lee has graduated far beyond this kind of trade unionism. Advising delegates which are Cleveland's non-union restaurants is small potatoes to him...

Wm. Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, will expose this union wrecking scheme of class collaboration at a meeting to be held in the Labor Temple, 2536 Euclid avenue, Sunday evening, May 24.

work of the company which pays men to assassinate us."

Wanted Protest at Murder. At once the local union membership, led by Reds, appealed to the C. R. O. M. to protest the policy of assassination with a general strike...

Amaya declared that if the Huasteca company persisted in closing down the oil fields and plants, the union workers would take possession and run them themselves.

The "Understanding" of May 15. This brazen servility of Calles to American imperialism is his habit since he took office, but the Huasteca affair follows in shameless step upon the understanding arrived at between Calles and Ambassador Chefield of the United States on the morning of May 15.

The ambassador at once left for Washington to report his success, but before going he told American newspaper men that he took up what Sheffield calls, "unwarranted seizures of American property and interference by Mexican labor organizations with American manufacturing plants, banks, motion pictures or stores wherever employes are organized."

Five days later Calles sent police armed with rifles against a red labor union of milk wagon drivers and distributors and dairy hands in the federal district. When the Bakers' Union, which is controlled by Reds, struck in sympathy, the Calles government gave them only a few hours to return under threat of violence.

In addition, the Calles-Morones class collaboration combine, Luis N. Morones being the head of the C. R. O. M., issued a circular letter threatening severe discipline of any local union which struck without the consent of the fakers in control of the executive council.

Fess Believes in Convict Labor. "As a humanitarian I know that the prisoners of the country must be kept employed," senator Simeon Fess of Ohio told the International Association of Garment Manufacturers at the Hotel LaSalle, in defending the prison sweatshop system.

GOD DISLIKES RANTING OF PREACHER; STORM BLOWS HIS TENT AWAY

HERRIN, Ill., May 22.—Altho swept by strong winds that inflicted a slight property damage, Herrin and its rural districts received last night's storm with a welcome.

A large tent in which an evangelist was conducting a meeting, was blown for half a mile, leaving speakers exposed to the storm. Telephone wires were down through the district.

McANDREW PAY PLAN BEATEN BY SCHOOL BOARD

New Members Force a Reconsideration

At a recess meeting of the board of education the new board members, sitting at their first business meeting since their appointment, passed a motion to reconsider superintendent of schools McAndrew's teachers' salary plan, defeating the old board members by a vote of six to five.

J. Lewis Coath, who was the only old member of the board to vote with the new members, presented the motion, giving as his reason that the new members should be given a chance to consider the salary plan under which the teachers would work during new members in office.

The old board members voting against the motion to reconsider McAndrew's pay scheme were J. Mullenbach, Julius F. Smittenka, Mrs. William Heffernan, Grace Gregg and Edgar Greenebann.

Those voting for the motion and opposing acceptance of the McAndrew plan "sight unseen" were Coath, and the new members, Byrne, English, Ellicott, Schmidt and Dr. Schiller.

Previous to the calling of the meeting, the board members caucused for a full hour, endeavoring to come to an agreement. The meeting finally started an hour late, with the old and new board members still differing as to the support of McAndrew's salary plan.

McAndrew's plan will now be referred back to the finance committee of the board, under the terms of the motion, for further consideration.

All Picketing in West Va. Forbidden By Court Order

(Continued from page 1) similar nature had been modified by a court ruling that this particular ancient injunction issued in 1913 by a judge now dead, could not ban "peaceful persuasion."

Judge Makes a Brand New Injunction. But after so ruling and dismissing the cases of contempt brought under the old injunction, Judge Baker this week issued an entirely brand new preliminary injunction which repeats the old injunction, Judge Baker this time ordering a hearing on the new injunction for June 1.

Three men were arrested Tuesday at Fairmont for intimidating non-union miners after being released on bail for a similar charge. They were taken at the Dakota mine of the Bethlehem corporation. In addition thirteen pickets were arrested at the Grant Town mine of the New England Fuel and Transportation company.

Old Gang Stays in O. R. C. Offices As Railway Aids

(Continued from page 1) of Cedar Rapids, Ia., was re-elected senior vice-president. Election of the following officers was announced: E. P. Curtis, San Antonio, Tex., secretary-treasurer; J. M. Phillips, St. Louis, Mo., J. T. Hughes, St. Paul; William M. Clark, Washington, D. C., vice-presidents.

The 1928 convention city, it was announced, will be selected in two years. Formal invitations for the convention have been received from Cleveland, Atlanta, St. Paul, St. Louis and Dallas.

Philadelphia League Meeting will Hear Report of Williamson

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 22.—A membership meeting of the Philadelphia Young Workers League has been called for the purpose of hearing John Williamson report on the recent sessions of the Young Communist International at Moscow, at which Comrade Williamson was present as one of the American delegates.

The meeting will be held Monday, May 25, at 521 York Ave.

Hunger Helps Recruiting. NEW ORLEANS, May 22.—Increased activity is noted in recruiting by the U. S. marine corps in New Orleans among the unemployed. Large numbers of young men have signed away their freedom.

