

# MUSSOLINI CALLS HIMSELF THE STATE

## FRANK FARRINGTON'S MACHINE AIDING CAPITALIST COURT TO SEND UNION MINERS TO PRISON

By MAX SHACHTMAN.  
(By I. L. D. Press Service)

ZEIGLER, Ill., Nov. 29.—"The entire resources of the organization will be used to bring those to justice who so dastardly attacked the sub-district officials in the discharge of their duties," was the substance of a telegram sent by Frank Farrington to E. B. Hewlett, one of a committee of three appointed by Orient, Ill., Local 303 of the United Mine Workers to protest to Farrington against the action of sub-district officials bringing to court for prosecution twenty Zeigler miners.

The union miners not only of Orient but of the entire county of Franklin and outside of it are aroused by what is known far and wide to be a frame-up against the progressive miners of Zeigler Local No. 992. The militant membership of Zeigler has always been one of the sharpest thorns in the side of the Farrington machine's attempt at undisputed and autocratic rule.

Farrington Aids Frame-Up.

Farrington is now actively aiding the prosecution to railroad the defendants to the penitentiary. The growing resentment against the actions of Lon Fox and Del Cobb, miners' sub-district officials who are backing the prosecution and bringing the charges, is being answered by Farrington in the words he telegraphed to Orient.

The miners here point out that Farrington conveniently overlooks the years of attacks made by himself and the sub-district machine against the Zeigler officials whom he has finally suspended. The constant robbing of elections and general reign of terror experienced by the local unionists for insisting on their rights and duties as members of the United Mine Workers of America receive no mention from Farrington, who inspired these attacks himself. (Continued on page 2)

## CAROLINA JAIL OFFICIAL KILLS NEGRO CONVICTS

### Prison Head Brutally Beats Inmates

(Special to The Daily Worker)

ALBEMARLE, N. C., Nov. 29.—Tales of most brutal and revolting beatings of Negro convicts for minor infractions of prison discipline are now being related in the trial of M. C. Hanford, Stanley county convict superintendent. Witness after witness that has been called to the box have described the cruel beatings that Hanford has given Negro convicts.

Die Within Few Hours

Many of the convicts were beaten so unmercifully that they died within a few hours of the beatings.

Two of the white convicts in the prison testified that they had seen two Negroes beaten by the superintendent in one afternoon and that both of these men died on the same night.

Died From "Overheat."

Dr. C. M. Lentz testified that he had examined the negroes on the evening of their death and denied that these men were beaten and stated that the prison superintendent and the wardens had told him that the men had died from "overheat."

The judge scored this attempt of the doctor to make light of the death of these two Negroes and asked him whether he had ever heard of any negroes dying from "overheat."

It was finally brought out that the men had died as a result of the wounds inflicted by the inhuman beating delivered them much to the discomfort of the jail superintendent.

Inquisition Tortures Used.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 29.—Methods approximating the torture devices of the inquisition were revealed to be in operation in Georgia prisons to "discipline" convicts for infractions of jail rules was exposed in a report by the sub-committee of the Georgia house of representatives penitentiary committee on conditions in Georgia prisons. In one camp prisoners were backed up to a post and their arms chained behind it. The arms were then fastened as high as possible and the chains hooked to nails. The prisoner was left in this suspended position for several hours.

Use "Sweat" Boxes.

In another camp prisoners were fastened to a hollow box so that they could not move their arms. Molasses was smeared over their exposed faces and they were left powerless to brush away the flies attracted by the molasses. "Stock and sweat boxes" were found in other camps, the report pointed out.

## Leningrad Province Opens 900 Libraries in Rural Districts

LENINGRAD, U. S. S. R.—The provincial political education department is opening 900 new rural district and itinerant libraries in the villages in the Leningrad province. The Leningrad State Publishing House is issuing more than one million cheap books on agriculture, Soviet legislation, co-operation etc. The price of these books has been fixed 4 to 6 kopeks.

## STUDENTS OF PEKING STAGE BIG PROTEST

### Demand Arming of the Toiling Masses

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PEKING, China, Nov. 29.—Demanding that Tuan Chi-jui, provisional president resign, distributing literature of the left wing section of the Kuomintang or people's nationalist party, calling for the overthrow of the militarist government which is but the tool of foreign imperialists, the disbanding of the regular armies and the arming of the workers, and the dissolution of the so-called "tariff conference" now being held, thousands of revolutionary students filled the streets of Peking today.

Students in Action.

They concentrated on the officials of the corrupt provisional government. They entered and turned inside out the houses of seven prominent government officials, including the home of the chief of police, the Chinese finance minister and the chief secretary of the cabinet. They pulled out one high dignitary from an automobile and gave him a beating. The defense commissioner of the metropolitan area, Lu Chung Lin, has declared martial law as an attempt to check the demonstrations by students, but it is well known that no power in China can stand against the will of the students, especially when they are joined with the organized proletariat, which wholeheartedly supports the red Kuomintang and the nationalist liberation movement to oust all foreign imperialist domination.

Mutineers Dig In.

Kuo Sung-lien, the leader of 100,000 mutineer troops of Chang Tso-lin, has established headquarters at Chinwangtao on the Chihli coast. A battle is expected between his troops and Chang's "loyal" white guards at Shanhaikwan.

Altho Japan has protested loudly that she is "neutral" in the matter of Chang being put down and out by mutinous troops, the destroyer Tachibana has been ordered to sail from Port Arthur to Chinwanto, the headquarters of the mutiny, to "protect Japanese nationals employed there."

Your neighbor will appreciate the favor—give him this copy of the DAILY WORKER.

## Young Communist International Approves Unity Resolution

THE National Executive Committee of the Young Workers (Communist) League has received the following cablegram from the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International in regard to the resolution of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party and the National Executive Committee of the Young Workers (Communist) League on the question of unification of the party and the league for work among the masses:

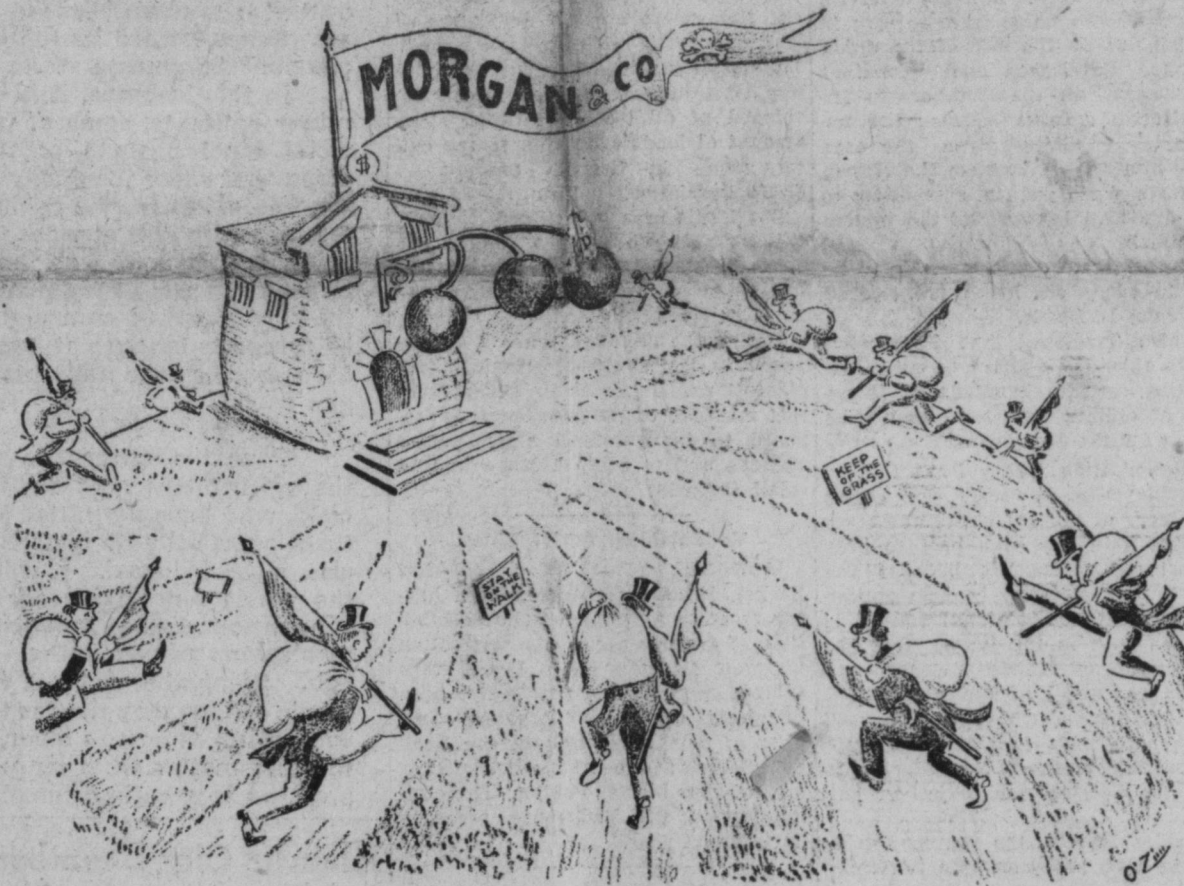
Moscow, U. S. S. R., Nov. 27, 1925.

Young Workers League of America, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

EXECUTIVE Committee Young Communist International greets establishment of unity Young Workers League of America for struggle against right danger and commencement of mass work. Urges immediate application of unity resolution thruout league and energetic fight for liquidation of factions and unity in Workers Party. Calls on all members Young Workers League to unite in unity resolution Central Executive Committee for mass work.

Executive Committee, Young Communist International, Vuyovitch, Gyptner.

## THE UNIVERSAL "UNCLE"



Morgan Is Pawnbroker for All the Bankrupt Capitalist Nations.

## ZEIGLER MINERS FIGHT THIEVING COAL OPERATORS

### Bosses Frame Militant Union Leaders

By MAX SHACHTMAN.  
I. L. D. Press Service.

ZEIGLER, Ill., Nov. 29.—The struggle of the miners for each ton of coal they send up into the world looms in the background of the frame-up and trial of the twenty Zeigler progressives.

The bitter battle of the United Mine Workers of America to incorporate into state legislation and into contracts with the coal operators a point providing for an accurate weighing of each ton of coal as it comes on the scale has become a victory that depends upon the militancy of the check weighman who is elected and paid by the membership of every local union.

Miners Cheated at Scales.

For some time, the checkweighman at the Bell and Zoller mine in Zeigler complained of the fact that the miners were not being given correct weights for their loadings. The progressive administration of Local 992 therefore provided him with an assistant checkweighman who was able to take tally of the cars as they were run over the scales. The weigh boss, who had been running the cars over the scales so swiftly that the indicator was never

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## MINERS! RALLY TO THE DEFENSE OF FRAMED-UP ZEIGLER COALDIGGERS!

I. L. D. Press Service.

ZEIGLER, Ill., Nov. 29.—The members of the Zeigler Local, 992, of the United Mine Workers of America who are under indictment and bond upon one or more of the four charges in the trial which opens at Benton Monday, are as follows: Henry Corbishley, Frank Corbishley, Bert Faehling, Oscar Farthing, Pete Blazin, Steve Meanovich, Matt Crnovcich, Ed Wise, Ed Malcski, John Lake, Frank Skibinski, Stanley Pauraz, William Bartash, Ignatz Simich, Martin Simich, R. B. Slivonson, Marian Soyat, Walter Bielski and Mike Karadic.

The prosecution itself moved in the preliminary hearings that ten of the defendants originally named be discharged. One of the defendants, Frank Corbishley, brother of the deposed president of the local, is being held under all four charges: Assault with intent to murder; conspiracy to murder; murder in the first degree in the case of Mike Sarovich; and intent to murder in the case of Heza Hindman. These charges against young Corbishley are typical of the entire Zeigler frame-up; he was not even present in the hall when the fighting or shooting took place.

If you want to thoroughly understand Communism—study it.

## NEW TERRORIST LAWS ENACTED TO PROTECT ITALIAN TYRANT AS HE THREATENS OTHER NATIONS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

ROME, Italy, Nov. 29.—Mussolini and his cut-throat fascists are held in such widespread contempt here that more and more stringent laws are passed every session of the chamber in order to defend the tyrant from the open denunciation of all sections of the population. Yesterday a portion of the new fascist legislative program was adopted and the chamber of deputies adjourned until Wednesday when the remainder of the program will be adopted. Of the ten articles already adopted one of them increases the dictatorship of Mussolini and attempts to protect him from political attacks by providing a penalty of fifteen years' imprisonment for anyone who "insults" the premier or tries to injure his reputation in any manner.

Another part of the laws adopted reaches beyond the confines of Italy and strikes at those property owners who have been driven from the country for anti-fascist activity. This part of the new laws decrees that any person outside Italy criticizing the fascist regime will have his property within Italy confiscated.

This is recognized as a blow at the Garibaldi's who have not renounced the traditions of the first Garibaldi who bears an illustrious name among certain classes in Italy.

Cannot Describe Tyrant.

Communists here point out that laws against insulting Mussolini are ludicrous because the series of bestial acts of Mussolini are of such a character that it is not possible to calumniate him. He has committed all crimes known to mankind and new words will have to be invented to describe some of his despicable acts against the people of Italy. It is not possible to describe him, to say nothing of reviling him.

He has managed to pervert parliament to such a degree that he cannot (Continued on page 2)

## ARBITRATION IS PINCHOT'S NEW BETRAYAL

### Miners' Heads Consider Proposal Today

(Special to The Daily Worker)

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 29.—Gov. Pinchot of Pennsylvania is again trying to betray the anthracite miners into arbitration as he did in 1923.

In a proposition laid before President John L. Lewis and the executive committee of the miners' union, who are to consider it Monday, Pinchot makes the first move for betrayal, the first proposal always made by an enemy of any strikers—"go back to work at existing conditions, and accept the award of arbitration when it is made later."

Grants no Concessions.

Pinchot proposes no concession to the union and his proposals may well have been written by the mine owners. Not only no concessions are given, but he asks the miners to bind themselves to at least a five-year contract in a time when the cost of living is steadily rising.

