

THE DAILY WORKER FIGHTS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNORGANIZED FOR THE 40-HOUR WEEK LABOR PARTY

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ILLINOIS MINERS BREAK THROUGH LEWIS' ATTACKS

6 SHOP PAPERS ADDED TO LIST IN LENIN DRIVE

New Units Are Formed in Many Industries

Over 1,000 workers have joined the Workers (Communist) Party since the beginning of the Lenin-Ruthenberg Drive on January 13, it was announced by the national office of the Party yesterday.

This does not include many hundred former Party members who have rejoined after temporary inactivity. Thru its activity in mining regions, in the textile mills, in the lumber and steel mills and among the shoe-workers and the unemployed the Workers Party has organized new units in cities where there has been no contact heretofore, as well as new sub-sections.

Many Sub-Sections Formed. New shop nuclei have been formed in New Brunswick, N. J., New Bedford, Mass., Hanover, Pa., Walsenburg, Col., Barborton, O., St. Helena, Ore., and others in Colorado. Among the states where the Party has new sub-sections are Oregon, Colorado, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and New York.

"On all sides, workers, particularly the most oppressed and most militant, are realizing the leadership of the Workers Party and are daily joining its ranks," Jack Stachel, organization secretary of the Party, said last night.

One of the achievements of the drive to date is the publication of six new militant shop papers which are now appearing regularly. These are "The Kodak Worker," Rochester, N. Y.; "The Bethlehem Steel Worker," Baltimore, N. Y.; "The Mascot," Pierce Arrow Co., L. I.; "The North-Western," Metal works, Caltego; "The..."

SCORE PILSUDSKI TERRORIST RULE

Demand Release of 490 Members of "Hromada"

Demanding the immediate release of the 490 members of Hromada, western White Russian Party of Workers and Peasants, the newly formed American Committee Against Polish Fascism has sent a cablegram to Marshal Pilsudski denouncing the white terror in Poland. Fifty-six members of Hromada are already on "trial" in Vilna.

At the same time the committee has sent out a call for a general conference to acquaint American workers with the persecution of workers and peasants in Poland and particularly with the plight of the Hromada, outlawed worker and peasant party of western White Russia.

The members of the committee are: Scott Nearing, Robert W. Dunn, Alice Stone Blackwell, Ellen Hayes, David Rhyms Williams, H.W.L. Dana, William Bouek, Victor Berger, Bishop William M. Brown, C. E. S. Wood, Sara Bard Field, Duncan MacDonald, Theodore Debes, Carlo Tresea, John Brophy, Max Hayes, James P. Cannon, Martin Abern, Arthur Garfield Hayes, Francis Fischer Kane and Robert M. Lovett.

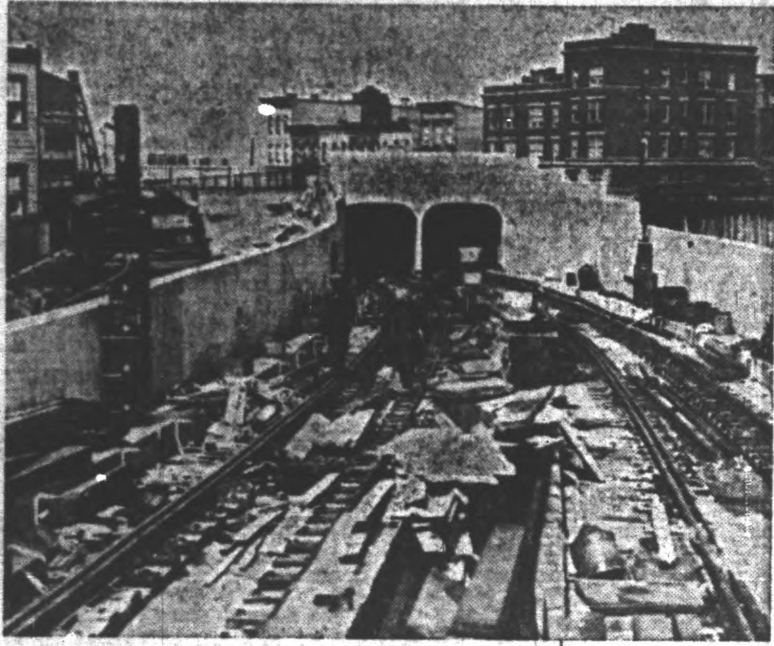
The committee elected the following officers: chairman, Robert M. Lovett; vice-chairmen, Scott Nearing and Roger Baldwin; secretary-treasurer, Robert W. Dunn; assistant secretary-treasurer, Martin Abern.

The cable sent by the committee to Pilsudski follows: "In the name of liberal and labor opinion in the United States we protest energetically against the trial of 49 leaders of the party of the White Russian people, 'Hromada,' as an attempt..."

German Junkers Plane Arrives in Dublin.

DUBLIN, March 26.—The German Junkers airplane "Bremen" arrived at Baldone. Airplane at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon from Tempelhof Field, Berlin. It will leave here tomorrow morning for the final lap across the Atlantic. The "Bremen" which left Berlin secretly carries Baron von Hunefeldt, Capt. Herman Koehli and Walter Spindler, mechanic.

Finally Replace Dilapidated Elevated Structure



After the antique elevated structure at the Atlantic Ave. end of the Fulton St. line in Brooklyn seemed likely to fall apart, the company finally decided to replace it with a new subway line. Many fatal accidents have resulted from the antiquated wooden cars and defective structure in the past, notably the Malbone St. wreck several years ago in which nearly 100 were killed. Nothing was done to improve the transit facilities after this wreck until now. Photo shows view of construction work on new subway.

DEFENSE URGENT IN NEW PLOT ON 'DAILY'

The final touches are being given to a new plot to crush The DAILY WORKER. This information has reached the paper from sources where accuracy is unquestionable. When the new onslaught will be launched is entirely dependent upon the government's decision as to what is the most suitable moment for making the attack, the moment when the situation in which The DAILY WORKER finds itself, seems most critical to the American bosses.

Ready to Attack. The capitalists and their allies and catspaws, the fascist and patriotic organizations of the calibre of the Key-men of America and the Military Order of the World War, believe that the moment has almost arrived.

Burdened with tremendous expenses from previous legal attacks, staggering under the task of carrying on single-handed the struggle of the striking miners, of the millions of unemployed and of all militant American workers from one end of the country to the other, The DAILY WORKER, the only militant daily organ of the American working class, is passing thru the severest crisis in its history. The bosses believe that the time has come to strike the blow from which the labor press will never recover.

How can The DAILY WORKER resist this new assault? The DAILY WORKER cannot resist it unless the thousands of class-conscious American workers who have rallied to the defense of the paper in the past come...

TRIAL OF FOLSOM PRISONERS BEGINS

Active in Uprising of 1,500 Men

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 26.—For a second time the six prisoners selected as "goats" as a result of the mutiny at Folsom Prison last Thanksgiving will come to trial for their lives today. Already under sentence of life for the death of Ray Singleton, a guard, the men will be tried again in the Superior Court here for the shooting of George Baker, a trusty.

The arrival of the state militia and the threat to open fire succeeded in breaking the mutiny after nearly 1,500 men had seized control of the prison. Despite the fact that the authorities suppressed the details leading up to the mutiny, it later became known that rotten food and continued brutality on the part of the prison guards had caused the revolt.

HALT ELMER GANTRY CASE. BOSTON, March 26.—The case of Guy Willis Holmes, New Bedford Methodist minister, was postponed today in the Suffolk County superior criminal court until April 9. Holmes had been held in jail on charges preferred by Miss Antoinette Fortin, former New Bedford tea room waitress. A jury in the first trial disagreed.

Ohio Demonstrators Face Police Terrorism

CLEVELAND LABOR LINES UP AGAINST HORTHY FASCISTS

Motives of Delegation Are Exposed

(Special to The Daily Worker.) CLEVELAND, March 26.—For the third time in two days police yesterday terrorized Anti-Horthy demonstrators when 500 police and scores of detectives charged lines of workers protesting the visit to this city of the Horthy white guard delegation. This was the greatest display of police strength here in years.

When the Hungarian fascists assembled at the Kossuth monument yesterday at University Circle, an airplane poured thousands of anti-Horthy leaflets and red balloons denouncing the white guards in the crowd while scores of banners were displayed in the assailing the Horthy regime.

Mounted Police in Action. Mounted police conducted several workers away from the scene while great tumult stopped the speeches of the visiting fascists.

When the delegation was officially received at the City Hall Saturday mounted and motorcycle police attacked pickets carrying banners of protest. The reception by City Manager Hopkins was followed by a complete mobilization of the city police force.

March In Fascist Line. The demonstrators appeared in front of the City Hall carrying banners and fearlessly marched into the line of 300 visiting Horthyites. The...

SOUTHERN MINERS NAME DELEGATES

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 26.—Five hundred coal diggers from Coal Creek, Tenn., voted unanimously to endorse the program and policies of the Save-the-Union Committee and to send a delegate to the National Conference in Pittsburgh April 1st.

Other districts in the state are actively preparing for the conference. Both organized and unorganized sections have been aroused by the call of the Save-the-Union Committee, which was given new hope to the coal miners.

3 WORKERS JAILED IN GREEK PROTEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 26.—Police attacked several hundred demonstrators here who protested against the elaborate reception to Metropolitan Vassalios, archbishop of the independent orthodox Hellenic churches. Three workers, said by the police to be Communists, were arrested and later freed on bail.

"Interfering with religious meeting" is the formal charge lodged against the pickets. Vassalios, on tour thruout the United States, has met with spirited demonstrations in numerous cities where workers accused him of spreading reactionary and anti-labor propaganda.

SEAMEN FRAMED, JAILED BY CONSUL

Union Talk Brings 5 Years in Syrian Jail and Atlanta Pen. Released finally, after serving four years and nine months of a five year prison term imposed upon him through the efforts of an American consul in Syria, Valentine Austino, seaman on an American merchant ship, and member of the I. W. W., yesterday told the story of his sufferings from the time he was thrown into a filthy prison in Beirut until his release from Atlanta Penitentiary in Georgia.

