

MINERS ENTOMBED IN COLORADO

SIGMAN MACHINE CLASHES WITH LEFT WING OVER COMMUNISTS IN UNION AT I. L. G. W. U. CONVENTION

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE. (Special to The Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Dec. 4.—A near riot lasting ten minutes broke out when a machine delegate from Cleveland objected to Rubin of Local 2 speaking in Yiddish against the unseating of Marks. Sigman opened the session this morning by speaking on the introduction to the Executive Board's report. He took the occasion to make a veiled attack on Judick and the Freiheit, because of its criticism of his policy.

The objection to delegates became the order of business on the conclusion of Sigman's weak speech and the case of E. Marks of Local 2 was taken up. The case against Marks appears to be that he, during the Palmer raids, denied membership in the Communist Party.

AS WE SEE IT

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY

"MAJOR" GEORGE L. BERRY has announced his candidacy for the presidency of the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union to succeed himself. No doubt he will. The only novel feature of the election is that Berry after treating the union for several years as his own personal property should go to the trouble of seeking endorsements from the membership. Having already secured the sanction of the employing printers there is no reason why the "Major" should waste good ink singing his own praises in the columns of his own journal which is considerably subsidized by scab ads.

THE hide of a rhinoceros is delicate compared to the intellectual skin of "Major" Berry. But nothing is impossible and readers of THE DAILY WORKER, particularly in Mr. Berry's personal union, will be interested to learn that the series of articles that appeared in this paper some time ago, in the nature of an autobiography of Mr. Berry, got on the inside of that worthy's skin.

IN the November issue of the American Pressman, George offers himself and his international crew of strikebreakers for re-election. Speaking for the gang, Mr. Berry declares "we are desirous of continuing the great work in which we are now engaged." For the benefit of those not in the know, Mr. Berry's principal visible means of support is strikebreaking, with the sanction of the officialdom of the American Federation of Labor.

HAVING proven his good intentions, the "Major" sailed into the Communists. But for a few "un- (Continued on page 2).

LEFT WING FORCES SIGMAN TO SEAT DELEGATE FROM LOCAL 38

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE. (Special to The Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—The question of seating one lone delegate, Rea, a member of Local 38 and the editor of La Frustra, a little anarchist sheet, in the afternoon session of the convention showed the inner weakness of the machine better than any development to date.

Rea himself played an unimportant part, but the struggle between Ninfo and Antonini which he aroused brought delight to the progressives. The charges against Rea seem to have arisen out of the criticism of Ninfo carried on by La Frustra and resulted in the expulsion of eight members by Ninfo. The case was clearly a political one and without endorsing the views held and opinions expressed by Rea, the progressives were in favor of his being seated.

The bitterness of the struggle for power between Antonini and Ninfo, although no basic difference on policy exists, came to light when Antonini took the floor and opposed the credentials committee report unseating Rea. Hyman followed and urged that Rea be seated.

"Blackest of Black." Zack, a member of Local 38 himself, brought loud and prolonged protests from the Ninifites when he characterized Ninfo and his official family as "the blackest of the black in our international." Demands that he withdraw the statement were made and the uproar continued until quieted by Sigman, who then renewed officially the demand for a retraction.

"That statement is my opinion and I will not retract," said Zack. "I stick to it although I want it understood that it does not apply to the members of Local 38 who are workers." Sigman (Continued on page 2)

FINNISH BUREAU UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED: FOR BOLSHEVIZATION

The conference of the Finnish section of the Workers (Communist) Party opened last Sunday and closed its work on Thursday night with the unanimous election of a bureau of 13 members and an appeal to the membership of the Finnish section for loyal and energetic support of the bolshevization of the party thru reorganization.

The convention, which had on Tuesday unanimously accepted the unity resolution of the Central Executive Committee, discussed the various problems of the Finnish section in relation to the work of reorganization during the intervening days. Resolutions were adopted for the guidance of the branches of the Finnish section in relation to the membership coming into the shop nuclei and street nuclei and the work of the workers' clubs. The latter is an important problem for

the Finnish section, in view of the fact that most of the branches maintain large headquarters, halls, which are the center of social, dramatic and athletic activities for the membership. The problems in connection with these phases of the activity of the organization have been solved in such a way as to lay the foundation in building even a stronger movement among the Finnish workers and at the same time drawing the membership into the work of the party thru the shop nuclei and street nuclei.

ELECTS BUREAU.

The bureau elected consists of thirteen members and three candidates. This bureau consists of Janhonen, Massachusetts district; Sjomani, New York district; Karhu and Matt Wick, Ohio-Pennsylvania-Southern Michigan district; Puro, Burman, Sulkannen, Maki and Wilkkula, who

will be located in Chicago and constitute an executive council which will carry on the work between the sessions of the whole bureau; Corgan from the Mesaba Range; Tenhunen and Heikkinen from the Minnesota-Wisconsin territory, and Parra from the Washington-Oregon-California territory. The three candidates are: Comrade Tini Hysky-murte of California, Comrade Luoto from the Rocky Mountain district, and Comrade Nieva from South Dakota.

The convention adopted a manifesto addressed to the membership of the Finnish section, urging every member to become a member of a shop nucleus or street nucleus of the party during the reorganization. The manifesto points out the need of bolshevization of the Workers (Communist) Party and that the Finnish membership must support (Continued on page 2)

NUMBER CAUGHT BY RAGING FIRE MAY REACH 60; RESCUE SQUADS FEAR ALL DEAD FROM BLACK DAMP

(Special to The Daily Worker)

BOULDER, Colo., Dec. 4.—Twenty-five miners are entombed in the Cardinal mine, 18 miles south of here with little hope entertained of their being rescued alive, according to a report reaching here at noon today.

The men were trapped when fire caused by defective wiring blocked the exits.

A later report states that the number now believed caught in the mine was between forty and sixty. The danger to the entombed men lies in the fact that the fire is raging in the tunnel, which is a mile and half long may draw out all the air, causing fatal "black damp."

It is thru this entrance that rescue, if rescue is possible, must be made and little hope is expressed that an entrance can be gained until late tonight.

Rescue Crews Arrive.

The fire starting between 8 and 8:30 this morning was soon beyond control of the men working at the mouth of the mine and alarms were sent to Nederland and Boulder for assistance. Superior, Colo., another mining town responded to appeals for help, rushing a mine rescue car stationed at that point to Boulder where they will be rushed by high powered automobiles to the scene of the disaster.

Fire Chief Healy of Denver immediately rushed a crew equipped with gas masks and fire fighting equipment to the stricken mine. More than 300 miners from adjoining camps have been organized into rescue squads.

All Shut Off.

The compressor and fan houses, the latter supplying fresh air for the tunnel, was completely destroyed at a loss estimated between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The working crew of the Cardinal tunnel, which is a gold and silver mine, is composed of sixty men, according to information received from Nederland. Whether all of these men were in the mine at the time of the fire could not be learned.

William Bryant, a miner who was at the mouth of the tunnel when the blaze started was badly burned.