Pinchot's main bid for the support of his anti-union scheme is his proposal that under all circumstances there be no increase in price. He plays up artfully the alleged interests of the "consumers."

But the governor offers very little indeed—nothing in fact—to the union. He creates a "board of arbitration" of two from each side, these four to choose three more "impartial" members, all seven to decide "whether the operators can pay increase in wages without an advance in the price of coal." The award to be made in six months, retroactive to the resumption of work.

Wants Open Shops.

Pinchot's proposal gives no comfort to those who thought that he would agree to sponsor the union check-off of dues and thus get, formally, at least, a closed shop. He says:

"Full recognition of the union, the check-off, shall not be granted by the operators, but any operator shall honor the voluntary individual written request of any member to assign the amount of his present union dues." (Continued on page 2)

## I. T. U. FAKERS REFUSE TO DINE AT UNION HOUSE

### Chamber of Commerce to Be Host

By A Worker Correspondent

Spokane, Wash.—Despite all efforts of the local Cooks and Waiters Union to get visiting officials of the International Typographical Union to dine at a union house, these labor-fakers will banquet at a scab hotel as guests of the local chamber of commerce.

One union restaurant even offered to close its doors to the public for the time being, just to make it especially pleasant for these so-called "union" leaders, so that they could do their feasting for once in their lives, at least, in a fair restaurant. But the chamber of commerce and scab joints are more to the taste of this motley crew.

J. Ford White, president, and Albert Leslie, secretary, of the local I. T. U., are in charge of the entertainment of the officials, who are James M. Lynch, I. T. U. president; J. W. Hays, secretary-treasurer; and Seth R. Brown, vice-president.

"It promises to be a red letter day in the history of Local 193," comments a local scab sheet, in referring to the chamber of commerce banquet for the reactionary officials, to be held in the largest scab hotel in the city.

## VOICE OF FRENCH YOUNG WORKERS AND PEASANTS IS HEARD AT THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF FRENCH TOILING YOUTH

FRANCE, (By Mail)—The walls of the great hall at Grange-aux-Belles, Paris, where the First National Congress of the Proletarian and Peasant Youth of France was held by the vanguard of the French toiling youth—the Young Communist League of France, were covered with banners carrying the following flaming messages:

"In France—the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie; long hours, miserable wages, the worst hygienic conditions, the Moroccan and the Syrian wars, oppression and brutality of the bosses, no vacations, eighteen months in the barracks!"

"In Soviet Russia—the dictatorship of the proletariat; for the youth a working day of from two to six hours, the best sanitary measures in the factories, sport and playgrounds, plenty, universities for workers, workers' faculties, technical education." (Continued on page 6)

## Azerbaijan Miners Will Build Rest Home

(Special to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Nov. 29.—The Miners' Union in Azerbaijan this year distributes the fund to raise the standard of living of the workers as follows: 300,000 rubles to build sanatoria and rest homes, 100,000 rubles to build hydropathic institutes, 30,000 rubles for co-operatives and 816,000 rubles to build private dwellings.

# VON HINDENBURG SIGNS LOCARNO 'PEACE' PACTS

## Means Germany Is Vassal of Britain

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
BERLIN, Germany, Nov. 29.—President von Hindenburg signed the Locarno treaties enabling bill yesterday evening and also the bill providing for Germany's entry into the league of nations.

Berlin envoys have already left for London where the pacts will be signed on December 1.

Communists are increasing their agitation against the pacts, declaring that they tend to make the German working class the pawns of British imperialism in its efforts to dominate the world.

### Government to Resign.

As soon as the pacts are signed the Luther-Stresemann government, according to prearranged plans, will resign and a new government will be organized. It is thought that Hindenburg will have difficulty obtaining a premier who can create a government that will be able to cope with the internal situation which is momentarily becoming more serious.

# American Movie Picture Magnates Gain Control of German Productions

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—The American movie picture interests in the Universal Pictures corporation have gained control of the Universe Film association of Germany and have drawn up an agreement as to the showing of German films in America and American films in Germany and the other parts of Europe where the German corporation had the right to exhibit its movies.

The American movie interests were able to gain control of the German Independent Producing company thru loaning the Universe Film association \$3,750,000.

Thru this means the American movie picture interests have succeeded in breaking down competition in the European market and have established a monopoly.

# SWEDISH GOVERNMENT RE-AFFIRMS SENTENCE OF COMMUNIST EDITOR

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Nov. 29.—The sentence of four months' imprisonment upon O. N. Engren, editor of the Stockholm Communist daily Folkets Dagbladet, for his attack on the president of Finland and the Finnish government for jailing a number of active Communists, has been confirmed by the Swedish government.

The Dagbladet in an article commenting on the sentence passed by the Swedish government, declares that it will defy any attempts to muzzle its exposures of the character of the Finnish government.

# REACTIONARY MINE UNION HEAD SEEKS TO PREJUDICE SENTIMENT BY SUSPENSION OF CORBISHLY

By MAX SHACHTMAN.  
(I. L. P. Press Service.)

ZEIGLER, Ill., Nov. 29.—A new act of treachery against the men on trial now in the Zeigler frame-up was accomplished today by the Fox-Cobb-controlled sub-district executive board of the United Mine Workers. Recording Secretary George Thornton, of Zeigler Local 992, has received official notification from the sub-district president of the suspension for six months of Henry Corbishly, Matt Crnoevich, Frank Skibinski and Walter Bielsky.

The action is allegedly based upon charges presented to the sub-district executive board by "Lige" Walker, Farrington's special agent in Zeigler, against the signers of a leaflet entitled "The Facts About Zeigler." The charges had been previously thrown out by the trial committee of the local union. The leaflet contained an effective and truthful story of the incidents leading up to the latest occurrence in Zeigler and placed the blame for the matter on the shoulders of those to whom it belonged.

**Part of Frame-up.**  
"Everyone knows why this decision was made right now," declared Henry Corbishly, deposed president of the local and one of the leading defendants in the case. "The Farrington machine wants to show in court we're such bad disrupters of the union that we had to be suspended for six months, and in this way they hope to prejudice the judge and jury against us. The same men who are behind our frame-up are behind this suspension."

"It's significant that when we await a decision on some question of wages or of the checkweighman affecting the interests of the miners it takes from two to three months, in spite of the fact that the sub-district office at West Frankfort is less than an hour away from Zeigler. This suspension decision was made a little over a week ago and is timed to take place just before the actual opening of the trial."

"We had to get the truth to the miners and the public somehow," continued Corbishly, "and there isn't a paper in the county that would print our stories. Lon Fox and Del Cobb see to that. There was only one thing we could do, and we did it, because we're entitled to it. We printed this leaflet to let everyone know what actually happened in Zeigler."

**Will Fight an Appeal.**  
The suspended members have announced their intention of appealing to the district executive board, and if necessary to the international executive board or the international convention.

It is openly stated here by supporters of the prosecution that the actual charges and issues will be evaded by the prosecution and that every effort will be made to base their side of the case on the "Bolshevik scare" and the "red menace" in the hope of prejudicing a jury which is likely to be made up mainly of farmers from the other side of the county.

In private conversations, Farrington men admit that the basis of the indictments lies in the fact that the coal operators in Zeigler were out to get rid of the local progressive union officials led by Corbishly because of the latter's insistence on correct weighing of coal and wages to the miners in accordance.

The frame-up against them is the result of the co-operation which the ku klux klan and the Farrington-Fox machine is giving to the owners of the huge Bell and Zoller mine No. 1.

# CUBA'S EXHIBITS DO NOT INCLUDE ENSLAVED PEONS

## Imperialists Display Commodities Only

By ESTHER LOWELL.

NEW YORK—(FP)—The first booth one sees at the Cuban exposition in New York is that of the National City Bank of New York. From it one passes to exhibits of West India Oil Co., another ramification, as National City bank is, of Rockefeller interests. One sees the displays of General Electric of Cuba, Otis Elevator Co., American Car & Foundry Co., Munson Steamship lines, International Nickel Co., National Sugar Refining Co., etc. one big American concern after another until the wonder is where Cuba comes in.

But Cuba is there, in the corner of the Pennsylvania Hotel roof, with a government exhibit of the island's rich possibilities for American exploiters. But nowhere in the exhibit is there an indication of the status of Cuban workers, except in the United States commerce department's booth. Here one finds a report on Living and Operating Expense in Cuba. Natives get from \$30 to \$50 to \$100 less per month than white clerks, bookkeepers, stenographers and salesmen.

"Unskilled day laborers are paid from \$60 to \$75 per month, though more liberal employers may pay as high as \$3 per day," reads the official U. S. report. "Porters receive a minimum of about \$60 per month."

Domestic servants are paid \$30 per month for maids, \$35 for cooks and \$50 to \$60 for chauffeurs, with meals. Gardeners are paid from \$3 to \$5 per day.

The other side of Cuba is supplied in Dollar Diplomacy, the book by Scott Nearing and Joseph Freeman.

# CLEVELAND WORKERS HEAR OF MINE STRIKE ON TUESDAY EVENING

CLEVELAND, Ohio Nov. 29.—The workers of Cleveland will be able to gain a good insight into the real struggle of the anthracite coal miners in Pennsylvania at the meeting that has been arranged to take place Tuesday evening, December 1, 8 p. m., Insurance Center Building, 1783 East Eleventh St., corner Walnut Ave. Room 601 at which Comrade Pat H. Toohy, member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Workers' (Communist) League and youthful strike leader, will tell of the problems that the striking miners face in the present crisis.

# Farrington, Illinois Head of Miners, Aids the Capitalist Courts

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shooting of a progressive Zeigler miner by a known klanman who is being shielded by the Farrington-Fox machine, and the illegal and provocative actions of Fox and Cobb, are also permitted to go by the board in the anxiety of Farrington to rid himself of his union opponents.

### Quite a Difference.

Local attorneys and union men are indicating a significant comparison between the Herrin cases and the Zeigler cases. In the Herrin trial all of the legal talent and financial resources of the union were thrown in the balance on the side of the union defense. Farrington made constant assessments on the membership for the Herrin defense because the nationwide publicity given the case drove him into it, because the Herrin unionists were not in opposition to him, and also because, as the miners explain, he was building up a good reputation for himself in order to be able to carry on his current feud with John L. Lewis.

It also developed that Farrington has to this day refused to make accounting for the hundreds of thousands of dollars collected from the miners for the Herrin men.

### Miners' Own Money Pays Bill.

In this case, however, the entire machinery of the union, the operators and the klan has been brot to bear against the defendants because the latter's policies have been in opposition to those of the officialdom. It is common talk in the county that the district and sub-district treasurers are at the command of the prosecution and that miners' money will be used to pay attorneys to assist the state prosecuting attorney, Roy Martin, to send the Zeigler men to jail or gallows.

Besides Martin, the prosecution is said to have assisting in the court Mr. W. P. Seeber, a former United Mine Workers' attorney, A. C. Lewis, a U. M. W. attorney, Rufus Nealy, hired by the U. M. W. and it is declared that added to these will be George R. Stone, another U. M. W. attorney, with the likelihood that Angus Kerr, chief counsel for the district executive board, who defended the Herrin miners, will be brot here to prosecute the miners of Zeigler. Every one of these lawyers, as well as Farrington's whole machine, are republicans and supporters of Governor Small.

### Farrington Knives Defense.

Farrington, who has made arrangements for this imposing legal array to put thru the frame-up, has also taken precautions to prevent the defendants from raising funds for their defense. He is interpreting the constitutional clause which declares that locals may expend their funds only for the benefit of the union to mean that they cannot give a penny for the Zeigler defense, since the men involved are "disrupters and red-necks."

Dozens of sympathetic locals know that the minute they vote a donation to the defense will mean the beginning of a similar campaign against them as has been waged against every one that has dared to stand for progressive policies in the union.

The defense is finding it difficult to raise the necessary fund among the miners who have not worked for months and sometimes a couple of years at a time. They are depending upon the workers thruout the country to come to their aid in this case thru contributions to the International Labor Defense which is helping them in their trial. Generous aid is immediately needed by these courageous men who are fighting their honest battle against such desperate odds.

### Build the DAILY WORKER.

Read—Write—distribute The DAILY WORKER.

# Whole Working Class Must Realize Anthracite Coal Strike Is Its Affair

By J. LOUIS ENGDAL.

TODAY, the mine barons whistle for courage at the threat of the mine workers that the soft coal fields will come out in sympathy with the anthracite strikers now entering their fourth month of battle. At first John Hays Hammond, the leader of the anthracite mine owners, claimed the strike of the 158,000 Pennsylvania hard coal diggers could easily be broken thru the use of substitutes, especially oil and bituminous coal. Now the mine owners, facing a soft coal strike, put up the bluff that enuf bituminous coal can be mined in the non-union fields to supply the demands of the entire nation.

There are two big facts that the mine barons do not admit publicly, even tho they may realize it among themselves. These are:

First: That great masses of mine workers in the unorganized fields are ready to strike. In fact the coal miners in West Virginia have been waging brilliant struggles during the past year; struggles that still continue.

Second: Coal supplies are useless unless they can be hauled over the railroads to the market. A bituminous coal strike would furnish another opportunity to develop solidarity between the railroaders and the mine workers; in spite of the officialdom.

In fact the anthracite strike that was called to better the working conditions of the 158,000 miners in a small area in Pennsylvania may develop into a nation-wide labor struggle of great proportions.

President John L. Lewis of the miners' union forced the mine owners into their present attempted bold front, thru his letter to President Coolidge threatening the walk-out of the soft coal miners. It is said that Coolidge is still considering the letter from the mine workers' president; that he will have a reply to make to it. It is not expected that this reply will be conciliatory in the least.

As usual Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, is again trying to trick the anthracite strikers into a position where they will accept a compromise to the liking of the coal profiteers.

Thus the anthracite strike is developing into a class battle of major importance. The holiday atmosphere that was claimed for it, in early September, is completely dissipated as the grim clash between the mine workers and mine owners rushes toward its full implications. The so-called "suspension" becomes a strike of the first magnitude.