Soup Kitchen Dole Sole Meal for Miners' Tots



Starvation constantly starves the children of the striking Pennsylvania and Ohio miners in the face. These children, who fight on the picket line with their fathers, faint n school because of undernourishment. Some of the children are shown receiving a hand-out in a soup kitchen of the Pennsylvania and Ohio miners Relief Committee. Only the American workers can save the lives of hundreds of thousands of children of the mine workers, by sending relief to the Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

FARMER-LABOR MEETING TO ATTACK SHIPSTEAD

(Special To The DAILY WORKER.) ST. PAUL, Minn., March 26.—Interest of delegates at the Farmer-Labor Party convention scheduled to open here Wednesday centers on the nomination of the national senator. Sen. Shipstead is not attending the convention despite repeated invitations and has not declared his affiliation. He refused to affirm or deny press reports that he is filing on the republican or the independent ticket.

MINERS RISING IN ALL SECTIONS

(Special to The Daily Worker.) PITTSBURGH, March 26.—Nothing in recent labor history can be compared with the wave of enthusiasm which has swept over the nine fields as a result of the recent National Save-the-Union call to the coal diggers. Information secured from reliable sources point to the fact that the April 1 conference in this city will be more largely attended than even the progressives themselves now anticipate.

A Serious Conference. A great wave of organization of the unorganized is expected to follow the holding of the April 1 conference. It will be a business conference and not a talkfest. There will be no coal operators' politicians there to welcome the delegates but there will be vigorous discussion as to the best methods of winning the strike and saving the union.

Bellaire, Ohio, reports that local unions in the sub-district are electing delegates. Among those locals is 1840, one of the largest in the state. Over one hundred delegates from eastern Ohio alone, according to definite information, will attend the convention.

Also Pennsylvania. The Allegheny Valley in Pennsylvania, once a stronghold of the Lewis machine, is overwhelmingly progressive and will send its quota of delegates to the conference. The Fagan machine in district five had a small army of organizers engaged in the valley for a number of weeks trying to stem the progressive tide. Even state troopers have been at the service of the machine and several scheduled...

Assaulted Austino. When the petty officer heard of his visit to the chief engineer he went to where Austino was working and attacked him with a club, at the same time telling him to expect a "real beating" when they arrived in the...

GENERAL STRIKE CALL RESOUNDS IN DISTRICT 12

Fishwick Henchmen Strike at Militants

By GERRY ALLARD. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 26.—A wave of militancy is spreading over the Illinois mine districts which has swept the reactionary Lewis-Fishwick machine off its feet. The Lewis henchmen are making frantic efforts to stem the tide.

Attack Progressives. In Local Union 4173 charges have been preferred against Gerry Allard, in Local Union 303 charges have been filed against brothers Novack, a young progressive, Ausley, House, Teague, Rukavina and Joich, most of whom are officials and are taking a very active part in the movement to eliminate the Lewis machine.

PITTSBURGH, March 26.—The following urgent appeal was today sent out by the National Save-the-Union Committee of the Miners: "Nothing can prevent the holding of our historic conference at Pittsburgh on April 1, except lack of funds to enable the hundreds of delegates already pledged to our movement, to get here. The miners have been on strike for a year. Most of our delegates are from strike areas. They are unable to secure funds and other expenses to make this most vital conference possible. The workers in other trades can and must enable them to take up this great duty. Funds should be rushed by return mail or wire to the headquarters of the Save-the-Union Committee, 526 Federal St., N. S., Pittsburgh."

The recent developments in this section show clearly that the miners are being organized for real action. The bluffing and humbugging days of the fake leaders of the miners are just about over and the rank and file has taken the situation into its own hands. Miners are determined that these faithful leaders of the miners will not be expelled. They are organizing themselves to prevent the railroading of these honest and courageous union men that dare defy the iron-fisted rule of Lewisism.

Fight Grows Stronger. District 12, Save-the-Union Committee, of which Joseph Angelo is secretary and which is located at 431 N. Wesley St., has taken the lead in the progressive movement. A call has been sent out for a general strike on April 1 in support of the Pennsylvania-Ohio miners. Delegates are being sent to the Pittsburgh conference April 1. Defense of Bonita, Mendola, Moleski and support of their defense committee has been endorsed.

FEAR 62 DEAD IN NEW COAST FLOOD

Report 40 Jap Workers Among Victims

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 26.—Fears that the American river flood, inundating north Sacramento and causing great damage in central California, has taken a heavy toll of life grew this afternoon with reports that 40 Japanese ranch workers in a district north of here were drowned. This brought the number of dead and missing to 62.

The water swept in over a mile of farm land and buried two-story houses completely out of sight, rescue parties reported. Immense stretches of orchard and ranch lands were under water today, hundreds of homes have been inundated, several communities have been isolated and many sections are in imminent peril. Rescue parties today were struggling to reach Liberty Island in the Sacramento River on which 20 persons are feared drowned.

FOREIGN NEWS --- BY CABLE AND MAIL FROM SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS

MEXICO UNABLE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO WALL STREET

Finance Minister Again Makes Announcement

MEXICO CITY, March 26.—The Mexican government's revenues this year are estimated at 295,000,000 pesos (\$147,500,000), enough for normal obligations, but not sufficient to meet foreign debt obligations under the Lamont-Pani agreement, it was announced today by Finance Minister Luis Montes De Oca. The government hopes to obtain a short-term loan to meet the foreign loan obligations.

Of the total income 30,000,000 pesos will be spent on public works. The income tax will yield about eight per cent of the revenues.

Two representatives of the Mexican ministry of finance visited New York several weeks ago to confer with committee of international bankers on the Mexican loan. Mexico made it clear that she was unable to meet interest payments on her debts to Wall Street.

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tempt to crush by legal violence the national, cultural and political aspirations of this national minority. We urge their immediate release and the restoration of legal status to Hromada and all other workers' political parties and the immediate release of political prisoners in Poland.

"In the name of labor and liberal opinion in the United States, we express our solidarity with you and your fellow defendants on trial and condemn the trial as an attempt to smash the Hromada and crush the legitimate aspirations of the White Russian minority in Poland. We pledge our support toward arousing and organizing progressive opinion in this country in a protest movement against the infamous trial. We have cabled Premier Pilsudski, demanding the legalization of Hromada and other parties and the release of political prisoners in Poland."

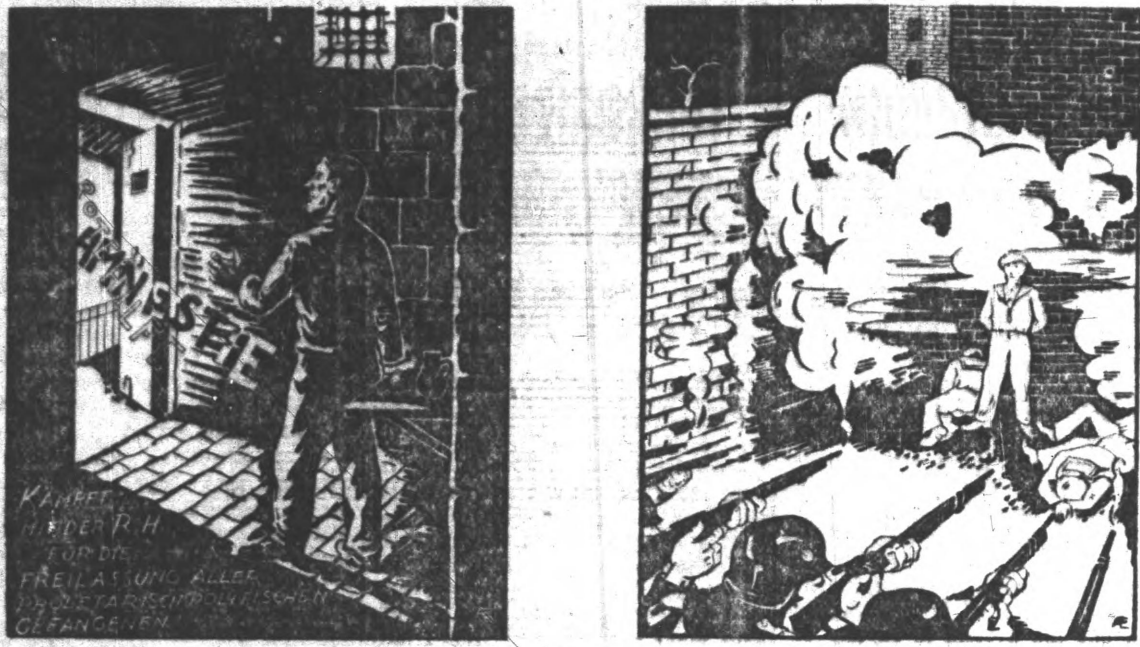
BOLIVIA WAR TO GET WALL ST. AID

LA PAZ, (By Mail).—Bolivia's war preparations against Paraguay are proceeding actively with the assistance of American capital. A contract for the construction of a railway across the Andes Mountains into the Amazon valley, leading towards the disputed oil territory of the Chaco Boreal, has been awarded by the Bolivian government to the American engineering firm Kennedy & Carey. At present there are no railway connections between the high plateau of Bolivia and the Amazon valley leading towards Paraguay. This railway going from Cochabamba to Santa Cruz, about 300 miles, will give access to the plain of the Chaco Boreal and Paraguay.

SANDINO SOLDIER BRAVES MARINES

MANAGUA, March 26.—A soldier of the army of General Sandino braved the fury of several hundred hired ballyhoosers, planted by General Moncada and subservient liberals with the connivance of the United States government, to bring the heroic struggle of the Nicaraguan soldiers of independence before the masses in Managua and the American invaders. Wearing the black and red colors of the troops of General Sandino the soldier mingled in the big hurra demonstration engineered by the American leaders to support the impression that the Nicaraguan masses are behind the American supervision of the fall elections. The procession carrying many paper American flags, supplied, it is alleged, from American sources; paraded to the American consulate where they were met by a marine guard. A detachment of American officers and native constabulary accompanied the marchers to prevent any unforeseen disorders.

Two German Posters for the Fifth Anniversary of the Red Aid



Two German posters used during the week of March 11-18, when the International Red Aid celebrated its fifth anniversary. The poster on the left reads; "Remember the shooting of the 32 revolutionary sailors, Remember your fighting comrades who fight in the prisons and dungeons. Recruit members for the Red Aid. Poster on the right reads: "Fight with the Red Aid for the release of all proletarian political prisoners." The Red Aid carries on functions similar to those of the International Labor Defense in this country.

KUOMINTANG LEADERS SLAUGHTER WORKERS

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the second installment of the report made by Sou Chao-jen, chairman of the All-China Labor Federation, delivered at the second meeting of the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat, in Shanghai, February 4, 1928. Today's installment tells of the wholesale execution of labor leaders and the ruthless suppression of trade unions by the Kuomintang generals, operating with the imperialist powers. The DAILY WORKER publishes Sou Chao-jen's report in full because it is an excellent general survey of conditions prevailing in China.