So far as can be learned there has been no explosion in the tunnel and officials are holding out hope that the men possibly are still alive.

All Hope is Gone.

BOULDER, Colo., Dec. 4.—Hopes of saving any of the men entombed today in the Cardinal mine, 18 miles from here, were further dashed late today when smoke was discovered pouring in dense volumes from an abandoned air shaft, 3,700 feet from the entrance.

Persons familiar with the workings of the mine expressed the belief that if the men were caught between that airshaft and another at the extreme eastern end of the tunnel in which they were trapped, all have been suffocated by now.

Altho company officials continue to assert there were only 18 men in the mine to the best of their knowledge other estimates varied widely, running as high as sixty.



Just "Another Accident"

This time it is Colorado.

Finds Gold Nugget. ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 4.—Excitement ran high here following the discovery of a gold nugget weighing 43 ounces by C. B. Nelson, a prospector on the Kantishna river, about 60 miles west of Kobe. The nugget is valued at \$731.

New Chief of Goose-Steppers. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Col. March B. Stewart was appointed by Secretary of War Davis as superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Fred W. Bladen, who was assigned to command the Philippine department.

More Applicants than Jobs. TACOMA, Wash. (FP)—Many applicants for each available job are reported by employment agencies in the Pacific northwest. Municipal work is being curtailed, farmers are laying off men and the lumber districts have many more jobseekers than they can handle.

We Must Finish the Job for Our Daily!

To All Party Branches, Party Members, and Party Sympathizers:

\$40,000. This was the amount needed to overcome the crisis and put THE DAILY WORKER in a position so that it would not need again to appeal for donations and contributions for another year. With this total sum at its command, THE DAILY WORKER would be in a position to liquidate its pressing obligations to creditors and have some freedom to mobilize its forces for a subscription campaign and increase of its circulation and support, which might in the future place it beyond the need of appealing for donations.

The funds raised is still \$11,000 short of this total of \$40,000. The party has determined to ask the members and sympathizers with our movement to complete this fund by December 15th. On that date THE DAILY WORKER campaign is to be closed. It must be closed with the total of \$40,000 registered as the sum collected for THE DAILY WORKER fund.

There remains a period of ten days to raise the amount needed to complete the fund. Every branch of the party, every party member and every sympathizer with the movement is urged to use these ten days to drive up the total contributions to THE DAILY WORKER fund to the \$40,000 mark. That means that at least \$1,000 must be raised each day during these ten days.

There are in the hands of many members of the party and sympathizers THE DAILY WORKER fund coupons. Each member and sympathizer who has one of the SAVE THE DAILY WORKER coupons, should make every effort to sell the balance of the coupons by the 15th and then promptly send the remittance to THE DAILY WORKER. The branches of the party which still have funds collected from the November 7th meetings, or special affairs for the benefit of THE DAILY WORKER, should rush these in to THE DAILY WORKER. The efforts to

raise funds thru the party branches and other units of the party should, continue and the largest possible donations sent in by the 15th of December.

Comrades, the difference between the situation if THE DAILY WORKER fund is not driven up to the total \$40,000 will be, whether THE DAILY WORKER shall limp along on the verge of a crisis, with possibilities or having again to appeal to the membership in the near future, or whether we shall begin the new year with a secure foundation and the road clear for a struggle to WE MUST FINISH THE JOB. MAKE THE DAILY WORKER self-supporting by increasing its circle of readers.

We ask you to make it possible for THE DAILY WORKER to face the new year with confidence and assurance that in place of going down under the difficulties which a working class newspaper must face, it will be in a position to strengthen itself,

to increase its influence in the working class movement, to build itself as a secure instrument for service to the revolutionary movement in the United States. The party can give THE DAILY WORKER the assurance, if the latter will be the case, by making the last ten days count to complete the \$40,000 fund.

COMRADES, INTENSIFY THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE DAILY WORKER.

SELL AND SEND IN YOUR REMITTANCE FOR THE DAILY WORKER COUPONS.

RAISE MORE FUNDS THRU YOUR BRANCHES, MAKE THE REPORT OF THE FUNDS LEAP UPWARDS BY AT LEAST \$1,000 A DAY.

MAKE THE DAILY WORKER SECURE FOR 1926 BY COMPLETING THE \$40,000 FUND BY DECEMBER 15TH.

Fraternally yours, C. E. RUTHENBERG, General Secretary.

LOCARNO PEACE PACT ENSLAVES GERMAN TOILERS

Communists Expose Imperialist Aims

(Special to The Daily Worker) BRUSSELS, Belgium, (By Mail).—The interparliamentary Communist Congress which is holding its sessions here spent its second day in the discussing of the alliance of American and English capital in the Locarno peace pact for the exploitation of the subjugated peoples in Europe and of the colonies.

Comrade Treint spoke upon the altered European situation in consequence of the Locarno pact: the groupings of the capitalist powers, the strengthening of Germany, the weakening of France and the attachment of Germany to England. The Locarno pact is also of the greatest importance for the colonial question which reacts once again upon the constellation in Europe. The Locarno pact prepares the attack upon the Soviet Union. Locarno is it is true the introduction to a temporary understanding between America and Great Britain, but at the same time it means the preparation for the conflict between the imperialist contradictions of America and England on other fields.

Fight Locarno Pact.

Comrade Hecker stressed in his remarks the fact that America was the initiator of Locarno which will result in a temporary understanding between American and British imperialism in order to mobilize all capitalist forces against the Soviet Union the existence of which is a permanent threat to (Continued on page 3)

