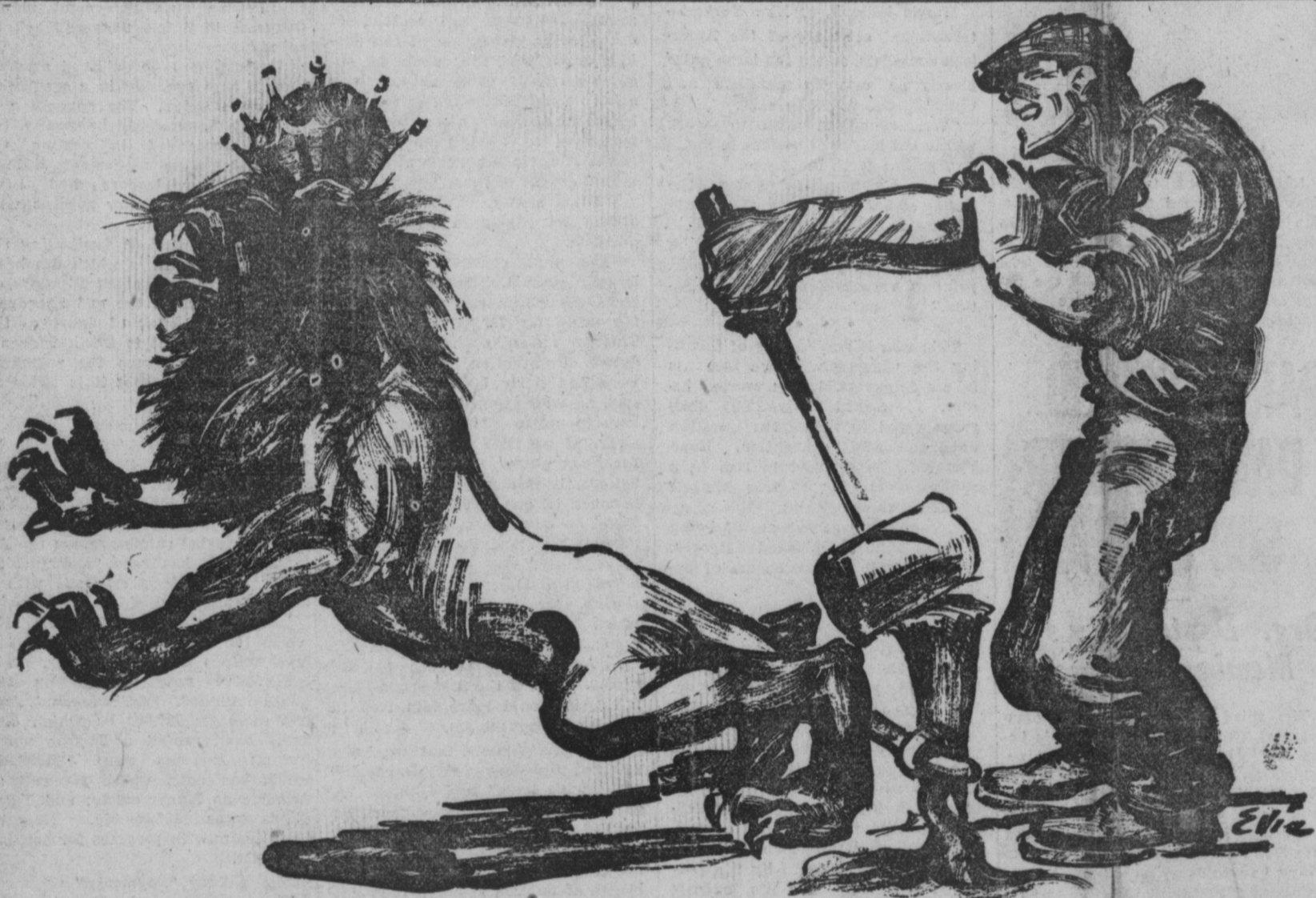


MIDNIGHT-ZERO HOUR IN BRITAIN

Rolling Up His Sleeves!



At midnight tonight the hour for the great blow at British imperialism will have struck. With the British lion's tail tied by a general strike order, the British proletariat is preparing to administer the coup de grace.

WRITERS FROM WORKERS' RANKS HOLD SESSIONS

First Conference of the Worker Correspondents

May Day this year saw the first conference of Worker Correspondents in the history of the American labor movement when correspondents of THE DAILY WORKER and the correspondents of the other Communist papers met at the Russian Workers' School, 1902 W. Division street, to discuss their problems and prepare for future development of this sort of labor journalism.