In this instance, it is well to remember that it was the miner militants, some of whom were sent to jail by the judicial stool pigeons of the coal interests, who urged the steps that must inevitably be taken in the strike, if it is to become effective, the calling out of the thousands of maintenance men still at work, and the spread of the struggle to the soft coal fields. As the strike continues, even the reactionary officials of the miners' union, who join the bosses in their red-baiting campaigns against the progressives, will be forced to espouse at least some of the demands that have been made by the militants since the beginning of the struggle.

Thus the anthracite strike becomes more and more the affair of the rank and file and less the affair of the officials, who have permitted no meetings of strikers and given them practically no opportunity to voice their views on policies to be followed. It will also become more the affair of the whole American labor movement. The Atlantic City convention of the American Federation of Labor passed resolutions of sympathy. That was almost two months ago. Sympathy will not help the anthracite strikers very much. What they need is the co-operation, in every possible way, of all American labor, in order to win the present conflict, no matter what its proportions may become, and then press on to greater triumphs.

# BRIAND AGAIN ORGANIZES A FRENCH CABINET

## Eight Times Premier of France

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PARIS, Nov. 29.—Aristide Briand, eighth times premier of France, has finally succeeded in creating a cabinet out of the wreckage of the Painleve cabinet that a week ago fell for the second time within a month.

Briand will retain his post of foreign minister while acting as premier. The new cabinet is simply a reshuffling of the old one with a slight swing to the right. Former Premier Georges Leygues is the only member added to the cabinet and is from the right. Painleve is to be minister of war, to continue his bloody assault against Syria, which is one of the fundamental necessities of French policy.

### Herriot Fails.

It is generally conceded that Briand maneuvered the past week so that he could gain a majority in the chamber and that his suggestion that the president call in Paul Doumer, whom he knew could not organize a government, would give him time to realign the forces in the chamber. Not being prepared to assume the task when Doumer failed it is known that Briand induced President Doumergue to call in Eduard Herriot, former premier and head of the left bloc, knowing that Herriot would also fail. These two failures and the disorganized condition of the government since a week ago Friday gave Briand a chance to break the left bloc, to isolate the Herriot party and obtain a majority.

In this art of political trickery Briand is a past master, but not even his astute manipulation of parties within the chamber can assure a tranquil regime. The economic and financial condition of the country will doom his cabinet to a short and hectic life. Communists are convinced that the present alignment in the chamber is not permanent and that conditions will force the collapse of the government and soon force a general demand for new elections.

# Cincinnati Unions to Find Capitalist Laws Don't Work for Labor

(Special to The Daily Worker)

CINCINNATI—(FP)—"Under proper administration justice will be promoted by holding that labor unions can both sue as a union and be sued," rules Judge Robert S. Marx of the Cincinnati superior court. "The unions maintain offices, collect dues and assessments, have large strike funds and use a seal in official correspondence."

The ruling forces Motion Picture Operators Local 165 and Bakers Local 213 to proceed with their defense in court. The movie union is sued for \$10,000 by George Kiser who found it difficult to find a job at his trade in Cincinnati after he got in wrong with the Pittsburgh local. The bakers are sued for \$4,000 by an openshop master baker who objects to union pickets outside his shop.

# Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce Angered by Expose of Pageant

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 29.—The Atlantic City chamber of commerce is filing a libel suit for \$2,000,000 in the New York supreme court against the MacFadden Publications, Inc., for a series of articles in the New York Evening Graphic which exposed the beauty pageant held in Atlantic City as an advertising stunt and stated that the pageant had been fixed and the winners had been decided upon long before the pageant had opened.

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# Mussolini Says He's the State

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not be removed within the confines of parliamentary legality. While the chamber of deputies still possesses the theoretical power to pass a vote of non-confidence in the premier, whereupon the king can call for his resignation, the possibility of a vote of non-confidence is overcome by the device of passing a rule making it impossible for the chamber to vote on the order of the day without permission of the premier. Hence his refusal to permit a vote to take place renders void the former prerogative of the chamber to vote against him.

### In Desperate Straits.

The government of blood and terror is in desperate straits because the overwhelming majority of the population literally despises Mussolini and his blackshirt bandits. To distract attention from his ferocious internal suppression he is now indulging in threats against surrounding nations, particularly the Balkans, hoping to provoke a war with some small nation as a pretext of further excesses against the home population.

### The Matteotti Affair.

It is known to everyone in Italy that the alleged attempt on the life of Mussolini was a plain fraud, a swindle to distract the attention of the masses from the liberation of the agents of the bandit chief who murdered Matteotti, the socialist deputy who had in his possession documents proving Mussolini a thief and pillager of the national treasury. On the day before the fraudulent attempt on the life of Mussolini was staged as an excuse to suppress all newspapers that would likely carry news regarding the shameful sanction of the notorious murder.

### Despised Everywhere.

Added to this nation-wide execration of Mussolini is the contempt in

which he is held in all parts of the world. Even the yellow laborites of Great Britain announce that they will rally the masses against a visit of Mussolini to that country to sign the Locarno pacts. The railway workers have stated that they will refuse to operate a train carrying the vile carcass of this monster assassin of the working class of his own country. As a result of the attitude of British labor the brigand chief dare not attempt the journey to Britain, so he will send one of his mercenaries to represent Italy.

The new outbreak of frightfulness is directly connected with the support Mussolini is receiving from the thieving, rapacious House of Morgan.

Working class Italy is awaiting the day when the Communists can obtain sufficient power to start a civil war against the despicable Mussolini and scourge him and his criminal bands from the face of the earth.

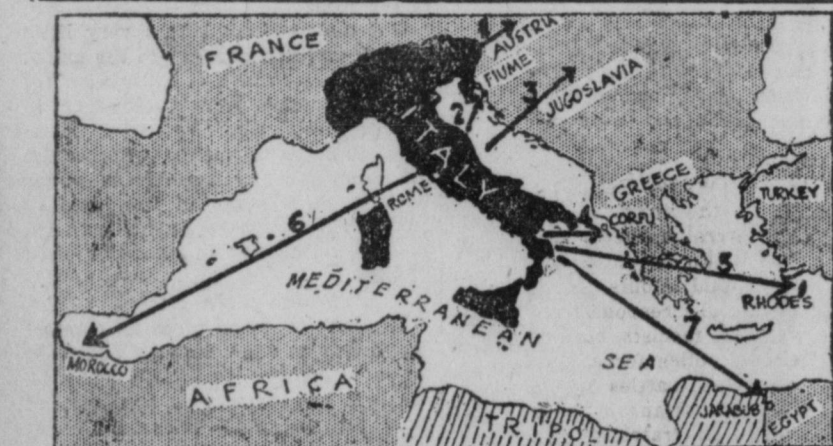
# Pinchot Tries Out New Betrayal

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not exceeding \$14 a year, and including neither fines nor assessments." **Favors Speed-Up System.**  
Not only is this a thin disguise for the open shop, but the governor of Pennsylvania, who has attained by some strange way the name of a "liberal," proposes that the board find some way of "increasing efficiency" in other words, to speed up the miners more than at present. His plan is said to have been worked out by him and the Scranton chamber of commerce.

What do you earn? What are conditions in your shop? How do you live? Write a story for The DAILY WORKER.

# Fascism—A Blotch Upon the Earth



THE government of Mussolini has become a blotch upon the face of the earth. It is endeavoring to reach out and sink its fangs into surrounding territory in order to quiet opposition in Italy. Its ambitious plans are indicated by this map. From the bloody, thieving, corrupt center of banditry, the fascist chief, under half-idiotic delusions of grandeur, has a vision of conquest that rivals that of the Caesars.

1—The arrow points toward Austria, the country threatened by the cut-throat chief of Italy because a miner official of that country told the truth about Mussolini.

2—The forcible seizure of Fiume is a source of antagonism in Yugoslavia against Mussolini, while

3—Italy's threatened seizure of part of the Dalmatian frontier has evoked a sharp rebuke from the Yugoslavian peasant leader, Radich, who last week defied the fascist chief.

4—Greece has cause for hatred against Mussolini for the threat against Corfu, as well as

5—Where the arrow points to Rhodes already seized by Italy. This antagonism aroused in Greece will probably bring Italy into conflict with England, whose control over Greek policy in the Balkans is well known. The antagonisms growing out of this situation may cause an orientation of Italy toward Turkey in a conflict with Britain.

6—Mussolini tried to horn in on the Morocco affair, but both France and Spain soon disposed of his ambitions in that part of the world.

His vision of conquest extends to all points of the Mediterranean Sea, where he hopes to revive the power once wielded by the ancient empire of Rome. But the result will once more vindicate Marx's famous observation that "History repeats itself; first as tragedy then as farce."

By provoking a war and arming the workers of Italy they will have weapons at their command with which to speedily dispatch this braggart maniac who waded to power thru the blood of the working class of Italy and who carries out a policy of government by assassination.

# JUDGE SULLIVAN HOLDS PEACEFUL PICKETING LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Superior Judge Denis E. Sullivan, Chicago's labor-hating injunction judge in a decision against the striking retail clerks who have been picketing the Ossey Brothers' department store, cor. Halsted and Maxwell Sts., has dealt a body blow to the legislation enacted by the state legislature which allowed strikers to peacefully picket struck establishment without being molested by the courts.

In his decision sentencing eight pickets from 10 to 30 days in jail and assessing fines of from \$50 to \$200 on the strikers, he declared that there was no such thing as peaceful picketing and that any legislation which permitted strikers to picket an establishment was an interference with the rights of the owners of that property.

In holding the new law unconstitutional, Sullivan declared "Picketing has been held unlawful in this state,

on authority of state and national constitutions. The state act passed last summer legalizes peaceful picketing, but that is a contradictory phrase. Evidence in this case shows an assault with a razor, intimidation, and above all the depriving of owners of property rights by imperilling their invested capital by unlawful means."

### Boss Slashes Picket.

The judge forgot to mention that it was not the union pickets but one of the Ossey brothers who used the razor on a union business agent.

In his usual flamboyant style when he wishes to show his masters that he is awake to their interests he declared, "To say to one class that its property may be taken from it or destroyed by another class without compensation or process, is not liberty, it is inviting the tyranny of the mob."

KU KLUX KLAN SEEKS TO RULE DRAMATIC ART

American Theater Group Started

By A Worker Correspondent NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A dinner party, supposed to be private, was given at 19 W. 8th Street, Sunday evening to 85 selected hundred percent Americans gathered to found the American Theatre Association in opposition to the Jewish producers who control the Broadway plays.

After dinner, the tables were removed to one side and the chairs placed in a circle around the speaker, a Ku Kluxer, who claims to have been a big factor in the theatrical world for the thirty years.

Jewish Producers Attacked. In his speech, he attacked the present day producers, making it plain that the theatres are in the hands of Jewish producers who put out nothing but soiled plays, unfit for the American habit.

The aim of this association is to present to the American working class plays that will be approved and certified by their masters. The membership of the organization is to be exclusively protestant and gentle.

Moscow Art, A Novelty! The speaker attacked, besides the well known producers, also the Guild Theatre Association, which he branded as un-American and controlled by central and south Latin interests.

Mellon Tells Wary Bankers to Be More Wary of "Deflation"

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Warning of dangers in the stock-gambling madness which American business has been pursuing in recent months has been voiced by A. C. Miller, of the federal reserve board.

This warning was carried from Sec. Mellon in Washington to the money-lending center in Boston rather than to the speculative center in New York. Mellon, through Miller, was not warning the reckless but the cautious.

"Democracy" Found No Job for "Hero," So He Shuffles Off

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—"I am sick and unable to find employment and have decided to end my misery. The state compensation insurance should take care of my funeral as they discharged me when I was disabled."

California I. W. W. Prisoners in "Hole" on Bread and Water

SAN QUENTIN, Cal.—(FP)—Twelve of the 18 I. W. W. prisoners in solitary on bread and water are on a hunger strike. An underground letter states it is a protest against the Anita Whitney decision.

"The persecution of Miss Whitney is part of the national movement of intolerance directed particularly against economic evolution and freedom for laborers," said Robert Minor, radical artist, in San Francisco speaking for the Whitney defense drive.

MASS. GOVERNOR COPIES CALVIN; FORBIDS UNION

Bay State Governor a Strike Breaker

BOSTON—(FP)—Essaying the role of Calvin Coolidge, who fought the policemen's strike of Boston, the present governor, Alvin T. Fuller, comes out with a denunciation of the Commonwealth Service Assn., the new organization of Bay state employees that is enrolling many members.

Here is the G. O. P. governor's antionion declaration: "No person who would, through joint action, attempt to compel the state to increase his or her salary need expect any special consideration of a favorable nature from me. I welcome the opportunity of saying this before some young people find themselves belonging to an organization that is in the control of some radicals whose action may get the membership into trouble."

George B. Willard, first deputy state treasurer of Massachusetts, and president of the eastern Massachusetts unit of the employe organization, answers Fuller by announcing his candidacy for the state presidency, an office not yet filled.

These and other officials of the new union are not radicals and their organization is not affiliated with the A. F. of L. or any outside labor movement. But economic conditions are forcing a defensive movement, though what kind of action the association will take is problematic.

Fuller's antilabor record goes back to wartime when as an executive of the Packard Car Co. he broke a strike among their Massachusetts employes. Earlier this year, when the Boston elevated system employes voted for a strike he issued what amounted to a threat of strikebreaking.

Debate on Necessity of Family Barred by a Scandalized Prof

BERKELEY, Cal.—(FP)—The annual debate between women's teams of the University of California and Stanford is called off because of objection by President Campbell of U. C. to the subject, Resolved, that the family is unnecessary to civilization.

A Great Discovery! Capitalist Govt. Is Against the Unions

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Incompetence, ignorance, prejudice and unfair discrimination were charged against various local navy yard wage boards by spokesmen of the organized metal trades in the yards at the opening hearing before the general wage board of review at the navy department in Washington, on Nov. 17.

Calles Surrenders National Railways to Private Owners

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Texts received by the Mexican news bureau in Washington show that the Calles labor government has signed an agreement with its creditors, surrendering its 51% ownership in the Mexican national railways, and will hand them over to private operation on January 1, 1926.