Shepherd Trial Drags. Fixed opinion and objections to the testimony of an accomplice joined today to defeat the selection of the first jury panel in the trial of William Darling Shepherd for the killing by typhoid of William Nelson McClintock, his millionaire foster son.

Naval Aviator Killed LAKEHURST, N. J. May 22.—Lieut. James Rowland Kyle, Jr., a naval aviator, was instantly killed here this afternoon in a practice parachute leap from a plane.

Get a sub for the DAILY WORKER from your shopmate and you will make another member for your branch.

Prepare Funeral for "Labor Bureau" Born of Versailles Peace

By J. LOUIS ENQDAHL.

TODAY, the question is raised by the Versailles peace-makers, whether their creature, the international labor bureau of the league of nations, should be quietly "bumped off," to use one of the favorite expressions of retailers in homicide. The wholesale murderers of the last war merely suggest that their child, thrown as a sop to anti-Bolshevik labor officials the world over, in the stormy days of 1919, be merely "abolished as no longer useful."

Albert Thomas, the French "socialist" munitions minister during the war, was made head of the "labor bureau," which was even acceptable to Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, righthand man to President Woodrow Wilson, at the Versailles negotiations.

The "universal eight-hour day" was dangled before international labor, valiantly struggling in some countries to establish its own Soviet power. This was the empty promise with which the great employers hoped to satisfy the workers until bankrupt and chaotic capitalism could regain its breath.

The international labor bureau never developed into more than a debating society; just as "socialists" are content to make speeches in various parliamentary bodies. The Chicago Daily News admits that it was established for no other purpose when it declared:

"Such discussions by delegates representing the nations of the world should serve to disseminate knowledge of benefit to labor and to industry. Further, while Communist agitators under the direction of Moscow conspirators are striving to bring about world revolution thru appeals to class hatred, the action of enlightened governments in trying to hit upon beneficial measures for the enhancement of workers' welfare should have a valuable moral effect."

However, the funeral is that of the "labor bureau," with all of its fake promises. Western European labor, in spite of the "bureau," backed by traitor "socialists" and subsidized with millions of "open shop" dollars, has been drawn closer than ever to Russian labor. This is clearly seen in the discussions now going on over international trade union unity.

The Dawes-Morgan plan enslaving the workers of Germany has helped. Germany was supposed to be the land where "workers' welfare" had made the greatest progress before the war. It was the capitalist utopia of eight-hour laws, social insurance, unemployment insurance, and other palliatives, that were to be internationalized under the league of nations' labor bureau.

AMUNDSEN FLIES TO NORTH POLE IN PLANE DASH

LONDON, May 22.—Captain Raold Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, has been successful in his air-plane dash for the North Pole, according to unconfirmed reports today reaching Oslo, Norway, from Kings Bay, near Spitzbergen.

While first dispatches received here from the Norwegian island in the Arctic Ocean made no specific mention of Lieut. Ellsworth, it was presumed that both planes had completed the northward half of the trip.

Amundsen was the navigating officer of one ship and Ellsworth, an expert aviation engineer, recorded the progress of the flight aboard the other plane.

Rail Telegraphers Add Members. ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 22.—The Order of Railroad Telegraphers added 465 new members in March.

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COMPANY THUGS DISRUPT MEETING TO ORGANIZE AUTOMOBILE WORKERS
DETROIT, Mich., May 22.—Five thousand men and women, nearly all employees of the Briggs Manufacturing Company, engaged in a small riot here this afternoon, when company stool pigeons tried to break up a meeting addressed by two representatives of the Detroit Federation of Labor.

LOCAL 38, A. C. W. IN BATTLE FOR FAIR COUNTING

Officials Disregard the Vote of Membership

(Continued from page 1) girls, began to leave, mistakenly thinking that it was no use to stay and fight any longer, or fearing that the men were going to give the officials a beating.

At this point Bramorski spoke to the members, and urged that in the interest of preventing the officials from disrupting the meeting, he, tho entitled as they knew, to stay as a member has right, would leave the hall. But, he told them, that they must carry on the fight and oust such disrupters from power over them.

The members heard the officials agreeing that no matter how the vote would go, when finally the acceptance or rejection of the now ancient minutes came up, to declare that it was against Bramorski anyhow. Then the officials could stall along the matter another month or so, fooling the membership again.

Either Way Bramorski Loses. Thus it happens that the vote, taken upon accepting or rejecting the minutes which falsely set forth that Bramorski had been "indefinitely suspended" went 63 for rejecting and 53 for accepting; but the chairman declared blandly that "The vote is against Bramorski!"

When asked how that could be figured out, he said, "Well, you see if you rejected the minutes, you reject Bramorski, and if you accept them, you accept the ruling of the local executive board against Bramorski—so Bramorski is out either way." These hypocrite officials who have tricked and fooled the members now time after time, even had the gall to commiserate with Bramorski who waited in the corridors, "Well, Bramorski, we voted for you, but the people, they voted against you."

Not Forever, Not Forever! Members of Local 38, who are not to be fooled forever, remembered the saying about fooling part of the people all the time, all of them part of the time, but the inability of anybody, even the crooked officers of Local 38 to fool all the people all the time. And they are determined that the officials shall feel punishment for such shameless autocracy.