The Saturday Magazine

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ROBERT MINOR

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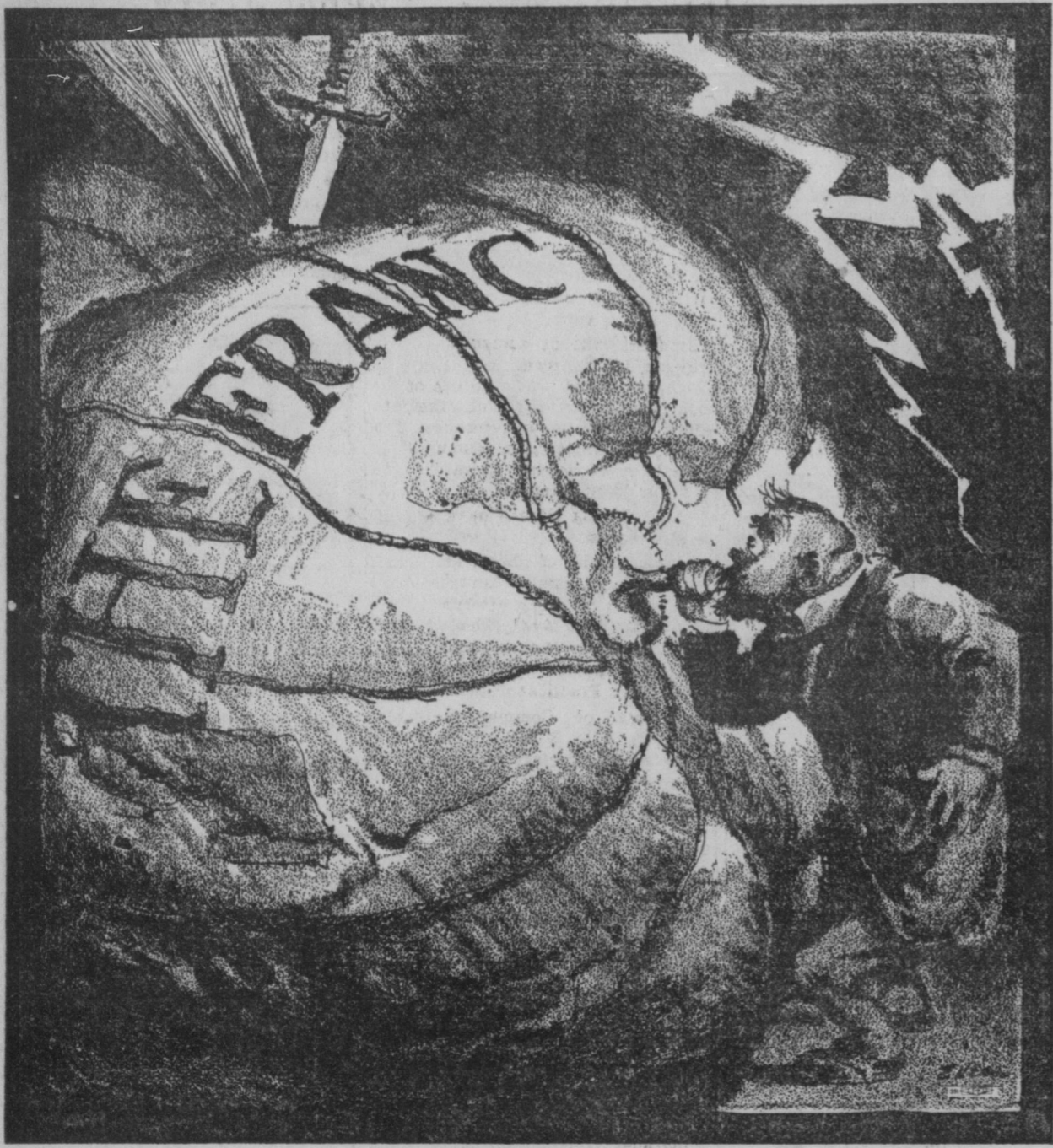
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HORACEK FOUND GUILTY UNDER SEDITION LAW

Prosecutor Plays on Jury's Prejudices

BY ELLA REEVE BLOOR. (I. L. D. Press Service.) PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4.—The jury in the case of Edward Horacek, active member of Machinists' Union, here charged with a violation of the Pennsylvania state sedition law, found Horacek guilty on counts seven and eight of the indictment, charging him with the distribution of literature, etc., and of membership in a party tending to teach sedition, etc., after it had been "deadening" one and a half hours. He was found not guilty on all other counts. Bail has been renewed for Horacek and the case will be appealed to a higher court.

Fight to Higher Court. The case of the other eight who are also charged with violation of the same law will not come up until the Horacek case has been fought in the highest court of the country. The jury which tried Horacek was composed of a number of aged women, a foreman, and business men. The personnel of the jury was published in an earlier issue of The DAILY WORKER.

Plays on Prejudices. The prosecutor in the trial of Edward Horacek, accused of a violation of the state sedition act, made a most inflammatory speech before the jury denouncing the "reds", Bolsheviks, the Russian revolution and Lenin, playing on the prejudices of the jury to return a verdict of guilty. Throughout his entire speech he made a grand stand play to the jury on their 100 per cent Americanism.

In referring to Horacek, he launched on a tirade, declaring that if he did not like America, he could go back to Bohemia where he had come from and that Horacek would never receive the enormous salary in Bohemia that he was now receiving.

Workers Party on Trial. Following the display of ignorance by the prosecutor, Judge Prather in his instruction to the jury, said that the burden of the proof lays on the programs of the Workers Party as to whether admitted membership in the Workers Party means advocacy of sedition. He also instructed the jury to examine what the Communist International was and the relation of the Workers Party to the Communist International. In his instructions the judge actually placed in the hands of the jury the question of deciding whether or not the Workers Party is illegal or not. It is not so much a trial of Horacek as it is of the Workers Party in Pennsylvania.

After his instructions the jury adjourned to an adjoining room to decide as to the verdict to bring in. Merrick's Cowardice. Fred Merrick was brought into court and asked if he was a member of the Workers Party.

Merrick answered "No. Not since July." "Will you renounce future activity in the party?" was the next question put to him.

"I will," he answered. "I have gone into business in Parkersburg." The judge then questioned him as to why he had given up his activities in the Workers Party.

He answered "I realized the hopelessness of my own activities." For this cowardly action on his part the judge paroled him, with Attorney Marshall assuming costs and responsibility for Merrick. Bitter resentment was felt by many of the workers in the courtroom when they saw this cowardly surrender and renunciation.

Will Be Expelled. Fred Merrick, who was the district organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party in the Pittsburgh district about a year ago and who had for the past year deserted activities in the party, was instructed by the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party to plead not guilty and to fight this case to the end. By his refusal to do so, Fred Merrick will undoubtedly be expelled from membership in the Workers (Communist) Party.

Read Party Manifesto. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4.—The entire manifesto, "United States Today", issued by the Workers Party in 1923, which analyzed the great strikes of that period, was read to the jury by attorney Marshall in his speech in defense of Edward Horacek, active member of the Machinists' Union and now on trial for alleged violation of the Pennsylvania state sedition law.

State Twists Meaning. During the trial the prosecution has

Increase British Bank Rate As Gold Supply of England Is Threatened

By J. LOUIS ENGDahl.

TODAY, American capitalism again demonstrates its rival, British capitalism, that it is by far the stronger of the two. This voracious beast that travels the world over, to satiate its profit hunger, snaps its challenge to the lean lion in London, that no nation must dare oppose America.

When Great Britain reached an agreement to pay its war debt to the United States and then, with a great show of courage, returned to the gold standard, that was a challenge to new struggles in the world's commercial rivalry.

But the bold front of the British suffers another setback. London has been compelled to increase its rediscount rate, at one jump, from four to five per cent, in order to stop "the empire" being bled of its gold. The increase in the bank rate was made absolutely necessary by the heavy drains on anemic British capitalism. The outflow has aggregated more than \$933,000,000 since the Bank of England reduced its rate to four per cent last October, while its gold reserve is \$48,500,000 lower than when England returned to the gold standard last April. The British must therefore close their gates against the exit of this precious basis for their currency. But that only weakens British imperialism in its fight for foreign markets, in its attempted "conquests of peace" over other nations, that are now compelled to turn their exclusive attention once more to the United States as the sole creditor nation.