By SOU CHAO-JEN.

Chairman. All-China Labor Federation The Kuomintang has become the hangman of the bourgeoisie, the militarists, the imperialists, and the landlords. They have cancelled all agreements of the trade unions; suppressed all the unions; denied all the so-called freedoms to the workers. They say that strikes, meetings, publications, etc., which have the previous permission of the Kuomintang are permitted, but no permissions are granted except for some reactionary maneuver of their own, or to carry out some blackmailing scheme. Workers live under the worst white terror. The Kuomintang has broken relations with the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, although the proletariat of the USSR has helped China for several years. Workers of China recognize the USSR as our closest friend, which cannot be dispensed with.

The reaction uses the Kuomintang to slaughter the communists. (Since April no party in China has been revolutionary except the Communist Party). They break up the trade unions, arrest the leaders and kill them; they appoint traitors or bourgeois officials to "reorganize" the trade unions, attempting to take them over to be governed by the reactionary Kuomintang. These things happen all over China.

Murder Labor Leaders. They began the reaction in February in Kanchow, Kiangsi Province, by assassinating the chairman of the Provincial General Labor Union. In Shanghai in March the workers made insurrection against Sun Chuang-fang, and helped the southern armies, taking the city with the workers' forces before the army arrived; but when Chiang Kai-shek arrived he killed hundreds of workers as his first act. In Shanghai the Kuomintang has never stopped arresting and killing the trade union leaders.

In Kwangtung in April the militarists Li Chi-san made a coup d'etat, arrested 2,000 workers in one night, and shot 100 of them without announcing their names. Among those murdered was the chairman of the Canton Workers Assembly. In Hunan the Kuomintang leaders killed thousands. In Hupeh they forced the workers to accept worthless military notes for wages; when the arsenal workers demanded good money, they killed their leaders and suppressed the strike with military force. They killed the Ricksha Coolie union leaders, as well as the officers of the Textile Workers Union. The railway workers of Wuhan made demonstration to demand payment of back wages, of which 11 months are owing, and were suppressed by White Terror.

Feng Kills Workers. In Honan, under the "Christian General" Feng Yu-hsiang, 800 textile workers were slaughtered for striking; the Honan General Labor Union was suppressed and the leaders killed because they supported the railway workers in the demand for back wages. In Szechuan hundreds of workers were killed in the suppression of the trade unions. In Anoy, when the workers gathered to demand the release of their arrested leaders, the troops fired into them, killing many. In Anhui, the same events; the chairman of the General Labor Union there was arrested because of advancing a demand for wage increases, and he disappeared, his fate being un-

Murders Workers



General Sun Chuan-fang, northern war lord, who has murdered thousands of workers in his campaign of terror. Sun's forces include about two thousand White Guard Russians.

Communist Candidate In Argentine Election

BUENOS AYRES, March 26.—The Communist - Workers' Party has named a woman as its presidential candidate in the elections which will be held on April 1st. The voting which is expected to be especially heavy will be for parliamentary as well as presidential candidates. The candidates for the major parties are Dr. Hipolito Irigoyen and Dr. Leopoldo Melles, running on the Irigoyenista and Anti-Personalista parties respectively. There are few fundamental differences in the platforms of the major parties.

His Own Medicine

PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—Sheriff Thomas W. Cunningham was arrested here shortly after-noon today by Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms John M. McGrain of the U. S. Senate for contempt of the senate. He was arraigned immediately and freed on \$1,000 bail pending a hearing on a writ of Habeas Corpus. Date for the hearing on the writ has been tentatively set for next Monday.

FLYERS REACH LONDON

LONDON, March 26.—The German flyers who left Tempelhof Field at noon today on the first leg of what is believed to be a trans-Atlantic flight, arrived at Baldonnel Aerodrome this afternoon, according to the newspaper, the Irish independent known. In the north, in Fenetien, seven miners were killed for going on strike. In Peking 12 railway workers were shot for demanding back wages, which have not been paid for 9 months. In Kuangsi hundreds have been arrested and shot. In all districts the same or similar stories could be related. But the revolutionary sentiment of the working class has no means decreased. The workers continue to struggle under their original unions. (To Be Continued).

BRITISH TORIES ADD NEW CHUNK TO THE EMPIRE

Oil Involved in War on Ibn Saud

(Special to The Daily Worker) LONDON, March 26.—The recent reports of a "holy war" against Great Britain in Arabia were believed to have been spread as an excuse for the occupation of the important seaport of Koweit on the Persian Gulf. British bombing planes have, however, raided tribesmen who fought against the construction of a line of British forts along the frontiers of Iraq and Transjordania.

Koweit is not only extremely important for strategic reasons, but its occupation is important in view of the recent struggle between France and Britain for the terminus of the oil pipe line from Mosul. After a struggle of several months, the British government succeeded in "persuading" the French interests in the Turkish Petroleum Company—the trust which is to exploit Mosul oil—to use the British-controlled port of Haifa, Palestine, rather than the French-controlled port of Alexandria, Syria, as a pipe line terminus.

Altho Ibn Saud has issued no declaration of war, the British government is determined to "deal firmly" with him. Ibn Saud as king of practically all of Arabia occupies the territory between Mosul and Haifa. The British government has therefore issued alarmist rumors of war and actually sent bombing planes 100 miles within the territory of Ibn Saud.

VENEZUELA NEAR REVOLT, REPORT

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 26.—Report that an insurrection impending in several sections of Venezuela was received yesterday at Cucuta, a small village on the Colombia-Venezuela frontier.

The report states that rival factions are trying to enforce their policy but give no precise information. Conditions have long been unsettled in Venezuela where the dictator Gomez has ruthlessly suppressed every effort to overthrow him. A recent demonstration of Venezuelan students resulted in the jailing of scores of the demonstrators.

China Workers Demand Japanese Consul Go

SHANGHAI, March 26.—Labor unions here are reported to be demanding the removal of the Japanese consul, on charges of ordering the removal of native Koreans to Japan. This was a breach of faith, the Chinese claim. The boycott of Japanese merchandise at Amoy continues unabated according to information from the southern city.

TO "PROBE" OIL WAR IN INDIA

India Oil Producers Ask "Protection"

LONDON, March 26.—As the result of complaints from Indian petroleum companies, the government tariff board was ordered today to investigate alleged price-slashing by the Standard Oil Company and the Royal Dutch interests in their gigantic battle for control of the Indian market.

BOMBAY, March 26.—Small petroleum producers thruout India are alarmed as a result of the extension to the Indian field of the oil war now raging between the Standard Oil and the Royal Dutch Shell interests.

Protection against the flood of cheap petroleum about to be unloaded upon the Indian market in the course of the price slashing struggle between the oil giants is being demanded by a number of native concerns and if granted, is expected to lay a heavy burden on the native consumer.

Inquiry into the needs of the Indian producers in the crisis which they believe threatens them will be undertaken by the government's tariff board with a view to investigating, and probably restricting, the dumping of cheap petroleum on the Indian markets. The tariff, it is announced, will also try to determine whether the oil war is to be extended to gasoline. The government states that it is undertaking the inquiry at the instance of a number of large native oil companies.

MEXICAN TROOPS PURSUE BANDITS

MEXICO CITY, March 26.—Hundreds of federal soldiers today are in pursuit of 50 bandits who held up and robbed 200 week-end travelers over Puebla Highway 25 miles from this city and carried off five young women. U. S. Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow and foreign minister Estrada passed through Zoquiapan, the scene of the hold-ups just a few hours after the highwaymen had been scattered.

Land Victory of U.S.S.R at Geneva Meet

MOSCOW, March 26.—The diplomatic victory of the Soviet Union at the preparatory arms conference which closed at Geneva several days ago was noted with satisfaction by the Moscow Pravda.



M. Litvinoff, routed Tories

Maxim Litvinoff, who headed the USSR delegation, the Pravda points out, had forestalled an attempt on the part of the powers to prevent the Soviet Union from taking part in the conference. The attempts made by the British delegation to shelve the new Soviet proposal clearly proves that the powers will oppose any genuine disarmament proposal, is the general opinion of the press here.

SOVIET MINING EXPERT HERE TO STUDY METHODS

Describes Growth of Iron Ore Output

Chief Engineer A. N. Bakhtiarov of the Yurt, the Soviet Southern Ore Trust, has arrived in this country accompanied by three other important officials of the trust, it was learned yesterday at the offices of the Amtorg Trading Corporation. Representatives of the Yurt, which produced last year 3,500,000 metric tons of iron ore, expect to make a three months' study of American production methods and of the mining equipment market.

"While we have not as yet reached the pre-war iron ore output," said Bakhtiarov, "the progress made during the past few years has been very encouraging. Four years ago the Yurt produced less than half a million tons of ore. During each of the next two years we succeeded in doubling production, and increased the output by 47 per cent last year, with the result that in 1927 we produced three and one half million tons of iron ore. Production of manganese ore reached 450,000 tons last year. This production, however, does not fully satisfy the needs of the expanding Soviet iron and steel industry. We intend to study American production methods and equipment with a view of increasing production in the Yurt mines. The allotment for capital construction by the trust during the current year is \$9,000,000."

ANGLES FOR FARM VOTE

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The condition of the farmer today is endangering the prosperity of the nation, B. F. Yoakum, of New York told the Woman's National Democratic Club here today in a speech urging the Democratic Party to get after the farm vote by writing a strong agricultural plank into its platform for the coming presidential election.

WORKERS CLASH WITH FASCISTI

Rush Regular Troops to Austrian Town

VIENNA, Austria, March 26.—A riot reminiscent of the Vienna uprisings last year occurred in Feldkirken, Carinthia, on Friday, resulting in the shooting of ten men. Regular troops were rushed to the district today.

The clash occurred when the Bourgeois Home Defense Force attempted to break up a left wing meeting and expel the speakers from town. Sporadic clashes between workers and police have broken out in Austria since last July, when workers rose in armed revolt against the government.

U. S. Fruit Co. Wars On Colombia Growers

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 26.—Attempt of the United States Fruit Company to crush the competition of the independent Colombian growers in the Santa Marta district is resulting in a serious situation here. The struggle between the American corporation and the independent fruit cultivators resulted over the irrigation rights which are essential to cultivation in this district. Minister of Industries Montalvo has left for the coast to investigate the situation. The United States Fruit Co. has very large interests in the Caribbean section.