RUSSIA IMPORTS 40 PER CENT OF NEEDS FROM U. S.

Soviets Buy Machines and Cotton Goods

(Special to The Daily Worker) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—A statistical report of the foreign trade of the Soviet Union for the Soviet fiscal year ending Sept. 30, received by the Russian Information Bureau from the commissariat for foreign trade, shows that during the last quarter of the fiscal year 40% of all Soviet imports came from the United States, which led all countries on the import list for the year.

The Soviet Union's total foreign trade turnover for the fiscal year broke all post-war records. The total turnover, for the European frontiers, was \$587,470,000. With the Asiatic frontiers added, the total turnover would be about \$644,120,000, as compared with \$484,910,000 in 1923-4, and \$1,350,000,000 before the war.

Imports for the year were \$316,400,000 and exports \$261,000,000, giving an adverse balance of \$55,400,000, as compared with a favorable balance of \$65,000,000 in 1923-4. The adverse balance is attributed to the poor harvest of 1924 and the resultant cessation of grain exports, which ordinarily make up 45% of the export list.

September was the largest month for Russian trade since 1917, with a turnover of \$74,880,000 in which exceeded exports by \$3,700,000. The imports included cotton worth \$9,680,000, cotton goods worth \$3,650,000, tractors worth \$1,500,000 and other agricultural machinery worth \$1,450,000.

Soviet Union Spends 75,000,000 Marks in Buying German Goods

(Special to The Daily Worker) BERLIN, Nov. 22.—The Union of Soviet Republics has used up 75,000,000 of the 100,000,000 marks of the German credit extended her in buying agricultural machinery, pig iron, tons of paper, leather and pharmaceuticals.

The Union of Socialist Soviet Republics has purchased 40,000 tons of pig iron, 10,000 tons of paper, large quantities of leather, chemicals, pharmaceutical products and agricultural machinery.

The Soviet trade commission which has placed these orders in Germany is laying plans for the purchase of goods to exceed by many times the amount of credit that was extended her. The union needs about 3,000,000,000 rubles (\$1,500,000,000) worth of products and Germany will get a goodly share of this trade since she was one of the first to enter into a commercial treaty with the union.

Melrose Park Russian Workers Benefit Society Aids Soviet Orphans

The Russian Auxiliary Society of Melrose Park, Ill., has just past the thirteenth year of its existence. During this period the society has done much to relieve the workers of Melrose Park, as well as in other cities, and even in Soviet Russia.

The society has a good library from which books are circulated among members as well as non-members. The society pays \$7 per week benefit and \$100 death benefit.

Patternmakers Demand Freedom for Chinese

(Special to The Daily Worker) DETROIT, Nov. 25. (FP)—The fight for freedom against wage slavery and domination by foreign powers in China is given the support of the Detroit Patternmakers' association in resolutions adopted by the unionists.

Leather Workers Win Union Conditions in Nine Chicago Shops

Nine Chicago shops manufacturing leather pocketbooks and allied products have been put under union conditions in the last 3 months by Local 20, United Leather Workers International Union. The 44-hour week is one of the conditions.

FINN WORKERS BACK ETEENPAIN AGAINST WHITES

Amorous Pastor Attacks Radical Daily

(By A. HALONEN) An interesting libel suit was fought in the United States district court in Boston. Rev. John E. Lillback, a Finnish priest, whose name has for many years been connected with many strange rumors, brought a libel suit against the Finnish radical daily Eteenpain of Worcester, Mass., for publishing an article, which he alleged was improper, affecting his income.

The said article dealt with the pastor's love-making and the hypocrisy of the priest and religion in general. For this, Pastor Lillback demanded \$50,000 from the Finnish radical newspaper and brought the suit against it.

The case was very interesting and even the English newspapers of Boston followed the proceedings very closely. The case was opened Oct. 13 and on Oct. 27, the jury gave its decision. The defendant paper was condemned to pay \$15,000 to Rev. Lillback. The sentence was surprising and the defendant paper will appeal, if a new trial is denied.

The suit brought against the Eteenpain was not only a libel suit, for political matters were also brought up. After an unsuccessful revolution in Finland, 1918, there has been a deep feud between the "red" and "white" among the Finnish people. The "victorious" whites have used all means to suppress the radical movement, that is so strong among the Finnish in America.

The defendant tried to prove to the court, that the article on which the libel suit was based contained nothing but the truth. The defendant had witnesses, who testified that Rev. Lillback had made love to them under the guise of religious ceremony. In addition to this, many affidavits were read to prove that the newspaper in its article had told nothing but the truth.

Rev. Lillback called for his witnesses three priests and a "professor", who is not a college professor; his original profession being that of a shoemaker. One of the witnesses testified, that owing to the published article Pastor Lillback's hair had grown old. However the defendant proved, that Lillback has been wearing a wig for twenty years.

The supporters of the courageous Finnish daily have answered this attack of their enemy by subscribing thousands of dollars to the defense fund of the paper. Appeals have been sent and meetings have been arranged for support of the paper. The answer has been very enthusiastic.

The Finnish workers will show to the blackcoated enemy and the Finnish whites, that their "victory" will turn to a defeat.

National Federation of Federal Employees Grows; Makes Demands

WASHINGTON—(FP)—More than 1,600 new members have been recruited by the Natl. Federation of Federal employes since their recent convention held in Boston. Of this number, 537 were secured in the internal revenue bureau. Seventy locals report progress in the expansion campaign.

JEWISH Y. M. C. A. WANTS \$240,000 AS OPIATE FUND

To Teach Dead Learning to Workers

(By DON LEVINE) (Worker Correspondent) SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 29.—Altho this city of 175,000 population has only 1,500 Jewish families, it is now the scene of a Jewish campaign for \$240,000. This money is to be used to erect a modern home for the Young Men's Hebrew Association and the Talmud Torah.

The Y. M. H. A. differs from the Y. M. C. A. only in that one is Jewish and the other is not. The Talmud Torah is a free religious school where ancient rabbis are poisoning the minds of working-class children, as most of them are, with religious ceremonies and superstitions and the dead Hebrew language.

Knowing the value of such organizations for keeping workers mentally enslaved, the rich Jews are donating freely. They have plenty of cold cash exploited from their employes, either in factories or in their stores and pawn shops.

Every Jewish resident has been put down for a certain amount. Thus, small business men are forced to give for fear of losing favor with wholesalers and bankers, and workers, for fear of losing their jobs.

Class-conscious workers of Jewish origin, however, have their own organizations like the Young Workers League and the Workmen's Circle, so that they will refuse the campaigners and give their utmost for their own working-class development.

Striking Wire Men on Coast Line R. R. Paralyzing Traffic

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers are conducting so effective a strike on the Atlantic Coast line that the company is advertising for strikebreakers to save its traffic.

The Washington Daily News (Scripps) publishes this advertisement: Telegraph Operators—Wanted at once for Florida railroad service, experienced telegraph operators. Good pay, transportation furnished. Permanent if qualified. Apply Room 1037, Raleigh Hotel, Washington, or by wire, at once.

Reports at railroad labor headquarters in Washington show that the company is suffering because qualified telegraphers have not responded to its appeals. Movement of trains has become highly dangerous since the experienced men have taken their stand for an adequate wage.

Manufacturers' Assn. Mobilizes Business to Break Mine Union

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(FP)—J. E. Edgerton, president of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, who has addressed to President Coolidge an appeal that Coolidge help the non-union coal operators to break the United Mine Workers, is moving on the capital. He is to appear as one of the chief directors of the conference of business leaders, self-styled, to gather Dec. 10 to "challenge the right of the government to engage in business activities."

Other signers of the call for this meeting, which is expected to bring spokesmen of 300 trade associations and other big business organizations together, include Homer L. Ferguson, former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; R. C. Marshall, Jr., general manager of the Associated General Contractors of America, and F. Highland Burns, president of the Maryland Casualty Co. of Baltimore.

Author of Namiko-San Arrives in Chicago to Direct Its Preparation

Aldo Franchetti, composer of the new Japanese opera, "Namiko-San", which is to be given its world premiere by the Chicago Civic Opera Company, has arrived in Chicago to supervise its preparation. Mme. Tamaki Miura, the Japanese prima donna who will create the name role, is also on hand to watch every detail.

Esthonian Government Imprisons Communists

REVAL, Estonia, Nov. 29.—The Esthonian court-martial recently sentenced eight Communist workmen to four years' imprisonment and two to three years for their part in a demonstration against the government last year.

Archbishop Hanna Opposes Jailing of Anita Whitney

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 29.—Archbishop Hanna is one of many influential persons in this state to raise his voice against the imprisonment of Anita Whitney, who was sentenced to serve from one to fourteen years in San Quentin on a charge of having violated the criminal syndicalism law of California.

Two members of the jury which convicted Anita Whitney have petitioned the government to pardon her. Archbishop Hanna, in a radiogram from the ship on which he is crossing the Atlantic said he was convinced Miss Whitney was not guilty of the charges preferred against her and that no interest could be served by her imprisonment.

RAIL PROFITS INCREASE, BUT WAGES DO NOT

Tremendous Increase Since 1920

(By LELAND OLDS) It's time for the railroad unions to demand as a unit that the U. S. rail labor board reconsider the entire wage structure of the industry to establish decent American standards, in view of 9-month railroad profits totaling \$797,347,520, a gain of \$117,902,403 or 17.3% over the same period in 1924.

The suggested wage demand would be a legitimate response to the invitation contained in the board's 1922 decision when it asked the employes to "bear and forebear" until the railroads were again on their feet. With the largest profits of any year in their history assured, no one can deny that the roads have regained their equilibrium.

The probable total of railroad profits for 1925, estimated on the basis of the 9-month figure, is \$1,106,000,000, more than \$60,000,000 above the previous peak in 1916. The year's return on the excessive valuation set by the interstate commerce commission will be about 5 1/2% while a full 5% will be earned on the entire investment value in the road and equipment claimed by the carriers themselves.

Table showing net profits of the last 6 years, including the estimate for 1925, are: 1920 17,226,902; 1921 600,937,356; 1922 760,187,319; 1923 961,955,457; 1924 973,870,978; 1925 1,106,000,000

Of special importance to labor is the steady climb in railroad profits since 1920, because the labor board made this prerequisite to "increased consideration of all the intricate details incident to scientific adjustment of a living and saving wage."

The \$134,584,916 September profit shows that the steady gain continues. It is the largest total ever secured by the railroads in any month in their history, comparing with the previous high point of \$127,000,000 in October, 1924. It is equivalent to an annual return of 6 1/4% on the swollen valuation of the entire railroad system.

The railroad unions have the facts to demand that the labor board make good.

German Police Prepare to Defend Capitalists Against Labor's Revolt

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—Recently, the inhabitants of the town of Gotha in Thuringia were suddenly awakened from their sleep by shooting, marching troops, loud shouts, etc. This time the people responsible for the noise were not fascists, but the republic's German police force, which was practicing street battles against workers.

The proletarians in uniform are thus trained in fratricide and the bourgeoisie in its constant fear of the revolution, assures itself like this that its white terror will be successful.

New York Left Wing Arranges Reception for Christmas Night

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The left wingers of the local labor movement are planning to hold a big dance and reception on Friday evening, Dec. 25, at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East Fourth Street. Plans have been made for a big affair. The militants are urged to make note of the date and to make their plans accordingly.

PUBLICITY TO BREAK STRIKE COSTS MILLIONS

Mythical "Public" Is Depicted as Goat

By AUGUST VALENTINE. (Worker Correspondent)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 29.—Even though "the pinch of strike" is driving the coal dealers to bankruptcy, as claimed by their "expert propagandizers," they still have thousands and thousands of dollars to throw away on advertising to weaken the moral of the striking miners, that have been on strike for nearly three months now.

In the city of Philadelphia we find one, J. E. Kunkel that has the brass enough to have placards placed in the street cars picturing the coal miner laying down the pick and hurling chunks of coal at the "anthracite consuming public."

This "public" is pictured in the persons of a child, woman and a man. In between the miner and the so-called public is an operator trying "to bat" the coal, in which he failed. His club is labeled "arbitration." The writing below the cartoon reads something like this: "The consumer who has to buy the coal and the dealer who has to make a living selling it—both get hurt."

Then in bolder type: "Contributed in the interest of the truth by J. E. Kunkel." The Kunkel heart has so much sympathy that it sprung another leak, which a week later led him to come out with some more poison for "the public." The headline of this cartoon is headed: "Buton! Buton! Who gets the button?"

The cartoon below shows the operator and the miner quarreling. The operator is saying, "let's arbitrate," the miner says, "I don't want arbitration." While the operator and the miner are raising Cain, the coal strike which is pictured in a form of a goat, is going after the "public" and the coal dealer.

Again, this cartoon is "contributed in the interest of the truth."

WORKERS KEEP FORGE BURNING TO AID PRESS

Send \$272.00 to Daily Last Friday



The DAILY WORKER, chief weapon of the working class in the struggle against capitalism, received \$272.04 to go toward the fighting fund being raised to prevent the paper's stoppage.