As if to taunt the British lion, Wall Street refuses to advance its rediscount rate by even a fraction. It is indicated that the order to make no change, altho this could easily be done and had in fact been announced, came directly from Secretary of the Treasury "Andy" Mellon, chief spokesman of the American dollar in Coolidge's cabinet. The American bank rate remains at 3 1/2 per cent, a full 1 1/2 per cent below the British.

Thus England, altho she may parade as the chief instigator of Locarno "security" pacts against Soviet Rule, is nevertheless the helpless puppet of American capitalism.

The weekly report of the federal reserve system for the New York district shows that in spite of the wild wave of speculation and the giant loans made, yet the total loans of the New York bank have declined \$4,924,000. Reserves and deposits at New York increased \$3,565,000 and \$14,236,000, respectively during the past week.

This is the power that the possession of one-half of the world's gold supply—\$4,500,000,000 out of \$9,000,000,000—gives to American finance. It was necessary to force the Locarno compact upon the capitalist nations of Europe, so that the American gold surplus would not only find a safe and "peaceful" spot for investment, but also an opportunity to collect the interest on the investments made. Of course, this necessitates the enforcement of "industrial peace", within the various nations, resulting in an alliance between the American dollar and the different national governments to keep the workers in servile submission to the bitter exploitation forced upon them in order that the demands of the American shlylocks may be satisfied.

Thus British capitalism, with the various national capitalists upon the continent, may be helpless in the grip of Wall Street rule. But beyond lies the as yet slumbering power of the discontented and revolutionary workers, who are developing strength to tear down not only the dreams of Britain's Lombard Street, of the French Bourse and the financial districts of the European capitals, but of New York's center of finance as well. And back of these battling revolutionary workers stands the power of the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union, the bulwark of the world revolution.

At this writing the United States may furnish the world with its dominant imperialism. But the awakening of the oppressed everywhere will result in the creation of a power against which even the American dollar cannot stand, but before which its rule must collapse and fall.

read excerpts from this manifesto and has twisted and contorted the meaning in such manner as will serve their purpose. By reading the entire manifesto to the jury, the defense is establishing the "remacity" of the stools who testified for the state.

Marshall brought out Lincoln's contention that the people in America had the right to change the government and that if it did not serve the interests of the people they had the revolutionary right to dismember the government and replace it by one that would represent them. He pointed out that the Workers Party was trying to organize the workers in this country for a political change and that they were perfectly within their right to do so.

He then caused the prosecutors much discomfort, when he brought out that the Workers Party in America was not the only ones that were looking towards Soviet Russia to lead them out of this maze of injustice and wrong. He showed there many others who were looking toward Russia.

The attorney went on to prove that not a single act, word or deed had been proven which would show Horacek working for the overthrow of the government and all the witnesses the prosecution had been able to produce were city detectives and former department of justice agents.

Raps Lennon. He characterized Lennon, the former department of justice head, who placed stool-pigeons in the labor unions here to spy on their activities

CHICAGO DETECTIVES APPLY THIRD DEGREE ON 10 YEAR OLD YOUTH

After keeping a 10-year old youth awake all night and applying the third degree, the Chicago detectives claim that he "confessed" that his mother and not rival bootleggers killed his father, John Scardina.

The mother is now lodged in jail and the dicks who applied the "gold fish" methods on the 10 year old youth claim that they have a "confession" from her that she killed her husband in a quarrel over another woman.

The young lad was kept awake all night, with detectives being changed off every so often, questioning the young lad and trying to force a "confession" from him that his mother killed her husband.

Finnish Bureau Is Unanimously Elected

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the first step toward bolshevization in relation to the reorganization of the party and make the large Finnish membership a loyal part of the bolshevized party. This manifesto is a ringing declaration against the tendencies in some quarters of the Finnish section, expressed particularly in the Minneapolis resolution, which took a position against reorganization. The Minneapolis resolution and those responsible for it, Severi Alanne, Vilho Bowman, and others, were unanimously condemned.

Co-operate With C. E. C.

The seventeen delegates, together with the editors and business managers of the Finnish papers, who constituted the convention, worked in close co-operation with the representatives of the Central Executive Committee, Comrades Ruthenberg, Cannon and Lovestone, during the whole period of the convention. All the delegates expressed the belief that the results of the convention will be closer co-operation in all phases of the party work by the Finnish membership.

Comrade Ruthenberg addressed the convention just before adjournment, summarizing the work of the five-days session as follows:

United Organization.

"The Central Executive Committee representatives are of the opinion that in this convention we have laid the foundation for the development of a bolshevized Finnish Section, part of a bolshevized Workers (Communist) Party. The enemies of our movement has been looking forward to this convention hoping there would be some sort of disruption or split which would weaken the Communist movement in the United States. The hopes of the social democrats and two-and-a-half internationalists have been disappointed thru the work which you have done. We believe that we have cleared away the misunderstandings that existed among the Finnish membership in regard to reorganization. The Central Executive Committee representatives feel that thru the relationships established in this convention with the leading comrades to the Finnish Section, we have the groundwork for close co-operation and continuous aid by the Central Executive Committee in helping the Finnish comrades to solve the many problems which are raised in the work of reorganization. The result of this work will be a powerful section of Finnish comrades organized in the Finnish fractions of the party, and around them a broader mass movement in the workers' clubs than has ever existed before.

"Our party has come out of this convention stronger than it ever has been. We will work together in building up a powerful Communist Party in the United States which, in the days to come, will be able to meet the capitalist enemies in open battle and win the struggle for the Soviet Republic in the United States."

For Bolshevized Party.

Comrade Koskela, chairman of the convention, replied to the speech of Comrade Ruthenberg and said: "In the name of this convention of the Finnish Section, I wish to express the endorsement by the convention of the views expressed by the representatives of the Central Executive Committee. The delegates to the convention have found, in the co-operation of the Central Executive Committee representatives, a great aid in their work in finding solutions for the problems which spring out of the work of the organization. We thank the members of the committee of the Central-Executive Committee for their co-operation and assistance. We will go back to the membership of the Finnish Section and inform them about the work and views of this convention and we believe that they will respond to the work of this convention and give their loyal support to the reorganization and take part in the Bolshevized Workers (Communist) Party of America."

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scrupulous Communists nestled in the great city of Chicago" there would be no opposition to his candidacy, modestly declares Mr. Berry. The Workers Party would be pleasantly surprised if it had as many members on its rolls as there are members in the Pressmen's Union, who would like to see Berry under the monument that covers the dust of what may or may not be the "unknown soldier." So much for the "Majah's" popularity in his own union.

LABOR fakery, as a rule are not noted for intellectual attainments but some of them make an effort to reach some degree of literacy. After assailing The DAILY WORKER insinuatingly, George says: "We do not seek the support of any person who believes that the government of the United States or the government of Canada should be overthrown or destroyed. We do not believe there is a corporal's guard in our organization who hold such opinions and it is because of this that we seek re-nomination and re-election to the offices which we now hold and those to which we aspire, believing in the great American traditions of freedom, free from autocracy of Sovietism or autocracy from selfishness." (Emphasis ours—T. J. O'F.)