French Cabinet Crisis Over Riff War Due Monday

(Continued from page 1) they would demonstrate their complete bankruptcy. The socialist (reformist) coalition is splitting on the question of the Riff invasion, and Painleve's Government is in danger of falling on the first vote of confidence.

A violent combat is taking place at Ain-Aicha between the soldiers under Gen. de Chambrun and the Rifians, dispatches from Fez reveal. It was admitted by the military officers in Fez that the situation of the French army is more grave than has been officially reported previously. The advanced outposts in the Taounat region which were surrounded by the Rifians have not been recaptured, contrary to official communiques, it is now admitted.

Right Parties Hope for Power. At the bidding of the French mining and other big business interests, Painleve has sent the French workers to Morocco to be slaughtered on foreign soil. The French capitalists have been striving desperately to maintain France as a world power.

The Rifian campaign is becoming as disastrous to the French as was the Spanish campaign, and the financial strain of maintaining a large army on foreign soil is becoming unbearable.

The right wing parties, those favoring fascism, monarchism, dictatorship, and a more intense exploitation of the workers, are hiding their time and are hoping to win the government, tho a minority, when the threatened break up of the Painleve government arrives.

Four More Junior Highs to Be Added to Schools

Chicago will have four more junior high schools next fall making a total of nine junior highs in the city. Recommendation for converting three more elementary schools of the new Stockton school which will be ready Sept 1 for a junior high has been presented to the board of education by Superintendent McAndrew.



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U.S.S.R. DECLINES INVITATION TO ARM CONFERENCE

Chicherin Takes Smash at League of Nations

(Special to The Daily Worker) MOSCOW.—(By Mail).—The following telegram has been sent by G. Chicherin, People's Commissary of Foreign Affairs, to the General Secretariat of the League of Nations in reply to the latter's invitation extended to the Soviet government to join the pending international arms traffic conference...

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

(Continued from page 1) THE official leaders of the German trade unions, are the servants of the house of Morgan and of the British bankers in trying to make the Dawes plan work. Remember that the profits from the Dawes plan must come out of the bodies of the German workers...

AND France! One of the most ferocious of the "moderate" socialists of France is M. Jouhaux, secretary of the General Confederation of Labor. He is against unity between the workers in the Russian trade unions and the workers in the unions affiliated with Amsterdam...

THIS list is not complete. There is no country no matter how small where the capitalists have not their "trusted labor lieutenants" playing the role of the trained rams in the Chicago stockyards. They are part and parcel of the capitalist system and will go down with it. Russia is the only country in the world free from that type of pest...

WORKERS' HEALTH BUREAU DEMANDS LEAD GAS PROBE

A Menace to Life, Tells Govt. Conference

(Continued from page 1) fare division of the war department, the U. S. bureau of mines and the commercial interests directly involved. Control of Industrial Poisons. Charging that the bureau of mines report is scientifically unsound the workers' health bureau calls for an impartial, scientific investigation of tetra ethyl lead and the prohibition of its sale until it has been proven harmless...

Extremely Poisonous. Tetra ethyl lead is extremely poisonous. Poisoning occurs when the liquid is absorbed thru the skin or when its fumes are inhaled. In its concentrated form as pure tetra ethyl lead, it affects workers engaged in its manufacture. When it is mixed with certain other chemicals and becomes ethyl fluid, it is a danger to anyone handling it...

Vancouver Workers Hold Tag Day for Nova Scotia Miners

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 22.—True labor solidarity was shown in Vancouver when both Japanese and white unionists worked together on a tag day for the relief of the destitute Nova Scotia miners and collected \$1,319.73 in one day...

Among these were the wife of the editor of The Daily People, Japanese labor daily published here, and the wife of the president and the wife of the vice-president of the Japanese Workers' Union...

There was a notable absence of the usual "nice" ladies who for weeks past have pestered people to buy tags for more "respectable" causes. Had the city council permitted the workers to hold their tag day on Saturday instead of Friday, the amount collected would have been far greater.

FARM SLAVERY CLAIMS ORPHANS FROM NEW YORK

Thousands of Children Slave in Texas Fields

(Continued from Page 1) ers who use them for heavy farm work," Mrs. Smith claims. "There is no careful selection of homes for the children," she says and they are adopted "into a condition which amounts to child slavery."

Mothers and Children Toil. The National Child Labor Committee's booklet "Child Labor Among Cotton Growers of Texas" tells of cotton farm conditions which are shared by children adopted and otherwise, in six Texas counties. The committee's investigators do not mention the use of adopted children but report vicious enough conditions for all children, especially those of Negro croppers and tenants...

More Than Half Under 12. More than half the children working are under 12. They work between 9 and 11 hours a day, and from 62 to 93 days a year. "The administration of the school attendance law makes it easy for cotton growers to keep the children from school."

Death Falls on Children. Houses of tenants and croppers, especially of Negroes, are poor and many unfit for human habitation, for which the committee blames owners. "The congestion here is quite as real in regard to rooms and lack of privacy as in the cities, altho the houses are widely separated from each other."