Table listing donors and amounts: California District, Finnish Federation, W. P., Workers Party, 850.00; Pullman, Ill., Workers Party, 75.08; Ingeborg Monson, Elbow Lake, Minn., 1.87; Finnish Br., W. P., Kenosha, Wis., 5.00; Finnish Br., W. P., Worcester, Mass., 9.25; Nucleus 11, Section 3, Minneapolis, Minn. (M. Frenz, \$1.00; Melvin Goodman, 25c; J. H. Bannan, 50c; Aga Ekerath, 25c; Percy Greene, 35c; B. J. Lacher, 2.00; T. Duerrell, 1.00; total, 5.35); English W. P., East Liverpool, O., 5.00; W. V. Compton, Los Angeles, Cal., 2.00; English Br., W. P., Superior, Wis., 2.00; Edward K. Field, Detroit, Mich., 5.00; R. Newstrom, Duluth, Minn., 2.00; B. Wrowski, Hamtramck, Mich., 2.00; John Jarvi, Sand Coulee, Mont., 10.40; J. Smith, New York, 18.00; Tom Swain, La Jolla, Cal., 5.00; Russian Br., W. P., Gary, Ind., 6.45; Finnish Br., W. P. (by women comrades), 20.00; Ukrainian Br., W. P., Chicago, 5.00; J. Waitch, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2.00; V. Yankis, Worcester, Mass., 3.00; Auction of Spanish comb donated by Udcofsky, San Francisco, Cal., 8.00; San Francisco, Cal. (Caskeli, Chancer, Bolotovitz), 10.00; E. H. Walters, E. Headler, John Carles, Saites, Mont., 3.00; A. E. Edwards, Boston, Mass., 7.75; Peabody, Mass., City Central Committee, W. P., 16.79; Total today, \$ 272.04; Previously recorded, 26,518.73; Total to date, \$26,790.83

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Organization Meetings

# Workers (Communist) Party

Resolutions Social Affairs

## BOSTON TO HOLD DAILY WORKER RESCUE PARTIES

### All Party Units Get Behind Drive

(Special to The Daily Worker)  
 Boston, Nov. 29.—The Emergency DAILY WORKER Rescue Committee in Boston is busy. At its first meeting the committee decided to carry on real agitation in Boston to save the DAILY WORKER, and made the following plans: that every branch in Boston be visited by some member of this committee and urged; 1, to arrange some sort of concert, banquet, revel, party or dance, for the DAILY WORKER; 2, to urge every comrade to subscribe and get new subscriptions; and 3, to stimulate the sale of stamps.

The committee went to work enthusiastically and at its second meeting, the following reports were made. The Boston English Branch arranged a DAILY WORKER Rescue Party for Thanksgiving night, Nov. 26, at the Russian Club, 93 Staniford street, Boston.

**Arrange Banquet**  
 The four Russian branches of Local Boston have arranged a joint banquet to be held on Nov. 29 (Sunday) at the Russian Club, 93 Staniford st. They have planned some surprises in the way of entertainment and a good time is assured.

**New Year's Eve Party.**  
 The Roxbury Jewish Branch promises to outdo them all and on New Year's Eve they will dance and sing, at New International Hall, Roxbury, until midnight. At 1 a. m., January 1, 1926, a catered supper will be served to usher in the New Year and to gather in the dollars. It promises to be an all night affair, and their secretary, Morris Lubin, is on the job working for its success.

The Ukrainian and Polish branches reported a joint party for either the first or second Sunday in December. More details about this later.

The Scandinavian branch promises the proceeds from two dances held on two successive Saturday nights.

The Armenian branch sent in the proceeds from a banquet.

**To Visit Branches**  
 The other branches of Boston will be visited by the committee and it will be insisted on that every branch get behind this very important task and make this drive 100 per cent successful.

Comrades of Boston, remember these dates. Go to all of these affairs and give them your support.

**Denver Rescue Party Aids Daily Worker**  
 BY ANNA GAINES.  
 (Worker Correspondent)  
 DENVER, Colo., Nov. 29.—The first rescue party for The DAILY WORKER was given in the form of a banquet by the English branch of the Workers Party. To say it was a success wouldn't express the enthusiasm that prevailed from both the moral and financial standpoint.

Everything for the dinner was donated by members and sympathizers. The proceeds are \$50 which we are forwarding and \$50 or more to come.

Wrap your lunch in a copy of the DAILY WORKER and give it (the DAILY WORKER, not the lunch) to your shop-mate.

## The How and Why of Party Fractions

By JAY LOVESTONE.

QUESTION 1: What is a party fraction?

Answer: A party fraction is a group of two or more party members belonging to a non-party workers' or poor farmers' organization or functioning for a time in a special body. These members work together as a unit for the general purpose of spreading propaganda and increasing the party's influence and for the specific purpose of carrying out special party policies in the particular organization in question.

Question 2: What are examples of such non-party workers' and poor farmers' organizations?

Answer: Typical workers' and poor farmers' organizations where party fractions should be organized are: The trade unions, co-operatives, educational, benefit and cultural societies, ex-soldiers' organizations, factory councils, unemployment councils, and conferences and conventions of labor and poor farm organizations.

Communists who are members of municipal, county, state or national legislative or administrative councils and assemblies also organize themselves into such party fractions.

Question 3: How do the party fractions function?

Answer: All party fractions get together before the meetings of the organizations in which they function to discuss and consider the various questions that are to come up at the sessions of these organizations. Once a decision is made in a fraction, all the party members in the non-party organization must work and vote together as an absolute unit. Any comrade who violates this procedure is subject to party discipline in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.

Question 4: How are the party fractions organized?

Answer: All party fractions elect their own officers subject to the approval of the leading party committee in the section in which they function. Thus, a district fraction committee functions under the direction of the party district executive committee, a sub-district fraction committee works under the direction of the particular sub-district committee of the party and so on down the line. The officers of the various party fractions are responsible to the party fractions and to the respective party committees.

In order to facilitate co-operation and to insure the greatest results in work the party leading committees may send representatives to the various party fractions and may call upon these fractions to send representatives to the sessions of the respective party committees when there is a consideration of questions which concern the party fractions.

Question 5: What is a language fraction?

Answer: A language fraction is a party fraction consisting of those party members who, before reorganization, belonged to one of the former language sections of the party. In a language fraction are found those comrades who are members of a shop or street nucleus, who speak a certain language and who function together as a unit in a newly organized workers' club or in any other already existing workingmen's organization of a particular nationality.

Question 6: What are the functions of language fractions?

Answer: The language fraction is only an auxiliary agency of the party for the purpose of carrying on the party's general and special activities among the workers of a particular nationality. In the language fractions

are found only those who pay their dues to the party thru membership in a shop or street nucleus.

No language fraction is allowed to collect dues. With the permission of the Central Executive Committee, language fractions may launch campaigns among the workers of their particular nationality to raise funds for their activities. In order to help the language fractions carry on their activities in their special fields, the Central Executive Committee will provide monthly appropriations on the basis of the dues received.

Question 7: How are the language fractions organized?

Answer: There is no fast and hard rule as to how the language fraction units are to be organized. We should always be guided by the need for the most efficient methods of working in the ranks of the proletariat of a particular nationality.

If the language fractions of a particular nationality are numerous and strong enuf we may have sub-section language fraction committees as well as section language fraction committees to direct the activities of these comrades among the workers of their nationality in the territory under consideration. In cases where there is more than one sub-section language fraction in a special section, then the members of these sub-section language fraction. In cities where there are several sections, the members of the various language fractions meet in January and July to elect language fractions city committees.

District conferences consisting of delegates representing the various language fractions are to be held annually for the purpose of electing a district language fraction executive committee, subject to the approval of the district executive committee of the party.

If the Central Executive Committee of the party thinks it necessary, it may permit the holding of national conferences of delegates representing the language fractions of a particular nationality. These conferences may elect a national language bureau subject to the approval of the Central Executive Committee of the party. In those cases where no national language fraction conference is held, the Central Executive Committee of the party will appoint a special national language fraction bureau to direct and unify the party's activities among the workers of a particular nationality.

Thus, we see that all the needs for the efficient carrying on of Communist activities among the working masses of a particular nationality are very well taken care of by the above system of language fraction organization. The menace of party decentralization and language federation autonomy is completely removed. In fact, the centralized character of this system of language fraction organization insures far better results than the old federation system ever could achieve.

## WORKERS' SCHOOL ANNOUNCES MORE STUDY CLASSES

### Workers Correspondence Class Meets Dec. 7

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The course in Workers Correspondence is scheduled to begin at the Workers School, Monday, Dec. 7. The postponement of the opening date of this course is for the purpose of permitting the newly forming shop nuclei and reorganized party units to recommend one or more from each unit to take the course.

**History of Revolution.**  
 Another interesting course to begin on Monday, Dec. 7, is entitled the "History of Revolutions," instructor, Paul Keller.

**American Workers' History.**  
 Another Monday night course at the Workers School is "History of the American Working Class," instructor, Anton Bimba, a very important course particularly for foreign-born workers who wish to take an active part in the American labor movement, and no less so for American-born workers who do not know the history and revolutionary traditions of the American working class.

**Other Courses.**  
 Other courses offered the same evening are: Russian language, instructor Alexander Charamoff; elementary English, instructor Ella G. Wolfe; and elementary composition.

## Philadelphia Pioneers Meeting Is a Success

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 29.—Once more have the Philadelphia Pioneers shown their growing influence upon the minds of working class youth, when a great number of working class children responded to their call and came to the protest meeting against "American education week" held under the auspices of the Young Pioneers of Philadelphia.

Complete silence reigned in the hall when Comrade Kritzer, age 12, member of the Lenin Pioneer group spoke. In a short talk he showed the misuse of education by the capitalist class. "We are not against education but we are protesting against the misuse of education by the capitalist class. Real education for the children of the working class can only be possible under a working class government." A resolution was unanimously adopted denouncing the board of education for using the schools to dope the working class children and carrying the following demands:

1. Out of the military boy scouts and into the Young Pioneers.
2. Demand recognition of the workers' republic, Soviet Russia.
3. Away with capitalist anti-labor propaganda in the schools; out with religious training to dope children's minds; join the working class struggle for a workers' and farmers' republic.

## PARTY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ON UNITY AND TRADE UNION WORK

The national office has received information as to the completion of arrangements in a number of cities for the meetings to be held in the near future on party unification and intensification of trade union work. These meetings are to be addressed by two members of the Central Executive Committee.

The following cities have reported to the national office their arrangements:

- Detroit, Mich.—December 4, 8 p. m., at 5969 14th street.
  - Buffalo, N. Y.—December 6, 2 p. m., at 159 Grider street.
  - Boston, Mass.—December 8, 8 p. m., at 113 Dudley street.
  - Cleveland, Ohio—December 19, 8 p. m., Gardinia Hall, 2021 St. Clair avenue.
- Admission to these meetings by membership cards. All comrades must attend.

## YOUNG PIONEERS AIM FOR WORK ON NATIONAL SCALE

### Also Educational Plan for Training Leaders

By CLARENCE MILLER.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The coming district convention of the Young Pioneers of America, District No. 2, is a milestone in the development of our Communist children's work in this country. It marks the beginning of a real centralized organization. In the past our groups did not function as a centralized organization altho they had an organizational basis for doing so. One of the main reasons for this was that this centralizing apparatus (C. C. C. and C. E. C.) was meaningless to the Juniors. They were not drawn into the work on a district or even on a city scale. All of the work for the district and the city was with few exceptions, done by a few of the more active leaders.

**Shortcomings in the past.**  
 The basis for our mistakes was the lack of a national Junior policy. There was no plan for systematic work within the groups or cooperation between the different groups. There were no well planned organizational campaigns. There was no educational plan for the Juniors nor for training the leaders. As a result of this unsystematic work when a thing was decided upon it had to be carried thru in a hurry and our organization was not adopted to respond to quick action. The Juniors on the other hand felt more like members of a group that meets every Saturday than as part of the Communist movement. We failed to make the Juniors understand the great significance of the movement and the importance of their part in it. They therefore did not feel responsibility for the work. The fact that some work was accomplished in our district is due to the hard work of a few active comrades both Juniors and leaders.

**Ideological Preparation.**  
 Since the plan for reorganization was first formulated and work towards this end commenced, a change for the better was immediately noticeable. The ideological preparation now being carried on in our groups, preliminary to this reorganization on the basis of school nuclei is making our pioneers feel the full responsibility of young Bolsheviks.

Our discussions on reorganization and bolshevization center around the following points:

1. That every Pioneer must understand the aims of his organization and know how to achieve them.
2. Every Pioneer places the interest of his organization above his own interest.
3. Every Pioneer accepts and carries out the decisions of the higher committees.
4. Every Pioneer is a propagandist and has influence among other working class children.
5. Every Pioneer is an internationalist. (No discrimination against nationality or race.)

## Iowa Corn Farmers in Desperate Financial Fix, Admits U. S. Dept.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(FP)—Iowa farmers are in desperate financial straits, according to a special report to the secretary of agriculture by Nils A. Olsen, assistant chief of the bureau of agricultural economics in his department, and Albert C. Williams, member of the federal farm loan board.

They were sent to Iowa to recommend means for saving the farmers from the ruin due to a drop in corn prices from 98 cents in August to 50 or 60 cents in November. They recommended that the farmers who can get credit should hold their corn for "orderly marketing" or feed it to hogs. "The agricultural situation has improved since 1921," they conclude, "but it is apparent that many Iowa farmers still labor under the handicap of large debts, high operating expenses, high taxes, high interest rates on short term loans, and also widely fluctuating and often unsatisfactory prices for their products."

## WAR FRAUD CASE DISMISSED; RICH GRAFTERS FREED

### No Jail for Wealthy Thieves, Says Cal

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(FP)—U. S. District Attorney Gordon, under the approving eye of Atty. Gen. Sargent, has consented to the dismissal of the conspiracy indictment in the local criminal court against Everly M. Davis of New York and Ernest C. Morse of Cincinnati, former director of sales for the war department, in the Old Hickory powder fraud case. This was the first war fraud case to be started by the department of justice, and is the last to be dropped.

When Sen. Wheeler exposed the Daugherty regime in the department, he showed that suits involving some \$55,000,000 of government property, stolen after the war, were still alive and could be prosecuted.

President Coolidge declared, in denouncing Wheeler's work, that the government would prosecute all the guilty and protect public interests.

The Old Hickory powder plant near Nashville, Tenn., cost the nation \$50,000,000. It was sold to Davis and Alexander Phillips, who has since died, for \$3,500,000. The two men represented a syndicate of Nashville capitalists. The terms of the indictment against Davis and Phillips and Morse was the latter conspired with them to sell them the property without competitive bidding.

A civil suit brought by the government to recover the property was repeatedly blocked by orders from Harry Daugherty and his assistants, according to testimony by the federal district attorney who had the case in charge. It finally was so handled that the case was lost.