In a short period of time there have been organized nearly 500 correspondents for THE DAILY WORKER. This accomplishment created an enthusiastic atmosphere and all correspondents in attendance took part in the discussions and showed that they were intensely interested in the work and the problems of the Communist press.

Build Party Press.

The unanimous opinion of all in attendance was that the correspondents in various parts of the country can best aid the press and make its influence felt among the working class by working in closest co-operation with the party press builders and that definite campaigns be worked out to bring the masses of workers closer to us by discussing their problems and circulating the paper containing the reports in which they are interested.

Lovestone Addresses Conference. Jay Lovestone, speaking for the central executive committee of the party, extended greetings to the workers assembled and in a speech described the effectiveness of the shop papers published by the workers themselves in the various industries.

The Workers Correspondent section of the paper is already making its impress upon the working class of the (Continued on page 2)

Troops Rushed to Mine Zone as Great General Strike Draws Nearer

(Special to The Daily Worker)

LONDON, May 3.—British industry and transportation will cease functioning promptly at midnight tonight as the general strike order of the Trade Union Congress goes into effect, and four million workers in all industries will join the million miners who downed tools on May Day.

All hope for a settlement was abandoned early this morning when Stanley Baldwin, tory premier of Britain, suddenly broke off negotiations with the following announcement:

"The government declared the constitutional rights have been challenged and no negotiations can proceed until the trades unions withdraw their instructions for a general strike."

OLD GUARD IN S.P. BEATEN; DEBS CONTROLS

Hillquit and O Neal at Tail End on Vote

By J. LOUIS ENGDAL, Editor of The Daily Worker.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 3.—The old guard in the socialist party, both the Berger wing from Milwaukee, and the Hillquit wing from New York, got an awful wallop in the selection of the new national executive committee by the convention here. Eugene V. Debs, re-elected chairman of the party, has a clear majority against the Hillquit-Berger alliance, if he chooses to use it.

New York Gets Low Vote. The new socialist executive and the votes they received follows: William J. Van Essen, Pittsburgh, 26; Mrs. William H. Henry, Indianapolis, 22; Victor L. Berger, 21; Joseph A. Shartz, Dayton, Ohio, 20; William R. Snow, Chicago, 20; Morris Hillquit and O Neal, New York City, 18.

Van Essen is a new member of the committee. He inclines toward united front activities with Communists, and has been active in defense work with Communists in Pittsburgh. James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, in retiring from the committee, threw his support to Van Essen. Mrs. Henry, wife of William H. Henry, also retiring from the committee and an ardent supporter of Debs, got the next highest vote. Berger ran a poor third. It was evident that he made this total thru his fight against the league of nations. Otherwise it would, no doubt, have been much lower. Shartz was one of Debs' lawyers in his sedition trial. Snow is a left winger from Chicago.

Hillquit and O Neal trailed at the very end. This is the worst defeat that the New York crowd has suffered in any socialist convention. Hillquit barely got thru on the first ballot.

Delegates O Neal, Levenbert, Massachusetts, and Graham, Montana, were tied for the last place. On the second ballot O Neal got fourteen, Levenbert, ten and Graham six votes. It was only on the third ballot that O Neal defeated Levenbert and got the end position. This means that Debs has a working majority against Cahanism in the party if he will use it.

The sting of defeat must have still bothered Hillquit, as Berger later nominated him for re-election as international secretary, because "Morris Hillquit is a splendid fellow to disagree with." Hillquit's retort was, "I am duly impressed and honored."

A CORRECTION.

In the May Day issue of THE DAILY WORKER the signature on the cartoon "The Power of the Workers" should be J. Stoker and not J. Gerbert.

CANTON—THE HEART OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN CHINA

The DAILY WORKER has received from Moscow the story of the trip of the Russian Trade Union Delegation to China. It is written by a member of the delegation, Victor Vaksov. It tells of the noble struggle being waged against the foreign invaders by the embattled workers and peasants of South China. It is a moving story, simply told and brilliant, such as only a Russian worker can relate. The strike is still on in Canton. Hongkong is still being boycotted. There is an iron ring of censorship around China. Read the facts by one who was there. The first article of this revelation story will appear in tomorrow's DAILY WORKER.