Morbidity and mortality rates are high: "Over 35 per cent of all persons had been ill during the past year, the percentage for mothers being highest. There were 8 per cent more of Negro persons ill than of white. . . . Death falls most heavily upon the children."

Emigres Must Take New Road MOSCOW, May 22.—It is proposed this year to direct emigrants from Soviet Russia to United States thru Leningrad. In this reference the northern board of the State Commercial Fleet is taking up the question of carrying to America about 4,000 menonites (German sectarian colonists living mainly in the Azov Sea and the river Don districts.)

U. S. S. R. Denies Break With Finns MOSCOW, May 22.—In an official communique, there are denied the reports having appeared in the French press, alleging that the Soviet-Finnish relations are strained. It is announced that relations between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Finland are normal now as heretofore.

Talk it up—your shopmate will subscribe!

The Workers Party in Action

CHICAGO CITY CENTRAL ADOPTS POLICY OF ACTION DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN A. C. W. LEFT WING

A spirited discussion took place at the city central committee meeting Wednesday, May 20, Workers (Communist) Party Local Chicago on the situation prevailing in the needle trades and on ways and means of building a strong left wing block in the Amalgamated, I. L. G. W. and other needle trades union.

"WHEREAS, the enlarged meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the party adopted a resolution condemning the support given by certain comrades in New York City to the right wing opportunists in the needle trades, and censuring Comrade Gitlow for violation of the discipline of the

Free speech scraps for the right to hold street meetings are being conducted. Fundamental party activities, such as trade union work, building the DAILY WORKER, etc., is on the increase and more and more response to party work from party comrades must be got.

The next meeting of the city central committee will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd, 1925 at 722 Blue Island Ave. Martin Abern, Sec'y.

New York Downtown Branch in Drive for Daily Worker Subs

NEW YORK, May 22.—All members of the Downtown English branch will be mobilized by the literature committee to assist in soliciting renewals of subscriptions to the DAILY WORKER obtained at the Press Pageant, Sunday, March 15th. Also a mobilization of the branch will take place to distribute free copies of the DAILY WORKER each day for one week straight, from May 25 to May 30, to be followed by a subscription drive.

Building a Left Bloc in the Trade Unions

Excellent program on the industrial field in other unions was reported by Comrade Jack Johnstone, industrial organizer. In I. L. G. preparations are being made to enter a slate in the elections, and the left wing can be expected to put up a stiff fight and to get results for the left wing. I. L. G. left-wingers are meeting now and are drawing up a program and slate.

In the Amalgamated the party membership is responding to the necessity of eliminating confusionism and opportunism among some elements, as the resolution passed charged, and a sound left block in the Amalgamated will surely crystallize itself.

In the Machinists elections the vote of 4 to 1 for Anderson as against B. & O. Johnston shows that the left wing conducted a strong campaign of propaganda for its program.

In the Barbers' Union where our comrades have been developing a strong sentiment for the progressive group, the machine is now retaliating with charges for suspensions and expulsions, with our comrades resisting to the full.

Resolutions against the class collaboration scheme of Scabby Bill Lee are being brought up in various railroad and machinists locals. In the painters, Comrade Johnstone, reported, first signs of a small developing left wing are to be noticed and in the carpenters, progress has, of course, been much more marked of recent.

Course of Lectures for Worker Correspondents Planned

A series of lectures for workers correspondents is to be given, starting the first Thursday in July, by Comrade William F. Dunne, editor of the DAILY WORKER, as a means of getting more working class news direct from the shops.

Comrade Dunne also gave report on the work among the Negroes, especially in relation to the coming American Negro Labor congress, stressing strongly the need of conducting the agitation among the trade unions. Unions and other working class bodies are being visited by members of local Negro committee on the Negro Labor congress.

The greatly increasing sale of literature, such as the Little Red Library, Workers Monthly, etc., by the English units especially was commented on by Comrade Hammersmark. The house to house and factory drive for DAILY WORKER subscriptions are bearing fruit, though hundreds more of party members must be drawn into this most important elementary work of building and insuring the DAILY WORKER.

The recent Irish, the Balkan protest and the Jewish left wing Workmen Circle protest meetings were reported on in conjunction with Labor Defense Council. The party and Y. W. L. are to hold soon a protest meeting for the release of the Communist soldiers, Crouch and Trumbull. Report on the miners situation and party activity in Illinois was given by the secretary.

Applications were received from the Greek, Mid-City English, Lake View Scandinavian, Czech-Slovak Brookfield, Italian West Side No. 1, Douglas Park English, South Side English.

See other columns for announcements and details about the T. U. E. L. and July 4th Picnics. Book Store Campaign On The Book Store campaign for \$2,500.00 is now under way and every party and Y. W. L. branch and nu-

The Workers' House Will Have a Picnic Saturday, May 30th

The first Russian PICNIC of the season will be given Saturday, May 30, (Decoration Day), by the Workers' House, at National Grove, Riverside, Ill. There will be speakers, games, prizes, etc. Russian and American dances. Grove open from 10 a. m. Admission with special tickets 35 c. At the gates without the special tickets—50 c. The special tickets may be obtained free of charge at the Workers' House, 1902 W. Division St. and from members.