## CLEVELAND PARTY MEMBERS MUST ATTEND THEIR SECTION MEETINGS

CLEVELAND, Nov. 29.—Reorganization of the party on the basis of shop and street nuclei will begin Wednesday, Dec. 2. Cleveland has been divided into five industrial sections:

- Section 1.** Boundaries from West 25th St., south to Bridge Ave., three blocks east to the river. From West 25th St., east along the lake to Addison Road. South along Addison Road and 79th St. to the Nickel Plate railroad. Along the Nickel Plate railroad west to the river, including everything north of the river.
  - Section 2.** Boundaries: From Addison Road and the lake east to the city limits. On the east side of Addison Road south along 79th St. to Woodlawn Ave., east to the city limits along Woodlawn Ave.
  - Section 3.** Boundaries from Cuyahoga river where the Nickel Plate railroad hits it. Along the Nickel Plate railroad east to 79th St. North to Woodlawn Ave. and east along Woodlawn Ave. to the city limits. South along the east side of the river to the city limits.
  - Section 4.** Boundaries from west 25th St. and the lake, south to Bridge Ave. along the west side of the river to the city limits. West to West 65th St. from the lake along West 65th St. to the city limits.
  - Section 5.** Boundaries from West 65th St. west to the city limits. From the lake south to the city limits.
- All comrades working in shops in one of these sections, and all building trades workers, housewives, professionals, shopkeepers, etc., living in one of these sections, must attend the meeting taking place in his or her section.
- Section 1 meets at the district office, 5972 Euclid Ave. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 8 p. m. sharp.
  - Section 2 meets at the South Slavic Hall, 5607 St. Clair Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 8 p. m. sharp.
  - Section 3 meets at the Freiheit Hall, 5311 Woodlawn Ave., on Friday, Dec. 4, at 8 p. m. sharp.
  - Section 4 meets at the Hungarian Hall, 4309 Lorain Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p. m. sharp.

## GITLOW PROTEST MEETING ROUSES NEW YORK LABOR

### Demand Immediate Release of Fellow Worker

(Continued from page 1). Gitlow was that he told the workers a lot of facts and helped them to organize for their own protection against the oppressing class.

"Last time I spoke from this platform Gitlow was one of the main speakers. I told you then that Great Britain which was held up as an example of free speech would soon follow the rest of the world in the persecution of leaders of the workers. Today there are a dozen Communists in prison in England for showing the masses the way out of slavery."

**Masses Must Demand Release.**

Sam Lipzin of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union was the next speaker and addressed the audience in Jewish. "When the masses rise up and protest in organized manner, when they demand their rights by showing that they are intelligent enough to plan for taking over the power of government and become the ruling class, the capitalists will listen quite readily. I call upon the workers to take the power of government into their own hands as the workers of Russia have done. It is time for the workers in America to realize their power and to protest in earnest when our leaders are placed in jeopardy."

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn summed up the persecutions under the criminal syndicalist laws that now operate in 35 states in the union. She showed how the present law put Gitlow in prison was enacted 25 years ago, during the hysteria that followed the McKinley assassination. The other laws against labor were mostly passed during and after the war. Now they are being used against workers, whenever the master class finds it convenient to put workers away into some dungeon. There are now over 100 men and women in prison in California, where mere membership in the I. W. W. is sufficient to give a worker 14 years in prison. The cases of Anita Whitney, Tom Mooney, Sacco and Vanzetti were cited as cases of outrageous capitalist tyranny.

Bertram Wolfe, who represented the Workers (Communist) Party at the demonstration, reviewed the historic background for all the persecutions now taking place. He recited the ironical legal terms which declare that "the people of the state of New York" put Gitlow into prison, showing how the laws are made to mislead the workers, putting them in prison and then blaming it on "the people."

Chairman Cosgrove asked how many would be willing to serve the term for Gitlow and let him out to continue his work in organizing. Many hands went up. "How many would be willing to serve one day?" then asked Cosgrove. A fine response of hands shot up. "One day in prison would be harder than one day's wages, and you will not be asked to go to Sing Sing, but you are asked to give a ten dollar bill each." The collection which followed amounted to \$220.

The meeting was considered one of the best held in New York and the International Labor Defense is pushing the release of Ben Gitlow and will continue to do so until he is a free man and in the ranks of the active workers in his union and his party again.

## PENNSYLVANIA NOTES

**Toohy Speaks in Cardell, Pa.**  
 Cardell, Pa., Nov. 27.—Pat Toohy, young leader of the striking coal miners in the anthracite will speak on Dec. 4 at 6 p. m. to the workers assembled in Cardell Hall, Cardell, Pa. He will tell of his experiences during the past months, in the strike region and of his recent imprisonment for his activities in the strike.

**Radio Dance! Samovar Tea.**  
 Young Workers League, Branch No. 5, announces an original and entertaining affair to be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p. m., at the Workers' School, 19 So. Lincoln.

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## Russian, Polish and Ukrainian Workers' Clubs Hold Concert

A concert and dance has been arranged by the Russian, Polish and Ukrainian Workers' Clubs for Sunday, Dec. 6, at Schoenhofen Hall, corner Ashland and Milwaukee Ave., beginning at 3:30 p. m.



# Emergency Call!

To All Members and Friends of International Labor Defense:

Two big cases are scheduled to come to trial on November 30th. The Pittsburgh raid case of 10 workers and the Zeigler frame-up case of 15 union miners. The lawyers in each of these cases will not proceed with the defense unless we have the money.

## FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS MUST BE RAISED BEFORE DECEMBER 15TH

We call upon all members of the I. L. D. to rise to the test and raise this sum. Contribute all you can and get your friends and neighbors to contribute.

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# I. R. A. PROTESTS BRUTALITIES OF ROUMANIAN JAILS

## Scores Boyars' "Silent" Executions

MOSCOW, Nov. 29.—The International Red Aid has sent the following message in a telegram to the General Council of the Trade Union Congress in London and to the French members of parliament and a cablegram to the members of the American congress exposing the terror now prevailing in Roumania and in other countries:

### Protest Against Bestialities.

"To the victims of the Polish, Hungarian and Bulgarian justice are added new victims from the Roumanian white terror. After the tortures applied to the peasants in the Tatarbounar process, the Roumanian government discovered new methods of 'silent' execution of its prisoners. On the 6th day of his hunger-strike, which he had undertaken as a protest against the horrible conditions in the prison of Doftana, Max Goldstein died and shortly after his death, Dubinski died. The Roumanian prisons will soon produce new victims, amongst them Comrade Bojor, who has since died. The International Red Aid requests you to raise your voices in protest against the unheard of terrorism of the Roumanian bourgeoisie. We request you to do your best to organize an unprejudiced delegation to examine the Roumanian prison regime.

### "Silent" Executions.

"The International Red Aid adopted a resolution in a special sitting called after receiving news of the death of Goldstein and Dubinski, according to which the Roumanian bourgeoisie which has theoretically abolished the death sentence in order to make a democratic show to the outside world, yet finds means to do away with its class enemies, by provoking hunger-strikes and permitting the prisoners to die. The hunger-strike is the only means of protest at the disposal of the prisoners against the cruelties carried out in the Roumanian prisons. In this way Comrade Goldstein died. Dubinski was no longer able to endure the tortures and committed suicide. Bojor and other prisoners are approaching a horrible end in the Roumanian prisons."

# \$100,000,000 Movie Trust Soon to Be Sanctified by Govt.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(FP)—Argument in the Lasky-Famous Players moving picture trust case, before the federal trade commission, was begun. Counsel for the commission seek to have the combine instructed to discontinue block booking, and to separate their producing and distributing business from their theatre or exhibition business.

The movie theatres owned by the trust now are valued at over \$100,000,000, and these theatres are used to "skim the cream" off the early showings of all pictures handled by the combine.

# Rubber Monopoly in Fight on Unions at All Akron Factories

AKRON, O.—(FP)—The Goodrich-Firestone-Goodyear rubber monopoly is waging a war of extermination against Akron union labor. Printing concerns, building contractors and other employers having relations with the rubber kings are forced to agree to employ only nonunion help.

# PROTECTION OF LABOR IS REAL UNDER SOVIETS

## Employer Has to Toe the Line of Union

MOSCOW (FP)—Each worker in the Soviet Union is protected by a wage agreement or collective agreement, as it is called. This agreement is negotiated between a representative of the union and a representative of the employer for whom the worker proposes to work. As almost all workers belong to unions, this system of collective bargaining covers the field of employers and employees.

Frequently the employer is the state or a state trust. The representative of the workers bargains with the state as it bargains with any other employer.

American workers might be interested in a collective agreement drawn up this week between an employer and a representative of the workers. The employer was compelled to travel to the capital of the district (very much as an employer in Pennsylvania would travel to Harrisburg). There the employer met representatives of what would be, in the United States, the State Federation of Labor.

First they settled the classification. Taking the wage of a farm worker as a basis, they established categories for carpenters, masons, blacksmiths, drivers, and the other workers. Once this contract is signed, the carpenter or mason to be employed will be paid at the wage fixed in the contract.

Next, the employer in this case agreed to pay 1 1/2 per cent of the total payroll into a "cultural fund" to be used by the union in organizing classes and clubs among the workers. Since the schools in this district are overcrowded, the employer agreed to provide adequate educational facilities for the children of all his workers.

In addition the employer agreed to pay part of the wages of the local union secretary and to provide him with free transportation whenever he wished to visit the workers on their jobs.

The Soviet Union is ruled by the government and the trade unions. The government safeguards the political interests of the workers. The unions safeguard their economic interests.

### Japanese Ship Disabled.

BOSTON, Nov. 29.—With one propeller gone, the Japanese steamship Shokiku Maru, reported by wireless that she was disabled 50 miles east of Cape Ann. The coast guard cutter Ossipee, enroute from Boston to Portland, Me., went to her aid.

# ZEIGLER MINERS FIGHT THEIVING COAL OPERATORS

## Bosses Frame Militant Union Leaders

(Continued from page 1) at one point for more than a fraction of a second, and an accurate registry of the car's weight thus made impossible, was held to account for a little while.

Extra profits which the company had been making by cheating the miners on the weight of their loadings were being cut off because of the action of Henry Corbushly and his associates in the union who had supplied the assistant checkweighman. The operators then resorted to the simple expedient of excluding the assistant from the mine, leaving the solitary weighman in the old quandary of being unable to give his own union brothers a just accounting. It was then that the miners quit the mine spontaneously in their "wildcat" strike which was immediate cause of the outbreak that occurred later in the union hall and led up to the present trial.

With the co-operation of the reactionary sub-district officials the mine management has temporarily won its fight. Today there is no longer an assistant checkweighman on the job in the Bell and Zoller mine. The cars are run over the scales in one constant stream and the weigh boss calls out the number of tons per car load as he desires, with little or no regard for actual weight. The union checkweighman can keep no track of the real weights and the knowledge of what has happened in the past to honest and militant checkweighmen deters the new one from any energetic protest.

### Steal 25% of Load.

The miners are bitter and resentful. An average of 25% on each car load is stolen from them by the company thru this means of weighing. The eighty-two and seven-tenths cents per ton that the miner is supposed to get by contract is the purest formality. In actual fact, he averages some sixty odd cents to the ton.

Twenty fighting miners are to stand trial in Benton beginning next Monday, framed up on the flimsiest kind of evidence. Their real crime is their fearless stand for the rank and file miner and against anyone that was injuring the progressive spirit of the union, whether it was the Frank Farrington machine, the ku klux klan or the coal operators. Their fight for honest checkweighing was only a part of their battle for the improvement of the miserable lives of the miners. The Zeigler frame-up is part of the miners' uphill fight against the unsanitary hovels and shanties, and the shacks that are company-owned, airless, end on end and side by side.

### Fight Frame-Up!

The constant unemployment of thousands of sympathetic miners in the whole district is to a great extent hampering the development of an organized fight against the frame-up. Lack of funds to carry on the trial is a prospect that the defendants are facing. Both the International Labor Defense and the Franklin County Defense Committee, however, are making energetic efforts to save these militant fighters from undeserved prison terms.

# Real Estate Sharks Offer Apartments to Keep Wages Down

MIAMI, Fla.—(FP)—To keep wages and clerical salaries from rising above the pre-boom scale, the Miami realty board, composed of the principal local land speculators, has prevented a precedent by arranging to give school teachers rooms below the standard level of rents. If the board of education had raised teacher wages to meet the increased cost of board and room, other city employes and privately employed workers would have cited the teachers as an example to follow. So the real estate men, put a newly built apartment at the disposal of the school board at a rent that covers all carrying charges including interest and depreciation. As a result the realtors lose nothing except the profit on the rent payments of 40 teachers. They gain the difference between high rents and low wages on the rest of the working community.

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# Only Labor Unity Can Keep Benefit of the Machine for Workers

COLUMBUS, O.—(FP)—Miners of officials in Ohio are negotiating wage rates for men operating new loading machines. The machine takes the place of a gang of men with shovels. Unions in Illinois have won a number of fights on attempted wage cutting through machinery.

# SOVIET WORKERS HAVE TIME NOW TO READ BOOKS

## And They Are Doing It in Factories

MOSCOW (FP)—Workers in the Soviet Union are finding time to read. Despite the immense difficulties they have been compelled to overcome during the last five years they have turned their attention more and more to books.

During 1920, the books published in the Soviet republic numbered 3,260. For the first half of 1925 the number is 20,771. These figures are vouched for by the Society for Cultural Relations which states that the average number of pages in books was 70 in 1922 and 107 in 1924. During 1924 the average edition per book was 8,632.

Most of the books published at the present time in the Soviet Republic appear in paper covers. All are printed in the state or the cooperative printing plants. They sell at very low prices (from 3c up for the smaller books and pamphlets), within reach of the average pocketbook.

New books cover every phase of science, art, literature. Most of them deal with problems confronting the republic. There are immense numbers of books on social science.

Book stores have been opened throughout the republic. No factory is without its reading room and library. In large factories these Red Corners are numbered by the score. I visited one factory in which there were more than 50. These reading rooms are kept warm and well lighted, and during the noon hour, and before and after work they are crowded with readers.