MASS POWER OF STRIKERS WINS OVER RIOT ACT

Hold Huge Rally in Defiance of Thugs

By Art Shields, Federated Press PASSAIC, N. J., May 3.—(FP)—Sheriff Nimmo, the little czar of Bergen county, went to defeat as strikers poured into Belmont hall, past the 100 thugs with sawed off shot guns who had been enforcing the ban on meetings since Nimmo's reading of the Riot Act three weeks before. An injunction from vice chancellor Bentley in Jersey City had been served, forbidding interference with lawful meetings on private property by the American Civil Liberties Union or the United Front Committee.

It was the big day of the strike. In the morning there had been a mediation conference between mill committee members and Henry Hilfers, secretary of the state federation of labor and McBride, state labor commissioner, and Hilfers had announced that the outlook for settlement was hopeful. Then came the dramatic afternoon, with thousands of strikers filling the streets on the declaration of the American Civil Liberties Union that John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the Community Church of New York, would discuss the strike at Belmont hall in Garfield, despite Nimmo and his vows to break up the meeting and arrest speakers.

Nimmo and fat Undersheriff Donaldson and the shot gun army tried to move the workers away but the crowd laughed. "Don't move for Him." I heard two little girls of 12 or 13 say as a New York gangster, flaunting a deputy sheriff's badge and a buck-shot pump gun tried to push the newspapermen on. A plump grandmother of 70 sat tighter on a grocery box as a thug told her to "get". Another gunman came up and she pushed him away with a fist in his belly.

Nimmo's Goat. It was a peaceful crowd, determined on its rights and it got Nimmo's goat. He jumped on a porch, with his hand on a tear bomb in a satchel, and screamed that if they didn't disperse he'd read the Riot Act and Break 'em Up. Holmes came: the Civil Liberties Sacrifice, he was called. Nimmo had just been ramming through the rooms connected with the hall, threatening to "run in" anyone who started a meeting. Holmes was ready to start at once but Forrest Bailey, director (Continued on page 4.)

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO PUBLISH SCAB DAILY AGAINST STRIKERS

(Special to The Daily Worker) LONDON, May 3.—The British Government is going to extend its activities to scab newspaper publishing, if it can get printers. The London Gazette, a weekly usually devoted to the recording of official announcements is to be turned into a daily newspaper, during the period of the general strike, in order to disseminate propaganda lies for the government. Members of the printing trades in various British newspapers received notices at noon today ordering them to go on strike at midnight. As soon as these notices were received the government made plans for the daily issuance of the London Gazette, preparing to carry general news in this organ as well as official announcements. The government will also broadcast attacks on the strike several times daily by radio.

THREATEN UNION MEN WITH 1,000 SCAB PLASTERERS

Paying Them \$12 Per Day While They Wait

In the face of the stand of the plasterers' union not to back down on their demand for a \$2 a day increase beginning with May 7 Chicago builders are organizing a force of a thousand scab plasterers in other cities to be rushed to Chicago, according to a statement made by the employing plasterers' association. Agents in Kansas City, Minneapolis, Cleveland and other cities are instructed to pay the non-union men \$12 a day, while they are marking time preparatory to coming to Chicago with assurance of the same scale when they land here for their strike-breaking jobs.

Strike Friday. How much of this is propaganda to try to intimidate the union plasterers it is hard to say, but some arrangements are undoubtedly being made to put scabs on the job in case the plasterers strike on the 7th. A local open-shoppers' association is reported to be the agency for the recruiting of scabs. The scabs will be brought to Chicago on Thursday to be in readiness to go on the jobs the union men will leave Friday. A sub a day will help to drive capital away.

LAST STRIKE BULLETINS AS WE GO TO PRESS

TROOPS ARRIVE AT MINES.

LIVERPOOL, England, May 3.—Two battalions of infantry were disembarked from the troop ship Neuralia, arriving here today from Plymouth. The troops were under field equipment and were immediately ordered into the Lancashire and Welsh coal fields.

UNANIMITY ON STRIKE.

LONDON, May 3.—The government announced at 6:30 that it has information that there is complete unanimity between the railroad men and transport workers to strike at midnight. The executive of the miners' federation went into session at the house of commons at 7 o'clock, and it was stated that they might be joined later in the evening by the Trades Union Council.

LONDON STAR SUSPENDED.

LONDON, May 3.—The final edition of the Star, the last evening newspaper to suspend was cancelled because the printers refused to publish a paper carrying an article concerning a government appeal for volunteers.

BALDWIN TALKS OF CLASS STRUGGLE.