The following organizations are members of the Workers' House: Russian Workers' Co-operative Society, White Russian Peoples' Society, Russian Branch W. P. Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia.

Directions how to reach the grove: Take any car to 22nd St., then 22nd St. car to end of the line. La Grange car to grove.

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## Signs of Revolt in the Ranks of the Labor Aristocracy

Lee, head of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announces a gigantic plan of class collaboration while his union is in convention in Cleveland. Sheppard, head of the Railway Conductors, attacks the Communists and the left wing in a public meeting and his union severs all connection with the LaFollette third party movement at its Minneapolis convention and sinks back into the quagmire of the old "reward friends and punish enemies" policy.

The two incidents illustrate a reactionary trend of the most dangerous character—first, the willingness to surrender the weapon of the strike, second, to abandon even the vague and confused form of independent political action represented by the LaFollette third party movement, in favor of active participation in the capitalist parties.

As an explanation of this trend in the American labor movement, a trend which the last election campaign interrupted temporarily, and which finds additional expression in the launching of banking and insurance schemes on a purely profit-making basis by the union officialdom, the mere pointing out of individual labor officials as traitors does not suffice. On the surface of American working class political life these officials are only bubbles. We must look for the chemistry of social change that agitates the mixture and forces these evil-smelling bubbles to the top.

We find the real explanation in the new status of American capitalism as a world power. American capitalism has become the creditor of all the capitalist world—a stream of gold flows ever outward to needy nations in the form of loans and in consequence a new kind of income, interest on foreign loans and investments, shows itself in the credit balance of the ruling class.

Foreign investments carry with them the danger of war. Defaulting debtors must be whipped into line and encroachments on the fields of American financial influence by other imperialist nations must be fought.

Modern warfare, successful modern warfare—and success is the watchword of America—demands as its first requisite a docile working class. For the great mass of the working class the era of imperialism brings added hardships and increase the danger, for the ruling class, of revolt. A working class united in opposition to wars of conquest and the cause of these wars, is something that the rulers must find ways and means of preventing.

With a tremendous surplus from foreign investment, a huge portion of it derived from the robbery of colonial workers and peasants whose standard of living is much lower than that of the American workers, the ruling class proceeds to divide the labor movement by granting special favors, in the form of higher wages and better than average working conditions to certain strata of the working class, particularly among the organized workers.

It is not necessary even that the labor officials be bribed outright altho for quick results in an emergency, this is done. It is sufficient that workers who occupy key positions in important industries, notably transportation, be made to feel that their interests lie with an imperialist policy rather than in opposition to it. Right here we find the moving factor in all the schemes for class collaboration including the Johnston "B. and O." plan and the extension of it advocated by Lee.

But the class conflict is not abolished simply because a privileged section of the working class lines up with the imperialists. The conflict continues and ravages even the highest strata of labor. Revolt develops even here. It is necessary therefore to dismember the unions of well-paid workers and make of them an empty shell. They must be made an integral part of the capitalist organization in order that organized action in time of crisis becomes impossible. Company unions that can control every action of the workers are the only form of labor organization that imperialism will tolerate and it is trying, thru the Johnstons, Lees and other less outspoken advocates, to transform the railway unions into outright adjuncts of its political power.

We do not wish to give the impression that the Lees and Johnstons are consciously working to this end. This would be giving them credit for too much intelligence. It is probable that they do not even understand very well the real nature of the treacherous work they are doing. It is sufficient that they are middle class in outlook, with all the servility to the big bosses that all middle class elements manifest, willing to do anything that will keep them well-fed and respectable.

But these procurers for American capitalism are not doing as well as might be expected by those who realize the lack of class consciousness among the American workers. In Johnston's union a rank and file revolt has defeated him and in the convention of the Trainmen, Lee is having the fight of his life. His whole policy is challenged and the struggle has crystallized around a resolution for amalgamation brought in by a Minneapolis delegate.

So the American working class, even its labor aristocracy, is not so backward after all. The left wing movement gathers momentum day by day and any one who knows the A. B. C.'s of the American labor movement knows that when amalgamation becomes an issue in a convention of the Railway Trainmen there must be a great ferment at work whose internal stress will yet break the class collaboration bubbles, clear away the scum and leave the clear solution in which the revolutionary germ already there will begin to multiply.

# The Masterpiece of the Sofia Criminals

By V. KOLAROV.  
Secretary of the Communist International.

NOT long ago it was revealed that thousands of forms for the production of false "Comintern documents" had been printed by a printing shop in Berlin, at the order of a person who was in touch with the Russian monarchists. As we were informed, these forms had the following heading: at the left top corner, "E. C. C. I." illustration of sickle and hammer, below this "Central Section of the Department for Foreign Relations," space for date and number and "Moscow." Besides this, as is proper, at the right top corner "Proletarians of all countries, unite!" A few weeks ago the Bulgarian telegraph agency trumpeted thruout the world that the Bulgarian government had got hold of a "command of the Third, Communist International" to the Bulgarian Communist Party, according to which the C. P. of Bulgaria was to start an armed insurrection in Bulgaria on April 15. No more and no less! As is well known, the enlarged Executive of the Comintern detected the Sofia murderers and their forgers as early as April 6.