NOW we know why the average labor faker aspires to office in the trade union movement! To save this and neighboring governments from being overthrown! If Berry whispered this in the vicinity of a Missouri mule's tail, his face would be decorated sufficiently to enable him to pose as a wounded hero of the world war and perhaps give him an excuse to apply for the title of general. Berry's only regret for the year, is the action of members of the union in Chicago in striking against open shop conditions in a big printing plant. But Berry "fixed" the strikers, and he made no distinctions between conscious radicals and ordinary non-political trade unionists.

THE pressmen will gain nothing by railing against Berry. They must learn to fight him effectively. They must organize. Of course he is a political crook, but that is the business of the reactionary leadership of the American Federation of Labor. They are the "labor" wing of the capitalist government. Berry knows quite well that there are no Communists in the rebellious local of Chicago. If there were and if their policies dominated, there would not be any foolishness such as resorting to capitalist courts for injunctions

Left Wing Forces Sigan to Seat Delegate of Local 38

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informed Zack that he would not be allowed to continue until he retracted, but as Zack proceeded to elaborate upon the low regard in which he held Ninfo as an official, Sigman, after another interruption in the form of a weak five-minute speech explaining why he would not go thru with his previous mandate to deprive Zack of the floor if no retraction was made, allowed Zack to finish his speech. It was an embarrassing position for the president of one of the largest international unions.

Sigman Retreats.

Confronted with a division of his forces while the left wing maintained an ominous and eloquent silence speaking louder than words during his controversy with Zack, Sigman beat a not very graceful retreat. Facing a situation in which the whole expulsion and suppression policy was being aired while the individual involved was sure to be seated the machine became "good sports" as they expressed it.

Portnoy and Wishnevsky explained that the seating of Rea was no favor but part of the policy of the progressives, altho they took no responsibility for the acts or utterances of Rea. Certain defeat on this issue the machine speakers became ardent advocates of amnesty and toleration. It is probable that as a result of this discussion the expulsion policy has been dealt a blow from which it will not recover.

Rea was seated by a vote of 111 to 71.

Invite New York Shop Chairmen. The shop chairmen elected at the Cooper Union meeting have been invited to the convention. An attempt was made to combine the motion to do this with an invitation to Ashpiz, provisional managers for Local 2 appointed by the machine during the New York struggle, but the motion was divided, the shop chairmen being invited unanimously while 101 votes were cast against the invitation to Ashpiz.

Machine Seats Slugger.

At the end of the morning session after several hours of bitter debate Dolnick of Chicago, charged with slugging and running a corporation shop, was seated by a vote of 147 to 107.

Settle Suit.

A suit for 50,000 damages, based upon the finding of a dead mouse in a bottle of root beer served to Jack Taylor of Harvey, Ill., in a soft drink parlor in that town, was settled in chambers by the Hydrox Company of Chicago as the suit was called for trial.

FREIHEIT SINGING SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA GIVE BALL AT TEMPLE HALL TONIGHT

The Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra and Singing Society is giving a dance at the Temple Hall, corner Van Buren and Marshfield Ave., tonight. Admission will be 50 cents. All are invited to attend.

HELP SAVE THE DAILY WORKER!

Independent Local Joins U. T. W.

SALEM, Mass. —(FP)—Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co. workers are now members of Local 33, United Textile Workers' Union, and will have a special organizer for pillow case and sheeting mills. The local, headed by John P. O'Connell, former president Federated Textile Unions of America, withdrew from the American Federation of Textile Operatives affiliated with the F. T. U. of A. several months ago.

BIEDENKAPP TO SPEAK AT EAST LIVERPOOL AND STEUBENVILLE

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 4.—The East Liverpool committee of the International Labor Defense will hold a mass meeting Sunday, Dec. 6, in the afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Trades Council Hall. The Steubenville committee will hold a mass meeting at Steubenville at 8 p. m., in the Schwaben Hall. Comrade Biedenkapp will speak at both meetings on Labor and Defense. A large attendance is expected at both meetings.

Come to the Grand Concert & Ball TOMORROW, SUNDAY, DEC. 6. Given by POLISH, RUSSIAN AND UKRAINIAN WORKERS' CLUBS at SCHOENHOFEN HALL, Corner Milwaukee and Ashland Avenues. TICKETS: IN ADVANCE 50 CENTS. AT THE DOOR 65 CENTS. Beginning 3:30 p. m.

LOCARNO PEACE PACT ENSLAVES GERMAN TOILERS

Communists Expose Imperialist Aims

(Continued from page 1)

world capitalism. The complete defeat of the European proletariat and the colonial peoples would then inevitably follow. The German bourgeoisie had sold itself to the highest bidder.

W. (France) declared that America had played a decisive role in the preparation of the Locarno pact. America is interested in a pacification of Europe in order to secure its loans, she is also interested in securing Germany against the offensive of French imperialism. England is striving to make an end of the French ascendancy upon the continent and Locarno represents a success for her in this policy. The French bourgeoisie is in retreat. The German bourgeoisie accepted the pact under the double pressure of Anglo-American capitalism. Locarno is responsible for illusions of a pacifist nature both in Germany and in France. Germany received no concessions in Locarno. England's aim is to alienate Germany and Russia. The Locarno pact demands a speedier establishment of the united front of the working class.

A Polish comrade declared that the Locarno pact and the coming entrance of Germany into the league of nations means certain advantages for Germany, particularly in the question of the eastern frontiers.

For Eight-Hour Day.

Comrade Heckert and Comrade Piquet spoke upon the eight-hour day and the Washington agreement. Heckert declared that the Washington agreement was a maneuver on the part of the bourgeoisie to appease the working class. The ratification and the carrying out of the agreement by the bourgeoisie is being sabotaged by the reformists. The speaker described the abolition of the eight-hour day in Germany and the attitude of the Amsterdam Trade Union International to the question. He spoke further of the English trade union movement and its struggle for the maintenance of the eight-hour day and for the unity of the trade union movement. The Communists must place themselves at the head of the struggle for the eight-hour day, they must take part with all possible energy in the campaign for the eight-hour day from Nov. 15 to December 15. We must, however, make it clear to the workers that only the mass struggle of the proletariat can bring about an improvement in the conditions of work.

Show Up Washington Agreement.

Comrade Piquet declared that the Washington agreement was a great swindle. We must intensify our methods of struggle to win the eight-hour day. We must inform the working class of the whole history of the Washington agreement. In parliament the we can stand for the Washington agreement, we must however, expose the attitude of the reformists in this connection. The establishment of the eight-hour day by law is impossible, it can only be won by the mobilization of the masses.

The following comrades took part in the discussion which followed. Overstraeten who discussed the question of the ratification of the Washington agreement in the Belgian parliament, the Polish Comrade, Wellt, and Raedel.

LIVES OF SEAMEN ENDANGERED BY POOR CONSTRUCTION OF BOATS SHOWN IN BUCKLING OF ORION

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Did the ill-fated naval collier Cyclops buckle and sink to her lonely grave with her human cargo of 290?