BRITISH TANKER IN DISTRESS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—With a crew of 40 men aboard, the British Hussar, a 440-foot tanker belonging to the British Tanker Ltd., of London is believed to be in distress somewhere in the Pacific.

FRIDAY!! the Big DEBATE SCOTT NEARING NORMAN THOMAS SUBJECT: COMMUNISM vs. SOCIALISM IN AMERICA Friday Evening, March 30, at 8:15 COMMUNITY CHURCH, 34th Street and Park Avenue. Tickets: \$1.00, \$1.50; a few at \$2.00. For Sale: Community Church; Jimmie Higgins Book Shop, 106 University Place; New Masses, 39 Union Square. Buy Your Tickets TODAY!!

1928 Elections Coolidge Program Two pamphlets by Jay Lovestone The various capitalist parties are soaked in oil—Coolidge chooses not to run—But what about the workers? How will they vote this Election Year? These two pamphlets tell the story. Spread them far and wide. 1928—20 cents. Coolidge Program—5 cents. WORKERS LIBRARY PUBLISHERS, 39 East 125th St. New York City.

DEAR Friend, Comrade, Fellow-worker:

Tom Mooney, victim of a vicious frame-up, has already spent 12 years in prison. Jim Tully, noted novelist, who has seen him recently, writes: "Those years have eaten at the mind of Mooney, stooping his shoulders. They have carved hollow places beneath his eyes." Billings, Neil, Merrick, Barnett, Corbisley—a total of 42 innocent workers are spending years behind prison bars. The International Labor Defense helps to maintain their families. It sends each labor prisoner a monthly check for small comforts like tobacco, candy, shaving cream. But we want to do more.

The prisoners want books. Hundreds of books. We want you to help us. While with us in the Labor movement these men were so busy fighting, organizing, they had little time to read. Now they want books. From San Quentin, Waila Walls, Leavenworth and other prisons our courageous comrades tell us the books they want. We will not miss a single one of them if you will help us.

Prison regulations make difficulties. Books can be sent only by an established publisher. For the sake of economy and to avoid duplications we have arranged with a number of publishers to send their books chosen by our comrades in jail.

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Work at Pier 26, East River, Brutalizes Fruit Carriers, Correspondent Says

SAVAGELY TREAT MEN AT BANANA PIER; NO UNION

Called 'Mussolini Dock,' Conditions Are so Bad

(By a Worker Correspondent.)
Pier 26, East River, is known along the waterfront as "Mussolini's dock." It is called so because the labor conditions on this dock are worse than on any other pier in the city. The workers are savagely exploited.

All workers are hired twenty minutes before working time. Most workers start work before schedule. For this they are not paid.

The foremen and others in charge are "strong guys." The workers are not allowed even a minute's rest. Smoking is prohibited and it is forbidden to go to the toilet during working time. Eight hours at a stretch constitute a day's work. No time is allowed for lunch. Those workers who happen to have sandwiches with them have to hide and eat them in some corner. Those who have no sandwiches have to eat bananas, since they are not allowed to go out and buy something to eat.

If any worker should happen to go to the lavatory during working hours, he has his check taken away from him. He is not paid for his work. Sometimes a worker loses as much as five hours in this way.

When you protest against these inhuman conditions you are beaten up by the company thugs a la fascisti. If you complain to a cop, he tells you that it is not his business and ignores you. The police ignore all complaints which are made by the workers. These cops get many "presents" from the pier owners. The police never embarrass the dock-owners.

This dock is non-union. To better conditions we must organize into a union.

—A BANANA CARRIER.

Bricks Fly in Harvard After Negro Debate

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 26.—Debating with Negroes can be classed as an extra-hazardous occupation within the purlieus of dear old Harvard. Bricks, bearing Ku Klux Klan notes, were heaved through the windows of the Harvard Liberal Club for allowing a debate with Lincoln University's Negro team.

The 5-Day Week

PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—From Boston to Washington the 5-day week is being fought for and won by union building trades workers. Fourteen trades in Baltimore, ranging from carpenters and cement finishers to sheet metal workers and steam fitters already have the short work week.

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Unemployed in Philadelphia Elect Council

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., (By Mail).—A very successful meeting of the unemployed of this city was held today at 531 N. 7th St. About one hundred and fifty people crowded into the small hall and listened attentively to the speakers, Geo. D. Evans and Mike Toohy, who were among those arrested several weeks ago for attempting to hold such a meeting.

Fully half of those present were Negroes, and practically every one registered as member of the unemployed council, and an executive committee of fifteen was chosen to work out plans for the council and call future meetings.

DAILY WORKERS were distributed free of charge and the local agent made an appeal to the audience to support this paper as far as they were able, it being the only one in this country that expresses their class interests.

Several policemen and plainclothes men were present but made no disturbance in spite of the fact that no permit for the meeting had been applied for.

—L. L.

SOCIALISTS EAT IN SCAB CAFETERIA

Refuse Food Workers Aid in Organizing

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

The Roy Cafeteria is located at East Broadway and Rutgers St., New York City. The cafeteria is non-union. The conditions in this place are very bad. The workers work between eleven and twelve hours per day. Sometimes they even work a few hours extra without any pay. A week consists of six working days. In case it's busy the workers have to speed up.

This concern is near the Forwards building and it is patronized by many socialists, who claim to be good union men. When you tell any of these gentlemen that the place is non-union, if they don't ignore you entirely, they usually reply is, "mind your own business." Among them are organizers and intellectuals and other "high shots" of the S. P. Some of the "strong guys" who beat up progressive workers are recruited in this place.

Sometime ago the Amalgamated Food Workers asked these socialist gentlemen for support in unionizing the place. They replied that they had no use for the Amalgamated because it is "too radical."

This is how socialists who claim to be good union men help to organize labor by patronizing non-union concerns. All progressive workers should expose them as labor fakers.

—J. O'S.

COTTON-GROWERS ENSLAVEWORKERS IN CALIFORNIA

Keep Serfs Unorganized With Race Hatreds

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

RIPLEY, Calif., (By Mail).—The condition of the agricultural workers, share-croppers and tenant farmers, in the cotton belts of California is anything but ideal. The tightening of the money market this year has hurled many of the small proprietors into the ranks of the landless and dispossessed.

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Much of the land is farmed by the absentee landlord system, the agents or lessees being interested in squeezing the tenants and securing a maximum of return for a minimum of outlay. Even where the landlord himself is in residence he usually drives the tenant and his family like slaves since his land is mortgaged up to the last dollar of its value and the landlord is little more than a glorified overseer.

Each of this land was originally filed upon in quarter section blocks by small proprietors seeking a home in "the land of the free." It is all desert land and must be irrigated to be of any value. Therefore in order to secure water, the farmer has mortgaged his land. Hence a poor dirt-farmer who originally possessed land, but no water, now owns water rights, but no land. And ownership of land is more and more becoming concentrated in the hands of a few big landholders and mortgage-holders, who resell it to the young hopefuls.

Share-Cropping.

Since there is practically nothing to do after the cotton is picked, the worker with a family is almost forced into a share-cropping proposition or starvation stares him in the face. He pits his pitifully small savings and the labor of his entire family against the landlord's land.

The tenant's savings are usually exhausted about May or June and from then on, until October, he is on the frayed edge of semi-starvation. For the western landlord, unlike his southern brother, refuses to "furnish" the tenant. These tenants are unorganized, have no protective organizations, and must fight as individuals.

These deplorable conditions are due in part to the fact that a majority of western cotton tenants are whites, coming from the south who absolutely refuse to have anything to do with Mexican or Negro tenants. Many white cotton-pickers even refuse to pick in the same fields with Negroes.

The landlords are quick to take advantage of this situation, as it keeps the poorest elements of the population in competition with each other for jobs and a chance to enter the slavery of share-cropping. Both the Negroes and the whites from the south are more race-conscious than class conscious. The owners are thoroughly class conscious.


—JOHN H. OWENS.

Porto Rico Appeals

WASHINGTON, (FP) March 26.—Porto Rico's legislature has called the Porto Rican Commissioner in Congress another appeal that a committee of Congress hold open hearings on the political, economic, and social conditions in that island, which need immediate remedy. President Coolidge recently rejected a like appeal to himself.

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Detroit Boss Stole Job for Liquor Giver

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

DETROIT, Mich., (By Mail).—In Dept. 7, metal polish, of the Turned Manufacturing Co., on the night shift, the foreman is known as "Ben Alias Whitey." He seems to have an unquenchable thirst for liquor, and permits this condition to determine his relationship with those coming under his jurisdiction. The workers fearing the stability of their employment to be of short duration seek to protect their interests by supplying Ben with liquor and thereby winning his favor. The number of such workers is seven but the system is rapidly expanding.

A young worker spent ten hours' time on a banana handle for the Chevrolet car, but the job required more time before it was completed. The same young worker because of sickness was unable to report for work the following two nights and upon his return found that his job was missing. Upon investigation he learned that Ben has taken the job and given it to one of his favorites (who was keeping him supplied with alcohol) who finished it in one hour and one quarter and upon Ben's advice claimed credit for the whole job.

This eliminated the young worker from all credit. Consequently the young worker who was so brazenly cheated of his toil went to the general foreman, Charlie Moore, and presented his grievances. The solution and adjustment made by Moore was to split credit for the job equally between the two.

KELLOGG URGED TO BLOCK LOAN

N. Y. Bankers Ready to Hand Rumania Cash

WASHINGTON, March 26 (FP).—Representative Emanuel Celler of New York, in a letter to Secretary of State Kellogg has challenged Kellogg to make good his professions of sympathy with the pogrom victims in Rumania by blocking the \$50,000,000 loan to Rumania which New York bankers, headed by Blair & Co. now propose to grant.

Celler informs Kellogg that the Federal Reserve Bank in New York is expected to join in the so-called stabilization loan to "this most bureaucratic and most madiaeval appeal for a renewal of league membership by the Latin-American republic. President Luiz has said that he opposes any change in policy during his administration.

TO DISCUSS IMPERIALISM.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Imperialism will be one of the questions discussed at the eighth national convention of the National League of Women Voters to be held in Chicago, April 23 to 28.

Atrocities Cited.

"Rumania, running true to its history," Celler wrote, "has made of itself, as a result of pogroms and massacres of minority populations during the last few years, a pariah among nations. We, in America, stood aghast at the recent atrocities at Kishineff—outrages which we thought the post-war treaties had ended forever."