Workers in the Soviet Union have time to read. The 8-hour day and the 6-day week are quite generally enforced. In one industrial city that I visited where the stores stay open on Sunday to accommodate peasants, they are closed on Wednesday. When Wednesday came it was raining and snowing. I had to tramp around all day and needed a pair of rubbers. But there was not a store in the town that could sell them till Thursday. I was uncomfortable, but the hundreds of store-workers were getting their free day.

# Need for Policy of Class Struggle Seen in the Shoe Industry

Pressure of unemployment on the boot and shoe workers of Massachusetts is apparently driving them toward a form of class-cooperating unionism which is very satisfactory to employers, to judge by a New York Times article based on an interview with the secretary of the New England Shoe and Leather Assn. These employers see the threat of strikes practically eliminated by arbitration. The boot and shoe industry, with 15% fewer employes than in October, 1924, and 37% fewer than in 1922 features the October employment report of the Massachusetts department of labor. The report also shows that more than half of the boot and shoe workers who still have jobs are in establishments working part-time.

Other Massachusetts industries are depressed but none so badly as boots and shoes. Cotton mills report employment 16% below 1922 but a gain of 4 1/2% over 1921 October. Woolen mills are 8 1/2% below 1922 and 10% below last year. Hosiery and knit goods factories have 25% fewer workers than in 1922 but 1 1/2% more than a year ago. All those are affected by the movement of industry away from New England chiefly to localities where labor can be hired more cheaply or worked longer hours.

# Women Teachers of Syracuse Demand No More Discrimination

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—(FP)—Women high school teachers of Syracuse will file suit for equal pay with men teachers, in accordance with the provision of the state law. Since September they have been getting \$2,400 a year, \$250 less than the men teachers.

# U. S. FIGURES SHOW MINERS GET LOW WAGE

## Explode Operators' Anthracite Bunk

Wage rates in the anthracite industry for over a quarter of a century have failed to keep pace with the cost of living. The present scale for contract miners is an increase of 134.8% over 1900 while the cost of living has advanced approximately 150% in the same period.

In the intervening years the discrepancy between miners' pay and the cost of living has been much worse as shown in the following federal figures which give for each scale period the wage level, the average cost of living, and the average purchasing power in percentages of 1900:

Anthracite Miners	Wage Rates	Cost of Living	Purchasing Power
1900	100%	100%	100%
1900-2	100	104	96
1903-12	113	120	95
1912-16	121	146	83
1916	129	162	80
1917	142	189	75
1918	162	230	71
1919-20	181	283	64
1920-23	213	262	85
1923-25	235	248	95

This means that for producing a ton of coal the anthracite miner earns a smaller amount of food, clothing, etc. than at the beginning of the century and that in the period 1912 to 1920 he earned very much less. In 1919 and 1920 he received only two-thirds as much in exchange for his work as prior to the 1903 award.

Anthracite mine workers have been saved from very serious curtailment of their living standards only by a considerable increase in days worked in the year. In the last 10 years of the 19th century they averaged less than 200 days a year. Lately the average has fluctuated around 270 days.

The average miner's earnings are not high in spite of the operator propaganda to the contrary. The most skilled and responsible miners are averaging only \$8.35 a day working about 90% of a full working year. The average of day workers inside the mine is \$5.56 and of outside men \$4.95 a day.

# New York Building Trades Make Demands While Chance Exists

NEW YORK (FP)—Building tradesmen in New York, organized in 50 trades and numbering more than 120,000 are taking a step forward in their demands for agreements to go into effect Jan. 1, 1926. Bricklayers and stone masons ask \$4 a day more, or \$16 in place of \$12; slate roofers, plasterers, stone setters and marble carvers demand a two dollar advance to \$14 a day. Many crafts ask a dollar and half raise to \$12 a day. The carpenters ask a 5-day work week.

# Illinois Power Trust Wants More Privileges

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 29.—The Illinois Power and Light corporation filed application with the Illinois Commerce Commission for a certificate of necessity and convenience to construct an electric business in Mahomet, Champagne county.

The Chicago Suburban Power and Light Company has asked a certificate to construct and operate an extension of its transmission line in Batavia Township, Kane county.

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# Even the Non-Union Miners Get a Raise by Going on Strike

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—(FP)—One hundred sixty bituminous miners at the Pikeview mine near Colorado Springs are enjoying wage boosts as a result of a 12-hour strike. Day men now get \$5.75 instead of \$5.25. They had demanded \$5.87. Machine miners get 57c instead of 51c a ton. They wanted 63c.

# RUSSIAN CROWDS SHOW TRAINING IN SELF RULE

## Nearing Describes the Frunze Memorial

MOSCOW (FP)—I have just seen a remarkable performance. Frunze the red army chief is dead. A memorial service is being held.

The Big Theater is packed. The Red Square is full of people, standing out in the storm to hear the loud speakers from the theater. All the leading lights are on the platform, speaking. Kalenin led off. When he got up there were a few scattering handclaps, immediately silenced by the crowd.

Twice after that there were a few handclaps and both times the crowd restored order immediately.

Then they let loose an orchestra—one of the finest I ever heard. And the orchestra spoke for the crowd. It was a real performance and when it was over the crowd felt as well satisfied as though it had applauded.

The Russian crowd practices self-discipline more effectively than any other I have ever seen, except in England.

And the English crowd is far more boisterous and rowdy than the Russian.

# Labor Editor Favors Delegation to Visit the Soviet Unions

CLEVELAND (FP)—Vigorous support is given in Cleveland trade union circles to the proposal that American labor send a delegation to Russia. Albert F. Coyle, editor Locomotive Engineers Journal announces his support of a plan which would include a tour of the principal European countries, including Russia. The recent address of Pres. A. A. Purcell of the International Federation of Trade Unions, under the auspices of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, has stimulated interest in Europe in labor ranks.

# Quebec Provincial Labor Party Bars Out the Communists

QUEBEC (FP)—The Quebec provincial convention of the Canadian Labor party, which was organized under the aegis of the Dominion Trades and Labor congress, has passed a resolution forbidding Communists in the party and ordering the expulsion of members with Communist tendencies. The convention also called for a working week of five 8-hour days and offered to help anti-Fascist movements.

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## A Socialist Tammanyite

Throuth the whole world the name Tammany Hall is synonymous with political corruption. One skilled in all the low arts of political swindling is called a Tammanyite not only in New York and Chicago, but in London, Paris, Pekin, Bombay and in the remotest corners of the earth. But Tammany, since 1910, has extended its influence. Its activities formerly confined to New York alone, where it plundered in the most brazen fashion, now extend throuth the whole nation. Finance capital in 1910-12 stamped it for its own and broadened the power of Tammany.

With its rise to national influence it becomes necessary to white wash it, so that its past reputation will not thwart its present purposes. That is a job that requires extraordinary skill in the black magic of political fakery. Only those so hardened to the practice of public deception that they can with straight faces call Tammany a beneficent institution can do the job.

Two types of creature are useful for this purpose. One of them is the type of the mayor-elect of New York, Mr. Walker, who is ignorant that he is not aware of the nature of the machine that made him. The other is one whose principles are for sale to the highest bidder. Such a one is Mr. Walter Lippman, chief editorial writer of the *New York World*, who, while speaking in Pittsburgh the other day, extravagantly eulogized Tammany Hall. Mr. Lippman, talking to the national municipal league, said the Tammany politicians are not the old type of boodle bandits, but "a typical group of city men—successful lawyers, successful businessmen, and I might add constant but successful golf players." He doesn't say they are just dressed-up crooks and thugs.

Who, you may ask, is this man Lippman?

He is a former socialist, who came into prominence as the secretary of Mr. George R. Lunn, socialist mayor of Schenectady, N. Y., in 1912-13; he was a leading light of the intercollegiate socialist society. When his political mentor, Mr. Lunn, became a renegade socialist and joined the democratic party, Mr. Lippman soon followed. When Lunn supported Morgan's war, Lippman became editor of the *New Republic*, a pseudo-liberal sheet and supported Woodrow Wilson's policy.

Former Mayor Lunn eventually became a congressman; then lieutenant governor of New York under the Tammanyite, Al. Smith. When Lunn became identified with the Tammany branch of the democrat party, Mr. Lippman followed him. Now Lunn holds an appointive job in the state, because he was defeated in the recent election, and his former office boy, Mr. Lippman, defends Tammany in the columns of the *World* and before Kiwanis club audiences in the hinterland.

This is the inevitable road travelled by the egotistical products of bourgeois universities, who in their immeasurable arrogance imagine they have something to contribute to the revolutionary movement. They think their professional training fits them to lead the movement out of the wilderness of Marxism in which they say we helplessly founder.

Not one of that vile crew ever contributed anything but confusion to the ranks of the movement in the United States. And the history of all of them is identically the same. After vitiating the movement with the accumulated rubbish of bourgeois universities they learn that the slow tempo of the movement does not insure them the dazzling careers they crave, so they drift into the ranks of the capitalist class where they become the most cringing, servile mercenaries in the service of capitalist class corruption. Their former alleged radicalism and liberalism makes them better prostitutes.

## The Northwestern "Riot"

The other night a mob of students at Northwestern University went on a wild rampage, overran the business section of Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, indulged in violent assaults upon individuals and policemen, attempted to burn down a stadium used to seat crowds at athletic events, and in general conducted themselves in a most obnoxious manner. The disorders occurred because certain judges awarded the "big ten" football championship to the University of Michigan.

Workers, especially those who have been assailed by police thugs and gangsters, while conducting peaceful picketing, cannot avoid drawing comparisons between the very mild and considerate manner in which the police treated the rioting students and the unrestricted savagery and frightfulness with which workers' demonstrations are crushed by force of arms. For workers the police have riot guns, clubs, tanks, tear gas, bombs and all the equipment of modern warfare. For the students attending a Methodist college, rioting because their moron football team ranked lower in the averages than another group of half-wits from another bourgeois university, the police have the utmost consideration, even taking beatings themselves rather than disperse the ranks with bullets.

Evanston's riots are a good lesson in class distinctions. The reason the workers are shot, slugged and jailed is because they are fighting for decent conditions to defend the capitalist exploiters. It is the job of the police force to defend the capitalist class in its endeavors to make beasts of burden of the workers. The Evanston students are spawn of the ruling class, who attend college to learn how to utilize the information they receive to enable the ruling class more effectively to exploit the workers.

Furthermore, university students are always on the side of the police in strike disorders and with great gusto join the forces of terrorism in order to crush strikes, as was the case of the Harvard students during the great Lawrence strike of 1912.

The class to which one belongs determines the attitude of the police.

Mussolini now has complete control over all parts of the government and even directly controls the municipalities in the unfortunate nation over which his insane despotism holds sway. He is the state. Another character in history whose name is synonymous with tyranny uttered similar sentiments at the close of the 18th century. The regime he personified fell before the avalanche of the revolution. Mussolini is treading the path of his predecessor and his destination will be as dismal.

# Some Revelations of Mr. Hoover

By H. M. Wicks

The annual report of the secretary of commerce, released for publication this morning, is a document that will prove useful to those loyal mercenaries of the capitalist class, the labor fakirs. Mr. Hoover, the secretary of commerce is unique in one way at least. He is the only statesman on earth who qualified for his position by operating soup kitchens requiring the same degree of economic understanding as the manager of a salvation army doughnut factory.

This eminent "soup kitchen" statesman in the first part of his report deals with the elimination of waste. By a rather crude juggling of statistics that would disgrace a high school boy. Hoover endeavors to prove that the real wage has increased during the past five years and comes to the conclusion that today we have the highest real wage in our history.

Hoover says this result was brot about thru increased efficiency and waste elimination.

"What the country as a whole has accomplished during the past five years in increased national efficiency in those directions is impossible of measurement. Nor does the Department of Commerce lay claim to credit for the great progress that has been made save as we may have helped to organize a definite public movement. That movement is the result of a realization by every group—business men, industrial leaders, engineers, and workers—of the fundamental importance of this business of waste elimination.

"In addition to elimination of waste we have had the benefit of notable advances in science, im-

provement in methods of management, and prohibition. Thanks to elimination of waste and these other contributing factors, we can as a nation show one of the most astonishing transformations in economic history."

Here is the table presented by Hoover to prove his contention:

Movement of Wages and Prices, 1920-1925 (1913 equals 100)

Year	Wages	Prices
1920	199	226
1921	205	147
1922	193	149
1923	211	154
1924	228	150

Figures Won't Lie, But—

Liars will figure! Note that Mr. Hoover uses the statistics of the year 1913 as the starting point for all his investigations. Every person living in the United States at that time knows that the fall and winter of 1913 was a period of widespread unemployment and that wages sank to the lowest level since the panic of 1907.

The winter of 1913-14 saw unemployed hordes tramping the highways of this nation eking out an existence in any way they could and willing to accept the merest pittance as a wage to tide them over the period of depression. The "soup kitchen" statesman very carefully avoids recalling that situation in presenting his "astounding" picture of unexampled prosperity.

Then there is a second deception practiced in the statistical table of Mr. Hoover and one that is used in most tables of government statistics which renders them useless, tho they commodities.

\*Average wholesale prices of all

are taken as authoritative by the labor leaders who carry on wage negotiations with the capitalist class. It is the trick of computing alongside the index number for wages the figures for the wholesale price of ALL commodities.

Real wages of labor are not determined in any such a manner as that. The only way to compute real wages is to compare the income of the workers with the price of the necessities of life. The total wholesale prices of commodities includes the millions upon millions of dollars' worth of luxuries that are consumed by the ruling class, which can fall in price without affecting the economic condition or the real wages of the working class at all.

Such figures include also the millions spent for gasoline, the price of which has fallen because of the fierce price-cutting campaign in many parts of the country in the war of Standard Oil against the independent producers. This benefits the owners of motor cars and trucks, but does not affect the majority of workers in the least. Hundreds of such examples can be presented.

Furthermore Mr. Hoover's figures are based upon the wage RATES when workers are employed, and not upon the actual wage received during the year, which makes a considerable difference.

Another contemptible trick is a second table purporting to show the figures covering the same period in Great Britain:

Index Numbers of Wages and Prices, Great Britain, 1920-1925. (1913 equals 100)

Year	Wages	Prices
1920	230	283
1921	230	283
1922	260	181

1922	200	159
1923	170	162
1924	170	174

The little joker here is easily detected. The British table does not indicate the wage rates, but the wages actually received.