The Bulgarian papers of April 4, which are before us, contain the whole text of this "document," even in "facsimile," and we thus have the opportunity of being edified at the same time by the refined Jesuitism and the stupidity of the Balkan criminals. This is how the "document" is arranged:

E. C. C. I. Proletarians of all countries unite!  
(Illustration of sickle and hammer.)  
Central Section of the Department for Foreign Relations.  
March 12th, 1925. Destroy after carrying out instructions!  
No. 2960. Moscow.

WE herewith communicate to you that, in accordance with a resolution of the Communist Balkan Federation of the E. C. C. I. of March 12, 1925, you are immediately on the receipt of this letter, to get into direct touch with the comrade who is chairman of the supervising committee of your section in the Macedonian "Ouenia Ojuka Taueb," and to let him know that the Communist Balkan Federation, through the above resolution, confirmed the resolution of the Macedonian "Ouenia Ojuka Taueb" with regard to carrying out the verdict against Russinow and Garchitsch and agreed to entrust the execution of the resolution to Comrades Motjko and Kaschemirow as approved functionaries of the operative terrorits department.

Further you must on the basis of the same resolution, initiate all the comrades of the supervising committee of the Balkan center who are at

your immediate disposal, into the following:

1. From April 15th of this year, all the functionaries of the supervising committee of the Balkan center will be regarded as mobilized.
2. Those of you who are organized in groups of three, five and ten must, at the latest by midday of April 15th, communicate the order of mobilization to the comrades under your direction of work according to instruction No. 27,001 of the E. C. C. I. of May 10th, 1924.
3. The directors of the centers for the distribution of arms must, by 1 p. m., on April 15th, prepare the distribution of munitions in the quantities necessary for each district according to the statements of the district directors.
4. The arms will be distributed in the night of April 15-16, and must then be in the keeping of the leaders of groups of ten, on their personal responsibility.
5. In points 5, 6, 7 and 8, detailed instructions are given as to the tasks of the individual fighting subdivisions in the carrying out of this plan.
6. The members of the workers, and peasants' organizations, with whose action of the Macedonian "Ouenia Ojuka Taueb" will be brought into line, are to be informed that the slightest breach of the fighting orders will be punished on the spot by execution.

Point 10 is devoted to the connection between the individual bodies of troops.

THIS decree is to be communicated at once to the provincial department, and that with the use of code Al. Z. and while pointing out that the communication is to be destroyed as soon as read:

By order of the Executive of the Comintern  
A. Dorot,  
General Secretary of the Department for Foreign Relations. At the end of the document is the following postscript:

To Comrade Sotow!  
Communicate the verdict at once to Comrade Jantschew, translate the instructions in code Al. Z. and pass it on in the necessary numbers to the Department for secret Exp.  
To be preserved in my personal archives.  
No. 2960  
Moscow.

19. III. 1925.  
S. Buschalek  
Recd. No. 346a.  
19. III. 1925  
Department for general supervision of the depts. for Foreign Relations.

As we see, the international forgers

were quite indifferent to the fact that their plan was exposed from the beginning. They used the forged forms without reflecting that the Comintern, as an international organization can have no "Department for Foreign Relations," since the Communist parties are for it no "foreign" organizations, but their own sections. At the end of this monstrous "document" they put the signature of some imaginary A. Dorot. Without turning a hair, they, in this "document," passed a sentence of death on some unknown persons and "fixed on the executioners who were to carry out this verdict." And, to prove the genuineness of their production, they even added the mysterious words "Quena Ojuka Taueb" and go so far as to mention the "code Al. Z.," etc. The "Central Section" instructs the "Balkan Section" to pass on the decree—naturally in full—coded. At the same time, however, they write this decree in pure Russian!—obviously with the intention of making it possible for the hand of forgers to read it, should it "fall" into their hands. Otherwise, of course, it could not be exposed.

THE rulers of Sofia have, as is well known, declared war on their people: martial law, court martials, persecution of the "illegals" in the villages and in the towns, street fighting, daily murders and "suicides," persons disappearing without leaving a trace behind them, individuals jumping from the building of the secret police in Sofia, the houses of suspected persons being set on fire, wholesale arrests, barbaric tortures, etc. As, however, the government includes not only generals but also professors who appreciate the significance of the "moral element" in warfare, the above—more or less crudely Balkan measures—are not the only methods of fighting used, for they might rouse the indignation of "public opinion among the democratic powers." Other, finer, intellectual methods of fighting, i. e. "Zinoviev letters" are added which, as experience has shown, are not condemned even in countries possessing all the virtues, such as England. To do them justice, we must acknowledge that the Sofia strategists made use of this kind of weapon as early as during the preparations for their September attack in 1923, that is to say, a year earlier than the English conservatives; it is only now, however, that they have learned to handle this weapon in an accomplished and cold-blooded manner. The "Moscow order" published in Sofia is indeed their masterpiece.