LONDON, May 3.—There was a dramatic moment during Premier Baldwin's speech in the house of commons on the crisis when he turned to the opposition benches and looked at S. Saklatvala, the Communist M. P., who sat smiling at the premier. "I can understand Mr. Saklatvala's smiling, because this is what he has dreamed of for years," said the premier, injecting for the first time into his speech any intimation that the present situation is a class struggle.

LONDON RUMORS.

LONDON, May 3.—London was tonight in the grip of rumor, in the absence of newspapers. As the hour for the general walkout approached there were many and fantastic tales of violence in circulation. The government, after being besieged with questioners, issued an official denial of a report that 500 soldiers had been shot for refusing to undertake strike duty.

NEW YORK STOCKS BREAK.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Stock prices broke sharply on the New York exchange today reflecting the serious industrial crisis developing in Great Britain. The declines were the sharpest in a month. Foreign exchange quotations also dropped.

Denver Croatian Society Aids the Passaic Strikers

DENVER, Colo., May 3.—At the last regular meeting of Lodge No. 12, of the Croatian Fraternal Union, an appeal from the International Workers' Aid, in behalf of the Passaic strikers was read. The lodge has practically no funds in its treasury, but everybody felt that something ought to be done, so immediately a collection was taken. The only a few were present, \$3.50 was collected. "The pen is mightier than the sword," provided you know how to use it. Come down and learn how in the worker correspondent's classes.

Kentucky Savant Finds Many Old Indian Relics

LEXINGTON, May 3.—Prof. W. G. Burroughs of Berea college, the largest mountain college, has found an old Indian fort that is so prehistoric that there is no record of it of any kind. Prehistoric armor, made from pure Lake Superior copper was unearthed by the professor, who unearthed skeletons which have been lying flat for centuries after a consuming fire to the god of fire. 150 Killed in Shipwreck. TOKIO, May 3.—Latest reports place the loss of life at 150 when the Japanese steamship Chichibu Maru went on the rocks and broke up off the Saghalien coast. The reports stated a total of 99 persons aboard were rescued.

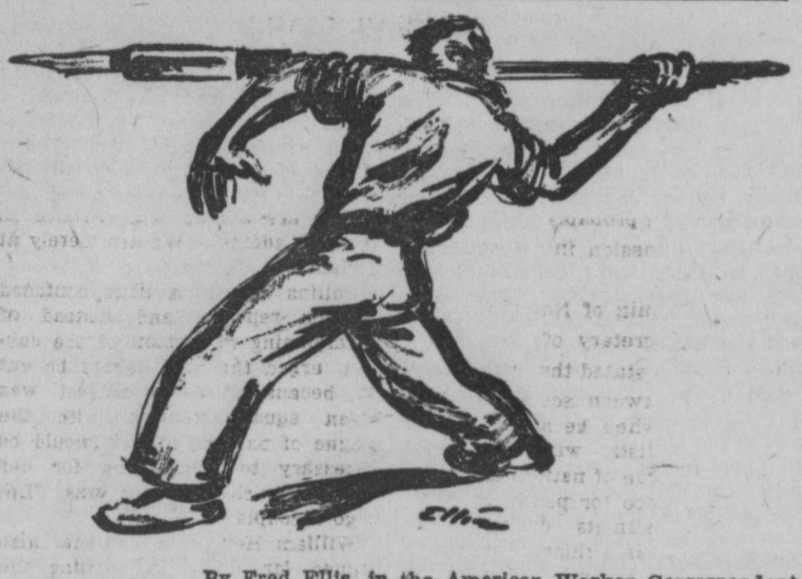
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POLICE ARREST YOUNG WORKERS IN ELIZABETH

Held for Distributing Shop Nucleus Paper

By HARRY YARIS, Worker Correspondent. ELIZABETH, N. J., May 3.—Twelve young workers, nine girls and three boys, were arrested this morning in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

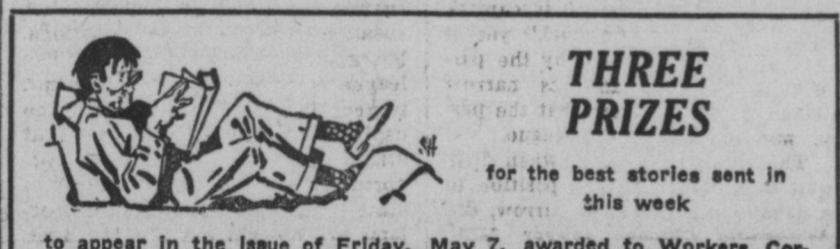
OUR PEN IS MIGHTY!