He quoted from Secretary Hay's threatening letter to Rumania in 1902 under similar conditions of massacre and said that Kellogg had replied to a protest a year ago by claiming that the Versailles Treaty made Rumania responsible in these matters to the League of Nations. Celler concluded that America could not thus evade

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TAXIDRIVER IS TERRORIZED BY NEW YORK COPS

Police "Steal" Day's Earnings in Fines

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

Seeing that you have been printing stories from taxidrivers I think I can take a chance to write one too.

In the first place I got to put in 12 hours a day to make 5 to 6 dollars a day. I have to work every day, Sundays and holidays included. And when I go home I always think that I went too early, that I could have made a little more. But I have a family and they need my attention a little anyhow.

Three years ago there were 10,000 taxis in the city. Now there are 30,000. How can we expect to make a living? The cab companies can put up as many cabs as they want to, in order to compete with each other, and because so many workers are out of work they can always get enough help and exploit them to the limit, of course. The companies never lose. It's always the drivers who get "gypped."

This is in reference to one of our enemies, the companies. And now I want to say something about another rotten enemy, and that is the police.

After working for hours like hell, for no reason at all we get a ticket and there goes our day's wages and sometimes two and three days' wages. Imagine how we feel then? We're always worried about customers, and when we get them, we got to pay every cent to the police.

There is never a day in which I would not like to spit in a cop's face. I wouldn't mind paying the fine. I'd even borrow money to pay just for satisfaction's sake. But you know how it is. I'd loose my license, I wouldn't have any means to make a living. So what can I do? At any rate I want you to know that our worst enemy is the police. For the least little thing, most often for no reason at all, we get in an argument and if we open our mouths, there goes the ticket.

—"TAXI."

Won't Re-enter League

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 26.—Brazil will probably never resume full activity in the League of Nations, it is stated here in regards to the non-committal reply sent by the Brazil government to the league's appeal for a renewal of league membership by the Latin-American republic. President Luiz has said that he opposes any change in policy during his administration.

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her responsibility, especially when by control of financial favors she can readily force the Bratianu dictatorship at Bucharest to mend its ways. Minister Cretziano, Celler declared is a mere "shadow," while the dictator is the substance. Disapproval no matter how harsh, has never dented the intolerance of the Rumanian ruler. Coercion alone has protected minorities against butchery in that country. Accordingly, Celler urged Kellogg to pay no attention to promises made by Cretziano, but to shut off this loan.

REINHARDT CALLS 'TZAR IVAN' BEST PRODUCTION

THE Sovkino film, "Czar Ivan The Terrible," starring Leonidoff and the Moscow Art Players, which is now in its third week at the Cameo Theatre for its first New York run, is continuing to receive high praise from prominent personages. Max Reinhardt, who saw the film at an advance showing, writes:

"In my opinion, 'Czar Ivan the Terrible,' ranks high among the best motion pictures of our times. In pictorial effectiveness, histrionic power and compelling truth of characterization it has hardly ever been equalled. The historic perspective is extraordinary, the handling of the tempo may well serve as a model. Artistically, technically and culturally it is instructive in the best sense of the word. Anyone deeply concerned in the progress of screen art beyond mere entertainment must hope that this work of art will not fail of its effect on account of the somber colors which are implicit in its theme. History has given this czar the by-name of 'The Terrible' and thereby has passed a judgment which cannot be seriously revised by subsequent embellishments."

European critics and the press on the continent did much to bring the film before the general public. Here are two items of enthusiastic praise:

"In 'Czar Ivan The Terrible' our Soviet brothers again show how remarkable can be their art of the cinema. Where their 'Potemkin' proved them the greatest masters in working with mass effects and mass rhythm, 'Ivan The Terrible' shows their supreme ability to create sharp-pointed individual personalities against background of authentic and intense atmosphere." So writes Rote Fahne, of Berlin, of the Sovkino production.

Not only has the radical press of Europe hailed this important motion picture, which possesses the unforgettable portrait of Czar Ivan by the great Leonidoff, but the conservative press as well has acclaimed this as one of the greatest pictures of all times and one which reaches the peaks of the art founded by 'Potemkin'.

L'Humanite of Paris writes: "Czar Ivan The Terrible" evokes with a rare power the significant traits of the tragic and barbarous atmosphere of the Russia of the sixteenth century. The dramatic sequence is presented with a rhythmic expression and the amazing scenes project with a vigorous sincerity the life and time of Ivan The Terrible."

Only "Candidate" Wins Portuguese Elections

LISBON, Portugal, March 26.—General Antonio Carmona, sole "official" candidate for the presidency of Portugal has been re-elected to that office in an easy victory. Carmona seized control of the government in 1926 by a military coup.

POLICEMAN AS KIDNAPPER

Charles Johnson, formerly a bicycle patrolman in Brooklyn has been arrested charged with kidnaping Agnes Rawl, 17, on April 30, 1927.

AMUSEMENTS

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LAST WEEK Bernard Shaw's Comedy

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IN SHAW COMEDY.



Margalo Gillmore plays an important role in "The Doctor's Dilemma," Bernard Shaw's delightful satirical comedy now in its final week at the Guild Theatre.

Broadway Briefs

The Theatre Guild will shortly place in rehearsal a play by Sil'Vara, a Viennese critic and journalist, tentatively called "Playing With Love." Richard Bennett will play a leading role and Robert Milton will direct the play. This will be the sixth and final production of the Guild's current season.

Sam Lowett has accepted for immediate production, "The Alimoniaes" a new play by Daniel N. Rubin, author of "The Night Duel" and "Women Go On Forever."

John Golden and Edgar Selwyn are planning a new play for production entitled "Fly-By-Night." It will make its first appearance in Atlantic City April 2. "Fly-By-Night" is written by Kenyon Nicholson and John Golden and the cast is headed by Thomas Mitchell.

Robert Barrat, recently with Francine Larrimore in "Chicago," has joined "A Lady for a Night," the new Chamberlain Brown production now in rehearsal.

Helen Chandler, now playing in "The Silent House," will play the role of Regina in "Ghosts" at the Ibsen memorial performance, to be held this Sunday at the Martin Beck Theatre.

"A Most Immoral Lady" is the title of a comedy written by Townsend Martin which has just been bought by Brady, and Wiman.

Tuesday evening at Carnegie Hall a special concert for the benefit of the Musical Department of the American Academy in Rome and of the National Music League will be given. The program, which represents six nations, will be interpreted by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra under five conductors.

REED DRUMS UP TRADE. WASHINGTON, March 26.—The second phase of Senator James A. Reed's campaign for the democratic presidential nomination got under way today with Reed's departure on another speaking tour.

28th WEEK

DRACULA

FULTON B'way, 46 St. Eves. 8:30 Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:30

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"The Trial of Mary Dugan"

By Bayard Veiller, with Ann Harding-Rex Greyman

Lenora Sparke, soprano, formerly of the Metropolitan, will give a song recital at Steinway Hall next Thursday evening.

N. Y. CONFERENCE VOTES FOR LABOR PARTY THIS YEAR

Officials Admit Lack of Program

By a vote of 125 to 3 for a Labor Party and amid cheers and shouting for the passage of an Unemployment Maintenance Fund, delegates to the American Federation of Labor Conference on unemployment and injunctions closed in final session Monday afternoon.

A two days' program staged at Washington Irving High School, Irving Place and 17th St., under the subject, "The Menace of Unemployment and the Injunction," brought forth from the speakers on the platform and those in charge of proceedings nothing more closely approximating a "menace" than the warning by one of the officials that the business men are losing four billion dollars a year through the idleness of their workers.

Workers Speak.
Speakers and delegates from the floor, however, by their vigor and earnestness more than made up for the apathy of these who "delivered" from the platform.

At the final session Abraham Lefkowitz, of the Teachers' Union, in answer to a question from the floor admitted that independent political action would be a better means for fighting for the needs of labor than the program of the American Federation of Labor. Nothing could be done about the mistaken policy of the Federation except to "let the future take us as to which course is best."

Response to a question as to how many favored independent political action, about 125 raised their hands. Only three indicated that they favored the so-called non-partisan policy of the A. F. of L.

Di Santo Speaks.
John Di Santo, secretary of the New York Council of the Unemployed, in speaking from the floor announced that the unemployed workers would not be content with the "investigations," the perplexed phrases, and the lack of action on the part of the professors and the labor officials. The four and one-half millions of unemployed workers are demanding action and would force a real program. In New York, he showed, the first step had already been taken. The campaign for the establishment of an Unemployed Maintenance Fund which has already been launched will be carried on, he promised, until the city, state and nation are forced to make provision for the unemployed.

That the officials of the American Federation of Labor have no program for combating the nation-wide menace of anti-union injunctions was admitted by Matthew Woll, acting president of the National Civic Federation and vice-president of the A. F. of L., at a similar session Saturday night. As to the best means of combating injunctions, he said, he and his fellow officials were "undecided."

Mass Violations.
Wall attempted to ignore the subject of mass violations as a means of ending the menace. But the question was raised from the floor by a rank and file. Woll said he opposed mass violations and explained that the A. F. of L. was a "voluntary organization having no authority to compel any course of action." It gave only "advice" to its members, he said.

Other militants in the audience applauded when someone asked why political action was not tried. Woll was then forced to resort to the out-of-date A. F. of L. appeal to the worker. Woll said he and other members of the A. F. of L. opposed a party of shadow known as the balance of powers to avoid power by seeking the labor.

Hugh Frayne, A. F. of L. organizer in New York, presided.
Woll's talk on injunctions was couched in legalistic phraseology characteristic of the sessions of the National Civic Federation, where Woll sits around the employers' council table planning class collaboration schemes.

Only 100 union delegates attended. A worker distributing copies of a resolution passed at a recent conference of unemployed called by the New York Council, which advocated the adoption of an Unemployed Maintenance Fund, was put out of the meeting at the orders of Abraham Lefkowitz. Lefkowitz ordered Sergeant Connolly at the door of the meeting to put the worker "completely out of the hall."

At the Saturday meeting at which Lefkowitz gave the opening remarks, his speech was interpreted as an inaugural address marking his complete at-onement with the A. F. of L. bureaucracy. "In spite of reports in the newspapers to the contrary," he stated, "we are not opposed to the injunction." He wished only to regulate their issuance, he said. At another time he referred to that "great leader of the American labor movement, William Green."

Meeting Saturday.
Several hundred unemployed workers applauded the demands of the New York Council of the Unemployed at an open air mass meeting Saturday afternoon. The speakers were Harry Eisenman, of the Young Pioneers, and several unemployed workers. Two unemployed meetings will be held by the Council for the Unemployed this Wednesday at 2 p. m. at 101 W. 27th St., and at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, 949 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn.