With this sort of deliberate falsification Mr. Hoover builds up a case for American prosperity.

No wonder American statesmen are held in contempt by other public servants of the bourgeois throuth the world. They richly deserve their odious reputations!

Watch for These Figures.

American wage workers should watch for this argument, based upon the "authority" of governmental statistics, to be sprung on them in the first wage controversy in which they are engaged. With this information you will know how to meet the fake government statistics.

It is certain that they will be utilized by B. & O. Bill Johnson, William Green, head of the A. F. of L. and all the other class collaborationists, to prove that their betrayal of the workers into schemes for increasing the efficiency of the capitalist machinery of production will benefit the workers.

Unquestionably, such "astounding" figures will be used in those cesspools of intellectual stagnation called labor colleges where the doctrine of class collaboration is the alpha and omega of their "educational" system.

The workers who are deluded by such sophistry as the notion that they must increase production before they can hope to receive increases in wages have yet to learn the most elementary principles of economics.

\*Average wholesale prices of all commodities.

Marxism teaches the working class the irrefutable fact that to the extent machinery of production develops, to the extent that efficiency devices enable the capitalists to get more out of the working class for the same expenditure of labor-time, to that extent will the demand for labor-power diminish, with the result that the workers will find themselves in ever-increasing numbers out on the streets in the army of unemployed. Any worker knows, thru his own experience, that when there is an army of unemployed in the country wages are always beaten down to the very lowest level. So in the last analysis the increased efficiency propaganda of the labor leaders and their apologists in the labor colleges is simply a new form of belly-crawling before the capitalist class, a new betrayal of the working class in an effort to fool the workers into aiding the capitalist class reduce wages.

This sort of thing is to be expected from Mr. Hoover, one of the time servers of the Coolidge strike-breaking, scab-herding, open shop government. The government exists for the one purpose of coercing the working class in the interest of the capitalist class. It is interesting to find Hoover's lying statistics predicated upon the propaganda of the labor lieutenants of the capitalist class and the intellectual enunchs in the labor colleges.

Neither Mr. Hoover, Mr. Green, Mr. Johnson or any of the frail sisterhood of the professional crew dare defend their theories against a Marxist before a working class audience.

Such theories could only originate in the minds of those whose mental development is compatible with the conduct of soup kitchens—or the nursery.

# The Voice of French Young Workers Is Heard

(Continued from page 1)  
tion until the eighteenth year, four weeks' vacation a year on full pay, application of the labor laws under the control of the workers, the Red Army—the revolutionary school in the service of all the workers and the oppressed peoples!"

"The dividends of the shareholders are coined of the blood of young workers" (Marx).

"The proletarian youth must learn to use arms not to shoot their own brothers but to overthrow their bourgeois and to seize power!"

Opening of the Congress.

The congress opened amidst scenes of indescribable enthusiasm. Following a series of sixty district conferences of young workers, over six hundred delegates had been elected to the national congress. The majority of these delegates were not members of the Communist Youth League; most of the young workers there had not even heretofore taken any prominent part in the activities of the militant left wing workers of France. For the first time now, as the spokesmen of their exploited and oppressed young comrades in the shops, factories, mines, and fields, they came forward to consider the position of the toiling youth of France and to cement a united front of labor in the struggle against capitalism.

Toiling Youth and its Demand.

After the greetings of the French Communist Party, of the French League of Communist Youth, of the C. G. T. U. (revolutionary labor unions), and of other French and foreign labor organizations had been enthusiastically received, Barbe, a young worker, reported on the conditions of the young workers and peasants of France. His report, based upon a painstaking collection of facts, placed the conditions of the French young workers in a very clear light and the discussion that followed showed that the young French workers were at last awakening to their conditions and were determined to wage a militant struggle against capitalism.

Situation of Youth in Army.

Military service, the imperialist adventures of France, capitalist militarism—this was another point that demanded the attention of the congress. Chasseigne opened the discussion on anti-militarism and the situation of the working and peasant youth in the army. "What awaits the youth in the barracks?" he asked. "No trade unions to protect them, no right to vote, the working class press banned, silence in the ranks. You have heard complaints of the oppressive discipline of the shops. But how can that compare to the bullying discipline found in the ranks of the army—to the oppression of the petty officers and officers?"

War in Syria and Morocco.

"But how can they make good their promises" of lowering the service period to one year—this government that sends thousands of young men to destruction in Morocco and Syria at the word of the bankers?"

In reply the French Communist Youth League issued and the Youth Congress took up with enthusiasm, the militant slogans: "Down with the capitalist wars in Syria and Morocco! Mass fraternization!"

Into the Trade Unions!

The young workers must enter the trade unions! Croizat, member of the Executive Commission of the C. G. T. U. (revolutionary unions), made a

plea for the unionization of the young workers. "They must enter the unions and fight for their demands side by side with the adult workers. In this way and in this only can be realized the united front of the young and the adult workers..."

World Trade Union Unity.

"But the working class—old and young—cannot really be strong," Croizat showed, "unless it is united internationally for the struggle of the working class. Along with the struggle for national unity, the worker must carry on the struggle for world trade union unity. The youth must stand in the front ranks of this struggle!"

It was in this spirit of militant struggle and unity that Coulon, of the C. G. T. (reformist unions) of Bourdeaux, proposed to send a delegation to the national council of the C. G. T. then in session.

"The C. G. T. U.," he said, "has listened to us and has adopted our demands. The C. G. T. has done nothing for us. Let us bring our demands before them!"

A delegation of seven members was immediately chosen and dispatched on its mission.

Need of Political Struggle.

Upon Comrade Ferrat fell the task of pointing out the necessity for the political struggle of the youth and the proof that the Young Communist League was the only organization that could lead this struggle."

Citing the experiences of the struggles of the French and the world proletariat, Ferrat showed that only the Communist nucleus could draw out, organize, and direct the struggles of the youth on all fronts: in the factory, on the land, in the army...

Petroff and Nadia Speak.

On the last day of the congress there stepped forward two Russian workers, the representatives of the emancipated proletariat and peasant youth of Russia—a young worker by the name of Petroff and a young working girl called Nadia. The enthusiasm with which they were received cannot be described.

With broad strokes, Petroff painted the situation of the Russian youth under the czar. Long hours—10 to 14 a day—the most miserable wages, brutal tyranny and oppression, ignorance... Came October! Then four years of intervention, civil war, blockade, but the revolution was maintained! And all the time the conditions of the toiling youth were the first care of the workers' government. The working day had been reduced to 4 to 6 hours, the wages are

on the same scale as adult workers, social insurance functioning as nowhere else, young workers in the trade unions and occupying privileged position in them, a long vacation on full pay (one month a year), summer reports for the youth, the factory the center of social life and the factory committee the real "boss" in the factory... As Petroff, in simple words, gave a rough sketch of the conditions of the young workers in Russia, the representatives of the French young workers sat up amazed, hardly believing such things possible, and seeing at last the malicious lies and slanders that the capitalist press had been spreading about Soviet Russia in order to befuddle the minds of the workers.

Nadia then spoke and she touched more on the life of the young girls. She concluded with an enthusiastic description of how the red army carries on its tremendous educational and political functions in helping to raise the new generation of young workers and peasants in the spirit of Communism.

French Delegation Appointed.

Questions followed thick and fast which were all answered to the greatest satisfaction. Finally Nadia said: "You should hurry up and choose your delegation to go to Russia to verify what you have been told today. You trust us. But you will have more confidence in your delegation."

The question of a French young workers' and peasants' delegation to Russia then came up for discussion and finally a delegation of fifteen was chosen. These young workers are to go to the Soviet Union and, in the freest possible manner, investigate and examine anything they may find of interest there, stressing, of course, the conditions of the young workers. Then they will come back to France and tell the French young workers just what they saw, what they learned, and what their conclusions are. There can be no question that the report of this delegation will help tremendously to open the eyes of the widest masses of young workers in France and outside to the truth about the Soviet Union and the work of the revolution.

Significance of the Congress.

Thus the congress ended after two solid days of work. The great success of this congress, its wide basis of representation, the militant spirit manifested in its deliberations and activities—these proved that important revolutionary changes were and are taking place in the ranks of the French toiling youth. The revolutionization of the masses is progressing apace; the objective situation and the

internal class relations in France are especially favorable for energetic and determined activity of the Communist vanguard—the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

And the Young Communist League of France has not been found lacking. The rooting of the Young Communist vanguard in the masses of the young workers, the formation of the widest mass contacts, the transformation of

the French league into a mass young Communist league of the workers has already begun. And the real Bolshevik spirit, the Leninist understanding and activity, that the mass work of the league manifests, give fair promise for the future.

Long live the Young Communist League of France!  
Long live the Young Communist International!

## From Mudpool to Communism

By MARTIN MATTILA

IN the beginning there was a cell which lived in a mudpool. The sun kept it warm. It felt happy, grew fat and strong until it by its own weight was divided into two cells. And that was the glorious end of the first cell.

The new cells had inherited good appetites and in many generations grew into tadpoles which in turn in a few millions of years developed gills. But the mudpool in which the illustrious ancestral cell had lived and loved, had dried up and our famous forefathers with gills found themselves on a dry land.

Never did a sailor cuss the land with such vehemence as these unfortunate kinsmen of ours, finding the water all gone and no use for the fins, and that is how it happened that the air, instead of water, began to flow thru their gill-openings.

Always rebellious against conditions like good revolutionists, they began to flap their fins as if to find out whether or not they could rise still higher; and indeed they were successful flappers.

For they, or at least their descendants, with shrieks of joy flew into a tree.

THERE were delicious berries in the tree; but with stiff bills they were hard to pick and wings indeed were more in the way than for use in the thick tree.

That is why our forefathers Tip and foremother Slip plucked the feathers off their wings and always ground their bills against the bark of the tree. Such foolishness of course could not lead anywhere but to death. But before they died they had the blessing of many beautiful children tainted with this plucking insanity.

In fact the children outdid their parents and plucked the feathers off their entire body including the head. All naked they felt cold and sought refuge in the hollow of the tree, or they had found new trees by this time. In that hollow they found beard-moss which they tried to wrap around their shivering bodies. They paid the penalty of folly and succumbed to rheumatism, not before they had given lives to short-billed and almost featherless offspring, which continued the brilliant traditions of the species.

One of them, called Ed, looked at his garb of beard-moss, scratched his neck and thought how he could make such a beard grow on his head, for the head suffered most from the cold. As if for answer to the constant scratching, hair indeed began to grow on his zenith. Mr. Ed. made the discovery on her mate's head and that night could not sleep an eyelid. Trying to solve the mystery she, too, scratched her head and with far more excellent results. In hair-pulling contests and helping each other to free from hair, this personal adornment grew thick and strong. It reached the back of the knees and one could conveniently hang household goods to it in moving new quarters.

BUT the back was still cold sometimes and the scratching was extended over all the body. Father Ed, summarily rubbed even his face, which Mrs. Ed. was careful not to touch for aesthetic reasons; there was water in the mudpool and the lady liked to watch her face in its glimmering surface.

Father Ed. was at first horrified in finding the growth on his face, but as he could not prevent it, he declared, "Beard is a man's natural adornment, pacify yourself," with which solemn judgment Lady Ed. had to content herself.

The Eds lived to a very old age and left be-whiskered and hairy children. One couple, particularly sensitive to cold, moved south where the sun shone much more warmly. There they discovered that whereas hair was all-right for the north, one could live more comfortably without it in the south; consequently they had a hair-pulling madness similar to the feather-plucking madness which their ancestors had had. The hot sun helped them and behold, they were naked!

They had not taken any account of horseflies and wasps which bit and stung them like the very enemies. Without losing his resourcefulness the Ed. of this generation captured a bear with his bare hands and snatched its hide. It was a retreat to hair but not to one's own hair! Mrs. Ed. said that she wanted a nice fur, like the one she had seen the leopard wear; and with utmost patience, cunning, and strength Mr. Ed. succeeded in wrenching the pelt from this swiftly-moving animal.

BUT even these Eds went the way of the world, for the great joy of their children who inherited their furs, stone-axes and caves.

The race of the Eds flourished and grew in number inasmuch as it was saved from plagues, wild animals, cold and hunger and above all, the wars between different tribes of Eds.

For many, many generations later we find again an Ed. seated in his workshop. He has on a neat suit of hair, woven of sheep-wool; but his chin is shaved with a sharp weapon.

He is thinking, measuring, and calculating. He calls himself Edison and tries to invent an electric light. And he invents it.

One other of the Eds, Darwin, forces his tools of research into the history of Ed's and excavates the whole history from the mudpool to the master of the world.

Thus the progress continues. At one time the Eds were able to fly; now they have regained that knowledge. Earlier yet they swam under the seas; they now swim again in powerful machines.

The next step or them is to overthrow the capitalist society which has grown inadequate for their welfare, and to establish in its place a Communist commonwealth. When this is done there will be great joys in store for them in the future.

## CASUAL REVIEWS

By HENRY GEORGE WEISS.

There is an article in the November Century Magazine. It is called "Bitter Bread of Exile." It is by Marguerite E. Harrison. A charming lady, doubtless, who I more than suspect of the subtle art of—nothing so crude as lying. No, no!—exercising a vivid imagination to the profit of her pocket-book. The article is well written. It is interesting. Nothing could illustrate the muddled thinking of the author, and of the class for which the mainly writes, than to have her piece of resistance, the mysterious stranger of the lonely yurt, exclaim: "We had meant to institute the dictatorship of the proletariat, and we had merely

substituted a new class dictatorship." What a gem! And to have been uttered by a revolutionist, a member of the C. E. C. As if any distinction lay between the two phrases. Here, you little eight-year old Junior, what do we mean by the dictatorship of the proletariat? "Working class control of the government in the interests of the working class." Oh, Marguerite, Marguerite! If you must take a slam at the terrible Bolsheviks, be more careful in the future what you have your dream characters say. It may get by with your gang, all right, all right; but now and then such things get read by an honest to god worker who might be guilty of poking fun at you.