Naval experts were asking themselves this question today as a result of an accident to the collier Orion, which forced her to put back to Hampton Roads naval base in a sinking condition. The Orion was a sistership to the Cyclops.

Some officers expressed the opinion today that the Orion's mishap may reveal the secret of the greatest of all American naval mysteries, the loss of the Cyclops.

Sister Ship Vanished.

The Cyclops sailed from South America in March 1918, with a cargo of manganese. He had aboard 290 persons, officers, passengers and crew. Nothing more was ever heard of her. She disappeared as completely as if a magic hand had brushed her from the world, leaving not one trace of her going.

The seas were combed, ports were searched, every cline followed intently, but never a trace was found of her, not even a spar of a drifting life preserver.

For some years, it was suggested that a German submarine had sent the collier to her doom, or that she had struck a submerged mine. Inquiries were conducted in Germany after war, but no German submarine commander could be found who could throw any light on the mystery.

Yesterday her sister ship, the Orion, sailed out of the Roads with a cargo of coal. Her structure buckled in a heavy sea and she raced back to port with her forward tanks flooded and almost sinking.

The same defect, some officers believed today, may have buckled the Cyclops' structure and sent her to Davy Jones' locker.

Pepperell Weavers Refuse to Work Under Multiple Loom System

BIDDEFORD, Me.—(FP)—Weavers of the Pepperell mills, organized in the American Federation of Textile Operatives, are striking again, against the multiple loom system. The 3,500 workers fought the introduction of the system by which each worker's work is more than doubled. In the previous strike the workers finally went back to try out the system and now definitely refuse to accept it.

Pullman Porters Conduct Organization Campaign

ST. LOUIS, (FP)—Pullman porters in St. Louis are organizing. "Men, you have nothing to lose, nothing to fear. Your movement is the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. You have the solid support of organized labor generally. White men organize, why not you?" reads a campaign circular. The Negroes are angered at the Argus, a local Negro newspaper which in return for a large advertisement from the Pullman company published an attack on the union.

Carpenters Get Raise.

DALLAS, Tex.—(FP)—Union carpenters in Dallas are about to sign a negotiated agreement with the contractors association which will increase their wages from \$8 to \$9 per day of 8 hours. This will affect 1,500 workers.

Want Wage Increases.

ST. LOUIS, (FP)—Union taxicab drivers of St. Louis are seeking a wage increase from \$28.50 a week to \$30 and one day a week off instead of two days a month. Funeral drivers, members of the same union, receiving \$30 a week, are asking for \$35. St. Louis taxi drivers are 100 per cent unionized, and even Yellow cabs operate union.

Yellow Swallows Checker Taxi.

SAN FRANCISCO, (FP)—Of two remaining taxicab companies operating in San Francisco, the Yellow and the Checker, the unionized Checker will be absorbed by the Yellow, which employs nonunion drivers. The taxi-drivers union will probably have a big fight on its hands to unionize the Yellow in San Francisco.

"Call Off Spies, Let Business Take Care of Itself," Wails Senator

In a speech before the Western Cannery Association in the Hotel Sherman here, former Senator James Hamilton Lewis called upon President Calvin Coolidge and congress to call off the 65,000 "spies" that the government maintains to probe into business and to call off all the commissions the government had investigating business ventures and let business take care of itself.

"Aiding" Disabled Vets.

MONTREAL, (FP)—When unemployed ex-soldiers were forming parades and storming restaurants, the Montreal newspapers discovered a plan to help the men whose wounds made them unfit for hard labor. They collected funds to build little street stands from which the disabled could sell newspapers and magazines. The street corners blossomed with red boxes. A lot of old news-vendors, unable to meet the competition, went to the poorhouse. Recently the city council, at demand of the bookstores, forbade the sale of magazines on the streets. The newspapers did not rally to the defense of the disabled.

World Trade Union Unity.

MONTREAL, (FP)—Addressing the annual convention of the Quebec Labor party, Pres. A. R. Mosher of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad employes strongly upheld independent political action on the part of labor, and advocated affiliation of labor unions with the Canadian Labor party. The convention adopted a resolution favoring an all-embracing world international of labor along the lines laid down by A. A. Purcell of the British workers.

The DAILY WORKER subscription list is a Communist honor roll. Is your name on it?

TEXAS TEXTBOOK CONTRACTS ARE NOW CONTESTED

Graft Charges Fly Thick and Fast

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 4.—Text-book contracts worth approximately \$600,000 and made by a subcommittee of the state textbook commission without "the advice or consent of the attorney general," and with Governor "Ma" Ferguson as chairman, promises to reveal some more juicy plums being handed around in the state to sympathizers of the "cliques."

Attempts are being made by the attorney general who is on the "outs" with the machine in power to force the American Book Company, publishers of text-books, to hand back a deposit of \$25,000 and cancel a six-year contract with the state. This company had bid the highest price on school text-books, but was able to "land" the contract.

Prominent Politician Forces 15-Year Old Girl Into Marriage

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 4.—A 15-year old girl found beneath a porch in the southwest section of Miami attired only in her night clothes, told a story of a forced marriage at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., that may lead to the arrest of a prominent public official of that city, 23 years her senior.

Teachers Fight for Increase in Wages

NEW YORK, (FP)—Dec. 4.—New York teachers will find the Teachers' Union leading the renewed fight for increased wages by state legislation. The New York City teachers were sorely disappointed when the board of estimate dropped the \$5,700,000 put in the budget for teachers' wage increases. The Teachers' Union urges teachers to rally behind the joint salary committee which is working out revised schedules for the Ricca bill, which passed the last legislature only to be vetoed by Governor Al Smith on the ground that city authorities should act.

To Make Actors Work Sunday.

NEW YORK, (FP)—Dec. 4.—Theatrical managers are trying to restore New York's Sunday shows by pressure upon Actors Equity Association, whose agreement with the managers prevents Sunday performances by actors and actresses. Movies and vaudeville are not affected by the Actors' Union agreement. The Lord's Day Alliance enters its protest against possible breaking of Sunday closing laws in New York towns by Sunday shows.

Darrow Discusses Negro.

NEW YORK, (FP)—Dec. 4.—Residential discrimination against Negroes will be discussed by Attorney Clarence Darrow in Harlem, New York's Negro city, on Dec. 13. Darrow will speak of the issues raised by the trial of 11 Negroes in Detroit whom he defended from charges of murder committed by an unknown while the Negroes defended the home of one of them from a white mob.

Workers' School at Chicago Holds Many Classes During Week

The following classes are being held now every night at 19 South Lincoln St., unless otherwise noted. They are as follows:

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NEW YORK DAILY WORKER BUILDERS WILL HIKE TO JAMAICA WOODS SUNDAY

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The New York DAILY WORKER Builders Club has arranged a HIKE TO JAMAICA WOODS for this Sunday, Dec. 6. This was postponed twice on account of meetings of the Young Workers League and the Junior Pioneers, and it is expected that this time both organizations will turn out in force to co-operate with the DAILY WORKER Builders to make this the most successful event of the season.