By Fred Ellis, in the American Worker Correspondent

MAY ISSUE OF THE AMERICAN WORKER CORRESPONDENT IS OUT

By M. A. S. The second number of the American Worker Correspondent, attractively printed and with a special cartoon by the well known labor cartoonist Fred Ellis, showing the power of the pen, is just out.



THREE PRIZES for the best stories sent in this week to appear in the issue of Friday, May 7, awarded to Workers Correspondents for a story on wages, conditions, factory, trade union, etc.

ON THE ROAD TO MOSCOW!

Subs Received in the Third Annual NATIONAL BUILDERS' CAMPAIGN, April 26, 27 and 28.

Table listing names and points for the National Builders' Campaign. Columns include Name, Points, and Total.

NEW YORK TO TRY FOR A NUMBER OF TRIPS TO MOSCOW

Three-Day Encampment Arranged for Workers

(Special to The Daily Worker) NEW YORK, May 3.—The DAILY WORKER Builders' Club of New York decided at a well attended meeting in the Co-operative Cafeteria to try to qualify every member in New York to go to The DAILY WORKER encampment with a free ticket for securing at least \$25 worth of subscriptions and to send not only one but a whole group of its members to Moscow as winners in the present DAILY WORKER subscription campaign.

Elect DAILY WORKER Agents. The district executive committee was requested to instruct units to place the DAILY WORKER campaign on their order of business at every meeting and to elect DAILY WORKER agents not only for every party unit, but also for the language clubs and for the trade union fractions.

Beautiful Encampment Site. In his report Katterfeld told of the plans for The DAILY WORKER encampment. A wonderful location has been secured on an old estate of several hundred acres on the north shore of Long Island, with two miles of beach and woods.

Will Give 25% of Wages to Strikers. NEW YORK, May 3.—More than a thousand fur workers from shops which have settled on the union's terms filed Manhattan Lyceum this afternoon and voted unanimously that beginning next week, 25 per cent instead of the present 15 per cent of each workers' salary shall be paid to the strike benefit fund weekly.

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RAILROAD MAGNATE AND BIG FINANCIER VOICE GREAT FEAR OF RADICALISM AMONG FARMERS

By LELAND OLDS, Federated Press.

That the dispossessed farmers and their families may become the radical element in the nation's citizenship is forecast by B. F. Yoakum in the Manufacturers Record, Yoakum, who is a railroad magnate on the directorates of the St. Louis-San Francisco and the Seaboard Air line, expresses the state of mind behind recent reports of the National Industrial Conference board on the farm problem.

"The American farmer," says Yoakum, "because of circumstances over which he has no control, is fading from the present day picture of free, independent Americanism. Men and women of the farm who lose their homes cannot remain as tenants on soil that was once theirs and continue with the same feeling of loyalty and devotion to their country they had before. They cannot expect to perform the same useful part as citizens after they are forced to hire out at labor industrial work or on farms they once owned."

Farmer Debt \$12,500,000,000. Yoakum says the American farmers today owe \$12,500,000,000, an amount equal to the funded debt of the country's railroad system and that they are paying an average of 8 per cent a year interest on this huge debt. He says, "Public records of farm mortgage foreclosures are misleading. The facts are that many thousands of farmers are peacefully surrendering their farms, their homes, and their all." He continues in part: Becoming Peasantry.

"Instead of American farmers continuing as owners and operators of their farms, American farming is drifting toward being corporatized and the farmer is vanishing. Wealthy town people are rapidly becoming owners of the farms. It is they who will control their operations with the farmers as their laborers or their tenants. Tenantry is only one step removed from peasantry.

"Farmers and their families, there is grave, ground to fear, may be forced to become the radical element in the nation's citizenship."

Financiers Fear Farmers. This view fits in with a statement from President L. F. Collins of the Citizens National Bank of Knoxville, Tenn., published by the Chicago Journal of Commerce. Collins says: "Farm conditions are improving only in the fact that a good many of the busted farmers are being eliminated. The cost of operating the farm is steadily increasing and the cost of marketing farm products—freight, commission charges and other expenses—is taking everything. The farming business is going into the hands of the young men who have no capital and are willing to work for a living without much prospect of ever being better off."

The high costs which are killing the farmer are not fundamentally connected with high farm wages. As pointed out by the National Industrial Conference Board, farm labor costs in 20 years have increased only 90 per cent while overhead capital costs, including all taxes and interest charges, have increased nearly 600 per cent in the same period. Farm costs would have increased only 90 per cent if all factors had risen no faster than farm wages. They have actually increased over 300 per cent when the charges of capitalism are included.