At the very moment when the government has mobilized all its repressive and provocative forces, when, in the towns, in the villages and in the woods, thousands of workers and peasants are being chased to death under the pretext that they are "conspiring," when every-day workers and peasants are being shot down in the streets like many dogs—at this very moment the government publishes

"the order of the E. C. C. I." with regard to the declaration of the insurrection, which had been written on an exposed Berlin form. The moment has indeed been well chosen and the effect is tremendous. How is the Bulgarian petty bourgeois to know anything about the forged forms from Berlin? How could he, since not only the Communist, but every more or less independent press was suppressed long ago. No one in the country can write anything which is contrary to the orders of the Zankov police. And if, at any time, the forgery is exposed, it will be too late, as by that time the government will have attained its ends.

THE fact remains that the whole press has, with great eagerness, published this "document." With the exception of two papers which express a certain doubt as to its genuineness, all the rest of the papers, among them the social-democratic organ, represent it as a genuine document. The foreign correspondents who are well paid by the government, have communicated it to the foreign press. Bulgaria is represented as an unfortunate victim of the devilish plans of the Comintern, at the back of which, of course, is the Soviet government. The latter is said to have no less an object than that of wiping the Bulgarian people from the face of the earth. But the Zankov government stands like a guardian angel at its post and prevents the collapse of Bulgaria. Thus the band of murderers who, in the interests of a handful of bankers and speculators is terrorizing a whole people and physically exterminating the most self-conscious and active part of the people, are trying in the light of this "document" to represent themselves as a group of self-sacrificing "heroes" and "saviors of the country." In this way they obtain: excuplation of the crimes they have committed, a free hand for further shedding of blood, the concession to increase their army and, as the result of all this—a temporary strengthening of their power. Is not the political success of this "Zinoviev letter" sufficient to encourage the Zankov band to manufacture similar "documents" in future?

HOWEVER important this "success" may be, it will not enable the Sofia leeches to establish their power for long. A large dose is not always the most helpful. When the government resorted to this monstrous forgery, it was only because its situation was desperate, hopeless and that heroic means were needed to save it.

We are firmly convinced that the masses and the Communist Party will preserve their self-control in the face of the devilish attempts of the bands of provocative agents, whose power is shaken to its foundations. In the atmosphere of blood and forgery which the government creates and the general discontent, to which it gives rise, as well as in the defensive of the working masses, the bands of murderers will soon be exterminated.

## Communist Colonial Policy in Practice

AM is not going well for French imperialism in the Rifian war. The facts of mutinies among the French troops and general disaffection in the whole expeditionary force are escaping the censorship.

The war is unpopular among the French workers and the peasants see in it only an excuse for further heavy taxation. Recruiting is slow and the Communist Party is leading the agitation against enlistments.

As usual the ministry of war tried to create the impression that only a few minor battles would be necessary to crush the Rifians, but it is a matter of public knowledge now that not only have the French forces suffered severe defeats, but that at the best a huge army and many months will be required for victory and even with this extensive and costly preparation victory is not certain.

A speedy defeat of the Rifians would cause comparatively few complications at home, but this is impossible and the longer the struggle continues the more restive become the tribesmen in other French possessions and the French populace. Coupled with the precarious state of French finances this latest venture creates a real crisis.

In the old days such projects could be conducted with more or less secrecy and even if known did not result in great disaffection in the ranks of the working class. The parties of the Second International never thought of aiding the liberation movements in the colonies of their respective countries and the imperialists could crush uprisings with ease and dispatch.

But the situation has changed. The colonial peoples have a new outlook since the world war. They have become accustomed to the use of weapons of modern warfare and the Communist parties extend every possible aid to them. The working class in the imperialist nations are not in accord with these adventures of their rulers for which they are recruited and for which they must pay either with their lives or in lowered standards of living.

So far these colonial movements are more or less sporadic and lacking in unity. But the tendency is to unite in the common struggle against imperialism and every extension of imperialist oppression, as the French war on the Riffs, brings more unity among the colonial peoples.

With the working class in France and the colonial peoples working in harmony against the bloody system of robbery, French capitalism is confronted with a power that it cannot crush.

The extension of this united front to include the workers of all imperialist nations and all colonial and semi-colonial peoples means the victory of the world revolution, a world Soviet Republic.

Get a member for the Workers Party and a new subscription for the DAILY WORKER.

## Why Wall Street Laughs

President Calles of Mexico breaks strikes and smashes unions and the Mexican Federation of Labor issues manifestos to the workers telling them to like it.

So it is that Calles is a popular hero in the American capitalist press and the idol of the yellow socialists.

His latest exploit is to break the strike of Huasteca oil workers and come out openly against them in their endeavor to force concessions from foreign oil capitalists. This also has the support of the Mexican labor fakers and it must bring a grin of glee to the faces of the Wall Streeters to see the whole-hearted co-operation and profitable returns they are getting from the money invested in, first, subsidizing the officialdom of the American Federation of labor and secondly in its Americanizing of the Mexican labor movement thru its officials and the socialist hangers-on.

It is a far cry from Mexico to Ireland, but the similarity in role and method between the Free State government and the Calles regime is too obvious to be overlooked. Both murder the most militant workers and sell the rest to their imperialist masters while the labor officialdom of both nations not only applauds but conspires to weaken and destroy all resistance in the ranks of the working class.

The Communist Party of Mexico alone points out to the working class the treacherous role of their leaders and points to the path of struggle which they must follow.