There will be miles of hiking thru the woods. There will also be a camp fire, and potatoes baked in a hole in the ground and roasted marshmallows and roasted apples and all kinds of good things to eat (altho it is advisable for everyone to bring a little lunch along in case the commissary department again goes astray). By special arrangement with the weather department there will be no rain this time, so as to enable the hikers to play all the games that had been planned for three weeks ago.

The meeting hour is ten o'clock. Be on time at 108 E. 14th St., or at the end of the B.M. T. line in Jamaica at 168th St. at 11 a. m. Then follow the crowd and enjoy the fact that you're alive.

PHILADELPHIA WORKERS PARTY OPENS CLASSES IN COMMUNISM

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 4.—Along with the general program of Bolshevizing the party, Philadelphia has made a definite beginning in the educational work. The slogan "Into the Classes," is being put into practice as more and more of the membership realize that the most essential need for a Communist party is a membership well grounded in the theory and practice of Leninism.

The method of education to be employed in the classes will not be the old, worn-out, lecture method. Neither shall the classes confine themselves to the use of one textbook as in the past.

Students will be assigned specific subjects in the form of questions which they must study up out of the books, pamphlets, and such other material as is given for reference, thus giving the students a stimulus for reading revolutionary literature and studying independently.

The following classes have already been launched:

Fundamentals of Leninism Class has been successfully launched and meets every Saturday afternoon, 3 p. m., at 521 York Ave. This class is led by Comrade Morris Yusem. The principal textbook used is "Stalin's Theory and Practice of Leninism."

Elements of Communism—beginning Dec. 9 at 505 Reed St., with Comrade Ball as class leader. Every Wednesday.

Elements of Communism—beginning Thursday, Dec. 17 at 3006 Susquehanna Ave., with Comrade Ready as class leader. Every Thursday.

Elements of Communism—at 4035 Girard Ave., every Thursday evening, with Comrade Sklaroff as class leader.

Class in English to begin Monday, Dec. 6 at 521 York Ave., with Comrade Winner as teacher. Every Monday, 8 p. m.

Definite announcements will soon be made on the Trade Union History Class for which preparations are being made.

Comrades from all units in Philadelphia must immediately register with the agitprop organizers of the branch or nucleus.

All the above classes will begin promptly at 8 p. m. and comrades are urged to come in time.

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NOTICE TO CHICAGO MEMBERSHIP

ALL general membership meetings on the unity question will be postponed for three weeks and will be listed beginning Dec. 21, according to instructions of the Central Executive Committee.

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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.

Much depends on the outcome of these two trials. The entire working class is on trial. Not merely the 25 workers involved.

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Pressure on Germany

After several days of conferences between German potash manufacturers and British bankers on one side and the American state department and Wall Street bankers on the other a request for a \$26,000,000 loan for that industry to be floated in the United States was turned down.

The excuse of statesmen at Washington was that the German producers would not guarantee American consumers against a raise in prices. This is palpably camouflage. Finance capital invests in industries for the purpose of deriving monopolistic profits. As Marx well said, one cannot take the opinions of statesmen regarding their governments at their word any more than it is possible to believe what an individual says of himself.

Before Locarno the bankers of Wall Street were pouring money into German industries. Possibly they will pour more money into that country. But not until Germany is brought under pressure and forced to take a step away from the pact of Locarno, where Britain contrived to make that nation a vassal of its imperialistic aims. The United States bankers do not view with favor the German nation, into which it has poured billions of dollars, being used by Britain, because in the last analysis it means another ally of England against the imperialistic aims of Wall Street.

Hence pressure will be brought to bear upon Germany until the government of that nation realizes its obligations to the banker of the world.

England launched the Locarno conference in the hope of creating a "security pact" against the spread of Bolshevism—which means against the Soviet Union—but the intensity of the struggle for world supremacy between the imperialist powers and the contradictions arising therefrom prevented the desired consummation. While not abandoning its designs against Russia, Britain is learning that it must reckon with its imperialist rival and the potash conference proves that its rival is ruthless.

Germany is learning that it cannot become the ally of a power challenging the supremacy of the United States in every part of the world and still hope to have access to the gold hoards of Wall Street.

The refusal of the potash loan means that pressure is being brought on Germany to force her away from the influence of Britain.

Brookhart's "Fraudulent" Campaign

Senator Brookhart of Iowa, whose right to sit in the United States senate is being challenged, is accused of waging a campaign of fraud to secure votes in the last election. The fraud consists in the fact that he ran on the republican ticket, while the official republican machine urged support of a democrat, one Steck, against him. A Des Moines reporter testified before the senate committee hearing the contest that Brookhart and the late LaFollette had a joint campaign manager in Iowa.

Only republicans of the Cal Coolidge stripe could resort to such absurdities. We presume the democrat, Steck, is a republican because he was supported by republican newspapers, and that the republican, Brookhart, is not a republican because the newspapers did not support him. Foolish as this may seem there is method in the madness of the administration supporters in thus preferring a democrat to Brookhart. The Iowa senator is one of those irreconcilables who will line up with the Borah bloc against the administration proposal that this country enter the world court, while Steck, as a democrat, will support the proposal. If Brookhart can be eliminated on the charge that he is not a regular republican, it will remove one more obstacle to the administration scheme to enter the world court. Unquestionably Borah will fight to prevent the unseating of one of his supporters.

Brookhart, like the rest of the LaFollette crew, is endeavoring to serve the interests of the small bourgeoisie while remaining in the ranks of the republican party. His professed radicalism, like that of Borah, fools many workers and farmers, who know they have nothing to expect from either of the old parties.

The utter futility of the radical bloc in the republican party is becoming apparent to all. Its collapse will aid those forces driving toward a labor party in this country.

G. B. S. in His Dotage

George Bernard Shaw, fabian socialist and founder of the "smart aleck" school of literature, is being featured again by the Hearst papers as a renegade Communist. In fact the *Chicago Herald-Examiner* dubs him "England's most famous Communist" and then proceeds to speak of his spectacular "about face," thus branding him a renegade and apostle. That is certainly not flattering to Shaw, who never professed to be a Communist.

The Shavian attack upon the Communist International and his infantile babbling against the Soviet Union contains nothing more than the exploded legends woven by the lie factories of the white guard press. He cannot even rise to his customary literary level when he talks of Bolshevik gold to British Communists, the Zinoviev letter and other myths. Shaw, like Wells and other literary fabians, dislikes the Bolsheviks because they refuse to take fabianism seriously. They listen to the advice of the muddle-heads and then follow their own course.

As a novelist and playwright Shaw sometimes exposes the bourgeoisie very well, but when it comes to discussing political subjects his knowledge does not transcend the low level of the Hearst publications that syndicate his fiction as political argument.

It is appropriate that the strikebreaker president, Cal Coolidge, have a house built for him on the roof of a scab hotel in Chicago for his accommodation here during his visit next Monday.

If the fight between Borah and Coolidge over the world court goes much farther they will need a court to settle the fight here.