The Mailed Fist Puts on Gloves but the Steel's Underneath

Polar flights are not so openly predatory as "good will" flights (there are no oil wells or canal rights among the Eskimos) but they serve to stimulate interest in military aviation and show what planes can expect to do in war. The accompanying pictures show Commander Byrd of the United States Navy and his companions preparing for their Antarctic flight at their New Hampshire camp.

CANNON SPEAKS IN SALT LAKE

State Labor Federation Arranges Meeting

SALT LAKE CITY, March 26.—A meeting, filling the local labor temple, held under the auspices of the Salt Lake Federation of Labor, today heard James P. Cannon, national secretary of the International Labor Defense, speak on the American frame-up system and the labor movement.

"Sacco and Vanzetti were the victims of the same system as all the other victims of the frame-up system from the time of the Molly McGuire to Greco and Carrillo," said Cannon. He gave examples of the methods used in getting rid of the militant leaders of the working class, the camouflaged charges of "crime" and all of the other paraphernalia of the system. He reminded his audience of the case of Joe Hill, the I. W. W. poet, songster and organizer, who was killed by the capitalist courts of Utah. His songs will be a battle cry against his avengers, said Cannon.

Speaking of the Sacco-Vanzetti case, he said Judge Thayer was not an exception but a true representative of the capitalist judges everywhere. His speech was warmly applauded and at the end of it a local of the International Labor Defense was formed with several labor officials pledging their support and that of their organizations.

Will Speak in Seattle.
SEATTLE, March 26.—Following a number of meetings and conferences in California, James P. Cannon, national secretary of International Labor Defense, will speak in Seattle April 10 on the frame-up system at Moose Temple with George Vanderveer, noted labor attorney, as chairman.

From Seattle he will proceed to Everett, where plans are being made for Cannon to address the Central Labor Council April 11. The next day, April 12, he will be back again in Seattle, to be followed on the 14th with a mass meeting in Tacoma. An International Labor Defense membership meeting will be held in Seattle April 14. It is also planned to have Cannon visit the Centralia I. W. W. prisoners at Walla Walla, Wash., penitentiary.

Increase for Operators

ST. LOUIS, March 26.—The Order of Railroad Telegraphers announces the following wage increases since its February report:
An increase of 6.11c an hour on the Quebec interurban electric; of 5c an hour on the Winnipeg terminals of the Canadian National; of 3c on the Los Angeles & Salt Lake; of 2 1/2c an hour on the Colorado & Southern; the Bessemer & Lake Erie and the Gulf Mobile & Southern.

Senate Rejects House Move for S-4 Inquiry

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The senate this afternoon rejected the House plan for an investigation of the S-4 disaster by a presidential commission and insisted upon its own proposal for a congressional inquiry. An effort by Senator Hale (R) of Maine, to put the senate on record as favoring the presidential inquiry met with defeat by a vote of 24 to 41. If House and Senate conferees fail to agree, it was indicated in debate, the senate will conduct a separate inquiry into the disaster.

"RED" MORAN TO DIE.
Thomas ("Red") Moran, killer of patrolmen Byrn and Daskiewicz, was sentenced by Judge McLaughlin in Brooklyn today to be electrocuted in Sing Sing prison during the week of May 7.

Miami Police Chief Seeks Habeas Corpus

MIAMI, Fla., March 26.—Chief of Police Leslie Quigg, arrested last week with five members of the local police force and charged with the murder of two Negro prisoners during the last three years is attempting to be released from prison on habeas corpus proceedings claiming that the indictment against him was not properly drawn up.

Meanwhile State's Attorney F. Vernon Hawthorne is preparing his case against the six police officials who, as members of the Ku Klux Klan, conducted a reign of terror against Negroes living here.

DETROIT MEETING TO BUILD PARTY

Lovestone Will Speak; Choruses to Sing

DETROIT, March 26.—A mass meeting to commemorate the death of C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, will be held in Detroit Sunday, at 2:30 p. m., in Danceland Auditorium, Woodward and Forest avenues.

Jay Lovestone, executive secretary of the Workers Party, will be the principal speaker. Others who will address the meeting will be H. M. Wicks, of THE DAILY WORKER, Sam Don, district organizer of the Young Workers (Communist) League, and John Schmeis.

The Russian Workers' Chorus, the Lithuanian Workers' Chorus, and the Finnish Workers' Band, will furnish the music for the meeting. In view of the sharpening struggle in the labor movement and the growing danger of an imperialist war, Ruthenberg's injunction to build the Communist Party carries a special significance. An appeal for membership will be made at this memorial meeting, which is expected to gain many new fighters for the Party.

SAY MOVIE BOSSES BROKE TRUST LAW

Held Club Over Theaters in Operator Strike

CHICAGO, March 26.—A criminal bill of information has been filed in federal court, charging that the Motion Picture Exhibitors' Association of Chicago, controlling 300 movie houses in this city, conspired to violate the anti-trust law. The charge grew out of the action of the association in withholding all films from movie houses which dealt with the union during the strike of motion picture operators here six months ago.

Power of Motion Picture Publicity in Hays' Hands

WASHINGTON, (FP) March 26.—Republican politicians and democratic alike are asking what price Herbert Hoover is going to pay to Will Hays, discredited in the oil scandal, but still czar of the movies, for throwing the tremendous power of the motion picture producers behind Hoover's presidential candidacy. The issue will be brought to the floor of the senate by Brookhart of Iowa, who has received a letter from the secretary of the national organization of independent motion picture exhibitors, charging that Hays is forcing 15,000,000 people to look at Hoover propaganda on the screen. Brookhart is seeking an investigation of the "block booking" of films by the trust, and it is through this compulsory use of news reels edited by Hays that the movie theatres are helpless to avoid gazing on heroic pictures of Hoover.

CHICAGO LABOR HELPS MINERS, PLANS CONCERT

Pianist, Soprano on Bill With Orchestra

CHICAGO, March 26.—Moissaye Boguslawski, pianist, will be one of the headliners at the concert for Miners' Relief at Ashland Boulevard Auditorium, Saturday at 8 p. m. He will be accompanied by the Little Symphony Orchestra. Letizia Leita, coloratura soprano, will be another of the soloists.

The Chicago Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee is sending the money, food and clothing it collects to its Pittsburgh headquarters at room 307, 611 Penn Ave., whence it is distributed to Ohio and Pennsylvania miner families in need. It makes this announcement because it had been erroneously assumed that the relief was being forwarded to 408 Columbia Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh, where the United Mine Workers of America maintain their official relief headquarters.

The U. S. senate investigating committee reported that it had found the Pennsylvania-Ohio miners' relief committee active in relief work throughout the area investigated.

Wagecut in Cotton Mills

WHITINSVILLE, Mass., March 26.—The workers in the fine cotton goods manufacturing mills of Whitins Brothers Inc. in the village of Linwood, will have their wages reduced by ten per cent, according to notices posted at the plant yesterday. The wage cut is in force today, and affects 350 operatives.

Blacklist Challenged

BOSTON, March 26.—Mrs. William F. Anderson, wife of the bishop, spread dismay in the circles of the most elite when she demanded in open meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution that the "blacklist" committee which had named her husband an "undesirable citizen" come out in the open and fight. Hundreds of liberals throughout the east have been named on the O. A. R. "red blacklist."

Workers' Calendar

- Boston Tea Party.**
BOSTON.—A tea party for the benefit of THE DAILY WORKER will be held Sunday, April 1, at 62 Chambers St., under the auspices of Section 2, Unit 2, Workers (Communist) Party.
- Nearing Lectures Tonight.**
NEWARK.—Scott Nearing will lecture on "Whither China" tonight at 8 o'clock at New Montgomery Hall, 103 Montgomery St.
- Ruthenberg Memorial.**
DETROIT.—A Ruthenberg memorial meeting will be held Sunday, April 1, at 2:30 p. m. at Danceland Auditorium, Woodward and Forest Aves. Speakers: Jay Lovestone, H. M. Wicks, John Schmeis and Sam Don.
- Cannon Tour Dates.**
Wednesday, March 28th, San Francisco, Cal. Garibaldi Hall.
Thursday, March 29th, San Francisco, Cal. Mass meeting.
Friday, April 6th, Los Angeles, Cal. Banquet, Cooperative Hall, 2704 Brooklyn Ave., 8 p. m.
Sunday, April 1st, Los Angeles, Cal. Music-Art Hall, 233 S. Broadway, 8 p. m.
Monday, April 2nd, Berkeley, Cal. mass meeting.
Tuesday, April 3rd, Oakland, Cal. proletarian banquet.
(Additional Meetings Likely in N. Dakota Farming Region)
Friday, April 6th, Astoria, Oregon.
- In the Northwest.**
Saturday, Sunday, April 7th, 8th Portland, Oregon.
Monday, April 9th, Tacoma, Wash.
Tuesday, April 10th, Everett, Wash.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 11-12-13-14th, Seattle, Wash. (Includes trip to Walla Walla, Wash. prison.)
Sunday, April 15th, Spokane, Washington.
Monday, April 16th, Butte, Mont.
Tuesday, April 17th, Great Falls, Mont.
Thursday, April 19th, Plentywood, Mont.
Sunday, Monday, April 22-23, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.
Tuesday, April 24th, Rochester, Minnesota.
Wednesday, April 25th, Duluth, Minn.
Thursday, April 26th, Superior, Wis., Workers' Hall, 429 Tower Ave.
Saturday, April 28th, Chicago, Ill., Mirror Hall, 1116 N. Western Ave.
Sunday, April 29th, Chicago, Ill., ILL Conference of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri.

An Anniversary

QUINCY, Ill., March 26.—Celebrating the 15th anniversary of Quincy local of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers International Union, many recalled its beginning in 1913 with 12 members. After years of fighting, which left a number of bankrupt anti-union master bakers on the battlefield, the union now has 51 members and is strongly entrenched in the Quincy bakeries.

START GAS HEARING.

Hearings on the complaints against the \$1-a-month minimum rate of the Brooklyn Gas Company began yesterday before the Public Service Commission at 120 Broadway.

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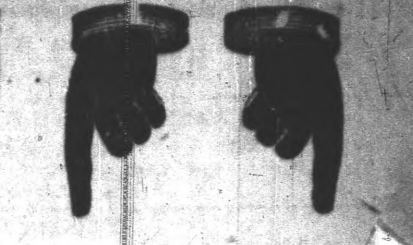
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Mass Picketing and Victory!

Throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania coal fields there is taking place a big increase in the picket-lines.

This is not isolated picketing, but mass picketing. As long as mass picketing continues, the mine workers are not beaten.

The increase in mass picketing both in Ohio and in Pennsylvania means that the spirit and determination of the mine workers is increasing. The strike is not being beaten when the picket line is growing larger. A mass picket line means a mass spirit for victory.

Everybody knows that mass picketing is the key to the strike. The scab operators know this, and that is why they instruct their servants, the judges, such as Schoonmaker, to issue injunctions against mass picketing.

John L. Lewis knows this, and Lewis is against mass picketing—because Lewis has other interests which are more important to him than winning the strike.

The scab senatorial "investigation" also knows that mass picketing can win the strike for the mine workers, and therefore the senate committee's report denounced the miners for mass picketing.

But mass picketing alone is not enough. The mine workers who have been fighting with the finest courage ever exhibited in an American labor struggle for one whole year, must make their struggle still stronger and must now go over the top to victory.

The mine workers of Pennsylvania and Ohio have been fighting with short forces. While they are on strike, the mine workers of Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and other districts have been digging coal. This coal from Illinois, etc., has been one of the means of fighting the coal miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio. And now the Illinois mine workers are facing the threat of a wage cut below the Jacksonville scale on April 1. The interest of the Illinois miners demands that they should fight this out on April 1. And by the Illinois miners coming out on April first, the fighting line of all the mine workers would be strengthened enormously.

Also the Anthracite districts are feeling the sharp attack of the coal operators and at the same the murderous attacks of the Lewis-Cappellini machine in the Union, which acts as the agent of the operators for maintaining the contract system which forces them into unbearable conditions.

In the particular interests of their own districts and in the interests of the mine workers of the country as a whole, the Anthracite miners have every reason to go out on strike. The addition of the Anthracite miners as well as the Illinois miners to the fighting line would make the fighting line almost unbreakable.

The Kansas miners' situation is such that they have every reason to take up the national struggle and to help win a sweeping, nation-wide victory for the Union.

The mass picketing must be mass picketing not only in Ohio and Pennsylvania, but mass picketing involving a whole nation-wide fighting line. This will bring a sweeping victory for the United Mine Workers, and turn the tide for the whole labor movement.

But more. The coal industry is shot through with scab conditions, with the open shop. Five-eighths of the coal miners in the United States are unorganized. Seventy percent of the coal dug is dug under open-shop conditions.

Five hundred thousand unorganized coal mine workers must be swept into the fighting line of the United Mine Workers!

Still more. The clique of strikebreaking officials of the Union, with John L. Lewis at its head, the friends of the operators and enemies of the mine workers within the Union, must go down to defeat along with their allies the coal operators.

Mass picketing must be carried on to win the strike; and Lewis is against mass picketing.

Illinois and Indiana must come out on strikes on April 1 and Lewis is against their coming out.

The Anthracite districts must come out to defeat the contract system, and Lewis and his henchman Cappellini are against the Anthracite coming out.

Kansas, Iowa and the rest of the organized fields must come out in order to win the strike, and Lewis is against their coming out.

The 500,000 unorganized mine workers must be pulled out on strike in order to win the big national struggle, and Lewis is against drawing in the unorganized mine workers.

The striking mine workers must have relief, the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee must be strengthened and must receive more and more thousands of dollars, and tens of thousands, to continue and increase the relief which will make it possible for the miners to eat while they fight; and Lewis is against the relief committee and against any large-scale relief measures.

Therefore any step toward winning the strike is blocked by John L. Lewis and his corrupt bureaucracy.

To win the strike, John L. Lewis must go.

The life of the United Mine Workers of America is at stake.

The United Mine Workers' Union must be saved, and it can be saved only by the action of the mine workers themselves taking over the Union, out of the hands of Lewis and his underlings, Fishwick, Fagan, Cappellini, Boylan & Co., and the coal operators whose agents they are.

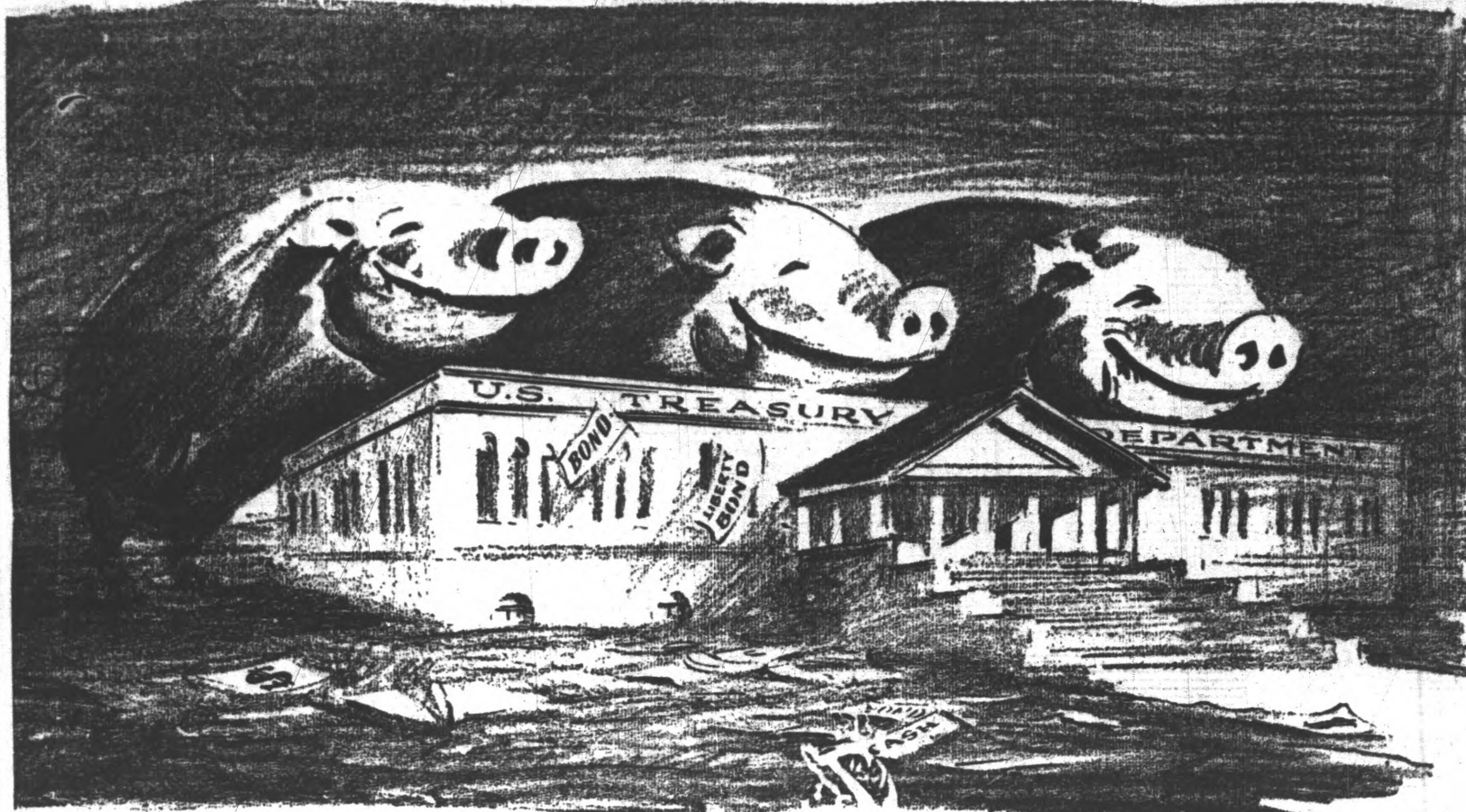
The crisis of the struggle comes on April 1.

For this reason the national Save-the-Union Conference is called for April 1 at Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh Conference must be attended by delegates from every local of the United Mine Workers of America and of every unorganized mine.

Mine workers! To Pittsburgh April 1!

THE TROUGH FOR THE BIG PIGS



Coolidge and Mellon will reduce the income tax for the millionaire class.

By FRED ELLIS

Doctors Get Ex-Soldier's Compensation

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (By Mail).—Down on the "slave-market" on the southwest corner of 5th Street and Towne Avenue is one of our many cheap flop-houses. Altho run by a family of "Huns" even ex-servicemen do not seem to object to staying there at the place for three dimes a night.

Recently the writer met an ex-soldier from the K. K. K., state of Texas at this flop-house. While "making the world safe for democracy" in France he was shot six times and gassed for good measure.

"How much compensation do you get from the government?" I asked him.

"Fifty dollars a month," he answered.

I asked him if he could manage to get along on that.

"Yes," he said, "But I signed my compensation over to a private doctor in order to save my life."

"But doesn't the government furnish medical aid to sick ex-servicemen free of charge?" I asked.

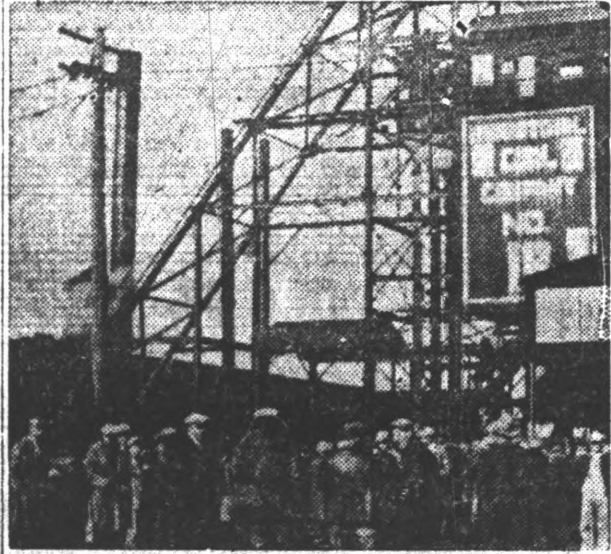
"Yes," he said, "But I don't want to die yet."

So because six months compensation or \$300 goes into the hands of a doctor this man is forced into starvation for the period of at least half a year.

The property of the rich is protected all right, this sick ex-serviceman suggested to me, but not the lives of the workers. L. P. RINDAL.

Illinois Miners Join Save-Union Movement

By GERRY ALLARD.
The miners of southern Illinois are well on the way to join the national movement for the preservation of the U. M. W. A. and the cleaning out of the corrupt and treacherous "Lewis Machine." The last several weeks have aroused the miners of this section into action. Southern Illinois which hitherto has been little heard of will bear watching in the immediate future.