Every day get a "sub" for the DAILY WORKER and a member for the Workers Party.

## WORKERS PARTY CONDUCTS FREE SPEECH FIGHT

### Holds Meeting Tonight Where Police Interfered

The Workers (Communist) Party will hold an open air meeting tonight on the corner of Orchard St. and North Ave., to establish the right of the workers to speak on the streets of Chicago. The police have on two Saturday nights arrested Workers Party speakers on this corner. Four weeks ago D. E. Early was arrested on a charge of "disorderly conduct," and two weeks ago Thurber Lewis, Karl Reeve and John Hecker were jailed, charged with speaking on the streets "without a permit." The city ordinance which required a permit for street speaking, was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court many years ago. No meeting was held last Saturday night on account of cold weather.

At tonight's meeting J. Louis Engdahl, editor of the DAILY WORKER, and Manuel Gomez, will speak.

Other open air meetings will be conducted by the Workers Party tonight on the following corners: Division and Washtenaw—Speakers, William F. Kruse and Barney Mass 12th and Marshfield Sts.—Jack McCarthy and Karl Reeve. 12th and St. Louis—D. E. Early and Sam Hammersmark. 30th and State—Robert Minor and E. L. Doty.

Baku Fair Attracts Far East MOSCOW, (By Mail).—According to information given by the Russo-Oriental chamber of commerce, a great number of applications have been filed with the chamber by Turkish and Afghan merchants wishing to participate in this year's Baku fair. Accordingly, the Russo-Oriental chamber of commerce has asked the competent authorities for an extension to Turkey and Afghanistan of the special privileges and facilities granted for the Baku fair to Persian merchants.

Does your friend subscribe to the DAILY WORKER? Ask him!



## BUILDERS AT WORK

### The Daily Campaign List Keeps Growing

#### SUBS RECEIVED ON MAY 21:

- OAKLAND, CALIF.—P. B. Cowdery (6).
- CINCINNATI, O.—M. Esterkin (4).
- ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Fred Eickhoff (4).
- "THE WORKER," TORONTO, CAN.—(4).
- BUFFALO, N. Y.—S. Katz (3); J. Sans; Jack Soininen.
- NEW YORK, N. Y.—Katterfeld (2); L. Niebrif; C. O. Peterson.
- HARTFORD, CONN.—Geo. J. Epstein.
- GALVESTON, TEX.—A. M. Algelco.
- CHICAGO, ILL.—M. Auerbach (2).
- INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—W. F. Jackman (2).
- KANSAS CITY, KAN.—M. Saras.
- BOSTON, MASS.—Anna Jancy.
- S. PAUL, MINN.—H. Seklund.
- BALTIMORE, MD.—Philip Chatzky.
- ST. LOUIS, MO.—H. Stoltz.
- BENTLEYVILLE, PA.—Adam Getto.

## This Is a Different Challenge

### WILL COMRADE BLOCK OF CINCINNATI ACCEPT?

Many builders have gone out to get subs and then challenged others to get what they got and the challenges have produced and are producing results.

But Comrade Meyer Esterkin goes further. He not only got subs but means to get more and has the audacity to challenge no less a person than the City DAILY WORKER Agent himself! A brave builder indeed and here is his open and unashamed defiance:

Comrades:—I'll bet Comrade Goodman Block one year's subscription to the WORKERS MONTHLY that he will not get as many subs as I will during this campaign. I hope you will take up this challenge Comrade Block!

Yours for filling the quota—to build for Communism,

MEYER ESTERKIN

Now what do you say Comrade Block? Let the DAILY WORKER hear from you at once that you accept and mean to play h—avoc with this bold builder Comrade Esterkin. IS THE RACE ON?

## THREE DIE IN 2ND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS STORM

### Destitute Workers Are Again Hit

CENTRALIA, Ill., May 22.—Two persons were killed here in an electrical storm that swept the southern part of the state, inflicting severe damage to crops and homes of workers already made destitute by the tornado which cost several hundred lives early in the year. Homes were demolished, trees uprooted, and other severe damage done.

The dead are M. B. Kesterson and his wife, Laura. One man was reported killed in McLeansboro.

At Fairman, a dozen houses were unroofed, small structures were overturned, and window panes shattered. Outlying rural districts reported a heavy crop damage.

Fifty thousand dollars worth of property was reported destroyed in Marion. Many houses were wrecked.

Burlington Train Overturns.

BROOKFIELD, Mo., May 22.—One man was killed and two others, all members of the crew, injured when a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy passenger train derailed and overturned several miles west of Novinger, Missouri, early today. Fireman Robert Watson, of Milan, was killed outright, pinned beneath the locomotive. Engineer Harry Kendall of Milan, and Baggageman C. F. Lewis were cut and bruised when they leaped from the train. No passengers were injured, but panic ensued when the entire train stalled on the brink of a steep embankment.

Italy Would Reduce Debt to U. S.

ROME, Italy, May 22.—Mussolini will ask the United States government to reduce the debt of Italy, to reapportion the debts among the victor nations according to what each got out of the war in the way of plunder, it was made known here after a speech of the fascist dictator before the senate. A small rate of interest will also be asked.