Thus a financier and a big business research agency bear witness to the inevitable doom under capitalism of all independent producers, whether in the shops or on the land. They are being transformed into wage slaves. The agriculturist is just the last to come into bondage.

Wages of Union Workers Average \$1.09 an Hour

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This study covered 66 important industrial centers and dealt with wages of 800,000 in organized trades. The rate was found to be 4.5 cents an hour higher than in 1924—a gain of 4.3 per cent. Average hours worked, excluding street railway employees, were 45.5 per week, which was 6 per cent less than in 1924.

The report does not attempt to say what were the weekly or monthly earnings of these workers. It admits that freight handlers hours having been reduced, their full-time weekly earnings show a loss of 4.7 per cent.

For all building trades combined, the average hourly wage was \$1.19 and for bakers 98c. Chauffeurs and drivers averaged 65c, freight handlers and longshoremen 44.4c, linemen 93.5c, printing and publishing trades 97.5c for book and job work and \$1.13 for newspapers. Motormen and conductors on street railways had an average hourly wage of 66.1c.

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POWER COMBINE BUYS HOLDINGS IN NORTHWEST

Acquires Tri-State and Minnesota Electric

The Utilities Power and Light Corporation has purchased the Tri-State Utilities Company and the Minnesota Electric Distributing Company from the W. B. Fosbury interests. Utilities Power in this way acquired vast holdings in Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Oklahoma. This large power combine plans to acquire still greater holdings in this territory.

The newly acquired properties are to be operated in conjunction with the Interstate Power company, a subsidiary of Utilities Power. The Minnesota company owns the People's Light and Power company, International Public Service corporation, Bemidji Electric and Manufacturing company, Red River Valley Power company and Minnesota Electric Light and Power company. Tri-State owns the Cornell Hydro-Electric company. The properties supply electricity to the Canadian frontier and in wholesale quantities to two Canadian towns.

The Utilities Power corporation will now control the public utilities in 327 communities. Formerly it controlled the utilities in but 171.

The American Worker Correspondent is out. Did you get your copy? Hurry up! Send in your sub! It's only 50 cents.



How to Organize a Hiking Club

THE simplest and most easily organized form of sport activity is a hiking and outing club. Requiring no equipment, no gym or field facilities and no special skill the hiking club can be organized and maintained with little trouble or effort.

A few energetic young workers can by gathering together their acquaintances, preferably from their place of work, from their union or the neighborhood, create the nucleus for such a club. Care should be exercised that those taken in are either workers or are sympathetic to the workers' movement.

Need More Than Hiking. Membership in a hiking club has a strong appeal for young workers, particularly in large cities. Every healthy young person is glad to leave the dirty congested city on a weekend and hike into the country. However mere hiking is not sufficient to keep the club in existence. After one or two excursions the hikers lose interest in merely jogging along. The hikes must be more than mere marching expeditions. First they must have places of interest and beauty as their destination, so that the hikers will have some incentive to get there. Then, when the place of encampment is reached there must be organized games, singing, and playing. There should be discussion on the route of the hike, or on nature study, or on physiography, or geology or life in the city as compared with life in the country.

If the discussion at these hikes is led intelligently a lively interest in nature, in zoology, in geology, in natural living, etc., can be aroused. Discussion of these subjects can of course easily be developed into discussion of evolution, sanitary conditions, and sociological subjects.

Club Meetings. These discussions should not be confined to the hikes. The club in addition to its week-end excursions, should have regular days of meeting at which all problems affecting the club can be dealt with. If four meetings are held a month, two should be devoted to business and two to education. The education should be in the form of lectures followed by discussion. The subjects discussed should naturally be connected up with those taken up on the hike. In addition to these there can be lectures on industrial diseases, the dangers of war, youth under capitalism, the role of sports, etc. Care should be exercised in arranging for the speakers, so that the members should learn to regard all problems scientifically and from the working class point of view.

Advertisement for Plumbers Helpers' Club of Brooklyn, New York. Text includes: 'calls on all helpers to join the club. Meetings every FRIDAY night, 8:30 p. m., at 7 Thatford Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.'

Large advertisement for 'The Awakening of China' by Jas. H. Dolsen. Includes text: 'A story of the rise of over three hundred million people—with Original Documents, Maps and Many Illustrations. Attractively Bound. \$1.00 Postpaid. DAILY WORKER PUBLISHING COMPANY 1113 W. WASHINGTON BLDG. Chicago - ILL.'

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