The Illinois district of the United Mine Workers of America has decided to be represented at the April 1 conference of the "Save the Union Committee." They will urge that action be taken to prevent accidents like that pictured which took place at West Frankfort, Ill.

U. M. W. A. No Further Oppression. Sunday before last, hundreds of miners gathered at the Strand theatre at West Frankfort, the heart of the coal section in Illinois to hear Pat Toohy, youthful mine leader, convey a message from the striking hungry miners of his district. The meeting called under the auspices of the Save-the-Union Committee created enormous interest among the miners. The thugs of the Lewis machine, headed by Lon Fox, the sub-district president at the point of guns, forced the speakers from the stage despite the angry protest of the coal miners. In the scuffle that followed the chairman of the meeting was slugged. Calling the miners to join together at a band stand, every rank and file left the hall to a man, leaving Lon Fox to pray at empty seats.

the message of the Save-the-Union Committee. Not one of the thugs appeared on the scene. The miners were determined that the meeting would be held, and they let the world know about it too.

The situation in this section has not been effected so much by the crisis that generally confront the coal mining industry nationally. The six months "truce" which was so cleverly put over on the miners of Illinois by Lewis-Fishwick and the operators is now being exposed in its true colors before the eyes of the hungry miners. The six months temporary agreement is about to expire; it will have fulfilled the purposes of the operators on April first. The rank and file of our union has watched with increasing anxiety the long struggle of our Pennsylvania and Ohio brothers. We have come to realize that for the last six months we have deserted the struggling ranks of our brothers and their families and children who along with fathers have faced the hound of starvation and the brutality of the Bosses.

Do we dare to say to the Pennsylvania-Ohio miners that the Illinois miners have deserted the ranks of militant action? Lewis Has Betrayed Us. The fundamental principle "united we stand, divided we fall!" has been violated and abandoned by the flunkey of the operators, Lewis, Harry Fishwick, president of district 12, has sent out a circular condemning the Save-the-Union Committee, in which he says that "not a dollar should be

spared to head off this band of scoundrels;" he reconcludes his ridiculous piece of sickening deception with the statement: "Remember—United We Stand, Divided We Fall." This henchman of John L. Lewis signs up Illinois under a separate peace pact with the coal barons, dividing the ranks of the miners, and then has the guts to mention the fundamental principle which was the fighting slogan of the pioneers of the

returned to their respective localities determined that another meeting would be held. Such a meeting was organized and the Save-the-Union Committee held a huge mass meeting at which John Brophy, Joe Angelo and Gerry Allard were received with great enthusiasm. The meeting showed that the rank and file has become aroused from its apathy and is prepared for action. Thousand miners crowded Polish Hall, while hundreds were turned away to hear

Strike Call April First. Brophy was given a great ovation; acclaim for the six-hour day and the five-day week rocked the hall. The strike call for April first by the district Save-the-Union Committee was adopted unanimously.

April first the miners of Illinois drop their tools and extend to their battling brothers of Pennsylvania and Ohio their hands in solidarity for a fight to a finish.

The call for the national conference at Pittsburgh, April 1, was received by the miners with great enthusiasm.

The miners of southern Illinois have re-entered the struggle with a spirit of determination, a spirit that is typical of the scrappy coal digger. It is the spirit that will carry them to a successful conclusion against the bankrupt bureaucracy of the miners' union and the open shop coal kings. The slogan of the militant miners is echoing thruout the country: Forward, coal miners, to the national conference, April 1st!

Strike every Illinois mine April 1st; for a national strike!

Lewis and his machine must go! Save and build the union!

Maxim Gorky, a Colossus in the World of Letters

By SHACHNO EPSTEIN.
Translated from the Yiddish by A. B. Magil.
(Continued from last issue.)
IV

At first Gorky believed that only the great personality, the individual with the iron will, can refashion life. This great personality he sought not among choice souls oversat with culture, nor among the peasants who were rooted to the soil, but among the exiles of society, the vagabond "bosyaks." Because no one paid any attention to the "bosyaks" and they were looked upon as the scum of the earth, Gorky wanted to show that they were the standard-bearers of true humanity, filled with wisdom, energy and a spirit of self-sacrifice. Thus he introduced into Russian literature an entirely new figure, a rebellious character in love with life, in whom there is a superabundance of energy—the very reverse of the namby-pamby intellectuals, with their passiveness and melancholy, and of the peasants, with their near-sighted conservatism. And the boorish, ignorant Konovalov, who had been brought up under the worst sort of conditions, becomes the expression of

the highest human nobility: it is from Konovalov that one should learn how to live.

The "bosyaks" embodied Gorky's challenge to accepted morality. But the purpose of life was not yet clear to Gorky himself and there shone before him no bright ideal. As a result, his view of life was vague and confused and his heroes were often stilted. They felt a tremendous urge to deeds, to action of some sort and hated apathy, but they did not know how to make use of their energy, and so this urge to turbulent activity frequently became merely a battling with wind-mills.

True, it is often necessary to resort to beautiful lies to bring cheer to the dejected. But then—what? Where do the lies lead to and what do they accomplish outside of a temporary alleviation? To such questions the individual with the iron will can give no answer; he is incapable of leading humanity out of its rut. And so with all his philosophy of the joy of life, Gorky, outside of aphorisms, abstractly clever talk and hymns about "the madness of the bold," had created nothing concrete. He went around with a joyous, rousing song in his heart, but in his mind was no defi-

nite, compelling idea. "Man—how proud it sounds." But what can man by himself do to refashion life?

Because the "bosyaks" stood out clearly from the rest of society by their differentness, they had become for Gorky a means for expressing his own exalted, essentially different moods. And into the mouths of the "bosyaks" he had put airy rhetorical phrases that really conveyed subjectively his own thoughts and opinions.

Objectively the "bosyaks" symbolized the social ferment of the time. Through these fanciful creations there were for the first time rooted in Russian literature heroes who were bold, arrogant and merciless, who could defend life and enjoy life with strong emotions and desires. And in this period of darkest reaction it was only natural that such heroes should draw to them the sympathies of all progressive readers so that Gorky immediately assumed a position of honor in Russian literature of the nineties, standing out among the writers of the time as a real innovator. And the interest in his work subsequently grew even greater when there was gathered the revolutionary energy for the 1905 upheaval. Though he had touched only casual-

ly on the life of his time, Gorky had made it clear that the abnormal conditions of society are in complete contradiction to the natural qualities of the human character. And on the minds of his readers even the abstract call of Gorky's heroes to a struggle for the liberation of the human personality had made an impression. Thus Gorky with his narrow, confused individualism helped in a concrete way to revolutionize the masses.

But being permeated with the desire to refashion life, Gorky could not content himself for long with his "bosyaks," and with his play, "Lower Depths," there entered a new phase into his creative work. Here the romantic veil is torn from the "bosyaks"; they are presented in a new light, stripped of all artificial color and embellishment. And against the lovely lyrical soul-effusions of the aimless vagabonds and proletarian bums was placed the "hard truth of life." The old romantic dreamings had evaporated; Gorky turned to a broader envisagement of life and set himself the task of creating the sociological novel. That he was adequate to the task had already been shown in his great works, "Foma Gordeyev" and "Three."

Although in "Foma Gordeyev" and "Three" the "bosyak" psychology is still dominant, there is already depicted in them on a broad scale the growth of capitalism in Russia, and the typical representatives of capitalism emerge in a deeply convincing way. There is also in these two works an intimation of the influence of the factory on all phases of life and the part it will play in the solution of social problems. And in Gorky's play, "Petty-Bourgeois," there is heard the tread of the awakened worker, bringing joyous distraction into the monotony of the life ground. Here the city pushes the country into the background.

Continuing to grow with the years, Gorky becomes the artist of the city. Even when he describes the village, there is the breath of city life constantly bursting through. Ideological changes also occur in him: his romanticism, the anarchistic aura of his life-philosophy, give way to a more definite, more materialistic, a more Marxian ideology.

And Gorky joins the revolutionary movement; he becomes a Social-Democrat-Bolshevik.

(To be continued)

Elections a Great Opportunity for Communist Party to Mobilize the Worker

By JULIUS CODKIND.
The objective situation of the Workers (Communist) Party in the presidential election to be held this year reveals many splendid opportunities for the political development of the working class.
Government Oil Besmirched.
The national government is splashed in the oil and murk of perhaps the greatest steal in the history of governmental graft. The democratic opposition is making a so-called investigation, trembling at the idea of exposing those cabinet members who are at the same time captains of industry, for they dare not offend the source of campaign funds.

In the Empire State, New York, republican administrative officials stand "taught with the goods," while the democratic president of the Borough of Queens of the City of New York appears to have seriously embarrassed the Smith aspirations by being caught in the smelly sewer graft.
The trade union bureaucracy is already badly discredited, giving jaecal support to the capitalist political parties. The industrial depression is so deep that its effects could not be postponed over the election by even the powerful American money monarchs. With it we have the greatest wave of unemployment since the period of perpetual crisis between 1907

and 1914.
Socialists on Road to Decay.
The socialist party is already far along the road of decay and decline, losing membership, and with the remnants of its following badly demoralized by its treacherous support of the Green-Woll union-smashing, class-collaboration policy and its refusal to support the workers in their struggles against the employers.
In the midst of all this, our Party is the only section of the labor movement that in a period of retreat and demoralization has been gaining ground. It can point to a splendid record of vigorous struggle in every field of working class activity. It is sound, healthy, and growing, and its

influence is being felt by ever-widening circles of the American working class.
Every sign points to the fact that this election campaign offers a splendid opportunity for the Party to roll up a vote that will total into the hundreds of thousands. It promises to be a splendid medium for the mobilization of all of our forces in a great demonstration of strength.
A Great Opportunity.
Achievements come only with the utmost difficulty and as the result of tremendous sacrifice. It will not be easy to place our Party on the ballot in the various states. It will not be easy to mobilize our forces for the

campaign. It will not be easy to gain widespread attention for our candidates. Yet all these and numerous other problems that will arise in the campaign will have to be solved.
The Party faces a wonderful opportunity. Whether or not it succeeds in taking full advantage of the situation will depend almost wholly on the first response to the call for contributions and on the opening of the campaign, especially the job of placing the Party on the ballot. Let us prepare for this job and take what is rightfully ours. Place the Party on the ballot! A quarter million votes! A hundred thousand dollars!