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

PROGRESSIVE MINERS' COMMITTEE DEMANDS LEWIS LEAD NATIONAL MINE STRIKE AGAINST OPERATORS

By ALEX REID
Secretary Progressive Miners' Committee.

The refusal to accept the Pinchot peace proposals by the hard coal barons in Pennsylvania prove that they are determined to wreck the miners' union. The miners' officials had accepted the Pinchot offer notwithstanding the fact that it meant arbitration of the miners' meager demands and a reversal of the Lewis oft-repeated policy of "no arbitration of the miners' lives and happiness."

The reasons for refusal of the Pinchot offer are interesting and amusing to the initiated but the progressive miners have pointed out that unless the Lewis bureaucracy changed its tactics in the strike, the operators would not only deny them the check-off, but would make an effort to totally destroy the union.

Out to Crush Union.
The statement now made by the spokesman for the hard coal owners, that they will not accord any further recognition to the union, and a categorical denial of the other points offered by Pinchot as a basis for settlement, places the owners squarely before the miners as determined to wreck their union.

Let it be said now that the acceptance of the Pinchot offer by Lewis and his gang of treasury leeches in the anthracite was a brazen effort to cover up the results of a treacherous policy that has aided the operators against the miners themselves.

Nova Scotia Repeated.
The policy pursued in Nova Scotia—the keeping of maintenance men on the property during the strike, which action aided the "Beast of Besco" to defeat the miners, is again doing the work, this time in the hard coal, where the maintenance men are repairing and caring for the coal company property.

This has placed the operators in a position to be able to notify Pinchot and the Lewis gang that they repudiate any offer of settlement on any basis other than their own.

The progressive miners pointed out sometime ago that Lewis must pull out the maintenance men in the anthracite and call a national strike to save the union, and we venture to say now, that had the union officials done so, the Pinchot proposition would have been more favorable to the miners and would have been gladly accepted by the hard coal owners.

Lewis stands in a position today as the head of a labor organization with an opportunity seldom given to any labor leader. Lewis has the power at this moment to make the United Mine Workers' organization the greatest fighting unit in America, the power to concentrate the full power of the miners of America in one gigantic struggle for the miners' wages, working conditions and union to break the open shop and organize the unorganized miners in the United States.

Is Lewis a Leader?
Is he big enough to meet the emergency? Some honest, but sadly deluded miners feel he is, and think he will bring out the entire industry to support the hard coal diggers and save the Jacksonville agreement.

Had the miners militant leadership at this time, which would call a national strike, one of the greatest victories known in the history of American labor would be the result.

Would Bring Out Non-Union Fields.
158,000 hard coal miners supported by 300,000 union soft coal miners would not be on strike 24 hours until the non-union fields were with them and victory assured. And what a victory would be, the organization of the non-union fields of West Virginia and Kentucky!

Lewis stands at the crossroads. Will he take the road to victory thru a national strike, with crowning glory for himself, or the road to defeat and contemptible, well-deserved oblivion thru a partial strike and arbitration.

The progressive miners' demand that Lewis call a national strike. We pledge our one hundred per cent support to make it a success.

We demand no arbitration!
We demand a national strike!
We demand a strike of the maintenance men!

He will like it! Give your union brother a subscription to The DAILY WORKER.

Reminders for New Yorkers

DAILY WORKER Builders Club official meeting will take place at the end of the hike around the camp fire in Jamaica Woods, Sunday afternoon, December 6. The presence of every member is requested.

One Hundred Candy Girls wanted by The DAILY WORKER New York agency to help sell DAILY WORKER candy at the great Freiheit mask ball to be held in Madison Square Garden, Saturday evening, Dec. 12. If willing to help, please register at The DAILY WORKER office at once.

New York Office is Growing.
The room occupied by The DAILY WORKER in the New York headquarters has become too small to accommodate all the volunteers that are helping with the work there, so The

Lewis Deals With a Cheap Crowd



DETROIT WOKE UP BY STRIKE WON IN A DAY BY "EXPULSED" LOCALS OF CARPENTERS' UNION

By A Worker Correspondent.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 5.—Union recognition and a thirty cents hourly raise was won today for carpenters employed on a previously open shop job by an eight-hour successful strike engineered by two "expelled" unions of the Brotherhood of Carpenters of America.

As a result of this vindication of class struggle as the only method by which the workers can achieve better conditions, six members of the brotherhood transferred to the "expelled" locals and a dozen candidates were written up. Thus further discredit is put upon J. Sharrock, the kept-president of the district council, who forced the two militant locals out of the council by unscrupulous machine tactics.

Paid Officials Refuse to Act.
The union scale in Detroit is \$1.15 an hour, the open shoppers are generally paying 85 cents. On one such job, employing about twenty men several of Sharrock's men were working who reported conditions to Sharrock and his agents and requested that something be done. This job is centrally located and there are eight paid officials to look after the few jobs controlled by the Brotherhood (at least an official a job); nonetheless, they found themselves unable to visit this job.

"Expelled" Locals Lead Strike.
When the business agents of the two "expelled" locals in Detroit, Reynolds and Kaller, came on the job and sounded out the men, they found a readiness to strike and a need of leadership. Yesterday morning a strike was called and a picket line thrown around the job. All except a few of the carpenters readily downed tools and these hesitating few were assisted in making up their minds by many willing hands.

By 9:30 a. m., every carpenter and

ters belonging to locals which Hutcheson has not yet expelled dropped around to view the novelty of a carpenters' strike in Detroit, and expressed their disgust at Sharrock and other parasites whom Hutcheson has wished on the Detroit organization.

One not "expelled" volunteered the information that while the strike was in progress, some of the "organizers" (so-called), were busy clipping out and piecing together one of the brain-teasers which the capitalist press publishes to keep morons out of mischief.

"Defeat" Tradition Broken.

It is not expected that Hutcheson will learn anything from this event because hungry, under-paid carpenters aren't made of the stuff he's interested in. But when the yellow-faced, rat-souled Sharrock calls "red" at those whom Hutcheson's tyranny has driven from the organization, the rank and file may begin to believe, after having seen the "reds" in action, that some "red" blood is needed. In any event, the tradition of defeat which has cursed the carpenters of Detroit has been broken. The first victory will bring many more to come.

Reminders for Cleveland

English Classes Organized.

Classes in English—one for beginners and one for advanced students are being formed. The first session will be held on Sunday morning, Dec. 6, at 10 o'clock at the district office and are open to both members of the party and the Young Workers League and sympathizers. Registration is taking place at the district office, 5927 Euclid Ave.

Trade Union Class.
A class in trade unionism will begin on Sunday morning, Dec. 6, 10 o'clock at the district office. This course will deal with the history of the American labor movement and be succeeded by a course of discussions on the tactics of the Communists in the trade unions. This course is most important for all comrades, both those now in the unions and those who by party decision will be obliged to join without further delay. This course is open only to party and Young Workers League members.

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6, at 2:00 o'clock a conference will be held at the district office, to discuss work among women.

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